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## Veterans Day, 2009 – OBN remembers fallen World War II vet from James Ford Rhodes

by Myra Stone, Librarian  
James Ford Rhodes High School

Every Rhodes commencement ceremony has its own special memories. At the last commencement exercise at the Cleveland Convention Center on June 7th, graduates witnessed something they'll never forget — the posthumous awarding of the high school diploma of a Rhodes grad who died in World War II.

Pvt. Donald D. Owens was killed in a tank explosion on October 9, 1944, near Luneville, France. Until recently he has been listed at the Lorraine American Cemetery in St. Avold, France as "missing". Now that his "dog tags" have surfaced, students, staff, family members and members of the community have had the opportunity to pause to belatedly thank one of their own.

Donald D. Owens attended Rhodes High School from 1940-43. From the Rhodes Archives, we discovered that he played varsity football, basketball and was a Boy's Leader. In March of 1943, just two months shy of graduation, Donald left Rhodes to serve his country. At the age of seventeen, he voluntarily enlisted in the US Army and was sent to basic training in Camp Mead, Maryland.

From what we have been able to piece together, Donald was hoping to return to Rhodes to receive his diploma. His permanent record card states that he had completed all the requirements for a high school diploma.

We know that Donald returned to Rhodes on Jan. 14, 1944 because he signed the "Blue Book" which was kept in the Main Office. This book contains over 600 signa-

tures of Rhodes soldiers in all branches of the military.

When Donald signed the book, he stated that his present leave from the military was ending. We believe that he made arrangements to receive his diploma at the 1944 graduation because he is listed in Rhodes' 1944 yearbook. He missed his graduation because of the "D-Day" invasion of the Normandy coast of France.

Donald Owens served in the 773 Tank Division, 90th Division. The men in it entered France through Normandy and fought their way across France. Pvt. Owens, along with two other soldiers, was killed in a tank explosion in what history calls the "Battle of the Bulge". One soldier's remains were found just three years ago, and Pvt. Donald D. Owens' tags surfaced after that. They are now in the hands of the US Military JPAC (Joint Prisoner of War and Missing in Action Accounting Command) for DNA analysis. The remains of a third soldier are still missing.

This story could not have unfolded were it not for the efforts over the years of Gerard Louis of Luneville, France. Gerard, now in his 60s, was always captivated by the story of the tank and its occupants. He was determined to locate the remains of the soldiers as his way of saying thank you to the United States for saving France during World War II. Gerard told me that he has been searching in the Forest of Parroy for the past nine years.

Near the end of October, 2008, I received a phone call from Duane Thomascik, about the 90th Division

See *Veterans Day* page 4



For the 15th year, giant Transformer-like figures are displayed in Pete Marin's front yard at 4807 Wichita Ave. Optimus Prime and Bumble Bee will be there through November 8th.

## Old Brooklyn CDC conducts annual meeting

by Robyn Sandys  
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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) held its annual meeting on October 20th at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Broadview Rd. The K of C's past Grand Knight Leo Hansen graciously permitted OBCDC to use the space for free. There were about 45 people in attendance that learned about the CDC's activities this past fiscal year, from July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009.

Some of the key highlights included OBCDC's completion of a new three-year strategic plan this past summer. A copy of that plan as well as the Annual Report can be found on the web site at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com).

The strategic plan includes a number of goals OBCDC would like to accomplish by 2012. They include:

\$900,000 in residential investment and \$500,000 of commercial investment facilitated by the CDC;

Increasing the number of people receiving CDC services from the current 2,750 a year to 4,200;

Increasing the number of people engaged with the CDC family from about 4,800 to 8,500;

The Master Plan for the CDC's service area was also reviewed as well as other planning studies such as the Transportation of Liveable Communities which focuses on the W. 25 Street/Pearl Rd. corridor from Lorain Ave. to Brookpark Rd. Again, all of these studies can be found on the CDC's web site.

Some other key highlights of the year included the "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour in July. It was a fun-filled day where over 175 people went on Lolly the Trolley tours of the area as well as bicyclists touring area attractions such as historical homes, parks, trails, area local shops and so forth.

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden was also discussed as they now have received the award from the Cuyahoga County Fair two years in a row for "Best Community Garden." This past year the Mayor and those from all around the city toured the garden.

OBCDC and Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley sponsored three "Movie Nights Under the Stars" this past summer which were a great success and fun for families throughout the area.

The CDC also purchased and is rehabbing its first home on Tampa Ave. and will be pursuing additional homes to rehab and sell. The home is expected to be completed later this fall and hopefully sold by early next year.

In terms of the financial picture for the CDC, it couldn't be better. Revenue topped \$1,003,802 with expenses at \$948,696 which left an operating net surplus of over \$55,000.

Besides telling the membership and community about all of the CDC's success this year, there was some business conducted. The membership elected to its board two brand new board members — April Beates, the Marketing Director for Paran Management which owns and operate the Memphis Fulton Shopping Center; and Jeff Kipp, the Executive Director of the Living in Cleveland Center. Jeff and his family reside in Old Brooklyn as well. The Living in Cleveland Center's focus is to market and promote Cleveland's neighborhoods.

The remaining three board members were appointed during the year but needed to be elected at this meeting — Theresa Martin, a resident of Old Brooklyn who works for Key Bank in their community development division; Jeffrey Rhodes, another resident of Old Brooklyn. Jeff teaches at North Royalton High School; and Christina Seabold, who also resides in Old Brooklyn and works for Cleveland Metroparks.

After the meeting, OBCDC's board held a brief board meeting to elect officers for this coming fiscal year. Greg Huth will See *Annual Meeting* page 6



Frank Smith has again set up Hegg House of Horror, his hand-crafted, over-the-top Halloween decorations, in front of and on the side lot of his home at 1608 Merl Ave.

Photos by Sheila Quealy-Walter



Specters, tombstones, skeletons, a witch and pumpkins join the colorful autumn plantings at this home on W. 14th St. at Merl Ave. for another outstanding Halloween display.

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## Jeff Lennartz – Community Activist

by **Donnald Heckelmoser and Lynette Filips**  
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Jeff Lennartz is an Old Brooklyn resident who has a long history of successful community activism in the area of conservation. Over the years, he's helped to preserve forests, watersheds, canals and creeks, and helped to develop trails.

Jeff has lived in Parma and the Old Brooklyn neighborhood his entire life. Now a Chemical Engineer, he's had a love for the outdoors since wandering through the woods of Parma (and other areas of the county) as a child; this hobby continued through college.

After graduating from college, Jeff came to understand that all this beautiful green space was slowly being replaced with housing, shopping and other development projects, so he joined groups that care about the outdoors and its preservation. He led hikes for the Cleveland Hiking Club, volunteered for the Metroparks, and became a member of the Sierra Club of Cleveland and the Nature Conservancy.

Like-minded individuals connected Jeff with Tom Yablonsky and Mike Giangrande and they formed North Cuyahoga Valley Corridor in 1985. This group recognized that the Flats on the north end and the Cuyahoga Valley National Recreation Area on the south end were growing into large-scale tourist destinations. They wanted to link these attractions and highlight and revitalize everything in between.

Among other things, the group was dedicated to promoting the concept that woodland areas in urban settings should be viewed as amenities. One of their first successes was the Metroparks' establishment of the Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation in 1999.

The group also thought that trails should be developed to link canals, valleys and woodlands. After a few years, Tim Donovan was hired to head the effort and the group's name was changed to Ohio Canal Corridor. They

provided the impetus for restoring the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail; it now has national recognition as a National Heritage Corridor. Eventually their vision for the Canal was extended all the way south to Zoar.

After gaining experience from these projects, Jeff was contacted by people to brainstorm about how to preserve an area of the West Creek valley -- the last big chunk of woods in Parma -- which was being threatened with development by a proposed golf course.

(West Creek is a north-flowing tributary of the Cuyahoga River, rising in Broadview Hts., and passing through Parma and Brooklyn Hts., before it empties into the Cuyahoga in Independence near the base of Schaaf Rd. Hill.)

