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## Speed Exterminating celebrates 100 years in our neighborhood

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When the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation published its second local history book, *Old Brooklyn New Book II* in the early 1980s, one of the local businesses about which author Kathryn Gasior Wilmer wrote was Speed Exterminating at 4141 Pearl Rd. She titled her entry about them "THE SPEED



John Warren Speed (photo from Speed Exterminating archives)

EXTERMINATING COMPANY – a third generation family business".

Now, approximately twenty-five years later, that chapter heading is no longer accurate. The neighborhood business which is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary this year is currently a *fourth generation* family business, and has been fourth generation since 1997.

Generation one in the Speed Exterminating genealogical line-up was **John Warren Speed**. Mr. Speed had been trained in the pest-control industry in Cincinnati, where he was employed by the Rose Exterminating Company. In approximately 1896 they sent him to Cleveland to open a branch at E. 2nd St. and Prospect Ave. In 1908, John decided to venture out on his own and established the J. W. Speed Rat and Insect Exterminator Company.

The Speed family originally lived at 3404 Saratoga Ave. (the first house off State Rd. on the north side of Saratoga), but they moved to 4080 Valley Rd. in 1918. In both of his homes, John Speed combined the chemical compounds in the basement, then packed them in his satchel and took them on the streetcar to do his service work. Many of his accounts were downtown commercial establishments. John's wife, Kathryn, kept the books and scheduled the work.

Because of the impressive plantings and the amount of land surrounding it, the Valley Rd. house is one which almost everyone who's ever driven up the hill from Jennings Rd. would recognize on the right side of the

street. In his spare time, John Speed was an avid animal keeper, bee keeper, horticulturalist, flower gardener and fruit tree breeder. The property was originally deeded in 1842, and belonged to one of the Brainards. Today it's still owned by one of Mr. Speed's descendants, his grandson, John Young.

**Lawrence P./Larry Young** (originally Jung) was the second-generation person to operate Speed Exterminating. He was married to John W. and Kathryn Speed's daughter, Helen, and became the proprietor of the family business in 1945. He, too, ran it out of his home, and Helen kept the books and scheduled the work, just as her mother had done until her death in 1932. But by this time the company employed some extra men to help with the service work (Helen Speed Young



Photo by George Shuba

John G. Young, the current owner of Speed Exterminating, with a much larger than average yellow jacket nest.

See *Speed Exterminating* page 4

## Old Brooklyn Community School to expand after ten years here

by Mrs. Amy Mobley & Lisa Vinarcik

In August of 1998, Old Brooklyn Community School (OBCS) became one of the first fifteen public charter schools to open in the state of Ohio. Being among the first has resulted in many benefits for the school, which offers families in the community a high-quality education for their children.

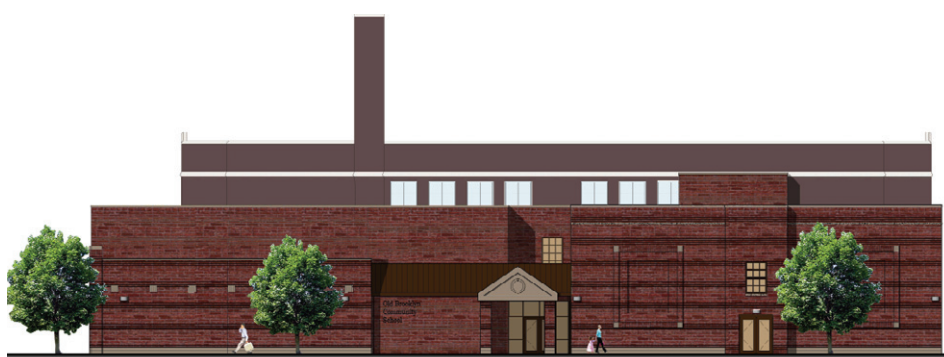
Because parents have a choice, the enrollment at Old Brooklyn Community School has grown steadily. Each year Old Brooklyn Community School has had waiting lists of students wanting to attend, but has lacked sufficient classroom space.

To accommodate the many families who desire to enroll their children at Old Brooklyn Community School, expansion has become necessary. This year, after educating nearly two thousand students, the school will be celebrating its ten-year anniversary with an addition that will nearly double its size.

"The addition will house twelve new classrooms, a full-size gymnasium with a stage, a new science lab and a high-tech computer lab. It will also enable our students to learn and grow in an environment that is conducive to learning in the 21st century. We will utilize our new space to continue on the road of excellence as we provide Cleveland area students with the greatest educational experiences possible," said middle school principal Amy Mobley.

Because of the new classroom space, Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School will be adding a third kindergarten class for the upcoming 2008/2009 school year. Families interested in enrolling their children in grades K-8 should contact the school at 216-661-7888.

Looking back over the past ten years, OBCS elementary school principal Mrs. Cherie Kaiser recalled, "In 1998 we began as a Montessori school with twenty-seven students and three staff members."



To overcome the space dilemma, Constellation Schools has planned — and financing is in place for — the construction of a state-of-the-art, 25,000 square-foot addition. Site preparation work has already begun, and the construction of the addition will be completed for the beginning of the 2008 -2009 school year.

Old Brooklyn Community School opened with the intention of providing an affordable, quality, Montessori education for families in the Old Brooklyn area. Mrs. Kaiser, as its first employee, was given the difficult task of being both principal and *See School expansion* page 4

## Brooklyn (United) Presbyterian Church celebrating 100th anniversary this weekend

On February 2 and 3, Brooklyn Presbyterian Church (BPC), 4308 Pearl Rd. (at the corner of Spokane Ave.), will celebrate one hundred years of service to God and the Old Brooklyn community. The congregation launched its centennial celebration last September on their annual Rally Day when they commemorated their founders pulling the "cornerstone" for the new church building on a horse-drawn sled down Pearl Rd. (featured in an article and accompanying photo in the September, 2007 *Old Brooklyn News*).

The centennial weekend will begin on the evening of Saturday, February 2, with a catered dinner followed by an original skit that will focus on events from the one hundred-year history. It will be patterned after a game show called "Are You Smarter than a Fifth-Grader?" The evening will conclude with a forty five minute concert by The Elders of Jazz, a seven-member instrumental group.

Worship Sunday morning will begin at 10:30 a.m. It will include greetings to the congregation from the Rev. Liza Hendricks, General Presbyter of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve, special music by the BPC choir and brass ensemble, the Sacrament of Holy Communion and a sermon by Pastor Adrienne Lloyd. A reception with cake and coffee will follow the worship service.

Brooklyn Presbyterian welcomes visitors every Sunday for worship at 10:30 a.m. and Sunday School for the children from 10:15-10:45 a.m. Babysitters are available during worship for those desiring child care.

On the second Sunday of every month, worship is followed by a coffee/fellowship hour that provides the opportunity to become better acquainted with each other and visitors.

Brooklyn Presbyterian's church building was constructed with bricks from the local brickyard of Wilken Towle who, with his wife, Mary Ann Russell Towle, and children, was the driving force in the establish-

ment of the congregation. Their names appear on the stained-glass sanctuary windows that face Pearl Rd.

It has been Brooklyn Presbyterian's joy to be part of the Old Brooklyn community for the past hundred years, and they look forward to the future with great anticipation. They give thanks to God, not only for one hundred years in Old Brooklyn, but also for the hundred years of His faithfulness to them, and they pray for His continued blessing and guidance as they begin their second hundred years of service here.

