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Cleveland Ward reconfiguration affects neighborhood Council representation

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Starting this month, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) will be served by four Cleveland City Council representatives. Both Councilmen Brian Cummins and Kevin Kelley will still be serving part of our neighborhoods, with Councilman Kelley's area, the new Ward 13, being similar to, but larger than, his old Ward 16. Councilman Cummins' Ward 14 will have a share of OBCDC's Brooklyn Centre service area in the top northwest quadrant.

The two new council reps to this neighborhood are Councilman Anthony/Tony Brancatelli, who will represent part of the South Hills neighborhood around Spring Rd. and Plymouth Rd. to W. Schaaf Rd., as well as other areas north and east of that; and Joseph/Joe Cimperman who will represent the eastern portion of Brooklyn Centre and the northeast part of Old Brooklyn around W. 11th St., Plymouth Rd., Spring Rd. and Broadview Rd.

(The ward boundaries are very complex, but maps for the new configuration of Cleveland's wards may be viewed at: http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/Home/CouncilMembers/FindMyWard/2010_Ward.s/tabid/652/Default.aspx)

All four men are strong and long time-advocates of community development. Knowing that they will be representing this area soon, they all have participated in a variety of OBCDC's events and activities over the past several months, such as the annual meeting, association meetings and other special events.

In addition, both Councilmen Cummins and Brancatelli have been the executive directors of CDC's.

The majority of the information about each Councilman in this article was taken from Cleveland City Council's website.

Joe Cimperman Ward 3



Councilman Joe Cimperman (new Ward 3, old Ward 13) was elected to serve as a Cleveland City Council representative in 1997. Since that time he has

focused his efforts on the revitalization of the neighborhoods he's served, including Tremont, Ohio City, Duck Island, Flats, Downtown, Midtown and St. Clair-Superior. His area will now include parts of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn.

Born and raised in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood, Councilman Cimperman's family was active in the Slovenian community. He graduated from St. Ignatius High School and earned a degree in English from John Carroll University where he was Student Council President. While at John Carroll, Councilman Cimperman founded Project GOLD, an international award-winning service organization dedicated to helping underprivileged families.

After college, Joe Cimperman worked with Cleveland's I Have a Dream Foundation. As a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps before he was a councilman, Joe worked with developmentally challenged adults in Portland, Maine and at the Don Miller AIDS Hospice in Baltimore, Maryland. He then returned to his hometown to work at the West Side Catholic Center.

Joe Cimperman has worked to create new block clubs, strengthen existing ones and to foster a sense of community. He is also a champion of neighborhood issues, sponsoring legislation for a variety of improvements, including sufficient parking for people with disabilities and safety measures along the waterfront.

Councilman Cimperman's vision entails an interconnected, diverse and self-supporting community; he believes arts and culture are the center of that community, serving as an engine for economic development in Cleveland. His goals are to create a supportive environment for the arts and culture community with live-work spaces for artists, activating and programming parks and green space, promoting Cleveland's local food economy and providing equality for everyone.

Councilman Cimperman is currently Chairman of the City Planning Committee, Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee and a member of the Health and Human Services Committee. He also represents City Council on the City Planning Commission. In addition Cimperman serves as a Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage Board Member, Cleveland Film Society Board member, Advisor to the Slovenian Museum and Archives, Advisory Board Member to Shoes and Clothes for Kids, Board member of Computers Assisting People, and serves with the Tremont Resident senior Corporation.

Councilman Cimperman lives with his wife, Nora, and their daughter in Cleveland's new Ward 3. Contact the Councilman at Cleveland City Council 216-664-2691.

Anthony Brancatelli Ward 12

Councilman Anthony Brancatelli was appointed to Cleveland City Council to represent the Slavic Village Broadway neighborhood and the surrounding area in 2005. It will remain Ward 12 with the inclusion of part of the South Hills neighborhood and the Ben Franklin Community Garden.



A lifelong resident of the Slavic Village area, Councilman Brancatelli is a graduate

And the winner is...



Photo by Donald Heckelmoser

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), the OBCDC Board of Trustees and the Old Brooklyn Holiday Lighting Contest committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the holiday lighting contest. It was obvious to them that a lot of hard work was put into all the holiday displays. A total of thirteen residences signed up to have their homes considered -- David Boyce & Sharon Martyn, Margaret Dobrovich, Tom Fortenbaug, Helen Jastrzebowski, Randy Jerse, Stanley Lorence, John Mitchell, Richard Riddle, Kathryn & Jim Rieter, Arlene & Dan Sevic and the Semproch family. OBCDC hopes to expand this event next year to include more people and businesses. The judging in a contest is always a subjective thing, but OBCDC's judges looked at creativity, originality, amount of decorations (more was not necessarily better), consistency to a theme and overall appeal to come up with the winner. This year's winner, a home at 4403 Denison Ave., chose a classic, traditional Christmas theme of swagger lights, wreaths and candles which appealed to the judges. See the photo of the winner in the business category on page 6.

Kevin Kelley Ward 13

Councilman Kevin Kelley has served the major part of the Old Brooklyn community since April 2005. First he represented Ward 16, but because of the ward reconfiguration, he's now representing the new Ward 13.



Kevin Kelley has a strong community service background. Following his graduation from

Marquette University, he volunteered at the West Side Catholic Center as a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. After his year of service, he worked at Recovery Resources, assisting mentally ill adults obtain income, healthcare and housing, while he earned a Master's Degree in Social Administration from Case Western Reserve University.

Kevin then became the Program Director for the Community Assessment Foundation, where he supervised a program which assisted former offenders in reentering the community. He also worked at the Cuyahoga County Community Mental Health Board as a Services Specialist. He later rejoined Recovery Resources to manage their programs assisting mentally ill defendants under the supervision of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and the Cleveland Municipal Court.

Before he was a councilman, Kevin attended Cleveland Marshall College of Law, where he became the Managing Editor of the Cleveland State Law Review. He graduated Magna Cum Laude, and is an associate attorney with Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur, in addition to being a Council representative.

Councilman Kelley is committed to maintaining the quality of life that Old Brooklyn residents enjoy, and has worked to foster growth and unity in his community. He spearheaded the effort to combine Old

of Cleveland's South High School and Cleveland State University. (His degree is in Political Science).

Before serving on Cleveland City Council, Councilman Brancatelli served as executive director of the Slavic Village Development Corporation for fifteen years. As director he was instrumental in projects such as the Millcreek Park and housing development, the Bessemer Avenue Extension and the MetroHealth Broadway Complex.

Councilman Brancatelli's determination to work toward Cleveland's revitalization came from his experience with the Broadway Area Housing Coalition. He's been working to eradicate the root causes of vacant and abandoned properties and to redevelop those areas that have been hit by the foreclosure epidemic.

In addition, Councilman Brancatelli has been one of the sponsors of several pieces of legislation that focus on this problem, including ordinances that streamline the maintenance of vacant and abandoned housing, provide mortgage assistance to victims of predatory lending and hold absentee property owners accountable for their vacant properties.

Councilman Brancatelli has also been involved in the fight against predatory lenders by working to bring them to justice. He was instrumental in the conviction of Raymond Delacruz, responsible for a house flipping scam that racked up \$4.8 million in inflated mortgages. The Delacruz conviction was the first real estate flipping conviction in Ohio.

Councilman Brancatelli is the Chairman of Cleveland City Council's Community and Economic Development Committee, and also serves on the Finance; Employment, Affirmative Action and Training; Aviation and Transportation; and Public Parks, Recreation and Properties committees.

Anthony Brancatelli resides in Ward 12 with his wife, Gail, and their son, Jack. Contact the Councilman at Cleveland City Council 216-664-4233 or at abrancatelli@clevelandcitycouncil.org.

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Hepner Air Filter Services, Inc. celebrates 60 years

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If a company can measure its success by the longevity of its business and the amount of service from an employee, then Hepner Air Filter Services exemplifies success.

Hepner Air Filter Service Inc., 3011 Henninger Rd. (east of Pearl), is celebrating its 60th anniversary in business. Three generations of Hepner's have run this family business. Raymond Michael started the business in 1948 on Beltline Rd., then moved it to Henninger Rd. in 1949. Robert Hepner took the reins in the early 1980s. In 2002, Robert retired and his son, Eric, has been running the business ever since.

Eric started at the family business at the age of ten. After his paper route, he went to work with his father to learn the business. After high school he attended college, came home and went to work full-time with his father in 1993.

In a world of career jumpers, Donald Aholt, has been a loyal employee of Hepner's for more than fifty-five years. Eric proudly exclaims, "He started with my grandfather. He is a great and loyal employee!" Currently Hepner has fourteen employees.

Hepner Air Filter typically services industries but will still sell air filters to local residents who have been loyal customers. They offer a complete cleaning service for all types of air and grease filters, electronic filters, electric cells, dust collectors and bag houses.

Hepner Air Filter Service, Inc. provides service for many industries, commercial buildings, banks, stores, offices, bars, restaurants, shops, factories, ships, aircraft, railroad, hospitals, laboratories, hotels, motels and others. They have contracts with Walgreens, Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Giant Eagle, to name a few.

