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Enjoy a day "Bridging" two neighborhoods: Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre

by Gloria Ferris and Lori Peterson

On Sunday, June 13, 2010 the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation will hold its inaugural *Bridging the Distance 5k/1mi Run/Walk -- A Celebration of the Fulton Road Bridge, 1932-2010*.

This will NOT be the grand opening of the Fulton Road Bridge, but rather a celebration of the Bridge. It will be an opportunity to take a look back in time to celebrate those who constructed the original bridge; to bridge the old and the new, the young and the elderly, and the past and the present; and to bridge two neighborhoods. It will also be an opportunity to reacquaint oneself with merchants on the other side of the bridge who have been hard-hit by the Fulton Road Bridge being closed.

The day will begin with the race and continue throughout Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. The run/walk will take place through the Zoo and will finish at the Fulton Road Bridge.

After the race, take a step back in time as we celebrate the Fulton Road Bridge with photos of the original 1932 bridge. Michelle Baran, a local Old Brooklyn artist, will display and sell pencil and ink sketches of the Fulton Road Bridge. Her work can be viewed at www.beartracksart.com.

Model A and other antique cars will be on display along Fulton Rd. to the Memphis Fulton Shopping Center/Plaza.

Merchants are eager for the Bridge to open and are expressing it by becoming sponsors and having a variety of activities for the day of the race. Dollar Bank will present special race day incentives and have giveaways at their Fulton location. The Memphis Fulton Shopping Center will have raffle drawings.

Keep your eyes open for local ghosts haunting the post-race activities. Area merchants will be hosting face painters, clowns

and stilt-walkers.

From 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Art House, 3119 Denison Ave., will be featuring a special *Bridging the Distance* art project for the whole family as a take-home momento. Also, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo will be offering free admission so that all the race participants can leisurely stroll about the grounds and admire the Fulton Road Bridge from a different angle.

This year's "Gateway to Our Past" Brooklyn Centre Garden Tour at Riverside Cemetery on Sunday, June 13th, from 1 to 5 pm. will dovetail nicely with *Bridging the Distance* activities. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) will again host this popular tour with the help of Brooklyn Centre Community Association and Southwest Citizens' Council.

There will be continuous walking tours throughout the afternoon with the last tour beginning at 4:15 pm; costumed narrators; musical entertainment; refreshments and free parking. This year's tour will bring back the events of the cemetery's first year, specifically, the commemoration ceremony in November, 1876.

The Friends of Big Creek and the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn will have informational tables that showcase our natural and built heritages. BCN will again be selling Gray and Company Publishers books with Cleveland-themed food, sports, crime, genealogy, etc. topics.

Advance adult tickets for the tour are \$8; seniors, \$5. (Day-of-tour prices: \$10 and \$7.) Group rates for parties of six or more are available. Call 216-351-0254 or email: Gloria.ferris@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

To register for the *Bridging the Distance* 5k or 1 mile walk/run visit www.hermescleveland.com. See the flyer below for details of race day activities.

Community meeting held to discuss Bradley Rd. mining operation

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On Saturday, May 22, approximately one hundred residents and government officials met at the Southwest Adult Activities

landfill operation may cause additional harm as well as noise from trucking associated with the operation.

The Bradley Rd. parcel in consideration for the State permit is a landfill located in a multi-parcel meadow and wooded space



Photo by Councilman Tony Brancatelli
Tom Simich, owner of TY, Inc., (left) and Darnell Brown, chief operating officer, City of Cleveland, (right) were presenters at the community meeting on Saturday, May 22.

Center to discuss a surface mining permit request for property on Bradley Rd. from the State of Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The meeting was put into motion by Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, with assistance from Old Brooklyn CDC, WIRENET and Darnell Brown, the City of Cleveland's Chief Operating Officer. Also in attendance were representatives from the ODNR.

The purpose of the meeting was to inform and gain input from the community regarding the proposed surface mining plan -- specifically, to learn more about the proposed operator, and the role of the State of Ohio and the City of Cleveland in reviewing the application, and any associated permits and zoning issues that may come into play regarding this proposed business.

The two-hour meeting was at times contentious. Many of the property owners have evidence which documents how past landfill operations on this site have caused longterm damage to their and surrounding properties. While there is no single opinion that represents all the nearby residents there is general concern that surface mining (for topsoil and clay) and a potential renewed

between Jennings Rd. and Bradley Rd. generally near the 4300 section on Bradley. The long-time property owner, William Baumann, has been involved in a series of legal issues for many years associated with operating a construction and demolition debris (C&D) landfill on this site which is the legally allowed use for this property). The landfill was shut down by the City and no one has a license to operate there currently.

Tom Simich, the owner of TY, Inc., was present at the meeting, as were several of the consultants working on his behalf. He is the proposed operator of the surface mining operation. He would be leasing the proposed site from Mr. Baumann. He brought to the meeting a large map that explained where the surface mining would take place and some basics about the operation.

Mr. Simich stated at the meeting that after the mining is completed he would like to re-open the land fill for the same purpose as in the past - construction and demolition debris (C&D).

The mining operation is technically called Surface Industrial Mineral Mining regulated by the State of Ohio, Department of Natural Resources. See *Mining Operation* page 8



Bridging the Distance

Annual 5k - 1 Mile Walk/Run JUNE 13TH 2010

1932-2010
A Celebration of the Fulton Bridge

Would you like to be the first to run or walk across the newly constructed Fulton Bridge?
Join Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for Bridging the Distance Run/Walk and take a look back to 1932 when the first Fulton Bridge was constructed. The run and walk will go through the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo where you can view the architectural beauty and wildlife in the middle of Old Brooklyn. *Bridging the Distance* refers to bridging the old and the new, the young and the elderly, the past and the present. The festivities don't end with the race!

Come spend the day in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre!

« LOCATION AND TIMES

SUNDAY, JUNE 13, 2010

- Registration opens - 7:30 am
- 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk - 8:30 am
- 1/2 Mile Wheelchair Course - 9:00 am

Race Registrations at the Northern Trek Zoo Entrance - Brookside Reservation (on John Nagr Blvd. off Ridge Rd., Cleveland, Ohio)
Wheelchair Course Registration: at the Fulton Parkway end of bridge

• To register for the race go to www.hermescleveland.com

« WHAT YOU GET:

- T-Shirt
- Water bottle
- Entrance to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
- Awards to Top Finishers!

« AFTER THE RACE TAKE A STEP BACK IN TIME:

- View photos of the original construction of the bridge
- Make your way down Fulton Road for the antique car show and look at Model A-Fords 1928 - 1931
- Be on the lookout for some ghosts haunting the post-race activities - Rutherford B. Hayes (governor of Ohio), Josiah Barber (Trustee of Riverside Cemetery), John Ackley (Cleveland surveyor)

« OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE NEIGHBORHOODS:

10:00AM - 5:00PM

- Spend the afternoon at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

10:00AM - 1:00PM

- Stop by Memphis Fulton Shopping Plaza for raffles, live entertainment, sidewalk sales, Dollar Bank special offers & giveaways!
- Area Merchants will host face painters, stilt walkers, and clowns that will delight the whole family

11:00AM - 1:00PM

- Art House, located at 3119 Denison, is hosting a special *Bridging the Distance* art project for the whole family

1:00PM - 5:00PM

- Take a tour through the Riverside Cemetery and enjoy the beautifully landscaped grounds with costumed narrators, musical entertainment and refreshments. (Admission is \$8 - \$10 day of tour) Seniors \$5 (\$7 day of tour)

Race Participants receive a discounted rate. Contact Riverside Cemetery to register at: (216) 351-0254

Old Brooklyn CDC now accepting nominations for the Board of Trustees

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Board of Directors is now accepting nominations to fill seats that will be vacated by the Directors whose terms end this fall. Please submit your contact information (including email) and a biography of yourself to: Old Brooklyn CDC, 3344 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, OH 44109
Attention: Lynea M. Derwis or
You may fax the information to: 216-459-1741 or
email cynthiac@oldbrooklyn.com.

