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## Cleveland City Council new ward boundaries affect Wards 15 & 16

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Many of our readers probably don't remember the cool autumn day that they voted by a significant majority (about 60%) for the Charter Amendment, Ballot Issue 39, that would reduce the size of Cleveland City Council by either two or four Council seats. The last reduction of Council was in 1981 when it shrank from 33 to 21 seats. This time the reduction will be from 21 to 19 seats.

The change will take place January 1, 2010. In the service area covered by Old Brooklyn CDC, which is now Wards 15 and 16 (Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre), the

new redistricting plan will divide the two current wards into four different wards — 3, 12, 13 and 14. This represents a significant change for these two neighborhoods, a change that many will have to adjust to, including the CDC which will be affected because of the way that most CDCs are funded. Currently, each Council member receives funds to support programs in their ward; more on that later in this article.

- The new Ward 3 will be covering the southeast corner of the old Ward 15, including the South Hills area.

- The new Ward 12 will be covering parts of Brooklyn Centre east of Pearl/West 25th St., north to Lake Erie and south to Henninger Ave., which is just south of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

- The new Ward 13, will be very similar in make-up to the old Ward 16, but will stretch a little to the north, including the Zoo and surrounding areas.

- The new Ward 14 will be covering the west side of Pearl Rd./West 25th St., south to right before the Zoo and west into portions of the old Ward 14 which covered the Clark-Metro area. To see the exact boundaries as defined by the redistricting map, go to [www.cleveland-citycouncil.org](http://www.cleveland-citycouncil.org).

Ballot Issue 39 began as a recommendation from the Charter Review Commission to Cleveland City Council. The Commission recommended that Council representation be based on population and suggested a ratio of one Councilperson for every 25,000 citizens. Upon receiving this recommendation, Council crafted ballot language and put it to a vote of the Council. The Council voted to include the proposed charter amendment on the ballot with voters changing it into law in November of 2008.

Cleveland State University researchers utilized data from the 2000 census with updates through 2007 to determine a population estimate for the city of 427,000. The charter amendment passed in November stipulated ranges of population. If, as is the present case, the population estimate were to fall between 425,001 and 475,000, then the size of Council would be fixed at 19 seats.

The amendment also stated that ward boundaries then would be adjusted after each decennial U.S. Census, beginning with the 2013 municipal election. There could be no more than 25 wards and no fewer than 11.



Photo by George Shuba

Robyn Sandys facilitated a small group discussion at the community meeting on redistricting held Wednesday, March 4th at Applewood Center.



Photo by George Shuba

Bette Meyer facilitated the redistricting meeting with Councilmen Kevin Kelley, Matt Zone and Brian Cummins.

Robert Dykes and his associates were the consultants the City Council used to help determine the redistricting plan. They have over 25 years of experience with these types of efforts throughout Ohio. Mr. Dykes and his colleagues were also involved as consultants with the Charter Review Commission's subcommittee that discussed the "right sizing" of Council.

The hard part for Mr. Dykes and his partners was to draw new district boundaries without "politics" being a part of the new schematic. It was not an easy task considering the fact that City Council members are elected and organized as a political body.

See *Ward boundaries* page 6

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland announces closings and mergers

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Depending upon the church at which our Catholic neighbors were attending Mass on the weekend of March 14 and 15th, they might have heard cheers or they might have witnessed tears when the decisions from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland re: closings and mergers were announced. (The Diocese had delayed the arrival of its letter announcing the decisions by eight days from what it had originally stated -- the date the OBN used in the headline to the article about this topic last month.)

Bishop Richard Lennon chose not to follow either recommendation from the cluster of five parishes south of the Big Creek Valley in terms of merging St. Leo the Great, Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) at St. Leo's (the primary plan) or merging Corpus Christi and

St. Leo's at St. Leo's and allowing OLGC to remain as it is (the secondary plan). Both plans allowed St. Thomas More and St. Charles to remain as they are.

Instead the Bishop chose to allow three parishes -- St. Leo's, St. Thomas More and St. Charles -- to remain as they are, and to have Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel parishes merge on the OLGC site.

Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel have decided to accept (i.e., not "appeal") the episcopal instruction to merge, but the date on which they will do so has not yet been decided. (The absolute deadline is June, 2010.)

By the 22nd of this month, the pastors of each parish (Fr. Russell Lowe, Corpus Christi, and Fr. Leroy Moreeuw, C.P.P.S., OLGC), along with a new merger committee consisting of a few people from both OLGC and Corpus Christi, will have met and decid-

ed on a proposed merger date and up to five suggestions for a name for the new parish to submit to the Bishop. He will then choose the name of the new parish. According to Canon Law, the name of the church building will remain what it was when it was dedicated so very many decades ago -- Our Lady of Good Counsel.

The Bishop did follow the recommendation from the cluster committee of the five parishes north of the Big Creek Valley. St. Michael the Archangel, St. Boniface and St. Rocco will remain open; St. Barbara and Blessed Sacrament are instructed to close.

To the best of our knowledge, Blessed Sacrament's pastor, Fr. Matthew Ischay, has not appealed the Bishop's directive, even though the parish has "money in the bank", thanks to good tenants in both its former school and former convent buildings.

St. Barbara's, however, has appealed the Bishop's decision, asking to be allowed to remain open. At the time this article is being written, their administrator, Fr. Lucjan Stokowski, has not yet received a response to the request.

Of course, not all the Roman Catholics living in our neighborhood attend neighborhood parishes. Others belong to parishes outside our environs -- St. Peter, St. Malachi, St. Ignatius, St. Wendelin -- also affected with closing/merging mandates.

By our May issue, appealing parishes should have received responses from the Diocese; this ongoing saga will continue with each parish's next course of action.



Photo courtesy of Christine Dzedzima  
This picture looks like it could be on the front of a Polish Easter card, but actually both the flowers and the pisanki eggs are "locally produced". Christine Dzedzima of Broadale Rd., a member of St. Barbara Church, is both the artist and the gardener; she loaned us this photo so that we could use it to direct readers to this month's article about Polish Easter customs on page 8.



### Membership Community Open House Thursday, April 23, 2009

OBCDC will be hosting a membership/community open house from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on **Thursday, April 23**, Gavin Lee Party Center, 3315 Broadview Rd. This meeting will include:

- Update of the CDC's code of regulations regarding our service area.
- Results of planning studies recently completed by OBCDC on behalf of the area we serve (Master Plan, Transportation for Livable Community (TLCI) and Lower Big Creek.
- Update on OBCDC current and future projects.
- Discussion/Q&A.

Hope to see you there, and if you are not a member of OBCDC, please consider joining. **Membership applications in the OBN and on line at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com).**

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## New restaurant, Mexico Lindo, opens

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Juan Valdez is the owner and proprietor of the newest Mexican Restaurant in the Old Brooklyn & Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods. Mexico Lindo is the name and it is located at 4250 Pearl Road just south of the CVS.

Mexico Lindo prides itself on having delicious Mexican food at a great price. Mexico Lindo is also family owned and operated and has been since they celebrated their grand opening on December 18th, 2008.

Juan Valdez and his family have lived in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood for the last 24 years and it has always been his dream to open a Mexican restaurant. When Juan moved to the United States he left behind a family that owned and operated restaurants in Mexico City. In turn, restaurants have always been his life.

Juan met his wife when he moved to the United States as a young man. For the last 18 years Juan has worked in the Steel Industry. This past year, while driving to CVS to get some pop for the family Juan noticed that the

old Theo's Restaurant closed and the location was available. Juan checked out the area then one thing led to another and Mexico Lindo was born.

Having grown up in Mexico City and working in family owned restaurants' Mexico Lindo's menu offers non-traditional Mexican food (as it relates to the United States). If you were familiar with Mexico City and all it has to offer then you would be right at home with this style food. As for the United States this is a new kind of Mexican food.

