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Watchful eyes needed to minimize Second District crime patterns

by Commander Keith Sulzer
2nd District Police

As Commander of the Second District, I have asked the *Old Brooklyn News* to write an article addressing crime trends and patterns in the Second District. Its purpose is to give Second District residents tips on safety and to keep them aware of what is going on in their neighborhoods. I hope that it will help them better serve themselves and the community.

In 2009, the Second District showed increases in residential burglaries and thefts from autos and the City of Cleveland, Division of Police, faces a challenging year in 2010. Despite the challenges, the Second District will not see any cuts in services and will maintain the current car-staffing plan.

The majority of the residential burglaries are occurring weekdays during the day-time hours. When you leave home for any reason, remember to check your doors and windows and make sure that they are properly secured.

Keep a watchful eye out for neighbors and their property and ask them to do the same for you. Report any suspicious activity, autos or individuals, to the Second District Cleveland Police Communications Center, 216-623-1234 or contact 911 in emergencies. Become familiar with community development organizations. Many community development organizations have safety coordinators who will be able to provide you with safety tips on securing your homes, businesses and property.

The Second District Community



Commander Keith Sulzer
Second District Police

Service Unit can also assist you in evaluating your residence or business and provide you with tips on how to improve security. Feel free to contact the Second District Community Service Unit at 216-623-5220.

Thefts from autos occur at any time, but they usually occur in the late evening and early morning hours. Do not leave money or valuables in your vehicles, especially in plain sight; park your vehicles close to your home or business in a well-lit area; and keep a watchful eye out for friends and neighbors.

Call the police when someone or something looks suspicious. It is very important to get good information for the police to follow up on. License plate numbers and vehicle and suspect descriptions are important leads that can be used to apprehend suspects.

Most of all, remember that the Second District Police need your help to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Rest assured that I will work tirelessly to make the Second District a safe place to live, work and raise a family.

Mayor browns out CFD's Ladder 42 on Pearl Rd.

As a result of budget cuts, Local 93's initial rejection of the City's request for concessions, and a court battle regarding the re-assignment of Battalion Aids, Ladder 42, 4665 Pearl Rd. at Stickney Ave., has been "Browned Out", at least temporarily. This essentially means that while the Engine is still operating, the Hook and Ladder is only in operation when staffing patterns allow. In effect, it is not in daily operation.

When asked about this situation, Councilman Kevin Kelley was extremely disappointed and angry. But Kelley believes that a resolution to this situation is possible if Local 93 accepts the latest concession proposal worked out between Local 93 and the City. The Leadership of Local

93 has been working very hard to present a proposal to the City that both saves money and saves their members' jobs. Hopefully a mutually agreeable proposal will be presented.

And while a resolution to this situation seems likely, Councilman Kelley is asking that every resident of Old Brooklyn remain vigilant and closely monitor this situation. Kelley stated, "This community was promised that this truck would be staffed at least until the Fulton Bridge is open. This community should accept nothing short of full staffing of all apparatus at Station 42." Kelley said a more vigorous community response may be necessary if this truck is not restored.

Cleveland school reform - Old Brooklyn area fares well

by Robyn Sandys
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On January 5, 2010, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland Public Schools Eugene Sanders made an announcement that there will be a major transformation initiative affecting the school system. He stated that the plan being proposed would close eighteen city schools. It will most likely be voted on by the School Board on February 23rd.

Within the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre areas, there will be no school closings. One K-8 school, Charles A. Mooney on Montclair Ave. in Old Brooklyn, is on a "watch list", meaning that there will be a review again next year of schools placed on this lists to determine their future viability.

Councilman Kevin Kelley, who represents most of Old Brooklyn, recently said, "I am reviewing the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's plan and am keeping an open mind. But I have concerns about closing two high schools because this could lead to increased demand on Rhodes High School which is already overcrowded. We are fortunate to have several high performing K-8 schools in our area and Rhodes has been taking positive steps as well. I don't want anything to disturb this progress."

The new plan, entitled *Whatever it Takes*, has at its core goal to improve the schools' academic performance. A management consulting team was hired to evaluate each school according to a specified evaluation system. They put the schools into various categories.

"Growth Schools" is the highest rated group. These schools, eighteen in all, will be given more freedom when it comes to the overall management of the schools. Two schools in Old Brooklyn fall into this "growth" category — Benjamin Franklin School on Spring Rd. and William Cullen Bryant School on Oak Park Rd.; they are both K-8;

The next tier in the plan is "Refocus Schools"; these are improving schools that

will get added attention, such as leadership training and help with continuing their progress. One school in OBCDC's service area, James Ford Rhodes High School, falls into that category.

The next category is "Repurpose schools". They will include possible staff changes or they may be converted to charter schools. The last category is schools that will close. Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre does not have any schools that are in either of these two categories.

Councilman Tony Brancatelli, who also represents areas within Old Brooklyn, recently said, "I understand that we have excess capacity in our school system. It is of the utmost importance that we keep in mind that children come first, and when we close schools we must be sure we are able to provide transportation and access to high quality schools."

Ben Franklin is a wonderful example of a high quality school with a good administration and faculty that has been rated as a Growth School. Further, we must be sure that the closed schools do not become 'low-value' charter schools. That is why I am advocating that A.B. Hart be demolished immediately and that we put the appropriate checks and balances in for any closed school and that they adhere to guidelines that do not undermine our teachers or school system."

Future updates regarding this plan, including the "watch list" school, will appear in subsequent issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*.



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Doug Kusak is an inspiration to live your dreams

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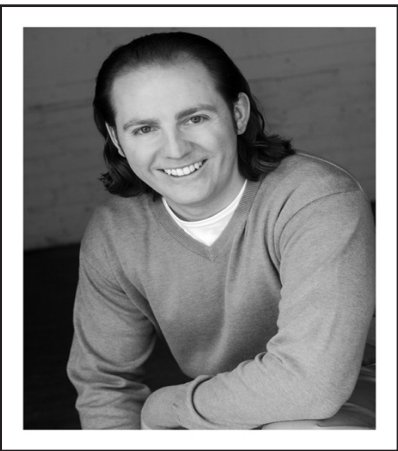
If you mix an inquisitive mind with a passion for teaching you have the recipe for Doug Kusak. This Old Brooklyn native is not afraid to take chances and live life to the fullest. He attended school at William Cullen Bryant and Our Lady of Good Counsel. Life took him away from Old Brooklyn for a time but the small town feel drew him back to the neighborhood he grew up in.