Look for Brooklyn Presbyterian's centennial celebration announcement on the billboard of their neighbor, the Sysack Sign Company.

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## Home-delivered meal program

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Suppose that your mother, father or friend lives in Old Brooklyn, is recovering from recent surgery, and there is no one in the home to cook meals for him/her. Perhaps the supportive service department of Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. (SCR) can help. Candidates for the home-delivered meal program must be:

- 60 years of age or older
- Homebound and rarely able to leave for other than medical appointments
- Recuperating from surgery or a debilitating illness
- Unable to ride the van or walk to the senior center for meals.
- Live alone and be unable to cook for themselves or live with another person unable to cook for both persons.
- Not have anyone else providing the same service.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, call SCR at 216-749-4477.

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. is looking for seniors in the neighborhood who are unaware of this program and would benefit from being a part of it. They have the capacity for upwards of 150 home-delivered meals per day and like to operate at full capacity constantly.

Volunteers deliver the majority of the meals for the home-delivered meal program. The majority of these volunteers are other senior citizens who are looking to give back to the community.

Ninety-nine percent of the meals being delivered are hot meals, dropped off Monday through Friday between 10:30 and 11 a.m. There is no charge to recipients of this service; however, freewill donations are gratefully accepted to help sustain the program.

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc has been supplying seniors with services for thirty-five years. Their first location (1971) was at the Crestview apartment complex. Following their stay there, SCR moved to Deaconess-Krafft for twenty-five years.

Most people know Senior Citizen Resources, Inc as being located 5202 Memphis Ave., their location for the last seven years. Feel free to stop in and or give them a call to see which of their services can benefit you.

## From the desk of the executive director

by **Robyn Sandys**  
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I want to thank all of you (17 people) who gave us your suggestions on the OBN Reader Survey. We got some great ideas from your responses and nearly all of you read the paper monthly and enjoy and like the paper. Some of the feedback we received included wanting more stories about young people, having a question and answer section about the neighborhoods, more crime news from the second district, having a poem each month, and having restaurant reviews. We will look into doing more of what you are requesting over the coming months.

We also got a great response from people who wanted to serve on the advisory committee for the newspaper. We anticipate holding our first meeting in mid February. In addition, we have made some graphic design changes to the front page of the paper and some on the inside as well as a paper quality upgrade. Let us know what you think! The reader survey is included in this month's issue as well. We would love to hear from more of you about the paper. Feel free to email your responses if that is easier to [sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com).

The front page story this month is about a business that has been in the area for 100 years. That is a tremendous accomplishment. Congratulations to Speed Exterminating. If there are other business in the area that have been around a long time and you would like us to recognize that, please let us know, we would

like to learn more about how you started and grew your business over the years.

Another survey is in the paper regarding senior citizen concerns and issues. This is being done in partnership with Senior Citizens Resources, Deaconess Krafft Center, and Metro Health Systems/Senior Health and Wellness Center. We would like to hear from those of you over 60 so that we can become more familiar with what your needs and concerns are so that we can better serve you. Please turn to page seven to complete the survey.

February is the month for celebrating Black History. We have an article on page 8 about how African American churches started in the Cleveland area which may be of interest to you.

February is also a difficult month for some people because it is very cold and grey. But it is also the time to reflect on those that we love and care about. Try and stay warm on the inside by thinking about those that we love even if it is bitterly cold on the outside! Also check out the garden story on page 6, another way to beat winter blues.

Happy Valentines Day and please feel free to contact me or staff at the CDC if you have any thing you would like to bring to our attention. I can be contacted at [robysn@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:robysn@oldbrooklyn.com).

### Common Grounds Coffeehouse

(Located in Brooklyn Heights UCC)  
 2005 West Schaaf Road  
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### Fish Fry

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The Office of International Aging at CWRU helped arrange a two-week visit to Cleveland for four South Korean nurse practitioners and their professor last month; the Senior Health & Wellness Center at MetroHealth South was one of the stops on their itinerary. Here, MetroHealth's Mary Jo Slattery, RN, CNP, leads their tour of the internationally-recognized facility on Thursday, January 24.

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### COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Community Association** meeting, every fourth Thurs., 6:30 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, Sun., Feb., 17 2 pm, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Michelle Day with a presentation about "Cleveland's Woodland Cemetery". Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

**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., Feb. 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

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

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

## Community Master Plan for Brooklyn Centre & Old Brooklyn

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has been overseeing the development of a Master Plan encompassing both communities. The plan is funded by Ward 15 and 16 Community Development Block Grant funds allocated by City Council members Kevin Kelley (Ward 16) and Brian Cummins (Ward 15).

Preliminary work is being completed on gathering information on demographics, commercial and residential structures. In early March there will be meetings to engage the public in discussions about issues of common or neighborhood concerns, and general goals for improving the quality of life in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. The first of the three public meetings will result in a Master Plan with achievable community goals, and action steps for achieving the goals.

This first meeting will be repeated three times in different locations so as to solicit the largest number of participants. Meeting locations are now being secured. The dates and times will be announced in the March edition of the *Old Brooklyn News*, posted on the Old Brooklyn web site ([www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com)), and communicated directly to the businesses and residents in each community. Watch this space next month for more details.

# NEWS & EVENTS

**Monday, February 4th**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Christine Krosel, archivist for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, speaking about "Early Catholic Cemetery Records in Cuyahoga County" (the first Catholic cemeteries in Cleveland, their locations & what records are available on the early inhabitants of the city who are buried there). All welcome; coffee & refreshments served. Call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

**Now thru February 29th  
Valley Save-A-Pet, Inc.**

Telephone lines open until Feb. 29 (or until funds for the program are exhausted). Valley Save-A-Pet, Inc. through their Have-A-Heart program with the cooperation of more than 40 veterinarians in the Greater Cleveland area, again offering low-cost spay/neuter services to pet owners who otherwise would not be able to have their pet sterilized. To schedule pets call 440-232-CATS (2287), Mon. & Tues., noon - 3 pm & Wed., 5 - 7 pm.

**Now thru March 31st**

**Winter 2008 Home Energy Assistance**  
E-HEAP 24 hour appointment line, 216-518-4014. All applicants must have proof of income for entire household for past 13 weeks. Photo ID of the applicants' Social security cards & birth dates of all household members. Both gas & electric bills (with at least one in disconnection or shut-off status or off, landlord name, address & phone number, monthly rent (lease). If your gas service is off call the gas company at 1-800-950-7989. If your electric is off with the Illuminating Company, call 1-800-589-3101 or if with Cleveland Public Power, go to 1300 Lakeside Ave. & request a copy of your old bill.

**Sunday, February 3rd**

**Brooklyn Centre Garden Club Meeting**  
The Magic Manor, 4403 Denison Ave., 2 - 4 pm. Refreshments served. No problem if you can't make it. If interested in being a part of our urban gardeners, drop us an email & we will make sure that you know when & where we will have our next meeting. RSVP to gloria.ferris@gmail.com, or 216-351-0254.

**Tuesday, February 5th  
Bake Sale**

South Brooklyn Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., 10 am - 5 pm. Sale to support the library; donate or buy bakery.