Mexico Lindo offers a full bar, a full menu and is open for lunch and dinner. Feel free to stop in between the hours of 11 a.m. – 10 p.m. Monday through Sunday. During lunch Mexico Lindo offers a variety of combination plates for \$4.99 that is perfect for any appetite. Mexico Lindo will also match any other Mexican restaurant coupon when brought into the restaurant.

For more information please contact Juan Valdez, owner of the brand new Mexico Lindo, family style Mexican restaurant located at 216-351-3435.



Photo by George Shuba

On February 10th at Brooklyn High School, the Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis inducted members into Key Club. The new 2009 officers are: (center, cutting cake left - right ) Li Mei, President; Amanda Lawrence, Vice President; Yi Mei, Treasurer; and Brett Jerab, Secretary.

## From the desk of the executive director

by **Robyn Sandys**  
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Well March was an exciting although long month! Spring is here which is a rebirth for the earth, and it seems the CDC has given birth in a figurative way as well by adding two Councilmen to our service area starting January 2010. And, now there are four!

The final Council vote for the redistricting plan was voted on March 23rd. A plan that not all are happy with but we will have to live with for the next four years at least. I want to first thank Councilman Cummins for his effort working with the Council consultants to reshape our service area somewhat in order to keep in tact some key planning areas for the community and the CDC.

I also want to thank Councilman Kelley for working with consultants and Council President Sweeney on the same issues and also expressing concern to the Council President regarding how we would be divided up. I had a brief meeting with Mr. Sweeney where he expressed support and a clear understanding of our plight of having to work with four Councilpersons in the near future.

Since I am a glass half full kind of person, I am very optimistic that we will work well with all who are involved in helping to build the strength, heart and soul of the neighborhoods we serve. I knew Councilman Brancatelli fairly well when he was the director of the Slavic Village CDC and I have a great deal of respect and admiration for him and his tireless efforts to control "flipping" and the foreclosure crisis. Councilman Cimperman has also done a great deal for the Tremont and Ohio City neighborhoods.

We look forward to educating them over this coming year on the CDC's role in working with all sectors of our service area and look forward to working with them if re-elected in November.

Moving on to exciting activities at the CDC, we are expanding our Housing Fair this year to include a bicycle tour of the neighborhoods of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre in

cooperation with Walk + Roll ([www.walkroll.com/specialevents](http://www.walkroll.com/specialevents)). The date is Saturday, July 18 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. We have a fantastic event in store for not only those who live here but also those who we want to attract to our special neighborhoods. See the ad on page 7 of the newspaper for more details. Please save the date!

Finally, remember to attend the April 23rd Membership/Community meeting at the Gavin Lee Party Center at 6 p.m. We will be sharing some great information about the results of several planning studies for the area which have exciting recommendations for the community. We will also be voting on a simple service area revision in our Code of Regulations to reflect the new redistricting plan.

Hope to see you all on the 23rd and happy spring!

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# NEWS & EVENTS

**Thursday Afternoons now thru April 9th**

**Income Tax Preparation Assistance**  
Steel Valley Federal Credit Union, 3840 Pearl Rd. Income Tax preparation through the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program will assist in preparing 2008 Federal & Ohio tax returns. Qualified personnel available by appointment only Thursday afternoons, 4 pm - 8 pm. Call 216-741-9430, Option 1, to make appointment.

**Every Friday now thru April 10th**  
**Tax Preparers**

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd.; Fridays, 9:30 am - 1 pm by appointment. Tax Preparers help seniors & low income people. Call 216-623-7067 to make appointment.

**Now thru April 11th**

**Ukrainian Easter Bazaar 2009**  
Ukrainian Museum Archives, 1202 Kenilworth Ave., Apr. 4th - 11th. Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 4 pm; Tues. - Thurs., noon - 6 pm; Fri., 10 am - 8 pm; Sat. 10 am - 5 pm. Call 216-781-4329 for more info.

**Now thru May 1st (Mon. thru Fri.)**  
**April 18th (Only Saturday Collection)**

**City of Cleveland Computer Round Up**  
Division of Waste Collection, 3727 Ridge Rd. & 5600 Carnegie Ave., 9 am - 3 pm. CPU's, monitors, keyboards, printers, terminals, modems, software, cell phones & ink printer cartridges accepted. Household computer equipment only; no TV's or other electronics accepted. For other drop off times, call recycling hotline at 216-664-3717 or log onto www.cuyahogawd.org.

**Now thru June 1st**  
**Register for Camp Forbes**

Estabrook Recreation, 4125 Fulton Rd., for Cleveland children age 9 - 13. Bring child's birth certificate, immunization record, current utility bill (within last three months), physical verification. Each child meeting criteria allowed to stay one week, free of charge. Registration & applications available at all recreation centers in Cleve.; call 216-831-5910.

**Monday, April 6th**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Margaret Chaney will present "Serendipity In Genealogy", a self-study in how serendipity plays a major role in genealogical findings. All welcome; coffee & refreshments served. Call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

**Thursday, April 9th**

**Antique Collectors Club Meeting**  
Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: "When Kids Played Like Kids" by Glen Beinhardt. Guests welcome.

**Saturday April 18th**  
**Cheer for Hope**

North Coast All Stars, 93 Karl Rd., Berea, 9:30 am - 1pm. Join Ashley's Hope (non-profit organization that supports families of children with long term illnesses). Cost - children 3-12, \$25; siblings, \$15 plus a comfort tote item. Includes time to learn cheers, chants & pom dances, snack, pom poms, t-shirt, snack & water. Will perform at Parmatown Mall on Sun., April 19th at 4 pm on the mainstage. To register visit www.northcoastallstars.com, email ashleyshope@sbcglobal.net or call 216-661-6585. Learn more about Ashley's Hope at www.ashleyshope.org.

**Saturday, April 18th**

**Garage Sale - Art House**  
Community garage sale to benefit Art House, 3119 Denison Ave., 9 am - 5 pm. Needs donations -- furniture, clothing, art, baby gear, children's toys, electronics, books, games, sporting goods, tools, lawn equipment & other miscellaneous treasures. Items can be dropped off on Sat., Apr. 11, 10 am - 2 pm; Wed., Apr. 15, 10 am - 8 pm; Thurs., Apr. 1, 10 am - 7 pm & Fri., Apr. 17 - 10 am - 3 pm. Call Art House, 216-398-8556, for more info.

**Beginning Monday, April 20th**  
**Free Mulch to Cleveland Residents**

Rosby's Resource & Recovery, 5400 E. Schaaf Rd. Cleveland residents receive 1 cubic yard free, while supplies last. Call for directions & hours, 216-661-6102.

**Saturday, April 25**  
**Night at the Races**

St. Mary Crystal Chalet, 4600 State Rd. Split boards, races & dinner. Beer provided & some liquor for a nominal fee. No carry-in alcohol permitted per state law. Doors open at 6 pm. Post time, 8 pm. Call school office, 216-749-7980, for more info.

**Monday, April 27th - Saturday, May 2nd**  
**Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

Ridge Rd. Station, 3727 Ridge Rd., 9 am - 3 pm. Oil based paints (no latex), shellacs, varnishes, polyurethanes, primers & sealers, spray paint, adhesives, wood stains, paint thinner, mercury, pesticides, insecticides & herbicides, automotive products, motor oil, roof tar, fluorescent bulbs, household cleaners (oven & drain). Free thermometer (Saturday only); turn in your mercury thermometer sealed in a plastic bag or container. Limited supply available. Items not accepted -- tires, latex paint, propane tanks, household batteries. Call the City of Cleveland Recycling hotline, 216-664-3717, for more info.

**Wednesday, April 29th**

**Lecture -- "Mother Teresa's Prescription"**  
OASIS Center, lower level of Macy's, Parmatown Mall, 8001 W. Ridgewood Dr., 1:30 - 3:30 pm; \$10. Speaker -- Cardiologist Paul Wright, M.D. Seeking direction, Wright sought out Mother Teresa, who gave him her prescription. He will share what he learned from her & how he found inner peace & happiness when he began living a life based on service & compassion. Advance tickets only; no ticket sales at the door. Limited seating so reserve seats promptly by mail or in person at the OASIS office. Contact Daniel Magrey, Executive Director, OASIS Center, at 440-886-1157 or email at dmagrey@oasisnet.org, or visit www.oasisnet.org for more info.