There are 3 categories: residential, commercial and institutional.

For further information about the CDC, please go to www.oldbrooklyn.com. The Board of Directors link includes a copy of the CDC's Code of Regulations which describes the criteria for each category. Additional information will also be posted in upcoming editions of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

You must also be a member in good standing, which means your membership dues are up to date. Membership information is also available on the web site.

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Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre residents honored at Cleveland's Senior Day

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On May 20, 2010, Old Brooklyn resident Theodore "Ted" Johnson and Brooklyn Centre resident Janet Thomas were celebrated at the City of Cleveland's Senior Day, for their contributions and commitment to these two neighborhoods.

Commenting about the nineteen senior citizens, one from each ward, who were recognized, Mayor Frank Jackson said, "These honorees are outstanding examples of the thousands of Cleveland seniors who continue to devote their time and talent to making Cleveland a great city."

Ward 13 Councilman Kevin J. Kelley nominated Ted Johnson, a native Clevelander.



Ted and his wife, Lucille, have lived in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood for over 25 years. They have five children, one of whom is deceased. Their commitment to family also led them to raise two of their eleven grandchildren.

Being retired from truck driving and handyman work has not slowed Ted down. He is a part-time employee of both Positively Cleveland and the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections; he is a member of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, the Knights of Columbus and the National Park Service; and he volunteers at MetroHealth's Senior Health and Wellness Center and the I-X Center Food and Wine Show.

The Johnsons are active parishioners of Mary Queen of Peace Parish (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel). Ted has served as president of the St. Vincent de Paul Society there for over 30 years.

Ted's hobbies include woodworking, gardening and travel. He prides himself on creating beautiful woodwork and is especially proud of his latest creation, a work bench. Italy is one of Ted's favorite travel destinations because of the architecture, history, food, wine and great people. And it seems that like a fine Italian wine, Ted keeps getting better with age!

In the Senior Day program Ted acknowledged his wife as working hand in hand with him to make a positive difference in the lives of others. They believe that "Cleveland has always been and will continue to be the best location in the nation."

Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins nominated Janet Thomas. Her name or face is one that many people recognize in Brooklyn Centre and throughout Cleveland because she was the Executive Director of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry's -- WSEM -- Food Center at Brookside Center, 3784 Pearl Rd., for 25 years (until she retired in 2009).



Janet led the organization and distribution of food, clothing and many resourceful outreach services to families throughout the area. Janet also co-directed the Community Corner and Near West food centers for four years.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Janet is a graduate of West High School. She has three daughters and four grandchildren. She stays active by walking and riding her bicycle through the neighborhoods.

Because she and her daughter are planning a trip to Janet's mother's hometown in Italy, Janet recently obtained her first passport. Her mother, who will turn 100 in a few months, is making arrangements for them to visit cousins they have never met. Needless to say, they are both very excited about this trip of a lifetime!

Janet loves Brooklyn Centre and embraces it diversity. She helped to coordinate and host Brookside's Multicultural and Health Festival for ten years and feels that it is vital to celebrate the rich blend of cultures in the area and learn from one another. She remains active in helping others and encourages others to do the same.

(Some of the information in this article was obtained from the Senior Appreciation Day program.) Photos by Steve Gusky

From the desk of the executive director

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Every month when I write these articles I am in awe of how fast time is going. Is it really June already!! This summer is going to go even faster because we have so much going on in the best neighborhoods of Cleveland.

First make sure you sign up for the "Bridging the Distance Run and Walk" on Sunday, June 13 (see front page ad in the paper). You don't need to be a runner and no one will care if you walk at a snails pace, the bottom line is to have a great time with your friends and neighbors. Plus there will be loads of fun activities for everyone right after the run and walk to be held on Fulton Avenue between Memphis and Brookside Reservation.

There will be free food for those that participate in the run and walk from Subway and Papa John's, plus water, fruit and other goodies. We have a wealth of wonderful sponsors for this event -- Presenting sponsors are the Ohio Department of Transportation and Dollar Bank. Other major sponsors (\$250 and up) are Kehoe Brothers Printing, Inc., Unique Thrift, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Hudec Dental, Key Bank, Attorney Roger Bundy and the Visiting Nurses Association. All sponsors at all levels will be recognized in the July issue of the Old Brooklyn News.

We are also working hard on this year's "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour to be held on Saturday, July 17th. There will of course be great bike rides through the neighborhoods as well as Lolly the Trolley rides showcasing historic homes, shops and parks throughout Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn

Centre. There will also be loads of entertainment for young and older at the tour stops as well. See front page for more details and in next month's paper and on line soon at www.oldbrooklyn.com.

On May 22nd about 100 of us participated in the Pedal for Prizes event developed and presented by "Old Brooklyn Bikes" (check out their Facebook page). This event was part of Cleveland Bicycle Week which was May 15th-23rd. More information on that event is also in the paper.

Gather all of your old papers and documents so you can shred them all when we bring the Shred-it truck to Loew Park on Saturday June 19th from 10:30 - 1:30. There will also be activities for families during this time.

Plus attend the grand opening of the Loew Park Splash pool to be held at 1p.m., then come back for "Jungle Book" the movie showing at 8 pm. Wow what a wonderful day, so bring your picnic basket and spend the day with your family and ours! Plus more movies throughout the area all summer long. Check the ad in the paper for details.

We have another home that we will start to rehab early this summer at 4365 W. 50th St. Our sign is in front. If you are interested in learning more about purchasing this home call me at 216-459-1000.

Have a fun-filled June from all of us at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

No history article this month
Assuming that there will be enough space, the second segment of "You're so Jewish if..." will be in the July issue.

Correction
Last month's Old Brooklyn News Visiting Nurse Association article listed the wrong phone number.
The correct number is 877-698-6264.

This year there will not be the usual tour of the Veterans Memorial Bridge and Subway on May 29th (the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend). Instead, the tour will take place on Saturday July 3rd at the northeast corner of W. 25th St. & Detroit Ave. at the west end of the bridge. Open 9 am - 3 pm. Free parking at the County Engineers' Bridge Garage, located at the tour's entrance. Free. No reservations; self guided tour with volunteers on hand to answer questions; wheelchair & stroller accessible; cameras welcome.

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NEWS & EVENTS

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Manna from Heaven Outreach Center
Inside Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd., 2 - 6 pm. Free giveaway of diverse necessities such as clothes, food & toys; also counseling, support groups, career development programs & youth drama club that meet every 4th Saturday, 3 - 5 pm. Accepting donations of household items (plates, cups, silverware, appliances, linen, towels, curtains, etc.) during Center hours. Anyone needing alternative times should call 216-704-6818 to make arrangements.

**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.

Now - September 12th

Historical Guided Walking Tours

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

**Tuesdays, Now - October 26th
Tremont Farmer's Market**

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

Saturday, June 5th

**Open House at Riverside Cemetery -
William R. Halley Chapel**

3607 Pearl Rd., 3-5 p.m. In recognition of William Helley's 40-plus years of service to the Cemetery & efforts in starting the Riverside Cemetery Foundation to renovate the Nationally Registered Historic Stone Chapel, the Chapel has been named the "William R. Halley Chapel". It's an opportunity for Bill's friends to spend some time with him at the Cemetery.

**Saturday & Sunday, June 5th & 6th
Archwood Street Sale**

9 am - 5 pm. In addition to residents' sales, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists will be selling herbs.

Monday, June 7th

**Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways
Conference**

Southwest General Health Center & Polaris Career Center, Middleburg Hts. First Greater Cleveland Trails & Greenways Conference offers public, private & nonprofit professionals & trail advocates to learn about benefits of these amenities & tools needed to develop them. Workshops, case studies, guest speakers & visit to recently completed *Lake to Lake Trail* of Cleveland Metroparks. CEUs available in Planning, Engineering, Parks & Health professions. Sponsors & exhibitors welcome. Call Bob Gardin, 216-269-6472, or visit www.GCtrails.org for more info.

Monday, June 7th

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Potluck Indoor Picnic**

Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 6 pm. Program -- internet help from more experienced members; call president Don Koslowski, 440-526-7105, for more info.