**Wednesday, February 6th - Wednesday, April 2nd**

**Tri-C Comedy Class - Western Campus**  
Class will meet eight Wed., evenings for two hours each evening, 6 - 8 pm. Learn how to create & perform a stand-up comedy routine. Class will culminate with a graduation performance on stage in the Tri-C West Galleria on Sat., Apr. 5. Comedy class size will be limited. Students should be at least 18 yrs. old. To sign up for the stand-up comedy class contact Mike Ketterick at Cuyahoga Community College, 216-987-2260, or call JD Sidley at 216-906-7435. Class fee is \$150.

**Wednesday, February 6th**

**Opera Cleveland on Tour - Charles A. Mooney**  
Charles A. Mooney School, 3213 Montclair Ave., 6:30 pm. Free admission. Public invited. More than 45 4th grade students will be a chorus of Gypsies & Spanish townspeople when they perform with professional artists from the "Opera Cleveland on Tour" in a 50-minute version of *Carmen*, by Georges Bizet. Parents, teachers, students & staff have guided the students in creating costumes, sets & memorization of the musical selections.

**Thursdays, Feb. 7th & 21st**

**Youth Football Coming to Old Brooklyn**  
Boys & girls ages 6 - 15. Coaches for football & cheerleading needed. If interested come to South Brooklyn Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Space is limited. For more info, call Coach Ragnanes, 216-254-9671.

**Sunday, February 10th  
Eddie Webb Family Benefit**

Ace's Bar & Grill, 6600 Biddulph Rd. 1 - 4:30 pm. Admission \$5 minimum donation per person. Cash bar, food, live entertainment. 50/50 raffles & great prizes. For more info call Kathy at 216-470-8620.

**Thursday, February 14th  
MetroHealth Speaker Series**

"Case Studies & Ethical Dilemmas in Medical Decision-Making" Senior Health & Wellness Center, 4229 Pearl Rd, 7:30 am registration; 8 - 10 am seminar. Continental breakfast, free parking. 2 CEU credits in ethics. Volunteers, free; \$10 CEU processing fee for social workers & nurses. Call Marilyn Kramer, Education Coordinator, at 216-696-1132 ext. 176. RSVP by Fri., Feb. 8.

**Saturday, February 16th  
Cornerstone of Hope's Benefit Gala**

Embassy Suites, 5800 Rockside Woods Dr., Independence. Featuring Sonny Geraci "Precious & Few" and "Time Won't Let Me". For more info call 216-524-3787.

**Sat., February 16th & Sun., February 17th  
39th Annual Antiques Show & Sale**

Sponsored by the Bay Village Women's Club Foundation. Bay Village High School, 29230 Wolf Rd. Auditorium entrance only. Sat., 10 am - 5 pm & Sun., 11 am - 4 pm. Free appraisals 1 - 3 pm Sun. Limit - 1 item. Wheelchair accessible; no strollers allowed. Donation, \$6. Call 440-875-3075 or 440-899-0313 for more info.

**Monday, February 18th  
Old Brooklyn Area Little League**

LazerXtreme, 13409 Smith Rd, 6-10 pm, 440-842-6044. Cost -- Single mission, \$6; Double mission, \$11; Triple Mission, \$15; each mission lasts 20 minutes. Event open to the public. O.B.A.L.L. receives 50% of the profits during these dates & times. Visit www.oball.org for more info.

**Saturdays, Feb. 16th, Feb. 23rd, March 1st  
Little League Baseball - OBALL**

Boys & girls ages 5 - 19. Knights of Columbus Hall on Broadview Rd., 9 am. - 12 p.m. Cost: TBall \$35; PeeWee, Little & Big F \$45; (family discount offered for more than one child). Bring 2 wallet size pictures & a copy of child's birth certificate. To save time, go to OBALL website, fill out registration form & bring it in or register online. If you have a parent or relative interested in coaching, a coaching form can be printed off the website or filled out on registration day. Receive one free Indians' ticket for each child registered. Children must be accompanied by parent, guardian or authorized responsible adult. Additional Indians' tickets for families at discounted prices. Also special OBALL events at Jacob's Field!

**Thursday, Feb. 21st**

**Streetcar: A Film by Jasper Wood**  
South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Rd. Two showings 11 am & 5 pm. View a glimpse of 1950s Cleveland in this rare film. Call 623-7067 for more details.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, February 22nd - 24th  
"Ohio Coin Exposition"**

Quality Inn (formerly Holiday Inn), 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield. Dealers from all over the U.S. Coin show specializing in U.S., foreign & ancient coins, paper money, medal, tokens, numismatic supplies, gold & silver bullion & jewelry. 100 dealers. Coin supply & book dealer. Dealers can appraise, buy or sell coins. Fri., 12 - 5:30 pm. Sat., 10 am - 5:30 pm; Sun., 10 am - 2 pm. Admission, \$6; Parking free. Call Ronald Nelson, 216-292-7744, or Joe Bowen, 440-442-1776, or visit www.ohiocoin.com for more info.

**Saturday, February 23rd  
Breakfast Reverse Benefit**

Brooklyn Polish American Home, 4737 Pearl Rd., Lower Hall. Doors open 8:30 am. Breakfast served 9:30 - 10:30 am - drawing after breakfast. Tickets, \$10 in advance; no tickets available at door. For tickets call 216-661-5315 or 216-459-9260.

**Sunday, February 24th - Sunday, March 2nd  
"Cleveland Saves WEEK"**

*Cleveland Saves* is a nonprofit, community-based coalition consisting of over 400 Greater Cleveland colleges, corporations, faith-based organizations, financial institutions, government agencies, nonprofits & trade unions. It was developed to help Greater Clevelanders build wealth by setting a savings goal for themselves & designing a simple plan to reach this goal. The major benefits of Cleveland Saves include free motivational workshops, one-on-one financial coaching & special savings accounts offered by financial institutions designed to help small savers. Call the Cleveland Saves Moneyline at 216-325-7126 or visit www.cleveland saves.org for more info.

**Friday, February 29th**

**Hawaiian Style Leap Year Luau Benefit  
To Benefit Art House**

Lava Lounge, 1307 Auburn Ave., 7 pm - 12 am. Tickets, \$30 in advance & \$35 at the door; includes food & two drink tickets. To purchase tickets in advance, call Art House at 216-398-8556. Tickets also available at the party. Visa/MasterCard accepted. A 50/50 raffle & Hula Hoop contest will be held. Tropical attire encouraged. Art House is a nonprofit art center that provides visual & creative arts classes to people of all ages & skill levels.

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

Archwood Head Start, 2800 Archwood Ave. Now enrolling full & part day.

**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 our 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 to meet family needs. Accept county vouchers. For more info call 216-651-2037.

**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.

**America Reads Tutors**

South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Rd. Available 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.

**Free Evening Classes at Mooney**

Schools as a Neighborhood Resource (SNR) Program at Charles Mooney School, 3213 Montclair Ave., Mon., Wed. & Thurs., 6 - 8 pm, now thru April, 2008. Activities for children & adults. **Computers** - M, W & Th; **Walkercise/Exercise** - M, W & Th; **Basketball** - M, W & Th; **Karate** - M & W; **Crafts** - W; **Games** - Thurs.; **Cooking** - Mon.; All classes free. Sign up anytime during the year.

**Ready, Set Grow Preschool**

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

**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. 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.

**DOES CHOOSING A NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER HAVE YOU  
SCRATCHING YOUR HEAD AND WONDERING WHAT TO DO?**

The major natural gas utilities in Ohio offer their customers the choice of buying their natural gas from an energy supplier. Learn the potential benefits that choice provides and how to make the best decision for you when choosing a natural gas or electric supplier. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is hosting an Energy Choice presentation given by The Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC). They will answer all of your energy choice questions.



