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Cleveland Poles to sponsor Polish Constitution Day parade and activities on weekend of May 2nd & 3rd

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The Irish have their St. Patrick's Day Parade and the Italians their Columbus Day Parade, and Cleveland's Polish population has their own parade, too. It celebrates the constitution which Poland adopted in 1791, and will be taking place on Sunday, May 3rd at 1:30 p.m.

The parade will begin at Washington Park in Slavic Village near I-77 and Fleet Ave. It will proceed down Fleet Ave. to Broadway Ave. and Forman Ave., ending at the Alliance of Poles Hall, 6966 Broadway Ave. Polish flags will line the parade route.

The Constitution Day celebration will continue there, with a presentation given by the National Secretary of the Polish National Alliance in Chicago. Cultural and photo

exhibits, food and beverages will follow the formal program.

There will be another reception and

There will be another reception and cultural program at 7 p.m. that evening at the Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave.

While the Polish parade won't attract the crowd that the Irish have at their St. Patrick's Day parade, it's nonetheless very important to Cleveland's Polish community. And, given the redistricting of Cleveland's City Council, and the fact that next year at this time, part of our South Hills neighborhood will be sharing political boundaries with Slavic Village, what's happening with our neighbors to the east is becoming increasingly important to Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

Although most of the Polish people in our immediate community aren't descended from the "east-side Polish", but rather from people in Tremont who moved south along the Pearl Rd. corridor, all Poles share a common link to the old country.

And so, putting a new spin on the "You're so Irish if..." statements we made in March, we've come up with a set of cultural observations about the Polish for this issue. Read on and see if you agree that you're so Polish if...

you learned to polka shortly after you

learned to walk, and even now, there's nothing like hearing the beat of a polka to put you in a dancing mood;

- your earliest childhood shopping memories are of the West Side Market;
- your parents made you take accordion lessons when you were a child, sent you to Polish language school, and maybe to gymnastics classes at Sokol Polski in the Polish Falcons Hall, too;
- your "Babcha" (Grandma) wouldn't leave home without her babushka; you also remember her sending boxes of clothing to her relatives in Poland and teaching you how to make homemade noodles;
- some of the men in your family maybe the Grandpa you called Dziadzia worked in the steel mills and cashed their pay checks at the corner bar; they still always say "Na Zdrowie" before they down a shot and a beer;
- your uncles have names like Stanley/Stash, Chester/Chet, Casimer/Casey, Walter, Adalbert, Andrew, George, Ted, Joe, John, Mike and Ed;
- on Memorial Day weekend, at least one of those uncles hands out red paper poppies to solicit donations for the Polish Legion of American Veterans;

See Polish Constitution Day page 8



This archival photo depicts children in Polish folk costumes who walked with the Alliance of Poles (a Polish fraternal benefit society) in a Polish Constitution Day parade. In bygone eras, the parade traveled through downtown Cleveland rather than through Slavic Village.

OBCDC conducts community meeting

by Robyn Sandys robyns@oldbrooklyn.com

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) decided a few months ago to hold additional membership/community meetings each year besides the annual meeting usually held in October. On April 23rd the first of these meetings took place in 2009. It was held at the Gavin Lee Party Center. There were about 50 people in attendance.

The purpose of holding the additional meetings is to provide members and residents with information throughout the year about CDC activities and programs, and to answer questions from the community about their concerns. OBCDC expects to have another of these meetings before the annual meeting in October, most likely in early August.

The April meeting was planned to be an informal session, but after the redistricting of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Center Wards, which will effect the CDC's service area, the Board of OBCDC decided to add a

membership vote to the agenda for the evening. The special membership vote pertained to changing the boundaries slightly for the CDC to name them by Cuyahoga County Planning Areas as opposed to City Ward boundaries. The membership voted 24 in favor and 2 opposed to change the boundaries

The new boundaries are now the Statistical Planning Areas (SPA's) as defined by the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission as Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre, with the small caveat of including a few streets at the northern boundary of Brooklyn Centre to include Woodbridge Street west to 35th Street.

The remainder of the meeting emphasized several area wide planning studies that were recently completed or soon will be completed. These studies were commissioned by OBCDC over the past few years.

The Cuyahoga County Planning Commission was hired by OBCDC to do the Master Plan. They presented the scope and some findings from this report at the meet-



Photo by George Shuba

Brooklyn Kiwanian Keith Hamulak looks over one of the six Master Planning boards which were on display at OBCDC's community meeting on April 23rd at Gavin Lee Party Center.



The trees along Fulton Pkwy. which bloomed so beautifully in April are Higan Cherry (prunus subhirtella), closely related to the cherry trees in our nation's Capital. Thanks to Steve Balyint of the City of Cleveland's Department of Forestry for identifying them for us.

ing. In addition, OBCDC staff presented other planning studies.

The planning studies reviewed included the Master Plan for Wards 15 and 16, which includes Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn, a Transportation for Liveable Communities Initiative study (TLCI), which provided recommendations for streetscape and road improvements for W.25/Pearl Road from Lorain Avenue to Brookpark Road.

The Lower Big Creek Greenway Redevelopment and Restoration Plan outlines specific ideas for land uses for the Lower Big Creek which includes a camp ground and "extreme" sports park including-biking, propelling, rock climbing and so forth.

The Lower Big Creek plan is currently on OBCDC's web site. The TLCI will be soon, and the Master Plan will be on the site in June. The Master Plan did include an economic market analysis conducted by a private firm last June. The results of that study are on the web site. All CDC planning studies and documents can be found at http://www.oldbrooklyn.com/planning.htm.

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Fat Guy's Bar & Grill

by Donnald Heckelmoser donnaldh@oldbrooklyn.com

Fat Guy's Bar & Grill is one of the more recent hotspots in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre for food, drinks and fun. Fat Guys' opened their doors on March 1st, 2008 and is located at 5517 Memphis Ave. on the corner of West 56th St.

Ricky Betler, Thomas Smith III and Sondra Smith are the owners and proprietors of Fat Guy's Bar & Grill. They are family, and are looking forward to turning Fat Guy's into a nice family location for food and fun. Ricky is looking forward to buying a house in the neighborhood and really making Old Brooklyn

Fat Guy's currently offers a full menu of appetizers, salads, specialty sandwiches, wraps, burgers, chicken sandwiches, pizza & entrees. The entire menu was devised especially for Fat Guy's by Ricky and his family. Food prices range from \$3.99 to \$17.99.

Both of Ricky's parents are retiring in July from the Sherriff's Department and are looking forward to investing more time and energy into the establishment. Ricky's mom, Sondra, is especially looking forward to making daily specials that really set the place apart.

Ricky wanted the restaurant to include more than food so they have plenty of pool tables, dart boards and Keno for their patrons. They are also community minded. In 2008 they sponsored the Old Brooklyn girl's tee ball team. Ricky and his family are looking forward to sponsoring more teams this summer and throughout the years.

Fat Guy's Bar & Grill is an unusual name for a bar. It all started when Ricky was working at an old establishment that he owned. At this location the grill was always open until 2 a.m. Ricky's uncle, a 1st District police officer, always worked 3rd shift and said he was sick of eating late night fast food. Ricky told him to call in for food and he would have it ready for him

The word spread quickly to other 1st District officers who worked 3rd shift and when they would call in their orders they would ask for the "fat guy". The name stuck and when Ricky had the opportunity to name a new bar he saw no other choice. Fat Guy's Bar & Grill was born.

Fat Guy's offers daily specials including food and drink. Monday through Saturday they offer a happy hour from 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. that includes \$1.25 domestic drafts, \$1.75 domestic bottles and \$2.00 well drinks. Fat Guy's also offers daily 23 oz. domestic drafts and \$4.00 domestic draft pitchers during all Indians, Cavaliers, Browns and Ohio State

For more information on Fat Guy's Bar & Grill or to inquire about having a sports team sponsored please call 216-351-7526 or visit www.fatguysbarandgrill.com

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Old Brooklyn CDC 3344 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109 Attention: Lynea M. Reindel

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

For further information about the CDC, please go to 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.

