

## CCBMR/DD has center in Old Brooklyn

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Though not very well known throughout the community, the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental

The workers assemble brackets of different sizes and pack supplies and are paid by the number of pieces that they assemble.

Most individuals work for most of the day or part-time while spending the rest of their



**Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (CCBMR-DD) operates an adult activity center at 4720 Hinckley Industrial Pkwy.**



Photos by Sheila Quealy-Walter

**James job is to run the scales to prepare parts for final shipping.**

Disabilities (CCBMR-DD) operates an adult activity center at 4720 Hinckley Industrial Pkwy. off W. Schaaf Rd. in Old Brooklyn. The Southwest Adult Activities Center (SWAAC) is one of eight adult activity centers serving the Greater Cleveland area.

While CCBMR-DD serves people of all ages with mental retardation and developmental disabilities, SWAAC focuses on providing services for mentally retarded adults from Old Brooklyn and Parma, Independence, Brooklyn Heights, Seven Hills, Broadview Heights, North Royalton and Brecksville.

Southwest opened its doors in 1984 as only the second building on Hinckley Industrial Pkwy., before State Route 176 was placed virtually in their backyard. Since that time, SWAAC has provided opportunities to work and participate in a variety of activities for adults with all levels of mental retardation. Its goal is to help create a "satisfying and constructive lifestyle emphasizing active involvement, personal choice, meaningful relationships and dignified treatment for individuals, who want a focus on activities, including sheltered work activities." It currently serves approximately 260 individuals.

Mental retardation is often confused with mental illness, but the two are entirely different. While mental illness covers mental disorders -- depression, schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorder -- which disturb one's ability to think, feel and relate, mental retardation refers to below-average intellectual functioning.

Approximately 1.4-1.9 percent of people in Ohio are functionally limited due to mental retardation and can be expected to behave rationally at his/her functional level. People with mental illnesses, however, usually have normal intelligence, but have a diminished capacity to cope with the ordinary demands of life. Mental illness affects approximately 33 percent of residents of Ohio.

Karen Fifelski, the Adult Activities Services Manager at SWAAC, described the center as "half school, half factory". To provide opportunities for mentally retarded adults to work, the Center invites in companies such as Erico to provide light work which involves assembly and packaging.

time doing other social, educational, or leisure activities. Some of them have more extreme cases of mental retardation with lower levels of functioning abilities. They require more attention and are cared for in one of the thirteen classroom spaces where they learn basic daily living skills and community and recreation activities, and are provided with psychological, occupational and physical therapy services and supports.

All participants have the opportunity to participate in community and recreation activities based on their own personal interests, such as baking, cooking, current events, model building, arts and crafts, bingo, book clubs, karaoke, corn hole, bocce, walking, Red Hat Society, table games and sensory activities.

See CCBMR-DD page 4



**Charles is performing assembly on conduit hangers.**

## All-Access Housing Fair a success!

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) held its first annual All-Access Housing Fair at William Cullen Bryant School on Saturday, July 26, 2008. The event attracted over forty people, eighteen vendors and six realtors, and included homeownership workshops and a housing tour.

The morning began with a complimentary breakfast donated by Donut Connection (Memphis and Fulton) and McDonald's (Pearl Rd. in Brooklyn Centre). Opening remarks were given by Robyn Sandys, Executive Director of OBCDC, Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley and Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins.

The workshops were varied and contained many things a person would need to know about becoming a homeowner and maintaining his/her investment.

The first workshop was with Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Greater Cleveland. NHS discussed credit scores and the importance they have on obtaining a loan, as well as how to check and, if necessary, correct a score, and/or improve it.

Cleveland Housing Network spoke about what to look for when purchasing a house.

The latter workshops focused on maintaining a home after it is purchased, through Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH) and Cleveland Restoration Society's low-interest loan programs.

Meanwhile Polly the Trolley (Lolly's sister) took prospective homeowners and Old Brooklyn residents on a neighborhood and six-house tour.



Area realtors provided a wide array of houses to tour such as colonials, bungalows and ranch style with varying price ranges. The following realtors showcased these homes:



Photo by George Shuba

**This classroom at William Cullen Bryant Elementary School had adults rather than kids at the desks on the day of the All-Access Housing Fair.**

\*Frank Dzik of Russell Real Estate showed a frame colonial at 1816 Alvin Ave.;

\*Don Hill of Re/max Crossroads showed a brick colonial at 4774 W. 32nd St.;

\*Ed Huck of Keller Williams showed a frame colonial at 4102 Mapledale Ave.;

\*Donna Marchase of Real Living Realty One showed a vinyl-sided bungalow at 4689 Broadale Ave.;

\*Renee Musat of Russell Real Estate showed a frame colonial at 1509 Granby Ave.; and

\*Roger Peters of Regal Realty showed a brick ranch at 4134 Ridgeview Rd.

The housing tour also highlighted the two neighborhoods' great amenities such as accessibility to major highways, parks, schools, shopping, medical facilities and sense of community.

See Housing Fair page 7

## OBCDC Code of Regulations revisions ready for review

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board and community members have been working diligently on revising the Code of Regulations for the organization. The Code for short is what is used to govern the community development corporation. All nonprofit organizations need to have such a governing document in order to run their operations smoothly and efficiently. The Code is also a government requirement if you are a registered nonprofit entity. We also need to have a Code to receive funding from either private or public sources.

A draft of the revised Code is now available for anyone to review. All members of the CDC will be mailed a copy in September. But, we believe that it would be

good for everyone to have the opportunity to review it and provide some feedback while it is still a draft. The Board and Code committee will present it at the annual meeting for a membership vote on October 21st.

To review a copy, you may see it online at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com). Look under the Board section of the web site. Or, feel free to stop by the office to see a copy. Or, ask to have a copy emailed to you by calling 216-459-1000 or emailing Cynthia Cejka at [cynthiac@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:cynthiac@oldbrooklyn.com).

We look forward to your suggestions and thoughts. Please provide them to us no later than August 18. If you can not get your comments to us by then, let us know. You may email your specific suggestions to Cynthia at the above email address. Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## Hard Knock Boxing Club at Estabrook

Johnny Avon is a third generation boxing coach; his father and grandfather were also boxing coaches and it has been a family business ever since Johnny can remember. When Johnny started in the business the gym was located on West 25th St. and Clark Ave. The name of the gym was Rocky Marciano Boxing Club.