To celebrate sixty years of business Hepner's is extending a price rollback to new customers. The prices reflect the cost of items ten years ago. They are in the progress of rolling out a new website and are looking to expand their business in the year to come.



Photo by George Shuba

On Tuesday, December 8th, students from Brooklyn High School Show Choir performed at a holiday lunch for local clergy which the Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland sponsored.

From the desk of the executive director

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There is something spooky about beginning 2010; it sounds too futuristic even more than when it became the year 2000. An entire decade has passed, is that possible? Rationally I know it is 2010 but it just seems too strange to think that we really are here?

Many of our residents are older citizens who have watched many more decades fly by than I have. I am always amazed at how many people in their late 80's and 90's come by to see us and chat about life as young people when our area was all greenhouses and open land. We love our older friends, Mary, Clarence (anyone else). They tell us what life was like back when it was simpler, not necessarily easier.

Every person and community and age in which we live has its challenges and opportunities. We have our share of challenges in the neighborhoods we serve. We know there is so much to get done and just not enough time, money and people to make it all happen as fast as we would like. Somehow we keep moving forward, being optimistic and hopeful for our future. And we all need to work together in order to make a difference!

Speaking of hopeful, we have received a

good number of community surveys from area residents. This provided an opportunity for residents and business owners to let us know what they think about this community and the future focus and direction for the CDC. In the February issue we will provide you with a review of the results.

Some good news, we have a person who has signed a contract to purchase the home the Community Development Corporation (CDC) is rehabbing on Tampa. It is a local Old Brooklyn resident that has been renting for a long time and was looking to buy a home. If all goes as planned, he will be moving in to his new home in mid February. The CDC will be starting rehab work on a few more homes in March, which will hopefully be completed later in the spring. We will keep you posted.

All of us at the CDC wish you and your family the very best for the coming New Year. Remember we are always looking for stories about your neighborhood, people who are doing fun and interesting things, photos and so forth. We are your local newspaper unlike any other so help us keep it local by providing YOUR news!

Ward reconfiguration from front page

Brooklyn's two community development corporations into one organization, and sponsored the Transportation for Livable Communities study about how to revitalize the Pearl Rd. commercial corridor.

Kevin's accomplishments also include helping with the drafting of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn's Master Plan, which focuses on planning green space, joining the MetroParks Zoo to the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail, and working to meet the stakeholders' and residents' community development goals.

Kevin Kelley is part of Cleveland City Council's Leadership Team, serving as the "Majority Whip". As Chair of the Council's Aviation and Transportation Committee, he has focused on passengers' rights and accountability at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport — under his leadership, the Council passed a Passengers' Bill of Rights which taxis must observe (and display in their vehicles) — and the best use for Burke Lake Front Airport.

Councilman Kelley is a former member of the Board of Trustees of ParkWorks Cleveland, and the Board of Trustees of the Community Assessment Foundation, as well as a former President and member of the Board of Trustees of the May Dugan Multi Service Center. Most recently he was on the Cleveland Public Library's Board of Trustees.

Kevin Kelley and his wife live in the Memphis-Ridge area of Old Brooklyn with their five daughters. They belong to St. Thomas More Church. Contact the Councilman at his ward office 216-351-7077.

Brian Cummins Ward 14

Councilman Brian Cummins was elected to serve the communities of Brooklyn Centre and part of Old Brooklyn, then Ward 15, in 2005. He will now represent the new Ward 14, which will serve the western portion of Brooklyn Centre, plus the Clark-Fulton and Stockyards neighborhoods.



Councilman Cummins graduated from Cleveland State University where he earned a Bachelor in Business Administration with a Major in Finance degree. He began his career in banking with National City Bank and later served as a U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer and Community Development Training Consultant, working in Micro-Enterprise, Small Business and Agribusiness Programs.

Councilman Cummins has worked in the Dominican Republic, Latvia and served as Associate Director for the Peace Corps in Russia Far East and Chisinau, Moldova. He was honored with three meritorious awards for outstanding service for his work in Central and Eastern Europe.

After he returned to Ohio, Brian worked as the Chief Financial Officer for the Community Shelter Board in Columbus. He was then selected to be Executive Director of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. In that position he was also the editor of the *Old Brooklyn News*; the paper received numerous awards, including "Best Community Coverage", during his tenure.

Brian Cummins is involved in many local organizations including the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre Community Association, Southwest Citizens Advisory Council, Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis, Art House, and Entrepreneurs for Sustainability.

Councilman Cummins is a strong advocate of a mixed-use, urban community; pursuing economic development; and environmental, trail and green space projects to improve the quality of life in Cleveland's neighborhoods.

As a Councilman, Brian has focused on developing stronger community representation through street, block and civic groups. He worked closely with then Ward 16 Councilman Kevin Kelley in supporting the consolidation of the area's two local development corporations, as well as developing the Master Plan for the old Wards 15 and 16. Brian Cummins and his wife, Gayle, live in Brooklyn Centre with their two daughters, Addy and Tatum. They are parishioners of Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Contact the Councilman at Cleveland City Council 216-664-4238, or at BrianJCummins@earthlink.net.

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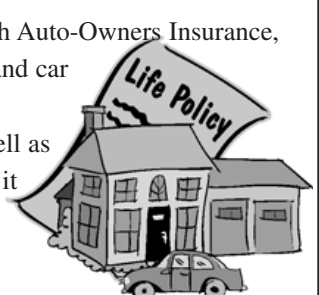
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NEWS & EVENTS

Monday, January 4th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Cleveland Catholic Diocese Archivist Christine Krosel speaking about early Catholic church records; also discussing what will happen/is happening with those records of parishes closing or merging. Coffee & refreshments. All welcome; call president John Stoika, 216-524-3472, for more info.

Free H1N1 Flu Vaccination Clinics

Fri. Jan. 8, 10 am - 2 pm, City Hall Rotunda, 601 Lakeside Ave.
Sat., Jan. 9, 10 am - 4 pm, Gunning Recreation Center, 16700 Puritas Ave.
Tues., Jan. 12, 3:30 - 7:30 pm, Cudell Recreation Center, 1910 West Blvd.
Tues. Jan. 26, 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd. Ohio Dept. of Health has lifted restrictions on the H1N1 vaccine; all people now eligible to receive it. Call 216-664-4621 or visit www.clevelandhealth.org for more info.

Saturday January 16th

"It's a New Season - It's a New Day"
Vine Bible Fellowship, 3510 Broadview Rd., 10 am - noon. Time of refreshing for all women. Words of encouragement, fellowship, prayer, food, fun & prizes; free. Bring a friend & dessert, salad or casserole to share. RSVP to Teresa, 216-799-9769, or e-mail mvg4wrd@gmail.com.

Sunday, January 17th

Pasta Dinner
St. Mary's Crystal Chalet, 3600 Biddulph Ave., (corner of Biddulph Ave. & State Rd.), noon - 1:30 pm. Pasta, meatballs, bread & butter, salad & beverage. Donation: adults, \$7; children, \$5. Also a "Split-Pot" raffle. Call the school office, 216-749-7980, for more info.

Tues. & Thurs. January 19th - May 27th

Free GED Classes
Brooklyn Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., 9:30 - 11:30 am. Must be 18 years old & present a valid picture ID. Orientation/registration, Tues., Jan. 12th & Feb. 9th. Call 216-398-4600 or visit cuyahogalibrary.org for more info.

Tuesday, January 26th

Money and Investing FUNDamentals for Children in Grades K - 6
Brooklyn Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., 4 - 5 pm or 5 - 6 pm. Learn how to make good decisions regarding money the fun way. Free. Call 216-398-4600 for more info.

2010 Suburban Community Gardening

Do you live in a suburb of the city of Cleveland? Are you interested in starting a community garden in your community? Recruiting for the Suburban Community Gardening Program; growing food...building relationships...cultivating our communities...upcoming suburban community Gardening information sessions: To learn more, come to an information session. Registration required, **Wed., Jan. 13,** 6 - 7 pm, Brook Park Branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 6155 Engle Rd, Brook Park; **Thur., Jan. 14;** 6 - 7 pm, Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd St., Euclid.

Join the District Police

Community Relations Committee
Meaningful working relationship between Cleveland Police Officers & the citizens they serve. Relationship instrumental in building close, proactive dialogue that results in residents & police having a better understanding of each others' concerns/experiences. Committees meet each month in each district for residents to bring concerns to District Commander for timely & personal responses. Call Community Relations Board, 216-664-2277, for more info.

Cuyahoga County seeks tax preparation volunteers; training provided

Volunteer tax preparers needed for the V.I.T.A. site at the corner of Memphis Ave. & Fulton Pkwy. Classroom & web-based training provided; began in late November. Tax returns for Old Brooklyn V.I.T.A. site are simple; training is not difficult. If interested call 216-987-6620 or email: sullie01@odjfs.state.oh.us.

First Friday of Every Month

Free Hot Meal
St. Boniface Campus School Hall, 3555 W. 54th St. (Enter from side parking lot on W. 52nd St.) Doors open, 4 pm; dinner served, 5

- 6 pm. Sponsored by St. Boniface Church & St. Rocco Church.