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From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys robyns@oldbrooklyn.com

This will be a short article this month since we already reported on much of what the CDC is up to in the front page article that discussed our membership meeting in April.

I have met with all of our potential new Councilmen, Tony Brancatelli, Joe Cimperman and Joe Santiago this past month. They all seem to be interested in our activities and programs. As you may already know, all City Councilmen are up for election this coming November. So we will not know who will represent Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre until after November 3rd. Then the four who are elected will be our official council representatives starting January 1, 2010.

However, the way OBCDC's funding works from the City of Cleveland and through Council support, is the current councilmen, Brian Cummins and Kevin Kelley will be the one's deciding on our allocation of support for the next fiscal year which runs from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. If you are totally confused after reading this, feel free to email or call for further clarification.

Next month I will have a lot to report on. We will be purchasing our first home to rehab and sell. We hope to have it completed by the July 18th "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour so it can be a part of the tour. We expect to close on the home this month (if all goes as planned). I will have more specific details regarding the address and our progress on rehab in the June issue of the OBN.

Community meeting from front page

The planning presentation was the highlight of the evening. OBCDC's director also noted some of the CDC's activities over the last several months as well as the upcoming "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour to be held on Saturday, July 18. More information about this event is on page 7 of the OBN. Some of the key items that were reported included:

OBCDC's Business Directory 20 year anniversary edition will be distributed in June.

Home Resources Brochure that the CDC recently completed lists all of the resources and services available to residents who need help with home repairs, painting the outside of their home, foreclosure, and more. All of the information is also on the website at:

http://www.oldbrooklyn.com/toolbox.htm.

Cleveland Magazine includes a special section on Cleveland's neighborhoods in the May issue. The CDC has a page in the special section and there is additional information about the area in it as well.

Summer Movie Nights sponsored by Councilman Kelley and the CDC. There will be one movie a month presented on **June 19**,



The other news I will be reporting on will be the near completion of the CDC's organizational three year strategic plan. We have been engaged with this process for the past several months. This plan takes into account goals, strategies and action steps outlined in the Master Plan discussed on the front page. This new organizational plan will be the CDC's road map for the foreseeable future. We will share that plan with you on our web site and at another meeting of the membership this summer.

Remember that paint program applications are now available at the CDC if you need your house painted. Call to set up a time to get an application and to determine if you qualify. Also, go to our web site to see an updated "Toolbox" of housing resources that the CDC provides at http://www.oldbrooklyn.com/residential.htm. It is listed under Residential Resources.

Have a happy spring and tell all of your friends, family members, co-workers about the Home and Bicycle Tour this July 18th in partnership with Walk+Roll. It will be an exciting day of touring the neighborhoods homes and attractions and then ending with a great fun family event at Brookside Reservation. The event is called "Brookstock-A Celebration of Music and Nature." Our event starts at 10:00 a.m. and ends at 3:00 p.m., their event starts at 4:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there if not before!



July 25 and Aug. 14. See more information on the back page of this edition.

All regular programs of the CDC like Code Compliance which helps residents and businesses keep up to code on their homes and commercial structures is going well with nearly 700 structures surveyed since July of 2008.

OBCDC will be purchasing their first home this May to rehab and sell. There will be more of an update in the June OBN.

The CDC is especially excited about the upcoming "All Access" Home and Bicycle tour which is in partnership with Walk + Roll. There will be bicycle and home tours of the entire area and the CDC hopes to attract hundreds to this event. For more information go to both OBCDC's web site or the Walk + Roll site at www.walkroll.com



NEWS & EVENTS

Monday, May 4th Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm, "Dating Old Photos by Costumes and Props", by Marilyn Thompson. Program will provide tips to help determine when/where photos were taken to determine a time frame. All welcome; coffee & refreshments served. Call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

Tuesday, May 5th Cleveland Chapter of the **Polish Genealogical Society**

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, Broadview Rd. and 1901 Wexford Ave, 7:30 pm. This month only, annual dinner at The Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave., instead of a speaker at St. Mary's. Call president John Szuch, 330-769-4603, for more info.

Wednesdays, now thru May 27th or Thursdays, May 7th - May 28th **Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Volunteer Training**

Become a volunteer with the Visiting Nurse Association-Hospice! Wide range of volunteer skills needed, from office/clerical assistance to spiritual companionship, patient visits & many other possibilities. Wed., 5:30-9 pm & Thurs., noon-4 pm. To register call 216-902-7352 or email pkampf@vnacleveland.org.

Saturday, May 9th CityMusic Concert "Heaven & Earth"

Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3469 E. 65th St., Slavic Village, 7:30 pm; featuring music by Franz Schubert & Charles Ives. Free addmission; donations appreciated. Visit www.CityMusic Cleveland.org. or call 216-321-8273 about other dates/locations or for

Saturday, May 9th RiverSweep

Be a part of Ohio's largest environmental cleanup, 9 am - noon. Visit www. ohiocanal.org/riversweep.htm or call OBCDC, 216-459-1000, for more info.

Saturday, May 9th Rummage Sale

Broadview Baptist Church, 4504 Broadview Rd., 1/2 mile north of Schaaf Rd., 9 am- 5pm.

Saturday, May 9th Mayor Frank Jackson's **3rd Annual Youth Summit**

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, 18920 Laurell Circle, Strongsville, 44136 or call 216-235-5240.

Tuesday, May 12th Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

South Brooklyn Branch Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., 1 - 3 pm & 7 - 8 pm. Call Eileen, 216-398-4880, for more info.

Thursday, May 14th **Antique Collectors Club Meeting**

Busch Funeral meeting room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: "Todays Antique Market and Appraisals" by Barbara Williams. Guests welcome.

Saturday, May 16th Reverse Raffle & Dinner

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center, 4427 Pearl Rd., 7 pm. Only 200 tickets sold. \$1000 prize for last ticket drawn. Also 50/50 side boards, instant Bingo and number squares. Price - \$35 a person with roast beef dinner; \$25 w/o dinner. For tickets call Maryellen, 216-749-1349 or Roger, 216-269-3114 or email Roger at rogmatt61@yahoo.com.

Saturday, May 16th RiverDay-Big Creek

Explore the hidden beauty of Big Creek at its confluence with the Cuyahoga. Meet 11 am at Zeleznik's, 4002 Jennings Rd. at Harvard Ave.

Saturday, May23rd

Veterans Memorial Bridge & Subway Tours Cuyahoga County Engineer's Bridge Garage, 2433 Superior Viaduct, NE corner of W. 25th St. & Detroit Ave., 9 am - 3 pm. Tours also scheduled for Sat., Sept. 5, 2009. Call 216-348-3800 for more info.

Monday, May25th

City of Brooklyn Memorial Day Parade Parade begins at 11 am; proceeds east on Biddulph Rd. to Ridge Rd., north on Ridge to Memphis Ave., west on Memphis to Brooklyn City Hall memorial area. Ceremony honoring U.S. veterans at City Hall after parade arrives. Picnic lunch at the Grande Pavillion. Proceeds from event benefit Metro Health's Burn Center & City of Brooklyn's D.A.R.E. program.

Camp June 15th - July 16th **Accelerated Introduction to** Manufacturing Camp (AIM)

Max Hayes Technical High School, 4600 Detroit Ave.; 5-weeks, option of morning or afternoon sessions; 8:15 am - 12 pm or 12:45 pm - 4:30 pm. WIRE-Net's youth program designed for students interested in learning about career paths in manufacturing technology. Students eligible to earn up to \$500; evaluated on participation, behavior, punctuality & attendance. Final application deadline, May 23rd. Orientation mandatory for students & guardian on June 11th. Call 216-588-1440, ext. 123, or email AIMCamp@WIRE-Net.org for more info.