Today, at the invitation of Estabrook Recreation Center, Johnny works out of that facility and promotes Hard Knock Boxing Club to about fifteen inner-city youths. In talking with Johnny and some of his young men, it's evident that none of these kids are underprivileged in terms of boxing or respect, and that's no accident.

Johnny Avon teaches his "boys" how to be proper young men or, as Kevin Walker says, "how to grow from a boy to a man". He does this through an intense training program that uses boxing to teach life lessons that the boys can use on the streets. These lessons are respect, skills in anger management and using words instead of fists to get out of trouble and keep out of trouble.

Coach Avon has no reservations about letting people know that these boys used to get in trouble, do drugs and fight in gangs. Most of these boys used to run on Denison Ave., commonly known as D-Block (extending both east and west from Denison Ave. and W. 25th St.)

When Johnny was out on the street recruiting for his boxing club, he found a group of kids who were in trouble, in jail or flirting with jail. He cleaned these boys up and taught them how to stay out of trouble. Now these boys are trying to clean others up by getting them to join Hard Knock Boxing and learn how to solve their problems by non-violent means.

Kenneth Walker is one of Johnny Avon's protégé's and was recently a 152-lb novice champion at the 2008 Golden Gloves boxing tournament. Kenneth is at the gym religiously, training and learning from Johnny when he's not out telling other street kids about his successes and the opportuni-



Photo by Johnny Avon  
Kenneth Walker, 19 years old, 152 pounds 2008 Novice Champion Golden Gloves Tournament

ties Hard Knock Boxing can offer.

Kenneth says the biggest things that he has learned from being in the Hard Knock Boxing Club are respect, how to be a young man, and of course, a "killer jab"! He plans on turning his hobby into a career and is excited to keep out of trouble and make a name for himself in the world of boxing.

Kevin Walker is also one of Johnny Avon's young contenders. Although, he is still a young man, Kevin is beginning to take a leadership role in Hard Knock Boxing. He recently won the 141-lb division in the sub-novice Golden Gloves Tournament. He has

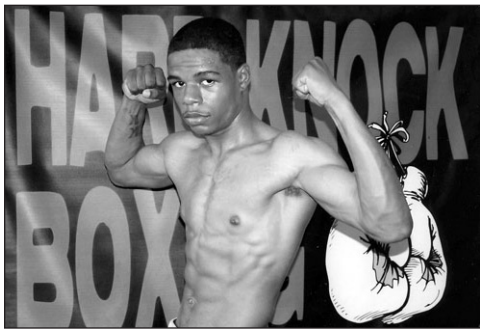


Photo by Johnny Avon  
Kevin Walker, 17 years old, 141 pounds 2008 Sub-Novice Champion Golden Gloves Tournament

been with Hard Knock for about one year and is looking forward to a long career.

Kevin was incarcerated at an early age because of anger issues and aggression. He says that Hard Knock Boxing Club has taught him to control that anger, mediate his problems and not lash out. He claims that Coach Avon is so good at what he does because he is like a father figure to a lot of these boys and won't take any "stuff" from any of them. Kevin wants to give other boys a better outlook on life, just as Coach Avon has done for him.

Coach Avon is big on discipline and technique and has structured his life accordingly. He teaches these principles to his boys and they, in turn, teach them to others in the neighborhood who are still on the street.

Johnny started Hard Knock boxing about three years ago and after two years became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. He is currently applying for funding from private foundations and very much hopes to be supported via this avenue. He is also desperately looking for additional support from the community.

Help Coach Avon give these kids the opportunity to succeed. Give him a call at 216-214-1082 or come to the Estabrook Recreation Center Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. to support the club and talk to him in person.

## From the desk of the executive director

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All of us at OBCDC hope you are enjoying your summer. Like spring the summer is sometimes the time of year when we focus on getting our homes cleaned up and sparkling and we pay more attention to our neighborhoods. If there are any particular neighborhood concerns you have whether it be safety, code violations or neighbor disputes, please remember to call our office, we will do our best to help you out with what ever concern you may have.

The CDC held our first annual "All Access Housing Fair" at the end of July. It was a great event, where we showcased six homes for sale in wards 15 and 16. Plus workshops were held on buying and maintaining a home. An article with photos on front page and page 7 will tell you about this great activity for the community. We hope to have another Housing Fair next spring, which will be even bigger and better!

Remember we are the best marketers of our own neighborhoods. Tell your friends and co-workers about the great place you live and/or work and also refer them to us to learn more about the area. We would be happy to give anyone who is considering moving to the area a tour and a packet of resource information.

The next big event for the CDC and community is our **Annual Meeting** which will be held on **Tuesday, October 21st**. We will announce the time and place in the September issue of the newspaper. This event is open to the public, but only current members, those that have been a member in good standing (which means a paid member) for 15 days prior to the meeting can vote at the annual meeting. At the meeting we will be voting on new board members and the slate of board officers. In addition, we will be voting on a proposed revised Code of Regulations, see the article on the Code on front page.

This event also provides members and the community with the opportunity to learn more about the CDC's activities and accom-

plishments during the past year. It also gives you a chance to voice your concerns and issues regarding the neighborhoods of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. We hope to see you all there, and remember to renew your membership or sign up to be a new member. Go to page 12 for the membership form, or it is on our web site at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com)

We are always in need of volunteers to work on the *Old Brooklyn News*, if you have decent writing skills and would like to write a short article once a month or just a few times a year, please contact us 216-459-1000.

Hope the rest of your summer is fun filled!!



### Old Brooklyn CDC Now Accepting Nominations for the Board of Trustees

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Board of Directors is now accepting nominations to fill seats that will be vacated by the Directors whose terms end this fall. Please submit your contact information (including email) and a biography of yourself by Aug. 12th to:

Old Brooklyn CDC  
3344 Broadview Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44109

Attention: Lynea M. Reindel

You may fax the information to 216-459-1741 or email [cynthiac@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:cynthiac@oldbrooklyn.com). There are 3 categories: residential, commercial and institutional.