Doug’s fresh outlook on life and risk-taking is inspirational. He worked as truck broker for eight years; that came with the added bonus of a good salary, health insurance and a 401k plan, but it also came with a price — he always felt tired and had chronic sinusitis.

Uninspired by his work, Doug made the difficult decision to quit his job and tour with Cleveland Signstage Theatre. They perform for children in American Sign Language and spoken English simultaneously. He toured the country with the group for four to six months in 2001, 2003 and 2005. When asked how he felt about his decision he stated, “I was scared witless” but he knew that it was the best decision he could have made. “[Now]I love getting up and going to work everyday,” he stated. And to his surprise, his chronic sinusitis was no longer a problem!

Doug holds three to four jobs at any given time. His drama background has served him well in the paths he has chosen. He works for Cleveland Metroparks at CanalWay Center in the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation as a cultural history interpreter, the Great Lakes Science Center as a visitor experience specialist, and he freelances as a professional actor and voice-over artist.

As a cultural history interpreter, Doug leads interesting tours around Cleveland and is bringing history alive to both the young and the old. His most popular tours have been to “Kingsbury Run: the Torso Murders”, “the Cleveland Arcades” and “Burke Lakefront Airport”. Doug provides fun-fact filled tours and lets participants draw their own conclusions. “I want to make people think. I want to take them



Doug Kusak

out of their everyday routine by inspiring them, leading them to think or to just laugh.”

Originally, Doug was hired at the Great Lakes Science Center as an actor for the Titanic exhibit but has remained there part-time since 2002. He also conducts tours of the steamship William G. Mather.

Doug’s true love is acting. In December he finished the one-man show, *Santaland Diaries*, as Crumpet at Cleveland Public Theatre. *The Santaland Diaries* is based on the book by David Sedaris and is told from the perspective of a 33 year-old slacker who takes a job as Crumpet, a Macy’s Christmas elf.

Doug’s performances include the big screen as well. He performed in the independent film “And the Winner Is” as Marty Machody. The film was awarded first place at the Staten Island Film Festival for Best Comedy and Best Political Film as well as being awarded Official Selection from fourteen other national and international competitions. It documents the political process of fictional small-town Centerville, Ohio when they decide to elect their mayor through a beauty pageant type of event. Jerry Springer plays the emcee of the Election Pageant, where candidates hope to capture votes by competing in such categories such as “Smile and Wave”, “Handshaking” and “Photo Op”.

When asked how he got started in the performing arts, Doug recalls that in kindergarten his friend, Bruce, was in a production and received a kiss at the end of the play from the “prettiest girl in the school” and how, at that moment, he thought, “Oh, I want to do that. You know, it’s all about the girl!” Doug is an inspiration to us to keep those dreams that we have as children alive and to maintain that sense of wonderment and amazement.

To learn more about the film “And the Winner Is” go to www.winneris.net.

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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Are we all sufficiently cold and grey enough this winter? I always say it is the sunshine within that gets us through these Midwestern winters. Maybe it is a bit easier for me to say because I have lived in warm sunny climates. I just heard a story on the radio about SAD, Seasonal Affective Disorder also known as winter depression or winter blues. It effects about 8-10% of people who live in cold, dark climates. The advice given was to move your body either through exercise at home or at the gym or participating in winter sports. Also socializing as much as possible because the more one hibernates the harder it is to get out of feeling down. You know the difference between SAD and depression in general because it comes on in late fall and pretty much ends in March or April.

All of us here don’t have any time to feel SAD; we have to keep moving in a positive direction for this community. We are very excited about having a solid purchase agreement on our first rehabbed home on Tampa Avenue. The sale price was \$59,500. We hope to have an open house before the keys are turned over to the new owner in mid February so all can see what we have done to improve this home. We have a few more homes that we will be rehabbing starting this spring. I will have more information about those in the March paper.

We are in the process of planning some fun events for the community starting in the spring and throughout the summer and fall-everything from scavenger hunt contests with participating restaurants, bars and businesses ; to bike rides, movie nights, the opening of the splash park at Loew Park pool (June 19), and the “All Access” Home and Bicycle Tour (July



17th). Within the next few weeks we will have a calendar posted on our web site that will list events as well as important meetings and other activities.

Next month I will have a review of the results of the Community Survey we asked members and residents to complete. We had nearly 65 very thoughtful responses. And the winner of the \$50 gift card, Mary Lynn Roberts, has been a resident for the past 16 years.

Our wonderful business directory, now entering its 21st year is in the process of being developed. This is one of the top programs the CDC offers the community according to feedback we receive from residents. Over 12,000 are distributed directly to people’s homes. Residents love it because it only has LOCAL business and information. Advertisers tell us they get a great response from the directory because it is so local. It is an inexpensive way to promote your business all year round! If you get a call from Tom Sargent, our sales representative for the directory, please hear him out as to why this is a great product to promote what your small or large business has to offer our residents.

This month there are a few stories from people in the community who submitted some great local news and information. We would love to hear from you about any type of activity, event, a special person or place. We would also consider a cool great photo from the neighborhood. If you have an article or photo that you would like to submit, please send it to Sandy Worona at sandyw@oldbrooklyn.com. We hope to hear from you! This is YOUR Old Brooklyn News.

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Class of 1972 Memphis Elementary School graduate reminisces about his alma mater

by Greg Zaryk

When the current school year started for my own children, I couldn't help but think back to my time at Memphis School, the handsome, three-story brick building that once stood in my Old Brooklyn neighborhood. As many readers know, the once formidable school came tumbling down nearly two years ago. At the very spot where Memphis School once stood is now what is referred to as "green space".