Sunday, June 28th 10th Annual Polka Picnic

St. Sava's Pavilion, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr., 1pm. Music by Honkey Express, 2 – 6 pm. European style food, refreshments, games, raffles; all welcome. For tickets call Ed Wojciak, 330-637-1720; Michael Polichuk, 216-298-4869, after 7 pm; or Kenneth Milenovic, 216-524-3908. Admission - raffle. \$5. Non-carry in; cash bar. Proceeds help local Veterans' programs. Zapraszamy - welcome.

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Sunday, September 20th East High Grand Reunion V

Graduates, non-graduates, teachers & custodial staff who were involved in the school from 1900 - 1962. Croatian Lodge, Eastlake. Looking for lists or the use of yearbooks for 1960, 1961 & 1962. Contact Sam Coso, 440-946-4548, for more info.

Monday Evenings Yoga class

Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd., 6:30 -7:30 pm. Lawrence Young, instructor. Free.

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 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 - 1pm, 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

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

All locations for ages birth through age 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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel School

Registration for Kindergarten & Preschool Are you interested in an excellent Catholic Education? Call now for a tour & registration packet for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. Kindergarten registrants must be 5 vrs old by Sept. 30, 2009. Cleveland Tutoring & Scholarship vouchers are accepted as well as county vouchers for preschool/after care. Call Ms. Patty at 216-741-3685 between 8:15 am & 2:30 pm for more info. Visit website www.olgoodcounsel.com for up to date info.

St. Leo Preschool Registrations 2009-2010 School Year

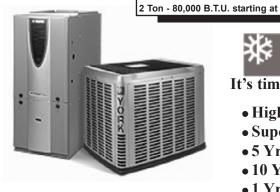
St. Leo Preschool is located at 4940 Broadview Rd in the Parish Community Center. The preschool offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for 3 & 4 year-old children. A full-day 8 am.-2:30 pm. Mon. - Fri. program is available, with after school care at an additional charge. In addition 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 nonrefundable 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-

St. Mary Byzantine School Registration

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., now accepting applications for preschool - grade 8. Before/after school services available. Local tuition assistance available to all families; participates in Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. Updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics & more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit www.smbyz.org.

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Ben Franklin Community Garden continues long horticulture tradition in neighborhood

by Mark Tapajna, John Jenkins and Lisa Young

Ben Franklin Garden Committee members

The Ben Franklin Community Garden is a jewel in the crown of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. Established as a community garden in 1979 through an agreement between the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and the Cleveland Board of Education, it is one of the largest and most productive garden sites in the city of Cleveland. It is a focal point of the South Hills neighborhood and one of the earliest examples of the development and use of ecofriendly urban space.

The Ben Franklin School and Garden have a long history and a tradition of education, service and community focus. Ninety years ago (in 1919) the land that would become the school and gardens was transferred to the Cleveland Board of Education. The School was built in 1923 on 10.44 acres of land with 4.77 acres dedicated to garden

The gardens were first used as a nursery for growing plants for other schools in the vicinity. Originally the gardens had hot beds, an orchard, a grape arbor, small shrubs and



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bushes, and various types of trees.

In 1924 the first horticulture classes were taught to junior high students. Circa 1930, part of the nursery eventually used as an outdoor classroom and picnic area, as well as

individual garden plots. The idea of the gardens was successful and the demand was

In a spirit of true community, children from surrounding schools, both public and parochial, were eligible to garden. This deeply-rooted custom of working, nurturing and learning from the earth continued into the 1970s when school finances became tight. Then the tradition passed from their auspices to that of the OBCDC, and larger community has benefited ever since.

Since this transfer there have been two Garden Attendants: Barney Killian, who held the position until 2000, and Tom Sargent, who has held the position since. The Garden is fortunate to have had the foresight and interest of both the OBCDC and the care and oversight of both Barney and Tom. Under Ordinance Number 1820-04 the School and Garden have also been recognized as a Cleveland Landmark (December, 2004).

In a continuing spirit of nurturing both the land and the community, the Ben Franklin Garden Committee was organized on 11/27/2007. The purpose of the Committee is to assure the future continuation of the Community Garden at Ben Franklin School and empower the community of gardeners to operate, improve and develop this resource to its full potential, while striving to maintain fiscal responsibility and discipline.

Members strive to promote an environment where local gardeners work together to grow needed food, support each other and continue a tradition that roots and supports the surrounding community.

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The Garden Committee consists of an Operating Committee with four officers and six sub-committees: Governance, Projects, Finance, Nominating & Elections, Preservation and Events Information. The current Garden Committee members are: John Jenkins (Chairperson); George Oryshkewych (Vice-Chair); Mike Fodor (Treasurer); Lisa Young (Secretary); Jeff Kostura; Neal Wilds; Peter Chaky; Bill Smith; Mark Tapajna; Dan Misztal; and David Kuebler.

Under the Garden Committee's auspices, a \$5000 grant was acquired and spent to improve the equipment and operation of the garden and 1,276 volunteer hours were logged. In addition, there was a continuation of the food donations that amounted to 6,210 lbs., a garden donation fund was established, and several garden related education events were presented.

In August, 2008, Ben Franklin Gardens





This year the Garden Committee plans to continue the tradition of community service and access to the Ben Franklin Garden and

> invites past and prospective gardeners to actively participate in maintaining, improving and nurturing the garden, its gardeners and the community as a whole. Applications have been sent to prospective gardeners for the 2009 gardening season.

> Volunteer opportunities will be available throughout the gardening season, and the Committee requests that gardeners continue to contribute food and service to the needy in the community.

Photos from CSU's Cleveland Memory

COMMUNITY **MEETINGS**

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, May 28th (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists meeting, Saturday, May 9th, 10 am to noon, Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd.; and -- free presentation, Saturday, May 23rd, also at Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 2 p.m.; Jan Rybka of the Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District speaking about "Rain Gardens & Rain Barrels". For more info. about either program, contact the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists at bcnaturalists@gmail.com.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, Sun., May 17th, 2 pm, Brooklyn branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd. Speaker, Ken & Pat Codney presenting "Journey from Ireland". Refreshments served; prospective members welcome.

Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS) - Wed., May 27th, 7 pm. BHS museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Speaker, Mike McCormick (Brooklyn High School class of 57) speaking about the Ohio Canal & its relationship to Cleveland & Irish history. Mike began volunteering in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in 2000 after he retired from the Plain Dealer. He & his wife give walking tours of Ohio City & Slavic Village during the Polish Festival in October. He also gives "golf cart tours" along the Canal for senior & handicapped folks who normally

would not be able to view the park. Everyone welcome; for more info. call Barbara 216-941-0160.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting every fourth Tues. of the month, May 26th, 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.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, Fri., May 8th, 7 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd., (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) David Schelhorn of the Midwest Railway Society, speaking about the history of the B & O Railroad. Also refreshments & business meeting, plus candy bar sale.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., May 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518

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

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

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Achilles tendon have been shown to be at greater risk to develop Charcot foot.

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Since we last "talked", another Passover, Easter, Orthodox Easter, Tax Day and Earth Day have become part of our personal past histories. With Polish Constitution Day, Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day and Memorial Day coming up this month, now May offers the possibility for making a lot more memories.

The Old Brooklyn News has a special article about the upcoming Polish celebrations May 2-3. And we're still waiting to hear back from Rhodes High School about one of their 1940s/World war II-era students which would make a great Memorial Day story in our next issue. So let's begin this Town Crier with comments and catch-ups from April.

Last month we ran an article about the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Frederick Ozanam Food Pantry at the Biddulph Shopping Plaza being forced to close until they are able find a place to relocate. At the time of this printing, they are still looking for a new home where they can continue their ministry to the needy.