City of Cleveland, Division of Police, Citizen On-line Reporting System

As of July 7th, file your own police report on-line for the following types of incidents/crimes -- lost property; damage to property; criminal damaging; petty theft/theft from a motor vehicle; supplemental reports. These types of reports may be made only if there is no suspect, suspect vehicle, or serial number information. To make an on-line report go to www.city.cleveland.oh.us/police & click on the crime reporting link. You must be 18 years old & have an e-mail address.

America Reads Tutors

Cleveland Public Library, South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. Tutors from Cleveland State University available to help school age children available Tues., Wed. & Thurs. until the end of the school year. Call 216-623-7067 to make appointment.

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.

Our Lady of Good Counsel School Registration for Kindergarten & Preschool

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

St. Leo Preschool Registrations 2009-2010 School Year

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

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.

Feeding birds in winter on a budget

by Gloria Ferris

There's snow on the ground and more is in the forecast. That signals the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists -- and other like-minded individuals -- that it's time to feed our feathered friends.

The key to keeping the avian food budget low is to limit the seed choices. Serve black oil sunflower seeds (rather than the more expensive gray striped variety) to attract cardinals, chickadees, jays, titmice, woodpeckers and other strong-billed seed crackers. Offer millet for smaller birds such as finches, juncos and sparrows. Round out the selection with cracked corn for any visiting birds.

There are also other ways to save when feeding the birds. Buy seed in bulk. Share the cost of the seed with a neighbor. (Store bulk seed in airtight containers to keep the seed fresher and out of the reach of unwanted snackers.) Instead of buying deluxe mixes, create

your own unique mix. Locate a local business which carries food for wildlife, and tell the neighbors. As business picks up, the shop owner may welcome suggestions in terms of what products to carry.

One tube feeder filled with Niger seed is quite enough; rationing treats of fruit and nuts in small quantities is quite all right. The important thing to remember is that when someone begins feeding the birds, it is very important to continue, because birds will visit the feeder daily in their quest for food.

A shallow pan of water with a rock for the birds to stand on and give stability to the homemade birdbath is a must. Save decorative birdbaths for good weather, because buying that perfect, unique addition to the garden, only to have it freeze during the winter, would not be a good thing.

Then, after setting up your feeding stations, sit back and watch the interaction of the birds.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists - Sat., Jan. 9th, 2:30 pm, Brooklyn branch, Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd. Contact Brooklyn Centre Naturalists, 216-351-0254 or bcnaturalists@gmail.com, for more info.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club - New location! Brooklyn Fire Station, Memphis Ave., Community Room, Sun., Jan. 17th, 2 pm. Topic: "Migration Patterns--Tracing the Routes of Our Ancesters"; Speaker- John Daily.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Jan. 26th, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn Fri., Jan. 8th, 7 p.m. Pearl Road United Methodist

Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Five HSOB members, speaking about their historically significant Old Brooklyn homes. Call president Connie Ewazen, 398-8969, with any questions.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Jan. 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

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

Ward 16 Democratic Club meeting Tues., Jan. 19th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

1ST ANNUAL BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN FUNDRAISER

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Revised Remedial Investigation Report available for Former Harshaw Chemical Site Information Session to be held

The US Army Corps of Engineers, Buffalo District, completed the Revised Remedial Investigation Report for the Former Harshaw Chemical Company Site under the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. The 55-acre site is located at 1000 Harvard Avenue, south of downtown Cleveland. The Revised Remedial Investigation Report documents the nature and extent of radiological and chemical contamination at the site resulting from the Nation's early nuclear program. This report replaces the 2006 Remedial Investigation Report, incorporates additional data from Phase III and Phase IV investigations, and updates the Baseline Risk Assessment. There is no imminent threat to human health or the environment at the site. Site access is restricted.

An Information Session to discuss the Remedial Investigation findings with the community will be held on:

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 - 7 to 9 p.m.

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Bankruptcy Court – what the terms “Chapter 7” and “Chapter 13” mean

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Bankruptcy is a legally declared inability or impairment of an individual or organization to pay its creditors. Creditors may also file a bankruptcy petition against a debtor, which is known as an involuntary bankruptcy.

The Bankruptcy Abuse and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 was a law enacting a number of important changes to the United States bankruptcy code. The provisions of this Act apply to cases filed on or after October 17th, 2005. The new law makes it harder to file bankruptcy as an individual and business, specifically chapter 7 bankruptcies.

Last year (2009) the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio had 35,388 cases on file. Among them were 11,491 cases which originated within the city of Cleveland. Some were “Chapter 7”, some were “Chapter 11”, some were “Chapter 12”, some were “Chapter 13” and some were “Chapter 15”. These “chapters” mean a certain chapter of title 11 of the United States bankruptcy code. This article will define chapter 7 & chapter 13 in further detail.

Chapter 7 refers to liquidation and chapter 13 refers to the adjustment of debts of an individual with regular income. Both of these chapters have multiple subchapters and can be confusing when a person is trying to make the best choices about his/her financial future.

Sometimes referred to as “straight bankruptcy”, chapter 7 bankruptcy is typically known as the simplest way for individuals, corporations, partnerships and married couples to file for bankruptcy. The process culminates with a representative from the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio, who was assigned to the case gathering the non-exempt property, selling it, and then using the proceeds from the sale of this non-exempt property to pay the creditors (those who are owed money).

When determining if chapter 7 bankruptcy is the best choice, the entity must first determine if he/she/it is eligible. The Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act of 2005 states that one must undergo a *means test*. Using this means test, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) determines who can and can not file. The means test examines the individual's/couple's/business' monthly income and expenses compared to the averages IRS has set in the area.

For example, if a someone earns less than the area median income for a family of a certain size in the city of Cleveland, he/she can file for chapter 7 bankruptcy; if his/her income from the last six month is over the area's median income for that size family, and if it is determined that he/she can pay \$6,000 over five years or \$100 per month toward his/her debt, they can not file for chapter 7 bankruptcy. They

may, however, decide to file chapter 13 bankruptcy instead.

(<http://bankruptcy.lawyers.com/Chapter-7-Bankruptcy-Basics.html>)

After eligibility is determined and the entity decides to file for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the person filing must begin by filing an official petition, schedules, and a statement of financial affairs. All can be found at the following links: (<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/RevisedRules>)

When these forms are turned into the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio, the person filing must also provide a full list of creditors, the amount and type of the claim, proof of income, a listing of real estate owned and a list of monthly bills and financial obligations.

Once this process is officially completed, creditors are prevented from trying to collect debts via an automatic stay process; this stay generally preserves one's property and provides relief from being sued. But if a creditor shows “just cause” to the bankruptcy judge, they may be able to continue the collection process.

Typically the next step in the chapter 7 bankruptcy process is a “341 hearing”, which takes place twenty to forty days after filing a petition. The representative from the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio, assigned to the case holds a first meeting of creditors. The primary person filing the chapter 7 bankruptcy is required to be present because he/she will be asked questions under oath.

Within the next 60 days a creditor will be given the opportunity to plead their case against bankruptcy, and insist that the debt be repaid. This is also the time when reaffirmation (A reaffirmation agreement in bankruptcy is a new contract signed between you and a lender that reaffirms your debt and personal liability for the obligation) can be agreed upon in an effort to keep certain property that may be sold. This can be completed despite an order of discharge (When a debt is discharged, it is no longer enforceable against the debtor personally).

This order of discharge takes place after the 60 day window the creditor has to halt any discharge orders. If the creditor fails to accomplish this and the 60 days pass without incident, then the debt will be discharged or cancelled.

There is a plethora of information online and at local libraries about chapter 7 bankruptcy. You may also visit the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio's website at (<http://www.ohnb.uscourts.gov/>).

Chapter 13 bankruptcies, used both by individuals and by sole proprietors of businesses, are the next most common type of bankruptcy; Chapter 13 provides for full or partial repayment of debts over a three to five year time period based on the debts and on other factors.

Chapter 13 bankruptcies utilize the same means test which was described for the Chapter

7 bankruptcy process. However, this means test determines the amount of debt owed that will have to be paid back, as well as the time allowed to do so. No chapter 13 repayment plan exceeds five years.

According to www.lawyer.com, the most people who file chapter 13 bankruptcies hold the following: mortgages or other loans they would like to bring current, so they do not lose their homes or other property; taxes, child support or student loans that can't be wiped out by chapter 7 bankruptcy; or moral convictions that all debts should be paid, no matter how long it takes.

In order to file for chapter 13 bankruptcy, a person needs a stable income with “disposable income” (income left over after the bare necessities of life such as food and utilities are paid.) A person is not permitted to have more than \$922,975 in secured debt (property or other assets a creditor might take if he/she doesn't make payments) and \$307,675 in unsecured debt (A loan not secured by an underlying asset or collateral).

(<http://bankruptcy.lawyers.com/Chapter-13-Wage-Earner-Bankruptcy-Basics.html>).

To start the process of filing chapter 13 bankruptcy, a person files a petition in United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio. He/she must bring a list of assets and liabilities, current income and expenses, and a list of creditors. After filing the petition, the person(s) must also file a “Statement of Financial Affairs”.