**Wednesdays April 29th - May 27th or**  
**Thursdays May 7th - May 28th**  
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**Saturday, May 9th**  
**Mayor Frank Jackson's**  
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Cleveland Convention Center, 9 am - 3 pm. Call Ada Jackson, 216-664-2222, or email her at ajackson2@city.cleveland.oh.us for more info.

**Saturday, May 9th**  
**Annual Trachtenball**

Westside Sachsenheim, 7001 Denison Ave., 6 - 11 pm. Hosted by Cleveland Saxon Dance Group. Schnitzel dinner; then Cleveland Saxon Dance Group will perform, followed by dancing to Hans Schobel und die Bergvagabunden. Wear your Tracht & join in the Aufmarsch! Adult dinners, \$18; children 4-10 yrs., \$9. Send prepaid reservations to Amanda Seiler-Botsch at 18920 Laurell Circle, Strongsville, 44136 or call 216-235-5240.

**Camp June 15th - July 16th**  
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**America Reads Tutors**

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. Tutors available to help grades K-4 with reading & math. Call 216-623-7067 to make an appointment.

**WSEM Food Center**

WSEM Food Center at Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd., 216-749-4295. Open Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 2 pm, & last Sat. of month, 10 am - 1 pm, except for holidays when WSEM is open the Sat. before the holiday. Call WSEM helpline for food stamp applications, 216-749-4295 & ask for appointment with Jaci, who helps fill out & deliver completed food stamp applications to Dept. of Job & Family Services.

**West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)**  
**Enrolling for Early Childhood Education**

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel School**  
**Registration for Kindergarten & Preschool**

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**St. Leo Preschool Registrations**  
**2009-2010 School Year**

St. Leo Preschool is located at 4940 Broadview Rd in the Parish Community Center. The preschool offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for 3 & 4 year-old children. A full-day 8 am.-2:30 pm. Mon. - Fri. program is available, with after school care at an additional charge. In addition to the full day program, Mon., Wed., Fri. half-day classes are available for 4 year-old children. Tues., Thurs., half-day classes are available for 3 year-old children. Children must be of age by Sept. 30. County vouchers are accepted. A \$50 non-refundable fee & a copy of the child's birth certificate are required at the time of registration. For more info., call Jeanne Sabol at 216-661-5330.

**St. Mark Lutheran School Registration**

St. Mark Lutheran School, 4464 Pearl Rd. Applications accepted throughout school year for kindergarten - grade 8. Participates in 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 school, 216-749-3545, or visit www.orgsites.com/oh/stmarklutheran.

**St. Mary Byzantine School Registration**

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## Fresh Fork Market focuses on local produce

by Matthew Wilder

In 2007, when Trevor Clatterback was a senior at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), he entered into a business concept competition along with three other students -- Matt Szugye, Kyle Napierkowski, and Bob Gavlak. The team needed to come up with a viable business concept in five days.



**Trevor Clatterback**  
Fresh Fork's CEO, Director of Web-Development & Director of Marketing

In August of that year, the team visited a restaurant in downtown Cleveland which featured local vegetables on their menu. They asked a waitress which vegetables were actually local. She told him that none of them were because they were hard to get. For other restaurants that did use local, they sourced them on Saturday at the farmers market, which is normally the busiest day in the food industry. This was a problem.

Trevor suggested that one way to get fresh vegetables was to establish personal relationships with local farmers. However, food-service customers often did not know their producers, what the producers had, and how to purchase them. Further, they did not have the time to do such research and continually track that data. They needed a simple, convenient solution for interacting with farmers.

As a solution, the team proposed a Virtual Farmers Market - an online marketplace for buying and selling local foods - to the competition. It would be a web site that would allow local farmers to post information about their

farms -- where they were located, what products they had available and their prices.

Trevor's team from CWRU won the competition. He returned to school to finish up his senior year.

On June 4, 2008, not long after Trevor graduated, Fresh Fork Market was launched. It's a web-based business, with offices in the Tremont neighborhood, that helps home consumers and restaurants connect with local foods. Since launch, Fresh Fork has served over 55 restaurants, hotels, hospitals and schools, families and more, get the freshest, highest quality local foods. Trevor currently has about 60 farms supplying his clients. Every farm is located within 75 miles of Cleveland.

One advantage of Trevor's web site, [www.freshforkmarket.com](http://www.freshforkmarket.com), is that farmers can sell at the price they want. The agriculture businesses, particularly foreign companies and those on the Pacific coast, set prices that are so low that local farmers cannot afford to sell their products at that price.

Another undesirable sales avenue available to farmers is auctions, which are not reliable because prices might be extremely low at one point and very high the next.



**Bob Gavlak**  
Fresh Fork's COO, running the day-to-day operations in the Cleveland market

Trevor's web site provides farmers with a better option and also supplies their customers with better variety and value. Products can be delivered directly to clients (larger orders), who can pay their invoices online and shop 24 hours a day. Customers can also pick-up from the Tremont location.

Fresh Fork Market has recently licensed its web-technology to parties along the East Coast to help others build a similar business to support local farmers. Trevor hopes that their platform can be implemented nationally to become the "First, Middle, and Last Name of Local Foods."

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

## Old Brooklyn resident still full of life at 95

by Lori Peterson  
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Sometimes a person walks into your life and offers the unexpected. Mary Hillman, 95, an Old Brooklyn resident for 43 years visits the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) office and provides laughter, inspiration, joy and wisdom to the staff. On a monthly basis she picks up a bundle of *Old Brooklyn News* papers to hand deliver to the seniors in her apartment complex. After speaking to this amazing woman one is left with a sense that anything is possible.

### The Roads are Paved in Gold

Mary's parents came to the United States in 1913 from Hungary because "they thought the roads were paved in gold". Her parents came to America unable to speak English and learned quickly that hard work was the way to be successful. Mary was born a little over a month after her parents arrived in the United States. When she was a child, she recalls dictating letters for her mother to send back to the "old country".

Her father was an accomplished brick layer and her mother worked at a bakery. She fondly recalls her mother bringing home the pies that had cracked (at a discounted price) for the family to enjoy. The Hillman family continued to grow with the addition of her siblings, Rose, Charles and Gisella.

Upon entering grade school Mary had to learn English. Her siblings were fortunate that she came home and taught them. Mary completed middle school at St. Emeric School, which was supported by the Hungarians and closed its educational doors in 1960. Mary continued her studies at the Divine Redeemer Academy in Elizabeth, Pennsylvania and graduated in 1925.

After graduating high school, Mary held two positions at the City Hospital, which is now known as MetroHealth Medical Center-Main Campus. She was a medical secretary and secretary to the director of social services for six years. Subsequently, for the next 26 years, she worked as a medical secretary for a pediatrician at the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Home, which is located between Cedar and Central Ave. At the beginning of World War II she took a night job at The May Company and for the next nine years worked



Photo by Lori Peterson

**Mary Hillman**

in various departments where high sales volume was anticipated.

After her father met an untimely death, Mary's mother lived with her for the next twenty-eight years. While Mary chose to remain single, she is surrounded by over 25 nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

### You're never too old to learn

When speaking with Mary she doesn't reminisce about "the good old days" but talks about everything she has done in her "recent" past, the last 40 years (which is a lot for this energetic 95 year old).

Mary started a good deal of her living when she was in her sixties. She began swimming at the age of 63. "Mark Spitz was my inspiration", she thoughtfully said. Mary will humbly show her ribbons that she won at the Cleveland State University Master Swim Competition. She took first place for freestyle and the backstroke and 2nd place for the breaststroke.

Cuyahoga Community College has been a central influence in much of Mary's learning. At the age of 65 she took her very first class: Auto Maintenance for Women. She can describe in detail, the primary and secondary ignition system, how to clean a carburetor, and how to change the oil! Her mind stays alert by taking other classes such as, Fundamentals of Music and Conversational French. (She speaks three languages fluently, English, Hungarian, and French).