On a more cheerful note, after we wrote about neighbor folks who participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade, I received an email from Beverly Welky to let me know about someone else who was involved in the March 17th extravaganza.

Katie Cooper, the director of music at St. Thomas More Church, was the Irish lass who got the parade going by singing the national anthems of both Ireland and the United States. She sang ours, of course, in English, and the Irish one in Gaelic. (Thanks for the info,

A year ago, and for many years in April or May previous to that, we've written about how the Old Brooklyn News fared in the annual writing competition sponsored by the Neighborhood and Community Press Association (NCPA).

That's on hold this year, because Dr. Leo Jeffries, the Cleveland State University professor who has moderated the group since its inception, underwent unexpected triple bypass surgery in February.

Dr. Jeffries is beginning to catch up with the usual details of life, and the soonest that that NCPA might get together is in mid-summer. Whether that will be for just a meeting and a social, or for a competition, too, remains

Another favorite activity, the Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour, is also on hold due to surgery. For the last two years, it's been at Riverside Cemetery, and had grown large enough to merit coverage in the Plain Dealer.

Because of the bad weather which blew in during last year's tour, the event was rained out early in the day. That was disappointing to both the historical interpreters and those in attendance, and many people were very much looking forward to sunny skies this year.

But a year ago, neither of the two major organizers, Gloria Ferris and Sharon Martynowski, knew that they'd be undergoing major surgeries in the months immediately prior to the event (and therefore not yet up to such a major undertaking in June). Hang on for a bigger and better tour in 2010, they are now telling us.

If you can't wait that long to experience interesting snippets of local history, I saw in the Emerald Necklace that the Metroparks has been sponsoring tours which they call "Urban Explorations". If this type of thing interests you, be sure you are on their mailing list so that you don't miss hearing about them.

Anyone interested in Tremont history should register for the Metroparks tour on Thursday, May 21; Old Brooklynite and Metroparks volunteer Mollie Alstott will be assisting with it. Registration is necessary; to attend, call 216-206-1000, beginning May 1.

At approximately the same time this month, Gray & Co., Publishers, the firm which only publishes books about Cleveland, will be releasing two new titles. One is an updated version of Cleveland Ethnic Eats (8th edition) by Jane Taxel; the other is Love You More than You Know: Mothers' Stories about Sending Their Sons and Daughters to War by Janie Reinart and Mary Anne Mayer.

Please continue to send your suggestions for this column to Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

THEATER NOTES

Beck Center of the Arts 17801 Detroit Ave. 216-521-2540

> www.beckcenter.org "Cinderella"

Youth Theater, Main Stage

Fri., May 1- Sat., May 9; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., May 3, & Sat., May 9, - 3 pm matinee. Tickets: adults, \$12; children, \$10; (includes \$2 service fee). Reservations enouraged; box office extension is 10. Visa & Mastercard accepted.

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons 6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600 "A Year with Frog & Toad"

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8500 Euclid Ave. 216-795-7000, ext.233 www.clevelandplayhouse.com "Fusionfest"

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> Cleveland Public Theatre 6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 www.cptonline

Gordon Square Theatre Danceworks '09 "Molt"

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Bookstore Theatre "No Child..."

Due to rave reviews & popular demand, this one-woman show based on the "no child left behind" theme has been extended two weekends, thru Sat., May 9; Show times - Thurs., Fri. & Sat. - 7:30 pm; Sun. - 3 pm. Tickets -\$10, Thurs.; \$20, Fri., Sat. & Sun.

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"Once on this Island"

Opens Fri., May 1. Show dates & times - Fri., May 1, 8 & 15 - 7:30 pm; Sat., May 2, 9, 16 - 7:30 pm; Thurs., May 7 - 7:30 p.m.; Sun., May 17 - 3 pm. Three neighborhood students - Alana Jerrell & Andy & Grace Schumann have storytellers roles. All tickets, \$6. Free parking. Ticket reservation voicemail up to one hour before curtain time -- 216-961-6391.

Auditions for "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"

Tues., Wed., Thurs., May 19, 20, 21; (age 13 entering high school thru age 19); 7:30 - 10:30

Great Lakes Theater Festival at the Hanna

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"The Comedy Of Errors"

Sat., May 2, 7:30 pm; Sun., May 3, 3 pm.

"The Seagull"

Fri., May 1, 7:30 pm; Sat., May 2, 1:30 pm. Tickets for either show - \$13 to \$67 each.

Liminis Theatre "The Mineola Twins"

2438 Scranton Rd. 216-687-0074 (one block west of Lincoln Park in the historic Tremont neighborhood) Now thru Sat., May 2; 8 pm. Tickets - \$12 &

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Neighborhood Roman Catholic parishes continue actions in response to recent closing/merging directives

by Lynette Filips lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com

For several months, the Old Brooklyn News has been running an ongoing series about the clustering situation affecting Cleveland's Catholic Churches, always promising a further update in the next issue of the paper. Actually, there isn't a lot of definite information to share this month, but as promised, here is the most recent news we have to report --

In the cluster of parishes north of the Big Creek Valley, a number of parishioners from St. Barbara's wrote to Bishop Richard Lennon, requesting that he reconsider his decision to close their parish. He did not respond any more favorably to their pleas than he did to the parishes which hired canon lawyers and proceeded with a more formal appeal.

Now the word is that individuals from St. Barbara's will again appeal, this time to higher church officials, but the parish will not hire legal counsel to represent itself to Rome. If forced to close, St. Barbara parishioners hope to be able to keep their church open until the very end, which is June, 2010.

South of the Big Creek Valley, both

Corpus Christi and Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Churches have also been affected by the Diocesan downsizing, having been given the directive to merge. Bishop Richard Lennon met with each pastor individually the week after Easter. Then on the next Monday, both pastors and a small committee from each parish met at OLGC to discuss their ideas for the new parish they will form.

In this case, too, both parishes see themselves as holding on to their present identities until Spring of 2010; we have not been told the exact closing date which they submitted to the Diocese, but ultimately the Bishop will decide

The same holds true for the new name by which OLGC and Corpus Christi will be known after they have merged and meet on the OLGC site - they must make suggestions, (about which we have not yet been apprised), but the Bishop will make the final decision.

Another topic discussed at the joint OLGC-Corpus Christi meeting was that prior to the official merger, if the parishes hold "shared" events, the location should be equally divided between their two current sites.

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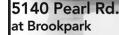
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by Tom Collins tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

The Power of One

What started as a resident's concern became an opportunity to bring artists, teachers, students, businesses and commercial property owners together to utilize storefront windows for art work.

Maria Dimengo, who lives in Old Brooklyn and is employed at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU), was disturbed by empty windows in vacant storefronts or, in some cases, by windows that were not displaying anything. Maria could have accepted the unappealing windows as just one of those things we have to live with. Instead, Maria turned an undesirable condition into an opportunity.

Maria applied for a small project grant at Case Western Reserve University. Then she contacted artists, CWRU students, teachers, businesses and property owners. She used the grant funds to purchase minimal supplies. She spoke to artists about displaying existing works and teachers to work with students to create new art. She talked to businesses and commercial property owners about lending their windows for displaying

On Saturday, March 28, Maria brought together about four dozen volunteers to clean the windows and mount the art. Maria has proved again that one person makes a difference. Thank you. Maria Dimengo!

There is another Old Brooklyn resident who also makes a difference. He may not think that what he does is any big deal but it really is. David Jereb, a retired U S Postal Service Mail Carrier, is an avid walker. Like a dedicated letter carrier, weather is no deterrent to the long walks David takes every day. I suspect that he does not believe there is such a thing as a bad weather day; it is just that some days are nicer than others.

One morning several weeks ago I spotted Dave walking north on Valley Rd. about a block from Broadview Rd. It was a windy day in early April and a good amount of litter was traveling in the same direction. David was picking it up as he walked along, gathering it from front lawns, sidewalks and curbsides. He did not have to do this, but he is the kind of guy who does not think this is someone else's problem.