Thursday, June 10th

Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County

Ben Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd., 10 am. Dill: Herb of the Year - Its Cultivation & Uses. Garden classroom; free & open to the public. Visit www.cuyahogamg.org for more info.

Thursday, June 10th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Jon Silvis speaking about the Grand Army of the Republic. Guests welcome.

Thursdays, June 10th June 17th

Reel Grief: A Grief Support Film Series

The Senior Health & Wellness Center Old Brooklyn Campus, 4229 Pearl Rd., 2:30 - 4 pm. VNA Hospice Bereavement Coordinators use examples from movie "Ordinary People" to highlight themes of grief & loss. All adults welcome; should attend both sessions. Tea & cookies served. Call 216-931-1327 or email dredd@VNAOhio.org to register or for more info.

**Thurs., Fri., Sat., June 10th, 11th, 12th
Garage Sale**

Brooklyn Animal Shelter, 9214 Memphis Villas Ave., 9 am - 6 pm (rain date July 8th, 9th & 10th). Call 216-741-1213 for more info.

**Saturday, June 12th
Strawberry Festival**

Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ, 8720 Memphis Ave., 5 - 7 pm. Tickets - \$2.50 at the door. Serving strawberry shortcake, ice cream with whipped cream, hot dogs, chips, pickles, pop & coffee.

Saturday, June 12th

Cleveland Polka Association \$2 Buck Blast

St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr., Parma. Gate opens 3 pm. Live polka music by New Tradition from Penn., 4 - 8 pm. Donation - \$2 members & \$10 non-members. (Non-member price includes a 1-year membership.); 18 & under free. No byob; bar service & food available at reasonable prices. Call 216-661-5227 for large table reservations or more info.

**Saturday, June 12th - Friday, June 25th
Superhero Vacation Bible School**

Cleveland Bethel Church of the Nazarene, 3596 Fulton Rd., 6 - 8 pm. Call 216-661-7379 or visit www.clevelandbethel.com for more info.

**Monday, June 14th - Friday, August 20th
Grace Church Summer Lunch Program**

Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd (corner of W.28th & Broadview). Free lunches Mon - Fri 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Kids 18 & under. No reservations required; first come, first served each day while supplies last. Call 216-661-8210 for more info.

Tuesday, June 15th

3rd annual Memorial Butterfly Release
Cornerstone of Hope, 5905 Brecksville Rd., Independence; 6 pm. 216-524-HOPE (4673).

Every Saturday starting June 19th

Farmers' Market

Stearns Homestead Historic Farm, 6975 Ridge Rd., just south of Parmatown Mall, 9 am - 1 pm. Looking for backyard gardeners, people who make cheese, maple syrup, have fruit, nuts, berries, garlic, onion, flowers, perennial & annual plants; also woodworkers & fiber arts. If interested in being a vendor contact Debbie Sillett, Market Manager, at 440-882-6234.

Saturday, June 19th

Kids Day

Loew Park, 3121 Oak Park Ave., 10:30 am - 1:30 pm. Join Police, Fire & Family Services. Police doing child IDs. Bring old private documents for the shred-it-truck. Grand opening of splash pool - 1 pm; also movie night - "Jungle Book", 8 pm. Sponsored by OBCDC. Bring a picnic basket & spend the day. Call Lori Peterson, 216-459-1000, for more info.

Tuesday, June 22nd

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

Parma South Public Library, 7335 Ridge Rd., 7 - 9 pm. Call 330-220-2213 or email webmaster@westernreserrosesociety.org for more info.

Sunday, June 27th

11th Annual Polka Picnic

St. Sava's Pavilion, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr., Parma. Gate opens 1 pm. Music by Honky Express, 2 - 6 pm. European style food, refreshments, games, raffles. All welcome. For tickets call: Ed Wojciak, 330-637-1720, George Kosakowski, 216-533-1175, or Kenneth Milenovic, 216-524-3908. Admission/raffle - \$5. Funds raised go to help local Veteran's programs. Zapraszamy welcome.

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 better understanding of each other. Committees meet each month in each district so residents can bring concerns/experiences to District Commander for timely & personal responses. Call Community Relations Board, 216-664-2277, for more info.

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.

West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)

Enrolling for Early Childhood Education. Early Head Start, Head Start & Universal Pre-Kindergarten for children ages birth - age 5. We offer a home based program to meet the needs of area families. Free services to eligible

families & also accept county vouchers. Comprehensive services to meet the educational, health, dental, nutritional, social, mental health & any special needs of children. Several program options & locations. Contact recruitment hotline, 216-961-2997, for more info.

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 Preschool thru 8th Grade**

Are you interested in an excellent Catholic Education? Call now for a tour & registration packet for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Kindergarten registrants must be 5 yrs old by Sept. 30, 2010. Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers are accepted. We also accept County vouchers for preschool and after care. Our preschool offers a curriculum to prepare 3 & 4 year-old children for kindergarten. We offer fulltime 8 - 2:30 w/extended care & part-time 8 - 11 am. Call Ms. Patty at 216-741-3685 between 8:15am & 3 pm for more 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.

THANK YOU!

The Old Brooklyn

Pedal for Prizes Committee

wishes to thank all the volunteers and sponsors for making the 2010 "Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes" event a big success:

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St. Barbara's in Brooklyn Centre one of church buildings shuttered last month

by Lynette Filips
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When the new *Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn Business Directory & Service Guide* is distributed later this month, there will be quite a few changes in the "Community Churches" section in the beginning of the booklet. The most recent is St. Barbara's, formerly at 1505 Denison Ave. Rev. Richard Lennon, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, officiated at a 9 a.m. closing Mass there on Sunday, May 9th.

St. Barbara's had served the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood and Polish Catholics in this area of Cleveland for 105 years, and the parish isn't going down without a fight. Financially very secure and willing to share a pastor with another Polish parish (St. John Cantius Church in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland), they are among the Diocesan parishes which have appealed their closing to Rome.

Inside the church on May 9th the mood was somber but dignified. The choir sounded almost angelic, and Polish hymns were included in the liturgy. Former Associate Pastor (1958-1962) and Pastor (1970-1997) Fr. Chester Cudnik was not in good enough health to be present, but Fr. John Bryk, the retired pastor of the now closed St. Hedwig Church in Lakewood was on the altar with the Bishop and the latest Administrator (2007-2010), Fr. Lucjan Stokowski. Fr. Bryk often helped with weekend Masses at St. Barbara's.

The unexpected death of Fr. Michael Dyrz, the last full-time Administrator of St. Barbara Church (1997-2007), was announced before the closing liturgy began. Fr. Mike died at his family home in Chardon three days before the parish closed. (See the "In Memoriam" on page 8.)

Bishop Lennon may have been apprised about the article in last month's *Old Brooklyn News* which contained details of the founding of St. Barbara's, because he departed from the usual format of his closing Mass homilies and refrained from including his theoretical story about the unhappiness of the parish's founders when they were asked to leave their existing parishes to start a new one.

Although the church was comfortably full with past and present parishioners and sympathetic neighbors and friends, a number of parishioners refused to/were psychologically unable to attend the closing Mass. A contingent from Endangered Catholics, some of whom are St. Barbara parishioners, peacefully picketed outside the church before and during the service.

There was no dinner or party after St. Barbara's closed. Instead, after the three Masses the preceding weekend, parishioners were invited to socialize over coffee and donuts in the church hall.

Fr. Lucjan is again the pastor of only St. John Cantius.

In addition to St. Barbara's, the doors of seven other Roman Catholic churches were scheduled to be closed for the last time in May. They are: Sacred Heart of Jesus (Polish; Cleveland) on Sunday, May 2nd; SS. Philip and James (Cleveland) on Monday, May 3rd; Our Lady of Mercy (Slovak; Cleveland), also on Sunday, May 9th; Assumption of Mary, Brookpark, on Sunday, May 16th; St. Wendelin (Slovak; Cleveland) on Sunday, May 23rd; Annunciation (Cleveland) on Sunday, May 30th; and St. Pat's, Westpark (Cleveland), also on Sunday, May 30th.