Again Jeff was in a situation where he could be useful because he knew the areas. West Creek Preservation Committee was formed in 1997 and the committee began to lay out a plan, lobby and petition for the West Creek Valley. The group was able to get three measures put on the Parma ballot and to pass two (in 1998 and 2000) of the three.

Throughout this time, the Committee was garnering more and more support, and eventually the support of the administrations in neighboring communities. With Jeff and the Committee having helped to define the specific area to be protected, Parma formally invited the Metroparks to manage the park land, that occurred in 2006. The Metroparks' signage and entrance to the park is on the south side of Ridgewood Dr. between Broadview Rd. & State Rd. Jeff continues to sit on the board of West Creek Valley Preservation Committee.

Jeff is now helping "Friends of Big Creek", (www.friendsofbigcreek.org) formed in 2005, to continue preserving and connecting areas around the Big Creek watershed.

Jeff is one of numerous people in this area who see the need to preserve green space and natural amenities to help improve the quality of life in communities. He's taken his love of the outdoors and turned it into a successful volunteer career -- ensuring that certain woodland areas will be protected and preserved.

Having such areas helps to bring in visitors, attract new residents and new businesses and is one of the pieces of the puzzle for successful neighborhood revitalization. Jeff encourages other people to become involved in preserving our woodland amenities, too.

If you would like to get involved with one of the neighborhood preservation groups, call the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation at 216-459-1000.

## From the desk of the executive director

by **Robyn Sandys**  
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November, the month where we give thanks. First a heartfelt thanks to all of our members and volunteers who share your time and energy on behalf of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. I also want to thank our staff, board and City Council reps as well as the City of Cleveland Community Development and Planning Departments. Without all of YOU we would not be doing our best to serve the nearly 20,000 households that make up OBCDC's service area.

Before we know it, it will be 2010. Do you believe ten years have passed already this century! It seems just like yesterday that we were worrying about Y2K! I am going on my 15th year as a Northeast Ohio resident. I moved to Cleveland in December of 1994. I lived downtown my first year and have worked for non-profits within the City of Cleveland ever since. This by far is my most challenging and exciting adventure yet. Thank you all for helping us do our best.

We had a successful Annual Meeting in October; you can read more about that on the front page. We are looking forward to working with our new board members. We have an excellent group representing institutions, businesses and residents

throughout the CDC's service area. We also had a very successful Fall-O-Ween event on October 24th. There were over 600 families there who all had a splendid time. The first 300 children received a free goodie bag and a hot dog meal. There was a costume contest, pumpkin decorating, games, entertainment and more.

Our home on Tampa has a new roof; stop on by at 2915 to take a look. The inside is completely torn up and gutted. Work is expected to be completed in about four to six weeks. This is a wonderful family home that will be totally like new inside and out with a great yard facing east with loads of sunshine. It will sell for in the high \$50's. If you know of someone that is interested, have them call the CDC at 216-459-1000.

Finally, check out Jeff Rhodes (OBCDC Board member) eco friendly energy saving home on Behrwald. The article on page 7 describes the ground breaking work he has completed in order to save some energy at home. This could be the first home wind mill in Cleveland.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** meeting, Sat., Nov. 14th, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Cleveland Public Library, 3545 Fulton Rd. Working meeting to coordinate fall & winter activities. Contact Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, bcnaturalists@gmail.com, for more info.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club - Brooklyn Branch**, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., Sat., Nov. 14th, 2 - 4 pm. Topic: "Pennsylvania Researching - How to research in the Keystone State"; Speaker-Carol Williams. Call 440-734-2021 with any questions. Visitors welcome.

**The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** annual potluck supper, 6 pm, Fri., Nov. 13th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Members are encouraged to bring an item of historical, genealogical or antique interest for the show-and-tell segment of the evening. Call president Connie Ewazen, 398-8969, with any questions.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, Nov. 24th (& every fourth Tues.), 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. Nov. date may change call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Nov. 10th (& 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., Nov. 24th (& every fourth Tues.), 6:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

**Ward 16 Democratic Club** meeting Tues., Nov. 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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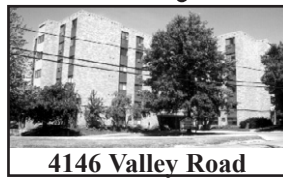
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**Veterans Day from front page**

Association, asking me if I could assist in locating information about possible family members of Donald D. Owens. I connected with Sue Bennis, Research Associate of the Westlake Porter Public Library, who was already hard at work. Sue had discovered the possible connection to Rhodes High School from the database, www.Clevelandvetmemorial.com.

Duane, Sue and I worked feverishly exchanging information garnered from Rhodes memorabilia, genealogy friendly databases, and the military. Together we were able to quickly locate the Owens family in Mobile, Alabama. We traced the Owens family though Donald's older brother, Gerald, who passed away in 2004. Lois Owens, Gerald's wife, and all five of their adult children came up to Cleveland last June to be present when the diploma was awarded. Lois Owens said it was "the thrill of her life".

A seventy-something cousin of Donald's, Shirley Speicher of Massillon, told me she wouldn't have missed the graduation. Shirley produced a letter Donald had written to her parents — Donald's father and her mother were brother and sister — in August, 1944, from "somewhere in France". "I know the only way home is through Berlin," Donald had written.

Shirley reminisced that as a little girl, she remembers attending Rhodes High School football games and questioning her father as to why they kept calling Cousin Donny's name on the public address system. Apparently, Donald was a standout football player.

My husband and I visited Luneville, France last summer. Meeting with Gerard Louis was heartwarming. He is so grateful to the United States for saving France during World War II. He considers his life's mission to be returning the American soldiers to their homeland. I went to thank him and he kept thanking me.

The love and respect these French people profess for Americans brought me to tears. Everyone we met expressed their appreciation of the sacrifice of the American GIs.

As a result of this discovery, Rhodes seniors this year not only took away their diplomas, but also their own special thoughts about

**CWRU students team up to paint a mural on Mr.'s E's brick wall**

by Maria Dimengo

It all began with pancakes and a cup of coffee.

I first met Hal and Della Esterwood, the owners of Mr. E's Inn, during a business breakfast at Dee's Diner on Pearl Rd. I had told them about a grant I had received from Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) to revitalize storefronts in Cleveland.

Hal and Della have lived in Old Brooklyn for decades, raising their five kids. In addition to Mr. E's, Della has been operating Della's House of Beauty on W. Schaaf Rd. for over 42 years.

So when Hal offered to show me the old wall, I wanted to see what it was all about. He thought it would make a great mural some day, and he asked me to take a look. It was late February, when 20-degree temperatures were part of the routine here in Cleveland. Hal told me I would pass by it on my way to work, so I drove by the space at 4256 Pearl Rd., hopped out of my car, and snapped a few photos.

Even in the wintertime, the space next to Mr. E's was full of life. A proud iron gate offered a protected boundary from traffic and passersby. Patches of snow clung to the worn, peeling paint. The open space showcased the old brick where Theo's Restaurant used to be.

Once measured, the wall at Mr. E's was 60 feet wide, which would turn into an ambitious project if I decided to take it on. But I didn't think much of it, until I got a call from a CWRU student named Ben Meck.

Ben was eager to graduate and needed one more credit hour to finish his degree. He wondered if he could create some artwork for Case Cares, my city revitalization project.

Ben had never met Hal Esterwood and

another Rhodes graduate from sixty-five years ago. It has been an unparalleled honor for me to assist in locating family members and then to help plan the '09 graduation ceremony.

In addition to Donald, James Ford Rhodes High School honors all those who served and are presently serving in the United States Armed Forces.

knew nothing about our chance meeting that February morning. So I immediately thought were streets, brick buildings and facades, and



Photo by Maria Dimengo

The mural on the side wall of Mr. E's Inn, 4256 Pearl Rd. was painted in primary and secondary colors -- blue, green, yellow, purple -- and white.

of the strange coincidence and e-mailed Ben a picture of the wall to see what might come of this interesting idea.