For further information about the CDC, please go to [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com). The Board of Directors link includes a copy of the CDC's Code of Regulations which describes the criteria for each category. Additional information will also be posted in upcoming editions of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

You must also be a member in good standing, which means your membership dues are up to date (within 15 days of the annual meeting) The vote will be decided at the annual meeting on Tuesday, October 21st. Membership information is also available on the web site.

### The STOREHOUSE Upscale Resale

4197 Pearl Rd



Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Friday  
11 am - 5 pm

Saturday  
9 am - 4 pm

### Native American Culture Classes

Learn Traditional Native American Dancing & Hoop Dancing  
Tuesday evenings, August 19th & 26th Sept. 2nd, 9th & 16th

Both classes are 5:30 - 8 pm and run Five (5) consecutive weeks

Native American Family Strengthening Classes  
Thursday evenings, August 14th, 21st, 28th & Sept. 4th & 11th

Both classes are FREE to the public. Free catered dinner is provided. Raffles to win \$50.00 gift cards. Bring the whole family, Free child care provided.

Funded by: The Administration  
for Native Americans

Sponsored by: American Indian Education Center  
1314 Denison Avenue, #102, Cleveland, Ohio 44109  
216-351-4488 aiecin@aol.com

Classes held at:  
Brooklyn Memorial  
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Church  
2705 Archwood Ave.

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation Board Meetings, are every third Tues. of the month, 6-7:30 pm. OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to the public but the board reserves the right to close portions of the meetings. To confirm call 216-459-1000.

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# NEWS & EVENTS

**Monday, August 4th - Sunday, August 10th**

**11th Cuyahoga County Fair  
164 Eastland Rd, Berea**

117 acres of family fun! 100 food stations; 2,000 animals; 5,000 exhibits; 20 midway rides. National City tribute to Cleveland sports teams. Fireworks; motocross; square dancing; world's largest demolition derbies; thrill shows; down home music. Arts & crafts; wood carver; unicyclist; Kritter Korral; Junior Fair; Hall of Flowers. Free parking.

**Tuesday, August 5th**

**National Night Out Against Crime**

Steelyard Commons Shopping Center, 3447 Steelyard Dr., 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Sit inside a police cruiser, fire truck & ambulance. Operation Child Protect - free fingerprinting & photos with Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's office. Climb a rock wall & make your own dog tags, courtesy of the Ohio Army National Guard. Learn about fire safety in the smoke house. Free food & drinks, courtesy of the City of Cleveland's Community Relations Committee. Live music & entertainment. Clowns, balloons, glitter tattoos, popcorn & more. Over 50 community organizations, stores & restaurants will be on site.

**Fri., Sat., Sun., August 8th, 9th & 10th  
Brooklyn Home Days**

Brooklyn Historical Society will have a stand at Brooklyn Home Days. Some homemade crafts for sale include lady & sunbonnet cards, lavender bouquets & sachets, hand-loomed rugs, scrubbers, beaded hemp necklaces, cloth purses, packaged columbine seed, rice bags & other items. Hand-quilted, appliqued quilt is named "Country Bride"; tickets available for Sept., Shunpike sale drawing. Always looking for memorabilia from the Brooklyn area, year-books, scrapbooks, photos, family trees & whatever has historical information. Will gladly copy such items & return after they have been copied. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

**Saturday, August 9th**

**Reunion "TGIF/Right on Friday"**

For those who attended the "TGIF/Right on Friday" Game Night Program at Faith United Methodist Church (W. 41st St. & Daisy Ave.) from the late 1960s - 1981. Family welcome; come 'catch up' with your childhood friends! Reunion at North Olmsted Community Cabin, 28114 Lorain Rd. Main meal/beverages provided; bring a side dish or dessert. RSVP to Wilma, 440-842-5162, or via email: tgif\_rof@cox.net

**Tuesday, August 12th**

**Fifth Third Bank Homeownership Mobile eBus**  
Steelyard Commons, 3400 Steelyard Dr., 11:30 am - 3:30 pm. Request a free credit report; apply for a mortgage loan; get info on prevention of foreclosure, budgeting, programs on homeownership & credit counseling; open a checking or savings account; apply for employment. Free giveaways, daily prizes & much more. Call Scenario B. Adebese, 216-274-5096, for more info.

**Thursday, August 14th**

**Homeownership Preservation Clinic**

Applewood Center's Jones Home, 3518 W. 25th St. (north of I-71), 6:30 - 8 pm. Free & fair help available to people facing foreclosure. Sponsored by Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins. Meet with counselors from Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater

Cleveland (NHSGC) for possible qualification for financial assistance. Questions? Call NHSGC, 216-458-HOME (4663).

**Saturday, August 23rd**

**Car Show & Automotive Swap Meet  
Cruisin' To Memphis**

American Greetings parking lot, 1 American Rd., Brooklyn (off Tiedeman Rd.), 8 am - 5 pm. Admission, \$5 (under 12 free). Auto swap meet, car show, food concessions, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, face painting, car cruise, music by Eddie & the Edsels. Sponsored by Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce & MAXX Performance, Inc. Contact Mike Kissel, 440-781-4495, for pre-sale or more info.

**Thursday, August 28th**

**Cuyahoga County Master Gardeners**

Demonstration gardens located behind Ben Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd., 10 am. Topic -- Digging potatoes & composting scrap. Demonstration takes place regardless of weather (unless severe). Also, demo gardens open to the public every Thursday thru September, 10 am - noon. Master Gardeners working in the gardens available to answer gardening questions. Park in front of school & walk back to garden area. Bring a folding chair if you wish to sit; no seating provided.

**Sunday, August 31st**

**Furry Friends Festival & Pledge Walk**

Brooklyn Memorial Park, 7619 Memphis Ave., 10 am - 4 pm. A day of family fun to help homeless animals. Vendors, adoptions, raffles, food, music by Gypsy, dog licenses, rabies shots, microchipping & more. Hosted by Brooklyn Animal Shelter, www.brooklynshelter.org.

