

Fulton Road Bridge finally opens!

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Fulton Road Bridge Opening Ceremony

On the morning of Friday, July 9, 2010, Model A cars lined the Fulton Road Bridge, blasting out music from the 1930s. (The original bridge opened in 1932) The mood was festive as Cleveland officials, The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), the Cleveland Metroparks and the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation held a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. to reopen the Fulton Road Bridge.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo staff carried

around animals, including a peregrine falcon with one wing, a snake and an opossum. The Bridge spans the Zoo and Zoo visitors watched the construction. Aramark, Cleveland Metroparks' caterer, provided refreshments for onlookers.

The Fulton Road Bridge had been closed since October, 2006, affecting approximately 23,000 motorists per day. Needless, to say businesses on both sides of the Bridge are ecstatic that it is again open.

Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins, the emcee for the function, introduced ODOT District 12 Director Bonita G. Teeuwen. Following her remarks, she introduced Joe Cannon, lifelong Old Brooklyn resident.

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Kevin Kelley kicks off wireless project

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Ward to have this service.

A temporary informational web site is

Old Brooklyn Connected: Access Anywhere, Anytime was announced to the residents of Ward 13, Councilman Kevin Kelley's ward, on Saturday, July 17th, at the "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour sponsored by Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and held at Estabrook Recreation Center.

Mayor Frank Jackson was there to help with the festivities as well as Councilman Kelley and the partners in this new wireless broadband initiative, the City of Cleveland, OBCDC and Cleveland Housing Network.

Robyn Sandys, Executive Director of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, introduced Phil Belanger of Novarum and Dejuan Perrymon of Cleveland Housing Network who explained how the wireless connection will operate.

This new pilot project in Ward 13 for the City of Cleveland will be up and running this fall. It will be a fast, free and secure Wi-Fi connection for anyone living, doing business or visiting Old Brooklyn, the first Cleveland



Photo by George Shuba

Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley and OBCDC Executive Director Robyn Sandys announced Old Brooklyn Connected, Ward 13's new wireless program, at the All Access tour day.

now up and running at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com where you can sign up for training classes on how to use the internet and computers. The training is being provided at no charge by Cleveland Housing Network. The training will be held in the neighborhood. If you don't have access to the internet you can call them at 216-881-8443 for more information. Also sign up to be on Old Brooklyn CDC's mailing list so you can be the first in this area to know how to connect once the service is available. You can sign up by going to this web site or to www.oldbrooklyn.com, or call 216-459-1000.



Photo by George Shuba

The Cranksters' six model A cars were the first vehicles to drive back and forth across the Fulton Road Bridge after the ceremonial ribbon was cut on Friday, July 9th.

In spring round, six area organizations receive new *Neighborhood Connections* grants

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Twice a year, in February and in August, *Neighborhood Connections*, an affiliated program of the Cleveland Foundation, offers certain categories of non-profit organizations in Cleveland the opportunity to apply for small grants (\$500 to \$5000) to fund a portion of their upcoming projects/dream projects. (After they receive a grant, however, they must wait for a year before they can apply for another grant.)

Again this time, hopeful organizations applied for a piece of the pie; here are the organizations in our neighborhood who ended up smiling in **spring, 2010** --

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden in Old Brooklyn received \$5000 for a project they are calling "Operation Safeguard". It will help them restore approximately 2.5 wooded acres around the garden to a more park-like state.

Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs

The Cleveland Junior Jitterbugs, a group of students in Brooklyn Centre who are interested in learning and performing swing dancing, received \$4840 for an after-school program at Denison Elementary School.

The Green Space & Natural Resource Committee

The Green Space & Natural Resource Committee in Old Brooklyn received \$1688 for their downtown "Old Brooklyn Tree Box Project". The money is being used to improve the appearance of the tree boxes along Broadview Rd.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) received \$1296 to fund a "Seniors to Seniors" project. HSOB's plan is to connect the upcoming year's graduating class (the seniors) from James Ford Rhodes High School with the seniors living in the Deaconess-

Krafft apartments -- as well as any other neighborhood seniors who want to share their stories -- for a day of recording oral histories. The grant money will be used to purchase the materials needed to collect and publish the oral histories, including special tape recorders with memory cards that can be plugged into computers for transcribing. A committee will come up with the questions the young seniors will be asking the old seniors.

Spokane Model Block Initiative

The Spokane Model Block Initiative received \$3908 for a beautification project which includes landscaping tree lawns to give them a visually unified look. (The hope is that the process will unify the residents, too.)

W. 36th St. Block Club

The W. 36th St. Block Club received \$2232 for an ally clean-up project. With both appearance and safety in mind, residents will clean and restore a neighboring alley.

Because it's been a few years since the *Old Brooklyn News (OBN)* has written about *Neighborhood Connection* grants, it seems only fair, while we're on the topic, to step back in time and see who else has recently received them, too.

We are pleased to report that in the **autumn, 2009** "round" --

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

The Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) received \$4874 to fund their Saturday morning children's program, "Building Community through Nature", at Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church. *OBN* readers are probably aware of this grant because BCN regularly submits articles to the paper about what they've been doing with the children.

Luther Memorial School

Luther Memorial School (formerly St. Mark Lutheran School) in Old Brooklyn received \$4953 to help fund their neighbor and family fun nights. They provide monthly meals and engage families in art projects, board games and other community activities.

Point of Freedom

Point of Freedom Community Resource Center in Old Brooklyn received \$3500 to create a resource center to assist women in substance-abuse-recovery with advice regarding relapse prevention and re-entry into society.

Red Hat Rubies

The Red Hat Rubies received \$3500 to provide activities for long-term care residents at MetroHealth's Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Skilled Nursing Care Center.

Going back a bit further in time to **spring, 2009**, we see that these organizations in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn received *Neighborhood Connections* grants --

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden in Old Brooklyn received \$3991 to begin a sustainability project. With the money the Garden Committee purchased a storage unit and labels for tools. Their ongoing goal is to prevent theft and maintain the common areas of the garden with this equipment.

Brooklyn Centre Community Association

The Brooklyn Centre Community Association (BCCA) received \$4000 to develop the "Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard" on five vacant lots -- which had

been an eyesore and nuisance for many years -- on Louisiana Ave. near W. 34th St. (southwest of the intersection of Pearl Rd. and Denison Ave.) The grant was used to purchase fruit trees, berry bushes and fencing for the orchard. The residents are enthusiastic about the space they've created where they can interact while growing fresh fruit for themselves neighbors who need it. Former BCCA president Darren Hamm has written a short article about the orchard. It appears on page 4 of this issue of the *OBN*.