**Fresh from the history books**

It's easy to drive right by Mr. E's Inn on Pearl Rd. Located south of Memphis Ave., its windows are covered with posters promoting drink specials and what's on tap for the week.

But little did I know that Mr. E's Inn had been a fixture in Old Brooklyn for nearly three decades. The building was constructed sometime before the 1920s, and Hal had opened his bar there during the 1960s. At one point a Faflik's shoe store, a five-and-dime and other small businesses operated nearby.

The years had been unkind to the buildings that lined Pearl Rd. Although Hal had rented his space for years, the building next to it had turned into an eyesore, ready to be condemned by the City. Vagrants had been living in the building and Hal decided he wanted to create a better space.

After he purchased his building in 2007, Hal took about \$40,000 of his own money to have the building next door demolished. After it was torn down, a faded wall with peeling paint was left behind.

Imagine what it was like when I was presented with the possibility of doing something with that old wall. After Ben showed me his ideas and drawings, I figured it might be fun to create a simple piece of art that reminded us of the way life used to be, an era before there

maybe something that reminded us of the original Brooklyn Township.

So a group of CWRU students showed up on a sunny day in June and power-washed the

wall. Next, we scraped off the peeling paint, spackled the wall and rolled a sealant over it. We later added a coat of blue paint to match the sky. We then scheduled a meeting with the City to make sure they approved of our idea.

By this time, June had turned into July and we needed to take advantage of the warm sunny days. First, I invited a team of artists from Akron to project Ben's art on the wall and trace it with magic markers. Then the paint-by-numbers game began. Neighbors and kids stopped by to assist, wondering what would become of the old wall on Pearl Rd. Folks walking by waved their approval, while workers on their lunch breaks came by to see what we were up to. Even the regulars from Mr. E's came out to check on our progress. Others stopped by to tell stories and reminisce about the old neighborhood. Complete strangers picked up paint brushes and did their best to follow Ben's drawing, which was taped to the wall every day for three solid months.

Finally, our project is complete. And now that the old wall has been painted, I can't help but think of all those conversations with Kevin, Ann, Carla, Karen, and the students from Charles Mooney Elementary School.

This mural was a transforming moment, not only for me, but for dozens of people who cared. And even though a couple of coats of paint mean nothing to people outside the City, it certainly changed me and the people who wanted to help beautify Old Brooklyn.



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How impatiently we've had to wait this year, first for summer and then for "Indian" summer! But we'll be happy to wait for winter, because a Benjamin Franklin gardener told me that the Farmers Almanac is predicting a bad one. I'm hoping that the Almanac is wrong, but if it's right, at least the price of the natural gas we'll need to heat our homes is priced lower than it's been in years.

In what seems to have become a trend, we again begin this column with more news from the publishing world. Last month, each Old Brooklyn household in the 44144 zip code, as well as every household in the City of Brooklyn (also 44144 zip code) received a copy of the October, 2009 *Liberty News & Views* in the mail. The masthead says that the paper was established in 1984, but a headline on the front page reads, "First of Many Editions".

When I contacted editor **Frank Mestnik** to clarify that, he said that his family has had a monthly paper in Bedford for twenty-five years, but October is the first issue for Brooklyn. The Sun News having pulled out of Brooklyn (as discussed in our last two *Town Crier* columns) was what gave him the motivation needed to expand into our neighborhood.

*Liberty's* first issue consisted of eight color pages, the last of which was a complimentary, full-page ad for the Fall-0-Ween Festival which nine neighborhood organizations, including OBCDC, hosted on October 24th. We are grateful for the publicity which they gave to the event.

Otherwise -- and as would be expected -- *Liberty News & Views* is heavier on Brooklyn news (schools, City services, voting information) than Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre. But two of our neighborhood civic organizations which would like to increase their membership, The Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland and Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, also have articles in the new publication.

In last month's *Town Crier* we also announced the arrival of **Erin Rose Kelley**. Although we received the data about her birth from a reliable source, it wasn't 100% accurate. We said that she was born at Fairview Hospital, but in reality, she was born at St. John West Shore Hospital. We extend our apologies to **Councilman Kelley** and his wife for printing incorrect information.

Last month we also wrote about the September day on which Ukrainian Village, a segment of State Rd. in Parma, was dedicated. We have since learned that in addition to the two marker signs we mentioned, there's also an impressive **new sunflower mural** on the side of **Lviv International Food**, a commercial

building at 5689 State Rd. (across from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral). Apparently sunflowers -- in addition to wheat and poppies -- are important natural symbols for people of Ukrainian descent.

Perking up an area with a mural or other artistic expression is actually a great way to let color have a positive effect on our psyches, and *OBN* readers can also witness what paint has recently done to transform two blank spaces in OBCDC's service area.

In Old Brooklyn, the object was a side wall on the building which houses **Mr. E's Inn**, 4256 Pearl Rd.; in Brooklyn Centre, it was the fence on the east side of the parking lot at **Art House**, 3119 Denison Ave. Because those locations are in our neighborhood, we have separate articles and photos about them on pages 4 and 6 in this issue.

The name **Gloria Ferris** is familiar to many neighborhood residents; she and her husband, Tim, have been involved with the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood for years, and more recently, Gloria was one of the founders of the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists. Last year, Gloria suffered a heart attack followed by a stroke, which left her in a coma in the Intensive Care Unit at MetroHealth Medical Center for twenty three days, and in the hospital there for a total of fifty seven days.

A year and a half later, Gloria has made such a miraculous comeback that **MetroHealth** asked her to deliver the keynote address at its seventh annual **Stroke Education Forum for Stroke Survivors and their Families**. The all-day program was held on Friday, October 9th, in the Medical Center's Rammelkamp Atrium.

Gloria was first on the agenda; she gave an animated, logically organized presentation that any speaker could be proud of, and all the more so, a person who couldn't even wiggle her finger when she was at her worst.

Although she has not yet reached her goals of dancing and playing the piano again, Gloria has again proved what a place of "miracles and hope" MetroHealth is to both our neighborhood and the entire County.

We've gotten very behind in reporting accomplishments related to our neighborhood students, so with the remaining space this month, we will return to news from **St. Leo the Great School**.

Last spring some St. Leo eighth graders learned that they'd merited scholarships from the high schools which they are now attending. Based on his score on the placement test, **Alex Veltre** received a Brother John William Donoghue Scholarship from **St. Edward High School**. And, based on their academic records in 7th and 8th grade, **Alexander Jovanovic**, **Gabrielle Jurcak** and **Christopher Zimmer** received Honors Scholarships from **Padua Franciscan High School**. The Padua awards are valued at \$750 each, and are renewable each year if the student maintains at least a 3.5 cumulative grade point average.

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

## Corpus Christi & OLGC planning new parish

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The last few issues of the *Old Brooklyn News (OBN)* have focused on the closing of St. Procop Church and new developments regarding the projected closing of St. Barbara Church. Although the *OBN* has not recently reported about it, the Roman Catholic reconfiguration process has been moving along at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Church and Corpus Christi Church, too.

Included in the Diocese's mandate to open as a single parish on April 25th, 2010, are directions for arriving at the new entity. One part of the process involved establishing a merger committee of eighteen people from each parish. The pastors of the two parishes, OLGC's Fr. Lee Moreeuw, C.P.P.S., and Corpus Christi's Fr. Russ Lowe, also attend the meetings.

The merger committee met for the first time on Tuesday, October 6th. It was then divided into six subcommittees. Each subcommittee has six people on it, three from Corpus Christi and three from OLGC. One person on each subcommittee was elected to be chairperson and report about that subcommittee's activities at the larger merger committee meetings.

The six subcommittees are: (1) Naming Subcommittee, (2) Ministry Subcommittee, (3) Parish Life and Social Subcommittee, (4) Liturgy Subcommittee, (5) Finance and Facilities Subcommittee, and (6) Education Formation Subcommittee.

