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## May neighborhood activities focus on green space near Big Creek

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The eight days between Saturday, May 10 and Saturday, May 17 were more than a month removed from Earth Day, but people wouldn't have known that from the number of green, eco-friendly activities which occurred in our community during that time period. In one way or another, they all focused on neighborhood waterways — Big Creek, the Cuyahoga River and Treadway Creek.

### RiverSweep

The "octave" began on with RiverSweep on May 10. A project of the Ohio Canal Corridor (of which Brooklyn Centre resident Tim Donovan is the executive director), 2008 was the nineteenth year it has taken place.

Old Brooklyn was again one of the Cleveland-area neighborhoods which participated in RiverSweep. Almost 70 volunteers (neighborhood adults and children, including members of *Friends of Big Creek* and three Girl Scout troops — Senior Troop 1025, Cadette Troop 998 and Junior Troop 1821) met at Zeleznik's Tavern, 4200 Jennings Rd., at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) employees Tom Collins, Donn Heckmoser and Sandy Worona, and OBCDC Board members Greg Huth and Lynea Reindel were among the workers.

After a complimentary continental breakfast, for the next three hours, the volunteers gathered debris from surrounding waterways (portions of the Lower Big Creek and the Cuyahoga River), railroad tracks, thoroughfares (Jennings Rd., Harvard Rd., Valley Rd. and the W. 14th St. hill), and the Treadway Creek ravine. Although no tally was available for just this area, city-wide, volunteers removed a total of 18 tons of tires and trash. (The event is Ohio's largest environmental cleanup.)



To the delight of students from Benjamin Franklin School, on May 16th (left to right) US Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins and Ohio Canal Corridor Executive Director Tim Donovan snipped the ribbon and officially opened the Treadway Creek Trail.

As in past years, after the work was completed, the Old Brooklyn volunteers joined the approximately 1000 other volunteers from "Downtown", Tremont, Ohio City, Slavic Village, Stockyards and Parma at a complimentary lunch at Nautica in the Flats. Everyone who participated also received a 2008 RiverSweep t-shirt.

### Lower Big Creek Public Meeting

Imagine a bike and pedestrian trail passing by a camp ground (maybe primitive, and maybe with campers), a restaurant, a bicycle shop, an adventure sports park, and/or a Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad station as it works its way through the Big Creek Valley between the Ohio and Erie Canal's Towpath Trail and the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo. These are some of the possibilities which were presented at an informative meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in the Zoo's auditorium.

The meeting was the second public session which OBCDC's Commercial Program Manager, Tom Collins, has organized to shed some light on what "could be" in that section of the Big Creek Valley. It commenced at 6:30 p.m., a cross-section of the community was in attendance. (Not surprisingly, members of *Friends of Big Creek* were well represented.)

During the earlier portion, those present heard comments from Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins, Ward 16

ants for the project, Dennis Mersky of the Floyd Browne Group and Karen Selle of Hull and Associates. (Although he was not one of the evening's presenters, Lower Big Creek Greenway Redevelopment & Restoration Plan Prime Consultant Michael Kannard of schmidtcopelandparkerstevens was also at the meeting.)

As those present learned, the professionals working on this project have many factors to consider. Perhaps the one of most interest to everyone is where the trail will be located. There are basically two choices — in the Valley or at the uplands level.

While there are supporters and arguments in favor of each position, at least at this point in time, it is more likely that the trail will be in the Valley. That location seems to be more compatible with the goal of providing the public with more urban green space, and the plan includes a neighborhood connector trail to Calgary Park in Brooklyn Centre. Of course, the green space in the Valley is not without human inhabitants, currently: Brookside Auto Parts; Turbonics and Accurate Mold and Die



And they're off! Excitement reigned after the ribbon was cut and the bikers, followed by the children, headed down the Treadway Creek Trail. It's a "must-see" for any able-bodied individual living in Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre.

Councilman Kevin Kelley, Ohio Canal Corridor Executive Director Tim Donovan and City of Cleveland Planner George Cantor.

The major portion of the presentation, however, was given by two of the consult-

— two companies in the building which once housed a wallpaper factory; Martin Enterprises (a construction and demolition company); C & D Trucking; another truck and tire service; the PB Express Cleveland container storage yard; and a massive Cargill (as in the Whiskey Island company with mines under Lake Erie) pile of road salt. These firms will either have to relocate, sell a portion of their property, or grant a conservation easement before the trail can be built.

See *Green space* page 4



**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 to:

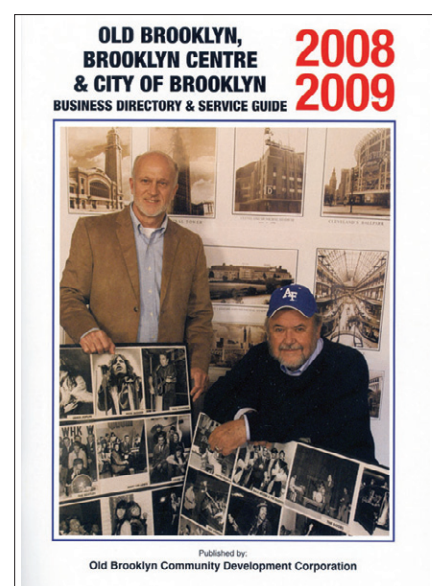
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Attention: Lynea M. Reindel

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. Membership information is also available on the web site.



The 2008-09 *Business Directory and Service Guide* will be distributed to Old Brooklyn & Brooklyn Centre households and businesses and drop offs in the City of Brooklyn.

For more information on where to obtain the 2008-09 *Business Directory and Service Guide* in your area or for additional copies, contact Sandy at 216-459-1000 or visit the OBCDC office, 3344 Broadview Rd., during regular business hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

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**Community Meeting**  
Pearl Road/West 25th Street  
Transportation study

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation along with City Architecture, NOACA, the City of Cleveland Planning Commission, and Baker Engineering presents the first of 3 community meetings to engage in open dialogue and brainstorming to help shape the outcome of the West 25th Street/Pearl Road transportation study.

Where: Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo  
3900 Wildlife Way (Auditorium)  
When: Monday, June 2nd, 2008  
Time: 6:30 P.M. (promptly)

Planning Committee

Baker NEACA city architecture





by Donald Heckelmoser  
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### Zeleznik's Tavern - 89 years in the community

Buzz and Peggy Zeleznik are the owners of Zeleznik's Tavern, 4002 Jennings Rd. (at Jennings Rd. and Harvard Ave.) Originally a grocery store, the business was founded by "Grandma and Grandpa Zeleznik" on June 14th, 1919. Zeleznik's first building was located directly behind the telephone pole on the northeast corner of the parking lot.

Seven and a half months after the grocery store opened, prohibition became the law of the land, but that all changed on March 23rd, 1933 when the Cullen-Harrison Act again allowed the manufacture and sale of certain kinds of alcoholic beverages in the United States. Just two weeks later, on April 7th, 1933, Zeleznik's changed from a grocery store to a full-fledged restaurant and bar.

The Leisy Brewing Company, 3400 Vega Ave., was once the largest of Cleveland's many independent breweries. In 1941 Leisy's decided to expand by opening a liquor establishment behind what was then Zeleznik's Café. When a new law restricting breweries from owning bars was put in force several years later, Grandpa and Grandma Zeleznik bought that Leisy building.



This is the building in which "Grandma & Grandpa" started doing business when Zeleznik's was a grocery store instead of a tavern.

The tradition of family ownership at Zeleznik's Tavern has continued over the years with Uncles Joe, Frank and Dick, and "Peewee" Zeleznik. Dick, Dorothy and Buzz Zeleznik have owned Zeleznik's since 1984.

After Buzz married Peggy, she became a part-owner in the Tavern as well.

In addition to operating in the old Leisy building, Zeleznik's Tavern keeps much of their past tradition alive through pictures and keepsakes displayed proudly on the walls and shelves.

Buzz and Peggy are the third generation of Zelezniks; fourth generation Zelezniks work on special occasions like St. Patrick's Day and at the annual clambake.

In addition to their regular menu, Zeleznik's is offering a new summer menu. A full bar is available Monday through Saturday, but they only have a beer license for Sunday.

#### New Summer Menu

- 2 hot dogs, french fries, soft drink - \$3.50
- Hamburger, french fries, soft drink - \$4.50
- 8 chicken wings, french fries, soft drink - \$4.00
- Chicken tenders, french fries, soft drink- \$4.95

#### New Kids' Menu

- Hot dog, french fries, soft drink \$2.00
- Hamburger, french fries, soft drinks \$2.00
- 4 chicken wings, french fries, soft drink - \$2.50
- Chicken tenders, french fries, soft drink - \$2.50

Zeleznik's opened an ice cream stand on May 16th and can now satisfy residents' summertime cravings for cones, sundaes, milk shakes and Good Humor novelty bars. The stand is open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 10 a.m. until about 7 p.m. on Sunday.