Dave Jereb makes a difference. He saw something that he did not like and he fixed it. Thank you, David Jereb!

Power of Many: River Sweep

There is always more to do. River Sweep, the annual volunteer clean up of public places along the Cuyahoga River Valley and its urban tributaries, will be on Saturday, May 9. Like a snowball rolling down a hill, the collective power of hundreds of volunteers makes a huge difference in three short

The event is managed by Ohio Canal Corridor. That is the non-profit corporation overseeing the development of the 110-mile Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail. This is the 20th anniversary of what may be the largest single day environmental clean up in Cuyahoga County. Volunteers, numbering about 1000, will fill far more bags as they remove litter and a range of illegally dumped items from auto parts to refrigerators.

The side benefit is that in removing trash from neglected areas, new ideas emerge



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The W. 14th St. hill is one of several focus points for cleanup in the Big Creek Valley. The road has long been closed to two-way traffic because of its deteriorating

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condition. Like the conditions observed by Maria and David, it is an unacceptable condition in need of change. And like the old trash-filled ravine below Harmody Park, the vision of volunteers will define a new use that is beneficial to the community.

Please join your friends and neighbors for three hours of River Sweep help on Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m. We will assemble in the parking area of Zeleznik's Tavern, 4002 Jennings Rd. Gloves and T shirts will be provided, and a volunteer appreciation lunch will be served at the Plain Dealer Pavilion after the morning exercise.

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My point of view --Fibromyalgia Awareness Day is this month

by Eileen Shepard

In the summer of 2000, I started an informal support group called "Get Going Even with Fibromyalgia". It meets at various locations throughout Cuyahoga County. I do not have a website, but can be reached at 216-398-4880.

Because May 12th is Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, I asked some support group members this question: What are the most important things you would like the public to be aware of about your daily challenges living with Fibromyalgia? Here's what four ladies answered -

"Fibromyalgia is a stress-related form of soft tissue pain, while arthritis refers more to joint pain. When I was first diagnosed in 1979, it didn't really have a name, but was called muscular rheumatism or fibrocytis.

I went "doctor-shopping" when the first doctor, an internist, said to take fourteen aspirin a day and see a psychiatrist. I then went to a rheumatologist. To my surprise, he said to take eighteen aspirin a day and also agreed that good mental health is important.

Opening doors and climbing steps are my challenges. Shopping can also be a nightmare. I look healthy, but bad weather that is still two days off can sometimes knock me to me knees. 'It's sunny and 75 degrees out,' people say; 'you can't feel sick.' 'Oh yes, I can; oh yes, I

"You can't judge a book by its cover. Just because I'm walking around and I look healthy doesn't mean that I feel healthy. Most people don't know how pain can drive a person into depression. Family and friends sometimes don't understand.

Another challenge is finding a doctor who takes my complaints seriously. When blood

tests and various lab tests are normal. I'm told that there is nothing physically wrong. Fibromyalgia pain and symptoms are the invis-

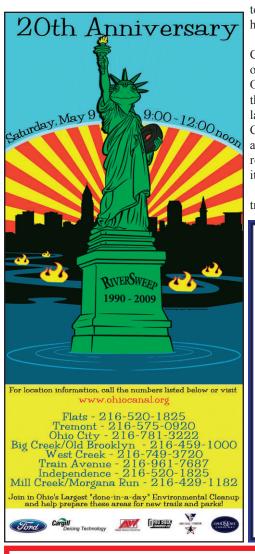
"We are genuine and our complaints are very real. Fibromyalgia, for now, is a lifelong illness. I work fulltime and try very hard to go to work every day and not appear "chronically crabby". The noise of the copy machine or the glare of the fluorescent lights can increase my pain and fatigue.

Don't tell me to see a different doctor or to take pain medication. Finding a supportive doctor is challenging enough, but I am also very sensitive to many of the available medications. Being allergic to prescribed medication can be frightening, and for some, life-threatening. I'm glad that there is a Fibromyalgia Awareness Day."

"Fibromyalgia causes extreme pain and fatigue that makes getting out of bed some mornings the first challenge of the day! Pain medication, exercise and help with household tasks make life a little easier. Repetitive motions, chemicals in the air and in carpeting, etc. can all cause a flare-up.

Along with physical stress, there is emotional stress as well. If there is a family outing or a special occasion, I have to clear my calendar for the day before and the day after, since I'm learning to pace myself."

If some of this sounds familiar to symptoms you're experiencing in your life, please join us at one of the Fibromyalgia Awareness Programs on Tuesday, May 12, at the South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 4303 Pearl Rd. The afternoon program will be from 1 to 3 p.m.; the evening program will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Fibromyalgia care-givers, family members and friends are also welcome.





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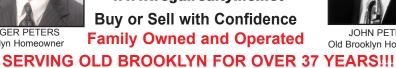


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by Dana Korosi **Steel Valley Federal Credit Union**

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- 2. Democratic member Members ultimately control their cooperatives. When you attend your credit union's annual meeting or vote for the board of directors, you're exercising your member-owner control.
- 3. Member economic participation. According to the Manchester Congress, "Cooperatives operate so that capital is the servant, not the master, of the organization."
- 4. Autonomy and independence. While governments determine the legislative framework within which co-ops function, this principle asserts that co-ops also have an "essential need to be autonomous in the same way that enterprises controlled by capital are...."
- 5. Education, training, and information. This principle says members can play their role in the cooperative only when they understand that role and the co-op. That's one reason, for example, that your credit union provides you with this information and other edu-
- 6. Cooperation among cooperatives. Cooperators believe that co-ops have a unique opportunity to protect and expand the interests of ordinary people. This kind of one-for-all and all-for-one idea is unique among businesses. Even in localities where they compete, it's common for them to also cooperate on numerous activities.
- 7. Concern for community. Cooperatives exist primarily for the benefit of their members. Because of this strong association with members, they also are often closely and actively tied to their communities.

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Inexpensive ways to boost your home's value

by Donnald Heckelmoser donnaldh@oldbrooklyn.com

As the national foreclosure crisis continues to ramp up for another round, home values continue to decline. More and more people throughout the country continue to wake up with home values that are far less than what they owe on their homes. The following are inexpensive and easy ways to boost your home values that can be feasible at all income levels.

Basic renovations are the key to boosting your home values. Large scale and expensive projects (such as additions, new roofs and adding closet space) are always great ways to improve your home, but it is not always the most affordable.

Painting is a great way to improve the feel of your home while keeping money in your pockets. Two to five gallons of paint at your local paint vendor will not cost that much but is a great way remove the wear and tear that happens over time. If you are thinking of selling, be sure to stick with neutral colors that go with every décor.

Basic maintenance can be your key to finding out what is wrong with your home. Your average home inspection costs approximately \$250 and helps you avoid spending money where it doesn't need to be spent. This in turn gives you the most return for your investment. Once you have the inspection report for repairs you can work on fixing one problem a year, which gives you time to save and then recoup.

Energy efficient upgrades have and will always give a great return on your investment whether you are selling or staying in your home. Financing a new energy star washer dryer combo can save you time and money over the long run. They are a great selling incentive and if you decide to stay can reduce your utilities bills within the first few weeks of using them.

Remember that windows and doors only account for about 10% of energy loss in your home. This means that it shouldn't be your go to replacement project to reduce your utility bills. But, if you do want to replace your windows, try replacing one or two a year to keep the cost manageable. Vinyl windows have a long life and usually longer warranties.

A great way to tighten up your home if you can not afford to have your house dense packed (insulated) is to get some foam filler and some caulk. Caulking around windows and doors and air sealing (with foam filler) bypasses in your basement and attic can make a noticeable difference in utility bills and com-

For a cost of \$75-100, new fixtures in your kitchen and bathrooms, drawer handles and knobs for your cabinets can add to the new feel of any older home.