See *Mary Hillman* back page

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** meeting, Sat., April 18th. Cleve. Public Library, Brooklyn branch, 3706 Pearl Rd., 2:15 pm.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, Sun., April 19th, 2 pm, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Speaker, Jean Hoffman CG. Strategies toward breakthrough brickwalls. Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting every fourth Tues. of the month, April 28th, 6 - 7:30 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs).

Meetings open to public for review & comments, but board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm date.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., April 14th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

**Ward 15 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., April 28th (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

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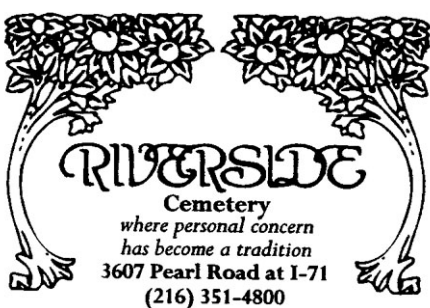
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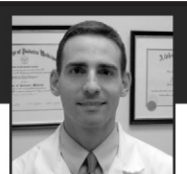


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## MIDFOOT FRACTURE



Thomas J. DePolo, D.P.M.\*

Sometimes, when it comes to the foot, a sprain is not a sprain. In some cases, say after a fall from stepping in a hole, or dropping something heavy on your foot, you may come away with a midfoot fracture, sometimes called a Lisfranc fracture, after the French doctor who first described the condition. Rather than a sprain, a bone is broken in the midfoot, where a group of small bones forms an arch on top of the foot midway between the ankle and the toes. With a Lisfranc injury, the top of the foot may be swollen and painful, not unlike the symptoms

of a sprain. Untreated, a midfoot fracture can have serious ramifications, inducing joint degeneration and compartment syndrome, a build-up of pressure that can damage nerves and blood vessels. Treatment depends on the severity of the injury. If bones have not been forced out of position, the condition may be treated with wearing a cast for about six weeks and keeping weight off the foot. If the injury is more severe, surgery and the use of pins, wires or screws may be needed to stabilize the bones before a cast is applied. With any foot injury, it's best to seek prompt attention from a podiatrist.

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The St. Patrick's Day Parade is behind us and the Easter Parade is before us. Let's hope that Easter will be as lovely a day as St. Patrick's Day was.

After writing our front page story last month about the Irish and the upcoming parade, I decided that I'd better head downtown to take it in this year. While I didn't see anyone I knew on the bus (what an experience that was!) or in the crowd, I did spot a number of people with neighborhood connections who were participating in the parade itself--

Fr. Russ Lowe, pastor of St. Leo the Great Church, was in the group of owners of Irish wolfhounds, walking his dog, Napoleon; Fr. Michael Gurnick, former associate pastor at St. Leo's who's now the Diocesan Director of Vocations, was walking with a number of the young men from St. Mary's Seminary in Wickliffe; former Old Brooklyn councilman and Our Lady of Good Counsel Church member Joe Cannon was walking with a group of men holding a huge "Divine Mercy" banner; the St. Thomas More cheerleaders passed by in their "Wolverines" outfits, accompanied by STM's youth minister, Jeff Stutzman.

Given the number of high school bands, members of Irish-American organizations, unions and military units, I suspect that there

were also plenty of other people with Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre connections in the parade whom I didn't recognize.

The Irish, of course, aren't the only ones in Cleveland who celebrate their ethnicity at an annual event. Polish Independence Day is coming up at the beginning of next month and the Italians will be celebrating in mid-August. Because I received good feedback on my "You're so Irish..." article last month, and also because it was so much fun to write, I've decided to do a "You're so Polish..." article next month, and promote the festivities in Slavic Village at the same time. When I decided to do that, I didn't even know that part of the South Hills area would soon be politically allied with that southeast neighborhood because of changing ward boundaries. The city, as well as the world, is becoming smaller.

I have already thought of a lot of "You're so Polish" entries for next month, but if you have something in mind which you feel is important, please call, write or email me. It's enjoyable to get interaction from readers in that way, which brings me to my next point of business this month...

In February we received a query from a San Diego reader who'd formerly lived in Old Brooklyn. He was trying to remember the name of a "mom and pop" store on the corner of Pearl Rd. and Northcliff Ave. We were clueless, so we posed the question to our readers in our March issue. What an amazing number of responses we received, not all of which were from Greater Cleveland!

Dozens of people contacted us in one way or another, and the overwhelming majority of them said that the name of the store was "Denny's" in the 1960s. But at least one person said that it had also been "Zoler's".

Thanks to everyone who responded. It's

great to know that people are reading this paper!

And speaking of neighborhood newspapers, some of you may be aware that the Tremont West Development Corporation (TWDC) has a monthly publication, too. It's called *Inside Tremont*, and until February, had been more in the form of a newsletter than a newspaper. The publication packed a lot of information into a small space, though, especially about what's going on with all their block clubs.

More than once we'd heard from TWDC that they wished they had a paper like we do. Wow! To hear that from as cool a neighborhood as Tremont is was really great.

Well, in January TWDC took a month off

to regroup, publication-wise. And in February, *Inside Tremont*, Volume 24, Issue 1, made its debut in newspaper format. Be sure to pick up a copy when you are in the Tremont area. Congrats to TWDC on their new look; imitation is the highest form of compliment.

We have a long list of other newsy "bits and pieces" to report in this column, but this month Town Crier space is really limited due to everything else going on in the neighborhood. So we'll hold them over till next month.

We're still requesting that you continue to send your submissions for this column to: Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109

## THEATER NOTES



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Too many touring shows to list; visit website for dates & times. Also look for "Smart Seat" icons; some shows have limited number of high balcony seats for \$10 each (plus handling charge).

### The Liminis Theatre

#### "The Mineola Twins"

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On Wednesday, March 25th the Post 1974 Ladies Auxillary to the VFW donated a flag to William Cullen Bryant School. L - R Elizabeth Hirko, Lori Haag Assistant Principal, Linda Fike president, Susan Poole, Rev. Carol Leahey, Antoinette Leahey.

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**Change = Opportunity/Challenge**

All around town people are facing difficult change. City Council has approved a Ward redistricting plan that reduces the number of council representatives from twenty-one to nineteen. The reduction was approved by Cleveland residents who voted in the general election last fall.

What was less visible in approving the charter amendment was the collateral damage that splits neighborhoods and community development corporations when fewer representatives must represent larger geographic areas.

Accompanying this news is the announcement by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese that seventy churches will be altered (closed or merged) across the diocese. In Cleveland eighteen churches will be closed and twelve merged. Churches, of any domination, are keystones of neighborhood life. When churches go dark neighborhoods suffer.

Yesterday cannot be restored. Change requires acceptance and a commitment to make it work. Yes, the initial plans should be challenged when the damage is greater than the gain. Yes, the appeals must be filed so that decisions can be reviewed and hopefully revised if all the facts were not fully considered. In the end fairness is elusive and change will prevail.

The physical face of Cleveland has been changing for the past several years because of housing foreclosures and housing code violations. This is an unwelcome and unmanaged change that must be turned into opportunities to rebuild in every neighborhood throughout the city.

"Re-Imagining a More Sustainable Cleveland, Citywide Strategies for Managing Vacancy" is a focused land use report adopted by the Cleveland Planning Commission, in December 2008. Prepared by Neighborhood Progress Inc, Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative and the Cleveland City Planning Commission it addresses new uses for the mounting number of vacant and abandoned properties. It was not intended to respond to redistricting or church closings but it could serve as a model on how to manage changes that are inevitable.

After World War II the people of Europe had no choice but to rebuild cities, towns and countryside. The damage and destruction of that war was for all practical purposes beyond the imagination of the pre-war populace. It was accomplished over the course of the next fifty years, much of it within the first fifteen years of post war recovery.

The challenge to Cleveland is not nearly as severe. This report clarifies and identifies purpose and goals that should guide all development issues. Vacant homes and parcels without buildings are opportunities as much as they are visible urban infections.