During the summer, the restaurant section of Zeleznik's will keep its regulars hours of 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday. The bar, however, will be open until 2:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday (but just until the restaurant closes on Sunday).

The Zelezniks welcome you to their family business, located just 1/3 of a mile south of Steelyard Commons, and close to the Harvard terminus of the Towpath Trail and the Crestline terminus of the Treadway Creek Trail as well.

## From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys  
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Green has finally sprung from everywhere around us including this issue of the Old Brooklyn News! There are so many great "green" places to visit in Wards 15 and 16 from wonderful city parks like Lowe's Park and the recently dedicated Treadway Creek Greenway and Trail at Harmody Park. Plus you can read about exciting plans for the Lower Big Creek area near the Zoo in Tom Collins column on page 6.

Of course this past Memorial Day weekend there were plenty of gardeners planting their crops at Ben Franklin Garden and this coming month on June 22, don't miss the Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour at Riverside Cemetery from 1-5 pm. For more information on that event, call 216-351-0254. Finally, there are a group of community people trying very hard to maintain good air quality for the Cleveland area, read more about that in the Mittal Steel article on page 6.

This summer is full of exciting events such as the All Access Housing Fair the CDC

is sponsoring on Saturday, July 26. Save that date and tell all of your friends from outside of the area to visit and take a great bus tour of the neighborhood and houses throughout Wards 15 and 16. We need sponsors and volunteers for this event, please call Donn or Lori if interested.

Remember to call our office if you are interested in getting assistance on painting your home, need help with a home repair, or if you have neighbors who are not taking good care of their lawn or home. The CDC has programs to assist residents on all of the above and more. To learn more, go to our web site at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com) or call the office at 216-459-1000.

The CDC is also looking for new Board members; see the front page of the paper to learn more about how to submit your information to join the board. Have a great June and call us anytime with story ideas or just plain news from your neighborhood!



Photo by Donald Heckelmoser

"Corn Hole" was among the games in which seniors from across Greater Cleveland competed at the twenty-third annual Senior Olympics. Old Brooklyn's Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. sponsored the event from Wednesday, April 30 to Friday, May 9; most of the competitions were held at Estabrook Recreation Center. Mayor Frank Jackson was present at the Victory Luncheon on May 9; after lunch, Plain Dealer columnist Regina Brett addressed the group and presented awards in each of the sixteen categories.

YARD SALE

Saturday, June 28th

9:00 am  
till  
2:00 pm

Brooklyn Heights UCC  
2005 W. Schaaf Rd.

REWARD

Lost Cat

State and Broadview  
Area

Large Male  
Grey with White Patch

216-749-5586

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NEWS & EVENTS

Monday, June 2nd

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Potluck Picnic outside the Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd., 6 pm. All welcome. Call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

Tuesday, June 3rd

**National Center for Biking & Walking Workshops**  
Brooklyn Memorial Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave., 1 - 5 pm. Free; public invited to participate, but space limited. Call 216-351-0254 or email Gloria.ferris@gmail.com for more info.

Friday, June 6th

**Arcelor Mittal Steel**  
Museum of Contemporary Art, 8501 Carnegie Ave., 7 pm. Ohio Citizen Action & Neighbors of Mittal Steel celebrate the release of a short documentary film on Mittal Steel in Cleveland. Call 216-861-5200 or visit MOCA's website, www.MOCAcleveland.org for more info.

**Friday, June 6th & Saturday, June 7th**  
**15th Annual Steeple Vigil & Food Drive**  
Archwood UCC, 2800 Archwood Ave. Goal is two tons of non-perishable foods for Brookside Hunger Center. Beginning Fri., 5 pm & ending Sat., 5 pm. Also rummage & bake sale, hot food & refreshments. Call 216-351-1060 for more info.

Saturday, June 7th

**Archwood Street Sale**  
Fifty homes hold a huge yard sale.

Saturday, June 7th

**Reiki II Training (R172 A&E)**  
MetroHealth Medical Center, 2500 MetroHealth Dr., 8 am - 4 pm. Maximum class size - 12 participants. Bring a pillow & blanket. Cost - Reiki II: \$60 (class alone) or \$80 (includes Reiki manual) Credit hours -- 6.25 for session. Contact Rosanne Radziewicz at Radziewicz@metrohealth.org or 216-778-4120 with questions or to register.

Saturday, June 7th

**Cleveland Saxon Dance Group**  
**Annual Trachtenball**  
Westside Sachsenheim Hall, 7001 Denison Ave. Schnitzel dinner served starting at 6:30 pm, followed by performances by adult & children's Saxon Dance Group. Guests invited to dance to Hans Schobel und die Bergvagabunden. Wear your tracht & join in the traditional Aufmarsch!! Reservations must be prepaid; adult dinners, \$18; children dinners, \$9. Contact Amanda Seiler-Botsch, 216-235-5240, for more info & reservations.

Thursday, June 12th

**Antique Collectors Club**  
(The club's 40th year, 1968-2008)  
Busch Funeral Home meeting room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7:30 pm. Ms. Susan Otto speaking about vintage nutcrackers. Guests welcome.

Saturday, June 7th

**Friends of the Library Used Book Sale**  
Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd. 11 am-4 pm. Call 216-623-6920 or visit www.friendscpl.org for more info.

Saturday, June 14th

**CCP Home Improvement Projects**  
**Appliance Clinic** - 10:30 - noon, to explain the benefits of each Enery Star appliance & how to cool a dwelling with less energy. Sponsored by Home

Depot, Brookpark store, 10800 Brookpark Rd.; Steel Yard Commons store, 3355 Steel Yard Dr.

Saturday, June 21st

**Flea Market**  
Parma Elks, 2250 Snow Rd., 9 am -5 pm. Snow Rd. & Broadview Rd. behind car wash next to McDonalds.

Sunday, June 22nd

**4th annual Brooklyn Centre**  
**Riverside Cemetery Garden Tour**  
1 - 5 pm. This year's theme -- Ideas, Innovation & Industry. Tickets - \$8 in advance, \$10 day of the tour; senior discount tickets - \$5 in advance, \$7 day of tour. Family packages available. Call Gloria Ferris, 216-351-0254, or email Gloria.ferris@gmail.com, to purchase tickets or for more info.

Monday, June 22nd - Thursday, June 26th

**Beach Party (sign up now)**  
Brooklyn Hts. Church, 2005 West Schaaf Rd. , 6:30 - 8:30 pm. \$5 registration fee includes t-shirt, snacks, fun, music, etc. Call 216-741-2280. All welcome, regardless of Faith.

**CCC Western Campus Summer Camps**  
Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus Recreation Dept., 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd., Parma. Summer 2008 sports, science & arts camps for girls & boys of all ages.

Volleyball Camp for Girls

Girls in grades 5-9 (ages 10-14) learn skill development & volleyball techniques. Camp runs 2 - 5 pm June 16 - 20 in Western Campus Recreation Center. Cost - \$75. Registration deadline - June 11.

Introduction to Outdoor Adventure

Boys & girls in grades K-3 learn about tent camping, backpacking, water safety, nature education & hiking. Camp runs 9 - 11 am & 6 - 8 pm June 23 - 27. Cost - \$70. Registration deadline - June 18.

Basketball Camp

Boys & girls in grades 3 - 9 (ages 8-14) learn techniques in dribbling, shooting, defense & rebounding. Camp runs 1 - 4 pm. July 7 th - 11th in Western Campus Recreation Center. Cost - \$75. Registration deadline - July 2.

Soccer Camp

Boys & girls ages 3 - 14 learn about throw-ins, small sided games, corner kicks, goal keeping, ball juggling, penalty kicks & team concept. Camp runs 6 - 8 pm Aug.11-15. Cost - \$75. Registration deadline - August 6.

Middle School Performing Arts

Boys & girls in grades 5-9 learn acting, singing, dancing & playwriting skills. Camp runs 8:30 am - 3 pm July 14 - 25 & 9 am -5 pm July 26. Cost - \$275. Call for deadline.

**Creative Dramatics**  
Boys & girls in grades 3 - 7 learn the basics of creative movement, singing, improvisation & miming. Camp runs 10 - 11 am Sat., June 14 - August 2. Cost - \$160 before June 1 & \$190 after June 1. To request a camp packet before registering, call 216-987-3075 or visit www.tri-c.edu/enrichment. No walk-in registrations permitted.