Landscaping is another good step for improving the feel of the outside of your home. Regularly maintaining your yard, edging and weeding can quickly make your home stand out in a crowd. Inexpensive but beautiful plants and flowers such a dogwood, forsythia and red-flowering butterfly shrubs can really make your yard stand out even more. Buying drought-resistant shrubs and perennials can add to the cost savings.

With the housing market on the decline and homes not selling very well it might be a good idea to stay in your home, ride out the housing market and invest in some inexpensive but efficient repairs.

Once the housing market picks back up in a year, two years or even three years - you will have a great looking home that is easier to live in and easier to sell...for a profit.

Cyngier sponsors oldest furnace contest

by Roseann Cyngier, PhD

neighbor? A relative? Right now there is an exciting Oldest Furnace Contest sponsored by Cyngier Heating & Air Conditioning in progress. One lucky homeowner with the oldest furnace entered will win the Grand Prize of a new Carrier Comfort 80 furnace.

Five years ago, Old Brooklyn resident Tanya Dolin won the contest with her exceptionally old coal-converted-to-gas furnace. "It was unbelievable to find a working furnace 88 years old right here in the neighborhood!" says Dr. Roseann Cyngier, President of Cyngier Heating & Air Conditioning. "When we removed the old Beast-in-the-Basement, we relocated the new furnace to a side wall which allowed Ms. Dolin plenty of room for her grandchildren to roller skate in the basement."

Ms. Dolin was so pleased with the project Who has the oldest furnace? You? A that she had Cyngier Heating & Air Conditioning install another new furnace next door. Cyngier Heating & Air Conditioning is a well established contractor with national and local awards, including The Better Business Bureau Environmental Excellence, Carrier Distinguished Dealer, Best Contractor in the Midwest/Great Lakes Region (by The News) and many more. Cyngier's spring promotion is the ONE, TWO, FREE special - buy two ProCheck tune-ups at regular price and receive the third free for your parents, son, rental house or just yourself. Call for details.

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Polish Constitution Day from front

- vour aunts have names like Stella/Stacia. Sophie, Helen, Lottie, Mary, Anna, Dorothy, Irene, Sophie, Katherine, Rose and Celia;
- one of your aunts is a "Polish Joe" (i.e., a Sister of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis), the nuns who started Marymount Hospital and Trinity High School — when it was still called Marymount;
- your grandpa and your father had all of Li'l Wally's (Walter Jagiello) and Frankie Yankovic's albums. Wally's polka music was Chicago-style, and Frankie's was Clevelandstyle. Frankie was Slovenian, not Polish, but when you hear him sing "Who Stole the Kishka?", you understand what he's singing about (kiszka, a ring-shaped sausage);
- many of the west-siders in your family who once lived in the "Southside" (today's Tremont) now live in Parma and many of the east-siders in your family who once lived in today's Slavic Village now live in Garfield Hts., Maple Hts. and Warrensville Hts.;



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- although your relatives have last names that look like an eye doctor's chart, they're all easy for you to spell and pronounce;
- unlike my father, who shortened Filipowski to Filips, you've resisted the trend to Americanize your surname, and never removed the ethnic suffix (-ski, -ska, -czyk, wicz, -icki, -ecki, etc.);
- you know that there is no "v" in the Polish alphabet, and that a Polish "w" is pro-
- nounced like an English "v" a Polish "j" like an English "y", "prsz" like an English "ch", and "l" with a line through it like an English "w";
- you sing Sto Lat to your family members on their birthdays:
- Christmas Eve is more important in your family than Christmas Day is, and you always shares oplatky wafers with each other at Christmas
- pussy willows are more a part of your Palm Sunday than palms are (because palms don't grow in Poland);
- you love Bobby Vinton, "the Polish Prince", and after your brother had a few drinks, he sang My Melody of Love at your wedding reception;
- your family expects that there will be dollar dances at the weddings they attend;
- you got your home mortgage from Third Federal Savings and Loan Association;
- you not only know where the Polish American Cultural Center is, you often go there for Sunday dinner;
- you also like to eat at Sokolowski's University Inn in Tremont and the Red Chimney in Slavic Village;
- you know how to make kielbasa, but you're also happy buying it from Jaworski's (now in Middleburg Hts. instead of Slavic Village) or any of the other Polish butcher shops listed in Laura Taxel's Cleveland Ethnic
- your mother's recipe for pierogis used at least a dozen cups of flour; she also taught you how to prepare golabki (stuffed cabbage rolls), kapusta (a dish containing cabbage or sauerkraut), czernina (duck blood soup) and chrus-

- ciki (fried crullers, also called angel wings);
- you regularly tune in to Cleveland's polka radio shows like WHK 1420 AM's Prime Time Polkas on Sundays from 7 to 8 p.m., and WJCU 88.7 FM's Polish Freight on Sundays from noon to 2 p.m.;
- you bought James Michener's Poland, though you probably didn't finish reading it;
- you belong to the Cleveland Chapter of the Polish Genealogical Society, which meets

at St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church Broadview Rd. at Wexford Ave on the first Tuesday of the month;

- when you've got big travel plans, you book your trips with Kniola Travel Bureau (established,1890) on Fleet Ave., Ameripol Travel on E. 71st St., Cosmopolitan Agency on Lansing Ave., or Shipka Travel on State Rd.;
- you know that the real name of Cleveland's Olympic Gold Medalist star, Stella Walsh, was Stanislawa Walasiewicz:
- you have your life insurance through the Alliance of Poles, The Association of Polish Women, The Union of Poles, The Polish National Alliance, Inc. or another Polish frater-
- when one of your family members dies, depending on where he/she lived, the wake will probably be at Tomon's, Golubski's, Komorowski's or Mosinski's;
- you can spell Czestochowa and you have a picture of Our Lady of Czestochowa hanging in your home (and one of Pope John Paul II,
- you've been to the Polka Hall of Fame at 605 E. 222nd St. in Euclid;
- you're a member of the Cleveland Polka Association, which not only offers many perks to members, but also offers free polka lessons to non-members:
- you remember all the old Polish neighborhoods in Cleveland and the churches which anchored them (Warszawa - St. Stanislaus; Poznan - St. Casimer; Kantowo - St. John Cantius/Kanty; Josephatowo - St. Josaphat; and our own Barbarowo - St. Barbara's);

- you're outraged at the number of Roman Catholic churches the Diocese of Cleveland has ordered to close which were founded as Polish parishes;
- you almost always attend the Polish Constitution Day celebrations, as well as the events which precede it -
- --the spring clean-up at the Polish Cultural Garden on Martin Luther King Blvd. (University Circle area) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 2nd;
- -- the annual Polonia Ball and the naming of Miss Polonia 2009 at 7:30 p.m. on the same

-- the wreath-laying ceremonies at the statue of Kazimierz Pulaski on the mall downtown and at the Polish Cultural Garden on the morning of Sunday, May 3rd (meet at the Alliance of Poles at 7:45 a.m.);

-- the Constitution Day breakfast at St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Ave., at 9:30 am, followed by the Memorial Mass at 10:30 am, also on May 3rd.

While they're not approaching it from a "you're so Polish if..." perspective, Polish groups want Polish young people to stay in touch with their heritage. To encourage them to do so, the Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Inc. offers partial college scholarships; students can apply for them until June 1, 2009. To request an application form, contact Richard Jablonski, Scholarship Chairman, c/o Polonia Foundation of Ohio, Inc., 12716 Oakview Blvd. Garfield Heights. OH 44125.

In addition, the Kosciuszko Foundation and the Polish Army Veteran's Association, District 2, are sponsoring a World War II essay contest. The theme is "International Significance of the Nazi-Soviet Invasion of Poland in September 1939". The winner will receive \$2,000; a runner-up will receive \$1,000. Applications for the 2009 Historical Essay Contest can be found at http://www.kosciuszkofoundation.org/educational.html; the deadline to apply is July 1.