The reports states that "...Cleveland has the opportunity to use its excess land in ways that:

- \* advance a larger, comprehensive sustainability strategy for the city
- \* benefit low income and underemployed residents
- \* enhance the quality of urban life
- \* create prosperity in the city
- \* and help address climate change"

Neighborhood Progress Inc (NPI) intends to implement pilot projects demonstrating that practical solutions can be implemented.

Transferring vacant and abandoned properties to the Cleveland Land Bank is the first step in stopping further damage. Seizing control of the property stops the cycle of the buying and selling speculators who deal properties the same way street hustlers sell drugs. Making parcels available to neighboring property owners allows current residents to expand their homes or yards thereby remaining in the city.

Owner occupied homes are generally the best maintained properties on the block. Allowing people to increase their home value through sweat investment is a practical solution.

Engaging green restoration and/or technology techniques can bring improvements to neighborhoods. A vegetable garden places food on the table, helps clean the air and the soil, produces oxygen and reduces storm water run off. Flower gardens offer similar improvements.

A community garden can do all that over a larger parcel and help build good relations among neighbors. It can even pro-

vide a neighborhood gathering place for conversation, block club cookouts or an evening stroll.

More ambitious opportunities can be developed by using parcels for energy production. Some sites could host solar panels to produce electricity. Geothermal wells can work in residential neighborhoods to heat and cool homes. Larger parcels like former factory sites can accommodate a mix of options, perhaps even harness wind power.

This is an excellent approach on how to deal with vacant properties that should be adopted by every non-profit community development corporation throughout the city. It has grass roots items that can be managed by block clubs committed to stabilizing neighborhoods and steering them toward healthy vibrant urban living.

Cost will always be a complicating factor but not a fatal factor. Cities that can build sports stadiums, convention centers and schools can afford to invest in residential neighborhoods.

The full plan can be found at [www.cudc.kent.edu/shrink](http://www.cudc.kent.edu/shrink) or at <http://neighborhoodprogress.org/research-reports.php>.

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**Ward boundaries from front page**

At a public meeting of City Council held on March 20, many members of Council stated that they were not happy with loosing certain key projects within their current neighborhood boundaries. They expressed the sentiment that there will always be winners and losers in any plan that redraw district boundaries. They and community leaders both on the east and west sides shared a deep concern about on-going community and real estate development projects receiving continued attention as new Council members take over their new areas.

Mr. Greg Huth, OBCDC's board president was given the opportunity to address Council at the March 20th meeting. He was only one of two CDC representatives who spoke at this meeting. The other was Tom Stone the Director of the Mt. Pleasant Area CDC. Their service area was also divided up into four wards.

Besides being very concerned that the redistricting would result in four Council members being involved in the activities of OBCDC's service area of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre, he expressed a major concern about the future funding of OBCDC and CDC's in general.

In a letter that was submitted to Council President Martin Sweeney, Mr. Huth stated, "The City must address how major funding sources such as HUD - CDBG funds are allocated. In order for OBCDC and other similarly fragmented community development corporations to continue to serve the neighborhoods, the City must change its thinking on how such resources are distributed. Rather than distributing such funds on a ward basis, these funds should be allocated to neighborhoods." He went on to state that "a neighborhood-based system of fund allocation will better preserve the continuity of Cleveland's neighborhoods and better

position the neighborhoods to tackle large scale projects for the direct benefit of the residents of Cleveland."

The CDC has received a great deal of support and encouragement from both Councilmen Kevin Kelley and Brian Cummins in its efforts to unify services to Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. And both Councilmen tried hard to work with the consultants to redraw boundaries so that the CDC would be in the best position possible going forward. Councilman Cummins also initiated a community meeting to discuss the redistricting plan before it was voted on. The meeting was held earlier in March with over 150 people attending and voicing their concerns.

Charter Review Commission members involved in this entire effort also recommended last year while deliberating the resizing of Council, the creation of Neighborhood Development, Planning and

Service Districts. This is an idea that Ward 15 Councilman Brian Cummins has discussed several times with the community and other Council members while addressing the redistricting issue over the past several weeks. It's an idea that may be discussed further after the redistricting plan is sealed.

Most, if not all, of the Council members present at the March 20th Council meeting stressed their desire to work with all CDC's and neighborhood nonprofits on current and future initiatives. It is now up to OBCDC, staff, board and members to educate the new Council representatives for the CDC's service area on all CDC activities, as well as the great work being conducted by many of the area's neighborhood associations, block clubs and civic groups.

As you read this, the redistricting plan has been finalized; it is what it is. It is now time for OBCDC and the residents of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn to come together to show the larger Cleveland community our strength and our spirit, why we've chosen to live here, why we love this neighborhood.

For more information on the potential new City Council representatives, view their biographies by going to [www.clevelandcity-council.com](http://www.clevelandcity-council.com). Also, see the Executive Director's column for more on the subject.

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## Saint Vincent DePaul Ozaman Center seeks new location for food pantry

by Lynette Filips  
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For approximately two and a half years, the Saint Vincent DePaul Ozaman Center (food pantry) has been located in the offices between the Saint Vincent DePaul Thrift Store and the Cleveland Furniture Bank in the Biddulph Plaza in Brooklyn. The food pantry has been a tenant of the store but in an effort to reduce rental costs, the retail thrift store and furniture bank have been consolidating space. Because of the consolidation process, the food pantry will be forced to close on April 9.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Ozaman Center's volunteer staff seeks assistance from the community in helping them find a new location from which to operate. They ask anyone able to help them find a rental space in their area of greatest need (along Ridge Rd., State Rd., Pearl Rd., or Broadview Rd. between Brookpark Rd. and Memphis Ave.) to contact Regis Barrett at 216-252-6170.

The Center serves needy people in 1000 households a month — that number is up from 280 households a month in 2008 — as long as they meet income eligibility guidelines and live in the designated eight-zipcode area

encompassing south Cleveland, Brooklyn, Brook Park, Parma, Parma Heights and Middleburg Heights. That translates to approximately 100 people receiving emergency food rations each day that the Center is open. The Ozanam Center also distributes free new or gently used clothing items including coats, sweatshirts, hats and gloves.

Volunteers from eleven southwest area Catholic parishes (Assumption of Mary, Our Lady of Good Counsel, St. Albert the Great, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Bridget of Kildare, St. Charles Borromeo, St. John Bosco, St. Joseph, St. Leo the Great, St. Peter the Apostle and St. Thomas More) have established, supported and staffed the food pantry and clothing outlet, and they do not want the Center to be forced to close its doors.

At this point in time, the Center is still open to serve the needy from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. On Thursday, April 2, the Center invited community religious leaders and social workers to an open house there. Their hope was that by making more professionals aware of its operation, someone will come up with a suitable new location/home for the food pantry.

## Earth Day money saving tips

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April 22nd, Earth Day, was founded by Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970 to promote ecology and respect for life on the planet as well as to encourage awareness of the growing problems of air, water and soil pollution.

In observance of Earth Day and during this tough economic time, becoming environmentally friendly can not only help save the earth but can also save you some money.

The following easy tips can help you become more environmentally conscious:

- Wash your clothes in cold water.
- Line dry your clothes or use dryer balls. The balls will cut drying time.
- Unplug appliances when you aren't using them.
- Take shorter showers to reduce water use.

- Walk or bike to work. (The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation All-Access Home and Bicycle Tour will offer bicycling tips for beginners)
- Add one meatless meal a week.
- Buy local products.
- Use a water filter to purify tap water instead of buying bottled water.
- Buy secondhand products from services like craigslist or better yet, check out the "free stuff" www.freecycle.org.
- Make your own cleaning supplies.
- Map out your errands.

If you have any "green" tips that you would like to share, contact Lori Peterson at 216-459-1000.

Then look for "Your Monthly Green Tip" in future issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

## Strong credit histories have power

by Dana Korosi  
Steel Valley Federal Credit Union

Everyone, from college student to senior citizen, is likely to need the purchasing power that a solid credit record conveys. And if you're married, and all your credit is in your spouse's name, you definitely should establish your own credit history.