Monday, July 7th

**Old Brooklyn Comanche Youth Football**  
Lowe Park, Oak Park Ave. between State Rd. & Broadview Rd., 5 pm. Looking for cheerleaders, football players & coaches. Ages 6 - 8, 9 -11, 12

-13, 14 - 15. Coaches 18 yrs. & older. Registration, 12 - 3 pm every Sat. at Lowe Park. Children do not have to live in Old Brooklyn to play for the Old Brooklyn Comanches. Any child who wants to play is welcome here! Call 216 - 254-9671 for more info.

Go Green! Recycle Your Old Car!

“Go Green” & recycle your old car by donating it to Cars4Charities. Complete the entire donation process online 24/7 at www.cars4charities.org. Donated cars that need significant repair are completely recycled. Others are sold for repair & reuse. Cars4Charities handles the entire donation process & can have your car picked up in a matter of days, free of charge. The proceeds from your car will be used to help one of over 1,000 charities, including Prevent Cancer, Autism Speaks, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, the LAM Foundation, area food banks, homeless shelters, etc. You will be eligible for a tax deduction of up to \$500 or whatever your car is sold for, whichever is greater. Call 1-866-448-3487 (GIVE-4-US) for more info.

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.

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 and

Tutoring Program. Please call 216-661-2120 for more information."

**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, Thurs., June 26th & (every fourth Thurs., 6:30 pm, Archwood United Church of Christ, 2800 Archwood Ave.

**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., June 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

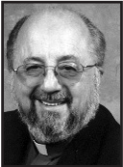
**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, Thurs., June 5th (every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**Ward 15 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., June 24th (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

**Ward 16 Democratic Club Annual Picnic**, Tues., June 17th. Brookside Reservation Park Pavilion. 6:30 - 8 pm. Bring a side dish!

As I see it...

by  
Pastor Jerry



A minister driving through Texas ran out of gas on US190. He walked back to a service station to buy some, only to learn that the attendant didn't have a can he could borrow. In an effort to be helpful, the attendant took a 2-liter Dr. Pepper out of the refrigerator, poured the beverage out and filled the bottle with gasoline. The minister walked back to his car and poured the gas into the tank from the bottle. A motorist slowly passing by who observed his actions, yelled out, "I admire your faith, Reverend, but I don't think it's going to work!"

Just as the automobile was not made to operate on Dr. Pepper, we humans are not made to operate on money. This doesn't mean that money has no value; it does. It simply means that money is the wrong kind of currency for doing business in the spiritual dimension of life.

Money, which is material, cannot satisfy our deep life needs that are spiritual. Happiness comes only when we have peace with God, when we are at peace with ourselves and with others.

"So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God." (Luke 12:21).

Jerry Madasz is the pastor of  
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(at the corner of Pearl & Memphis)

2008 American Indian Education Center  
FESTIVAL at Edgewater Park  
Public Welcome

The festival offers a fun and entertaining way to celebrate the rich and diverse American Indian culture and heritage. Featuring Native performers, dancers, singers, musicians as well as a Native comedian. Experience Native American Indian traditional dancing, authentic food, educational demonstrations, storytelling, traditional regalia, art and craft vendors from across the United States, Canada and more.



Adults \$10.00 Seniors \$8.00  
Children (4-12) \$6.00

(Discount 2-day passes available at gate)

American Indian Education Center, 1314 Denison Ave., Cleveland  
(216) 351-4488

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FATHERS' DAY WEEKEND  
June 14th & 15th, 2008

Saturday, June 14th Festival  
11 am - 6 pm.

Grand Entry 1 pm & 6 pm

Sunday, June 15th Festival  
11am - 6pm. Grand Entry 1 pm.

Rain or Shine - Free Parking  
Bring your own lawn chairs!



4475 State Rd. Old Brooklyn  
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# Jimmy Grotenrath achieves Eagle Scout

by Lucille Johnson

Old Brooklyn resident James (Jimmy) Grotenrath became an Eagle Scout on January 24, thus reaching the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. The ceremony at which Jimmy received his award was held at Royal Redeemer Lutheran Church on Royalton Rd. in North Royalton.

Then, on April 13, with family and friends, Jimmy celebrated his accomplishment at an Eagle Court of Honor at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church, the location at which his troop meets.

A member of Boy Scout Troop 88, Jimmy has been involved with Scouting since he was six years old. He is the tenth Scout from the troop to become an Eagle Scout since 1989, and the only one (of nineteen boys) in his original Cub Scout den to reach that rank.

Requirements for the Eagle Scout rank include earning at least twenty-one merit badges (Jimmy has thirty-nine) and performing a major service project.

Jimmy's service idea was a project to freshen up the auditorium in Our Lady of Good Counsel's Parish Center. After Eagle Merit Badge Area Counselor Tom Fink approved his written proposal, Jimmy and his fellow Scouts began the work. They ripped down the wallpaper, and then sanded, primed and painted the walls. They removed a set of broken folding doors and replaced electric outlet covers. The Scouts' dads removed the no-longer-needed "smoke eaters". The project took two-and-a-half months to complete.

A graduate of Our Lady of Good Counsel Grade School and a soon-to-be-graduate of Padua Franciscan High School, Jimmy's other interests include being a drummer in the high school marching band and spirit band, and the band's vice president/equipment manager. He's also treasurer of the German Club and has participated in intramural basketball and football, backpacking retreats and Habitat for Humanity.



Photo by George Shuba

**Jimmy Grotenrath and Scoutmaster Edward Riegelmayr proudly display Jimmy's Eagle Scout certificate, patch and medal, plus three additional medals -- for his dad, mom and a Scouting mentor.**

Jimmy plans to attend Cuyahoga Community College with the possible goal of becoming a park ranger. Continuing in Scouting as a leader is also likely to be in his future because he believes, "What you put into Scouting, you'll get out of it."

"I couldn't believe I actually reached my goal," Jimmy reflected. "My Scoutmaster, Edward Riegelmayr (Mr. R.), directed, encouraged and pushed me."

Jimmy also attributes his interest and success in Scouting to the influence of his older brother, Sammy, and father, Al, who is currently the Boy Scout Committee Chairman and who was the den leader when Jimmy was a Cub Scout. Because the boys met at the Grotenrath's home, Jimmy's mother, Lita, was also involved with the Scouting program.

## Green space from front page

In addition to deciding where to position the trail and what recreational facilities to locate near it, other discussion about the area included how to restore the ecology of the Valley to its quintessential state as the flood plain of Big Creek. After a new balance between industry, commerce and nature is established in the Valley, extensive replanting of appropriate vegetation will need to be done.

For more information about the recreational segment of this project, refer to Tom Collins' *Restore Old Brooklyn* column on page 6. His focus this month is on a possible adventure sports park in the area where the Henninger Landfill was formerly located.

### Treadway Creek Greenway & Trail Grand Opening

The morning of Friday, May16, started out with rain, but the moisture didn't dampen the spirits of the sizeable crowd gathered in Harmody Park at 8:30 a.m. for the official opening and dedication of the almost twenty-one acre Treadway Creek Greenway and Trail.

What was formerly the site of illegal dumping activity has become one of the jewels of this neighborhood. A two-thirds of a mile asphalt-paved trail runs through the greenway from Harmody Park (at South Hills Dr. and Plymouth Rd.) to Crestline Ave. just west of Jennings Rd. It was constructed by F. Buddie Contracting, LTD. at a cost of \$1,342,265.

The office of Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson organized the event (a grander, bigger follow-up to a "soft"opening last December 1). The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) provided guests with coffee and donuts.

Both current and former political figures spoke – Mayor Jackson, Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins, Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley, U. S. Congressman Dennis Kucinich and a previous Ward 15 councilwoman, Merle Gordon. Ohio Canal Corridor Executive Director Tim Donovan, seated with the dignitaries, was also one of the presenters. The theme which ran through the comments was the vision for this urban green space becoming a reality.

The dream actually goes back to 1999, when then Ward 15 Councilwoman Merle Gordon started to include the Treadway Creek ravine in the problem neighborhood areas targeted for the RiverSweep cleanup.

In 2002, when the Towpath Trail reached Harvard Ave., Brian Cummins (now the Ward 15 Councilman) was still the executive director of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. At that time OBCDC got funding for a neighborhood trail connector study.

That same year, Brian Cummins, Merle Gordon, George Cantor, Ohio Canal Corridor's Tim Donovan and City of Cleveland Planner Bob Laycock (who also lives in Brooklyn Centre) wrote a grant request to The Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council applying for funds from the Clean Ohio Green Space Conservation Program to build the Treadway Creek Trail. When the Council awarded thirteen grants the following year, OBCDC learned that not only was their request funded, but that it was at the top of the list.