The naming committee is probably the one whose recommendations will get the most attention from the general Old Brooklyn population. Although the new parish will worship (and otherwise function) in the buildings at Our Lady of Good Counsel, the new parish will have a name other than OLGC or Corpus Christi.

When the merger committee met for a second time on Tuesday, October 20th, it was, in fact, the process for submitting a new name which dominated the meeting. Parishioners at each location who choose to do so, must suggest a name by November 8th.

Then, before each Mass on the weekend of November 21st, members of each parish will vote for the five top names. The top names for the merged parish will be submitted to Bishop Richard Lennon, but the Bishop will

make the final decision as to what the merged-parish will be called.

Bishop Lennon has already assigned the two deacons who are stationed at Corpus Christi to new parishes, even though the parish will not be merging until April.

The Rev. Mr. Chuck Zawadzki will be transferred to St. Thomas More Church in Brooklyn on November 1st; the Rev. Mr. Dave Lundeen will be transferred to St. Mark Church in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood, on November 15th.

Deacon Dave, however, will continue to be a part of the OLGC-Corpus Christi merger committee, and both he and Deacon Chuck will be permitted to help at Corpus Christi as their schedules allow.

Deacon Chuck and his wife, Marian, belonged to Corpus Christi for 45 years, and Chuck has been a Deacon there since 1995. Deacon Dave and his wife, also named Marian, belonged to Corpus Christi for 30 years, and Dave has been a Deacon there since 1992.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood (CPPS) priests who currently staff OLGC still have not heard if the Bishop wants them to continue ministering in the Diocese. The other parish the order serves, St. Adalbert (on the east side), is slated to close next June.

The parishioners at St. Barbara's are not undergoing this process because they were ordered to close rather than merge. They are, however, now busy putting together their formal appeal to Rome, since, as reported in a front page article in last month's *OBN*, their request to remain open has been granted a "protocol number" by the Vatican.

The Endangered Catholics group ([www.endangeredcatholics.webs.com](http://www.endangeredcatholics.webs.com)) continues to meet monthly and, among other things, picket outside during the final Mass at most forced-to-close parishes. St. George Church, (Lithuanian), 6527 Superior Ave., was the most recent casualty on Sunday, October 18th. St. John the Baptist Church (Slovak) in Akron will have its last Mass Saturday, October 31st, and St. Margaret of Hungary Church (Hungarian) in Orange its last on Sunday, November 1st.

Anyone wishing to view online objects from closed churches which Henningers Religious Goods is offering for sale (currently to other churches only) should visit <http://www.church-inventory.com/index.php>.

### About the 2010 United States Census

**Who?** Everyone must be counted -- people of all ages, races, ethnic groups, citizens and non-citizens.

**What?** Every 10 years a census counts everyone residing in the United States.

**When?** The next census will take place in 2010. Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to every household in the United States in March, 2010. The questions will ask for information that is accurate on April 1, 2010. The Census Bureau must count everyone and submit state population totals to the U.S. President by December 31, 2010.

**Where?** Everywhere in the U.S. -- all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the island areas the U.S. possesses. People should be counted where they live and sleep most of the year.

**Why?** The U.S. Constitution (Article I, Section 2) mandates a headcount of everyone residing in the United States. The population totals determine each state's Congressional representation. The numbers also affect funding in communities and help inform decision makers about how communities are changing. More info...(what does this mean?.....)

**How?** The Census Bureau will mail a second form to households that do not respond to the initial questionnaire. Households that still do not respond will be called or visited by a Census worker. (Census workers can be identified by a census badge and bag.)

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**Energy Audit**

Energy costs are a burden to both landlords and tenants. Most commercial leases require the tenant to pay the costs for electricity, natural gas and water. That translates to light, heat, air conditioning, equipment power, bathrooms and kitchens.

When leasing commercial space from a landlord, too often a business tenant looks at location, floor space, lighting, display windows, exterior appearance and parking before he or she considers utility costs. A tenant does not pay sufficient attention to the utility costs prior to signing a lease and receiving the first bill.

Utility costs are usually a variable cost. That variable can often significantly increase operating costs and reduce end of month profit.

Landlords and tenants should be able to work together and share the cost of making older buildings more energy-efficient. The landlord benefits when the tenant's business is successful and the tenant renews the lease for extended periods of time. The tenant benefits when the landlord will make the building more energy-efficient because it reduces operating costs.

The best place to start is a commercial energy audit. Complaining about the increasing cost of energy does not change the cost. Professionally analyzing how the building releases and consumes air is the beginning of understanding what the building is doing. Recognize that buildings breathe and ventilation within a building is absolutely necessary. It must be planned and managed so that it does not add to energy costs or damage the building.

In very simple terms, an energy audit determines how air is entering and leaving a building. Even when the doors are shut and windows closed, air is circulating in and out of a building. That little opening where the electric lines enter the building may have an air gap that allows temperature-controlled interior air to escape. A roof without sufficient insulation may allow hot air to penetrate in summer and heated air to rise through the roof in winter. The attached garage and loading dock may be sucking temperature-controlled air out of the occupied portion of the building as fast as it is heated or cooled. Window frames that have settled with older buildings often let air escape.

Lights require management if costs are to be controlled. Are energy efficient light bulbs being used? Will timers and motion detectors

provide a reduction in kilowatt hours? Is the office or shop properly illuminated or is an over-lighted section trying to illuminate a poorly lighted section?

How is water consumption managed? Could an old toilet be replaced with a pressure flush toilet that uses far less water? Is the hot water tank the most efficient on the market? Does a tap that no one's had time to fix persistently drip?

Anyone just accepting existing energy conditions as a cost of doing business is not paying attention to cost reduction options. Although the cost of a unit of fuel or energy can not be controlled, people can reduce consumption and thereby costs.

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Landlords and tenants should meet to explore mutual ways to improve a building's use of energy. It need not be the big ticket items, but affordable items where each would pay a portion of the cost.

Improvements to a building stay with the building and many landlords are hesitant to make improvements when leases are short-term. Explore an arrangement where a tenant will extend a lease in return for new windows or insulation or a hot water tank. In return the tenant can pay a portion of the upfront cost in return for a short term rent reduction. If nothing else, start the discussion to learn what creative options may come forth.

Getting a professional energy audit will insure that the discussion is based upon facts.

For more information check out this government web site about professional energy audits: [http://www.energysavers.gov/your\\_home/energy\\_audits/index.cfm/mytopic=11180](http://www.energysavers.gov/your_home/energy_audits/index.cfm/mytopic=11180)

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Newly elected OBCDC Board members (left - right) Theresa Martin, Jeff Rhodes, April Beates, Jeff Kipp and Christina Seabold join hands as they prepare to join the existing Board.

**Annual Meeting from front page** remain as president of the Board. Lynea Derwis will remain as vice president. Theresa Martin will be treasurer and Terrell Cole will be secretary.

Finally, OBCDC members voted on some amendments to the Code of Regulations, two of which created new standing committees for the Board — Real Estate Committee and Green Space and Natural Resources Committee. The third vote was a minor change in the Code relating to Annual Meeting notifications.

Besides the annual report being distributed, there was a power point presentation provided at the meeting; both documents are available at [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com) under organizational documents.

Members of the CDC get to vote for board members and Code amendments. They also receive the *Old Brooklyn News* in the mail. The yearly fee is \$15 for individuals and \$10 for students and seniors. This information is also on the web site, along with application forms.

If you did not make it this year, hope to see you at future membership events!

**Our Lady of Good Counsel School partners with Art House for fence-painting project**

by Jennifer Berardinelli

Art House Executive Director Amy Craft wanted to beautify the fence on the east side of the organization's parking lot at 3119 Denison Ave. Christina Szymanowski, who regularly volunteers at Art House, was aware of Amy's dream.

Since Christina is also the art teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) School, she approached OLGC's principal, Jennifer Berardinelli, to ask her about establishing a partnership with Art House. After receiving approval, Christina organized a school-wide community service project.