**Month of August**

**Recycle Your Computer Month**

Sponsored by Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District in collaboration with city service departments in Cuyahoga County. Event is for household computer equipment only. Drop-off personal computer equipment at over 40 participating city service departments. All equipment collected will be taken to RET3 job corp, a non-profit computer recycling & refurbishing company based in Cleveland. Computer donations are tax-deductible. Equipment accepted includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems & software. Also cell phones & accessories, ink cartridges. Log onto www.cuyahogawd.org or call 216-443-3749 for a list of participating cities or additional info.

**Now thru September**

**Annual Phone Book Recycling Campaign**

Cleveland Metroparks locations, (nearby ones are: Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Hippo parking lot; Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, Whittlesey Way, Cuyahoga Hts.; Big Creek Reservation, Snow Rd. picnic area, Parma Hts.; Garfield Park Reservation Nature Center, Mill Creek Lane, Garfield Ht.) seven days per week, during regular park hours. Only phone books! Remove from plastic bags & place in marked collection container in the parking lots. Call 216-443-3749 or go to www.cuyahogawd.org for a list of participating cities, additional locations & more info.

**Sundays thru October**

**Tremont Farmers Market**

Corner of Starkweather Ave. & Professor Ave. (across from Lucky's Cafe), 10 am - 2 pm. Local vendors, - local produce grown in the City of Cleveland, local artists, chef demon-

strations, nutrition information. Call Jody, 216-575-0920, or email tremontmarket@yahoo.com for more info.

**Saturday, October 4th**

**James Ford Rhodes 30th Class Reunion**

Brookview Tavern, 2168 Brookpark Rd. Casual clambake. If you have not received info, contact Dennis Hemel, 440-846-0563, or justdnl@wowway.com.

**Travel Baseball**

Old Brooklyn based team looking for dedicated players & parents for 2009 season. Player must be 12 or under on May 1st of 2009. Play in the Puritas League located by the airport. Travel is in western Cuyahoga county; no overnight tournaments. An affordable opportunity to play a higher level of baseball. For details call 216-287-3955.

**Low Cost Spay/Neuter Services  
for Outdoor Cats**

Cleveland Animal Protective League's TNR clinic. \$40 for any outdoor cat. Includes spay/neuter, rabies vaccine, FVRCP vaccine & ear tipping. Appts. scheduled Wed. & Fri. each week. Humane traps available for use; instruction provided. Call Marta Anderson, TNR Services Coordinator for the Cleve. APL, 216-377-1624 for more info.

**Choir Alumni of Our Lady  
of Good Counsel Church**

Looking for past members OLG adult, children and resurrection choirs! Joining the current choirs for the parish's 135th anniversary celebration in Sept. General practice will take place in Aug. for the event. Call 216-749-2323 & leave message for David Krizan.

**America Reads Tutors**

South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., for elementary school students; Mon., 3 - 6 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3 - 7 pm; Wed., 3:30 - 5:30 pm. Call 623-7067 for more info.

**W.S.E.M. Child Development Centers  
Free Child Care for Qualified Families**

Archwood Head Start, 2800 Archwood Ave., free childcare for qualified families. Now enrolling full & part day. Call 216-398-5488.

**West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)**

**Enrolling for Early Childhood Education**

All locations for ages birth through the age of five. WSEM offers infant & toddler care, Head Start, the Early Learning Initiative (ELI) program as well as a home-based program to meet the needs of area families. WSEM offers free services to eligible families, health & developmental screenings, comprehensive services to address educational, health, dental, nutrition, social, mental health & special needs. Variety of program options & locations. Accepts county vouchers. Call 216-651-2037 for more info.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel School  
Registration for Preschool - Grade 8**

Our Lady of Good Counsel School, 4419 Pearl Rd., Preschool is located inside the elementary school & requires a \$50 non-refundable deposit at the time of registration. Preschool program for 3 & 4 year old children provides the opportunity to enhance developmental & readiness skills in preparation for kindergarten. Many different enrollment options are available. New this year is the option to extend the day until 6pm. Cuyahoga County Vouchers are welcome. We have a few spaces available for kindergarten through grade 8.

As part of our excellent academic programs, we offer a sacramental program (weekly Mass), all day kindergarten, tutoring program, student council, computer classes, Spanish, music, hot lunch program, & physical education. Having a supportive PTU also provides many additional opportunities throughout the year. Our before & after care program (BASE) is also available. Registration packets for preschool or K-8 are available in the school office. Vouchers are accepted. For more info, or to schedule a tour, call 216-741-3685. During July messages will be picked up periodically or you can contact Beverly in the Parish office at 216-749-2323. The school office will reopen on August 4th.

**Ready, Set Grow Preschool**

Located in Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5. Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$25. Class times, 9:20 - 11:20 am. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

**St. Leo the Great School Registration and Full Day Preschool Registration for 2008-09**

St. Leo the Great Preschool will open a full-day 8 am - 2:30 pm, Mon - Fri preschool program for 3 & 4 year olds in addition to their regular half-day classes! Students must have reached 3 or 4 yrs of age by Sept. 30, 2008 to be eligible for preschool. A \$50 non-refundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. Contact Mrs. Jeanne Sabol, 216-661-5330, for more info.

**Kindergarten & grades 1-8.**

Registration forms may be picked up in the school office from 9 am - 3:30 pm weekdays. For Kindergarten registration, children must be 5 yrs of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for registration. Bring your child's birth & baptismal certificates along with a \$50 non-refundable registration fee. "We participate in the Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. County vouchers accepted. Call 216-661-2120 for more info.

**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.

**St. Mary Byzantine School Registration**

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., is now accepting applications. Enrollment is open for students in preschool - Grade 8. Before/after school services are available, as well as daycare throughout the summer. Local tuition assistance is available to all families, & our school participates in the Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. The school program includes updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics, & more. Call to visit, 216-749-7980 or www.smbyz.org. Register for kindergarten.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Community Association** meeting, fourth Thursday of each month, 6:30pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church at 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting every third Tues. of the month, 6-7:30 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to the public for review & comments, but the board reserves the right to close portions of meetings from the public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm date.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Aug. 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, Thurs., Aug. 7th (every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**Ward 15 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Aug. 26th (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

**Ward 16 Democratic Club** meeting Tues., Aug. 19th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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# Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanians serve the community

by Lucille Johnson

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. According to long-time Kiwanian George Jicha, a look at the activities of the Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis is proof of that. For over eighty years, this service club has shown its dedication to the Old Brooklyn-Brooklyn Centre community.

Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis members regularly cook and serve meals for the needy at Archwood Memorial Church and Pearl Road United Church of Christ.

Annual events include Halloween and Christmas parties for the children of the community. These parties include magic and puppet shows, costume competitions and gifts from Santa.

Other Kiwanis projects this year were



erecting the street clock in front of Busch Funeral and Crematory Services, planting flowers on Pearl Rd., and helping to landscape area schools. Members have even built small barns at Camp Cheerful and painted camp cottages.

As reported in last month's issue of the Old Brooklyn News, Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis awards four \$1,000 college scholarships each year to area high school students. Fundraisers are held to pay for these awards.

One such fundraiser is an annual auction which will be held this year on November 23 at the Brooklyn Senior Center. New merchandise donated by local merchants and individuals will be sold to the highest bidder.

Kiwanis, organized in Detroit in 1915, is the world's largest service club with special emphasis on helping children and youth. Clubs and members are guided by six objectives: to give primacy to spiritual rather than to material values; to encourage living the Golden Rule; to promote high social, business and professional standards; to develop a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship; to build better communities; to cooperate in maintaining righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

Today Kiwanis International has more than 600,000 members in more than ninety countries throughout the world.

The Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis gathers for lunch every Tuesday at the Golden Corral restaurant on Brookpark Rd. A short meeting is followed by fellowship and networking with other members. There is also always a short program. membership is open to any adult who wants to have fun and, at the same time, serve the community.



### CCBMR-DD from front page

Instructors often come to the Center to teach tai chi, yoga, line dancing, art and music therapy. The Center recently had a scientist from NASA come in to give a presentation on current research and testing, such as stress tests on different plastics and materials.

The individuals also love to take trips outside of the Center and around the city and Northeast Ohio including to the movies, athletic events, concerts, plays, shopping, restaurants, museums, parks, bowling alleys, putt-putt courses, community recreation centers and other attractions. One young lady, Barbie, set the classroom record for the most field trips by attending thirty-six of them in the past year.

The Center's facilities include thirteen classroom areas, five work lines, a lunchroom, a daily living area, a Snoezelen sensory stimulation room and an outdoor pavilion and recreation area complete with basketball court, bocce, swings and walking track. There is also an indoor recreation area with foosball, air hockey and a large screen TV with a Nintendo video game system.

The individuals also have their own organization through which they can voice their own opinions and concerns, such as recently asking for an upgraded video game "Wii" system.

Established in 1967, the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation provides services for more than 8,000 residents of all ages throughout Cuyahoga County. Most recognizable are their early childhood centers, schools, activities centers and group homes. The board consists of seven members and all the operations are funded by local, state and federal tax dollars.

To be eligible for services and supports, an individual must live in Cuyahoga County and have moderate, severe or profound mental retardation or other developmental disabilities of which the onset occurred before the age of twenty-two.

Karen and the rest of the staff at SWAAC "would love to have our neighbors come and see what we do." They welcome any interested members of the community to tour the Center. (Many of the workers and individuals enrolled at the Center are also very happy and excited to have visitors.)

For more information on the Southwest Adult Activities Center or to arrange for a visit, call 216-749-0356.

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The upcoming month of August is no doubt greeted with mixed emotions, depending upon one's age and perspective –

A number of Benjamin Franklin gardeners, for instance, have been looking forward to the 112th annual **Cuyahoga County Fair** which will run August 4 through 11 at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds in Berea. (Enter via the Fair Gates off Bagley Rd. or Eastland Rd.)

Other neighborhood residents who vie for ribbons and accompanying monetary awards in the arts and crafts and floral horticulture sections are anxiously awaiting the Fair, too. (If any of our neighbors are into animal husbandry, the culinary competitions or 4-H, we're not aware of it.)

The 2008 fair is particularly noteworthy because it's part of Cuyahoga County's bicentennial celebration. This year's National City Bank's Featured Exhibit at the fair won't be about county history, though. It will honor past and present Cleveland sports teams – Browns, Cavaliers and Indians.

Bargain-seeking lovers of the performing arts can't help but be thrilled by the free **Arts in August** presentations in **Tremont's Lincoln Park** on three of the five weekends in August. Other shows have intermittently taken place there this summer, but August will really pack them in.

If theater and dance are "your bag", check the calendar in *Theater, Movies, Dance* below which details all the dates, times and types of performances. They're presented by CAC (Cuyahoga Arts and Culture) in partnership with the Tremont West Development Corporation, ParkWorks and Cleveland Ward 13 Councilman Joe Cimperman.

A good percentage of Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre residents, however, are school-age children, and many of them are likely not thrilled about returning to the classroom this month (August 28 for students in the **Cleveland Municipal School District**; August 20 - 27 -- depending on the school -- for neighborhood **Catholic School** students).

August is also the month in which the three-day walk to raise money for a cure for breast cancer takes place, and if you've noticed a new walker on your street, it might be one of our residents who's training for this year's walk.

**Judy Slivka** of Hillcrest Ave. has been pounding the pavement four days/twenty-five miles a week (in addition to cross-training two days a week) in preparation for the **Breast Cancer 3-Day**. The sixty-mile walk will take place on the weekend of August 22nd, 23rd and 24th; Judy – as well as each of the approximately 1200 people walking alongside of her

— were required to obtain at least \$2200 in donations to be a part of it.

The money the walkers raise will benefit the Susan G. Komen for the Cure and National Philanthropic Trust which funds breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment. Since Judy herself was personally touched by breast cancer a few years ago, she is excited for this opportunity to be able to help other women who will experience the same misfortune.

Walkers will learn the course before they set off, but for now, all they know is that they'll depart circa 7 a.m. Friday morning from Thistledown Racetrack in North Randall (Emery Rd. between Northfield Rd. and Warrensville Center Rd.) and head north on Warrensville. Those who manage to defy the blisters, dehydration and depletion of electrolytes which threaten them will finish downtown at Voinovich Park (E. 9th St. and St. Clair Ave.) late on Sunday.