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

Cleveland Metroparks children's fishing derbies - Sun., May 3rd; children age 4 - 15 enjoy a day of free fishing fun while learning fishing basics. Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Prizes awarded in each session for largest & smallest fish caught & best cast from casting challenge. Live bait & free handouts provided. Loaner fishing equipment available. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish for the derbies. Participants should bring tackle, a cooler & ice to store day's catch. Call 216-635-3200 for more info.

Treasure Hunt Adventure (GPS for beginners of all ages) - Sat., May 9, 9:30 am & 1 pm. Cultural History Interpreter Doug Kusak with a brief history of GPS, an introduction to geocaching & GPS basics. Then participants search for geocaches in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Bring own GPS unit or borrow one of theirs; quantity limited; requires valid driver's license for duratrion of loan, not to exceed two hours.

Children's Museum of Cleveland 10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437 www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

Parade the Circle Workshop - Sat, May 2 & 31; 10 am - 1 pm.

Fancy Nancy - Mother-Daughter Party, Sat, May 9, 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Reservations required. Cost: \$40/member for a family of two; \$50/non-member for a family of two; \$15/each additional family member.

Mother's Day - Half-price for Moms, Sun., May 10.

Blast Off! Family Workshop - Sat., May 16, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Cost: \$5/person. Reservations required.

Summer Discovery Camps 2009 - Camps are one week sessions, Mon - Fri., 9 am-noon. Optional lunch/bunch session available noon - 2 pm. Ages 4 - 6 years. All camps feature themed art & discovery activities, outdoor explorations, free playtime in exhibit gallery & snack time. Cost -- \$99 per child/camp for Children's Museum members, \$115 for nonmembers. Call 216-791-7114 or visit website for more info.

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

Meet Your Snake Neighbors - Sat., May 30. 1 - 4 pm. Find out the answers to all your snake questions. Several live snakes to meet & greet, crafts, trivia tables, games & much more.

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.

Cleveland Metroparks Summer Camps
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Camp Hinckley - Hinckley Lake Boathouse, June 16 - 18, 10 am - 2 pm; ages 9 - 11. Fee -

Camp Brecksville - Brecksville Nature Center, June 30 - July 2, ages 6 - 8 or 9 - 11, 10 am - 2 pm. Fee - \$24.

Camp Mill Stream - J Green Lodge, Mill Stream Run Reservation, July 28 - 30, 10 am - 2 pm. Fee - \$24.

Registration begins Tues., April 14, at 9:30 am.

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

Mother's Day Wildflower Hike - Sun., May 10, 2 - 3:30 pm. Hauser Wildflower Garden has beautiful "residents" & blooming wildflowers; also hike the trails.

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

www.clevelandmetroparks.com

Ledge Pool & Recreation Area "Open House" - noon - 4 pm, Sat., May 16th. Enjoy complimentary refreshments, stroll the grounds, purchase season passes & sign up for swimming lessons. Call 440-331-8635 for more info.

2009 swimming season starts Sat., May 23rd, & runs through Aug., 16th. **Pool Hours** - 11 am - 7 pm. Daily fees to use the pool -- adults, 12 & over, \$4.50; children 6-11, \$3.50; 5 & under, free; seniors 62 & over, free.

Learn to swim program: \$30 per session with season pass; \$50 all others. Call 440-331-8111 for more info.

Pool party packages - special reserved area with picnic tables for up to 3 hours; Parties must have at least 10 people. Call 440-331-8111 to schedule a party or request pricing on food packages.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500 clemetzoo.com

Sun., May 10th, **all moms receive free Zoo admission!** Also, **Mother's Day Breakfast** (by reservation only) 8:30 - 10 am. Adults 12 & older, members & moms, \$23.75; non-members, \$28.75; Juniors 2 - 11, members, \$18.50; non-members, \$23.50. Under 2, free. Call 216-635-3389 for reservations.

Flutter - Thurs., May 21 - Sun., Sept. 13th. Free with Zoo admission. Hundreds of free-flying butterflies from South America, Africa & Asia. Visitors might also meet the butterfly keeper or see butterfly cocoons.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show - Sat., May 23 - Thurs., Sept. 7th. Daily 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm in the Zoo's Amphitheater. Free with Zoo admission. Weekend shows run through the end of Sept.

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 1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600 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

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Exhibit -- **Making Faces:** The Art And Science of Forensic Facial Reconstruction. Now - June 14 in Fawick Gallery. Free with museum admission.

Planetarium Program: Far, Farther, Farthest - May & June, Mon - Fri, 2:30 pm; Wed, 8 pm; Sat, 10:30 am & 12:30, 2 & 4 pm. Sun, 12:30, 2 & 4 pm. Four hundred years ago Galileo was able to see farther than anyone before him with the newly-invented telescope. How far can we peer outward through the universe today?

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

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

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

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

Preschool Storytime - Every Tues., 1:30 pm. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children ages 3-5. Call to register.

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

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge 500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303) Peninsula 330-657-2909 ext. 119

Year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Some park areas close at dusk; remaining areas open 24 hours.

Great Lakes Science Center 601 Erieside Ave. 216-694-2000 www.GreatScience.com

DNA Days celebration - May 8 & 9; guest speakers, student presentations, workshops & other free activities.

Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Rd, Bath, Oh 330-666-3711 www.wrhs.org

Fun on the Farm Programs:

A Tisket a Tasket - Fri., May 8; program filled with baskets. Basket maker shows how to make all sizes & shapes of baskets.

Mary, Mary Quite Contrary - Fri., May 15; How does our garden grow? Find out with a visit to the Hale Farm garden & then plant

As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry



As most people who know me realize, I am a strong believer in the power of prayer. Recently I heard a cute story about a little girl who believed in it as well. Her parents were frequently amazed at the boldness with which she prayed.

One day her brother made a little trap to catch sparrows, and the girl found this very offensive. She felt sorry for the birds that might be caught, and angry that her brother would do such a thing. When he failed to respond to her arguments and pleas, she informed him and her family, "I'm going to pray about this."

Three nights later, she appeared almost radiant as she said her bedtime prayers, voicing absolute faith that the traps would be futile and that no birds would be harmed. After she finished her prayers, her mother asked how she could be so positive about this. The little girl smiled and said, "Because I went out three days ago and kicked the traps to pieces."

While it may not always be wise to take matters into our own hands, it is wise to put *all* matters into God's hands.

Jerry Madasz is the pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ 4216 Pearl Rd. (at the corner of Pearl & Memphis) seeds to take home to grow.

Rub a Dub Dub - Fri., May 22; discover how to do laundry in a tub & help out with some old fashioned chores in the log cabin.

International Women's Air & Space Museum 1501 North Marginal Rd. 216-623-1113 www.iwasm.org

Amelia Earhart at the Movies - Sat., May 23rd; a day of movies about Amelia Earhart. 11 am - Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight, starring Diane Keaton; 1 pm Amelia Earhart: The Price of Courage; part of The American Experience series. 3 pm- Star Trek: Voyager, "The 37s". Free admission, plus free popcorn.

Flight To Fame: The Life & Legacy of Amelia Earhart, now thru Sept. 14, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Parking - \$6 in municipal parking lot. Exhibit located throughout the lobby & west concourse of Burke Lakefront Airport, home of the International Women's Air & Space Museum.

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

Backyard Astronomy - Sat's., 1 pm; fee - \$2. View constellations & other celestial objects visible in Northeast Ohio night sky.

Stellar Stars - Weds., 11 am & Sat., noon; 2 & up; \$2 per child. "Blast-off" to a new planet & constellation each week. Also enjoy stars, lasers & music; take home a planet picture to color & add a sticker to your passport.