Friends of Harmody Park

The Friends of Harmody Park in Old Brooklyn received \$5000 to implement their project, "Promote Our Park". It was a follow-up to a clean-up & cookout held the end of 2008. The Friends will host/have hosted

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Joe Cannon, lifelong Old Brooklyn resident

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If you watched the Fulton Road Bridge opening on the news on TV, then you will have most likely seen Joe Cannon. He stole the show with his genuine smile and enthusiasm for the event. Joe was invited to the ceremony because he was at the original Fulton Road Bridge opening on August 9, 1932. He was only eight years old, but recalls his older brother running on the edge of the Bridge and their mother yelling at him to get down. "The crowds were so thick you could hardly move."

Joe Cannon is a lifelong, Old Brooklyn resident and has lived in the same century home (which his father built) for most of his 86 years. He is the youngest of seven children.

Joe's education started at Our Lady of Good Counsel School. He went on to attend James Ford Rhodes High School. After high school, Joe went into the US Navy. He was on the aircraft carrier Saratoga for three years.

Following the Navy, Joe came back to his hometown and his family home on Brooklyn Ave. His brother owned Cannon Tailoring Company and Joe worked there for over 30 years as a salesman. Joe's sense of style is still evident.

At the age of 50, Joe decided to run for Cleveland City Council and won. He was one of Old Brooklyn's councilmen for the next 14

years. "The people of Old Brooklyn were great!" Joe exclaimed.

As a councilman, Joe Cannon's greatest accomplishment was bringing \$5 million in sidewalks to the residents of Old Brooklyn. He wanted to give back to the community.

When he was in his 70s, Joe decided to take on a new ministry. He started putting up Cleveland Divine Mercy billboards that display the message of Divine Mercy throughout



Photo by George Shuba

Joe Cannon was more than a little older the second time he attended an opening of the Fulton Road Bridge.

Ohio and twenty other states. He has raised funds for 747 billboards throughout the country.

When asked why he started this endeavor, Joe stated that there was a billboard company that was spreading nasty messages and he wanted to share a positive message.

When you meet Joe Cannon you will be welcomed by a smile and handshake and will understand why he is show-stopper.

If you would like to suggest someone to be our community spotlight in a future edition of the Old Brooklyn News, please contact Lori Peterson at 216-459-1000 or email lorip@oldbrooklyn.com

From the desk of the executive director

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July was a very busy month and August is shaping up to have a lot going on as well. There was the "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour which included trolley rides, bike rides and loads to do throughout Old Brooklyn (lots more info and photos on the front page). At this event we also kicked off Old Brooklyn Connected, the new wireless initiative for all residents and businesses in Ward 13, Councilman Kelley's area.

Go to www.oldbrooklynconnected.com you can learn more and sign up for training classes being sponsored by Cleveland Housing Network (CHN), a partner of ours for this program. If you don't have a way to connect to the internet today and you want free training on both the internet and the use of computers, you can call CHN at 216-881-8443. Or call us at 216-459-1000.

There was also one of the several Family Movie Night's scheduled in Old Brooklyn this summer at various locations. The last one was on July 30th at Archmere Park, and another one is scheduled for **August 6th at Loew Park**. This one is for adults 18 and over. The movie *And the Winner is...* will be showing. A local resident has a major part in the movie and it takes place in Ohio. At the end of **July, on Saturday the 31st**, Cleveland Public Theatre is presenting a free community event as part of their Student Theatre Enrichment Program (STEP). Teens will be performing throughout the City, including the 31st at Harmody Park. The next closest performance by this group will be at Lincoln Park on Friday, August 6th. All performances are at 7 p.m.

The rest of the events coming up in August are: **National Night Out Against Crime** on the 3rd at 5 p.m. at Steel Yards Common; and on August 27th is the **Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre Community Picnic** at 6 p.m. with a the movie *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs* when it is dark, all at Brookside Reservation.

The CDC is embarking on a new fiscal year which started July 1 and runs through June 30, 2011. The real estate investment, rehab and sell program that we started this year went well and as planned. There were a total of

11 homes that the CDC purchased through the City of Cleveland via HUD. To date the CDC has realized a net profit of nearly \$47,000 from this program which will be utilized for future real estate projects and CDC operations this coming fiscal year.

We currently have two houses that we will be rehabbing and selling within the next few months. One is at 4365 W. 50th, and the other is at 1428 Denley Ave. The one on W. 50th is a four-bedroom, two-bathroom home with loads of charm. When completed it will cost between \$75,000 and \$85,000 depending on final rehab costs. The Denley home is smaller home but it is also very nice in a great location off Valley Rd. That home will be considerably less when completed, in the \$50,000 range. The rehabs for both will be comprehensive. For more information please call me at 216-459-1000.



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Now - September 12th

Historical Guided Walking Tours

Take A Hike! **6 pm Tuesdays:** Playhouse Square -- meet at the State Theatre Lobby, 1519 Euclid Ave.; **6 pm Thursdays:** Historic Gateway Neighborhood, meet at the Arcade, 401 Euclid Ave. **10 am Saturdays:** Historic Warehouse District -- meet at Constantino's Market, 1278 W. 9th St. **10 am Sundays:** Canal Basin park, meet at Settler's Landing RTA Station, 1025 W. Superior Ave. Call 216-771-1994 or visit www.historicgateway.org for more info. Sponsored by PNC.

Tuesdays, now - October 26th

Tremont Farmers' Market

Lincoln Park, 4 - 7 pm. Fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, honey, bread & more. Music, chef demos, nutrition information, local artisans, community groups, family fun. Call 216-575-0920 or visit www.tremontfarmersmarket.com for more info.

Tuesday, August 3rd

2010 National Night Out Against Crime

Steelyard Commons, Home Depot parking lot, 5 - 9 pm. Sit inside a police cruiser, fire truck & ambulance. Climb a rock wall & receive dog tags courtesy of U S Army! Free food & drinks courtesy of Walmart Supercenter, City of Cleveland & Coca-Cola! Dunk your favorite (or least favorite) 2nd District Cleveland Police Officer for \$1. Eddie the Eagle, Binky the Clown, face painting & over 50 community groups, stores & restaurants. Live music, entertainment & more. Leave your porch light on Tues., Aug. 3rd.

Saturday & Sunday, August 7th & 8th

Daisy Ave. Street Sale

One block north of I-71 (west of W. 25th St.), 9 am - 4 pm.

Monday-Sunday, August, 9th - 15th

114th Cuyahoga County Fair

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds, 164 Eastland Rd., Berea; 440-243-0090. 20 Midway rides, 100 food stations, thousands of animals & exhibits. Demo derbies, harness racing MotoCross, arts & crafts, fireworks, Junior Fair, tribute concerts, hall of flowers, square dancers, petting zoo, haunted house, unicyclist, thrill shows, down home music. Hours: Mon., 5 - 11 pm; Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat., noon - 11 pm; Thurs., 10 am - 11 pm; Sun., noon - 10 pm. General admission: \$6; children 5 -12 years, \$5; seniors, \$5. Kid's day, Thurs., \$2 for kids 3 - 16 years. Active military with valid ID, free. Children under 5, free. Individual ride tickets available; All-day ride bands - \$14. Thurs., Kids Day ride bands - \$7. Mon. only - \$1 admission with donation of one non-perishable food item per person.