Parishioners of closed and merged parishes are not obligated to join any particular parish, and many of them are "shopping" before making a decision. Distance from home is only one of the factors; ease of access to the church buildings, previous associations with the clergy and other staff, and the variety of



Photo by George Shuba
St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave.

parish ministries/activities are among the other considerations.

If the majority of people from a closed parish do join one other parish (for instance, if former St. Barbara parishioners join St. John Cantius) then according to the Church's Code of Canon Law, St. Barbara's assets "follow the people" and are to be transferred to St. John Cantius.

St. Barbara, as well as St. Adalbert (Cleveland); St. Casimir (Cleveland); St. Emeric (Cleveland); St. James, (Lakewood); St. Mary (Bedford); St. Pat's, Westpark (Cleveland); Historic St. Peter (Cleveland), St. Wendelin (Cleveland) and St. Mary (Akron) are all still waiting to hear what the Congregation for the Clergy in Rome will rule about their requests to remain open. While their appeal cases are being considered, supposedly until June 24th, the Diocese is not permitted to sell their church buildings or the contents inside.

That rule may not be being followed, however, because we have heard from Sharon Kazimore, a St. Barbara parishioner, that some of the church's religious artifacts had been removed from the church prior to the closing Mass. (See her "In my opinion" article on page 8.)

Church religious good which are being offered for sale can be viewed online at www.church-inventory.com. Church buildings for sale can be viewed at www.ccdsales.org.

Over 50 church complexes, plus the Hallinan Center — the Neuman Club at Case Western Reserve University — are on the market. (One is already sold; another sale is pending.)

As for the sacramental records from the closed churches, the process of cataloguing those headed for the Diocesan Archives will likely be delayed due to the sudden, untimely death of the longtime Diocesan Archivist Christine Krosel. She died as the result of a massive stroke — a brain aneurysm which burst — on April 24th.

A familiar speaker to anyone in Greater Cleveland who attended genealogical or historical society meetings, Chris was the person who first made me aware of the many churches which Cleveland's diverse ethnic communities had established. She sometimes helped me with information for the *OBN's* ethnic church history articles and she was including those articles in the Diocese's parish files.

Chris belonged to a neighboring, originally German, parish, St. Michael the Archangel on Scranton Rd., but every one of the ethnic churches was dear to her heart. Because so many were being closed, the past months had been difficult for her. Only 58 years old and possessing knowledge in her field like few — if any — others, her passing is a major loss to local historians and genealogists as well as the Church which employed her.

The news is happier on the south side of the Brooklyn-Brighton Bridge. Retired Cleveland Auxiliary Bishop A. James Quinn will be the principal celebrant of the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, June 12th, at Mary Queen of Peace (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel) Church. He'll be there to formally install Fr. Doug Brown as the new parish's pastor.

St. Leo the Great Church is in the process of purchasing seven stained glass windows from the recently closed Blessed Sacrament Church on Fulton Rd. Four depict scenes from the life of Mary, two are of popes -- St. Peter and Pope Pius XII, and one is a rose-style window of Jesus and the Eucharist. The pastor is hoping that people will want to contribute to the cost of their purchase in memory of a deceased loved one.

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In May I began this column with a little background about Mother's Day, and the logical -- and fair -- thing to do this month seems to be to give the same attention to **Father's Day**. As you may recall, the first Mothers' Day observance was in Grafton, West Virginia, in May 1908. The origin of Father's Day isn't as simple or as well-documented --

According to one source, two months after the first Mother's Day, in a town about 15 miles away, the first Father's Day in our country was celebrated, again at a church service. The date was July 5, 1908, and the place was Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South (now Central United Methodist Church) in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Grace Golden Clayton suggested that service to the pastor, inspired, it's believed, by a deadly mine explosion in nearby Monongah the prior December which had killed 361 men, 250 of whom were fathers. She chose the Sunday closest to her own father's birthday for the observance.

Because this was only a local, one-time celebration, many historians do not consider it to be the real origin of Father's Day. They view June 19, 1910 at a YMCA in Spokane, Washington as the birth of Father's Day.

Mrs. Sonora Smart Dodd of Creston, Washington wanted a day to honor her father, Civil War veteran William Jackson Smart (a single parent who reared six children), as well as all fathers.

President Woodrow Wilson was personally feted by his family for Father's Day, 1916; President Calvin Coolidge recommended it as a national holiday in 1924; and merchants' groups promoted it from a commercial standpoint. (That was OK with Sonora Dodd.)

Nonetheless, it wasn't until 1966 that President Lyndon Johnson made Father's Day a

holiday to be celebrated on the third Sunday of June, and not until 1972 that President Richard Nixon officially recognized the day.

From time to time we receive requests for coverage from our business community. In the past we've shared information from **The Sausage Shoppe** about how they fared in business-related competitions. Here's another -- In March their "restructured jerky" won first place in that class at the Ohio Association of Meat Processors (OAMP) product competition/convention at the Airport Marriott in Columbus. At the same gathering, Al Heinle was named to the OAMP's Board of Directors.

Niko Semertsidis, the owner of **Gus's Family Restaurant**, 4377 State Rd., wrote to us about some changes he's been making there. After 20 years, he now has plenty of parking space because he's using the former RTA fenced-in parking lot. Over 35 spots there are available to his customers.

Another change is that Gus's now has a website, www.gussfamilyrestaurant.com, which allows customers to view the menu and print coupons. Gus's also has new items like Homemade Corned Beef Hash and Fresh-Cut N.Y. Strip Steaks on the weekend menu; fresh gourmet burgers are planned for the near future. A quote on Niko's office wall from Chef Gordon Ramsay states: "Good, Honest, Simple Food. That's all people want."

In other community news, the **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB)** would like to involve more young people in its activities. Engaging students from our local high school is one way to accomplish that. Approximately a dozen graduating seniors from **James Ford Rhodes High School** assisted the HSOB on Friday, May 7, 2010 by photographing pre-1925 headstones at Brookmere Cemetery.

The HSOB also has another project with Rhodes students planned, but we'll save that story for next month for an article we're putting together about all the organizations in the neighborhood which recently received grants from **Neighborhood Connections**.

Limited space has reduced the number of entries this month, but please continue to send your suggestions to: Lynette Filipis, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

Church Closings from page 4

(I happened to be at Holy Family Church in Parma recently and noticed that they had a different crucifix, statues of Mary and Joseph and Stations of the Cross, the result, I was told, of replacing the previous, modern (1960s) ones with traditional, old pieces from another of the closed churches.)

As reported last month, "The Community of St. Peter" (former members of Historic St. Peter Church) has been meeting for Sunday morning prayer, "Liturgy of the Hours", presentations and fellowship in the Fenn Tower Ballroom (Room 303) at Cleveland State University.

It's taking the new Community longer than anticipated to reconfigure their new worship space at the former Baker Electric building at E. 71st St. and Euclid Ave.; they now are hoping to be able to start having Mass there at 11 a.m. on the first Sunday in June.

Endangered Catholics, the group which is opposing some of the church closings, continues to meet; this month's meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 12th. As has been the case the past several months, it will again take place at the West Side Hungarian Evangelical Church, 3245 W. 98th St., south of Denison Ave. Their website is www.endangeredcatholics.webs.com.

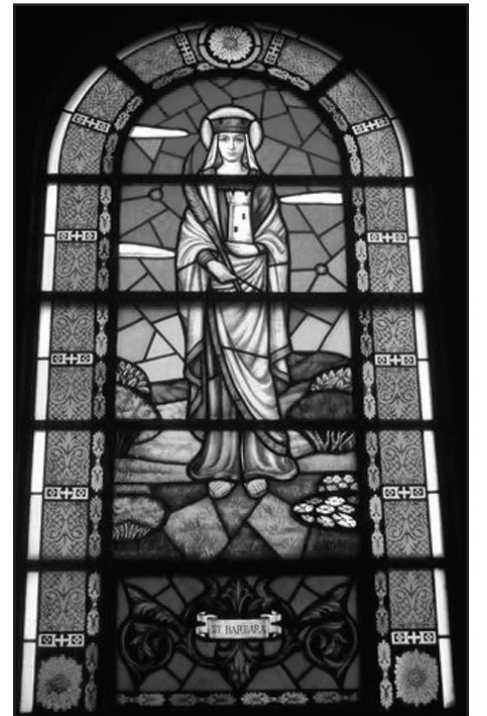
The Endangered Catholics group also organized a protest on the steps of Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave., a half an hour before the Cleveland City Council meeting on Monday, May 24th. Their goal is to have all the culturally significant, closed or about-to-be-closed churches within the city limits receive local exterior landmark designations.