Twinkle Tots - Thurs., & Sat., 11 am; \$1 per person (inc. infants). Learn about stars, planets & constellations via a new show each week. Watch lights dance across the sky, see some magic & learn what's new in space. Practice not being afraid of the dark; fun for everyone!

NASA Glenn Research Center 21000 Brookpark Rd. 216-433-9653 www.grc.nasa.gov.

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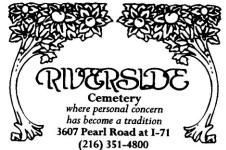
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Book Club - Call 216-749-5367 to register.

Chair Bowling - Mon., 10 am, Deaconess-Kraftt. Mon. & Fri., 10:30 am, Estabrook.

Chair Exercise - Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11:30 am, Estabrook Recreation. Fri., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft.

Chair Volleyball - Mon., 10:45 am. Deaconess Krafft. Wed., 11 am & Thurs., 10:45, Estabrook.

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

Crochet Klatch - Tues., 9:30 - 11:30 am, Estabrook.

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

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

"SCR Strollers" - Walking group, Tues., 10:15 am; meet at Estabrook.

Corn Hole - Tues., 9:45 am. Estabrook.

Wii Games - Fri., 11 am. Deaconess- Krafft.

Fun & Games

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

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

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

CHURCH NOTES

Saturday, May 1st Car Wash

St. James Lutheran Church 4771, Broadview Rd. 9 am - noon. Sponsored by St James youth Bring your car for a good cleaning.

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.

Line Dancing - Tues., 1 pm, Deaconess

Healthy Living Group - Fri., 11:15 am. Estabrook.

Healthy Choices - Thurs., 11 am. Deaconess-Krafft.

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

Tuesday, May 19th Granny's Closet - 10 am - 3 pm, Deaconess-Krafft.

Sunday, June 14th
Pancake Breakfast - Deaconess-Krafft.

Tuesday, June 16th Cleveland Indians vs Milwaukee Brewers, Depart Estabrook, 6:15 pm. Cost - \$22.

<u>Tuesday, June 23rd</u>
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Wednesday, May 6th & May 20th

St. James Lutheran Church 4771, Broadview Rd. upstairs Gathering rm., noon. May 6th, play Mexican Train; everyone should bring a sack lunch; beverages will be provided. On May 20th, lunch will be provided & the Lutheran West High School singers will be singing. Let us know that you're coming, 351-6499.

<u>Satuday May 9th</u> Rummage Sale

Broadview Baptist Church, 4504 Broadview Rd. 1/2 mile north of Schaaf Rd. 9 am - 5 pm.

Sunday, May 10th **Mother's Day Services & Brunch**

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. All mothers will receive some recognition. Mother's Day Brunch, 9 - 10 am (between the services) with eggs & more in the upstairs Gathering Rm. Tickets, \$7 adults & \$4 children under 10. Call for reservations, 351-6499.

Saturday, May 16th Reverse Raffle & Dinner

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish Center, 4427 Pearl Rd., 7 p.m. Only 200 tickets sold. \$1000. prize for last ticket drawn. Also 50/50 side boards, instant Bingo and number squares. Price - \$35 a person with roast beef dinner; \$25 w/o dinner. For tickets call Maryellen, 216-749-1349 or Roger, 216-269-3114 or email Roger at rogmatt61@yahoo.com.

Monday, May 18th "Keep the Faith" Dinner

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd, upstairs gathering room, 6 pm. For those who are unemployed & have other concerns. Roundtable discussion about these concerns; conclude with prayer. Then a chicken casserole & more dinner for \$2. Reservations required contact church office, 216-351-6499.

Saturday, May 16th Rummage Sale

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd, 9 am - 2 pm downstairs in the church hall. Buy a bag for \$4 to get many items. Everyone invited.

Thursday, May 21st 20th annual Senior Day

Cleveland Convention Center, 500 Lakeside Ave., downtown. 10 am - information fair; 11 am, program;. 12 noon - lunch. Sponsored by City of Cleveland Dept. of Aging. Free. For more info., call 216-664-2833.

Saturday, May 23rd **Womens Fellowship Brunch**

Vine Bible Fellowship, 3510 Broadview Rd. 10 am - 12 noon. A time of refreshing -- Word, prayer, games, food, fellowship, gifts & fun. Bring your favorite casserole or dessert. RSVP to 216-799-9769 or 216-741-1066.

Sunday, May 24th

Corpus Christi Church, 5204 Northcliff Ave., Brooklyn Post #61 & Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAV) participating in the 10 am Mass to honor U.S. war dead, followed by short service & wreathlaying ceremony at the memorial monument outside the church; 63rd year the Post has been commemorating Memorial Day at Corpus Christi. Members should assemble at 9:30 am.

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.

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.

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Bethel Free Will Baptist Church 3354 Fulton Rd. Phone: 216-631-9199 Rev. Freddie Ray, 216-355-2137 Sunday School: 9:30 am Service: 10:30 am Sunday evening service: 6 pm Thursday evening Bible Study, 7 pm

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A sampling of spring events in and around the Big Creek Valley



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The 2009 Safety Summit was held on Saturday, April 4th at Corpus Christi School. It start ed with breakfast donated by Rose Roy and prepared by Memphis Burger King. Street captains from Fulton Rd., Eric Ave. & Andrea Lane served the coffee, juice and pastry. After a brief introduction by Councilmen Kevin Kelley and Brian Cummins, Cleveland Police Second District Commander Keith Sulzer announced four possible workshops to attend: 1) "Sex offender Next Door" presented by Officer Melissa Harris; 2) "Rape Crisis" presented by Theresa Matthew; "Sex Crimes" presented by Detective Christine Cotton; 3) "Street Smarts" presented by Officer Jeff Stanczyk; and 4) "Gun Safety" presented by Officer James Brill. Attendees could pick two 45-minute workshops. To thank eveyone for their participation, the morning ended with door prizes -- Indians tickets donated by Councilman Kelley and gift certificates from Dee's Old Brooklyn Diner, Gabe's Family Restaurant and The Sausage Shoppe. The annual event helps educate residents and keep the neighborhood a safe place to live, work and raise families. It was coordinated by Lt. Frank Bolon from Second District and Barbara Spaan, OBCDC's Outreach Manager.



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Greg Cznadel (center), a member of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN), promotes the group to a woman attending Earth Fest at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on Sunday, April 19. Tim Ferris (right) and Joe Mesnick (left) were also manning the BCN booth during that time slot. In addition to handing out literature, BCN raffled off two gift baskets containing nature-related items (gardening, butterflies, hummingbirds, etc.) Two other neighborhood organizations -- Friends of Big Creek (FOBC) and the West Creek Preservation Committee -- also had tables nearby, doing the same type of promotion of their organizations. FOBC recently received grants from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and Freshwater Future to publish a newsletter, but it was not ready for distribution at EarthFest.

On Saturday, March 28, 2009, CWRU's Maria Dimengo led a "Case Cares About Cleveland" project to make the commercial corridor of Old Brooklyn more visually appealing. Over three dozen Old Brooklyn and **Brooklyn Centre residents** and fifteen Case Western Reserve University students cleaned windows, displayed art and picked up litter. Local artisans Andre Holt, Amy Kreiger and students from Art House, William Cullen Bryant and Michael R. White Elementary Schools donated or lent pieces for this project. Several people from the community hung the artwork. In the top right photo, taken outside of Slices, a pastry shop at 4190 Pearl Rd., (L-R) Carla Haas, Andrew Smith, Anne Smith and Catiera McCoy pose with some of the artwork. In the bottom right photo, (L-R) Chuck Noheil, Dwight Hartman and Jeff Sugalski stand in front of the Krather Building. Other pieces adorn additional merchant windows along Broadview Rd. and Pearl Visit blog// case.edu/cleveland/ more information.







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