August 10th - 13th

Upward Basketball Camp

Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., 9 am - noon. Free for kids entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Ice cream celebration for participants & their families on Fri., Aug. 13th, 6:30 pm. Call 661-8210 to register.

Friday, August 13th - Proposals Due at 5pm

Neighborhood Connections Workshops

Attend Neighborhood Connections Grantseeker Orientation & Budget Workshop to get info on grantmaking process. Learn what the committee looks for in proposals & get specifics on how to complete application, including budget section. One-on-one assistance also available to groups who've already started application. Visit neighborhoodgrants.org for application or to view workshop schedule

Saturday, August 14th

CCC 15th Annual Children's Bicycle Safety & Awareness Days

All three Cuyahoga Community College campuses: **Sat., July 17th,** H1 Lot, Eastern Campus, 4250 Richmond Rd, Highland Hills; **Sat., July 31st,** Lot D, Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd, Parma; **Sat., August 14th,** Lot 1, Metropolitan Campus, 2900 Community College Ave., Cleveland. Free event, rain or shine, 9 am - 1 pm. Children ages 5 - 12 learn about safe riding habits & helmet protection; have bicycling skills tested in obstacle course focusing on steering, braking, stopping & general maneuverability. Free bicycle helmet & hot dog lunch for participants (while quantities last).

Saturdays, August 14th & 21st

Bike the Canalway or Ride the Towpath

Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition - **Tour Du Towpath**, Canal Fulton, Sat., Aug. 14th, 9 am - 1 pm. Call 330-374-5657 or visit www.ohioeriecanal.org for more info.

Cycle Canalway, Valley View, Sat., Aug. 21st, 8 am - 2 pm. Call 216-520-1825 or visit www.ohio.org/cyclecanalway for more info. Do both events & save \$10.

Thursday, August 19th

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Monday, August 23rd

Free Parenting Seminar

"A Conversation with Geoffrey Canada: Improving the Lives of Children, One Poor Child at a Time", 1 pm, PlayhouseSquare (moved from Ohio Theatre to Palace Theatre). Presented by PNC Grow Up Great Program, a partnership with Cleveland Museum of Art, Cleveland Orchestra, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame & Museum & PlayhouseSquare. Free tickets available online at playhousesquare.org/ community & at PlayhouseSquare Ticket Office, 1519 Euclid Ave.

Tuesday, August 24th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

Parma-South branch, Cuyahoga County

Public Library, 7335 Ridge Rd., 7- 9 pm. "Feeding the Birds in your Garden" by Kevin Grace, Grace Bros. Nursery & Supply. Email webmaster@westernreserverosesociety.org or call 330-220-2213 for more info.

Saturday & Sunday September 11th & 12th

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WSEM Food Center

WSEM Food Center at Brookside, 3784 Pearl Rd., 216-749-4295. Food service available Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Resale shoppe open Mon, Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Call 216-749-4295 for appointment for help with completing food stamp applications, or walk-in & ask to speak to an outreach advocate. Applications will be completed & delivered to Dept. of Jobs & Family Services. Other outreach services available; call for details.

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.

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Registration for Preschool thru 8th Grade

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St. Leo Preschool Registrations

2009-2010 School Year

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

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.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, Aug. 27th (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

Daisy Ave. Block Club meeting, last Wed. of each month through Aug.; 6:30 - 8 pm. Applewood Center, corner of Daisy Ave. & W. 25th St., in basement meeting room in main historic building.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Aug. 24th, 6 pm, OB CDC 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.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Aug. 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 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Aug. 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., Aug. 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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BCCA members put in community orchard

by Darren Hamm
former BCCA president

This summer, residents of Brooklyn Centre have been planting the first large-scale, resident-run community orchard in Cleveland.



Photo courtesy of Darren Hamm

City folk are becoming country folk in Brooklyn Centre this summer. A number of them have been working together, learning to plant an orchard on Louisiana Ave.

A project of the Brooklyn Centre Community Association, the Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard is located on Louisiana Ave. between W. 33rd St. and W. 34th St. It encompasses nearly 1/2 an acre (22,300 sq. ft.).

This expanse of land, overlooking the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, is being leased from Norfolk Southern Railway. Over 15 years ago, Norfolk Southern purchased this land and razed five homes on the site in an attempt to protect their tracks below.

After stabilizing the hillside, Norfolk subsequently abandoned the parcels, leaving the grass to be maintained by the City.

Overall, the land fell into a state of disrepair. Area residents have noted excessive garbage dumping, drug use and other criminal activity.

Putting these parcels back into productive use beautifies a forgotten corner of the neighborhood and also brings residents closer together around the purpose of growing healthy food.

"This project is intended not only to bring fresh, healthy fruit into our neighborhood, but to reconnect people with the source of their food," notes Orchard organizer Johanna Hamm. "By reclaiming lost lands and traditions, we ultimately envision the residents

establishing a stronger physical and spiritual bond with their natural environment."

With the rising cost of fresh produce and the lack of easily accessible healthy food for Cleveland residents, the community orchard model, like that of CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture), farmers' markets, and community gardens, will likely flourish as another sustainable way of bridging the food gap to those most in need.

Brooklyn Centre, like similar inner-ring urban neighborhoods, is considered a "food desert", a geographical area with poor access to healthy, affordable food. In an effort to fight this phenomenon, the Orchard seeks to become an inexpensive and replicable model to augment food systems on a local level.

The Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard is being run by volunteers on an honor system. The fruit species include apple, cherry and peach trees along with blackberries, raspberries, strawberries and currants (among others). This project was made possi-

In my opinion... Stray cats should be spayed

by Penny Chicoskie
Old Brooklyn resident and animal lover

If you drive by my house at the west end of Henritze Ave., you'll see kitties perched on the porch rails, stalking from the branches of a weeping cherry tree and darting across the street. But don't call me the "Cat Lady". It all started with a neighbor and one female cat.

Within one mating season this one female cat turned into four felines. By the next year the number turned to twelve.

My compassion for animals sent me and my alter ego, "Ellie Mae Clampet", (Jed's animal-loving daughter in the Beverly Hillbillies) to the store for a heated water dish, an animal heating pad and plenty of food to help the critters endure the winter in straw-filled boxes.

The neighbor moved away, leaving all the cats behind, including the mamma kitty who started it all.

Then I found out about a program at the Animal Protective League (APL).

I captured the cats a few at a time and brought them to the APL. As a Cuyahoga county resident, for just \$10, I could have the cats spayed or neutered and given rabies and distemper vaccinations. The tip of their left



ears was clipped off as a universal sign for sterile and vaccinated feral (wild) cats.