My years at Memphis started in the fall of 1966. Because we lived nearby, every day my mother walked me to my kindergarten class. My very first teacher was Miss Goodnight, and our classroom was located in the basement. One day I told her that I was hungry and didn't feel well. I remember her handing me her sandwich and then sitting with me until I felt better.

Another memory was taking a field trip to the Cleveland Zoo in Miss Roach's second grade class. This was more of an adventure than a field trip because we actually walked to the Zoo through the woods off W. 42nd St. and Pensacola Ave. We then walked single-file down the steel staircase that is attached to the wooded hillside. My memory of this field trip is made even sweeter by the fact that my father came along as a class helper.

Who can forget going to the school auditorium for lunch with our steel lunchboxes, and watching a puppet show or a movie from an old-fashioned movie projector? I also remember how cool Memphis looked in the dark of night when all of its classrooms were lit up for open house.

Other recollections include science labs and the breathtaking experiments performed in class. I remember hearing girls whisper about the budding romance between two of our favorite teachers, Mr. Sopka and Miss Emch, and boys talking about the notorious "Memphis Gang" and their nightly scrapes with the law. Playing dodge ball or going to an after school carnival in the gym was fun, too. Do you remember the safety patrol guards waving their flags on street corners, and our crossing guard at Memphis and W. 41st, that wonderful old lady who could've passed for "Aunt Bea"? Even getting swats from Mrs.

Bridges in 6th grade for not turning in my homework has aged into a great memory.

After Memphis I went on to Mooney, and then graduated from Rhodes in 1978. But memories from Memphis top all the memories I have from both junior and senior high. Memphis School was a magical place for me and attending there will always have special meaning.

Sometime around 1995 I became reacquainted with Memphis School. It was through the man who had purchased the school building with the intention of establishing a religious ministry and museum there. I was a wedding photographer, and he asked if I'd be willing to photograph the restoration process that was underway at Memphis. I jumped at the chance to photograph something different, especially when it provided the opportunity of visiting my old school!

When I arrived for the shoot, I had forgotten how big and beautiful Memphis School really was. The classrooms were as huge as warehouse docks. The hallways were long and some of the hallway floors speckled with thick glass block. I had a blast walking through the school and checking out my old classrooms, opening up dusty closets and crawling through what resembled secret passageways. I also noticed a lot of neat things about the school that I had never seen or remembered decades earlier.

I had so much fun during the two-day shoot that when it was all over, I couldn't bring myself to charge for my services. The kind person who hired me knew that I was once a student and offered me some mementos in appreciation for my work. I happily accepted what many people would've considered junk, but to me were a treasure trove of artifacts.

Among the items he gave me were: a couple of wooden swings that once swayed in the parking lot; a movie projector; a ceiling

light fixture from one of the stairwells; a couple of oak stairwell banisters; a classroom blackboard; a couple of electric wall clocks; old text books; a porcelain "Kindergarten" doorway nameplate; old lantern slides from the 1920s; and the small 1940s Magic Chef stove that the teachers used in their second floor lounge. Later I was even able to retrieve the old desk with the black top that my science teacher used for his fascinating experiments.

Needless to say, my wife, Christine, didn't share in my delight when I started to bring Memphis School home to us. Thankfully, she has since recovered.

Shortly before Memphis's date with the wrecking ball, I stopped by again. One evening after seeing my mother, who still lives in the neighborhood, I decided to visit Memphis one last time. It was near sundown and the wind was blowing at full speed. As I peeked and wandered inside, I couldn't help but notice that Memphis was abandoned, worn out, torched and darkened. Nearly everywhere I walked, a steady stream of water was falling from the ceilings above. The wind created a howling sound inside the school like no other. This hideous howling was punctuated by the sound of metal flapping somewhere in the gymnasium below. It seemed as though some-

one were downstairs banging on a piece of sheet metal with a hammer.

As I proceeded with my nocturnal trek, the near darkness inside and the nightmarish sounds began to unravel my spirit. I couldn't help but wonder if Memphis were haunted. I reluctantly tip-toed up to the third floor and just as I stepped into the hallway, I spotted what appeared to be the silhouette of someone standing in the opposite stairwell. It looked as though both of the arms were outstretched above the head, similar to someone hanging from a chin-up bar.

Was it a ghost? I'm sure not; it was more likely someone else who had the same idea of looking around as I had. But why were the arms outstretched? I don't know; I didn't stick around to find out!

I ran down the stairwell, two and three steps at a time, and then bolted out the door. It sounds embarrassing now, but at the time, my only thought was to get out quickly. I'm sure the haunting mixture of sounds and the dripping water precipitated my frantic "six-million dollar man" run. My ankles throbbed for a full week afterwards!

That was my last experience inside Memphis School. The next time I visited was soon after the demolition, to pick up a couple of bricks that were spewed around the grounds.

Over the years, I have run into both young and old Memphis alumni and most have agreed that Memphis School truly was a magical place. I'm proud to say that I attended that great school. Although the building is now gone, the wonderful memories will always remain.

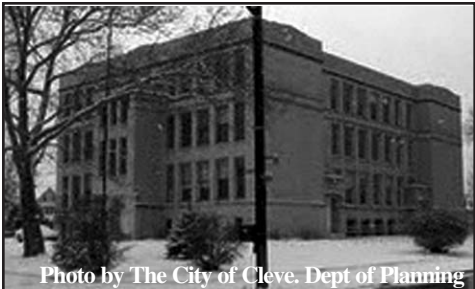


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Just before Memphis School was demolished two years ago, all the windows were removed.

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I was just paging through *Dick Goddard's Weather Guide and Almanac for Northeast Ohio*, and based on some of the things I read in the chapter entitled "Memorable Ohio Winters", I'd say that we're doing quite well this year. My snow drops are already peeking out of the ground and the "January Thaw" has nicely melted all my icicles and almost all the piles of snow. Even if more snow arrives, we

know that spring will officially arrive in only seven weeks!

Soon enough we'll be reading tax forms and instruction booklets, too, and after that, while money matters are still uppermost in everyone's minds, maybe reading another book which was published last summer -- *The AARP Retirement Survival Guide -- How to Make Smart Financial Decisions in Good Times and Bad*.