Three national credit bureaus — Experian, TransUnion, and Equifax — track your financial behavior, so it's important to pay your bills on time. Any delinquencies appear on your individual credit report, as do positive payment information. You're entitled to a free copy of your credit report from each of the three bureaus annually, and can request copies at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).

When deciding whether to grant credit, lenders use credit scores calculated from the information in your credit report. Some employers and landlords also check credit scores when evaluating applicants.

A credit score is a number assessing the likelihood that you'll pay back debt. The higher the number, the better; a high score

indicates little risk of nonpayment while a lower score indicates more risk.

If you don't yet have a credit history, start by opening a savings and checking account at Steel Valley Federal Credit Union. Request an application for our VISA Credit Card. Show that you can handle it responsibly and then apply for a small loan. Department store and gasoline credit cards are also great ways to establish and practice good payment patterns.

You should also put your rent and utilities in your name — and be sure to pay them on time. Make loan payments on time as well, and pay department store or gas card bills in full monthly. Each of these strategies will raise your credit score. If you do so, creditors can offer you more credit at lower rates! Now that's a winning strategy.

For more detailed information, plan on attending Steel Valley Federal Credit Union's next Financial Literacy Seminar on April 25. The subject will be "Credit Reports and the Importance of Good Credit". Call 216-741-9430 to reserve your seat!

## Help available for homeowners with adjustable rate mortgages

by Lori A. Peterson  
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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has just received information on potential homes in the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods that may face foreclosure in the next two years due to adjustable rates. The data indicates that the adjustable rate mortgage (ARM) will re-set to a higher interest rate between now and December 31, 2010. OBCDC is taking a proactive approach to assist residents with avoiding foreclosure.

The staff at OBCDC can direct you to organizations in the area that specialize in

helping people with mortgage issues and will connect you to the one that best suits your needs. OBCDC will be contacting homeowners in the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods who have an adjustable rate mortgage that is re-setting in the next two years. If you know that your ARM is re-setting within the next 30-90 days please contact us immediately!

Remember: **never** pay an organization or company to intervene to stop a foreclosure! If you have any questions call Lori Peterson or Donald Heckelmoser at 216-459-1000 or email them at [info@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:info@oldbrooklyn.com).

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## What it means to be Polish at Easter - St. Barbara's and Corpus Christi remember bygone Paschal Feasts at their parishes

by Lynette Filips  
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The announcement that the Diocese of Cleveland has decided to close St. Barbara's Church (1505 Denison Ave.) and to merge Corpus Christi (Pearl Rd. at Archmere Ave.) and Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Churches at the OLGC site (4423 Pearl Rd.) is about a lot more than additional vacant buildings in our neighborhood. It's also about all the people whose hearts will be breaking this month as they celebrate what may be the last Easter in the sacred spaces which hold lifetimes of memories for them and their families.

St. Barbara's has appealed to Bishop Richard Lennon to be allowed to remain open, but at the time this issue of the paper is going to the printer, they do not know how he will respond to their request. So this may or may not be the last Easter at St. Barbara's.

Corpus Christi has decided to "go along" with the episcopal instruction to merge, but the date on which they will do so has not yet been decided. (The *absolute deadline* is June, 2010.) So 2009 will either be Corpus Christi's last or second last Easter in their current worship space.

As everyone who's been part of a wake/funeral knows, part of the mourning process is remembering. And this month's history article is intended to do just that - provide an opportunity for some of the members of these two Polish churches to remember how generations of their parishioners have celebrated the most important Christian feast.

The majority of the Holy Week memories from St. Barbara Church in this article came from parishioner Christine Dziedzina. Although she now lives in Old Brooklyn (the Jennings Freeway took her family's home when it sliced up Brooklyn Centre), Christine grew up "in the shadow of the church" on W. 15th St. After St. Barbara's was established in 1905, the neighborhood which surrounded the parish became known as Barbarowo/Barbarowa; Christine's grandparents, uncles, aunts and cousins lived there, too.

In seriously Polish homes (and into the 1950s and 1960s, when Christine was growing up, everyone who belonged to St. Barbara's was still Polish), preparation for Easter started on Palm Sunday.

These days, many people simply place the blessed palms they receive in church on that day behind religious pictures in their homes, but in pre-Vatican II times at St. Barbara's, fashioning the palms into objects had become an art form.

There were elaborate arrangements of palms in the flowers on the altar; Christine also

remembers her mother making crosses, wheat and flowers which she gave to family and friends during Holy Week. The nuns in the school taught the kids how to turn the palms into rings for their fingers, too.

The food at Polish holidays and feasts is legendary, and the next task during Holy Week was to start making kielbasa, the famous Polish sausage.

Because Barbarowo/Barbarowa was a neighborhood complete in itself (like today's Little Italy still is for the Italians), Badarzynski's on Denison Ave. was one of the butcher shops where they'd buy the necessary pork, beef, garlic and casings.

Families were very large in those days, and the meat grinders were hand-cranked, so making the kielbasa wasn't just an afternoon project. The men and women made many batches of it over the course of a few days, keeping it in their ice boxes until later in the week when the smoking process would begin.

Over the year, people saved the trimmings from cherry trees, because many believed that it was the best wood for smoking the kielbasa. Christine's grandparents had a portable smoke house, made of sheet metal, which they set up in the back yard to smoke the Easter meat. Batch by batch on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, they hung the kielbasa in it until it was smoked to perfection.

Later in the week, the women also started baking babka, the traditional Polish Easter bread. Leavened with yeast, it was rich with butter, eggs and raisins. Christine's grandmother made about a dozen loaves, braiding the dough before she put it into the pans to rise. Many Polish women also baked nut and poppy seed rolls for Easter.

Of course, the hard boiled eggs had to be dyed, and in the days before Paas, beet juice and onion skins were frequently the natural materials women used to color the shells. Some ladies also spent hours making pisanky eggs; the Poles, like the Ukrainians and many other Slavic peoples, used beeswax and dyes to decorate eggs with intricate symbols.

Some of the roots of the horseradish plants growing in the yard had to be dug up, too. Scrubbed and ground (a terribly teary job), and perhaps mixed with beets, it would become one of the traditional accompaniments to the main dishes at the Easter meal.

Although services at church were being held on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, often the Polish women were too busy baking and preparing for Easter itself to attend them. Often the women would go to church after the Holy Thursday Mass, though, because the church was open until midnight for private prayer. The people who made it to church for



Photo courtesy of Christine Dziedzina

In the 1990 Holy Thursday procession at St. Barbara Church, 7-year-old Alison Bradny and 5 year old Christine Bradny of Parma were among the children carrying flowers in the procession.

the mid-day Good Friday service often crawled up the aisle on their hands and knees to kiss the cross.

One Holy Week ritual at church which the Polish women wouldn't miss, however, was attending one of the two times at which Easter baskets were blessed on Holy Saturday afternoon. These weren't/aren't the Easter Bunny kind of baskets with which folks not from Eastern European backgrounds are familiar. These were baskets filled with symbolic foods used at Easter dinner (similar to the symbolic foods at a Jewish Seder dinner on Passover).

According to a web site [www.zodiacal.com/brooklyn/index.php5?title=Polish Easter Tradition](http://www.zodiacal.com/brooklyn/index.php5?title=Polish%20Easter%20Tradition), created and managed by Sandra Wanicki Rozhon, who used to live in the St. Barbara neighborhood, the "must haves" and their symbolism in a Polish Easter basket are: salt (wisdom and hospitality); boiled eggs (the Resurrection and new life); ham (richness and abundance); kielbasa (generosity); babka (Christ, the Bread of Life); horseradish (the bitter herb of Passover); beets (the Passion of Christ); butter, molded into the shape of a lamb (Christ, the Lamb of God); and a candle (Christ, the Light of the World). Each food received its own blessing - and a sprinkling of holy water!