Along the way the walkers will welcome the sight of family and friends at the yet-to-be announced cheering stations. Additional pledges are also welcome; visit the 3-Day's web site for more information.

The advent of August also marks the half-way point of the **first juried show of cemetery photos** at **Fairview Park Regional Library**, 21266 Lorain Rd. Sponsored by The Ohio Cemetery Alliance in cooperation with the Fairview Library, the exhibit consists of more than thirty-five photos, including some of **Riverside Cemetery**. The exhibit will be open for viewing in the library's lower lobby until Friday, August 15.

Our front page story last month was about **Concordia Care**, the long term care facility which opened in the **MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center** on May 1. Concordia Care is proud to announce that they were chosen for the 2008 Older Adults Independent Living Award in the category of Long Term Care. (There are also five other award categories, but none of those recipients live/conduct business in our neighborhood.)

Concordia received the award at a reception on the evening of July 31 at the Cleveland Botanical Garden.

**Old Brooklyn** and **Brooklyn Centre** were two of the Cleveland neighborhoods

recently featured in an article in *Live Cleveland! 2008*, a supplement to *Cleveland Magazine*. The glossy publication was presented by the Living in Cleveland Center to promote the benefits of living in the city proper. In all, approximately thirty Cleveland neighborhoods were featured.

Anyone who is interested in reading what was said about Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre can stop by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation office for a copy of the page which specifically refers to our neighborhoods.

We shouldn't run a *Town Crier* column at this time of the year without including at least a little student news; this time the focus is on some of the awards which graduates from **Our Lady of Good Counsel School (OLGC)** have recently received.

Seemingly every year OLGC eighth graders participate in the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Chapter 61's, essay-writing contest. This year's topic was "I Speak for Democracy", and the essays written by **Cheyenne Brumfield**, **Christopher Wrenn** and **Maritza Linares** were judged to be the best.

For the first time this past year, OLGC eighth-graders also participated in a multimedia contest sponsored by an organization called the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. The two themes from which the students could choose were **Jesus, the Light of My World** and **People Who Light Up My World**.

The efforts of four OLGC eighth graders were recognized in the competition – **Andy Vargas** received first place at both the local and the state level in the photography division; **Maritza Linares**, too, received first place at both the local and the state level, but in the poster division; **Brittany Hennings** also received first place at both the local and the state level, but in the computer art division; and **Emily Suma** received first place at the local level in the essay division.

That's all the news to which we can devote space this month. To have your accomplishments added to this column, email them to [lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or mail them to: Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109

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by Tom Collins  
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**Scrambling**

Is the state of the local economy on your mind? Like daily? It reminds me of the Scrambler, that wrenching amusement park ride. The Scrambler hurls you in one direction, then quickly yanks you backward only to hurl you forward in another direction. The constant change in direction prevents you from focusing your sight on any fixed object. At least on the Scrambler you know it will end and stability will prevail.

Not being an economist, I do not have any idea when the scrambling economy will cease and stable growth return.

Team Neo, however, reports that there is some positive growth emerging in Northeast Ohio. Team Neo is a collaboration of the largest metropolitan area chambers' of commerce covering the sixteen county Northeast Ohio area. This professional organization concentrates on economic research and commercial marketing. In

short, they help to attract new companies, expand existing companies and create jobs. Their June 2008 Northeast Ohio Economic Review reports a growing industrial real estate market.

Simply stated, more industrial real estate is being purchased than is being idled. There is a net growth. The report states, "Northeast Ohio has a total stock of industrial square feet larger than any time since 2000, with approximately 411 million square feet in total." The report goes on to state "... we're using over 11 million more industrial square feet than we used in early 2004."

Although we are years away from large scale regional public services or regional government the benefits of net industrial real estate growth are good for Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. More jobs is the prescription for improved economic health.

**Is it Radical or Reactionary?**

In a recent conversation someone said that they purchased gasoline for \$3.82 a gallon, observing that it was cheap gasoline. How quickly we adjust our perspective. When gasoline was \$3.25 a gallon, the \$3.82 price was outrageous. When gasoline hit \$4.09 a gallon, \$3.82 appears to be a bargain. We adjust our perspective faster than we adjust our fuel consumption.

Are we approaching the time when legislative action may be needed to force a reduction in fuel consumption? Rationing was commonly accepted as necessary and reasonable during World War II. Rationing is probably not even remotely necessary for now, but the generally increasing fuel costs do not appear to be reducing consumption dramatically.

In a recent conversation, a friend suggested returning to a practice that was normal until the mid-1960s. "Blue Laws" required the Sunday closing of many retail businesses. Such laws generally developed to insure that Sunday would remain a day devoted to church attendance.

The intersection of worship and commerce is not where this column is going to position itself, but there is a corollary to explore here. What if the larger retail centers, shopping malls, big box centers, super grocery stores were to close on Sundays? After a short period of adjustment, would it really reduce sales and jobs? Or would people simply adjust and do their shopping on other days?

It is not likely that people would reduce food, clothing, furniture or home improvement purchases because they could not purchase them on Sunday. They would adjust and plan their shopping trips more efficiently (one trip with more stops).

I also suspect that fuel consumption

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**Ben Franklin Gardener of the month**

by Tom Sargent

Jeff Kostura, the featured "Gardener of the Month" for the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, has gardened for most of his adult life. He has worked the soil at "Benji" for the last five years. He also has maintained a home garden during much of this time. Prior to this year, Jeff's co-gardener was his father, Joe Kostura, who can no longer help with the gardening due to health reasons. Jeff indicates that he misses his gardening assistant very much.

Jeff was born in Denison, Texas, where

as a whole and has orchestrated several "mini" tours of the garden for co-workers and friends.

Sharing the vegetables produced in his garden with family and friends is an activity that Jeff very much enjoys. He also gives generously to the local food pantries and kitchens.

Each year, Jeff adds another different vegetable to the list of plants he cultivates. This year he is growing beets, which he had not done before. He is very proud of the rel-



Photo by Tom Sargent

Thanks to all the time he devotes to weeding and cultivating it, Jeff Kostura's plot at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden is a beautiful sight to behold.

his family lived while his father was in the Air Force. He grew up, for the most part, in Olmsted Falls. He presently lives in the Old Brooklyn area and is employed in the purchasing department at Baker and Hostetler, LLP (who have been very generous in their support of Ben Franklin Garden activities).