**Thursday, February 28  
6:30 - 7:30 pm.**

**Old Brooklyn Community  
Development Corporation  
3344 Broadview Rd.**

Reservations requested call: 216-459-1000

**\*Attendance of 50 people is required**

**Pearl Road Professional Center**

4269 Pearl Road

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**School expansion from front page**

lead teacher of the school. Her ten year commitment to the school is a key factor behind the school's success.

In February of 2006 it was decided to separate grades 5-8 and create a middle school modeled after proven middle school practices. "When the middle school was created, we were fortunate to have Mrs. Amy Mobley, a high-quality classroom teacher, become principal of the middle school," Mrs. Kaiser stated.

At the end of that same school year and after considerable deliberation, Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School further decided to move away from the educational principles of Maria Montessori and adopt a more traditional curriculum.

Mrs. Kaiser said the school has benefited from the relationships that it has established with several of Old Brooklyn's institutions, notably the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and the South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library. They have also established programs with Key Bank, the Brooklyn Senior Center, the Deaconess Foundation, Brookside Center, Art House and the YMCA.

Old Brooklyn Community School works closely with the Brookside Center, frequently providing support for the community through this organization. OBCS has also established relationships with institutions in the Greater Cleveland community such as the Cleveland Foundation, the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and the Western Reserve Historical Society.

Mrs. Kaiser remarked that Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley has been extremely supportive of the school and the upcoming major building project. Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins' two children attend the school and he, too, has been most supportive.

"I am extremely proud of the academic achievement of our students, as well as the

financial stability and growth in enrollment that Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School have demonstrated during these ten years," said Richard Lukich, President of Constellation Schools. "The performance of our students is a tribute to the outstanding dedication of our principals, Mrs. Cherie Kaiser and Mrs. Amy Mobley and their staffs for the high quality education that they provide to their students, as recognized by their current Ohio Department of Education rating."

Lukich points with great satisfaction to Old Brooklyn Community School's current "Excellent" rating, the highest rating a public school can achieve. The Ohio Department of Education has also designated Old Brooklyn Community School as a "School of Promise".

Gerald Preseren, Executive Director of Constellation Schools, indicated that the Old Brooklyn building addition is one of five current construction projects that will expand and improve its school facilities in Cleveland and Parma.

"We have already begun construction of a building addition at our Westpark Community School and will soon begin renovation work at our Madison Community School as well as adding an addition and renovation work at our Stockyard Community School," he said. Renovation work will also begin at Constellation's Parma Community Middle School/High School location on West 54th Street. Preseren indicated that all of the projects are scheduled for completion by the opening of the 2008/2009 school year.

Constellation Schools currently operates sixteen charter schools in Northeast Ohio, with a total enrollment of over 2,800 students. Their schools are located in Cleveland, Parma, Lorain, Elyria and Mansfield. A new Visual and Performing Arts School will be opening this August in Mansfield.



Larry and Helen Speed Young

was also well-known to many neighborhood residents apart from the business because she was an accomplished pianist and had many piano students in Old Brooklyn. She also taught Sunday School at Pearl Road United Methodist Church for very many years.)

Larry began turning the business over to his son, the third generation owner, **John Warren Young**, in the late 1950s. John started working at the business when he was at Rhodes High School — he was also president of his senior class (1954) — then graduated from Miami University in Oxford with a degree in biological science and entomology in 1958.

Father and son moved Speed Exterminating to its current Pearl Rd. location in 1963, and in 1966 they incorporated the firm. Larry was president until his death in 1970, and then Helen was president for the next two years until she, too, passed away.

John was elected president in 1973. He added additional employees in both the office and the field, and also operated a branch in Lorain County for a while. In the 1980s, John added a companion company, Chimney Screens, Inc. at the Pearl Rd. address, and began selling retail products there, to.

Although John and his wife, Dianne, raised their children in Fairview Park, when the Old Brooklyn neighborhood was seriously declining in the mid-1970s, John was one of the three men who mobilized the churches, businessmen and residents in the neighborhood and organized the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC). He also served as the first president of its Board of Trustees and later returned for a second term.

**John G. Young**, John W. Young's son, the fourth generation — and current — owner and president of Speed Exterminating, took over the reins in 1997. John's wife, Jackie, does the company's payroll and accounting from her home office, and his step-daughter, Natalie, works part-time at the Pearl Rd. location when she's not busy with her college studies.

To learn more about the products and

services Speed Exterminating offers, either visit their store or visit their website, [www.speedexterminating.com](http://www.speedexterminating.com). It will direct you to numerous links, some pertaining to commercial customers and some to residential customers.

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John W. Young (1980s photo from Speed Exterminating files) John was also first president of the OBCDC board of trustees.

For people who want to catch animals and release them back into the wild, Speed also markets "Havahart" traps in four sizes — a little one for mice, the next size for chipmunks and rats, another one for squirrels and skunks, and the biggest size for raccoons.

Eight years after J. W. Speed started his own business, only five "insect exterminators" were listed in the Cleveland City Directory. Today the SBC Yellow Pages lists approximately 100 "pest control" companies. Increased population and decreased tolerance for such things no doubt has contributed to the rise in the number of businesses. But competition has thereby increased, too.

Speed Exterminating must be doing something right for the business to have endured for one hundred years. In addition to congratulating them for the products and services they've provided to generations of Old Brooklyn, Greater Cleveland, and even surrounding county residents, OBCDC would also like to express its appreciation for the interest they have shown to the organization since its inception.

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Three years ago, to take the February/Valentine's Day focus off romantic love and put it instead on wider expressions of caring, we devoted this column to charitable causes in and around the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

One month — actually a few months that first year — wasn't enough to mention everyone, so great in number and variety were the actions that individuals and organizations were undertaking to benefit their fellow human beings. And so the same theme continued in the February Town Crier columns in 2006 and 2007 (and some years, in columns during near-by months as well).

To refresh your mind, we've written about **Brookside Center**; the hunger meal at **Pearl Road United Methodist Church**; **Mercy Street Mission**; **St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church's House of Hospitality**; **United Hearts Life Mission Center** (for untimely pregnancies); **Greater Cleveland Right to Life Society** and thrift store; the **Saint Vincent DePaul Society** and thrift store; **Senior Citizen Resources** in general and their **Meals on Wheels** program in particular; **Joe Cannon's** collecting shoes for children in Iraq; volunteers at the former **Deaconess Hospital**; volunteers at **MetroHealth's Skilled Nursing Care Facility**, medical offices and hospital; the **Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's Prison Ministry** which a deacon from St. Thomas More Church coordinates; **Cornerstone of Hope** (a bereavement center); **Providence House** (a crisis nursery); **The InterReligious Task Force (IRTF)** on Central America; the "equal exchange" products the **Social Justice Commission** at St. Thomas More Church sells; and medical mission trips to Latin and

South America in which doctors from **MetroHealth** and a deacon from **St. Barbara Church** have participated.

Now it's February, 2008, and for the fourth year, we're doing the same thing. Our subject — the **St. Vincent de Paul Society** — might seem like a repeat performer, but actually, they have *two totally new* programs we want to discuss. Added since the last time we wrote about St. Vincent de Paul, the Society's furniture bank and food bank have been growing by leaps and bounds since their inception.

In bygone decades, the St. Vincent de Paul Society was headquartered on the east-side of Cleveland, but had numerous thrift stores on both sides of town. That made for higher operating expenses, both for rent and for transportation costs to keep all the stores stocked.