The initial projected completion date was late summer, 2005, but construction was delayed from the start. From January, 2005 to May, 2007, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District constructed/rehabilitated its Big Creek Interceptor, and since some of the work was done in the Treadway Creek ravine, building the trail couldn't start until they were finished.

The restoration of the greenway in the ravine is as important as the construction of the trail. It included clean-up and the removal of invasive plants (many by James Ford Rhodes High School biology students and their teachers) and replacing them with native plants, sowing seed for native grasses and woodland wildflowers, and doing things to resist erosion and improve the water quality.

Retaining walls of varying heights "spilling over" with native vegetation are located at some points along the trail. Also placed along the way are scenic outlook areas, custom benches, hand-crafted timber railings and signage (interpretive, way-finding and educational.)

See *Green space* page 12



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This year the publication date of the June edition of the *Old Brooklyn News* happens to be at the end of May, on May 30, to be exact. And anyone who remembers the dates of holidays before the National Holiday Act of 1971 knows that Memorial Day (more accurately, *Decoration Day*) used to be observed on May 30.

After the May issue went to the printer, we realized that we hadn't included anything about Memorial Day in it. Unfortunately, it's too late to publicize the ceremony which took place at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 26, at the **Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground/Denison Cemetery** on Garden Ave. or to ask for volunteers for the **Brooklyn Centre Community Association's** clean up of the historic burial ground on Saturday, May 10. But it's not too late to share some information about Memorial Day which even members of the older generation might not know.

For purists, the changing of the date of Memorial Day simply to allow a three-day weekend was abhorrent because it helped to obliterate the meaning of the day. In fact, for some years after I started writing for this paper, I received a long letter from **former Brooklyn Centre Councilman Ted Sliwa** about the importance of observing Memorial Day on the original date, which is what his veterans' group from **St. Barbara Church** did.

Now, however, my research shows that even what he did doesn't totally conform to the original intent of the day. While it's a nice thought, Memorial Day wasn't meant to be about remembering deceased loved ones or even the deceased who'd served in the military. Decoration Day was about decorating the graves of the soldiers killed in the Civil War (thus the name). It was first observed by the federal government at Arlington Cemetery in 1868; the Northern states adopted it before the Southern states did. (There are soldiers from both the Revolutionary and the Civil War among the 700 people buried in Denison Cemetery.)

Some people were already referring to Decoration Day as Memorial Day in the 1880s, although the Decoration Day name persisted well into the twentieth century. After World War I, the holiday came to include Americans who died fighting in *any* war.

Red poppies became associated with Decoration/Memorial Day because of a poem written by a Lieutenant Colonel in the Canadian Army, John McCrae, MD, in 1915. "In Flanders fields the poppies blow between

the crosses row on row..." The color of the wild poppies which grew there came to symbolize the volume of blood which was shed in those fields.

(Interestingly, Mother's Day, too, has its roots in the period of time just after the American Civil War, but its original purpose was to unite women against war, and was a call for peace and disarmament. We'll have to save that historical perspective for next May, though, or we won't have enough space for any current news.)

An even bigger cemetery event in Brooklyn Centre is coming up this month – the **Brooklyn Centre Community Association's Garden Tour of Riverside Cemetery** which will be taking place from 1 – 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Continuous walking tours will be conducted until 4:15 p.m.

In both last month's and this month's *OBN* we've printed the basic facts about the tour in our *News and Events* section, but now event organizer **Gloria Ferris** has submitted some additional information to entice people to attend –

Two characters from last year's tour, playwright **Avery Hopwood** and sailmaker **William Astrup**, will be resurrected for a repeat engagement. And this year five new cemetery residents will be brought back to life — **John Ackley**, who surveyed Riverside Cemetery and was the model for the Moses Cleaveland statue on Public Square; **Anna Coffinberry**, wife of Judge of Judge James Coffinberry, who was an activist in her own right; nurseryman and real estate developer **James Curtiss**; Brooklyn Centre inventor/industrialist/philanthropist **Claud Foster** (who built the Brooklyn branch of the YMCA and also donated a lot of money to Deaconess Hospital); and "Celery King" **Martin Ruetenik** of Schaaf Rd. greenhouse fame.

**The Historical Society Old Brooklyn** will be on hand with the vintage photographs of local interest which they acquired from last autumn's sale of Frank Libal's estate. They are hoping for insight from tour guests in terms of identifying the people and places in them.

**Friends of Big Creek** will have a display of some of the maps they've acquired which show the changes in the neighborhood over the years.

A local genealogist will help people get started with a "pedigree chart", and an antique car will be on display. There will be refreshments and musical entertainment, too.

In addition, the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** will be selling ZooPoo compost and the Brooklyn Centre community groups will be selling their book filled with local history memoirs, *Reflections from Brooklyn Centre*.

This column will return to its more typical format next month. Please continue to send your information to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109

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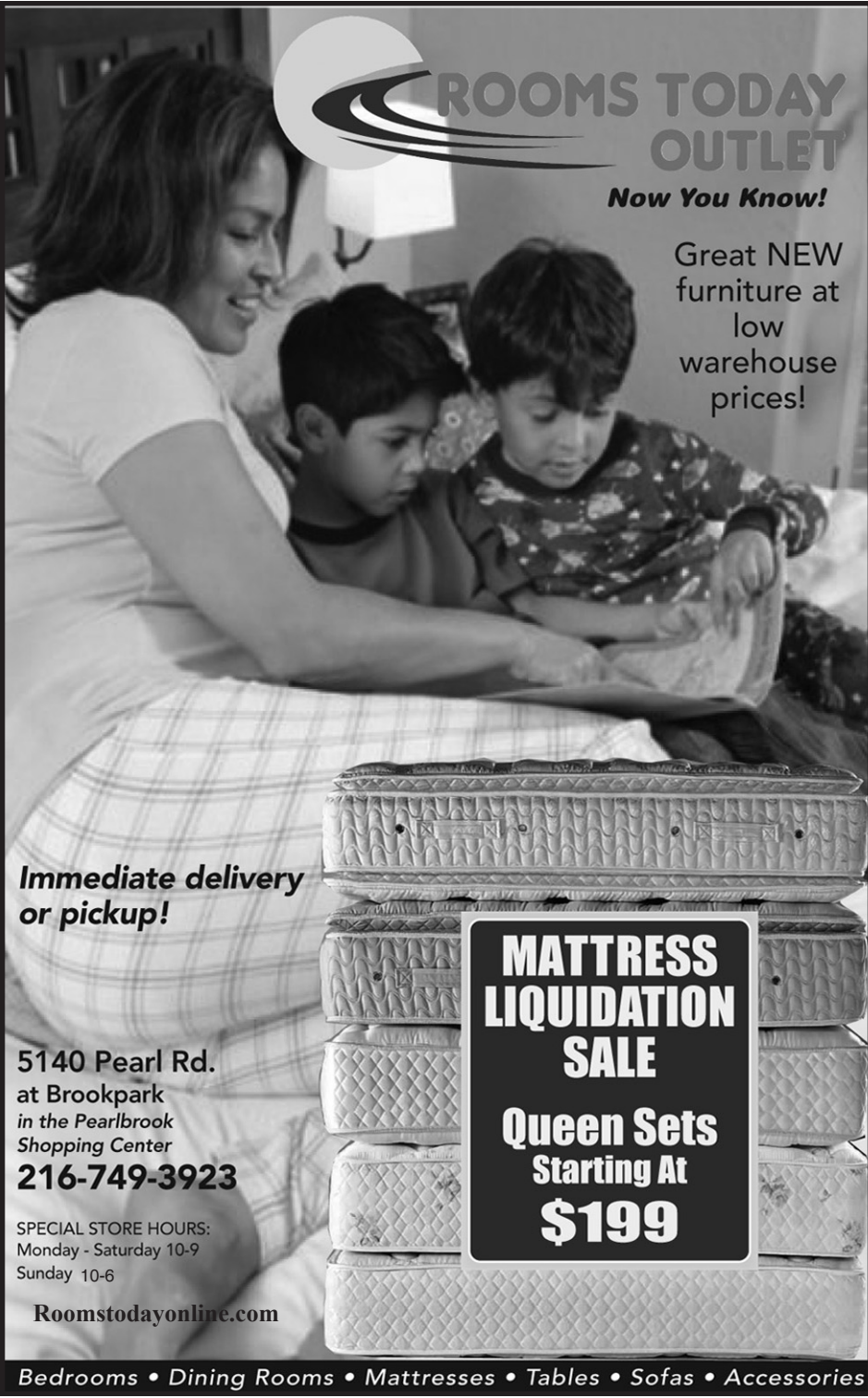
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**OLD BROOKLYN**  
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by Tom Collins  
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**Adventure Sports?????**

The communities within the city of Cleveland generally have some sort of identity that helps to define them to others. In some cases, as in Little Italy or University Circle, the name becomes the identity. In other neighborhoods the development corporation works to create an identity that will attract residents, new businesses and the always welcome visitors.