I've seen the book advertised in *AARP the Magazine*, but was really surprised when I learned that a girl with whom I went to high school is the author.

Julie Jason's name was Jurate Julie Pauliukonis in the days when we were students at Nazareth Academy in Parma Heights. Her mother was an ophthalmologist and her dad was an engineer, so we knew that she had good

genes. But did we ever think that she'd go on to be a Wall Street attorney and a money manager for wealthy families, have a weekly financial column in an East Coast newspaper, author a book on the New York Times best-seller list, and be the guest on a television talk show (Maria Bartimoro on CNBC)?

We couldn't have imagined such things then, but that's what happened to our Julie!

Julie's book is affordable (cover price - \$14.95; less for AARP members and on Amazon.com) and easy to read and understand. On cold winter nights in these challenging economic times, it might be just the read for you.

And speaking of the written word, in numerous recent columns we've talked about several new publications on this side of town. But we never have said much about how our own *Old Brooklyn News* "happens" every month. We came to that realization when we received a call from a mom who wanted to bring her son's Cub Scouts to our place of publication to see the presses rolling. She was amazed to find out that everything we do at this location is done on the computer.

We -- mostly **Sandy Worona** -- use a computer program known as **QuarkXPress** to layout the paper, and then send a "pdf" to our current printer, **Douthit Communications, Inc.** in Sandusky.

We also like to hear how far our newspaper travels in terms of readership. It wasn't surprising to learn that **Eduard Ettlin**, our visitor from Switzerland, is still checking us out online, but it was surprising to learn that after our article about him appeared in the October paper, two of the responses he received were from Lorain County.

We're also always happy when we learn that something going on in our neighborhood was picked up by a farther-away publication. That is exactly what happened with the PearlWind electricity-generating wind turbine at **Pearl Road Auto Parts and Wrecking**, 5000 Pearl Rd.

On Tuesday, January 12th, one of the front page, above-the-fold articles as well as the front page photo in the *Akron Beacon Journal* featured **Jon Kaplan** and the wind turbine he installed at Pearl Rd. It was the third of an in-depth, four-part series the *Beacon Journal* was running about wind power.

We have news about another long-time

Old Brooklyn business, too. A couple of years ago, in the *Community Spotlight* section of this newspaper, we featured a business called **The Cane Shop**, which has been operating in Old Brooklyn for fifteen years.

Up until the beginning of last month, the proprietors were in a storefront at 4196 Pearl Rd. They have since moved across the street to a more favorable location at 4197 Pearl Rd.

Everything else about the business remains the same -- They're still repairing furniture with cane, wicker, rush, pressed cane, reed and splint components; they're still regluing whatever needs it; and they're still selling related supplies to do-it-yourselfers. Store hours are still Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call first (216-661-6101) if you want to come in on a Saturday.

In last month's column we mentioned that **Our Lady of Good Counsel School** (OLGC) has a new principal this year. Her name is **Mrs. Jennifer Berardinelli**, and she came to OLGC from Immaculate Conception School on Superior Ave. in Cleveland.

OLGC's former principal, **Mrs. Kim Browning**, left to take on a new administrative position at St. Barnabas School in Northfield.

And while we're on the topic of OLGC, it's more than time to finish listing the names of the students who were recognized at the end of the last school year.

Thanks to the school's Parent-Teacher Unit, **eight 2009 OLGC graduates** received stipends to help with their first year tuition at the high schools they are now attending. Those students are: **Brittany Hennings** (St. Joseph Academy); **Ryan Gaydos** (Benedictine High School); **Mario Muniz** (Benedictine High School); **Kayla Dillingham** (St. Joseph Academy); **Abigail Soeder** (Holy Name High School); **Christine Siy** (St. Joseph Academy); **Bryan Sternik** (Holy Name High School); and **Emily Panas** (St. Joseph Academy).

These are still not all the scholarship awards from last June; we hope to have room to list the rest of them next month.

But even when we have items waiting in line to appear in this column, we still want you to send us your ideas, because we like to have a variety of entries each month. Please forward them to: Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

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(State Theatre)

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by Tom Collins
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Storefront Renovation Program

If you own commercial property or operate a business in a building in need of renovation, February should be your planning month. It is a fine time to talk to contractors and architects. It is a fine time to look at materials and building trade shows. It is a fine time to ask yourself what can be done to make your building more attractive to business tenants, to rent the empty storefront or increase customer visits to the store.

Sometimes you just have to invest in a renovation to make your building competitive, to keep existing tenants and attract new tenants. The appearance of your building is the first impression customers and tenants receive. A poor impression is an invisible expense in lost opportunity and is difficult to erase.

The City of Cleveland has an incentive program to help commercial property owners renovate storefronts and thereby improve the

appearance of the commercial corridors. It is titled the Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program. It provides a 40 % rebate on the cost of exterior improvements to the fronts of eligible buildings. It can refund as much as \$28,000 to the building owner or building tenant, if they follow the program guidelines.

The intention is to restore the building to its original architectural integrity and make a visible improvement to the appearance of the neighborhood. It is not a program to make up for neglected maintenance but is rather a restoration program that can provide new doors, windows, signage, lighting, structural repair, awnings, painting, masonry cleaning and new sidewalks. It is a face-lift for aging buildings in need of a makeover.

The owner manages the project following some basic guidelines that recognize that restored buildings have a more welcoming presence than buildings that cover up unique architectural features in an attempt to look modern.

The owner solicits bids from contractors who must be licensed to work in the city of Cleveland. There are some fair wage and equal opportunity guidelines that have to be respected which are familiar to most contractors. Of course there is some paperwork involved. I assist the owner with that part of the project.

If the building is in need of major exterior renovations on the entire building (front, sides and rear) then a low-cost loan program is available. An owner can borrow up to \$100,000 for exterior renovations at below prime interest rates. It is a fixed rate loan amortized over fifteen years payable in ten years.

Calling me to learn if your building is eligible does not obligate you to anything. I would be happy to meet with interested owners, visit the building, discuss the process and submit a preliminary application. There are no upfront charges and no fees associated with the rebate program. The City has a very good tool available to assist commercial property owners.