A “Statement of Financial Affairs” must include income from employment or business operations including amounts and sources, as well as any other income; payments made to the creditors within ninety days of the filing; payments made within one year of filing to creditors who were “insiders” (relatives, partners and corporations in which the person filing is an officer of the company); lawsuits to which the person was a party within a year of filing; and all property, including that which was garnished or seized.

After amassing all of this information, there is still more to gather — property that was repossessed within one year before the filing; losses from first theft, gambling, etc. within one year or since the beginning of the action; pay-

ments made for debt counseling or bankruptcy, including attorney fees; transfers of property made within two years before filing; property transferred to a trust within 10 years prior to filing; financial accounts that were closed within one year; safety deposit boxes; setoffs to creditors; property held for another person; all premises occupied within the last three years; the names and addresses of spouses and former spouses if the debtor lived in community property state; and businesses owned.

According to lawyers.com, it is very important that all information provided be accurate and concise. Debts not listed will not be cancelled, and it is not good for a person to look like he/she is trying to hide anything. Hiding information can result in serious fines and other consequences at the discretion of the courts.

The bankruptcy petition must also be accompanied by a proposed payment plan, which must provide for payment of all “priority claims” in full unless the creditor agrees to a different plan. Once the plan is submitted, an appointed trustee of the court is assigned to the case and distributes the plan to the appropriate creditors. The creditors have the right to object to the plan if it is unreasonable (<http://bankruptcy.lawyers.com/Chapter-13-Wage-Earner-Bankruptcy-Basics.html>).

If the plan is approved by the creditors, they receive payment on a monthly basis until the plan is sufficiently completed as approved. This action will be taken by trustees as appointed by the court to make sure funds are distributed appropriately. Under certain circumstance the payment plan can be modified due to circumstance that the court would deem beyond the control of the person who filed for bankruptcy.

All in all, bankruptcy is a decision that should not be taken lightly. It needs to be well thought out. An individual or business should consult a lawyer or bankruptcy professional for any questions related to any form of bankruptcy under United States code. It is always recommended to consult the United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of Ohio and/or its website for clarifying information and forms.

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Ellie Sullivan, MPA
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Winter -- but not Christmas or New Year's -- has officially arrived as we get our January issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* together for the printer. Although the prospect of winter cold and snow isn't the most pleasant thought for most of us, one positive thing keeps me going -- the days have begun to get longer and we are headed toward spring!

Just recently I heard another encouraging word -- that we're headed for an "el Nino" winter. Last July, somewhere out in the tropical central and eastern Pacific Ocean, El Nino, that warming of the ocean's surface water which affects the world's weather every three to eight years, was detected.

For us Clevelanders, below-average snowfall and above-average temperatures will likely be coming our way in the next few months. Combine that with lower natural gas prices, and the New Year seems to be off to a great start.

Again we begin this month's *Town Crier* column by reporting another new publication in our area. It's called the *Parma Observer*, and it made its debut in November. The mast-head states that it serves the tri-city area of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills, and that it belongs to the Observer media family of community owned newspapers and websites.

We at the *Old Brooklyn News* are familiar with the Observer family because a couple of years ago we investigated the possibility of becoming affiliated with them. We couldn't have remained the *Old Brooklyn News* if we'd done that, though; we would have had to become the "Old Brooklyn Observer", because every Observer family newspaper has *Observer* in its name.

The folks with whom we spoke were from the *Lakewood Observer*; they're the inventors of the software which makes the publication

and its related website possible. All the writers are volunteers, and anyone can write about virtually any topic of community interest, via the website's member center (www.parmaobserver.com).

Not surprisingly, other communities have also joined the Observer bandwagon, too; the website accompanying the publication is impressive. But in spite of the advantages, we decided to retain our *Old Brooklyn News* heritage and passed on the opportunity.

I also often include in this column news of personnel changes at our neighborhood churches and schools, and this month we have one of those kinds of entries, too...

We received a call from the new principal of **Charles A. Mooney Elementary School, Mary-Jo Koliha**, asking us if we would be able to include photos of the school's food drive. In the conversation I learned that **Mary-Jo's** maiden name was **Roth** and that she grew up in Old Brooklyn. Her father was a funeral director who operated **Roth Funeral Home** in the house which *OBN* photographer, George Shuba, now owns.

Mary-Jo Koliha had been the Assistant Principal at Mooney, PK-8 School for three years before being named the Principal this year. She joined the Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD) in 2000, and taught at Almira and Miles Elementary Schools before coming here.

Prior to the CMSD, Mrs. Koliha taught in the Berea Schools; she was the director of a learning center before that. In 2003, Sam's Club named Mrs. Koliha a *Teacher of the Year*.

As for her own schooling, Mary Jo, along with her two brothers, sister and cousins, attended Our Lady of Good Counsel School. She's pleased to be back where she grew up because everyday she is able to renew old acquaintances. Mrs. Koliha is married and has three married children and two grandchildren who live in the Greater Cleveland area.

Actually, **Our Lady of Good Counsel School** has a new principal this year, too, but we will write about her in a future column, because we like to print a variety of news in each issue.

A couple of months ago, **Shirley Lazar** of Oak Park Ave. received a wonderful surprise. Her daughter, **Shelley**, had entered an "essay

contest" related to Shirley's recent encounter with cancer, and Shelley's entry was judged to be the winner.

The contest was sponsored by WKYC/Channel 3's Morning Show in recognition of October's being *Cancer Awareness Month*. It was held in conjunction with professional ice-skater Scott Hamilton's annual benefit for cancer research at The Cleveland Clinic. (Scott himself has had two kinds of cancer.)

The topic for entrants to write about was "Who's Your Hero" (in terms of someone who'd been diagnosed with cancer) and the potential prize was four tickets to the Ice Capades, plus a pre-show "Meet and Greet" backstage with Scott.

That all happened for Shirley, Shelley and two guests on Saturday, November 7th; in

addition to having great seats, Shirley and Shelley received ice skates autographed by the Ice Capades cast, too.

Last but not least, I received a Christmas card from Old Brooklyn's Swiss visitor, **Eduard Ettlin**, who is now safely back in his native country. Among other things, he wanted to let me know that he'd received a number of responses to the article about him in the October *OBN*. Thank you to everyone who took the time to extend that friendship and hospitality to him.

I also appreciate your ideas for people and events to be featured in this column, and hope that you will continue to either call, email or mail them to: Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Pearl Rd., Cleveland, OH 44109.

Catholic churches continue to close; parishioners continue to protest and pray

by Lynette Filips
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Christmas wasn't the same for the thousands of "displaced persons" in the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland who've either seen their churches closed during the past year, or who are anticipating a closing in 2010. According to www.endangeredcatholics.webs.com, last month three more parishes (Holy Trinity and St. Vitus in Lorain and St. Robert Bellarmine in Euclid) have closed, bringing the total number of parishes suppressed in 2009 to twenty-two.

December 9th was the date by which the Congregation of the Clergy in Rome needed to receive documentation from parishes which had received permission to take their appeals to a higher level. Our own St. Barbara Church on Denison Ave. was one of them, and as reported last month, the supporting data was dispatched well within the deadline date.

Parishioners Michael Minich -- it was his letter which received the protocol number from the Vatican -- and Christine Dzedzina compiled the two, 100-plus page binders of documentation about why they should remain open. One binder is to remain with the papal representative in Washington, D.C., and the other was forwarded in the "pouch" to Rome.

To the best of our knowledge, the other

parishes also permitted to continue their appeal are: 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; St. Patrick, West Park; and St. Wendelin, Cleveland.

The Endangered Catholics group continues to meet monthly; this month's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 2nd. Interestingly (as was the December meeting), it will be held at the West Side Hungarian Evangelical Church, 3245 W. 98th St. A heart-warming sidebar to the Catholic church-closing saga is the compassion exhibited by many Protestant individuals and congregations.

Early last month, Our Lady of Good Counsel pastor Fr. Lee Moreeuw, C.P.P.S., sent all OLGC registered parishioners a letter announcing his plans to semi-retire to his hometown of Detroit and live and work at Old St. Mary's downtown in Greektown (across from the Casino) after OLGC closes on April 18th. (When the new, yet-to-be named parish opens on April 25th, it will not be staffed by C.P.P.S. priests.)

Meanwhile, Corpus Christi Church, which will be permanently shuttered after the merger, is collecting memorabilia for a display. See this month's *Church Notes* for details.

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Don't Give UP!

The Holidays are a making of the end of another year. For me it is difficult, most of my work is on the outside, weather related. I'm like a farmer I need to work when the sun is shining.

I know first hand living in Cleveland can be very difficult. In times like these, what can an individual do to change a hopeless situation to a hopeful one? We look at our economy, it is not good and this is an understatement. As blue collar and white collar employees, it's not our fault that the economy is bad. Cleveland is primarily an industrial town with a very strong labor force. One thing about Clevelanders, we are a strong type of people, with a strong ethnic background, a diverse culture, and work ethics.

In these trying times we must ask ourselves these questions.

- With our churches, where is compassion?
- With our government, where are our leaders?
- With our Unions, where is our unity?
- With our families, where are our fathers?