(At this point in time, Historic St. Peter; St. Barbara; St. Casimir; St. Patrick, Westpark; and St. Procop have that designation, but Epiphany; St. Francis; St. George; St. Hyacinth; St. Henry; St. Catherine; St. Philip Neri; St. Wendelin; and St. Emeric do not.)

Supportive Council representatives -- Donna Brady (Ward 17), Brian Cummins (Ward 14), T. J. Dow (Ward 7), and State Representative Bill Patmon addressed the group gathered outside City Hall. Kevin Conwell (Ward 9) and Zachary Reed (Ward 2) stood in solidarity with them during the 30-40

minute exchange before the Council meeting.

By the end of this month, the last of the parishes in the Diocese which have been ordered to close will all be shut down. They are: St. Adalbert (African-American; the other Missionaries of the Precious Blood parish in



Although St. Barbara's has an appeal to remain open still pending in Rome, the Diocese had this stained glass window of their patron saint for sale on the website www.church-inventory.com for a while. It has since been removed.

Cleveland) on Sunday, June 6th; St. Margaret Mary (South Euclid) on Saturday, June 12th; St. Lawrence (Slovenian; Cleveland) on Sunday, June 20th; St. James (Lakewood) on Saturday, June 26th; St. Mary (Akron) on Sunday, June 27th; and St. Emeric (Hungarian; Cleveland) on Wednesday, June 30th.

Again we say, "Stay tuned." Miracles do happen and there are lots of good people in Cleveland seriously praying for some miracles to happen here.

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Pedal for Prizes

Congratulations to the volunteer organizers of the May 22nd Pedal for Prizes. Jeff Sugalski lives in Old Brooklyn and is an avid bike rider. After leading bicycle rides in last summer's "All Access Home and Bicycle Tour" Jeff organized informal community rides well into autumn. These rides focused on seeing the many points of interest in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn with stops at some interesting shops.

When Jeff learned that the week of May 16th-22nd was Cleveland Bicycle Week, he wanted to create a special riding event. Soon he was brainstorming with Bruce Page of Honey Hut, Old Brooklyn resident Becky Derwis, bicycle enthusiast Stuart Survance, John Young of Speed Exterminating and Lori Peterson of OBCDC on how merchants could participate in a bicycle tour. Brainstorming led to the creative event named Pedals for Prizes.

Good events demand good publicity. Natalie Darus of Speed Exterminating volunteered her time to create the map and location index that guided the cyclists on their journey.

Riders pedaled to twenty destinations, mostly retail stores, throughout Old Brooklyn. The merchants gave each participant a raffle ticket for the drawing at Loew Park on

Saturday afternoon. Dozens of prizes, valued at more than \$1,000, had been purchased or donated by the merchants valued at more than \$1,000.

The event was free but registration was required so that the cyclists could be identified to the merchants along the route.

Approximately one hundred riders cycled through Old Brooklyn. They visited shops they may not have previously visited; many said they would return now that they know the store. An early afternoon rain found riders lingering at one of the destination points for twenty minutes which only added to the spirit of camaraderie and sense of adventure.

Look for Pedal for Prizes to grow into a signature event in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn.

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Operation Focus redirects youth in gangs

by Seth Kujat

City of Cleveland, Community Relations

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Help will be provided to those youth and young adults who choose to transition out of violent lifestyles. Those who continue to engage in negative behavior will be quickly prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The community can help by simply spreading the word to other neighbors that Operation Focus is available for any youth who wishes to transition out of a lifestyle of group-related violence.

Anyone who knows of any youths who are taking part in Operation Focus should encourage them and hold them accountable for their behavior. Faith-based leaders are also encouraged to reach out and help in this collaborative effort.

Operation Focus has several human resources that can help in the neighborhood. Contact their offices at 216-664-3620 for more information.

The Police Department cannot "arrest" its way out of this problem.

Ben Franklin Community Garden to unveil Cleveland landmark plaque

by Hallie Forcinio

The largest and oldest community garden in Cleveland, the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, will mark its designation as a Cleveland Landmark at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 19th, 2010.

All members of the Old Brooklyn community, particularly past and present gardeners and alumni of Benjamin Franklin School, are invited to attend the landmark plaque unveiling ceremony at the Garden behind Benjamin Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd.

The hour-long ceremony will include a keynote address by Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli. Merle R. Gordon, who sponsored and helped pass the legislation bestowing landmark status on the Garden when she served on City Council, will unveil the landmark plaque.

The ceremony also will recognize Mrs. Sue Alexander, a former gardener who donated funds to purchase the landmark plaque, and Kotecki Family Memorials, who provided the stone and mounted the plaque.

The program also will include remarks from representatives from the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and

the Cuyahoga County Extension office.

Gardeners currently are hard at work planting at the Garden, which opened for the season on-schedule on Saturday, May 15th.

On Saturday, May 22nd, the gardeners provided refreshments to more than 50 cyclists participating in the Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes event. Several cyclists were surprised to discover such a large garden space behind Benjamin Franklin School and learn it will celebrate its 100th anniversary in 2012.

The Garden and its service to the neighborhood also impressed Robert J. Boggs, director of the Ohio Department of Agriculture, and Amalie Lipstreu, Senior Program Manager, Sustainable Agriculture, in the same department. During a visit to the Garden on May 7th, they spent 90 minutes touring the property and learning about its operation from Robyn Sandys, executive director of OBCDC; Tom Sargent, Garden coordinator; John Jenkins, chair of the Garden's Operating Committee; and Jim Thompson and Megan Taggart from the Cuyahoga County Extension Office.

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"All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, in conjunction with Walk+Roll, which promotes bicycle and walking tours of Greater



Cleveland, will be hosting the third annual "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour on Saturday, July 17th, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. starting at Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd. The demonstrations, live entertainment and all the tours will commence at Estabrook.

The "All Access" Home and Bicycle Tour will include three activity centers: **Mind, Body and Spirit** (Devonshire Rd.); **Relaxing the Green Way** (The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden); and **Kiddie Corner** (Harmody Park); trolley tours; guided bicycle tours; self-guided tours and walking tours.

Each of the "All Access" activity centers will offer various ways to access, to create or maintain an active, healthy, vibrant

and fun-filled lifestyle. A sample of the activities are:

Mind, Body and Spirit - health and wellness tips, line-dancing, self-defense, exercise demonstrations, Kung-fu demonstration/lessons, blood pressure checks, BMI (body mass index) testing, blood pressure and pulse readings, blood sugar level testing, cholesterol testing and mental acuity tests.

Relaxing the Green Way - cooking healthy demonstrations, hula hooping, tai chi, meditation, drumming, yoga, Master Gardeners and sustainable ways to live.

Kiddie Corner - nature hikes on the Treadway Creek Trail, nature-centered art projects with Art House, tennis lessons, games, face-painting and music.

Old Brooklyn resident Jeffrey Sugalski and OBCDC Board President Greg Huth will lead an advanced bicycle tour of the two neighborhoods. These tours will range from 10-13 miles and will tour Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. Lois Moss, founder of Walk+Roll will lead a leisurely bicycle tour that will stop at each of the "All Access" activity centers.

The Lolly the Trolley tours were very popular last year for those who don't have bicycles or just want to tour the neighborhood from the comfort of a trolley. This year's trolley tour will allow people who



purchase their "All Access" pass to choose their destinations from a menu; another trolley will circulate every 20-25 minutes.