Of course, only a representative portion of the food to be consumed on Easter was taken to church to be blessed. And the contents of each basket weren't exactly the same. Other items in Polish Easter baskets include nut and poppy seed rolls; pepper; Pascha (the slightly sweetened Polish Easter cheese); vinegar; a cupcake (symbolizing sweetness); and pisanky. Nor was all the butter in the shape of a lamb; some women molded theirs into a cross.

The basket itself was also important; made of wicker, it might have been given to the couple as a wedding present. The embroidered cloth inside it had to be just the right size to look attractive when the priest lifted it up at church to bless the food, but still large enough to cover everything on the way to church.

Processions are still a big part of church celebrations during Holy Week, but they were bigger in the old days. The grade school children carried potted flowers (most frequently, hyacinths) in the Holy Thursday procession, and children who were willing to be at church by 6:30 a.m. -- the girls had to be in pastel colored dress and the boys in white shirts and ties -- could be a part of the Easter Sunday procession. Prior to Vatican II, the Mass was in Latin, but the Poles also sang traditional Polish Easter hymns.

With the passing of the decades, though, the west side Poles began moving farther and farther out from the city, first from Tremont to Brooklyn Centre, then to South (now Old) Brooklyn, then to Parma and beyond.

To serve the Poles in the southern portion of our neighborhood, Corpus Christi Church was founded in 1935 --the same year that the Ampol (American-Polish) Club was founded nearby on the east side of Pearl Rd. (But its first location was a bit farther north.)

That area of South Brooklyn never became the intensely Polish neighborhood that Barbarowo/Barbarowa did, but it still offered ethnic amenities like Polish Masses and church services and classes in the Polish language and culture. But "Polonia" was more diluted by the time it reached Archmere Ave.

When asked about Easter memories in their church, current Corpus Christi members, too, mentioned the Holy Thursday procession. Ryan Marconi's favorite memory of Holy Week is "carrying the incense" in it.

Rose Verdino commented on the prior year's First Communicants who, like St. Barbara's youngsters, also carried fragrant hyacinths on Holy Thursday. "They would process in and out of Mass, taking up the first two pews in the church - just very touching."

Mary Vallo's favorite memory is "having our children in the Children's Choir singing at the 10 a.m. Mass, especially when they sang *Rise up with Him*."

And for Mary Lou Kalista, Easter "years and years and years ago at Corpus Christi was a new Easter outfit - including hat, pinchy white patent leather shoes, new gloves, a new spring coat, a corsage pinned to the coat and the church packed with people waiting for the previous Mass to end so they could get in to the next Mass."

Obviously the church is no longer the center of peoples' holidays and lives the way that it was in the old days. If it were, we wouldn't be mourning the possible passing of two congregations and lots of fond traditions in this article.

What's the bottom line, the lesson to be learned? - Cherish the memories and keep the faith! And thanks to the people whose sharing of their Easter memories made this article possible.

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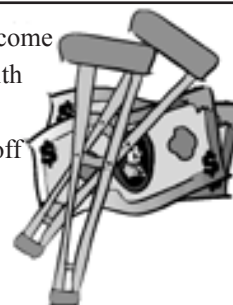
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**Children's Museum of Cleveland**  
 10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437  
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**Friendship Bracelet Workshop** - Sun., Apr. 19, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Cost -- \$10, member; \$15, non-member.

**Stuffed Animal Adoption** - Fri., Apr. 24, 9 - 10 am.

**Teddy Bear Clinic** - Fri., Apr. 24, 10 am - 2 pm.

**30th Annual Tri-C JazzFest Jazz for kids concerts** - Sat., Apr. 25, 11 am & 2 pm. Tickets- \$5, member; \$10, non-member.

**Safe Kids Safety Jamboree** - Sun, Apr. 26, 10 am - 2 pm.

**Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center** 11350 Broadway Ave.  
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**Kids & Kites** - Sun. Apr. 26, Red Oak picnic area, 1 pm. April is National Kite Flying Month. Learn about different kinds of kites from around the world; bring own kite to fly.

**Camp Garfield** - Garfield Park & Bedford Reservation, 9:30 - 4 pm. Fee - \$30 per day. Grades K-1: June 24, 25, 26; Grades 2 - 3: July 8, 9, 10; Grades 4 - 5: July 15, 16, 17; Grades 6 - 7: July 29, 30, 31. Limited space. Registration begins Tues. Apr. 14 at 9:30 am. Call 216-341-3152 to register.

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**Rocky River Nature Center**  
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**Little Explorers** - Sun. Apr. 5, 2 - 3:15 pm. Mon. April 6, Tues. Apr. 7, 10 - 11:15 am & 1 - 2:15 pm, ages 3 - 5. Ducks build nests & lay eggs in spring. Learn about them through a story, simple craft & walk.

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**EarthFest** - Sun., Apr. 19. Zoo admission, \$10 per person; kids ages 2 - 11, \$7; under two & Zoo members, free. Free admission for participants in the Walk or Bike for the Earth. Live music, hands-on activities for kids, organic food market, clean-fuel vehicle displays & more than 150 eco-friendly exhibitors.

**Night Tracks at the Zoo** - Now thru May, 7 pm - 11 am. Overnight adventure for kids, families & groups, with opportunities to track & learn about animals using radio-tracking devices, night vision binoculars, maps & compasses. Children 6 & up; some nights reserved for families & groups of all ages. Overnight programs, \$36 per person. Fri. night - Sat. morning & Sat. night - Sun. morning. Call 216-635-3391 for reservations.

**Cleveland Museum of Natural History**  
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 www.cmnh.org

**Museum** - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. to 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. \$9, adults; \$7, ages 7-18, college students with IDs & seniors 60 yrs. or older; \$6, children ages 3-6; free for age 2 & under. Wed. evening admission, \$5 after 5 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3-5 pm, children 12 & under admitted free. (Check out the new, life-sized cast of a T. Rex dinosaur skeleton while there!)

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

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**Critter Club** - Wed., April 29, 4 - 5 pm. Fee - \$5 child; members \$10 child.

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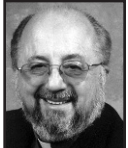
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*"A false witness will not go unpunished, nor will a liar escape."*  
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A Sunday school teacher told her class, "Next Sunday I'm going to teach a very important lesson. In preparation for the lesson, I want you to read chapter 17 of Mark's Gospel." The students all nodded, indicating their willingness to comply.

The following Sunday the teacher asked the class to raise their hands if they had read Mark, chapter 17. Nearly all hands went up.

The teacher responded, "That's very interesting. The Gospel of Mark has only 16 chapters! But at least I know our lesson is going to hit its mark. Today I'm going to tell you what the Bible and Jesus say about lying."

Perhaps the greatest punishment for lying is not just getting caught in a lie, but rather a "hidden" punishment. For not only do people question the validity of words spoken by someone known to be a liar, but the liar doubts the truth of what is said by others.

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

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### Wednesday, April 15th

**Spring Fling Dance**, 1 - 3 pm, Estabrook. Cost - \$5. Call for more info.

### Tuesday, April 21st

**Eliot Ness tour via Lolly the Trolley**. Depart 9:30 am; return 2:30 pm. Cost - \$49. Call for more info.

### Wednesday, April 29th

**Shopping at Aurora Farms Premium Outlets** - leaving Estabrook at 9:15 am, returning at 2:15 pm.

### Tuesday, May 19th

**Granny's Closet** - 10 am - 3 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

**Wednesday, May 6th - Friday, May 15th 24th Annual Senior Olympics**; register at Deaconess-Krafft. Cost - \$15.

### Tuesday, April 7th

#### Healthy Aging Event for 60 +

West Side Community House in partnership with Fairview, Lakewood & Lutheran Hospitals; 9300 Lorain Ave., 10 am - 2 pm. Free health screenings (osteoporosis/cholesterol/blood sugar), boxed lunch, samples, coupons & door prizes. Visit computer lab, healthy cooking, Yoga, line dancing & sizzle demos. Health wheel of fortune & Wii bowling. Off-street parking & transportation available. To register call 216-771-7297, ext. 301, Mon.-Fri. after 1 pm.