Detroit-Shoreway, for instance, is becoming known as an “arts” neighborhood. Ohio City, long a daytime destination because of the West Side Market, has become an evening destination because of good restaurants and taverns.

As the master plan for Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn slowly develops, a new identity is in the embryonic state. Specifically, it is redefining the long-term use of the Lower Big Creek Valley from its

current identity of industry and bulk storage to a new image of sports and camping. Whether it grows or disappears will be dependent upon people recognizing how important it is to become a special destination point.

Over 1.4 million people visit the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo every year. Unless they come by helicopter, they cannot arrive or depart without passing through Brooklyn Centre or Old Brooklyn. For many of the visitors it is an annual visit, but very few visit any other place in either community.

We need to provide additional sources of visitor entertainment and recreation so that we can capture some of these Zoo guests and attract other people who are not Zoo-bound. The Lower Big Creek Valley is the natural resource that can help make this happen; adventure sports are one of the amenities which could possibly be located there.

Adventure sports are the non-traditional activities that are not team participatory but can be competitive: sports like rock climbing, repelling, BMX biking, gravity games, skate boarding, in-line skating and obstacle courses. There is currently no single location in the city of Cleveland that offers these challenges, but a site may exist in Old Brooklyn which could possibly become an adventure sports park.

Pearl Rd. is flanked by large tracts of land on the northern edge of Old Brooklyn. On its west side, of course, is the Zoo. On its east side is twenty-five acres of an inactive landfill. Hidden behind the former go-cart track is the Henninger Landfill which is per-

manently closed.

Soil borings would be necessary to determine if the site could be capped to a standard acceptable for recreational use. That is a relatively inexpensive investment that would be required for any future use of the land. Construction of an adventure sports park would not require extensive sub-surface excavation for foundations or utilities. That reduces development costs.

An adventure sports park designed to host competitive events will attract visitors from all over the nation. It has to be open to both competitive and non-competitive enthusiasts as a strong regional attraction while earning recognition as a national destination for gravity games and BMX biking. The return to the community will be visitors looking for shops and restaurants.

Is this a stretch of the imagination? It is *only if* people do not want to see major change to downtown Old Brooklyn.

Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre will

not fill their many aging storefronts until an identity is created that attracts people. If you think this cannot be done, remember what it looked like around the West Side Market in 1980, remember when Tremont was a community being sliced for interstate construction, and remember when Gateway was the crumbling Central Market.

The Lower Big Creek Valley is the natural asset that must be re-envisioned if an identity is to emerge that welcomes visitors and attracts new investment. An adventure sports park combined with a trail connection to the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail is achievable if the vision has champions.

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**Arcelor Mittal Steel in the public eye again**

by Lucille Johnson

Metal flakes and soot covering cars and homes, nauseating odors, the strong smell of sulfur, tall stacks emitting yellow and orange clouds — Are these memories from the days when the Cuyahoga burned and Mayor Perk’s hair burst into flames?

No, these things are occurring today in neighborhoods around Arcelor Mittal Steel, 1555 Harvard Ave. near Jennings Rd. According to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, the steel maker is the “single largest polluter of the air and water in Cuyahoga County.”

Ohio Citizen Action will be showing a documentary film about Mittal Steel’s Cleveland Works on Friday, June 6, at 7 p.m. at the Museum of Contemporary Art, 8501 Carnegie Ave. The film will feature interviews with neighbors of Mittal Steel and doctors speaking about health problems (e.g., asthma, lung cancer and developmental damage) that polluted air can cause.

Eight different owners have operated the mill in the Flats over the past ninety years. When LTV Steel went bankrupt in 2002, the City of Cleveland provided the incentives for International Steel Group (ISG) to purchase the mill and preserve over 1,000 jobs. Mittal Steel purchased the successful company for 4.5 billion dollars in 2005.

London-based billionaire Lakshmi Mittal, the third richest man in the world, currently owns Mittal, an international company with plants literally “around the world”.

Local attempts to encourage Mittal to reduce dangerous emissions include petitions containing over 34,000 signatures and pleas from over 500 doctors and nurses. All have been directed to plant manager Terry Fedor.

Liz Ilg, Cleveland Area Program Director of Ohio Citizen Action, recently represented that organization at a meeting with European citizen groups in Luxembourg. Liz believes that taking global action to persuade Mittal to reduce its pollution levels is warranted.

(Another Ohio steel maker, AK Steel in Middleton, is currently employing modern pollution prevention technology. This company has put new pollution controls on its steel mills and is working towards a 99% reduction in air emissions.)

Ohio Citizen Action uses the power of the community to convince major industries to prevent pollution at their facilities. Members make the most of whatever time they can spare by signing petitions, writing letters, making phone calls, talking to neighbors, posting yard signs, and speaking out at community meetings. These good neighbor campaigns have often won changes beyond what federal and/or state regulations require.

Mittal inherited goodwill and subsidies when it purchased ISG. Its reply to pleas and petitions has been to publish a public relations newsletter, establish a Good Neighbor hotline and plant trees and grass.

For more information or to find out how you can help, attend the June 6 meeting or log onto [www.ohiocitizen.org](http://www.ohiocitizen.org).

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# OBCDC hosts All - Access Housing Fair

by Lori Peterson  
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The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation will host its first annual *All-Access Housing Fair* to showcase Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre's premier neighborhoods and accessibility to highways, shopping, healthcare, parks, recreational towpaths and top-rated schools.

The *All-Access Housing Fair* will take place from 9 am- 3 pm on **Saturday, July 26, 2008** at William Cullen Bryant Elementary School. A \$5.00 registration fee is required. Upon entry everyone will receive an All- Access pass which will provide discounts to local establishments and a \$5.00 gas card!

With the housing market in a slump and the slow economy the Development Corporation is taking a positive proactive approach to the housing crisis. As residents of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn we know the great attributes and amenities that these two neighborhoods have to offer. The housing fair is a way to let the rest of Cleveland learn about our area.

Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre offer a great deal, such as:

**ACCESS** to high quality parochial and public schools. There are over fifteen schools with extremely involved parents in the two neighborhoods.

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is appealing to many folks. **ACCESS** to a vast array of shopping. The new Steelyard Commons, Ridge Park Square, and many locally owned businesses can suit almost any need. Shopping is right at your fingertips.

**ACCESS** to top-quality healthcare. The MetroHealth Medical Center is located within minutes of Brooklyn Centre and is highly acclaimed for its trauma care unit. The recent opening of The MetroHealth System's Senior Health and Wellness Center (in the old Deaconess building) has brought new energy and life into the community.

**ACCESS** to parks and recreational towpaths. Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre has the most green space in all of Cleveland. Beginning with the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, which is known throughout the world, and leading to the Towpath Trail which will ultimately run from downtown Cleveland to Zoar, Ohio.

**ACCESS** to family fun activities such as Art House and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

**ACCESS** to the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden which is the largest community garden in northeast Ohio.

The day's events will include homeownership workshops with presenters from the Cleveland Housing Network, Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Action to Support Housing, Cleveland Restoration Society and Consumer Affairs.

The morning will begin with a complimentary continental breakfast. The morning presentation will be **Choosing A Home- Are You Ready to Buy?** and will discuss what one should look for when purchasing a home. The second of the two morning presentations, **Homeownership-Maintaining Your Investment**, will look at maintaining your home after you have purchased it.

Meanwhile a housing tour of the neighborhood will be conducted on Polly the Trolley (Lolly the Trolley's sister). Realtors will showcase premier housing stock that is available within the two neighborhoods. In the afternoon a sack lunch will be provided then the morning workshops and the trolley tours will be repeated.

Families are encouraged to attend. Bring the children for a fun-filled day of hands-on activities such as crafts, games and outside activities at the playground. Also stroll through the beautiful William Cullen Bryant School and marvel at the unique architecture of this building.

Local merchants, lenders and various home improvement businesses will have displays set up at the fair. This is an opportunity for local merchants to "show-off" their goods and demonstrate how customer service is an integral part of making Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre a place to do business.