Spaying the female cats at that time prevented me from having twenty eight more kittens running around.

"I've been told 'if you stop feeding them, they'll got away'," Penny said. "Maybe; maybe not, but it won't stop them from serenading you with unearthly mating calls on a summer night when your windows are open.

It won't stop them from spraying your yard to mark their territory, and it won't stop the breeding of more strays."

If you have a stray cat who's made your yard its home, I urge you to call the APL at 216-771-4616, ext. 124, and talk to Marta Anderson. She is the supervisor of the program for feral cats. Sterilizing just one cat will have an incredible impact.

So when you drive by my house and you see an assortment of porch kitties, remember that because of the great program at the Animal Protective League, those kitties won't spray, sing or breed. They are safe from disease and make great mousers outside.

But am I the Cat Lady after all? Far from it! Just ask my horses, chickens and dogs. (With the exception of Shirley, my chicken who commutes back and forth from city to farm in a cat carrier and enjoys a life of leisure, the horses and chickens are not city dwellers.)

Ellie Mae the Second would be a more accurate description of me.

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Summer has been moving right along, and already we're at one of my favorite months -- August. Obviously, it's not the "Dog Days of August" which appeal to me; we've already had enough hot weather to last the whole season! Rather, it's the "Arts in August" programs which our neighbors in Tremont have been sponsoring for quite a few years now.

Arts in August is a joint venture of Councilman Joe Cimperman -- this year, he also began representing a section of our neighborhood, Tremont West Development Corporation and ParkWorks. The productions are held outdoors in Lincoln Park. Bring blankets or chairs ... or even picnic suppers, if you so desire.

The schedule for this year's events are in our Theater Notes listing on page 12. The variety of performances -- Shakespeare plays, STEP/an original youth theater work, country/Cajun/blues band, and a ballet -- ensure that there'll be something for every taste.

The STEP (Student Theatre Enrichment Program) is an annual collaboration between Cleveland Public Theatre, the City of Cleveland and numerous other foundations, organizations and businesses. This summer's play is being presented in numerous City parks so if you can't make the performance at Lincoln Park, there are other options. One of them is at Harmody Park at Irving Ave. and South Hills Dr. But since it's on Saturday, July 31st, we know that many readers will not have a copy of the August Old Brooklyn News yet and therefore won't know about it.

July/August is also the time of Near West Theater's (NWT's) teen production. The players are still based at St. Patrick's Social Hall on Bridge Ave. (though they will be eventually moving to a new, air-conditioned facility in the W. 65th St-Detroit Ave. Theater District).

This year's production is the school edition of the award-winning musical, *Rent*. Two Old Brooklyn teens are in the cast -- Ken Kalynchuk and Taylor Slivka -- and two are in the crew -- Adele and Andrew Schumann.

There are also exciting developments downtown at Playhouse Square, the center of Cleveland's theater world. The last remaining national touring company of *Phantom of the Opera* is here on the third-to-the-last stop of the longest-running, highest-grossing production in theatrical history. Part of Playhouse Square's Broadway Series, it'll be at the Allen Theatre for three and a half weeks. (These details, too, are in Theater Notes.)

But it's not just *Phantom* which is saying goodbye with this show; it's also bye-bye for the current configuration of the 2500-seat Allen Theatre. After the inside (and outside) of the theater are redone, the 1921 beauty will have a main stage theater with 514 seats, and two new additions, one with 334 seats and the other with 150 seats.

The Cleveland Playhouse, America's longest running regional theater, and Cleveland State University entered into a partnership with Playhouse Square last year, and this is how they've decided to utilize the space to maximize their viewers' theatrical experiences.

If seeing *Phantom* has been on your wish list, this may be the time to "just do it".

In the last few issues of the Old Brooklyn News we've been advertising a nationally touring exhibit about Catholic Sisters in America in our Church Notes section. It's on display at the Maltz Museum of Jewish History in Beachwood.

I finally got out there in July, and although I'd thought that I would find the exhibit interesting, I had no idea how amazing it would be. It's nothing like other touring religious exhibits (e.g., *Treasures of the Vatican*); it's more like a history of the building of America, and a tribute to the intelligence and determination of a group of women who were a big part of that.

While it may seem odd to have a big Catholic exhibit at a Jewish museum, our Jewish brethren don't view it that way. They wanted to host the exhibit because they saw a strong parallel between the experience of Catholic nuns and Jewish immigrants, both of who, against incredible odds, established educational, medical and socially-necessary institutions across this country.

In my opinion, to quote an east-side furniture store, "It's worth the drive, wherever you are!"

Here's something else about an entry in last month's paper -- Even when people call to correct us, as long as they do so politely, we appreciate receiving calls/communications from our audience. It lets us know that they are seriously reading the paper.

After our July paper hit the news stands, we received a call from an anonymous older lady who was troubled by our incorrect spelling of an old-time physician's name in *The Town Crier*. Not having been around when he was in practice, I had erroneously spelled it "Roseman"; I've since been told that the correct spelling is "Roesemann". Thank you for calling to tell us, whoever you are!

Neighborhood history is very important to some of us, and The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn has already lined up the speakers for all of its meetings in 2010-2011. They'll all still be listed in upcoming Community Meetings listings in the paper, but here's a sneak preview for September -- Myra

Stone, the librarian at James Ford Rhodes High School, will be speaking about how she helped identify the World War II soldier whose remains were found in France. HSOB president and Rhodes grad Connie Ewazen is hoping that many Rhodes alums will attend. Save

the date -- Friday, September 10th.

Your submissions help add variety to this column. Please continue to send them to: Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109/lynetef@oldbrooklyn.com.

Neighborhood Connections from front page

events such as movie nights, art shows, concerts and an ice cream social along with clean-up and cook-out events. They hope to make Harmody Park the hub from which residents connect to walking clubs and bike rides along the Treadway Creek Trail and that increased use of the Park will also deter vandalism, graffiti and criminal activity.

Obviously, their Neighborhood Connections awards in autumn, 2009, weren't the first for these two groups because in autumn, 2008 --

Point of Freedom

Point of Freedom Community Resource Center in Old Brooklyn received \$5000 for a "Live and Learn" project. It is providing residents with career and leadership development opportunities to help prevent substance abuse relapses.

Red Hat Rubies/Red Hat Mamas

The Red Hat Rubies received \$3500 for the Red Hat Mamas' project addressing feelings of loneliness and isolation in nursing homes. They've been providing monthly activities for the long-term care residents at MetroHealth's Elisabeth Severance Prentiss Skilled Nursing Care Center.

Two years ago, in spring, 2008, five community groups were awarded Neighborhood Connections grants. They are --

Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden in Old Brooklyn received \$5000 to enhance and improve the community garden. Over the years, these grants have helped them pay for the fall mowing and plowing of the site, tree trimming and removal, tools and equip-

ment, and Garden events such as this summer's Landmark Plaque Unveiling and Ice Cream Social and the upcoming Fall Harvest Picnic.