Like many other gardeners, Jeff has stated that he enjoys gardening for the relaxation and the stress relief benefits he feels it brings. He also appreciates the socialization and interactions with other gardeners. He likes showing off both his own garden and the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

actively weed-free and very neat garden he maintains.

As in years past, this year Jeff will be entering some of his vegetables in the Cuyahoga County Fair, which will run the first full week of August. In past years, he has garnered many awards, including numerous "Best of Show" and "First Place" trophies and ribbons.

Jeff is a very active member of the Garden Operating Committee and has also been very supportive of gardening activities as a whole.

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## “Keen” on B-W’s Project Affinity

by Lori Peterson  
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Project Affinity is an urban summer service program in which approximately seven students live together at the Archwood House, a Baldwin-Wallace College-owned facility in Brooklyn Centre. Through service and community events, students are able to develop a direct relationship with individuals on Cleveland’s West Side (as well as the Greater Cleveland community).

As a group, participants explore social justice issues such as poverty, hunger, homelessness, mental health, diversity, the environment and HIV/AIDS.

For the third consecutive year, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has benefitted from B-W’s Project Affinity summer service program.

Keane Southard is a music composition major who will be entering his senior year at B-W when school starts up again. But instead of going back home to his family in Massachusetts after hitting the books for two semesters, Keane took to the streets of Old Brooklyn on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June and July.

Some days Keane assisted OBCDC code enforcement manager Sheila Walter with site

inspections of Concentrated Inspection Areas, and updated the vacant and abandoned property lists.

Keane was also especially helpful to *Old Brooklyn News’ (OBN)* copy editor and writer Lynette Filips. He wrote last month’s front page article about the recent additions of a longterm care facility and Concordia Care to the MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center, and assisted in editing that edition of the *OBN*. This month Keane wrote the front page article about the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities facility on Hinckley Pkwy. in Old Brooklyn.

It appears that B-W’s hopes for Keane were realized. Reflecting on his experience in a thank you card he stated, “I have definitely learned more and grown closer to the city because of this experience and the work I’ve done here.”



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### Housing Fair from front page

Subway and Gentile’s, both located on Broadview Rd., provided a complimentary lunch for everyone in attendance. It was followed by a repeat of the morning workshops and a second housing/neighborhood tour.

The culmination of the day was a raffle drawing. Don Workman of Ameriflag donated a telescoping flagpole and flag, Gabe’s Restaurant donated a \$10.00 gift certificate and John Young of Speed Exterminating donated a wood-destroying inspect inspection to the buyer of the first house on the tour that sold.



Photos by George Shuba



(top) Polly the Trolley transported All-Access Housing Fair attendees on two neighborhood tours. (bottom left) Tom West, Ardane Ross, Donna Cook, Carole West and (bottom right) Christopher Maroun enjoy the complimentary lunch and breakfast donated by area restaurants.

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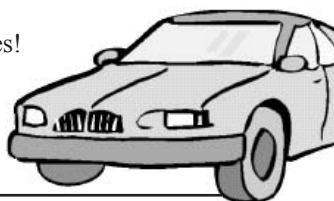
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# St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Monastery/House of Hospitality serves the hungry and homeless on near west side of Cleveland

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In the church history article in the June *Old Brooklyn News*, we mentioned a book we'd discovered called *The Orthodox Church in Cleveland 1896-1999* by Fr. Vasile Hategan.

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. It is operated by the Little Brothers of Divine Compassion. (Along with the Greek Orthodox and the Carpatho-Rusyn Orthodox, it is under the ultimate spiritual direction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople.) St. Herman's, though, wasn't established

ing St. Paul's United Church of Christ, across the street from the house which would become St. Herman's. Being a like-minded person, and thus involved with similar ecumenical social ministries in the neighborhood with people such as Father Bob Begin and Rev. Keith Trembath, he was there from the day that Father Gregory and Mother Mary arrived.

Herman's was able to enlarge its kitchen and build on a much bigger dining room and recreation room.

A large storage/distribution area for donated men's clothing and canned goods was also necessary, and that is on the first floor. People are permitted to take whatever clothes they can use when they avail themselves of St. Herman's services.

Father Gregory and Mother Mary came to Cleveland with only \$200. With the help of Bill Valenta of Fodor Realty, they found a twenty-six room house with an extra side-yard next to the "Franklin Castle". It was very much in need of attention when they purchased it, but slowly they raised enough money to make the necessary repairs. The City of Cleveland granted them variances and extended deadlines so that they could accomplish the improvements as monetary donations came in.

St. Herman's ministry to the poor is able to exist totally due to donations of money, food, supplies and volunteer time from local Orthodox parishes and individuals and from many other church congregations and individuals who share their mission to the homeless, hungry and destitute of this city. St. Herman's will not issue tax receipts for any donations. They want the gifts to be solely from the heart.

John Henry (his name "in religion") became an Orthodox monk in December, 1978. After Mother Mary died in 1981, and two months before Father Gregory died in 1984, John Henry became St. Herman's abbot. (He wasn't ordained an Orthodox priest until 1990, though.) He's assisted in his work there by Father Ephraim George, who also lives at the Monastery (for twenty-two years), and Father Vladimir Ivanov, a Bulgarian Orthodox priest.

St. Herman's serves three "fellowship meals" every day to a total of approximately two hundred men, women and children (the latter, only if accompanied by an adult). At the end of the month, though, that number increases to about three hundred, and on summer holidays, four hundred people is not unusual.

To be offered a bed at St. Herman's, a person must be sober as well as destitute. The house has enough beds for twenty-eight people (usually men) a night, but even if they're at capacity, no one is turned away if it is his/her last hope for a place to stay that night.

The main entrance to St. Herman's leads to the chapel (formerly the house's living room/front room); Orthodox services are held there daily. Initially, local Orthodox and Roman Catholic parishes donated the pews, furniture and appointments, liturgical items and other necessities to convert it into a chapel, but over the years, congregations and individuals from other denominations have donated many more items.