In July, 2003, therefore, the Society consolidated its operations into one location at 6700 Biddulph Rd. in the Biddulph Shopping Center. They rent the space from Fodor Realty Company, which, approximately two years ago, also came to include a 5000-square-foot storage building behind the thrift store and offices.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society opened their Cleveland Furniture Bank in August, 2006 and their Food Bank just two months ago, in December, 2007. The Society was a natural to sponsor the furniture bank because, unlike many charities, they own five trucks and are therefore able to pick up large items either to sell in their thrift store or to give away to needy individuals/families.

(Organizations like the "Purple Hearts" also pick up, but their retail outlet, Unique Thrift Store, is a for-profit operation; they do not give away the any of the items which people donate to them.)

The St. Vincent de Paul Society picks up furniture (as well as household items and clothing if accompanied by at least one piece of furniture) over a six-county area. They also receive donations of like-new bedding from the Fish and Levin Furniture stores. Those companies have a "comfort guarantee" on their mattresses. When dissatisfied customers return mattress sets they've purchased, they get their money back, but Fish and Levin "take the loss", because, unable to resell them, they

donate the mattress/box springs to St. Vincent de Paul. The Society sanitizes the mattresses and then either sells them in their thrift store or gives them to people who qualify to receive items from the furniture bank.

In addition to at least one mattress and box springs, a qualified family can also choose a dresser, a kitchen table and four chairs, a couch and a living room chair from the stock the Society has available. Often lamps, end tables, bedding and dishes are also part of what St. Vincent de Paul gives them, if the people need those things to set up housekeeping.

And who are these people who use the services of the Cleveland Furniture Bank? St. Vincent de Paul works with 178 agencies in Greater Cleveland (most of which are *not* church-related) and it is these agencies which refer clients to the Society.

Typically the individuals/families are in irregular situations — abused women and their children; new immigrants; people coming out of homeless shelters, prison, and/or alcohol/drug rehabilitation centers; older teens no longer of the age to be in the foster care system; and people who've experienced some kind of personal disaster.

A portion of the proceeds from St. Vincent de Paul's thrift store supports the furniture bank; even though the items are donated, their overhead is high, given the price of insurance, gasoline, salaries and benefits for the two men on each truck. Tom Gaghan, Executive Director of the Cleveland Furniture Bank (as well as St. Vincent de Paul's Development Director), said that each truck costs \$90,000, annually to operate.

Last year, approximately 30,000 pieces of furniture were donated to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and 3,100 of them were distributed to 500 needy individuals/families via the Cleveland Furniture Bank.

Next month, at the risk of again getting very behind behind in reporting regular Town Crier news, we'll talk about St. Vincent de Paul's new food bank. But since we'll eventually return to our usual topics, please continue to send your submissions for this column to Lynette Filipis, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109

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When one has diabetes, awareness of how foot problems can arise from disturbances in the skin, nails, nerves, bones, muscles, and blood vessels is necessary.

Furthermore, in diabetes, small problems can turn into serious complications.

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### Dun dahdun dun!

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If you operate a small business, these thoughts have run through your mind when someone enters your shop or office but is not behaving like the typical customer or client. Certainly there are people who are not "typical" who do have a business purpose for being inside. And certainly a business wants to attract and welcome customers. Even so, some people are suspicious-acting.

Shoplifters, con artists and enterprising criminals who research opportunities for future activities are part of the fabric of commerce. Most business owners learn from experience that behavior can forecast intention. Customers who do not want help but spend a long time looking and touching items while looking to see if they are being watched create

suspicion. Customers asking lots of questions about lots of products but not making purchase selections create suspicion. Customers concealing their faces with hooded clothing or wearing coats not consistent with the weather create suspicion. Multiple customers throughout the shop with one distracting the manager create suspicion.

Several Old Brooklyn business operators are interested in starting a telephone tree to share suspicious-acting customer information with neighboring businesses. They are not interested in accusing anyone of anything unless an actual incident has occurred. What they are interested in doing is sharing information that can *prevent* an incident from occurring.

As an example, suppose that the same person visits a shop three days in a row, but doesn't make a single purchase. Then it is noticed that items are missing from where the visitor had been focusing attention. Alerting your business neighbor or an area store carrying the same type of merchandise would be good information to share.

Consider another example: You have a professional office with a waiting room, such as a dental clinic. Two people enter, one speaks loudly to the receptionist, and the other finds a chair and sits down. The receptionist determines that the person does not have an appointment and has never been a patient of the clinic. Words are exchanged and both visitors leave. Minutes later it is discovered that a purse is missing or a coat has been stolen. Sharing this information with other professional offices would be good information to share.

Some of the "bad guys" just work door-to-door panhandling or soliciting for questionable charities; letting your neighbors know is in everybody's best interest.

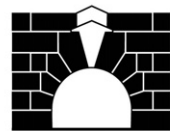
Shoplifters may not be proceeding door-to-door, but hitting similar stores in the general area. Someone stealing from a convenience store or drug store is likely to move around by car. Alerting similar stores in the area could result in an arrest and the recovery of stolen goods. At the very least, it will deter the criminal.

If you would like to participate in a telephone tree, please contact me by phone or e-mail. (See my contact information below.) I will work to organize interested parties into

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Criminals seek to reduce their own risk. A business with a visible camera system increases risk for the criminal. Businesses which think that alarms and cameras are too costly are sending a silent invitation to the "bad guys" that they are *open for business*.

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## Neighborhood Family Practice offers nurse-midwife program

by Laurel Domanski Diaz

A midwife is a healthcare professional who provides an array of health care services for women. Providing care prenatally, during labor and delivery and after birth is the midwives' specialty which makes them unique.

Neighborhood Family Practice (NFP), 3569 Ridge Rd. at Denison Ave., has had a midwifery program since 2006, when they hired Susan Greene as a Certified Nurse Midwife. NFP patients receive quality healthcare for themselves and their babies at the community-based health center.

NFP midwives promote patient education and involvement in care. Prenatal care is done at NFP's facility; patients then have the option of birthing at Lakewood Hospital, where NFP's nurse-midwife will assist with the delivery, or at MetroHealth Medical Center, where delivery is attended by a family practice doctor.

NFP's C-section rate is only 8%, compared to 29% in the general population. This low rate can be attributed to the NFP midwives' attention to their patients and their willingness to meet their clients at the hospital and advocate for their best interests. They encourage changing positions and suggest movements that make a vaginal birth more likely.

Ivelisse Figueroa delivered a baby girl, Leilany, with the assistance of NFP's Certified Nurse Midwife Susan Greene in November, 2006. About her experience, Ivelisse said, "Susan is very available as a nurse-midwife. The space at Lakewood was very nice. She sat with me and my family for the entire time I was in labor. I wasn't expecting that. She was caring and patient. It



was a good experience, and my children and I continue to go to NFP for our health care."

In November of 2007, NFP expanded its midwifery program through the addition of a second Certified Nurse Midwife, Christine Brant. In 2007 alone, Susan and she delivered 62 babies.

The services a midwife is able to deliver depend upon the certification and licensure credentials she's obtained and the practice restrictions within each state. These services may include annual gynecological exams, family planning and preconception care, prenatal care, labor and delivery support, newborn care, and menopausal management.