Some of the neighborhood gems that will be highlighted are historical homes, the

encourage hiking for health and recreation. All of the tours will be interactive and interesting for people of all ages.

An antique/collectable bike display of 50 to 100 bicycles will be held in front of Ameriflag, 3307 Broadview Rd. Anyone who is interested in displaying an antique and/or collectable bike should contact Don Workman at 216- 661-2608.

Keep your day "rolling" with the free family fun event, "BrookStock- A Celebration of Music and Nature", at Brookside Reservation, located on John Nagy Blvd., off Ridge Rd.. For more details visit www.clemetparks.com.

A special thanks goes out to MetroHealth Senior Health and Wellness Center for sponsoring a Lolly the Trolley. If you are interested in sponsoring or being a part of this ACCESSible fun-filled day, contact Lori at 216-459-1000.



"All Access" activity centers, Brooklyn Centre Naturalist's learning garden, some unique eating establishments and various cemeteries. If you are interested in purchasing an "All Access" trolley pass make your



A special thank you to the community

Frank and Mary Meszar closed the doors of Meszar's Lanes in late May 2010 after serving the community for 40 years.

Frank and Mary opened Meszar's Lanes at the Memphis Fulton Shopping Center in February of 1970 and have been a staple in the community ever since.

They have provided great food, fun-filled bowling leagues, weekend birthday parties and fundraisers.

Frank and Mary are looking forward to their retirement and want to say, "Thank you

and God bless to the entire Old Brooklyn community and surrounding areas for all of your friendship and support during our many years of business."

Sally Adams of Kenny's Tavern sadly comments, "We are losing a landmark. They made a lot of sacrifices for the community."



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In my opinion... St. Barbara's shouldn't close

by Sharon Kazimore, parishioner

Bishop Richard Lennon officially closed and desecralized St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave., on May 9th, 2010. This service, unfortunately, was merely a formality as our church had already been desecralized by what was allowed to take place there. Although prior to May 9th we had still been operating as a parish in good standing with the Catholic Diocese, we were no longer in charge of our own fate.

Our parish community suffered as a result of Diocese-sanctioned activities. The Diocese contracted with a small gambling establishment located on the other side of the Harvard-Denison Bridge to rent our parking lot. Perhaps restrictions on the gamblers use of our parking lot were contractually mandated. If so, they were never enforced.

Every Saturday, parishioners of St. Barbara's were forced to compete with the gambling patrons for parking spaces. Sadly, it was also "business-as-usual" on Good Friday and Holy Saturday as the shuttle continued to pick up and drop off gamblers before, during and after our Holy Week services. Although this arrangement was detrimental to our parish, it proved to be very profitable for the gaming establishment.

We were also saddened by the early removal of some of our religious property. We had been informed that all church property had been inventoried and that nothing was to be removed from either the church or grounds prior to the closing Mass.

It was demoralizing to watch our artifacts disappear. Two statues were removed, a plaque that graced the main entrance vanished and our altar candelabras were replaced with different, more worn ones.

I know that closing a church is a hard decision, but these indignities turned hard into callous. St. Barbara's and its grounds should have remained intact until the final Mass was said, the bells were silenced and the doors locked.

The church closing process puts me in

mind of a person given one year to live, knowing that death is imminent. Living that last year to the fullest brings some measure of joy to a sad occasion. Our last year of life as a parish turned into a painful and lingering death.



Photo by George Shuba

Unfortunately, St. Barbara's, which had once stood as a cornerstone of the neighborhood, was never given a chance to be a part of the revitalization the neighborhood is undergoing. But it will not become an entirely abandoned piece of property because the parking lot will always be full.

I recently sent a letter to the Bishop, including a picture of our parking lot, asking him to

answer the following questions:

1. Why was our parking lot rented to a gaming establishment while we were still a place of worship?

2. Why didn't the Diocese take our best interest into consideration while we were still open as a parish?

3. How could they not comprehend the emotional toll on the congregation as we realized the gaming establishment's parking problem was solved at our expense?

4. In his homily at the closing the Bishop mentioned our parish bringing peace and blessings in the past. How did this arrangement promote peace? How was it a blessing?

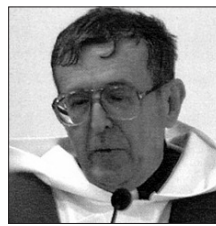
5. In the immediate vicinity of our parish, Horizon School is expanding classes, and a new senior citizen apartment complex is slated to open this summer. Why amid all of this positive work would the Diocese rent our parking lot to a gaming establishment, literally inviting strangers, with no interest in either the safety or welfare of the community, into our neighborhood?

6. What was the rationale the Diocese used to make the egregious decision that led to the ignominious end for a church that had once been the cornerstone of the neighborhood?

I think that the neighborhood deserves answers to these questions.

In Memoriam -- Father Michael Dyrz

"Dyrz, rhymes with church," Fr. Michael Dyrz used to quip when folks he'd just met didn't know how to pronounce his Polish last name. Fr. Mike won't be using that line any more because he died unexpectedly on May 6th at his retirement home (which had also been his family home) in Chardon. He'd celebrated his 64th birthday less than two weeks before his death.



retire, lest he fall and injure himself.

Fr. Mike's assignments usually involved Polish communities and twice he was assigned to parishes in our neighborhood -- as an associate (June, 1976 - January, 1982) at Corpus Christi and an associate and then administrator (July, 1997 - October, 2007) at St. Barbara.

If Fr. Mike had his way, he'd have still been St. Barbara's administrator at their closing Mass, but unfortunately he inherited a gene for Parkinson's Disease. He ministered in spite of it until Bishop Richard Lennon insisted that he

During his first tour of duty in our neighborhood, Fr. Mike participated in the Greater Brooklyn Ministerial Association, was recognized for his service to Senior Citizen Resources and enjoyed sharing his knowledge of the Scriptures with parishioners.

We featured Fr. Mike on the front page of the May, 2005 *Old Brooklyn News* after Pope John Paul II died, because when he was a seminarian he'd spent one summer in Poland and then returned to offer his first Mass in the village in the Archdiocese of Krakow from which his grandparents emigrated here.

In addition to Corpus Christi and St. Barbara's, two of the three other parishes where Fr. Mike served have also been closed -- St. Wenceslas in Maple Hts. and St. Stanislaus in Lorain. He was also the pastor of St. Mary in Painesville for a year.

Mining Operation from front page

Resources. Mr. Simich's company, TY, Inc., has submitted an application to the State which is proceeding through the multi-agency review process. The City of Cleveland's applicable municipal codes are part of the agency review process.

Landfill operations are governed by municipal governments which, in this case, is the City of Cleveland. Surface mining is not covered in the Cleveland municipal code so it comes under a general protection clause by being identified as "special use". Special use requires a permit and the permit requires a "variance in use" issued by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Simich has stated in the past (to representatives of OBCDC, residents and Councilman Brancatelli) that he would consider options that would correct existing problems with hillside stabilization, erosion, vegetation, wildlife and traffic from past land fill operations.

The meeting did not progress to the point where such options and how they would be pursued were discussed. Councilman Brancatelli did suggest the formation of one or more ad hoc committees composed of residents and other interested parties to discuss, what, if any remedies could develop as conditions of approval. Those committees would work on gaining more specific knowledge on the historical impact of this site on nearby residential areas; a better understanding and possible recommendations regarding the business operations, such as truck access in and out and operation hours; the overall environmental impact and long term restoration of the land; and the development of a proposed operator agreement so that land owners nearby will have past

issues corrected and any future problems dealt with by the operator.

Residents, based upon past experience, seem skeptical that a new lease holder who first would conduct surface mining operations and then a C&D land fill would honor past obligations and accept additional conditions for longterm improvements. Longterm the goal would be to eventually cap the site and then turn it into an urban green space.

Until Mr. Simich submits an application for a Special Use Permit to the City of Cleveland, no official review by the City can be conducted. The State may not issue the mining permit until the City has acted on the special permit requirement. There are no mining or legal landfill operations underway at present.