Brooklyn Centre Community Association

The Brooklyn Centre Community Association received \$2500 to help clean up Denison Ave. Trash receptacles were purchased to give passersby the opportunity to properly dispose of their litter.

Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry

Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry in Old Brooklyn received \$1200 to provide employment assistance through their outreach center.

South Hills Neighborhood Association

The South Hills Neighborhood Association in Old Brooklyn received \$2500 to complete its "Town Circle Memory Lane" beautification project. (A photo of the Town Circle accompanied an article about Neighborhood Connections grants in a previous edition of the Old Brooklyn News.)

United Hearts Life Mission Center

United Hearts Life Mission Center in Old Brooklyn received \$2185 to purchase car seats and cribs for low-income families.

Neighborhood Connections funds projects created by Cleveland residents for Cleveland residents. To learn more about how your organization or group can participate, visit their website, www.neighborhoodgrants.org; call Tom O'Brien at Neighborhood Connections, 216-393-4641; or e-mail him at tobrien@neighborhoodgrants.org. Then start working on your application for the next round, due at their office by 5 p.m. on August 13th. (For details see News & Events section in this month's newspaper.)

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Food Waste

If you send food waste to the dumpster along with the rest of the trash, you are resorting to one of the poorest means of disposing of perishable food and table scraps. Reading my way through the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District web site (www.cuyahogawd.org) and its numerous links I am amazed at how much more practical and easier recycling is. With respect to perishable foods there are two directions to explore:

If the food is edible, contact the Cleveland Food Bank at www.clevelandfoodbank.org or 216-738-2265. An excess of professionally prepared food (i.e., by licensed restaurants and caterers) can be delivered to the many social service agencies that provide meals on a daily basis. Whether it is food for ten or enough for fifty there is a place where it will be used and much appreciated.

At this time of year there are hundreds of graduation parties, weddings and reunions. Almost all of these events have more food than is consumed. Make arrangements with the caterer or restaurant when you are planning the event to have the excess food delivered to a welcoming agency for someone's next meal. Inform the agency in advance of your intended donation so it is prepared to accept it.

Are you closing your restaurant or store for that one week vacation you can't wait to enjoy? Before you clear the produce and clean the refrigerator or freezer, consult with the Cleveland Food Bank. Your short term problem can be of benefit to someone else. And the donation may have a charitable value when you prepare your taxes next year.

The other direction to pursue is when perishable food can no longer be served. It is better to compost it rather than dumping it in a landfill where it will rot and add to the methane gas release.

The Solid Waste District also has food composters for sale. The purchase includes a thirty minute mandatory class on how to properly compost food matter. While not designed for high volume, they can serve the small business, whether employees bring their lunches or order from a nearby restaurant. Food scraps compost relatively quickly and the compost can be used for landscaping and flower gardens.

Institutions and restaurants that generate high volume food waste should consult a professional waste management company. Locally, Rosby Resource Recovery has a food

recovery service. In fact, they service Quicken Arena and Browns Stadium as well as restaurants and institutional kitchens and special events like the International Film Festival earlier this year. This is a fee-based service. It is good practice option that all restaurants and institutional kitchens should make part of their waste management operations.

....All Around the Town

Jeff Sugalski, a very active Old Brooklyn resident, John Young of Speed Exterminating and Don Workman of Ameriflag coordinated one of the multiple events on Saturday, July 17th, at the All Access Home and Bicycle Tour. It was another bicycle tour of Old Brooklyn.

The bicycle poker tour brought cyclists to participating area merchants where the cyclists

obtained a ticket and got their programs stamped. Back at Estabrook Recreation Center the tickets were exchanged for seven playing cards freshly dealt by OBCDC's Donn Heckelmoser.

The individual cyclist played the best five cards as a poker hand. Each hand was recorded. The best hand of the afternoon split the registration fee of \$5, with half going to the winner and half to the Old Brooklyn Adam 5 Base of the Cleveland Police Auxiliary.

All in all, the event was a success because everyone was a winner. The merchants met people who may return as customers, the cyclists found new destination points in Old Brooklyn, and Adam 5 received an unsolicited donation that was used to repair equipment.

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Fulton Road Bridge from front page

Joe Cannon was present during the celebration at the time of the opening of the first Fulton Road Bridge in 1932 when he was eight years old. (See Joe's bio in the *Community Spotlight* this month.) "I remember the floats and the big animals that pulled the wagon," he said. "To a lot of people it was the biggest thing that hit the area in years. In 1932, no one had any money and there was nothing to do. It opened up the neighborhood to the city."

After the ribbon was cut, 86-year-old Joe Cannon and 2-year old Skyleigh Worona (whose grandparents have lived in Old Brooklyn their entire lives) released two white doves.



Joe Cannon and Skyleigh Worona release two white doves.

Children from Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn released two more baskets of doves, thus bridging these two neighborhoods once again.

WestShore White Doves provided the doves, which, after they are released, fly back home to North Olmsted.

The Cranksters, a Model A car club, brought six Model-A cars, which were the very first vehicles to cross the bridge, honking their

horns and gleefully waving. Joe Cannon spryly hopped into a car and rode off with one of them.

Minor work beneath the new structure, including sealing and construction of a shared-use path, will continue into the summer months with little or no impacts to traffic. The Bridge opened for traffic following the ceremony.

All Access Home and Bicycle Tour

July 17th was a scorching, humid, 95 degree day which kept some potential attendees of OBCDC's All Access Home and Bicycle Tour away, but that did not stop bicyclist enthusiasts and families intent on a day of exploration. And exploring they did....

Bicyclists became one with the road and got a different view of Old Brooklyn due to having some of the residential streets closed to through traffic (made possible by event partner Walk+Roll).

The unveiling of *Old Brooklyn Connected*, the free wireless project, kicked off the event. Mayor Frank Jackson introduced Kevin Kelley to speak about the "Greatest Project in America". Some of the day's activities took place at Estabrook, but the majority of them (all outside) were at MetroHealth's Senior Health & Wellness Center, the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden and Harmody Park.

A bicycle poker run allowed people to get acquainted with businesses with which they may not have been familiar and have some fun in the process. The proceeds from the Poker Run benefitted Cleveland Police Auxiliary Adam 5 Base

The day ended at Estabrook Recreation Center with a free drawing for four raffle bas-

kets filled with goodies from local merchants. Comments which were heard throughout the day include —

Dava Range, All Access participant and Positively Cleveland's Visitor Service Manager, "I didn't know that much about Old Brooklyn besides what I see on Pearl Rd., so I loved that I got to see the residential side and the Benjamin Franklin garden. You can tell there is a lot of civic pride in Old Brooklyn."

"I love the initiative you took this time to expose people to things with which they may not be familiar with, I think you're onto something!" Jeffrey Sugalski, Old Brooklyn resident and one of the co-ordinators of the All Access Poker Run.