On Sunday, September 27th, more than 60 people from OLGC School volunteered their time to paint the Art House fence with colorful flowers, insects and animals on a background of blue sky. The streetscape at Art House is much brighter now thanks to the efforts and cooperation of OLGC staff members, students and parents.

Speaking about the accomplished mission, Amy Craft stated, "It confirms my belief that partnerships within the community pro-

vide wonderful opportunities for the community to come together, make friends, create and have fun. Thank you to everyone at OLGC."

OLGC hopes to create more partnerships within the Old Brooklyn community. As Albert Einstein once said, "Only a life lived in the service to others is worth living."



The fence painting in process! Photo by Bill Rieter (parent of OLGC students who participated in the project).

**Letter to the Community**

Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As our flea market season comes to an end, we at Fred's Breads & More would like to thank you for your participation. It sure has been a lot of fun getting together on Sunday afternoons these past two and a half months.

We enjoyed shopping for everyone's treasures and crafts and all the great deals. Who can forget Fred's bellowing on his megaphone, "Sold! Another happy customer!" or "1/4 lb. Sugardale Hot Dogs - \$1!" Both the food and company were great!

We feel that Fred's flea market idea was successful and is something for our neighborhood to look forward to when warm weather returns. Bargain shopping, free coffee, friends and neighbors — what more could we ask for? Save all your wares this winter so you're ready to get together again in the spring. Sandy Manson, Fred's Breads & More

See next month's Old Brooklyn News for details about a residential holiday lighting contest or call OBCDC for more information -- 216-459-1000

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## News from Spokane "Model Block"

by Lori Peterson  
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What better way to get to know your neighbor than through food? On October 10th, 2009, residents from Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) Spokane Model Block, which runs from Pearl Rd. to the corner of Spokane Ave. and W. 41st St., came together for a block potluck picnic. Two households, those of Kim and Brian Holt and Joe Dooley hosted the picnic with OBCDC. The Holts and Dooleys provided the yard space, grill, tables, chairs, beverages and music while OBCDC provided the hotdogs, utensils and plates.

A good time was had by all. Over 40 people arrived with dishes ranging from coconut chicken, to chili (with a little cinnamon) to pesto pasta. While the parents chatted about the neighborhood, their families and life in general, the children played tag, hula hoops, all ending with a jam session in the basement of one of the residents.

Residents came together to show that "community" is still alive and well in Cleveland. The women have started an informal get together in which they bring their kids to play while they talk, eat, crochet and knit. One of the ladies stated, "This is exactly what model block was supposed to do -- bring us together as a community. I have wanted this sense of community my whole life."

### Community Support on Model Block Home Repair

Kim Holt has been promoting the OBCDC/City of Cleveland model block rebate program for residents for over a year and was excited when it finally came to fruition. The rebate program provides refunds of up to \$2000 for exterior repairs. She had been looking forward to getting new windows and her

house historically painted.

Kim and her husband, Brian, had been out looking at houses to give them ideas about color schemes. They finally agreed on colors and looked for a reliable painter. They found one that they felt very comfortable with and who had 20 years of experience in house painting; however midway through the job he decided that it was too big of a job for him to finish. He pulled his crew and never showed up again.

Needless to say, the Holts were very distraught and eager to get their house painted. When the neighbors saw what had happened, they immediately came together to help them complete the job.

A neighbor across the street, Edward Loukas, along with several other neighbors, pooled their resources and within days they got a crew together and went to work. Kim said, "I'm really glad that this happened. I'm amazed at how they came together to help us." The Holt's house is freshly painted and is a testament to the commitment of fellow neighbors. (See the before and after pictures below.)

Two other residents on Spokane Model Block have completed repairs on their homes ranging from a new roof, new windows, historical painting on the exterior and insulation. A fourth home is almost complete. The three homes that are completed are adjacent to each other. Six residents have also obtained rain barrels through the summer program.

The Model Block concept was designed to create a visual impact on the street which is happening. If you are interested in learning more about the rebate program, please call Lori at OBCDC at 216-459-1000.



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## First annual Old Brooklyn community "Fall-O-Ween" Festival was fantastic

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"This is the best day of my life," one child was overheard saying about the first annual Old Brooklyn Community "Fall-O-Ween" Festival. Even on a somewhat cold and blustery day, the children's spirits were high and were not dissuaded from attending the festival. By 11a.m. on Saturday, October 24th, a serpentine line made its way down Devonshire and wrapped onto Pearl Rd.

The first 300 children were given trick-or-treat bags full of candy and game books by Kiwanis of Brooklyn-Cleveland. (Most of the candy was donated by employees of MetroHealth's Senior Health and Wellness Center.) In addition to the trick or treat bags, each child received a meal ticket for a free hot dog, chips and a drink.

The Senior Health and Wellness Center also gave out 200 meal tickets to residents and

seniors. Over 100 volunteers came from organizations such as Key Club, James Ford Rhodes High School, RSVP and Baldwin Wallace College.

The day's events included pumpkin decorating, a costume contest, carnival games (with prizes donated by Sonic in Parma), music by Zach, face painting, a clown, zoo animals, a 50/50 raffle and an Elvis impersonator. And what festival would be complete without popcorn and cotton candy!

The Old Brooklyn Community "Fall-O-Ween" Festival was a collaborative effort between Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland, The Senior Health and Wellness Center, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, Deaconess-Krafft Center, Deaconess-Zane Center, Visiting Nurse Association of Ohio, Senior Citizen Resources, Concordia Care, Kehoe Brothers Printing, Gavin Lee Party Center and Speed Exterminating.

## Local resident trying different power source

by Matthew Wilder  
CSU Journalism student

Old Brooklyn resident and Old Brooklyn CDC board member Jeff Rhodes is using an automated wind turbine to power his garage. The turbine generates power by collecting wind energy and then transferring it to two D-cell batteries via a wire.

The turbine starts generating power when the wind is moving at five miles per hour. However, if the wind is blowing at 30 miles per hour, the turbine shuts down.

Jeff said that by using the turbine for five to six hours, he can power his garage for a month. He decided to do this to save energy but also because it was an interesting science project.

The turbine is approximately thirty feet high. The American Wind Energy Association (A.W.E.A.) claims that residential wind turbines typically have a rotor 26.08 feet in diameter -- the rotors for turbines can be horizontal or vertical -- and a tower 130.4 feet high.

Jeff's turbine is composed of a rotor (\$500), wire (\$100), turn buckle (\$50) and weather station (\$80). He wanted to power his garage for under \$1000. Jeff said one of the reasons other residents have not assembled turbines could be because they are unable to spend that much money on it.

Jeff bought the turbine from A.R.I., a company based in Manassas, Virginia. The dealership that provided it was located in Arizona. He also bought some of the parts from Home Depot.

According to the A.W.E.A., wind energy is a converted form of solar energy. The sun's radiation heats points of the earth at different rates. Differences depend on time of day and surface area. This in turn causes portions of the atmosphere to warm differently. Hot air rises, reducing the atmospheric pressure at the earth's surface, and cooler air is drawn in to replace it. The result is wind.

Air has mass, and when it is in motion, it contains the energy of that motion (kinetic energy). For more information on turbines, go to www.awea.org.

The A.W.E.A. reports that sales of small wind turbines (100 kilowatts or less) increased by 78 percent in 2008.

Jeff said some of the residents thought his

idea would not work because they thought Cleveland did not have enough wind for the turbine to be used. According to Energy Matters, a company located in Australia that provides renewable energy resources, wind turbines typically work better in rural areas and on the coast.

However, it turns out Cleveland is at the forefront of this technology. During the winter of 1887-88, the world's first automatically operating wind turbine was built by Charles F. Brush in Cleveland. It was also the world's largest wind turbine, having a diameter of 50 feet and 144 rotor blades made of Cedar wood. For more information, visit the Danish Wind Power Association at w.windpower.org.

Jeff is an overall conservationist. He recently completed the renovation of his home in Old Brooklyn and added a rain barrel to the front of his home this year.