Use February as your planning month. Call me (contact information below) to see if this program meets your needs or if there are other economic tools available that will help commercial property owners improve their property and improve the bottom line.

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for several years. The City has a low-cost loan program designed to bring buildings which have been empty or abandoned back to economic productivity.

Buildings which have been at least 40% vacant for two years and are twenty years of age or older are eligible. The property owner must have a committed end user, be current on property taxes and agree to bring the building up to building code standards.

The loans can be used for property acquisition, demolition, site preparation and new construction. The loan is a short term loan (one year) with a guaranteed loan buyout by a bank or financial institution. The buyout incentive is that up to 35% of the loan is forgivable if the property owner meets certain criteria.

For more details please call or visit the web site:

www.cleveland.oh.us/government/departments/econdev/property.asp

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Employment Connection in Old Brooklyn helps with job hunting

by Lori A. Peterson
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With unemployment rates continuing to remain high, the job market is more competitive than ever. The answer could be The Employment Connection in Old Brooklyn, 4261 Fulton Pkwy. As their tag line implies, they can be your "Competitive Advantage".

Employment Connection specializes in bringing qualified job seekers together with quality area employers. They can assist in honing your interviewing skills, updating your resume and/or strengthening and expanding your skill sets.

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Employment Connection assists people from varying backgrounds — upper management, mid-level management, laborers and people without diplomas — find their career paths. There are no income qualifications.

Employment Connection also partners with businesses and has most recently partnered with a data company that will bring 300 to 400 jobs to Cleveland within the next two years.

Companies use Employment Connection to assess their need for employees, oversee training programs and supply them with information concerning hiring and financial incentives.

If you are interested in meeting with an employment specialist, call 216-635-2942 to set up an appointment.

(Information provided by Terece Watkins and obtained from the Employment Connection website.)

Ice dams can wreak havoc with roofs

by Allen Tapp

Two thousand ten (2010) came in with plenty of snow. Two weeks later, melting snow on rooftops led to some interesting ice buildup. One local radio station even had a photo contest for the best icicles! Although interesting, undoubtedly some homeowners also had water seepage caused by the effects of something called ice damming.

An ice dam is a buildup of ice that forms at the edge of a roof and prevents melting snow from draining. The water that backs up behind the dam can creep up under the shingles, causing damage to walls, ceilings, insulation and other areas.

With most ice forming at the edge of the roof, there is obviously heat warming the higher areas. Although some of the heat comes from the sun, most of it comes from the house. The heat travels through the attic space, transferring to the roof structure by convection.

Adding to the heat are the chimney, ceiling lights and bathroom and kitchen vent fans.

It's important to use insulation with a high R-value to minimize this heat transfer. Adding insulation keeps the heat in the living space while allowing air circulation in the attic.

How do you prevent ice dams? For immediate issues, brushing or shoveling the snow off the edges or cutting a channel in the ice will allow the water to drain properly. For long term answers, electric heat cables could be installed to help melt the ice and prevent the dam from forming. But the best solution is to add insulation and ventilation to the attic.

When installing insulation between rafters, an air channel should be included so that moisture won't get trapped against the rafters, leading to deterioration.

Attics should also be well ventilated. Soffit vents will provide access for airflow, while a ridge vent, static vents or thermostatically controlled power vents will let the air escape.

(Allen Tapp and John Farmiloe of The Home Detective provides comprehensive home evaluations. For more information visit www.HomeDetective.webs.com)

2010 Census – Who, What, When, Where, Why and How

by Donnal Heckelmoser
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The United States census is a count of everyone residing in the United States. Regardless of race, ethnicity and citizenship status, all United States residents must be counted. The first census took place in 1790 to determine the number of seats each state would have in the U.S. House of Representatives. The census was also created to gain a better understanding of where people live and to establish patterns of settlement as the nation grew.

According to the website www.youcancountonmeohio.org, the census is important because it determines the amount of federal funding each state receives for services such as Head Start; the Women, Infants and Children program; emergency food and shelter grants; programs for the elderly; Title One education grants; and hundreds of other programs.

Census numbers are also used by government and businesses in determining where to build schools, plan for public transit, and develop retail outlets. For every person not counted, Ohio could lose \$12,000 over the 10-year census cycle.

Census data also still determines the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. Because of changes in population, Ohio is in danger of losing up to two Congressional seats, possibly reducing the representation from 18 to 16.

Hundreds of groups across Ohio take part in informing and educating Ohioans about the importance of the census and the data compiled from it. The Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition, a member of the City of Cleveland Complete Count Committee, is encouraging other local non-profits (such as Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation) to inform its constituency.

Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via United States Postal Service in February and March. "Census day" will be April 1st, 2010 and the answers to the questions should reflect a person's status on that day. After April 1st, census takers will begin to visit households which did not return a questionnaire by mail.

Every United States citizen is required by law to provide the information requested, which can be found in title 13 and title 44 of the United States code. Federal law also mandates that all information provided on the census questionnaire remain private and confidential for 72 years. Answers may only be used for statistical purposes.

By law, the census bureau is required to deliver the population counts to the President for apportionment by December, 2010; by March, 2011 they must have the completed information for redistricting data to the states.

Five questions are frequently asked about the census:

"Who should fill out the census questionnaire?" The individual in whose name the housing unit is owned or rented should complete the questionnaire on behalf of every person living in the residence, including relatives and non-relatives.

"How will the 2010 census differ from previous censuses?" In 2010, every residence will receive a short questionnaire of just 10 questions. More detailed socioeconomic information previously collected through the decennial census will be asked of a small percentage of the population through the annual communi-

ty survey. To learn more about the community survey, visit www.census.gov.

"How are census data used?" Census data determine the number of seats each state will have in the United States House of Representatives. Census data also can help determine the allocation of federal funds for community services, such as school lunch program and senior citizen centers, and new construction, such as highways and hospitals.

"How does the census bureau count people without a permanent residence?" Census bureau workers undertake extensive operations to take in-person counts of people living in group quarters, such as college dormitories, military barracks, nursing homes and shelters, as well as those who have been displaced by natural disasters.