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Volunteers work at greening Spokane Ave. tree lawns

by Natalie Taylor

There is nothing like a summer storm! After a dry spell, one can be so refreshing.

It was that kind of refreshing storm that blew through Spokane Ave. in Old Brooklyn the week of June 21st, but it had nothing to do with the weather. A youth work team from Shelby, Michigan, connected with a Neighborhood Connections Grant recipient, the Spokane Model Block Initiative, to jumpstart a neighborhood beautification project. The group of over 30 youth from Michigan combined with the youth of City View Bible Fellowships and residents on Spokane Ave. to landscape 27 tree lawns on the section of the street between Pearl R.d and W. 41st St.

Under the direction of Sam Singer of Picture Perfect Yardscape and Design, who donated significant hours of professional labor and resources, landscaping teams were able to plant Shasta Daisies and Patriot Hostas in the tree lawns, perennials which will propagate each year and provide a nice display of summer color.

Not only did the urban work team help with the landscaping, but they also ran an afternoon basketball camp at Estabrook Recreation Center, hosted a Friday evening neighborhood picnic, and provided carnival games for a Saturday block party.

The team initially contacted Pastor Bill Taylor of City View expressing their desire to connect with an urban service project in the city of Cleveland. Bill, a resident of Spokane, was able to link the team with the Model Block landscaping project coordinator. With the necessary help of the Neighborhood Connections grant, a loan of wheelbarrows from the Ben Franklin Community Garden, and Sam Singer's supervision, in one week, the project was off to a great start.

Neighbors commented several times how refreshing it was to see young people so motivated to selflessly help a neighborhood.

A second phase of landscaping for additional interested residents will occur in early August with the help of a newly assembled work team made up of Spokane individuals.



Photos by George Shuba

In June, a group of 30+ Michigan youth, City View Bible Fellowship youth and Spokane Ave. residents landscaped 27 tree lawns on the section of Spokane between Pearl Rd. and W. 41st St.



Scenes of the kids' activities at the June 21st Spokane Ave. social --Top left - Taylor Herin holding the board; Stephen Ottman in the head; Kayla Taylor tossing the sponge. Top right - back row, left - right: Mallory Williams, Mallory Parmley, Sarah Landis and Marissa Edenburn; Front row: neighborhood kids. Bottom left - left - right: Andrew Parker, Julie Danes and Suzanne Landis. Bottom right - Tuesday Tanner doing the "face" painting.

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Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway passes through Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn

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A straight line may be the shortest distance between two points, and a super highway may be the fastest way to travel from location A to location B, but they are not necessarily the best ways to accomplish those two goals. Curved lines make for much more interesting designs than do straight lines, and back roads make for much more interesting travels than do freeways.

Recognizing the ambiance of America's earlier thoroughfares and the historical, cultural and recreational significance of the areas through which they traverse, in recent years both the Federal and State governments have designated certain roads as "scenic byways". In Ohio there are five such Federal routes and twenty-two such State routes.

The Scenic Byway which passes through the neighborhoods of Brooklyn Centre, Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Hts. is a federally designated route. New blue and orange signs along the way proclaim *America's Byway* in large letters. Smaller letters in an oval across the top of each sign says *Ohio & Erie Canalway*. Some of the signs also have arrows to mark turns in the route.

Not surprisingly, the **Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway** highlights, among other things, the towns which once prospered along the former Canal. The Canal was constructed between 1825 and 1834 and was backbreaking work for the immigrants who dug it, most of whom were Irish.

Building a canal was a marketing move, aimed to more easily transport goods through the state and on to out-of-state markets. The northern end was Cleveland on Lake Erie and the southern end was Portsmouth on the Ohio River.

The Ohio & Erie Canal hadn't even had twenty years of good use, however, when, in 1850, railroads entered the transportation picture. The Canal experienced ups and downs after that – including extensive reconstruction from 1905 to 1909. A spring flood in 1913 was the official end, as the Canal was not repaired after that.

The northern terminus of the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway is the Carter St. Lift Bridge at Carter St. and Eagle Ave., on the west bank of the Flats. The Byway comes up out of the Flats via Old River Rd., Center St. and the Washington Ave. hill, turns left onto W. 25th St., and immediately passes St. Malachi Church.

While the Ohio & Erie Canal did originally end in the Flats, this segment of the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway doesn't follow the course of the Canal. Instead it follows what was originally a southbound Indian trail which branched off the Indians' "Lake Trail" (now Detroit Ave.).

The Indians traveled on the Lake Trail to get from the area which is present-day Erie, Pennsylvania to the area which is present-day Detroit, Michigan. They had a pow-wow/gathering space where the intersection of W. 25th St. and Detroit Ave. is now.

Following the route of the original Indian trail/later stagecoach route, the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway continues south on W. 25th St./US 42, past the West Side Market and the exit and entrance ramps to I-90, MetroHealth Medical Center, the exit and entrance ramps to I-71, and Riverside Cemetery. In Brooklyn Centre, just past I-71, W. 25th St. becomes Pearl Rd.

The Scenic Byway continues south over the Brooklyn-Brighton Bridge which separates the neighborhoods of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn, passes Wildlife Way which leads to the main Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and RainForest entrance, and turns left onto Broadview Rd. Although at this point the Scenic Byway departs from following US 42, it is still following the old Indian trail.

At W. Schaaf Rd., the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway makes another left turn, again still following the old Indian Trail through present-day Brooklyn Hts. (the one-time

"Greenhouse Capital of the United States") and Independence. Schaaf Rd. follows the shore

tor centers — the Canal Visitor Center in Valley View and the Happy Days Lodge in Peninsula; the Western Reserve Historical

Photo courtesy of Dan Rice



Ohio & Erie Canalway executives Dan Rice (left) and Tim Donovan (right) display one of the new America's Byway signs in the Ohio & Erie Canalway National Heritage Area.

line of a previous stage of Lake Erie, and Indians often made their trails on high ground like that. The trail was no doubt leading to the large Whittlesey Indian settlement which used to be located on the high bluff overlooking the Cuyahoga River where the Goodyear sign on Brecksville Rd. is today.

(Brecksville Rd./Route 21, too, was originally an Indian trail — the Cuyahoga-Muskingum trail. It followed the Cuyahoga River south to a "portage" in what is now Summit County where the Indians carried their canoes to connect with the southern-flowing Tuscarawas River and then Muskingum River.)

After E. Schaaf Rd., the Scenic Byway turns onto Granger Rd. Near the "Cloverleaf" of Rt. 17/Granger Rd. and Rt. 21/Brecksville Rd., the Scenic Byway offers some options before continuing to New Philadelphia, its southern terminus.