If TY, Inc. submits an application for a Special Use Permit, that will trigger a Board of Zoning Appeals hearing. That hearing is a public hearing where any and all concerned may speak or submit letters, e-mails and petitions, either in support or opposition.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has agreed to facilitate communications and meetings with TY, Inc., the City of Cleveland and Councilmember Brancatelli as the issue undergoes review. The process will most likely take many months before a final conclusion.

OBCDC will publicize the dates and locations of all public meetings regarding this issue. If anyone is interested in serving on the committees mentioned, please contact OBCDC's Tom Collins at 216-459-1000. The CDC will also post historical public documents and any future meeting dates and general information on its website. The information should be available on www.oldbrooklyn.com by June 5th.



The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn would like to know the names of the people in this photo of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls (a Masonic youth service organization) from the early 1970s. Please contact president Connie Ewazen with any information -- 216-398-8969.



Jeffrey A. Halpert, D.P.M.*

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•Diagnosis: Early detection and clinical evaluation is extremely important for successful treatment. X-rays or other imaging tests such as bone scans and MRI studies may be ordered. Periodic x-rays are taken to aid in the progress of treatment.

•Treatment: Early immobilization and protection are most important. Custom shoes, bracing, and modification of activity can slow or cease the progression. In some cases surgery may be used to correct the deformity.

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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.

Brookside Reservation
Brookside Valley Event Site
John Nagy Blvd, off the Ridge Rd. entrance

2010 Brookside Lawnchair Concert Series - Fri., June 25th, 8 pm, *JiMiller Band*. The band's sound includes rock, blues & roots music. Free; bring a blanket or lawn chair.

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

Cleveland Metroparks "Train Day" - Sat., Jun. 19th, 10 am - 4 pm. Free annual event. Model train exhibits G-scale, HO-scale, N-scale, S-scale, Legos, etc. Exhibits, guided trestle hikes, crafts, movies about trains & more! Kids' train rides - \$1 per person. Refreshments for sale at the "dining car". Hike along the "hobo trail" to talk to hobos & learn over 30 markings these American travelers used to communicate with other hobos.

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.

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

Farm & Garden Day - Sat., Jun. 5th, 11 am - 4 pm. Celebrate Ohio's farmers & gardeners. Free event features vendors & exhibitors, live farm animals, displays of antique & modern farm equipment, square dancing, food sampling, photo opportunities, hayride shuttles, demonstrations of spinning, sheep herding & more. Bring old clothes to make & take home a scarecrow.

Pancakes with Papa - Sun., Jun. 20th, 11 am - 1 pm. Pancake & sausage breakfast, crafts & a scavenger hunt. Call 216-341-3152 to register or for more info.

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

www.clevelandmetroparks.com

Dive-In Movie I: Where the Wild Things Are Fri., Jun. 25th, 8 pm; free.

2010 swimming season runs thru Aug. 22nd. **Pool Hours** - 11 am - 7 pm. Daily fees to use the pool -- adults, 12 & over, \$4.50; children 6-11, \$3.50; children 5 & under, free; seniors 62 & over, free.

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

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

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

Flutter - now thru Sun., Sept. 12th; free with Zoo admission. Hundreds of free-flying butterflies from South America, Africa & Asia. Visitors might also meet the butterfly keeper or see butterfly cocoons.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show - now thru Thurs., Sept. 30th; free with Zoo admission. Daily, 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm in the Zoo's Amphitheater.

Meet Your Best Friend at the Zoo - Sat., Jun. 12th, 10 am - 4 pm. Over 100 adoptable dogs, cats, puppies & kittens. Area animal rescue organizations will be on the Zoo's Ticket Plaza to help you find the best pet for you. Presented by Pedigree & Whiskas.

Hard Hat Day - Dads Will Dig it - Sun., Jun. 20th, 10 am - 7 pm. To celebrate Father's Day, all dads receive free admission & first 1,000 children receive free hard hats.

Photo Safari 2010 - now thru Nov. 1st, 10 am - 5 pm. Take Your best shot & enter in Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's annual photo contest; open to all photographers. Prizes awarded for best photos in each category & a "Best of Show" winner also selected. Junior amateur photographers ages 2-11 may also enter Zoo's Photo Safari contest.

Cleveland Museum of Art
11150 East Blvd
216-421-7340 www.clemusart.com

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.

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

Museum - Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. until 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. \$10, adults; \$8, ages 7-18, college students with IDs & seniors 60 yrs. or older; \$7, children ages 3-6; free for age 2 & under. Wed. evening admission, \$6 after 5 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3-5 pm, children 12 & under admitted free.

2010 Target Free First Thursdays - visitors to The Cleveland Museum of Natural History will

enjoy free admission on the first Thurs. of each month thru Mar., 2011. Museum admission also free on Sun., Jul. 18th as part of Target Free Arts Weekend. Bring the family for a fun-filled day exploring permanent exhibits & watching the action in the outdoor galleries, where owls, bobcats, otters & more are busy all year long. Free admission does not apply to school or other groups. Other programs & special exhibits charged at standard rates.

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.

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

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

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

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

Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. **Special exhibit -- "Strange Matter";** NASA Glenn Visitor Center has relocated to the Great Lakes Science Center. Free general admission to NASA Glenn & the Science Center on Tuesdays to youth 18 & under or any student up to the 12th grade accompanied by an adult. Otherwise admission ranges from \$7.95 - \$9.95 a person. Free admission for members.

Hale Farm & Village
2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath
330-666-3711

Opening Day, Sat., Jun. 5th; Festival & Pioneer Weekend, Sat. & Sun., Jun. 12th & 13th, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Garden Tour, Sat. Jun. 19th & Thurs., Jun. 24th. Spend the day in history & meet pioneers, skilled craftsmen & townfolk coping with farm chores & more. Admission: \$10 adults & seniors; \$5 children 3 - 12 years; Visit www.wrhs.org/hale-farm for calendar of events & additional info.

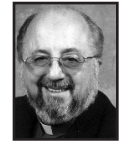
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University Circle Inc.
Parade the Circle, Sat., June 12th. Parade at noon; Circle Village activities, entertainment & food - 11 am - 4 pm. Free community arts parade presented annually by Cleveland Museum of Art. International & national guest artists join Greater Cleveland artists, families, schools & community groups in a spectacular display of bright costumes, giant puppets, stilt-dancers, handmade masks & colorful floats. Presented by University Circle Inc. For more info about the parade, call Community Arts Department, 216-707-2483 or email neisenberg@clevelandart.org.

University Circle Inc.
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As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry



At a difficult time in her life, a Christian woman cried out to the Lord, despairing over her lack of spiritual power. Suddenly, she sensed Jesus standing by her side asking, "May I have the keys to your life?"

The experience was so realistic, she reached into her pocket and handed the Lord a ring of keys. "Are all the keys here?" Jesus asked.

"Yes," she replied, "except for one." Saddened, Jesus said, "Well, if you can't trust me to enter all the rooms of your life, I cannot accept any keys."

Overwhelmed at the thought of the Lord moving completely out of her life, the woman cried, "Lord, here! Take all the keys!"

Each of us has rooms we hope no one will ever see. We intend to clean them out some day, but some day never comes. When we invite Jesus into these rooms, he will help us clean them out. As we relinquish all the keys, by his grace we gain the courage to throw out the junk and fill the rooms with his love, peace and joy.

One question remains. Do you love and trust God enough to hand over all the keys?

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

**'State of Ward 12' speech by
Councilman Tony Brancatelli
Wednesday, June 2nd; noon**

Polish American Cultural Center, 6501 Lansing Ave. (Slavic Village)

Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of South East Cleveland, the Councilman's speech will focus on neighborhood safety concerns, foreclosure issues, business prospects and the many positive things happening in Ward 12, which now encompasses not only the Slavic Village area of Cleveland, but also the South Hills neighborhood and the industrial valley. Admission of \$5, includes lunch and a tour of the Polish museum following the address. The public is welcome to attend. Lunch will be served promptly at noon, followed by Councilman Brancatelli's talk and a question and answer session. It should conclude by 1:30 pm. Call 216-408-9043 to RSVP. The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, June 1st at 5 pm.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, June 24th (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

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

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., June 22nd, 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.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., June 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., June 3rd, (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., June 15th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., June 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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SENIOR NOTES

Senior Citizen Resources (SCR)
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Bocce Ball - Tues., 9 am; Estabrook.