The Census Bureau was established in 1902. Today, in addition to administering the census of population and housing, the census bureau conducts more than 200 annual surveys, including the American community survey and economic censuses every five years.

According to the Census Bureau, most people should be counted in the residence in which they sleep most of the time. People in the United States who have unique living situations or own multiple homes should follow the simple rules provided by the Census Bureau —

Persons on vacation or business trips should count the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. People who don't live in one place regularly or are experiencing homelessness should count themselves where they are living on census day.

People living in group situations such as jails or prisons, group homes, domestic violence shelters and emergency or transitional shelters should count the group home as their primary place of residence.

U.S. military personnel who are living in barracks within the States should count the barracks as their place of residence. U. S. military personnel living on or off base but not in barracks should count the residence where they live and sleep most of the time. Military personnel living overseas will be counted using the Military's records for a home address.

College students who are living with parents while attending college in the United States should be included with their parental units. Students living away from their parental unit should count their on-campus or off-campus housing. Students living overseas while attending college should not be counted in the U. S. census.

Citizens of foreign countries living in the United States should be counted for the residence where they sleep most of the time. Foreign citizens in the United States on census day who are visiting or on vacation should not be counted in the U. S. census.

The Census Bureau also counts people who are considered to be "on the move". People who stay at more than one place at a time (e.g., vacation homes or transitory locations such as recreational vehicles, parks, campgrounds, marinas, racetracks, circuses or carnivals) should count the residence where they sleep most of the time or the residence in which they are staying on census day.

Anyone who would like to be a part of the 2010 census for the State of Ohio should visit www.youcancountonmeohio.org for information about joining committees, available jobs, tracking maps and return rates, and the Ohio census network as a whole.

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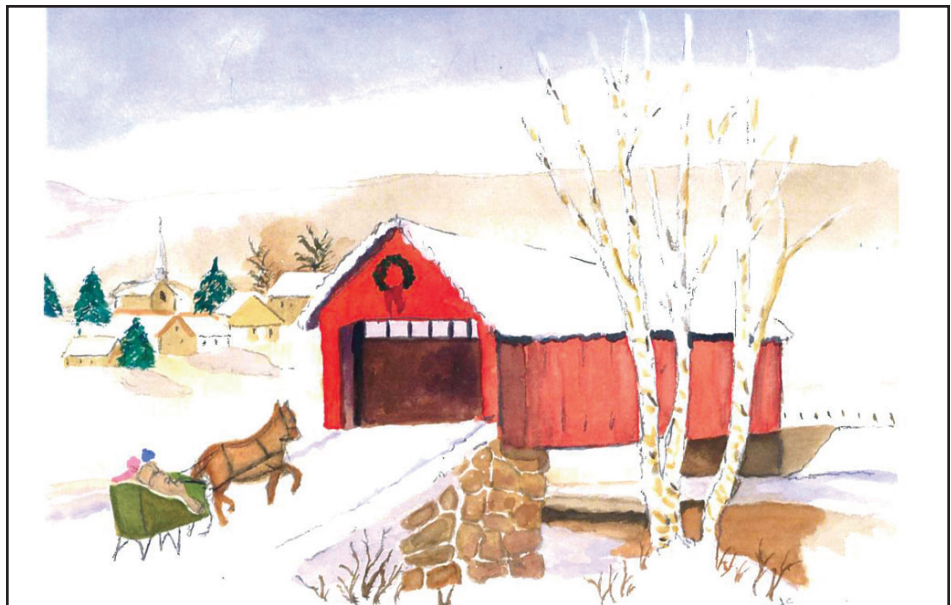


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For almost ten years now, Broadale Rd. resident Carol Lade has been taking watercolor classes on Wednesday nights at the Parma Area Fine Arts Council in the Parma Senior Center behind Parma City Hall. And for the last few years she's been using one of her paintings on the front of her Christmas card. Carol's 2009 Christmas card is pictured above.

Cleveland's African-American church history continues this month

by Lynette Filips
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In recognition of the fact that February is Black History Month, The *Old Brooklyn News* (OBN) continues its commentary on the churches established in Cleveland by/for African-Americans. In three previous articles (February, 2008; January, 2009; February, 2009), the OBN looked at Protestant congregations.

Last month (January, 2010) we began our investigation of black Catholic congregations. Thus far we've only talked about the first one which was established, **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament (OLBS)**. It later merged with **St. Adalbert**, the name by which it's known today.

Toward the end of the last article, we mentioned St. Edward Church, the second parish the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland designated for African-American here. Unlike Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, however, St. Edward's was not originally established for blacks.

St. Edward Church was located on Woodland Ave. and E. 69th St., next to St. John Cemetery. The parish was organized in 1871 for Irish Catholics who had already been meeting for Mass for eight years in the chapel of the nearby St. Joseph Orphan Asylum, which was also on Woodland Ave. When the parish was first established it was called Holy Family; the first church and school were dedicated in 1873. But some years later, when the grand new stone church was dedicated, the parish came to be called St. Edward.

With the passing of time, the original Irish members of the parish began moving out of the neighborhood, and African-Americans began moving into it. In 1899, St. Edward's new pastor, Fr. William Kress, decided to start welcoming non-Catholics from the African-American community to the parish. He also built a new school and a new rectory and converted the old rectory into a convent.

By 1943, very few Irish Catholics were still living in the Woodland Ave. neighborhood. To better serve the spiritual and educational needs of the black people now living there, the Diocese of Cleveland conferred with the Society of the Precious Blood (CPPS), whose priests were already ministering to the black community at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church on E. 79th St.

That same year, the Society agreed to take on St. Edward's. They transferred Fr. Melchior Lochtefeld, CPPS, pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church for the past seven years, to St. Edward's to become the pastor.

Having their highly charismatic, highly regarded pastor removed did not please the faithful at OLBS, but Fr. Lochtefeld again stepped up to the challenge of a new parish. His successful ministry in the black community is especially amazing when one considers that his background was from the German farm community (Mercer County) of west-central Ohio and his pastoral experience up to that point had been at Our Lady of Good Counsel in Old Brooklyn.