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## CHURCH NOTES

### Sunday, April 5th

**French Toast / Pancake & Sausage Brunch** St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church, St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, corner of State Rd. & Biddulph Ave., noon - 1:30 pm. Donation - adults, \$6; children, \$3. Brunch includes a choice of French toast or pancakes, sausages, scrambled eggs & beverage. Take-outs available. "Split-Pot" raffle. Contact school office, 216-749-7980, for further info.

### Friday, April 10th

#### Good Friday Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4471 Broadview Rd, noon & 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

### Saturday, April 11th

#### Easter Celebration

St. James Lutheran Church, 4471 Broadview Rd., 5 pm. All children will receive an Easter gift. Everyone welcome.

### Sunday, April 12th

#### Easter Services

St. James Lutheran Church, 4471 Broadview Rd. Easter Services, 6:45 am, 8:45 am & 10:30 am. All children receive an Easter gift. Continental breakfast, 7:45 am - 10:15 am. Everyone welcome.

### Tuesday, April 28th

#### Widows & Widowers Luncheon

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd, noon. Menu - chicken florentine, green beans almandine & more. Cost - \$3. Call 216-351-6499 to RSVP.

#### St. Luke's Saturday Evening Service

St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 4216 Pearl Rd., (corner of Pearl & Memphis). Can't make it to church Sunday morning? St. Luke's offers an opportunity to worship on Saturdays at 5 pm. Parking off Memphis Ave. or behind Charter One Bank on Pearl Rd. Church entrance on Pearl Rd.

### Wednesday, May, 6th

**St. Ann's Womens Guild, Luncheon Card Party** Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center, 4427 Pearl Rd., noon - 4 pm. Includes large or small raffles, door prizes & table prize. Donation, \$5. Call Julia Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

### Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 3rd, 4th & 5th Tetelestai

Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 6330 Ridge Rd., Parma; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm.; Sun., 3 pm. Presented by Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries. Call 440-944-0635, or visit [www.tetelestai-cpam.org](http://www.tetelestai-cpam.org) for more info.

### Wednesday, May 27th

#### Amish Countryside Tour

Our Lady of Good Counsel, 4427 Pearl Rd. Depart 7 am.; return 7 pm. Cost - \$55. Package includes round trip motorcoach fare, family style dinner at The Amish Door, tour & shopping at Steiner Cheese Factory, tour & shopping at Baltic Mills, shopping at the new Amish flea market & driver gratuity. Call Julia Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

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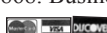
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# Non-native plants becoming invasive in neighborhood wild areas and back yards

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About one-quarter of the plants growing in Ohio originated from other parts of the continent or world. These species are called non-native, exotic or alien and were not known in Ohio prior to the mid-1700s.

Under the right conditions, some non-native plants can become invasive. An invasive plant is a non-native plant species that has escaped cultivation, is spreading on its own and causing environmental or economic harm. Invasive plants are usually characterized by fast growth rates, high fruit production, rapid vegetative spread and efficient seed dispersal and germination. Since these plants are not native to Ohio, they lack the natural predators and diseases which would naturally control them in their native habitats.

The majority of invasive plant species in Ohio's natural areas are non-native. Of the more than 700 non-native species in Ohio, approximately 60 of them threaten natural areas. **Invasive non-native** plants can out-grow, replace and otherwise destroy native plants because non-native plants usually don't have the natural enemies — diseases, insects and other environmental stresses — that keep

them in check in their native ranges.

The invasive species "targeted" by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) include: Purple Loosestrife, Common Reed Grass (Phragmites), Garlic Mustard, Japanese Knotweed, Multiflora Rose, four varieties of Honeysuckle, Autumn-Olive, both Glossy and European (Common) Buckthorn and Reed Canary Grass. Over 50 others are termed "well-established invasives" or are on the "watch list".

The four targeted invasive species discussed and pictured in this article can all be found in the Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre area. The Metroparks/ Metroparks Zoo, Weeders-in-the-Wild (a group associated with the Western Audubon Society, accessed at ([http://www.wcasohio.org/weeders\\_in\\_the\\_wild.htm](http://www.wcasohio.org/weeders_in_the_wild.htm)), and watershed groups such as Friends of Big Creek and West Creek Preservation Society volunteer each year to battle these — and other — invasive species.

Purple Loosestrife was introduced to the Northeastern United States from Europe in the early 1800s, either from ship ballast or from seeds attached to imported sheep. It was later planted for ornamental purposes, but by the 1900s had escaped cultivation. It grows as immense fields in wetland areas and can be seen taking over some channeled sections of Big Creek. The roots of loosestrife form a dense mat that blocks other plants from growing. Thirty-five states consider it to be an invasive species.



Common Reed Grass (Phragmites) has invaded every continent except Antarctica. It is a tall, perennial grass ranging in height from 3-15 feet. The plant produces horizontal rhizomes that grow on or beneath the ground. It



can grow in any habitat, from wetlands to disturbed ground, but it prefers damp areas. It is especially common next to highways, where it catches water runoff. It can be seen in the valley along Jennings Rd. and along stretches of I-176 and I-480. Over the past several years, Weeders-in-the-Wild have nearly eradicated all the Phragmites from the Metroparks' West Creek Reservation in Parma.

Garlic mustard is native to Europe, but also occurs in North America, from Quebec and Ontario south to North Carolina and Kentucky. It can be distinguished from other woodland mustard by its characteristic odor of garlic and the 2-4 foot flower stalks covered with numerous small white flowers in May. A severe threat to native vegetation, it can be seen at the junction of the Cuyahoga River and Big Creek by Harvard Ave.



Native to Asia, Japanese Knotweed was introduced to the United States in the 1890s as an ornamental tree and quickly escaped cultivation. It prefers wet areas by rivers and lakes and is content to live in the shade. Students from Rhodes High School joined Friends of Big Creek to help eradicate Japanese Knotweed along sections of Treadway Creek prior to the Treadway Creek Trail's construction. Five foot high Knotweed still borders Big Creek at the far end of Memphis Reservation.



For more information about invasive, non-native plants, visit <http://plants.usda.gov>; join the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN); visit the BCN's booth at EarthFest at the Zoo on Sunday, April 19th; or read the Metroparks' monthly newsletter, *The Emerald Necklace*, for announcements regarding volunteer opportunities. Depending on the species, it might be a "pull" or it might be cutting off seed heads, putting them in bags, cutting down stalks, and then applying herbicide to what remains.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)



Bob Gardin and Mary Ellen Stasek, members of Friends of Big Creek and Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, pull Japanese Knotweed near Big Creek at Jennings Rd. and Valley Rd. (by Zelezniks) at last year's River Sweep.

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When most people feel they are too old to learn, Ms. Hillman, at the age of 79, bought an organ and took lessons for two years. "Look at it, it looks like NASA", she said with delight when describing the organ with its red flashing lights, a computer screen that displays music and a CD Rom that makes a soft whirling noise. Mary plays everything from bluegrass to rumba and proudly displays her disc of "Mary's Greatest Hits" that is neatly labeled on a floppy disc.

As if all of that weren't enough, at the age of 93 she took her first computer class. Mary recalled, "it involved [learning about] word processing, excel and power point. And for power point my topic was *Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer*. I had to 'surf the internet' to find out everything about Rudolph". She

memorized the entire presentation and received a standing ovation from the class.

At 95, she continues to stay busy by delivering Hungarian surplus bread and pastries to St. Herman's House of Hospitality on Franklin Blvd., requiring two bus transfers. Then she takes another bus to take some bread to her very dear friend. And lastly, she delivers the remaining bread to the seniors in her complex. She smiles and says, "I'm sort of like a social-worker".

When asked what keeps her young she said, "I take a teaspoon of honey before bed and have a tablespoon of peanut butter every day. I don't feel like I'm 95. I guess I'm sort of like Rudolph, I never give up!"

And that is what makes Mary Hillman an inspirational Old Brooklyn resident!

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