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

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

Chair Volleyball - Estabrook; Wed. & Thurs., 10:30 am; Deaconess-Krafft; Fri., 10:45 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., 9:15 - 10:15 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 - Fri., 11:30 am, Estabrook; Wed., 10:30 am; Deaconess-Krafft.

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., 1pm; Deaconess-Krafft.

Wednesday, June 23rd
A Day at the Canal - Cost: \$70; call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Thursday, July 8th
Goodtime III for lunch & Tall Ships - Cost \$38; call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Friday, June 25th
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Senior Safari, 10 am - 1pm; visitors age 55 or older receive free Zoo admission. Activities include animal enrichment demonstrations, musical entertainment, wellness exhibits & more.

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 info.

CHURCH NOTES

Wednesdays, June 2nd & 16th
Senior Meeting
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs; noon. **June 2nd** - bring a bag lunch; beverages provided; play fruit bingo; Interesting topic & good fellowship. **June 16th** - lunch provided & then play Family Feud. Everyone invited.

Saturday, June 5th
Rummage Sale
Broadview Baptist Church, 4505 Broadview Rd., 9 am - 5 pm. Also professional family portraits; come dressed up & get a 10 x 13 for \$5. Call 216-351-8414 for more info.

Sunday, June 6th
Jazz Concert & Strawberry Festival
Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, 4308 Pearl Rd., 3 - 6 pm. The Elders of Jazz, playing Dixieland-style hymns (followed by a sing-along!), 3 - 4 pm; hot dogs, sloppy Joe's & numerous strawberry delights, inc. strawberry shortcake, 4 - 6 pm. Proceeds go to the Deacon's Helping Hand Mission Projects.

Sunday, June 6th
Corpus Christi Procession
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., 12 pm, immediately after 11 am Mass. Traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate feast of Corpus Christi. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

Wednesday, June 9th
Senior Meeting
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., noon. Meeting in Marian Lounge, below church. Reorganizing following merger of former OLGC & Corpus Christi parishes; need new members from Old Brooklyn area, 55 & older, who want to meet new friends & renew old friendships. A fun loving group! Call Julia, 216-351-9970, for more info.

Sunday, June 13th
"Cookin for Christ"
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., 11:30 pm - 12:30 pm. Menu - hamburgers with the works, homemade potato salad, baked beans & salad. Cost: \$7 for adults; \$4 for children under 10. RSVP to church office, 216-351-6499, by Thurs., June 10th.

Saturday, June 19th
Blessing of Cars
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., upper parking lot, 9 am. Cars & other vehicles individually blessed for summer travel season. Call 216-749-2323 for more info.

Saturday, June 19th & Sunday, June 20th
Rite of Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd.; Sat. service, 5 pm; Sun. services, 8 & 10:30 am. Couples of all ages renew vows as a reminder of marital love. Anyone desiring a certificate of reaffirmation, contact church office, 216-351-6499, by Thurs., June 17th.

Sunday, June 20th
Father's Day Ice Cream Social
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., 11:30 am - 2 pm, rain or shine. All fathers receive ice cream for free; everyone else - 50 cents. All families from Old Brooklyn invited.

Sundays, June 20th & 27th
Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd. Family & Friends Day every 3rd Sunday & Youth Day every 4th Sunday at noon.

Wednesday, June 23rd
Casino Trip to Greektown Casino
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd.; leave 9 am from back parking lot; arrive back home approximately 8 pm. Cost - \$37; includes trip, bus driver gratuity & \$15 slots. Call Julia, 216-351-9970, for more info.

Sunday, June 27th
Mass for High School Graduates
Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., 11 am Mass. All high school graduates invited to be recognized & offered a blessing. Reception will follow in parish school.

Now thru Saturday, August 28th
Women & Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America
Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood. Touring national exhibit about the 250-year history of U.S. nuns, inc. artifacts, photos & videos about the schools, hospitals & social service organizations they built. Call 216-593-0575 or visit www.maltzmuseum.org for museum hours, directions & cost of admission. Visit www.womennandspirit.org for more info about the exhibit;

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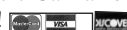
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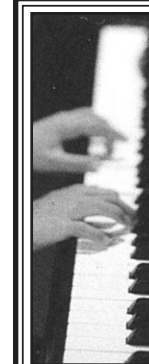
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(above photo, left to right) Corinne Hughes, key note speaker Connie Dieken and Edward Hrubey. (photo to the left) James Ford Rhodes ROTC honors the Senior Olympians.

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On May 15th, these members of James Ford Rhodes High School's January class of 1950 celebrated the 60th anniversary of their graduation with a reunion party at Don's Lighthouse Restaurant on Lake Ave.

Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes promotes community's assets

by Jeffrey Sugalski

Approximately seventy-five bicyclists of all ages explored Old Brooklyn and discovered its merchants and civic groups, while having a chance at winning more than eighty prizes neighborhood and local businesses provided. This free event, *Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes*, took place Saturday, May 22nd, at Loew Park.

A grassroots group of six Old Brooklyn residents and business owners sought to coordinate an event for this year's Cleveland Bicycle Week, during which a number of organizations offered free social and group rides, themed tours, trainings and games from May 15 to 23.

At Loew Park, riders received a map of twenty points of interest that exemplify the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, including shops, parks and civic spaces. They were given two and a half hours to visit as many of these destinations as they would like via bicycle on their own or with a guided group, collecting a raffle ticket at each. Afterward, participants returned to the Park to enter their tickets in a drawing of more than \$1,000 in prizes, individually valued between \$10 and \$100.

The concept for the event presented a "win-win" situation for everyone involved. While the prospect of winning prizes was incentive for bicyclists to participate, merchants had the opportunity to bring new people into their shops in the hope that a large portion of them will return and become regular customers.

As one bicyclist noted, "Thanks to the event, I now have a new deli, a new barber and a new diner to try out, among other things."

These merchants also gave \$25 in prizes to be raffled, with many going above and beyond. Civic groups, including the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, South Hills Neighborhood Association and Friends of Harmody Park, were able to share news about

their recent accomplishments and information about upcoming events.

In addition to *Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes*, Ameriflag on Broadview Rd. hosted a showing of antique and restored bicycles.

Pedal for Prizes continues a trend of bicy-



Photo by Jeff Sugalski

So many decisions! *Pedal for Prizes* cyclists, ready for a complimentary donut, take a break at Jack Frost Donuts.

cling-based activities occurring in Old Brooklyn over the last year. In July, over sixty bicyclists participated in neighborhood bicycle tours of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn as part of OBCDC's All Access event.

Bicycling will again be central in the third annual All Access to be held Saturday, July 17.

Late last summer, group bicycle rides were organized to allow people with common interests to have the opportunity to get to know each other, promote bicycling in the community, and simply have fun and be active. Regular group rides may again take place this summer.

An example of the true spirit of community, *Pedal for Prizes* was largely made possible due to, in-kind, the support and donations offered by neighborhood businesses and organizations. A few of the organizers were so committed to the event and so believed in the benefits that it would provide that they paid out-of-pocket for some expenses.

For more information about upcoming bicycling-based events in Old Brooklyn, please visit the group "Old Brooklyn Bikes" on Facebook.

OBCDC's guide to: FUN SUMMER EVENTS

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June 19th - Movie Night Under the Stars - *Jungle Book* - Special craft with Art House. Loew Park, 8 p.m.

July 17th - All Access Home & Bicycle tour with Walk + Roll. Starting at Estabrook Recreation. Noon - 4 p.m.

July 30th - Movie Under the Stars - *Up* - Special craft with Art House - Archmere Park, 8 p.m.

August 3rd - National Night Out Against Crime. Location to be determined, 5 p.m.

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

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