In what category can we instill change as an individual? This is where we have to start, to help change the hopeless situation that we are in. Complaining and criticizing will not change anything. We have to look at our own situation, and say where can I make a difference.

We need to figure out what is important and what is valuable. We need to maintain our health, without good health we have numbered our days. Lack of sleep, steals our emotional wellbeing. We become like a walking zombie.

It's not the end of the world if you lose your credit score, or you are late on a payment. It's not your fault that you got laid off, or your income was cut in half. If we had jobs, we would not be in this mess. So don't blame yourself, or your employers they are doing the best they can in this tough times.

Do what you can do, that's all you can give.

I got this chubby Italian off of the couch and started to exercise, it was something I could change, my weight and physical condition. It has helped my outlook tremendously.

Bottom line is don't give up! We live in a wonderful community and you are part of it. Compared to many parts of the country, Cleveland, Ohio does have many rich commodities and resources. We need to also utilize an interstate commerce both in agriculture and industry. We need to have more creative mergers in our industry, in our unions, in our schools and in our churches.

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I Buy NEO

Everyone wants your dollar, all the time. The competition among retailers and commercial services companies to sell to consumers is intense. Consumers are targeted with all kinds of product and sale information every day. Even when people are not thinking about purchasing anything the information keeps coming.

Newspaper advertisements, television advertisements, radio advertisements, coupon clipping material, the Internet, direct mail... the list goes on. Basically companies keep a steady barrage of product information before the consumer all the time.

How does one sort out all the information

to determine where they are going to buy what?

Here in Cleveland an important program has been developed by COSE (Council of Smaller Enterprises) that can help consumers make the first cut. Shopping locally is something that most people say they prefer to do. Shopping at locally owned and operated businesses is also something most people prefer to do.

The *I Buy NEO* program has been developed to reward consumers for shopping at small businesses throughout the sixteen counties of Northeast Ohio. Consumers who have the *I Buy NEO* card and make their purchases through participating business earn rebates. A rebate is an after purchase return of some portion of the purchase price. It is not an immediate discount at the point of sale.

The *I Buy NEO* card is swiped at the point of sale and the rebate amount is credited to the card holder's account. The rebates cumulate in the card holder's account, similar to a savings account. When the cumulative amount reaches \$25 the card holder may either request a check or let it ride as more value is accumulated. The bottom line is that this program puts cash back into the hands of the loyal customer who shops locally.

The program enrolls two types of membership. The first is the business that wants to be listed as a participating company that will provide a rebate to card holders; the second is

the consumer who purchases the *I Buy NEO* card. The card purchase is a one-time charge of \$10 that covers the administrative cost of registering the customer and issuing the card.

The participating business determines what the rebate will be. It could be a percentage of a sale or a fixed amount based upon a stated minimum purchase.

There is an added value because the rebate is divided into three portions in order to keep the program growing and solvent. The consumer receives 35% of the rebate credited to the card holder's account as previously stated. The consumer designates 35% of the

rebate to a local incorporated charity or non-profit organization. The remaining 30% is reinvested in the program to expand membership and cover administrative costs.

Recruiting the cardholders is done through the charity or non-profit organization. That keeps administrative costs low with respect to marketing.

The incentive to the non-profit organization to grow membership is the rebate return they will receive from those who designate the agency.

The incentive to businesses to participate is the marketing support that comes from being listed on the website, brochures and all the marketing material.

Learn more about this program at www.ibuyneo.com. Watch for more information in next month's *Old Brooklyn News*.

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Benjamin Franklin Garden 2009 wrap-up

by Tom Sargent
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With the tools and equipment all serviced and stored for the winter, and the fields mowed and plowed, the curtain has been drawn on the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden for the 2009 gardening season. This marks the thirtieth season that the Garden has been administered by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

The growing season was impacted by the rains of May and June and the ensuing cool nights. This was followed by a dearth of rainfall that continued through July. While these conditions affected both the quantity and quality of the produce, overall the season has to be considered a success. Most gardeners were quite satisfied with the vegetables produced in their plots, and over 5,000 pounds of fresh vegetables were donated to various food pantries and kitchens in the area.



Photo by Tom Sargent

The stand pipes that deliver the water to the gardens during the gardening season stand a cold and lonely vigil over the plowed and frozen fields of Benjamin Franklin Community Garden in late December.

Under the stewardship of Chairman John Jenkins, the Gardening Operating Committee was responsible for numerous improvements and enhancements to the Garden and its surroundings during the garden year. Principal among these was the acquisition, site preparation, installation and renovation of an outside steel storage container for housing various pieces of garden equipment. This and other improvements to the Garden were funded by a

generous grant awarded by NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS.

During the course of the gardening season, the Garden hosted several social events, not the least of which was the Cleveland Urban Harvest Garden Tour, sponsored by The Ohio State University Extension - Cuyahoga County. Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson spoke at the event and received a tour of — and was very impressed by — the Benjamin Franklin Garden. The Mayor also received a basket of fresh vegetables grown in the Garden and contributed by the gardeners.

The gardeners of Benjamin Franklin, over the course of the year and through a variety of activities, contributed more than 1,100 hours of volunteer time.

The Garden Coordinator and Garden Committee extend their thanks and appreciation to the following businesses which donated services and products that were extremely beneficial to the operation of the Garden:

Ameriflag, Speed Exterminating and Rodriguez Heating and Plumbing.

Gardeners who were at Benjamin Franklin Garden last season will receive their renewal applications by mail about March 15th for 2010, and will have until April 15th to respond. After that point, applications from prospective new gardeners will be accepted; the open gardens will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis.

2010/11 Old Brooklyn - Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn BUSINESS DIRECTORY & Service Guide



If you're a business owner and would like to be listed or run an ad in the OBCDC 2010/11 Business Directory, please call Sandy at 216-459-1000.

Directories will be distributed FREE to all area residences and businesses in late spring.



by Donald Heckelmoser

Ameriflag Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd., sells antiques and art work in addition to a wide variety of flags, and always has an attractive display in its storefront windows. For the holidays, it was even nicer than usual, and as a result, Don Workman and his crew won the first place award in the "Business" category of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's 2009 holiday lighting contest. The CDC revived the contest after a hiatus of over ten years.

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Ohioans warned re: package delivery hoax

from Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray's office

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) – As holiday season shopping reaches its peak and vast numbers of Ohioans are awaiting and receiving package deliveries, Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray today warned consumers to keep a sharp eye out for phony package delivery postcards being sent to consumers around the state.

Some Ohioans have already received the postcards, which say, "pickup notice" and "sorry we missed you!" Such cards can list a package number and an 800 phone number for consumers to call to schedule a pick-up. When consumers call, however, they find out that there is no real parcel to be delivered; instead, the notice was just a marketing ploy.

"The company never intends to deliver a

package to the consumer. It's just a trick to get consumers to call," Attorney General Cordray said. "What makes this especially deceptive is that it's occurring during one of the busiest times of year for sending and receiving packages. It's not uncommon for consumers to receive package notices during the holidays."

Consumers who receive an unexpected package notice in the mail should research the delivery company before responding to the notice. Check the company's reputation with the Better Business Bureau and the Attorney General's Office. If it seems suspicious, don't trust it.

If you receive a questionable notice of this sort, report it to Attorney General Cordray's office at www.SpeakOutOhio.gov or by calling (800) 282-0515.



Before



After

Photos by Sheila Quealy-Walter

On Cypress Ave., an Old Brooklyn resident has taken pride in his/her home by installing vinyl siding. Any home improvements help raise the whole neighborhood's property values.



On Saturday, December 19th, more than 600 adults and children attended "Lunch with Santa" at The MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center. In addition to a



visit (and photos) with Santa, a variety of activities were available, including listening to the Rhodes High School choir, coloring, conversing with neighbors and lunching on free hot



Photos by George Shuba

dogs, chips and popcorn. Ten neighborhood organizations co-sponsored the event.

Sound financial strategies for 2010

by Dana Korosi
Steel Valley Federal Credit Union

This month, the start of a brand new year, let's look at some of the financial strategies a person should consider in 2010 –

When it comes to debt, combine a strong offense (grab a mortgage or refinance) with a powerhouse defense (beat back rising credit card rates and fees).

Mortgage rates are at historic lows – 5% for 30-year fixed – and home buyers will be able to capitalize on a special tax credit until July. So early 2010 will be a great time to refinance a mortgage or apply for a new home loan.

But credit card issuers will continue to turn the screws on customers in 2010, raising rates and hiking or inventing fees.

Because the new credit card law taking effect in February will restrict lenders from punishing riskier customers, many good-citizen cardholders will be forced to pay more in interest.

Here are some good strategies to consider in 2010:

Refinance a mortgage

Low mortgage rates will make refinancing tempting as the year begins, especially for people who have an adjustable-rate mortgage resetting in 2010 or 2011. There are many who feel that rates will go higher in the latter part of 2010, so waiting too long may be costly. People who don't expect to stay in their homes long enough to recoup the closing costs, however, should not refinance.

Buy a house

For potential homeowners who've been sitting on the sidelines waiting for the "right" moment to make an offer, 2010 will be the time. Those who qualify for the \$6500 home-buyer tax credit (current owner) or the \$8000 credit (first-time buyers) should submit an offer before winter ends. Buyers need to be under contract by April 30th to get the tax break.