Folks with no time constraints can turn north onto Warner Rd. to explore two other routes — one on W. 49th St. (accessed from Canal Rd.) which will take them to the Cleveland Metroparks' Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation and Leonard Krieger Canalway Center; and the other up Warner Rd. hill to Mill Creek Falls and History Center (once a honeymoon spot for couples who hadn't the means to go to Niagara Falls). They can also head to Broadway Ave. to the Metroparks' Garfield Park Reservation and Nature Center.

Or they can immediately turn south onto Canal Rd. just before the Granger Rd. hill. Canal Rd. turns into Valley View Rd., and, after a turn onto Chaffee Rd., and East Aurora Rd. (Rt. 82), the Ohio and Erie Canalway Scenic Byway turns onto Riverview Rd. in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Riverview Rd. turns into Merriman Rd, and that is how a person can drive to Akron without using a freeway.

The Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway is 110 miles long in each direction. It passes through four Ohio counties — Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark and Tuscarawas. As it works its way south of Cleveland, some of the towns/former towns through which the Byway passes owe (owed) their existence/prosperity to the Canal's presence — Boston (1811); Jaite (1905 - not!); Kendall (1812); Brandywine (1814); Peninsula (1834); Everett; Akron (1825); Barberton (1891 - not!); Clinton (1816); Canal Fulton (1826); Massillon (1826); Navarre (1834); Bolivar; Zoar (1817); Dover (1806); and New Philadelphia (1804).

Sites along the way — or just slightly out of the way — include: the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail; the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad tracks and trains; Metroparks Brecksville Reservation and Nature Center; Brandywine Falls in Sagamore Hills; the Stanford Hostel north of Peninsula; the Peninsula Train Depot; the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's restored buildings and two visi-

Society's Hale Farm and Village in Bath; Blossom Music Center in Cuyahoga Falls; Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens in Akron; the Akron Zoo; Quaker Square in Akron; the St. Helena III canal boat in Canal Fulton; the Fort Laurens State Memorial near Boliver; Zoar Village in Zoar; the Warther Museum (woodcarvings) in Dover; and Schoenbrunn Village in New Philadelphia.

The **Lincoln Highway Historic Byway**, a State of Ohio byway, runs through Massillon, connecting it with Canton (1805) to the east and such places as the McKinley Presidential Library & Museum and the First Ladies Museum & National Historic Site. It can be directly accessed from the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway.

Just west of Dover, the Federal Government's **Amish Country Byway** begins on Rt. 39. Although Amish buggies can be spotted farther north, this Byway provides access to Amish towns like Sugarcreek, Berlin, Millersburg, Walnut Creek, Killbuck and Wilmot. It, too, can be accessed from the Canalway Byway.

In addition to the **Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway** and the **Amish Country Byway**, the other three Federal byways in Ohio are:

Historic National Road - Ohio (228 mile section of the National Road passing through central Ohio);

Lake Erie Coastal Ohio Trail (293 miles, running from Conneaut in the east to Waterville, southwest of Toledo, in the west); and **Ohio River Scenic Byway** (943 miles, traversing the southern borders of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois).

In addition to the **Lincoln Highway Historic Byway**, the other twenty-one Ohio Scenic Byway routes are:

Accommodation Line Scenic Byway;
Big Darby Plains Scenic Byway;
Drovers' Trail Scenic Byway;
Gateway to Amish Country;
Heritage Corridors of Bath;
Hocking Hills Scenic Byway;
Jefferson County Scenic Byway;
Jefferson Township Scenic Byway;
Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches;
Lower Valley Pike Scenic Byway;
Maumee Valley Scenic Byway;
Miami and Erie Canal Scenic Byway;
Morgan County Scenic Byway;
North Ridge Scenic Byway;
Old Mill Stream Scenic Byway;
Presidential Pathways Scenic Byway;
Scenic Olentangy Heritage Corridor;
Scenic Scioto Heritage Trail;
Tappan-Moravian Trail Scenic Byway;
Wally Road Scenic Byway;
and Welsh Scenic Byway.

Maps and details about each of these routes can be found at the Ohio Department of Transportation's (ODOT's) website, www.dot.state.oh.us/ohiobyways/Pages. Some of the routes are as short as 10 miles.

Whether vacationing or just out for a 'Sunday drive', ODOT invites Ohioans to "experience and savor life in the slow lane." Over 600 new signs were placed last spring to identify the route of the Ohio & Erie Canal Scenic Byway, so chances are good that no one who can read will get lost along the way.

If you also want an interesting map, stop by the OBCDC office for a copy of an excellent one which Canalway Ohio put out a few years ago. The cost is \$5.

(Acknowledgments: I am grateful to Dan Rice, president and CEO of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Coalition, and Katie Montgomery of the Marketing & Public Relations department of the Ohio & Erie Canalway Association for the help they gave me with this article.)

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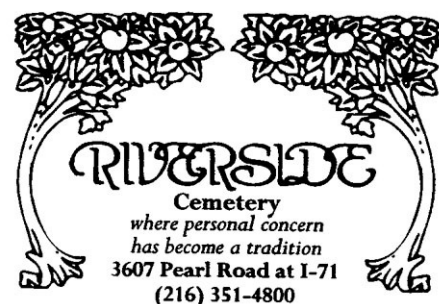
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CHURCH NOTES

during Center hours. Call 216-704-6818 to make arrangements for other times.

Wednesdays, August 4th & 18th
Senior Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs; noon. **Aug., 4th** - bring brown bag lunch; beverage provided; play Mexican train, a dominoes game. **Aug., 18th** - free lunch provided; a members of the Ohio Consumer Council will make a presentation about their resources to help the community Everyone invited.

Fri., Sat. & Sun., August 6th, 7th & 8th
St. Leo's Summer Festival
St. Leo the Great Church, 4940 Broadview Rd. Casino, kiddie games, raffles, door prizes, entertainment, food & live music.

Friday, August 6
First Friday Mass & Confessions
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., lower church, 8 pm. Call 216-749-2323 for more info

Sunday, August 8th
Healing Mass & Reception for Catholics Displaced by Church Closings
St. Colman Church, 2007 W. 65th St., 1 pm. Fr. Bob Begin, celebrant. Fellowship in church hall, 2-3 pm. Please bring new items to donate to St. Malachi Center's daily shower program: white socks for men & women; t-shirts for men, size 1-3x; briefs for men & women, size m-2x; large cans of spray deodorant. Contact: Joan Daly, 440-333-1755, for more info. All welcome to attend.

Mon., Tues., Wed., August 9th, 10th, 11th
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Saturday, August 14th
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Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., lower parking lot, 11 am - 3 pm; \$15 per spot with table; \$10 without table. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

Saturday, August 28th
Rummage/Craft/Bake
Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ, 8720 Memphis Ave. 9 am - 3 pm. Crafters

Friday & Saturday, August 13th & 14th
Rummage Sale
Immanuel Lutheran Church, 2928 Scranton Rd., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm & Sat., 9 am - 3 pm.