Community involvement is needed to make this housing fair a success and we are encouraging you to get involved. If you would like to be on a committee they are:

**Hospitality Committee** - will solicit donations for food, beverages, paper goods, and oversee set-up of food at the event.

**Sponsorship/Marketing Committee** - will solicit business sponsorships and exhibitors.

**Participant Committee** - will assist realtors in setting up Polly the Trolley Tour and mapping out the sites. Insure that the participants are satisfied and assist exhibitors with setting-up tables, and create signs for the tables.

**Beautification Committee** - will assist merchants with beautifying their property and coordinating clean-up of streets on the day of

the event. This is an opportunity to show Greater Cleveland the reasons that you live, work, raise your families and grow old here. If you have a personal story you would like to share about what makes this community great we would love to hear it and use it as a testimonial.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation looks forward to a successful event with your help. If you are interested in volunteering, sponsoring the event, being an exhibitor or are a realtor and would like to showcase a home call 216-459-1000 and ask for Lori Peterson or Donald Heckelmoser.

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## It's time for a few more additions to Italian and Romanian church histories

by Lynette Filips  
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Over the months/years of writing these articles about Cleveland's ethnic groups and the churches which they have established, we from time to time hear from readers who have additions and/or corrections to share. After we receive enough of them, we print a catch-up article; this month is one of those times.

As we briefly mentioned in the April *Old Brooklyn News*, there's a little more to talk about in terms of the Italian parishes we covered in September, October, November and December.

When we wrote about the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel (OLMC) Churches in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, we said that Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church on Euclid Ave. in Wickliffe was never an Italian parish. Technically that was correct, because the Diocese of Cleveland had stopped establishing nationality (as opposed to geographic-boundary) parishes at the time that OLMC, Wickliffe was established in 1923.

The reality is, though, an Italian friend who belongs to that parish told me, that many Italians lived in Wickliffe at the time, working the vineyards which then abounded there. The area and the congregation were so Italian, in fact, that for a lady to belong to the Women's Sodality (an organization dedicated to especially honoring Mary, the Mother of Jesus) at OLMC, she had to be Italian.

Another story concerns the annual spaghetti dinner which the women of OLMC church cooked. The area was quite rural in the early years, so there were a lot of farms. Although the pastor had a car, not all of the members did. So just before the spaghetti dinner, the pastor drove the roads and backroads, picking up the vegetables, eggs -- and whatever else his parishioners could supply -- needed to prepare the spaghetti dinner.

Then in January we wrote about the Romanians who'd settled in Cleveland. From information I'd gleaned reading *The Peoples of*

*Cleveland*, compiled by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) and published by the Western Reserve Historical Society, I had written that most male Romanian immigrants lived "in boardinghouses, and it was a boardinghouse on Wedel St. (now W. 73rd St.) and Herman Ave. which became the Romanians' first place of worship and social center."

Shortly thereafter I received an e-mail from faithful reader/knowledgeable historical researcher Craig Bobby informing me of two errors in that statement. The first was the correct spelling of Weddel (i.e., two d's) St. The second was that Weddel was not the previous name of W. 73rd St., but rather of W. 54th St. north of Detroit Ave. (and that W. 73rd St. had previously been called Ramsey St.)

While I have not yet gone to the Cuyahoga County Archives and confirmed the information Craig conveyed to me in the booklet detailing the name changes of numbered streets, I feel confident enough that Craig is right to print the information he sent me in this article.

Also after the January article about the Romanian Byzantine Catholics and the Romanian Orthodox was published, Don Choban, whose family has deep roots in the Romanian Orthodox community, loaned me his copy of an extraordinary book published in 1999 by Fr. Vasile Hategan, the retired pastor of St. Mary's Romanian Orthodox Church in Cleveland. It contains historical information about all the Orthodox Churches in Cleveland and surrounding counties (northeast Ohio), including nationality groups we have already discussed, but obviously, discussed incompletely. Those additions to some Slavic ethnic groups will appear in a future article.

During recent months when this series has not appeared with the regularity it had in the past, I have periodically been approached by people wondering why. Be assured that I still intend to write about houses of worship which all the ethnic groups who've made Cleveland their home have established.

## Neighbors Make the Difference Day - Key Bank makes a difference here

by Donn Heckmoser  
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Key's Neighbors Make the Difference Day is one of the leading corporate volunteerism efforts in America and the hallmark of Key Bank's continued effort to make a difference in Cleveland communities.

Many of Key Bank's branches closed at noon on Monday, May 20th, so that employees could volunteer at specifically planned projects in Cleveland neighborhoods from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. A number of them were in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre -

-- Twelve Key Bank volunteers, including Old Brooklyn residents Linda Sevcik and Mike Fodor from the

Bank volunteers worked at Arthouse on Denison Ave., Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. on Memphis Ave., Metro Health Memphis Ave. Campus, and the Swendenborg Chapel on Broadview Rd.

Personal, business and community



Other Key Bank volunteers weeded along the driveway at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden.



Key Bank volunteers pose for a photo with Olga Blabolil, whose garage they painted on May 20th.

Compliance Risk Assurance Department, worked at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden between Spring Rd. and Tampa Ave. (Mike is also a gardener at Benjamin Franklin.

-- Ten Key Bank volunteers from the Pearl-Brookpark Rd. and Tiedeman-Pearl Rd. branches painted the garage of Olga Blabolil, a ninety-four-year-old Old Brooklyn resident.

-- Groups comprised of eight to ten Key

prosperity go hand-in hand-in-hand. That's why Key Bank is committed to helping people and communities achieve economic self-sufficiency through their ongoing involvement and philanthropic investment in financial education and workforce development programs.

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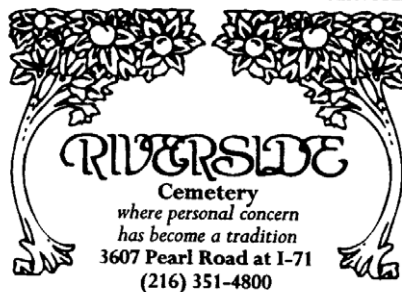
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**CanalWay Center, E. 49th St  
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216-206-1000**

**Train Day, Sat., Jun. 21,** 10 am - 4 pm. Join the train spotters club listening to engineers talking as trains pass over the reservation & canal. Check out the model train displays. Children can create train crafts & ride the kids’ train (\$1 per person). Take a self-led walk along the “hobo trail” or join a hike with staff to the Tressel Overlook. Call 216-206-1000 for more info.

**Children’s Museum of Cleveland  
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437**  
<http://www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org>

**Rainbow Science Family Workshop - Sat., June 7th,** 12:30 - 1:30 pm. \$5/person workshop fee.

**Digging for Dinos with Dad** (Child drop-off workshop, **Sun., June 15th.** Activities at 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm. Half-price admission for dads.

**Invent It - Family Workshops - Sat., June 21st & 28th,** 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm. \$5 per person workshop fee.

**Cleveland Metropark Garfield Park  
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216-341-3152**

**Camp Garfield, Wed., Thurs., Fri., June 25th, 26th & 27th,** 9:30 am - 4 pm. **For campers who have completed grades K-1.** New & improved day camp. Campers will experience outdoor exploration, adventure & time travel. Activities throughout the forests, meadows & wetlands, all while discovering the natural & cultural history of the surrounding area. Space is limited; call to register.

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**Cleveland Metroparks Hinkley Reservation  
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**www.clevelandmetroparks.com**  
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**Season Passes** - \$70, for individuals, \$105, families in the tax distric; \$135, non-tax district families. Unlimited use of the pool for the season.

**Dive-In Movie:** Fri., June 27. Bring something to sit on & enjoy the movie from a spot on the lawn or while relaxing in an inner tube in Ledge Pool. (Inner tubes available by reservation only; \$4 for single & \$6 for double.) Doors open at 8 pm; cartoons start at 8:30 pm. Feature movie *The Sandlot* begins at 8:45 pm. Visitors must be 8 or older to use the pool & rent an inner tube. Refreshments available. For more info or to reserve a tube call 330-239-2911. (Also movies on Fri., July 18, & Fri., Aug., 8th.)

**Pool Hours** - 11 am - 7 pm, May 24th - Aug. 17th. Fees -- adults, 12 & over, \$4.50; children 6-11, \$3.50; 5 & under free; seniors 62 & over, free.

**Learn to swim program: Morning swim classes** - June 9th - 20th. **Evening classes** - June 9th - July 9th. **Parent & child classes** June 14th - August 16th. \$30 per session with season pass; \$50 all others. Call 440-331-8635 for more info.

**Pool party packages** - special reserved area with picnic tables for up to 3 hrs; Parties must have at least 10 people. Call 440-572-9990 to schedule a party & request pricing on food packages.