Keep an eye on your credit score

A good credit score is more important than ever for anyone trying to get approved for loans or credit cards in 2010 and qualifying for the lowest rates. Lenders consider a credit score above 720 to be good. To learn an individual score, order the free credit reports from annualcreditreport.com and then spend the additional \$8 charge to also receive "the magic number" (credit score).

Charge every card you have – sensibly

In 2010, credit card companies will be looking for any excuse to lower credit limits,

raise interest rates or nix people as customers. Banks are dealing with a serious increase in uncollectible accounts and defaults. Bank of America, for example, wrote off 76% more in uncollectible loans in 2009 than they did the previous year. Anyone not charging on a credit card and not carrying a balance is not making the company any money. Those customers are creating a target on their credit lines. So charge at least a little on every card most months.

Fight higher rates and fees

No matter how good a customer a person is, he/she may get hit with higher rates or new fees in the coming year. If that happens, the person should call the card issuer and politely, but firmly, ask the representative to reverse the move. Longstanding customers on good terms with the company have a decent chance of getting satisfaction, especially if they threaten to walk. Many card issuers toughen up on a "batch basis" without paying much attention to the particular cardholder's history. Sometimes they rely on customers not noticing any changes in their account statuses. A phone call can go a long way.

Consider a Credit Union

Interest rates on credit cards from credit unions are about 20% lower than banks, according to a 2009 study by the Pew Charitable Trusts. One reason is that federally chartered credit unions can't charge more than 18% (whereas banks can slap on sky-high rates). State chartered credit unions are also capped at about that rate, but state laws vary. A person must become a member of the credit union to apply for and obtain a credit card.

Add a college-age child to the parents' card account

Starting in February, anyone under the age of 21 will not be able to obtain a card without a parent or legal guardian as a co-signer unless he/she has proof of sufficient income to afford the monthly payments. This will protect some kids from predatory credit card practices and getting hooked on credit before they're old enough to drink (which is a good thing!) That's where you come in. Parents who have a responsible teen and want to help him/her build credit should add the child as an authorized user to one of their cards. But don't cosign for plastic with a child. Cosigning means equal liability for both parties. A poorly managed account with a child can create real problems for parents and their own future credit scores.

Review these points and put into practice some of what is provided here, and 2010 could be a much brighter year as a result!



Photos courtesy of Mary-Jo Koliha, Principal

Students from Charles A. Mooney Elementary School, Pre-K-8th grade, were busy boxing up canned food from the school's recent food drive. The students collected over 3000 cans that were given to the Brookside Center. It took two vans to deliver all the donated canned goods to the Center.



Students at Charles A. Mooney Elementary School, Pre-K-8th grade, were visited by a four-legged guest during their holiday program. Glover, the lamb, took the stage while the students sang, "Little Drummer Boy". Glover's only comment was "Baaaa!". One of Mooney's teachers, Ms. Zifcheck, is the proud owner of Glover.

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Cleveland's African-American church history continues this month

by Lynette Filips
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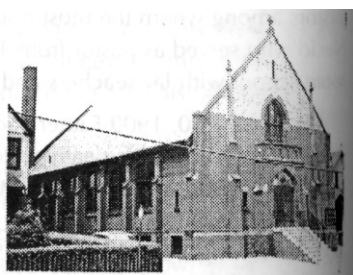
In recognition of Black History Month, in February 2008, the *Old Brooklyn News* directed its discussion of "Cleveland's ethnic groups and the churches they established" to African-American congregations.

That discussion continued in the January 2009 issue (for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday) and also in February 2009, again for Black History Month.

Thus far, those three articles have talked about **St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church**, now on E. 40th St. (est., 1830); **Shiloh Baptist Church**, now on E. 55th St. and Scovill Ave. (est., 1850); **Mt. Zion Congregational Church**, now in University Circle (est., 1864); and **Antioch Baptist Church**, now on Cedar Ave. (est., 1893).

In addition to those prominent Protestant churches, the Roman Catholic Church also established parishes to serve Negro Catholics. The first was **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church** (est., 1922) and the second was **St. Edward Church** (est., 1943).

The decision to establish Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church was announced in



Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church
2354 E. 79th, St.

1922. It was in direct response to a petition from African-Americans in Cleveland who felt unwelcome in the primarily white parishes they were attending. The first Masses were held in the chapel of the nearby St. Joseph Franciscan Monastery on Woodland Ave.

Donations of money for land on which to

build a church building were soon forthcoming, and property was purchased at 2354 E. 79th St. between Central Ave. and Quincy Ave. Serious fund-raising on the part of the parishioners enabled a cornerstone to be laid by the end of the year, and a small church was ready for dedication in June of the following year.

It is interesting to note that John D. Rockefeller, Sr., a neighbor and friend of the pastor of the parish which many of the African-Americans had formerly attended, donated an organ for the new church, and another non-Catholic family donated a 15th century sanctuary bell.

The name Mother Katharine Drexel is no doubt familiar to some *OB*N readers. Canonized a saint of the Roman Catholic Church in 2000, she is only the second American-born person to achieve that official designation. In 1891 Mother Katharine had founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People.

(Although today such a name would not be politically correct, in that era, a ministry exclusively to Native Americans and Blacks was both commendable and needed.)

In summer, 1922, the pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament secured the services of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for the new parish. As a result, Mother (now Saint) Katharine Drexel often visited there. At first the sisters in her congregation did social work and gave religious instruction, and then, two years later, they opened a school. The congregation was noted for its high degree of community and spirituality from the beginning; large-scale operettas involving the entire parish were even produced in the church basement.

Not surprisingly, the Great Depression took its toll on the parishioners and the parish. To save it from bankruptcy, in 1937 the pastor of the aforementioned neighboring parish (St. Philomena) took over the mortgage.

Because the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland itself was also financially constrained at this time, in 1937 the care of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament was also

turned over to the priests of the Society of the Precious Blood (CPPS). That Order was already serving in this Diocese at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (OLGC), and they were able to provide the financial support and staffing stability which was needed at that time.

The CPPS provincial appointed Fr. Melchior Lochtefeld, who had been an "assistant" priest at Our Lady of Good Counsel, as the new pastor of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. He held that position until 1943, when changing demographics caused the Diocese to reconfigure St. Edward's as a Black parish, and he was reassigned to become the pastor there.

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament prospered through the remainder of the Thirties and Forties, but by the mid-to-late-Fifties, the buildings were showing signs of aging.

Meanwhile, **St. Adalbert Church**, a nearby Bohemian congregation at 2353 E.



St. Adalbert Church
2353 E. 83rd St

83rd St., was losing population as its members migrated away from the central city. The two parishes merged in 1961 at the St. Adalbert site, and a new school was constructed.

In deference to the Bohemian community which founded it, the then Bishop of Cleveland decided that the merged parish would retain St. Adalbert as its primary name.

At this time, St. Adalbert's is still a vibrant parish community with an operating school, and it is still staffed by a priest and a brother of the order now known as the *Missionaries of the Precious Blood*.

St. Adalbert's is, however, one of the parishes which Cleveland's current bishop has ordered to close. St. Adalbert's appealed that ruling, and Rome has agreed to listen to their request.

So perhaps Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament/St. Adalbert's will endure beyond its June 6, 2010 scheduled closing date.

With the passing of the decades, many other east-side Catholic parishes in the central city have ministered to the spiritual and physical needs of the black community.

We'll pick up the saga next month with the former St. Edward's Church.

New Residential Waste Collection Fee Facts

from the City of Cleveland's
Department of Public Service

On December 7th, 2009, Cleveland City Council passed legislation to impose a residential waste collection fee on property owners in the amount of \$8/unit. The fee, effective January 2010, will be assessed monthly and billed quarterly with the water assessment.

- City Council approved the legislation 12/7/09;
- Fee will be \$8 per month per unit;
- Units owned and occupied by senior citizens 65 and older or disabled residents with an annual income of \$29,500 or less may be eligible for the Homestead rate (a 50% discount);
- Fee will go into effect January 1, 2010;

- Charge will appear on the quarterly water bill sent to residential property owners (first charge will be on the bill received by property owners in April 2010);
- Fee will increase by 25 cents per year through 2013 (an additional 75 cents);
- If a residential property owner resides in their own property and that property has been unoccupied for a consecutive period of 60 or more days, the owner may request a 50% discount from the per unit charge during that time;
- If not all units in a multi-family dwelling are occupied, a waiver of the fee may be available for the unoccupied units.

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

Children's Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
 Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

SANDasaurus - Museum's annual sand exhibit. Children search for fossil clues about ancient life & learn what it takes to be a scientist as they dig for fossils on their own in over 70 tons of sand. Exhibits include: **Base Camp** - exploring what daily life is like for a paleontologist away from home; **Dig Site** - using tools to uncover a fossil buried in the sand; **Paleo Lab** - learning about the special tools a paleontologist uses to prepare fossils; **Dino Dress Up** - dressing up in a dinosaur costume while pretend-playing about what it would be like to be a dinosaur; **Sand Sculpture** - Cleveland's own Carl Jara, one of the nation's top sand artists, returns to create another one-of-a-kind masterpiece.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org
Recycled Feeders for the Birds - Sat., Jan. 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th, 1 - 3 pm. Free with Garden admission. Make an outdoor feeder using recycled items to bring winter birds to your backyard.

Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation Nature Center Rt. 82 entrance
440-526-1012

Hand Feed a Chickadee - Jan., 3rd, 9th 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th, 31st; 10 am - noon. Experience the thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand. Metroparks provides a handful of sunflower seeds & instructions.

Drop in Discovery Snow Flakes - Sun., Jan., 24th, any time between 10 am - 3 pm. Work with Naturalist John Miller to learn how to capture snowflakes & make permanent "fossil" impressions that can be observed with a microscope or hand lens. If it's snowing, you'll be able to make your own; if not, observe some from previous winters.

Cleveland Metroparks Chalet Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run Strongsville 440-572-9990

Tobogganing - now thru Feb.; Thurs. 6 - 10. Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - \$8, adults; \$6, children ages 11 & under. One time ride tickets - \$3. Season passes - \$35, adults; \$25, children 11 & under. Family pass (up to four), \$100;

20% off season passes if purchased before Dec. 24th. Call for holiday hours.

Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun
 Enjoy sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing & ice skating at various locations. Use caution & proper equipment; use the area only when proper weather/snow-ice conditions exist. Call any Park district facility, 216-635-3200, or visit www.clevelandmetroparks.com.

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

Zoo closed Fri., Jan. 1st.
Polar Bear Days - Jan. 2nd - 31st, 10 am - 5 pm. Whenever the high temperature for the day is 32 degrees or below, it will be a "Polar Bear Day" & Zoo visitors receive half-price admission - \$3.50 for adults & \$2.50 for kids ages 2-11. (Under 2 & Zoo members always free.) To confirm a Polar Bear Day, visit the Zoo's home page, call 216-661-6500, or listen to 107.3 The Wave from 6 to 10 am.

Reduced Winter Admission - now thru March 31st for both Zoo & RainForest -- \$7, adult admission; \$5, children 2 - 11; free, children under 2 & Zoo members.

Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd
216-421-7340

Museum hours. - Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 9 pm. Closed Mon.
CMNA Kids Online Activities - clemusart.com/kids

Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Mon, Jan 18th, 1 - 4 pm. Celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s vision of understanding & acceptance at a free festival of music & art.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600
www.cmnh.org

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Mon., Jan. 18th; 10 am - 4 pm; free. Enjoy many hands-on opportunities for all ages.

Museum - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. to 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. \$9, adults; \$7, ages 7-18, college students with IDs & seniors 60 yrs. or older; \$6, children ages 3-6; free for age 2 & under. Wed. evening admission, \$5 after 5 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3-5 pm, children 12 & under admitted free.

Cuyahoga Community College Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd
Family Fun Sundays - Sun., Jan. 10th; Feb. 7th; March 14th & April 11th; noon - 4 pm. All families & ages invited to use the Tri-C Western Campus pool & gym monthly throughout the school year. Pool & gym activities provided. Parents must accompany children at all times. \$10 per family, per visit. Parking available in designated visitor lots for \$1 for a two-hour time block, or hangtag permit can be purchased for 75 cents. Contact Rita Shearer, 216-987-5456 or rita.shearer@tri-c.edu, for more info.

Cuyahoga National Valley Park Canal Visitor Center, 7104 Canal Rd,
 intersection of Canal & Hillside Rds, Valley View. Open year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free.

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

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

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

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

Preschool Storytime - Every Tues., 10:30 - 11 am. Interactive stories, rhymes, songs & other activities for children ages 3-5. Call to register.

Play and Learn! - Every Thurs., 11- 12 pm. Join other caregivers & toddlers. Have fun with a variety of books & learning toys & make new friends. Call to register.

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

Meet an Animal: Wildlife in Winter - Sat., Jan. 9th, 3 pm, free. Find out what wildlife is doing while we're warm & cozy in front of our fireplace. See live animals up close & discuss ways they cope with winter.

Animal Parade - Mon., Jan 18th (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day); ages 1 - 5 with adult, 9:30 - 10:30 am or 11 am - noon; Grades K - 2nd, 1 - 2 pm; \$5.

Monthly SkyQuest - Mars again? Sat., Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th; 2 pm; also 1st & 3rd Sat., 7 pm. Wasn't Mars just visible in August? Are we still exploring Mars? Are those little rovers still working? Can we see Mars right now? Get answers to those questions & more on the sixth anniversary of the landing of the Mars Rovers & explain what is in the future exploration of the red planet. Free telescope viewing follows the 7 pm shows, weather permitting.

Stellar Stars - Wed., 11 am & Sat., noon; ages 2 & up; \$2. Grab your passports, blast off to a new planet & find a different picture in the

stars each week. Watch lasers moving to music, take home a planet picture to color & add a sticker to your passport.

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

Little Explorers Woodpeckers - Mon, Jan. 4th, 10 - 11:15 am or 1 - 2:15 pm; ages 3 - 5 with adult. Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts to learn more about woodpeckers through stories, activities, a simple craft & a short walk in the woods. Call to register

"Friday Nights with Nature" - Jan. & Feb. speaker series, 7:30 pm. Cleveland Metroparks taking an armchair journey to a variety of world locations. Explore the delicate, sometimes harsh beauty of nature & discover the culture/heritage of "cousins" around the globe.

Rock and Roll Hall of Fame & Museum
751 Erieside Ave (E. Ninth St. at Lake Erie)
Martin Luther King, Jr., Festival - Mon., Jan. 18th, performances by national & local artists; free admission.

University Circle
www.universitycircle.org
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Mon., Jan. 18th. University Circle offering a variety of free events & activities. Visit www.university-circle.org for a complete list of programming.

The Rink at Wade Oval - Now thru March 21st. Sun. - Thurs., noon - 5 pm; Fri. & Sat., noon - 7 pm; Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, noon - 5 pm. President's Day, noon - 5 pm. Admission free; skate rentals, \$3. Closed New Year's Day. Rink hours subject to change. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info.

THEATER NOTES



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

"Peter Pan"
 Now thru Sun., Jan. 3rd; Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat, 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm & on Sun., Jan. 3rd, also at 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$28, adults; \$25, seniors; \$17, students 22 & under with ID; \$10, children 12 & under. Call to reserve tickets.

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

Big Box returns! Fri., Jan. 9th - Sun., Feb. 22nd. For eight separate weeks, artists are given keys to the theater & left alone to create. Featuring dance, drama, poetry, performance art & more. Tickets -- \$15, general admission; \$12, students & seniors. Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm.

"Cramped and Kill Will"
 Presented by *Three Steps Back*, featuring Carly Garinger & Danielle Hisey, directed by Doug Snyder; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 15th - 17th.

"People4Change"
 Presented by *The Them*, directed by Raymond Bobgan; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 22nd - 24th.

"Anna Bella Eema"
 Written by Lisa D'Amour, directed by Jeremy Paul; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 28th - Feb. 13th.

"Microscopes and Megaphones"
 Presented by *Whisper to a Scream*, directed by Maura Haas; Fri., Sat. & Sun., Jan. 29th - Jan. 31st.

Near West Theatre
 St. Patrick's Club Building
 3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750
www.nearwesttheatre.org

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Playhouse Square Center
 1501 Euclid Ave.
 216-241-6000 www.playhousesquare.com
"Flanagan's Wake"
 Jan. 8th - Feb 27th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm, Kennedy's Cabaret. Tickets: \$18 - \$20.

"Chicago"
 Jan 12th - Jan. 24th; Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Palace Theatre. Tickets: \$10 - \$65.

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To avoid serious foot problems that could result in losing a toe, foot, or leg, be sure to follow these guidelines.

Inspect your feet daily. Check for cuts, blisters, redness. Use a magnifying mirror to check the bottom of your feet.

Wash your feet in lukewarm (not hot) water. Wash daily.

Be gentle when washing your feet. Use a soft washcloth or sponge and dry between your toes. Dry by blotting or patting.

Moisturize your feet-but not between your toes. Have nails and calluses trimmed professionally.

Wear clean dry socks. Change them daily.

Avoid the wrong socks. Avoid tight elastic socks or ones with thick stitching.

Shake out your shoes and inspect before wearing. Small objects in shoes, such as a pebble, could lead to irritation.

Keep your feet warm and dry. Don't get your feet wet in the rain or snow.

Never walk barefoot.

Take care of your diabetes. Keep your blood sugars under control. Don't smoke. Smoking restricts blood flow to your feet.

Get periodic foot exams. Seeing a podiatrist/foot specialist on a regular basis can help prevent the foot complications of diabetes.

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SENIOR NOTES

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Chair Exercise - Tues., Wed., Thurs., 11:30 am; Estabrook.

Chair Volleyball - Deaconess-Krafft; Fri., 10:45 am. **Estabrook;** Wed. & Thurs., 10:30 am;

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

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

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

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

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

Fun & Games

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

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

Snack Bingo - Fri., 11:30 am; Estabrook.