Midwives generally provide reproductive education directed at fertility, nutrition and exercise, contraception, pregnancy health, breastfeeding and infant care. They are often an economical option for birthing care. Because of the additional licensure in nursing, a nurse-midwife provides the most comprehensive array of healthcare services to women.

To learn more about NFP's Midwifery Program, call to schedule an appointment with Susan Greene or Christine Brant, Certified Nurse Midwives, at 216-281-0872. (Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

## Benjamin Franklin Community Gardeners know "What's Growing On"

by Galen Alexander

"All the leaves are brown and the sky is grey..."

So goes the opening of an old Mamma's & Papa's tune, California Dreaming. It may be from the West Coast but it also accurately describes autumn/winter conditions in Northern Ohio.

With the holidays over and dreary weather here to stay for another month or two, some people fall prey to depression. However, one needn't endure the blues, because there is such an easy cure for them — planning a garden!

Seed catalogues for 2008 started to arrive well before Christmas. They serve as a reminder that soon the days will be longer and all manner of green things will sprout in the warm rays of the sun.

Those who grow their own seedlings know that the work of preparing seed beds and all that entails is merely weeks away. Once planted, the beds require monitoring of soil temperature and condition to ensure that hearty, well-developed plants are ready when the earth warms enough to receive them.

In addition to having a small garden at our home, for some time my wife and I have had a plot at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (behind Benjamin Franklin School on Spring Rd.) This year a number of the long-time gardeners got together and decided that more needed to be done to promote this community asset and encourage gardening.

The American Community Garden Association asserts that a community garden enhances the quality of life for people in the garden and surrounding area by:

- Providing a catalyst for neighborhood and community development;
- Stimulating social interaction;
- Encouraging self-reliance;
- Beautifying the neighborhood;
- Reducing family food budgets;
- Creating opportunity for recreation, exercise, therapy, and education;
- Helping preserve green space; and providing opportunities for intergenerational and cross-

cultural communication.

A community garden brings personal enrichment and adds value to the community in general.

Time spent tending a garden helps to invigorate an individual. The cares and worries of the day soon fade away as one works the soil. These same benefits can be derived from growing vegetables or beautifying one's home with flowers.

Gardening doesn't require a lot of space. Any number of herbs can be grown in window boxes. Some varieties of tomatoes and cucumbers can be grown in a five-gallon pail. All that is needed is a place on a porch or a window that receives full sun throughout most of the day and a bit of TLC on the part of the gardener.

The committee to help promote the Community Garden, tend to its various needs, and provide gardening resources for the community at large is still in its infancy, but various sub-committees have already been formed. They have begun to explore various ways and means of enhancing garden operations.

Everyone involved with the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden hopes that it can continue to provide programs that are an asset to our community and improve the quality of life for residents. Over the years, for instance, Benjamin Franklin Community gardeners have donated tens of thousands of pounds of fresh produce to nearby shelters and food pantries. Last year, an estimated nine thousand pounds were donated to help the needy in our area.

This spring, think about getting down and dirty. Start a small garden spot at home or consider a plot at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden. (Consider this an invitation to join in the fun or, later in the season, stop by for a visit to see what's "growing" on.)

Anyone interested in securing a garden plot at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, should contact Tom Sargent or Sandy Worona at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 216-459-1000, for details.

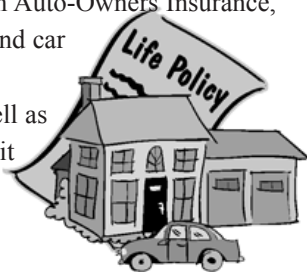
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## Elderly seclusion study aims to be proactive

by Lori Peterson  
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In the words of Art Linkletter, "Old age is not for sissies." In order to maintain one's independence there is a toughness and resiliency that many seniors maintain. Unfortunately, there are many distressed and forgotten seniors in our neighborhoods with a limited amount of resources to help these individuals. In order to assist these residents Senior Citizen Resources, Inc, MetroHealth Advantage, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and Center for Families and Children are collaborating to improve the quality of life for seniors and recognize the signs of deterioration before it becomes unmanageable.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation received a grant from Community West Foundation for an Elderly Seclusion Social Indicators study. The mission of the Community West Foundation is to advance the health and well being of the community; by helping OBCDC to identify and determine social, economic and physical indicators that lead to the deterioration of senior citizens' living conditions, we can institute preventative measures.

To shed some light on why this project got started, the following examples illustrate the dire situations that some seniors in our neighborhood are in:

\* A 62-year-old man lived without utilities for four years, meaning no electric, gas or water. He survived winters that dipped well below 0 by loading blankets on himself and using his dogs for warmth. The house was in such deplorable condition that it was condemned and eventually demolished. Three agencies had previously been involved but they were not in contact with

each other and thus the man was not helped. With OBCDC's help, the three agencies communicated and he is now leading a happy and productive life.

\* An elderly woman was throwing urine out of her window because her plumbing did not work. Three agencies got involved and eventually the woman was helped.

\* Neighbors called to complain about rats coming from a senior's house. Upon entering the man's house it was discovered that he was a hoarder. That led to filling two 8-foot deep dumpsters with garbage. The rats were eventually abated and the house was cleaned by caring neighbors. The senior is once again living in his house.

All of these seniors were eventually helped, but the amount of time, energy and resources that it took up tremendous (not to mention the poor quality of life that these seniors were subjected to over the years). The goal of this study is to identify certain markers of distress for seniors so that they can get the help that is needed before they are in these situations.

The Elderly Seclusion Social Indicators program goals are two-fold:

Phase 1: To create or use existing databases to identify indicators that put seniors at risk; Phase 2: Once the data is collected and at-risk seniors are identified, collaborate with community organizations and social services to pool information and resources regarding the senior's well-being.

One of the ways that data is being collected is by administering the following survey to senior citizens to determine if there are quality of life issues that need to be addressed. If you are 60 years old or over, please complete this survey. This survey is completely confidential and will be used for educational purposes only.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, in partnership with Senior Citizen Resources, Inc., Deaconess-Krafft and MetroHealth Advantage, is undertaking a study to determine how to best assist senior citizens in a variety of areas. By completing this survey you will help us to identify where seniors most need assistance. This survey is confidential and will be used for educational purposes only. Seniors (60 and over) who complete and return it will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 food card.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent or own?  Rent  Own Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ or Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

### Interactions

#### 1. How often do you see your family?

- A. 1-2 times a month
- B. 2-3 times a month
- C. 4-6 times month
- D. Daily
- E. Almost never

#### 2. How often do you see your friends?

- A. 1-2 times a month
- B. 2-3 times a month
- C. 4-6 times month
- D. Daily
- E. Almost never

### Living Situation

#### 3. What are your main sources of food? Check all that apply.

- Grocery store  Food Centers  Home delivered meals  Senior Center

#### 4. Do you have any housing code violations that are pending in court? Yes No

If yes, would you like assistance with correcting these violations?  Yes  No

#### 5. When was the last time you completed a major home repair? - Circle those that apply.

- A. In the past year
- B. 2-3 years
- C. 4-5 years
- D. 6-8 years
- E. None of the above

### Financial

The following questions will be helpful in determining your eligibility for assistance with programs or grants available to seniors --

#### 6. Including yourself, how many people are in your household?

- A.1 B. 2 C.3 D.4 E.5 F.6

#### 7. What is your annual household income?

- A. \$9,000 and below
- B. \$9,001 - \$15,315
- C. \$15,316 - \$17,867
- D. \$17,868 - \$20,535
- E. \$20,536 - \$25,000
- F. \$25,001 - \$33,000
- G. \$33,001- \$45,000
- H. \$45,001 and above

#### 8. What are your sources of income? (Circle all that apply.)

- A. SSI B. SS Disability C. Work D. Pension E. Retirement F. Other

#### 9. Are you behind on your rent or mortgage? Yes No

#### 10. If yes, how many months? A.1 B.2 C.3 D.4 E.5 F.6 or more

#### 11. Would you like assistance with your mortgage or rent? Yes No

#### 12. What types of public assistance programs are you using? (Circle all that apply)

- A. HEAP B. PIPP C. Food stamps D. Medicaid E. HWAP

#### 13. Have you had any utilities shut off in the past 6 months? Yes No

If yes, what? Circle those that apply. A. Electric B. Gas C. Water

If you would like information on grants or programs that you may qualify for please check the box.  Yes  No, I do not want any assistance.