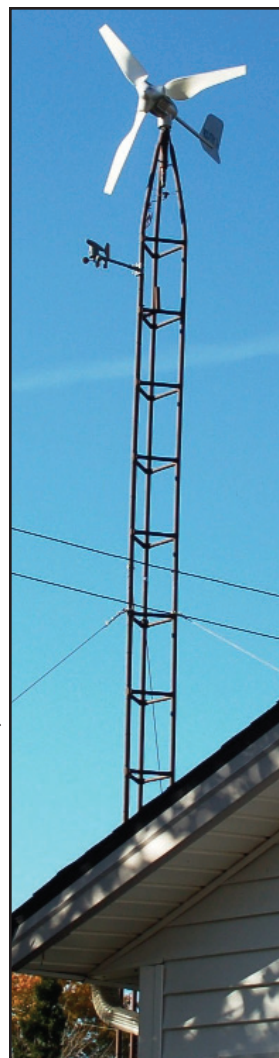


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Eco-friendly, energy-saving home on Behrwald Ave. in Old Brooklyn utilizes the power of the wind.

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# “You’re so Italian if...” reaches summit in Italian kitchens

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Thanksgiving may very well be the biggest “feast day” on the American calendar, and so it seems like a good time to wrap up this series about Cleveland’s Italian-Americans our “You’re so Italian if...” observations with an article about Italian food. Somehow Italian cooks have an edge over many of the rest of us; the word from some sources is that there will even be pasta – probably lasagna – alongside the turkey on many Italian Thanksgiving tables.

And so, for the fourth (and last) time, I propose that “You’re so Italian if...”

- you’re more likely to plant a fig tree than an apple tree in your backyard;

- your dinner each night almost always includes some form of pasta, rather than potatoes or rice; (in Italy, the pasta is served “primo”, that is, as the first course);

- your favorite recipes include tomatoes in some form – whether fresh, sundried or canned (pureed, diced, whole, sliced or as a sauce or paste); you especially like the Roma variety;

- you love olive oil – you dip your bread into it; prefer it over vegetable oil for dressing your salads, and cook with it; you also buy Italian olives;

- you like to flavor food with onions and garlic, and fresh herbs like flat Italian parsley, basil, oregano, bay leaves and fennel;

- you cooked with artichokes, pesto (a sauce made from fresh basil, garlic, pine nuts/pignoli, olive oil and grated cheese), portobello mushrooms and roasted red peppers before they became ingredients contemporary “foodies” use, because food has always been important to you;

- you like to eat eggplant (“melanane”) in many more ways than just Parmesan -- pickled, stewed, stuffed, roasted, grilled, steamed, boiled, fried, deep fried, in lasagna, in soup and in salads;

- you can describe the difference between spaghetti and vermicelli, and prepare dishes with many of the other 650-plus types of pasta, too — angel hair, bow ties, cannelloni, cavatelli, ditalini, fettuccine, lasagna, linguine, macaroni, manicotti, orzo, pastina, penne, ravioli, rigatoni, rotini and tortellini; you understand the difference which types of flour (e.g., semolina) make in the finished product;

- you don’t buy macaroni and cheese in a box or spaghetti (or any other pasta product) in a can;

- you know that “Turkey Tetrizzini” was named to honor the famous Italian operatic soprano, Luisa Tetrizzini;

- you cook from scratch such foods as: gnocchi (small wheat flour or potato dumplings); risotto (rice cooked in broth, perhaps with saffron, and served with grated cheese); polenta (a thick mush of boiled cornmeal); frittata (an omelette with vegetables and cheese mixed in with the eggs); pasta e fagioli (macaroni with tomatoes and white beans, and pronounced “pasta fuh-zool”); calzone (baked or fried turnovers made of pizza dough and filled with vegetables, meat and/or cheese); stromboli (fillings like those in calzone, but stuffed into a loaf-shaped bread and sliced for serving); and strata (a layered dish with bread, milk, eggs, cheese, seasonings and sometimes meat);

- you have more than Parmesan and mozzarella cheese in your kitchen; you also use mascarpone (a cream cheese), fontina (a ripened cheese), provolone (a smoked cheese), Parmigiano-Reggiano (an aged cow’s milk cheese); Romano (a sharp, hard, dry cheese), ricotta (a soft cheese), gorgonzola (a blue cheese), and pecorino (an aged sheep’s milk cheese). You would never purchase packaged, already-grated Parmesan cheese, nor would you substitute cottage cheese for ricotta cheese in any dish you prepare;

- you recognize that there are more Italian deli meats than salami and pepperoni; you also buy:

mortadella (Italian bologna with pieces of fat in it); pancetta (Italian bacon); capicola (Italian ham); prosciutto (aged Italian ham); sopressata (dry-cured salami); and coppa (sausage made from the pig’s head);

- when making pasta sauce, you start by browning pork neck bones; you make meatballs, lasagna, ravioli, manicotti and pizza from scratch, too;

- you prepare many varieties of pizza bianco, the version of pizza which has cheese and toppings but no tomato sauce;

- you call foods like smoked meats, cheeses, fish and/or vegetables which are served before a meal “antipastos”, rather than appetizers or hors d’oeuvres;

- you like to serve veal, and know how to prepare both high-end cuts like veal scaloppini (thinly sliced cutlets, dredged in flour, sautéed, and accompanied by a sauce) and budget cuts like ossa bucco (braised, herbed veal shanks and root vegetables);

- you also know all the Italian ways to cook chicken – Alfredo (cooked in a white sauce of cream, Parmesan cheese and butter);

Angelo (breaded chicken breasts baked in a sauce of Muenster — or mozzarella — cheese and mushrooms);

Cacciatore (prepared with tomatoes, onions, mushrooms, herbs and sometimes wine); Florentine (prepared or served with spinach); Marsala (cooked with Sicilian Marsala wine); Parmigiano (made with Parmesan cheese); Piccata (sliced, sautéed and served in a sauce with lemon, butter and spices); Marengo (prepared with tomatoes, mushrooms, garlic, mushrooms and white wine);

- you eat many kinds of seafood; squid doesn’t freak you out (calamari is what squid is called when it’s served as food); you call large shrimp “scampi”;

- you don’t have meat until after midnight on Christmas Eve; instead, on this “Feast of Seven Fishes”, you eat sardines, marinated eel, baccala (salted cod), fried smelt (tiny fish which take hours to clean), and/or clams in red and white sauces;

- you also eat baccala on many other occasions, and are aware of dozens of ways to serve it -- battered and fried, grilled, simmered in milk, baked with tomatoes and wine, tossed with vinegar and oil, and roasted with potatoes and green peppers or potatoes and olives;

- you are quite certain that Christopher Columbus had baccala among his provisions when he and his men discovered America;

- you also use the word “baccala” in your speech about people, good-naturedly referring to one of your friends who’s made a blunder;

- you’re OK with eating tripe, even though it’s the rubbery lining of cattle’s stomachs;

- when you go to an Italian bakery like Mazzone’s on Clark Ave., Rito’s in Parma and Presti’s in Little Italy, you appreciate the many varieties of Italian bread — ciabatta, bruschetta, focaccia, bread sticks, crostini, pannini rolls, pepperoni bread, spinach bread – and know that they vary according to the region of Italy;

- you buy certain items at Italian grocery stores like Alesci’s, Gallucci’s, Giganti’s, Giovanni’s or Gentile’s on Broadview Rd;

- some of your relatives worked at the former Ohio Macaroni Company (just east of downtown) and/or Miceli Dairy Products (still operating on E. 90th St.)