Five Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament (the same nuns at OLBS, and the Order, as discussed last month, Mother Katharine Drexel founded the "Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People") and Fr. Lochtefeld worked together to transform St. Edward's into another vibrant African-American parish. The Blessed Sacrament nuns remained at St. Edward's until 1953.

In September of 1943, St. Edward High School for Girls, which offered young women a two-year commercial program, opened; it trained many black girls until 1958 when the pastor who replaced Fr. Lochtefeld found it financially necessary to shut it down. Knowing that it was a means to escape the cycle of poverty, education was a high priority for the black people living in the neighborhood of St. Edwards. The elementary school was more popular than the high school, but even if they weren't Catholic, many blacks chose to send their children to St. Edward School (and some converted to Catholicism because of the experience).

Wanting an education and being able to pay for it is not the same thing, however, and rising educational costs turned into monetary woes for St. Edward's. In 1968, their elementary school merged with St. Adalbert's Elementary School on E. 83rd St., just north of Quincy Ave.

The parish's financial situation continued to decline in the 1970s at the time that another Precious Blood priest with Old Brooklyn connections became the pastor. His name was Fr. Raymond Schultheis, CPPS, and in later years, he became the Catholic chaplain at Deaconess Hospital.

Attempting to remedy the congregation's weak position, the Diocese of Cleveland decided to merge St. Edward's with **Holy Trinity Church** just a couple of blocks away on the other side of the street. Holy Trinity had been organized in 1880 for German-speaking Catholics in the area of Woodland Ave. and E. 71st St. It, too, once had a grand stone church, an elementary school and a two-year commercial (and ultimately a four-year) high school.

In the same way as had happened with the Bohemians at St. Adalbert's and the Irish at St. Edward's, the German population at Holy Trinity had declined, too.

When Holy Trinity and St. Edward's merged in 1975, a new parish, **Holy Trinity-St.**

Edward, was born. The faithful were served by the priests who had been staffing Holy Trinity, however, so the Precious Blood priests had to give up one of their inner city ministries to the black community.



Holy Trinity
Woodland Ave. & E. 71st St.

In 1976, the once grand St. Edward Church was demolished. In 1990, the Capuchin Franciscans, who came to the Cleveland Diocese in 1978, took over the flock at Holy Trinity-St. Edward. The church could not survive as a merged parish, however, and in 2004, it, too, closed. The

church building was not demolished, however, and today another Christian denomination occupies the premises.

As the population of the inner city on the East side of Cleveland continued to change, many other churches which once served ethnic white Catholic communities became the spiritual homes of black Catholics.

Some of these redesignated parishes, too, have been closed for years, some are the victims of the current church down-sizing in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, and some are still serving the black Catholic community.

When we pick up the saga of African-American church communities at this time (January and February) next year, their stories are the ones we'll tell next.

(Acknowledgments: Christine Krosel, archivist for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, helped me with some of the facts in this article.)

Further updates about church closings

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The days/weeks/months are quickly passing and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland's plan for reconfiguring their population in northeast Ohio draws closer to completion virtually every weekend. Since last month's article, the lights have been extinguished in three more church buildings – St. Louis in Cleveland Hts., St. Hedwig in Lakewood and Sacred Heart of Jesus in Akron.

In our own neighborhood, the reality of impending change is looming larger, too. On Monday, January 11th, Fr. Donald Oleksiak, the Director of the Clergy Personnel Board, along with Deacon Bob Youngblood, a member of the Board, and Deacon James Armstrong, the Assistant to the Bishop for Parish Reconfiguration, conducted a meeting in Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC)'s Parish Center. Its purpose was to ask current OLGC and Corpus Christi parishioners the qualities they would like to see in their new, yet-to-be named pastor of their new, yet-to-be named parish.

Spirituality was the first attribute mentioned, and then followed such a list of virtues that it's doubtful any human being could fill the order!

Approximately eighty-five people attended the meeting, but none of them will be obligated to join the merged parish. At this point in time, all that is certain is that: the sacramental records from both OLGC and Corpus Christi will go to the new parish; the pastor of the new parish will be a Diocesan priest; and his appointment will be for six years. The likelihood of the new parish also receiving a second priest is not strong.

The new parish will open at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church's property on April 25th. The six names which OLGC's/Corpus Christi's Naming Committee submitted to Bishop Lennon as possibilities are: Our Lady of Corpus Christi; Our Lady of the Eucharist; Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament; Jesus, Divine Mercy; All Saints; and Mary, Queen of

Peace. The Bishop will make the decision as to the name.

Final Masses at both Our Lady of Good Counsel and Corpus Christi will take place the weekend of April 17th and 18th, a week before the new parish opens. Technically, then both parishes will be closed, but some pastors of closed parishes have asked the Diocese to be allowed to celebrate daily Masses during that interim week, and the Diocese has granted their requests. So perhaps that will happen in this neighborhood, too.

A spokesperson from St. Barbara Church, which is scheduled to close on May 9th, stated that they had not yet heard anything from Rome regarding the appeal to remain open which they have in process. The documentation following the initial appeal was sent in mid-November, and the word is that Rome has three months to look it over. So that means that they should have some kind of official communication by the middle of this month.

We have not heard that any of the other parishes which submitted documentation to back up their requests have received word from Rome yet, either, but we have realized two things about the list which appeared in last month's OBN — one parish was listed twice and another was not listed at all.

This month, therefore, we will again print the list of parishes in the Cleveland Diocese which, to the best of our knowledge, have received letters from Rome agreeing to consider the merit of their cases. The parishes are: Holy Trinity, Lorain; Sacred Heart, Akron; St. Adalbert, Cleveland; St. Casimir, Cleveland; St. Emeric, Cleveland; St. James, Lakewood; St. Mary, Bedford; St. Mary, Lorain; St. Patrick, West Park; Historic St. Peter, downtown; and St. Wendelin, Cleveland.

The Endangered Catholics group continues to meet; this month's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 13th. As has been the case in December and January, it will again take place at the West Side Hungarian Evangelical Church, 3245 W. 98th St., north of Denison Ave. Check out the details of their activities on the website, www.endangered-catholics.webs.com.