Sunday, August 15
Blessing of Flowers for the Feast of the Assumption
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., after 8:30 & 11:00 am Masses. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

Tuesday, August 20th
Widows and Widowers Luncheon
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu: chopped steak, potato casserole, garlic carrots, salads & desserts. Cost: \$3 per person. Reserve a place by contacting church office -- 351-6499. Bring a friend!

Sunday, August 22nd
Mary Queen of Peace Parish Picnic
Parish grounds, 4423 Pearl Rd. 11 am Mass with Bishop Roger Gries; 12 - 3 pm parish picnic. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

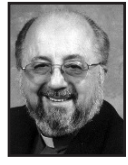
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Sunday, August 29, 2010
Cookbook Kickoff
Mary Queen of Peace, parish center, 4423 Pearl Rd. Potluck & recipe turn-in for parish cookbook; 1 - 3 pm. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

*As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry*



"For nothing is impossible with God."
Luke 1:37 N.I.V.

While running a race, a young man found himself falling farther and farther behind his competitors. His friends tried to cheer him on from the sidelines, but to no avail. Then suddenly, as his lips began to move, he picked up speed. To the amazement of the spectators, he passed all the other runners, one by one, and won the race. Exhausted but elated, he received a blue ribbon and congratulations from the coach. As friends surrounded him, one said, "We could see your lips moving; what were you mumbling?"

The young man replied, "Oh, I was talking to God. I told him 'Father, you pick 'em up and I'll put 'em down!'"

When we live our lives the way God commands us to do, and we believe that the Lord will help us, we then are in a position to know what the apostle Paul knew: "I can do everything through Him who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13 N.I.V.)

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Brooklyn Centre Naturalists again sponsor Riverside Cemetery tour

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

After a one year hiatus due to health issues for two of the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN), the annual Riverside Cemetery Tour came back healthier than before its sabbatical. Sharon Martyn, the director and event leader, chose the Cemetery's original November, 1876 dedication as this year's theme. Local businesspeople, elected officials, and neighbors put on the costumes of yesteryear's dignitaries to paint a picture of how that long ago day may have looked.



(left) "John Ackley" and (right) "Josiah Barber"

Event goes were greeted by Karl Germaine, a magician (David Boyce, a present day magician) and his sidekick, an unidentified Pinkerton (Greg Cznadel). Josiah Barber (Cleveland Councilman Brian Cummins) welcomed guests wearing Victorian attire appropriate for the times. As the groups strolled down Riverside's curved pathway, Martin



(left) "anonymous photographer" and (right) "President Rutherford B. Hayes"

Reutenik (Rick Nicholson) greeted them with a "Sorry; sold out of celery early" as he told him how his greenhouse designs revolutionized truck farming. Moving on, John Ackley (Roger Bundy, Jr.) explained how he had surveyed the acreage to form the cemetery. Ida Tinnerman (Marge Pauls) and Anna Coffinberry (Pastor Pam Buzalka) related the special places that their families held in our community's history.

Rounding the Commemoration Circle, the tour stopped to hear Rutherford B. Hayes, US President-elect, (Tim Ferris) explain why he stopped to plant a tree at the cemetery on his way to Washington with his personal photog-



"Ida Tinnerman"

rapher (Ken Wohlgenuth). The tour ended at the Victorian Chapel where James Curtiss (retired Riverside General Manager Bill Halley) related how the cemetery came to be.

Many stayed long after their tour was finished to sip lemonade and nibble on



"Anna Coffinberry"

cookies as they listened to the sweet voice of Joy Parrish accompanied by the strumming of her guitar. The tour again helped to fatten the BCN coffers so that they can continue their quest to become the first urban neighborhood to become a National Wildlife Community.



"Martin Reutenik"

Photos by Gloria Ferris

THEATER NOTES

"Arts in August" free events
Lincoln Park, Tremont
Bring blankets, cushions or lawn chairs. Picnic suppers welcome.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
Sat., Jul. 31st & Sun., Aug. 1st; 7 pm. Sat. - "Titus Andronicus"; Sun. - "Merry Wives of Windsor". (Visit www.clevshakes.org for other locations.)

Cleveland Public Theatre/STEP (Summer Theatre Enrichment Program)
Fri., Aug. 6th, 7 pm; "Song of the Seekers", an original work based on "The Little Clay Cart". (Visit www.cptonline.org for other locations.)

Community Potluck & Band Performance
Tues., Aug. 10th, 7 pm; "Cats on Holiday" (country, Cajun & blues band).

Outdoor Ballet
Fri., Aug. 20th & Sat., Aug 21st, 7:30 pm; "Verbs Ballet".

Cassidy Theatre
6200 Pearl Rd, Parma Heights
440-842-4600 www.cassidytheatre.com
"Squabbles"
Fri., Sat., Sun., Aug 13th - 29th; Fri., Sat. curtain time - 8 pm; Sun. - 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - adults; \$14 - students & seniors.

Cleveland Public Theatre/STEP (Summer Theatre Enrichment Program)
Harmody Park
South Hills Dr. & Irving Ave.
Sat., Jul. 31st, 7 pm; "Song of the Seekers".

Near West Theatre
St. Patrick's Club Building, 38th & Bridge Ave.
216-961-6391 www.nearwesttheatre.org
"RENT - School Edition"
Now - Sun., Aug. 8th; Thurs., Fri., Sat. curtain time - 7:30 pm; Sun. - 3 pm. Cast of 37 teens. Tickets: \$8 - adults; \$6- age 12 and under. Star Seat tickets - \$20.

Playhouse Square Center
1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000
www.playhousesquare.com
"Phantom of the Opera"
Now thru Sun., Aug. 22nd; Allen Theatre. 32 performances, priced from \$10 to \$87.50, plus handling charge, a seat. Call box office or order online.
Too many other touring shows to list; visit website for dates & times. Also look for "Smart Seat" icons; some shows have limited number of high balcony seats for \$10 each and lower seats for \$20 each (plus handling charge).

OBCDC's guide to: FUN SUMMER EVENTS

August 3rd - National Night Out Against Crime. Steelyard Commons, 5 - 9 p.m.

August 6th - 18 & Over Pool Party & Pot Luck dinner 7 p.m. - Movie Under the Stars - *And the Winner Is ...* 9 p.m., Loew Park.

August 27th - Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre Community Potluck Picnic, 6 p.m. - Movie - *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*. Special craft with Art House. Brookside Reservation.

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PICNIC

Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre
Community
Potluck Picnic

Free Family Event

Friday, August 27
6:00-10:30 pm

Brookside Reservation Event Site
(off of Ridge Rd. on John Nagy Blvd.)

Art House will help your "little one" create
a special take-home project

8:00 Performance by
Erie Heights Brass Ensemble

9:00 "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs"
with free popcorn (bring a blanket or chair)

We will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. You supply a side dish or dessert.
Please RSVP by August 24
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