**Cleveland Metroparks Maple Grove Picnic Area; Rocky River Nature Center Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660**

**Lewis Rd. Fun Horse Show: Sun., June 8th,** Lewis Rd. Riding Ring (located off Lewis Rd. between Cedar Point & Barrett Rds. in North Olmsted) Sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Farm Bureau Equine Advisory Council; open to any breed. For more info log onto [www.cuyfb.org](http://www.cuyfb.org) or call 440-877-0706. Spectators admitted free. Special reining presentation at intermission.

**Celebrate Father’s Day with “A Day with Dad” at EarthWords, Sun., June 15th,** noon - 2:30 pm. Spend quality one-on-one time together. Make a craft, (choice of wooden train engine, wooden bug or toad house) Have some educational fun outdoors with a naturalist. Enjoy a lunch (inside or outside) of hot dogs, chips & beverage. Visit EarthWorks -- Father’s Day sale of 15% off everything. Dads will get a coupon for 25% off one item.

**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.)**

**Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo - Sat., June 14th,** 10 am - 4 pm. Over 100 adoptable dogs, cats, puppies & kittens. Largest animal adoption event in the area. Dozens of area animal rescue organizations will be on the Zoo’s Ticket Plaza to help visitors find the pets best suited to their lifestyles.

**Fathers’ Day at the Zoo - Sun., Jun. 15th,** 10 am - 7 pm. Free admission for dads on Fathers’ Day. Enjoy special narrated ZooTram tours featuring resident Zoo dads.

**Senior Safari - Fri., June 27th.** Activities 10 am - 1 pm. Visitors age 55 years & older receive free Zoo admission. Savvy senior activities include animal enrichment demonstrations, musical entertainment, wellness exhibits & more.

**A-MAZE-ING Amphibians Maze** Included with Zoo admission. In celebration of the Year of the Frog, an 1800 sq. ft. amphibian-themed maze has been constructed in African Savanna. Guests read panels that cover amphibian-themed questions. Their answers dictate which direction to take. Try to leap farther than a frog in the jumping area or glide like a tree frog on a zip line.

**Australian Adventure,** included with Zoo admission, 10 am - 5 pm daily. Get reacquainted with kangaroos, wallabies & wallaroos. Travel aboard the Boomerang Express or climb to the top of the Yagga Tree. See sheep, goats & donkeys in the animal barn.

**Frogs, Hogs & Dogs** included with Zoo admission - New summer attraction thru Sun., Sept. 28th featuring endangered amphibians, red river hogs & New Guinea singing dogs.

**Professor Wylde’s Animal Show** thru Sun., Sept. 28th, 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm in the Zoo’s Amphitheater. Included with Zoo admission.

**TOUCH! Amazing Rays & Sharks,** \$1 per person in addition to regular Zoo admission;

**Butterfly Magic**-free with Zoo admission. Thurs., May 22nd - Sun., Sept. 28th; Freefor Zoo members.

**Cleveland Museum of Natural History  
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[www.cmnh.org](http://www.cmnh.org)**

**Museum** - Mon. – Sat., 10 am – 5 pm; Wed. to 10 pm; Sun., noon – 5 pm. Age 2 & under, free; age 3-6, \$6.50; age 7-adult, \$9.50; seniors & students, \$7.50.

Two new dinosaurs on permanent exhibit -- “Jane”, in the main lobby, a life-sized skeletal cast of a juvenile tyrannosaur (or possibly nanotyrannus, a close cousin); and “Triceratops horridus”, in the Kirtland Hall of Prehistoric Life, a 21-foot long, full-sized replica of a dinosaur that lived 68-65 million years ago.

**Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn  
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**Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn  
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**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.

**Grace Church  
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**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center  
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[www.lens.org](http://www.lens.org)**

**Space Camp- Tues. - Fri., June 17th - 20th.** 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Ages 6 - 13. Fee - \$220, child; \$200, member’s child. Explore the solar system with new probes & more new hands-on activities. Enjoy water rockets, vacuum chamber & the Mars Rover movie. Pre-registration required; call to register.

**Stellar Stars - Wed., 11 am & Sat., noon,** \$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. & Sat., 11 am,** \$1per person, including infants. See what’s new in space, watch lights dance & see magic.

**Big Explosion in Russia - Sat., June, 7, 14, 21 & 28,** 2 pm & **Sat., June 7 & 21,** 7 pm. \$3 admission. Find out about the largest asteroid impact in modern times which caused massive damage in Russia. See Saturn & Mars in the telescopes. Evening program includes telescope viewing after the show, weather permitting.

**University Circle Inc.**  
**Parade the Circle, Sat., June 14th.** Parade at noon; Circle Village activities, entertainment & food - 11 am - 4 pm. Free community arts parade presented annually by Cleveland Museum of Art. International & national guest artists join Greater Cleveland artists, families, schools & community groups in a spectacular display of bright costumes, giant puppets, stilt-dancers, handmade masks & colorful floats. Presented by University Circle Inc. For more info about the parade, call Community Arts Department, 216-707-2483 or email [neisenberg@clevelandart.org](mailto:neisenberg@clevelandart.org).

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

Chair Exercise - Tues., & Thurs., 11:30 am, The Schwab Center. Thurs., 10:30 am, Estabrook Recreation. Fri., 10 am, Deaconess-Krafft.

Chair Volleyball - Wed., 11 am, The Schwab Center.

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

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

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

MetroHealth Lite & Easy Exercise - Mon., Wed. & Fri., 9:30 - 10:30 am. Light exercise class with a certified fitness instructor; \$2 per class. The Schwab Center.

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

“SCR Strollers” - Walking group, Tues., 10:15 am, meet at Estabrook Recreation Center.

Fun & Games

Canasta - Mon. & Wed., 12:30 pm, Deaconess Krafft.

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

Pinochle Playing - Tues. & Fri., 12:15 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

Monday, June 16th  
Vatican Splendors from St. Peter’s Basilica. The Vatican Museums & the Swiss Guard Tour at Western Reserve Historical Society. Cost - \$19.

Thursday, June 19th  
Federal Reserve Bank Tour - Cost - \$17.

Wednesday, July 30th  
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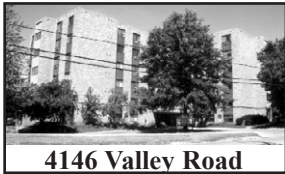
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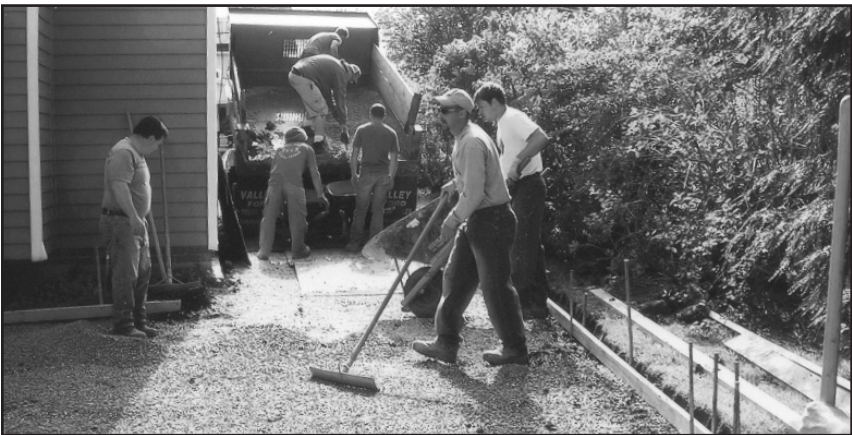


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# Old Brooklyn Community School breaks ground for addition to building

by Lisa Vinarcik

Manager of Marketing and Public Relations

On Thursday, May 8, Constellation Schools Old Brooklyn Community Elementary and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School students, parents and staff along with community members gathered to celebrate the ground breaking for an addition to the school building.

The ceremony took place on the school grounds where construction has already begun. Old Brooklyn Community Development members Sandy Worona, George Shuba, Donn Heckelmoser and Shelia Walter and Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins joined Constellation School dignitaries for the occasion.

Constellation Schools' Old Brooklyn Community Elementary principal, Cherie Kaiser, and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School principal, Amy Mobley, hosted the groundbreaking ceremony. It opened with words from the two of the three founders of Constellation Schools, Gerald Preseren and Thomas Babb.

"Old Brooklyn Community opened their doors in the fall of 1999 with 27 students and now they educate over 300 students in the elementary and middle school. This is an exciting time for us and I know

that when the construction is finished we'll be able to serve our students even better than we do now," said Gerald Preseren, Executive Director of Constellation Schools.