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# African American churches add their character to Cleveland history

by Lynette Filips  
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To recognize the fact that February is designated as "Black History Month", we decided to deviate from our pattern in recent issues of writing about European immigrants and the churches they established and turn our attention instead to the African Americans in our city and the churches which cater to their religious needs.

(We've been covering nationalities chronologically in terms of their arrival in Cleveland, and determining where to position blacks on that timeline has been somewhat of a dilemma, because they did not migrate here from a foreign country in the same mass waves the way that other immigrant groups did.)

The *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History* states that the first permanent black settler arrived in Cleveland in 1809. A free man, he was born in Maryland, served on the side of the British in the French and Indian War, and lived in Pennsylvania before moving here. He and his family settled in Rockport (the township west of Brooklyn Township), where he earned his living as a miller and an "inventor".

Because the area around Cleveland (at least as far west as Oberlin) was a center of abolitionist activity before the Civil War, escaped slaves often found their way here, knowing that a welcoming environment awaited them. During most of the nineteenth century, therefore, blacks in Cleveland were better off socially and economically than those in many other northern cities. In our town, integration, rather than segregation, was the norm, and overall churches specifically for blacks were organized at a slower pace here than in other places.

Nevertheless, a uniquely African-American church in Cleveland was founded in 1830, and in addition to being *Cleveland's first*

black congregation, it is also Cleveland's fourth-oldest congregation. A missionary priest organized the six former slaves into the new denomination — the African Methodist-Episcopal (AME) Society. First they met in each others' homes, next on Merwin Square, and then in various downtown locations. Their name changed a few times, reflecting the street on which their church was located. When they moved to Erie St. (E. 9th St.) in 1878, the congregation's name became **St. John AME Church**, and that name has endured to this day. The church has been located on E. 40th St. at Central Ave. since 1908.



**St. John AME Church**  
2261 E. 40th St. & Central Ave.

Most African American Clevelanders, though, attended integrated Protestant churches in the early years, particularly First Baptist Church, which is now on Fairmount Blvd.

*Cleveland's first specifically black Baptist congregation* was **Shiloh Baptist Church**, now located at E. 55th St. and Scovill Ave. The date of its founding varies with the source consulted, since in the beginning, its membership was simply a small group of black people who had migrated here from the South. They gathered for prayer at a grocery store on Erie St.

The official date for Shiloh's founding



**Shiloh Baptist Church**  
E. 55th St. & Scovill Ave.

could be considered to be 1850, though, because that's when First Baptist Church took on these immigrant blacks as one of its "missions". In 1869, Shiloh was officially recognized as a church of the Baptist denomination.

Starting in 1890 and through World War I especially, many more blacks from the South migrated to Cleveland. Most of the newcomers settled between the Cuyahoga River and E. 40th St., in the lower Central Ave. neighborhood (alongside poor immigrant Italians and Jews.)

Like the Cleveland black population in general, Shiloh Baptist's membership grew significantly during that time. Until then, the congregation had been located in several progressively larger churches downtown and then slightly east of downtown. In 1925, the congregation purchased the former B'nai Jeshurun synagogue on Scovill Ave., and that's where it remains today.

Mt. Zion Congregational Church, Antioch Baptist Church, Mt. Haven Baptist Church and Messiah Baptist Church are among the black Protestant congregations which grew out of Shiloh Baptist Church. (Again, the dates of their founding differ depending upon the source consulted.)

**Mt. Zion Congregational Church** was the third Cleveland church organized specifi-

cally for African Americans and *Cleveland's first black Congregational congregation* (also the first Congregational church east of the Mississippi River organized by and for blacks). In 1864, a black prayer group at Shiloh Baptist Church decided that Congregationalism better suited their religious needs; Plymouth Congregational Church helped them with the formal organizational process.

Mt. Zion had its first place of worship on Erie St., and moved around to numerous downtown and east of downtown locations (including the former Temple on E. 55th St. and Central Ave.) In 1954, Mt. Zion moved to the University Circle area, initially to an old mansion on Magnolia Ave., and later that year to a modern brick building at 10723 on the same street. Historically the Congregational Church (which is now part of the United Church of Christ) has been very involved with social services, and that is also true of Mt. Zion.

We have enough additional information about black churches in Greater Cleveland to fill at least one more article. While most of the mainline Protestant congregations are on the east side, some are west of the Cuyahoga, and one, in fact, is right in the center of our neighborhood (The Institute of Divine Metaphysical Research).

In addition, there are Islam, Black Nationalist and black Jewish groups. So in our March issue we will pick up chronologically where we left off this time.

Another article which will appear in the near future will be additions to chronicles about some of the ethnic groups/churches which we've run in the past — Ukrainians, Italians and Romanians, for sure, and maybe others, too. Therefore, if you have anything that you've been meaning to add (or correct us about), now would be a good time to do it.

## MUSIC & THEATRE

### Arts Renaissance Tremont

Pilgrim Congregational Church,  
2592 W. 14th St. 216-861-4887  
Sun., Feb. 11, Lorraine Manz, mezzo-soprano;  
Karen Ritscher, viola; James Howsmon,  
piano. Works by Loeffler, Reutter and Brahms.

### Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus

3649 E. 65th St.  
"Strings Attached"  
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admission; \$12, students & seniors. Fri. & Sat.,  
7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm.

### "The Greatest Story Ever Told"

by Jason Mullin; and  
"The One Who"  
by Scott Plate; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb. 1-3.  
"Costumbrismo, or Khandihba Wars"  
by Deborah Magid; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb. 8-10.  
"vis-a-vis"  
by Kalindi Stockton & Maree ReMalia and  
"DeVices"  
by Shenee King; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Feb., 15-17.

### Kalliope Stage

2134 Lee Rd. 216-321-0870  
"Fanny Hill"  
Feb. 14 - Mar. 9. Wed., Thurs., Fri. & Sat. 8 pm;  
Sun. matinee, 2 pm. Tickets -- Wed., Thu. & Sun.,  
\$29; Fri. & Sat., \$35. For tickets call 216-321 0870.

### Near West Theatre

3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750  
Near West Theatre's 10th Annual Benefit,  
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Playhouse Square Center, 5 pm.

Auditions for the spring musical, "Tommy",  
Feb. 26 - 28. Older teen/adult, ages 16 & up.

### The Play House

Baxter Theatre  
8500 Euclid Ave. 216-795-7000, ext.233  
[www.clevelandplayhouse.com](http://www.clevelandplayhouse.com)  
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3 & 8 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets starting at \$38.