Horse Racing for Fun - Fri., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft; Mon., 11am; Estabrook.

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

Line Dancing - Tues., 1 pm; Deaconess-Krafft.

For more info on the following call
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Wednesday, January 6th

Presque Isle Gambling Trip - Cost: \$32; call for more info.

Friday, January 15th
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage and Corky & Lennys for Lunch. Cost: \$7.; call for more info.

Thursday, January 21st
Cleveland Playhouse "Lost in Yonkers". Cost: \$34; call for more info.

Monday, January 25th
Home & Garden Show at the I-X Center. Cost: \$14; call for more info.

Wednesday, January 27th
Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Cost: \$14; call for more info.

The Cleveland Tree Assistance Program for Seniors (CTAPS)
New city program for seniors 60 & over. In partnership with the Department of Aging, Parks / Rec & Properties & Community Dev. New short term program to assist seniors with limited income with hazardous tree & branch removal. Forms are online at www.city.cleveland.oh.us/CityofCleveland/Home/Government/CityAgencies/Aging. Application can be mailed, delivered or faxed to: Mary McNamara, Cleveland Department of Aging, 75 Erieview Plaza, 2nd Fl. Cleveland, Ohio 44114. Fax, 216-664-2218.

MetroHealth's/Macy's Oasis Program
Due to the challenging economic time period which we are currently experiencing, Oasis, a learning program for individuals age 50 and over, has announced that on December 31st, 2009, they will cease to offer their programs at all their Cleveland locations, including the one closest to Old Brooklyn in the Macy's Department Store on W. Ridgewood Dr. in Parma. Visit www.oasisnet.org/cleveland for more info.

MetroHealth Senior Advantage
Individuals 55 years of age and older are invited to join MetroHealth's Senior Advantage program. Among the many benefits available to members are \$1 off parking in Metro's parking garage, free transportation to and from Metro appointments for seniors lacking other means of transportation, 10% discount in Metro's cafeteria, and invitations to special senior seminars and parties. Call 957-2800 (a direct line) for more information

CHURCH NOTES

Wednesdays, January 6th & 20th
Senior Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs, noon. **Jan. 6th**, bring bag lunch & join us for fellowship & a surprise program. **Jan. 20th**, hot lunch will be served, followed by a few games of Mexican Train. Everyone invited.

Sunday, January 10th
Cookin' for Christ
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu includes homemade beef stew, spaetzel, salads, desserts & beverages. Tickets: \$7, adults; \$4, children under 10. Call church office, 216-351-6499, to register no later than Thurs., Jan. 7th.

Wednesday, January 20th
The City Mission's 100th Anniversary
The City Mission, 5310 Carnegie Ave., Carnegie Bldg lobby. (1st building on left entering from Carnegie Ave.). 10 am & 1:30 pm. Opportunity to learn more about The City Mission & the work being done every day to change the lives of Clevelanders in need.

Tuesday, January 26th
Widows & Widowers Luncheon
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Menu includes beef stroganoff, noodles, country beans, salads & desserts. Cost: \$3 per person. Contact church office, 216-351-6499, to register.

Corpus Christi church & school collecting memorabilia to be on display in back of church until April 18th. Anyone with pictures, mementos, T-shirts, bulletins, etc., contact Rose Verdino, 216-351-6073, or Loretta

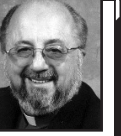
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Corpus Christi Class of 1968 & 1969 Reunion
Planning a reunion before the parish closes. Contact Janice (Gulan) Havasi "68", 216-267-3812.

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



As the New Year begins, we feel a need to improve ourselves. We don't want to make difficult resolutions or promises that are hard to keep. Still, we all have room for improvement.

Self-improvement is a popular topic. In this technological generation, we are told that our minds are like computers—they're only as good as they're programmed. Someone once wrote, "You are what you think."

God did not design us to be stagnant or sluggish physically, mentally or socially. Self-improvement doesn't happen automatically; it requires consistent, disciplined work. There are books to read, new people to meet and places to discover. Personal growth is a privilege, not a burden.

As you begin the process each day, remember it always begins with attitude. You must prepare your heart and program your mind for self-improvement.

"Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right. Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise." (Philippians 4:8) Why? As a God-inspired author of the Bible's twenty-third chapter of the Book of Proverbs wrote (*paraphrased*), "For as a man thinks in his heart, so is he."

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

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4505 Broadview Rd. Pastor: Rev. Brent Richards, Asst. Pastor: Dr. John Wood. Phone 216-351-8414 or 216-431-3515. Sun. School: 9:45 am. Sun. Worship: 11 am. Wed. Night Bible Study: 7 pm <http://broadview-baptist-church.org> website: broadview-baptist-church.org

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Corpus Christi Church
5204 Northcliff Ave., Phone: 216-351-8738 Pastor: Fr. Russell Lowe Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm; Sun., 10 am. Weekday Mass: Mon. & Wed., 9 am.

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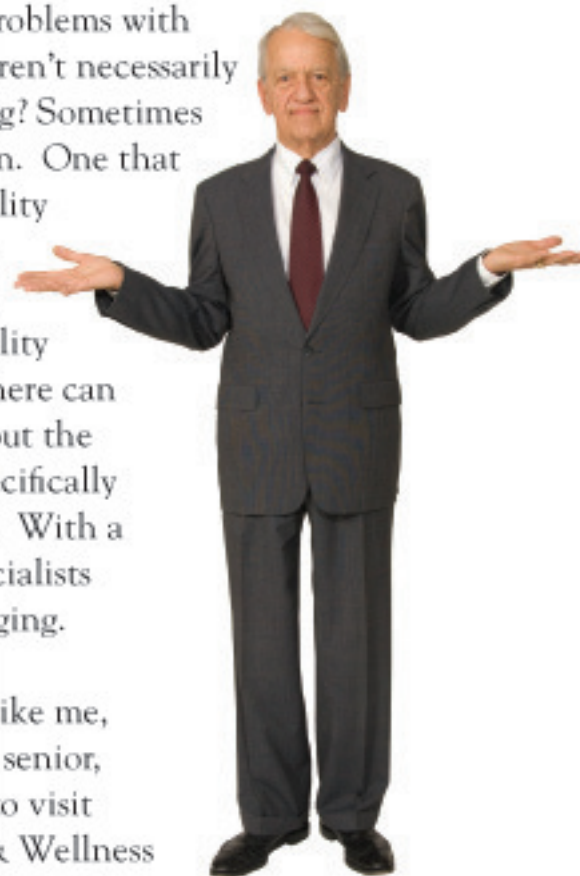
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It's Already 2010...Can You Stand Another Year of BACK PAIN?



Is There a "Best" Time to Get Your Back Fixed in 2010? YES!...Even if Fad Treatments Like Massage, Pilates and Yoga Have Let You Down...Even if the Usual Cover-Ups Like Pills, Shots and Surgery Have Failed. Read this Letter NOW for Your Best Year Ever!

They say *spring* is the best time to plant new shrubs—that early morning is the best time to catch fish, and cool weather is the best time to pour cement.

But is there a BEST time to get rid of that nasty back ache—once and for all?

Yes, there is! It's January...right now... and you'll understand why in a minute. But first, here's something else you need to know—why **waiting** to get rid of your back pain can be such a hazardous idea. In fact, it's one of:

The 5 WORST Back Pain "Solutions" of 2009

Here at **HealthSource Chiropractic™ Clinics**, 2009 was a breakthrough year. More people than ever got relief because they heard **we don't just cover-up back pain**—we get rid of it, once and for all. And...

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...medications are sometimes used. But when you just keep reaching for the pills—every time you feel a jab, a twinge or more than the usual stiffness in the morning—it may be dangerous.

Your pain is like a little boy pulling on your sleeve—trying to get your attention but you keep brushing him away. And like the kid, it may be something... as simple as a shoelace—or something as dangerous as the smell of smoke. It can spell disaster when you ignore those signals—they're there for a reason.

#3rd Worst: CORTISONE—Miracle or Menace?

More powerful for pain—and far more risky, are those amazing drugs called steroids—like cortisone and prednisone. They're in the same drug family that got Barry Bonds and Marion Jones in trouble. Steroids are also used for spinal injections, but...

The problem with steroids is they are often used when no one can figure out what the problem is—because they will kill the pain for a while. But aside from the dangerous side effects, the major drawback is that **the underlying problem still isn't fixed!**

#2nd Worst: Surgery

Obviously, this is the last resort. The trouble is it's often used **WAY** too early when a **combination approach**, an incredibly powerful form of healing, can often prevent surgery!

#1st Worst: Wait and See!

It sounds so innocent, waiting for the pain to let go, but it's the sneakiest of all—even worse than surgery because you may **FEEL** better when you're really not—the problem may get more serious.

At least with pills, shots, therapy and even surgery, you're trying to do **something**. But with the *"I'll do it tomorrow,"* attitude, you keep telling yourself you'll get around to it, but you never do. That's why we're offering our...

Why a \$189⁰⁰ FREE Community Service Screening? Because it's a New Year!

You see, right now, in January, you've actually got a better chance to beat procrastination. For some reason, we all love new beginnings and even the worst of us are ready to give it "just one more try."

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