The addition will house twelve new classrooms, a full-size gymnasium with a stage, a new science lab, and a high-tech computer lab. "We thank all the students, parents, staff and community members who have helped us along the way in making Old Brooklyn Community Elementary and Middle schools successful. This is for you. Enjoy," expressed Thomas Babb.

The ceremony concluded with Jeffrey Soltis, Cherie Kaiser, Roger Riachi, Donn Heckelmoser, Sheila Walter, Sandy Worona, Gerald Preseren, Brian Cummins, Amy Mobley and Thomas Babb breaking the ground for the addition.

Constellation Schools Old Brooklyn Community Elementary educates students grades K-4, while Constellation Schools Old Brooklyn Community Middle educates grades 5-8. Constellation Schools currently operates 16 community schools with a total enrollment over 2,900 throughout Northeast Ohio.

Constellation Schools are public schools of choice, which means they are publicly funded, privately operated and are



Photo by George Shuba

Posing with the ceremonial shovels for Constellation Schools Old Brooklyn Community (OBC) School's groundbreaking are (left to right): Facilities Manager Jeffrey Soltis; OBC Elementary Principal Cherie Kaiser; RFC Contracting President Roger Riachi; OBCDC's Donn Heckelmoser; OBCDC's Sheila Walter; OBCDC's Sandy Worona; Constellation Schools Executive Director Gerald Preseren; Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins; OBC Middle Principal Amy Mobley; and Constellation Schools Treasurer Thomas Babb.

established to create high quality community schools by offering a superior learning environment. They are characterized by small classes, high expectations, involved parents and engaged students.

Contact Lisa Vinarcik at 440-845-7688, ext. 50107, or visit our website at [www.constellationschools.com](http://www.constellationschools.com) for information about Constellation Schools -- "The Right Choice for Parents and a Real Chance for Children".

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The money which funded this project came from a variety of sources — \$745,316 from the initial Clean Ohio Conservation *RiverDay 2008/Friends of Big Creek* Fund grant; \$498,000 from the City of Cleveland; \$285,000 from the Ward 15 Parks & Recreation fund; \$10,000 from an Ohio & Erie Canal Association grant; and \$5,000 from Ward 16 funds. The value of in-kind service and property was \$273,850 and the value of a

[www.ClevelandBikes.org](http://www.ClevelandBikes.org); Brooklyn Centre resident Lois Moss from Walk + Roll Cleveland, [www.walkroll.com](http://www.walkroll.com); and Jim Sheehan from the Ohio City bicycle co-op, [www.ohiocitycycles.org](http://www.ohiocitycycles.org). The Treadway Creek Trail opening is actually featured as one of the events on the online Bike Week calendar at [www.clevelandbicycleweek.org](http://www.clevelandbicycleweek.org).

After numerous dignitaries simultaneously snipped the ribbon, and appropriate photos were snapped, the bikers and hikers headed

Trail and the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and beyond are. Supporters hope that the Big Creek trail will ultimately extend even west of Ridge Rd.

Much of the discussion was about the same topics covered at Tuesday night's meeting, but because it was a smaller group, it was easier to view the maps and ask questions. Of particular interest was the Harshaw Chemical site near the northeast corner of Harvard Ave. and Jennings Rd., where radioactive materials used in the atomic bomb during World War II were manufactured. Extensive soil testing has been/will continue to be done there.

The *Friends of Big Creek* are currently involved in a study about Big Creek's watershed, and after they have the results, they'll be conferring with the commercial consultants about the plans to achieve the ecological restoration of the floodplain and the riparian zone (i.e., the land on the banks of/bordering the stream).

Reducing the velocity and flow of the Creek will be necessary at times, and that might be accomplished via bio-retention ponds (man-made water features where water is temporarily pooled).

RiverDay participants next hiked along the railroad tracks to the seldom-viewed place where Big Creek empties into the Cuyahoga River. Although it is near to "civilization", it gave such a feeling of seclusion that one could almost imagine what it was like being an Indian or a French fur trader paddling down the river.

*Friends of Big Creek's* hospitality continued with a complimentary lunch set up under a canopy amid the trees. (Only tables and chairs were missing!) Vice-president Mary Ellen Stasek had prepared chili, appropriate accompaniments, beverages and dessert for the crowd.

In appreciation for the experience, some of the people in attendance then wandered the path next to the Cuyahoga, pulling out garlic mustard, the invasive species which, in recent years, has been threatening to over-run native vegetation.

### Another opportunity to help out this month

The tenth annual Big Creek Watershed CleanUp will take place on Saturday, June 7th, and assistance will be needed at the following

locations: Archmere Park on Archmere Ave, west of State Rd.; Brookfield Park on Brookfield Ave. between Bellaire & W. 130th St.; and Brookridge Elementary School at 4500 Ridge Rd. (behind the Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Library). The event will take place between 9 a.m. and noon.

Volunteers are advised to dress for the weather, and children under 18 must have adult supervision. Refreshments will be provided for volunteers.

In case of rain date, the cleanup will be rescheduled for the following Saturday, June 14.

Call Amy Roskilly, Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District, 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or Rachel Napolitano, Bellaire-Puritas Development Corporation, 216-671-2710, for more information.

### Another opportunity to be informed this month

The Ohio Canal Corridor will be sponsoring a public meeting concerning the preferred alignment of the Towpath Trail from Harvard Ave. to Steelyard Commons on Tuesday, June 17, from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The consulting team will give a short presentation and provide work stations to help visitors understand how they decided on the trail alignment, and give people the opportunity to ask questions and offer comments.

Visit [www.ohiocanal.org](http://www.ohiocanal.org) or call 216-520-1825 for more information.



Photo by Bob Gardin

In observance of RiverDay on Saturday, May 17th, the *Friends of Big Creek* sponsored "Big Creek: Where the Waters Meet" at the confluence of Big Creek and the Cuyahoga.

land donation from the Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Association was \$40,000.

The office of the Cuyahoga County Engineers saved the project over \$20,000 by surveying the area with funds from an Ohio Canal Corridor equipment grant.

Members of the Richard Harmody family (the former Cleveland councilman after whom Harmody Park is named) and students/educators from nearby Benjamin Franklin Elementary School were recognized at the grand opening. Those students, in addition to the aforementioned Rhodes students, are doing some of the fieldwork in their environmental curriculum in the ravine.

By chance it happened that the trail opening occurred during National Bike Month (on Bike to Work Day, actually), and a number of well-known bicyclists were at the grand opening, including Andy D. Clarke from Washington, D.C., the executive director of the League of American Bicyclists ([www.bike-league.org](http://www.bike-league.org)). Andy was in town for a Bicycle Friendly Community Conference at the downtown Cleveland Public Library the day before.

Early in the trail dedication program Andy presented Cleveland, via Mayor Jackson, with a "Bicycle Friendly Community Award", and at the end of the program, he was one of the first in the lineup to head down the trail on his bike.

Local bicycling enthusiasts at the opening were Kevin Cronin from ClevelandBikes,

down the trail, the first neighborhood connector trail to the Ohio & Erie National Heritage Canalway's Towpath Trail.

Anyone interested in helping to maintain it should contact Councilman Cummins' office at 216-459-8400.

Mention the word "confluence" (the point of juncture at which two or more streams begin to flow together) and Pittsburgh (the Allegheny, the Monongahela and the Ohio) or Harper's Ferry (the Shenandoah and the Potomac) might come to mind. But this city has its points of confluence, too, and thanks to a program sponsored by the *Friends of Big Creek*, a group of Clevelanders recently had the opportunity to view one of them.

The 18th annual RiverDay which *Friends of the Crooked River* sponsor was held on Saturday, June 17. Events focusing on the Cuyahoga River took place in all four of the counties through which it meanders — Cuyahoga, Geauga, Portage and Summit — and one of them was in Old Brooklyn.

Attendees at *Big Creek: Where the Waters Meet* gathered at Zeleznik's Tavern's parking lot at 11 a.m. for two hours of learning, hiking and fun. First they listened to Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins, *Friends of Big Creek* president Bob Gardin and Michael Kannard, one of the aforementioned trail consultants, talk about what's been happening so far in that section of the Big Creek Valley and what the future plans for the area between the current Harvard Ave. terminus of the Towpath



Photo by Mary Ellen Stasek

A person standing at this point would be looking upstream at Big Creek on the left and downstream at the Cuyahoga River on the right.

### A final FYI

As a part of the Fulton Rd. bridge replacement project, \$1.2 million in funding has already been secured for another trail which will replace the eastern portion of the former John Nagy Blvd. at Fulton Rd. and Denison Ave.

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