## MetroHealth System changes leadership

Last month the Board of Trustees of the MetroHealth System decided to enact a new leadership model for the organization. That included eliminating the position of president/CEO (Chief Executive Officer) and creating instead an "Office of the President".

The implications of their decision is that John Sideras, who was MetroHealth's president and CEO last October when they opened their Senior Health and Wellness Center in the former Deaconess Hospital, is no longer employed by the Medical Center. His annual contract ended January 14.

Four individuals from four different departments at MetroHealth make up the new Office of the President. They are the Chief Medical

Officer, the Chief Financial Officer, the General Counsel and the Vice President of Communications. They will all work closely with the Executive Committee of MetroHealth's Board of Trustees.

MetroHealth expects to appoint a COO (Chief Operating Officer) soon. That person, too, will work closely with the Board of Trustees. In the meantime, Ben H. Brouhard, MD, is MetroHealth's administrative leader.

Sideras was president and CEO at MetroHealth for the past four years; for five years before that, he had been MetroHealth's Chief Financial Officer. Sideras came to MetroHealth from the Cleveland Clinic.

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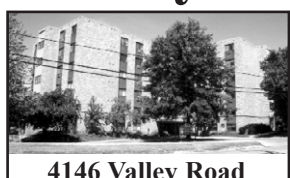
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# FAMILY FUN!

by Lynette Filips & Sandy Worona

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**Art House,**

3119 Denison Ave., 216-398-8556

**Family Open Studio** – Third 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 & adult classes** - Complete schedule of classes, dates, times & fees 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 & Sat., 9 am – 12 pm.

**CanalWay Center, E. 49th St  
between Grant Ave & Canal Rd  
216-206-1000**

**CanalWay Triple Play, Sat., Feb. 16, 10:30 am.** Three great programs. Begin with songs with Hank followed by a craft with Pepe. Break for lunch inside with a movie at 11:30 am; 1 pm inter hike. Bring a lunch & beverage.

**Second Saturday Storytelling - Sat., Feb. 16, 7:30 - 9 pm.** Celebrate "firsts" & other special days on the Feb. calendar.

**Cleveland Metroparks**

**Walking Works** - Walkers have until Feb. 28, 2008 to hike at least 8 of 13 designated trails & return their form to Cleveland Metroparks to receive the 2007 shield. Download forms at www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

**Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation - Meadows Picnic Area  
440-526-1012**

**Hand Feed a Chickadee , Feb. 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24.** 10 am - noon. Stroll through the reservation to admire the beauty of the Chippewa Creek Gorge; return to a hot breakfast prepared by volunteers. Call to register.

**Animal Crackers, Wed., Feb. 6, 10 - 11:15 am or 1 - 2:15 pm;** ages 3 - 5 yrs. Bring your preschooler to explore the world of snow. Discover how snow is formed & the role it

plays in the winter environment through a hike & other hands-on activities. Call to register.

**Drop in Discovery -- Sun., Feb. 10, Frogs & Salamanders, & Sat., Feb. 16, Birds,** 10 am - noon. Sun., learn about annual spring amphibian migration. Sat., make a craft & discover the adaptations that enable birds to fly.

**Family Fireside Series, Sat., Feb 23, 7 - 8:30 pm.** Dr. Wildweed will explore the uniqueness of the plant world through fiddle playing, storytelling & audience participation. Call to register.

**Leap Day Dog Walk, Fri., Feb 29, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.** Riverview Trail Head. Bring your dog for a positive social experience & join Naturalist Debra Shankland for an after-work walk.

**Cleveland Metroparks Chalet  
Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run  
Strongsville 440-572-9990**

**Tobogganing** - Two 1000-foot refrigerated ice chutes operate with or without snow the day after Thanksgiving through the first weekend in March, weather permitting. In addition to tobogganing, guests can enjoy the facility with a snack bar, two fireplaces, a large-screen television, indoor restrooms & a main gathering area. To make reservations or for more info call 440-572-9990 Thurs., 6 - 10 pm.; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon -10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost -- \$8.

**Cleveland Metropark Garfield Park  
Nature Center 11350 Broadway Ave.  
216-341-3152**

**Forest Investigations for Home Education: Tracks - Tues., Feb., 12.** 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Ages 6 - 8 & 9 - 12. Different animals make different tracks. Each kind of animal has a unique shape to its foot & a distinct way of moving. Learn about different kinds of feet & how they serve slightly different purposes.

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

**Cabin Fever Hike - Sun., Feb. 10, 2 - 3:15pm** 1.5 miles. **Feb. 24, 2 - 3:30.** 2.5 miles. Adults & families. Explore the winter woods & discover what wildlife might be out, then warm up with a cup of hot chocolate.

**Nature a la Carte: Maple Sugaring - Sun., Feb. 24, 2 - 4 pm.** Explore something special from the world of nature. Try a taste of maple syrup & learn how it's produced.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo  
3900 Wildlife Way  
216-661-6500 clemetzoo.com**  
**Leap Frog Day - Fri., Feb. 29.** 10 am - 5 pm. Activities in The RainForest from 10 am - 3

pm. TDedicated to our slimy frog friends with fun games, crafts, Get Close Frog Encounters, meet the Keeper sessions & an opportunity to meet the Zoo's new mascot, the wood frog, Vern! Polliwog to Frog, coloring station, Who's making that sound? Hopping for Amphibians Trivia game.

**Cans for Conservation Drive - Fri., Feb. 29.** 10 am - 2 pm. Bring at least 10 aluminum cans to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo ticket plaza & receive a complimentary Zoo pass (limit one per person, pass valid 3/1/08 - 5/1/08, not valid for admission to Leap Frog Day). All proceeds from this drive will go to Cleveland Zoological Society's Amphibian conservation fund.

**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.

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**Grace Church  
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**Easter Egg Hunt - Sat., March 15, 1 pm,** for kids ages 1-10. Puppet show, prizes, games, craft & lots of fun! Call 216-661-8210 for

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**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center  
28728 Wolf Rd. Bay Village 440-871-2900  
www.lens.org**

**Lunar Eclipse - Sat., Feb. 9, 16, 23, 2 pm.** Fee, \$2. **Sat., Feb. 2 & 16, 7 pm.** Fee, \$3.

**Special Evening Planetarium Show & Lunar Eclipse. Wed., Feb. 20,** Planetarium show, 7 pm. Eclipse viewing, 8 pm. Fee, \$3.

**Stellar Stars - Wed., 11 am & Sat., noon.** Fee for children, \$2. Marvel at the night sky & enjoy the stars, watch lasers moving to music & learn fun facts about the solar system. Take home a planet picture to color & add a sticker to your passport.

**Twinkle Tots - Thurs., 11:45 & Sat., 11 am.** Fee, \$1per person, including infants. See what's new in space, watch lights dance & see magic.

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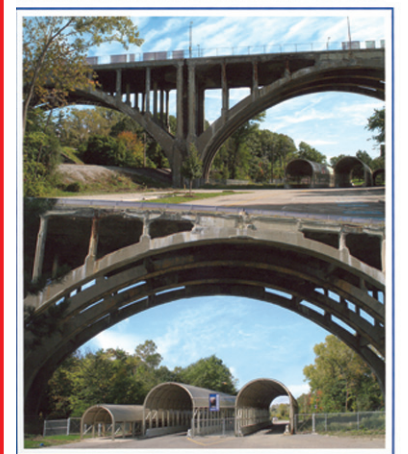
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