Another website worth visiting is a new blog which is one Catholic man's response to the church closing situation. Using the pen name of Patrick Richard, he is on a personal campaign to visit as many churches as he can before they close, and then share his perceptions about each of them at www.closing-catholicchurchesincleveland.blogspot.com.

Meanwhile, the Roman Catholics' "cousins" at St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church on Broadview Rd. at Wexford Ave. in Parma have a timely message on the sign in front of their church. Instead of promoting one of their dinners or other activities, it reads, "We're open; We're Catholic; We welcome you!"

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As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry



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*Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at
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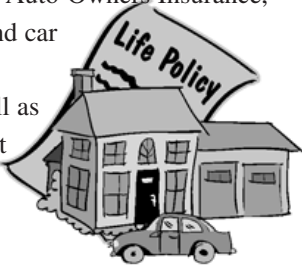
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James Ford Rhodes High School's NJROTC hosted its third Annual Drill Meet on Saturday, January 16th. The two local schools were Rhodes High & Lincoln West, but cadets from Lorain, Euclid, Akron and various counties of Ohio, as well as Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania also attended. A total of 230 cadets were in attendance. The day's events included a Color Guard, Armed Exhibition, Personnel Inspection, Armed Squad and Armed Platoon, Unarmed Squad and Unarmed Platoon. Pictured above, LCDR Perry Forester does an inspection for (left to right) Jessica Lopez, Holly Conner, Nick Lambert and Lisa Carpenter.



Photo by Melinda Lewis Rinehart

Trey Hughley, a member of the Hard-Knock Boxing (HKB) team at Estabrook Recreation Center, shows off his trophy after his highly successful amateur boxing debut on January 16th. To the left of Trey is Ernest Bailey, HKB coach/former amateur boxer and long time Old Brooklyn resident; to the right of Trey is HKB coach Johnny Avon.

Neighborhood kids enjoy BCN Saturday programs

by Gloria Ferris

Many readers have probably already received seed catalogues in the mail and will soon be busily preparing designs for their 2010 gardens. February will be no different at the Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. On Saturday mornings from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (unless there is a school holiday on Monday or a snow day on Friday) the children enrolled in The Brooklyn Centre Naturalists' (BCN) educational program will be doing the same thing.

The program is going strong, but there's always room for more -- and always an extra seat for lunch. The BCN received a real boost in November when they received a Neighborhood Connections grant. With the added help of that resource, the new year began with planning sessions to map out sessions, field trips and projects; Brooklyn Centre youth will be learning about community through nature!

Snow and cold were the topics of the day in January. Last month's sessions also saw the return of Spike the Tarantula, who has made his/her terrarium a home with several tunnels and webs to make it a spider's castle. Spike comes to each session and loves to show off his home. And the foot comparisons among kids, penguins and polar bears was a sight to see! This month the children will be mapping out plots for butterfly and edible gardens, learning how to test germination, deciding about plants for their gardens, and making stepping stones and plant and garden markers to beautify their spaces.

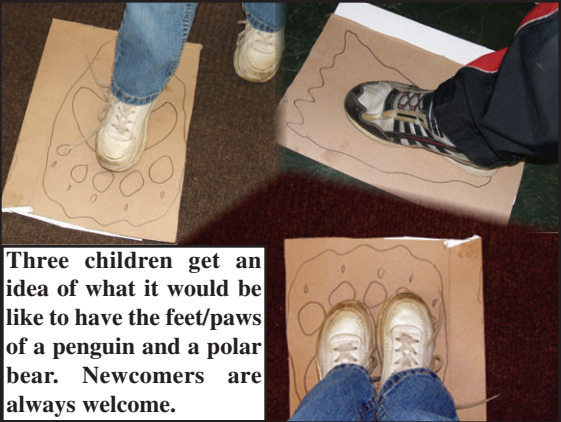
Building bird and toad houses will occupy some of the children's time on the Saturdays

in March. Spring will be planting time for the gardens. Summer will offer the opportunity for field trips to places like the Rockefeller Garden, a local alpaca farm and the Zoo (for a photo shoot), as well as choosing their best flowers and vegetables for the County Fair. And, sprinkled throughout the year, they will be making drums and rain sticks and learning how nature has been the inspiration for music throughout history.

Don't let the children in your life miss out on this opportunity! If you know a children aged ten or older who would be interested in this program, tell them about it. And if you or any one you know likes this kind of activity, consider joining BCN's volunteer corps. Because

time is a precious commodity, think about how much and when you could be involved.

To sign up as a volunteer or to attend the Saturday programs, call 216-351-0254 or email bcnnaturalists@gmail.com.



Three children get an idea of what it would be like to have the feet/paws of a penguin and a polar bear. Newcomers are always welcome.

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Girls sledding at Cleveland Metroparks, Big Creek Reservation, Memphis Picnic Area.

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BREAKFAST NOW SERVED ALL DAY!!

Early Bird Specials

7 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Monday thru Friday

Breakfast Dine-In	Breakfast Pick-Up	Breakfast Delivery
Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 10 p.m.	Mon. - Sat. 7 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.	Mon. - Sat. 10:30 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sunday 9 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Delivery Only

Breakfast Buy one Get one Free

With Coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 2/28/2010

Dining Room Only

Breakfast Buy one Get one Free

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Dining Room Only

\$5.99 Any Regular Large Specialty or Signature Pizza

With coupon. Not valid with other offers. Expires 2/28/2010

On street parking or parking lot and entrance in rear of building off Colburn.

2159 Broadview Rd. 216-739-0880

Changes that happen as we're aging aren't always because we're aging.

Did you know that problems with balance or memory aren't necessarily a normal part of aging? Sometimes there's another reason. One that can impact your quality of life. MetroHealth has devoted a whole campus to senior quality of life. And a visit there can help you find out about the care they provide specifically for people of our age. With a team of medical specialists devoted to healthy aging.

So if you're a senior like me, or you're caring for a senior, call 216-957-2800 to visit The Senior Health & Wellness Center. It can help you keep living the life you love.

Fred Griffith
Senior Health Ambassador
MetroHealth

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