Guests at St. Herman's often attend the daily services in the chapel, and a number of them have converted to Orthodoxy. But anyone from the outside community is welcome to attend, too. The Liturgy of the Hours - Prime/First Hour at 5:30 a.m. and Vespers at 4:30 p.m. - are prayed daily. The Holy Divine Liturgy is offered on Sunday mornings at 8 a.m., and on Wednesdays, Fridays, Holy Days and special feasts, (St. Nicholas Day, and the feast of St. Herman of Alaska, for instance), at 10 a.m.

The majority of St. Herman's guests are referred via county welfare, area hospitals and other social services agencies, or they hear about it through word-of-mouth recommendations.

On the side lot east of the house is an interesting monastery garden containing several domes with new ones. Orthodox churches which have replaced their domes with new ones.

During the summer months, some of the men from St. Herman's tend three garden plots at the nearby Kentucky School Community Garden, W. 38th St. and Franklin Blvd. It provides many vegetables for the house.

St. Herman's also has a field garden near Middlefield (east of here) and, with the help of neighboring farmers out there -- many of whom are Amish -- annually raises four beef animals which supply about 8% of the Monastery's needs in terms of meat.

People who visit St. Herman's to donate food, clothing or household supplies use the side entrance which leads to the kitchen. Eighteen years ago, thanks to annual fund raisers like a spaghetti dinner at St. Malachi Center every December, and private donations, St.

Abbot John Henry invites individuals who are interested in the work of St. Herman's Monastery/House of Hospitality to "come and see." It's fine to just stop by, but if a person prefers to call first, St. Herman's phone number is 216-961-3806.

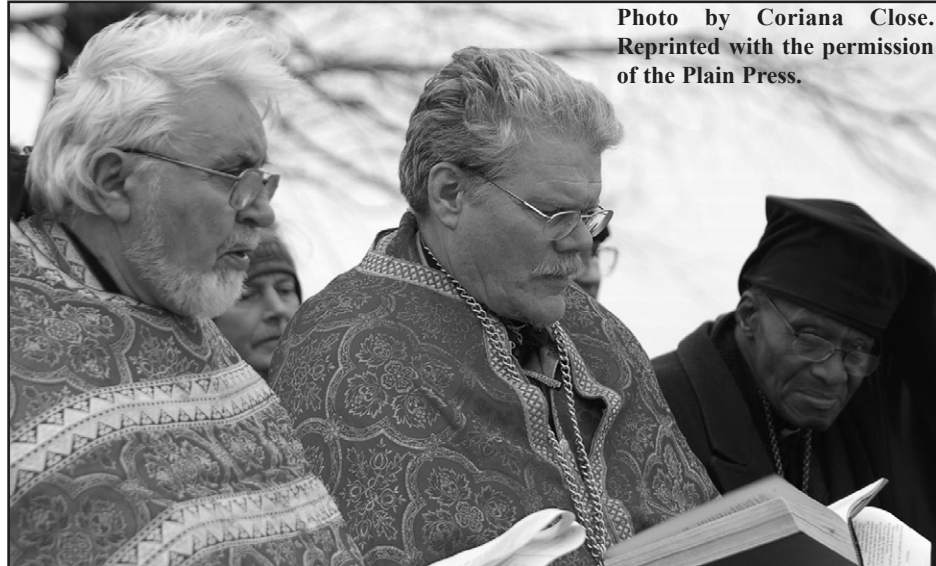


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(L-R Father Vladimer Ivanov, Abbot Father John Henry and Father Ephraim George.) *Old Brooklyn News* readers who also read the *Plain Press* may recognize this photo which the *Plain Press* ran on the front page of its February, 2008 issue. (They often run large color photos of Orthodox services at St. Herman's.) This one, of the Great Blessing of the Water at Edgewater Park, was taken in January at the observance of the Feast of the Epiphany.

That's certainly a publication we should have known about a couple of years ago, before writing about the churches which immigrants from Eastern European countries established here.

Better late than never to come upon such a find! Many of the nationalities in it are ones we have not yet discussed, and we can do a catch-up article, when necessary, about groups we have already covered.

In addition, we only talked about actual church congregations when we covered a particular nationality, but some of the ethnic groups also established monasteries.

The Ukrainians, for instance, are one people we've already discussed, and St. Herman's, 4410 Franklin Blvd., is a monastery we never mentioned. We've recently learned that St. Herman of Alaska Orthodox Monastery/House of Hospitality is under the jurisdiction of the

at the time that the Ukrainians were coming here en masse approximately one hundred years ago. The Monastery/House of Hospitality — hospitality is a tenet of both Eastern and Western Monasticism — at St. Herman's date back only to 1977 (September 27, to be exact). The names of its founders were Abbot Father Gregory Reynolds, Abbess Mother Mary Blossom (a ninety-two year old Little Sister of Divine Compassion) and the future Abbot John Henry. Interestingly, they were all converts to Orthodoxy.

Father Gregory and Mother Mary came to the near west side of Cleveland from a rural town in Tennessee called Pleasant Hill where they had originally established a contemplative Orthodox monastery. Desiring a more active ministry, they felt that Cleveland was the city where they should serve the poor and needy.

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**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500 [clemetzoo.com](http://clemetzoo.com)**

**Adult admission, \$10; children 2 - 11, \$6; (Admission always free for kids under two and Zoo members.)**

**Photo Safari** - Now thru Labor Day. Photo Safari open to amateur photographers; awards in a variety of categories. Entry forms available in the Zoo's Exhibit Hall & online at [clemetzoo.com](http://clemetzoo.com)

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(left) State Rd. Beverage, 4810 State Rd., has a fresh, clean-look, thanks to new awnings, new windows, new signage and new flower-filled tree boxes.



(above) Dwight Kaczmarek and Tim Yanko have developed a lovely English cottage-style garden in the front yard of their home at 4677 Landchester Rd. in the South Hills neighborhood of Old Brooklyn.

(below) Both flowers and vegetables abound in the garden the Ukrainian immigrants who live at Deaconess-Zane till on the corner of Broadview Rd. and W. 33rd St.



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