- you’ve had the pleasure of eating La Florentine Almond Nougat Candy; (The nougat “torrone” is made of honey, beaten egg whites, vanilla and ground almonds; maybe you’re even skilled enough to make nougat yourself);

- your favorite desserts include: cannoli (“little tubes” of fried pastry filled with flavored ricotta or Mascarpone cheese); sfogliatelle (puff pastry-like delicacies filled with orange-flavored ricotta cheese); tiramisu (a layered dessert of liqueur-soaked lady fingers, Mascarpone cheese and chocolate); zabaglione (a light custard, sometimes served with figs);

- zuppa inglese (similar to trifle – layers of sponge cake and custard; and cassata cake (traditional style -- soaked in rum and filled with ricotta cheese, candied fruit and chocolate chips; American style -- layered with whipped cream and strawberries),

- and you know where to buy them — places like Baraona’s in Maple Hts. Colozza’s in Parma and Presti’s and Corbo’s in Little Italy;

- you’re very glad that Fred’s Bread’s on Broadview Rd. has products from the Orlando Baking Company in its outlet store;

- you bake panettone, the traditional Italian yeast bread which contains raisins, citron, lemon zest and candied fruit, at Christmastime;

- when a frozen dessert is in order, you choose gelato (Italian ice cream), spumoni (layered Italian ice cream embellished with nuts, candied fruits and whipped cream); Neapolitan ice cream (a simpler version of spumoni); sorbet (the Italian equivalent of sherbet) or lemon ice;

- a slice of wedding cake was not the only dessert at your wedding; trays and trays of assorted cookies/pastry/bakery surpassed any “sweets” served at the nuptial celebrations of your non-Italian friends;

- you inherited your grandma’s pizzelle maker, and you bring those anise-flavored waffle cookies to virtually every family gathering;

- you have a ceramic jar on your kitchen counter which has “Biscotti” written on it; it holds the hard — because they are twice-baked — biscuits/cookies which are often anise-flavored;

- you like cappuccino and know the story of how this espresso coffee mixed or topped with steamed milk or cream got its name – because the color of the drink resembled the color of a Capuchin “Cappuccino” friar’s habit;

- you drink wine – dry red wine like Chianti, sparkling white wine like Asti Spumante, and most of all, the “Dago Red” wine one of your uncles used to make; you also enjoy liqueurs like Amaretto and Anisette;

- when you’re planning a party, the first foods that you write on the menu are pizza, sausage with peppers and onions, and cavatelli;

- you like to dine “alfresco” (in the fresh air), but no matter where you serve your guests, when you offer them something to eat — which you always do — they’d better not refuse it; they’d also better not “eat and run”; Italians expect to linger with each other long after the meal is over;

- when your friends are ill, you help them recover in body and spirit by bringing them lots and lots of food;

- you don’t need to read *Cleveland Ethnic Eats* to find a good Italian restaurant or grocery store because you already know about all the ones mentioned in the book. (It would have been impossible for me to have written this information about Italian food if I hadn’t had *Cleveland Ethnic Eats* to help me.)

And, unrelated to Italian food, after attending the Columbus Day parade, I realized that I should have mentioned two other nearby businesses in one of my two preceding articles about Italians. You are also so Italian if...

- some of you friends and family members work for Milano Monuments (on Brookpark Rd. across from Holy Cross Cemetery) or Independence Excavating (on E. Schaaf Rd. in Independence);

(Acknowledgments: In addition to Laura Taxel’s *Cleveland Ethnic Eats*, I am also grateful to Kathy Amato, Alma Barth and Sandy Stoika, as well as all the other friends who introduced me to the joys of Italian food over the course of my lifetime. I must also credit Fr. Phil Racco, pastor of Holy Rosary Church in Little Italy, who quipped about the baccala on the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria during his homily at the pre-parade Mass on Columbus Day. Visit the website [www.italiansrus.com](http://www.italiansrus.com) to learn more about Italian foods or a plethora of other facts about people from Europe’s boot-shaped country.)



Bakery display at Gentile’s, 4464 Broadview Rd. Photo from their website.

## THEATER NOTES



### Beck Center of the Arts

17801 Detroit Ave. 216-521-2540  
[www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org)

“The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe”  
Thurs., Nov. 5th -; matinee - 10 am; Nov. 6 - 8th - Fri. & Sat, 7:30 pm; Sun. matinee - 3 pm. Tickets: \$12, adults/ seniors; \$10, child/students (16 & under). Call to RSVP.

### Cleveland Public Theatre

6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727  
[www.cptonline.org](http://www.cptonline.org)

#### “The Santaland Diaries”

James Levin Theatre - Fri., Nov. 27th - Sat., Dec. 19th; 7:30 pm, Fri. & Sat; 3 pm, Sun.; Tickets: Stadium seating - \$24, except certain Wed. & Thurs. when they are reduced to \$10. Premium table seating-- \$30 Fri. & Sat. & \$16 Wed. & Thurs.

#### “Browns Rules”

Gordon Square - Thurs., Fri., Sat., Nov. 19th - 28th & Mon., Nov. 30th; 7 pm. Tickets: \$10 on the 19th & 30th; \$24 on the 20th, 21st, 27th & 28th.

### Liminis Theatre

2438 Scranton Rd. 216-687-0074  
(one block west of Lincoln Park in the historic Tremont neighborhood)

#### “Ouroboros”

Fri., Nov 13th – Sat., Dec. 19th; Thurs, Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Tickets - \$15, adults; \$12, seniors & students.

### Near West Theatre

St. Patrick’s Club Building  
3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750

[www.nearwesttheatre.org](http://www.nearwesttheatre.org)

#### “The WIZ”

Fri., Nov. 20th - Sun., Dec. 6th.  
Thurs., Fri., Sat, 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets - \$8, adults; \$6, children 12 years & under.  
Old Brooklyn students Johany Andino, Yvonne Bryant, Alana & Olivia Jarrell and Andy, Ben & Grace Schumann are among the 45 actors/actresses in this show.

### Playhouse Square Center

1501 Euclid Ave.

216-241-6000 [www.playhousesquare.com](http://www.playhousesquare.com)  
“Mamma Mia” (Nov. 10th - 15th) and “Wicked” (Nov. 18th - Dec. 13th). Wed, Thurs, & Fri, 8 pm; Sat, 5 & 9 pm; Sun, 2 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$35.

Too many other touring single night performances and shows to list in detail. Visit Playhouse Square website for more entertainment options.

Also look for “Smart Seat” icons; some shows have limited number of high balcony seats for \$10 each & (new this season) first floor seats for \$20 (plus handling charge).

### Tri-C Western Campus Theatre Building, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd

216-987-5536

#### “Eurydice”

Nov. 13th, 14th, 19th, 20th, 21st; 8 pm; Nov. 15th & 22nd, 2 pm. Tickets - general admission - \$10; students/seniors/staff - \$8; Tri-C students with valid ID - free. Special rates for groups of 10 or more. Parking available in B lot. Call 216-987-5536 for more info.



# FAMILY FUN!

**Art House**  
3119 Denison Ave., 216-398-8556  
www.arthouseinc.org.  
All Ages Family Open Studios - 3rd Sat of every month; 1- 3 pm. Make individual pieces or family art works. Each month has a theme; Art House provides the materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit website for more info or other programs.

**Brooklyn Memorial UMC**  
2607 Archwood Ave.  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists kids classes - Every Sat., 10:30 am- 12:30 pm. Children age 10 & older. Each week children explore nature through art, music & science. Activities include nature walks, building bird feeders & houses, painting & drawing, making rain sticks & drums & much more. Call 216-351-0254 for more info.

**Children's Museum of Cleveland**  
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437  
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org  
Hours: Mon. - Sun.; 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children ages 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.  
Cooking with Kids Family Workshop - Sat., Nov. 14th, 12:30 - 1:30 pm.

**Cleveland Botanical Garden**  
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600  
www.cb garden.org  
WinterShow - Fri., Nov. 21st - Sun., Jan. 3rd. Tues. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Admission: adults, \$7.50; children 3 - 12, \$3; members & children under 3, free. Outdoor skating on Wade Oval. A great big, sparkling tree. Enchanting gingerbread houses. Window displays depicting winter scenes. Festive holiday flowers in the Garden's Eleanor Armstrong Smith Glasshouse. Model trains. Gifts for everyone in the garden store. Festive food, cookies, hot chocolate.

**Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center**  
11350 Broadway Ave.  
216-341-3152  
Fall Fun - Sun., Nov. 8th, 1 - 3 pm. Collect leaves & learn to identify which tree they came from. Then return to the Nature Center & preserve your findings.

**Folktale Theater** - Sun. Nov. 29th, 1 - 3 pm. Puppet show, music & crafts with Sherrie Tolliver.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**  
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500  
clemetzoo.com  
Reduced Winter Admission - Nov. 1st - April 2nd; Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$7; children 2 - 11, \$5; under two & Zoo members, free.

**Thanksgiving Day - Thurs., Nov. 26th**, 10 am - 5 pm. Zoo admission free; RainForest - \$5, adults 12 & older; \$3, children 2 - 11; free, children under 2. Special animal enrichment demonstrations throughout the day.

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

**Fall Pancake Breakfast** - Sun. Nov. 1st, 9 am - 1 pm; includes sausage & orange juice (free refills on pancakes & beverages). Adults - \$6; children 10 & under, \$4.

**Holidays at Frostville** - Sat., & Sun., Nov. 14th, 15th, 21st & 22nd, 11 am - 4 pm. Tour historic homes decorated for the holidays & shop General Store for gifts, including jellies, baked goods & Christmas crafts. Free hot chocolate & cookies; hot soup & hot dogs for sale.

**Cleveland Museum of Art**  
11150 East Blvd. 216-421-7340  
Hours: Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 9 pm. Closed Mon. New East Wing now open. Paul Gauguin exhibit, Oct. 4th, 2009 - Jan. 18th, 2010.

**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 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**  
3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920  
Play and Learn! - Every Fri., 10-11 am. Join other caregivers & toddlers; have fun with books & learning toys.  
Preschool Story Time - Every Fri., 11-11:30 am. Stories & songs for children ages 3-5. Call for specific program requests/more info.

**Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn**  
4303 Pearl Rd. 216-623-7067  
American Indian Drumming and Dance - Thurs., Nov. 19th, 6:30 pm; presented by Dreaming Hawk of Lumbee Tribe & New Corn Flower of Alabama Creek Tribe. All ages welcome.

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**Downtown Cleveland - Public Square**  
WinterFest Tree Lighting - Annual holiday celebration; weekend after Thanksgiving. Evening of music, dance & hot chocolate culminates in the lighting of the unique holiday light displays in each quadrant of the square & the Christmas tree in front of Tower City. Free.

**Estabrook Recreation Center**  
4125 Fulton Rd.  
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Mon. - Sat. Pool, gym, Zumba dance. Pick up schedule at desk in front of Rec Center.

**Grand Pacific Junction**  
Mill St & Columbia Rd., Olmsted Falls  
440-235-9277  
Holiday Open House - Sat. & Sun. Nov. 21st

& 22nd; free. Father Christmas, Santa Claus, talking Christmas tree, sleigh rides. Free refreshments & holiday in-store events & sales. Call Jeannie, 440-235-9277, for more info.

**Hale Farm & Village**  
2686 Oak Hill Rd, Bath, Oh  
330-666-3711 www.wrhs.org  
Family Fun on the Farm Programs:  
What's in the Smokehouse - Nov. 6th, 11 am & 1 pm.  
Over the River - Nov. 13th, 11 am & 1 pm. Craft, story & visit to a farm site. Adults admitted only when accompanied by a child. Member:\$10/adult; children free; Non-member: \$10/adult; \$5/child; Group rates available. Members—book 3 programs, get 1 free! Reservations required.

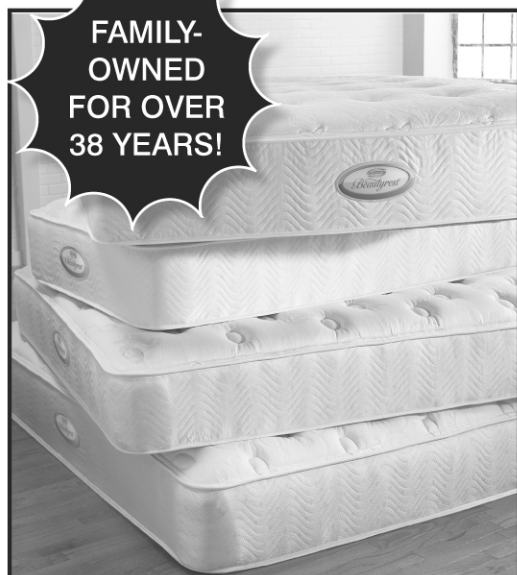
**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
28728 Wolf Rd. Bay Village 440-871-2900  
www.lensc.org  
Laser Halloween Weekend - for families of all ages, Sat., Oct. 31st & Sun., Nov. 1st, 11:30 am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30, 3:30 & 4:30 pm. Two weekends of dancing lights & music; Halloween-themed, full-dome laser light shows dazzle & delight all ages during hourly daytime shows. Fee: \$3/person.

**Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation**  
CanalWay Center, E. 49th St.  
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216-206-1000  
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**CanalWay Kids Day** - Fri., Nov. 27th, 9 am - 3 pm; ages 6 - 12. Take a hike, do some crafts, play games, & watch a movie. Pack a lunch & bring a water bottle. Registration required.

**University Circle**  
The Rink at Wade Oval  
www.universitycircle.org  
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**New Patients Get a Free Turkey!**

...more on that in a minute. But first, let's talk about your pain and find out if you should schedule an appointment in the first place. Because, while we are truly thankful for the patronage of our patients, and certainly don't mind giving away the centerpiece of a meal for such a nice holiday—the truth of the matter is that we really want to help relieve your pain before it turns into a "buffet" of problems.

Maybe your pain started with a tweak that has turned into a YEOOWW! Or maybe it's something that nags only during certain moments of the day—like getting into your car, or picking up the kids or grand-kids. No matter what caused it, or what continues to trouble you, pain is the body's warning system signaling to you that something's wrong. When are you going to start listening?

**Has Pain Invited Itself Over for Dinner and Won't Leave?**

- Does it feel like someone is driving an "ice-pick" into your belt-line?
- Do you feel a fire shooting down your leg—with spasm?
- Is there a bell-ringing "toothache" in your shin?
- Have you developed arthritis, stenosis, and spurs?
- Do you feel an annoying prickling sensation in your thigh or toes?
- Does it feel like someone is tightening a vice around your back, slowly squeezing the comfort out of everything you do?
- Are you frustrated because you can't bear the stiffness, while tying your own shoes?
- Are you starting to wonder when the unbearable aches in the middle of the night will end?
- Do you have to tell your friends "no thanks" when it comes to going out for a night on the town?

**Saying "No Thanks" To Pain Won't Work**

This may be the season for giving thanks, but when back or neck pain invades your life, you can't simply say "no thank you," and pass it along like you would your Aunt's "Jiggly Gelatin Fruit Salad."

**And** don't even consider diving into the medicine cabinet looking for a pain pill, because in the end, those pills will do a number on your liver—not to mention—pretending the pain isn't there only makes it worse.

You see, when it comes to constant and reoccurring pain in your body, you have to take things head-on with an "I'm gonna take control of my body again" kind of approach. And for those of you who are ready to punch pain right in the kisser, the HealthSource team is in your corner.

You see, not only will our highly skilled team of chiropractors work with you to get your body back on the road towards recovery, but our staff of therapists have been trained in the art of Physical Therapy—a process in which we identify the weak parts of your body, which are causing all the problems, and make them stronger. So, once your pain is away, it'll stay away.

This trailblazing new technique is already revolutionizing the way many doctors around the country approach pain treatment, and is something you'll only find at HealthSource. How do we know that? Because we invented it! We're not promising a cure or claiming to be superior, we simply like to believe that our clinic is built on helping people feel better.

P.S. No matter how frustrated your pain has made you in the past, it's time to make a fresh start! But don't even think about missing out on this incredible opportunity to put a big old STOP sign in front of your pain.

**CALL 216-398-PAIN (7246) TODAY!**

P.P.S. Oh...almost forgot. Call today before the appointment book fills up and all the turkeys for new patients are gone!

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