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Getting Old Brooklyn "Connected"

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Ward 13 in the City of Cleveland is about 4.5 square miles and approximately 11,000 households along with thousands of businesses. They along with visitors to the area will soon have access wirelessly to the Internet an amazing resource that connects one to a much bigger world beyond Old Brooklyn.

Over the coming weeks local residents will be seeing access units put up around town. They are the transmitters for the wireless system and they will be mounted on street lights and traffic signals and maybe even a rooftop or two. The teams that will put up this equipment have noted that there will be eight clusters located around Old Brooklyn in higher up elevations. Each of the eight sites will "talk" to 24-32 access points. So there will be between 192 and 256 access point transmitters distributed throughout the area.

Those that live on the edges of Ward 13 will probably have some access to the wireless system. The details on how to actually connect once the system is ready will be featured in upcoming articles of the Old Brooklyn News as well as on the Old Brooklyn Connected web site, www.oldbrooklynconnected.com.

The plan as of now is to start the first cluster at Estabrook Recreation Center. After this first cluster is evaluated then they will continue to complete the entire system. The goal is to have the entire network up and running during the beginning of 2011.

While the hardware is being installed, Old Brooklyn CDC is meeting with residents and business owners around their particular needs and uses for the internet. One session was held in late September. Some of

the ideas discussed for the special web site to be developed for "Old Brooklyn Connected" came from participants at this meeting.

For example, they are excited about following some local sports teams that don't get much coverage in the traditional media like the Lake Erie Barons. Another person is a tour guide for a bus company that goes around the country and she wants to have easy access to information about the places she travels so she can let her bus riders know interesting facts. Others expressed their desire to watch their favorite TV shows and movies from the Internet. Some discussed taking classes at Tri-C which are offered on-line.

Some of the fun ideas that were shared included: listing garage sales, sharing special interests like bike riding or collecting cars. Looking for local jobs was a hot topic as well.

A major part of this program is helping people learn how to use a computer and the Internet. A new program called "Connect Your Community" provides free training for adults along with affordable computers and Internet service for those outside of Ward 13 or until this areas wireless system is up and running.

For more information regarding classes that will be taught at Estabrook and the Cleveland Public Library at the triangle of State and Pearl call Ania Siuda at 440-290-9507. She is working out of the offices of Old Brooklyn CDC.

Old Brooklyn CDC is forming a "working group" of local people who have a set of skills around using the web and designing web sites, or communications and marketing in general. Please contact either Robyn Sandys or Christopher Lohr at 459-1000 if you are interested in participating.



Remember to vote November 2nd

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General Election time is again upon us, and the following candidates will be on the November 2nd ballot. The Democratic, Republican and Green Party candidates are those who received the majority of votes in last month's Primary Election; Independent candidates did not run in the Primary.

The open offices for State of Ohio, Cuyahoga County and the City of Cleveland are:

Voters will decide on the **United States Senate** seat from **Democrat Lee Fisher**, **Republican Rob Portman**, **Constitutionist Eric W. Deaton**, **Socialist Daniel H. Labotz**, **Independent Michael L. Pryce** and **Independent write-in Arthur T. Sullivan**.

Candidates on the ballot for the **United States House of Representatives 10th Congressional District** are **Republican Peter J. Corrigan**, **Democrat Dennis J. Kucinich** and **Libertarian Jeff Goggins**.

Candidates on the ballot for the **United States House of Representatives 11th Congressional District** are **Democrat Marcia L. Fudge** and **Republican Thomas Pekarek**.

Voters have a choice of **Democrats Ted Strickland** for **Ohio Governor** and **Yvette Mcgee Brown** for **Ohio Lieutenant Governor**; **Republicans John Kasich** for

Governor and **Mary Taylor** for **Lieutenant Governor**; **Green Party Dennis S. Spisak** for **Governor** and **Anita Rios** for **Lieutenant Governor**; **Libertarians Ken Matesz** for **Governor** and **Margaret Ann Leech** for

Lieutenant Governor; and **Independent write-ins David L. Sargent II** for **Governor** and **Andrew C. Pfeifer** for **Lieutenant Governor**.

The **Ohio Attorney General** candidates are **Democrat Richard Cordray**, **Republican Mike Dewine**, **Constitutionist Robert M. Owens** and **Libertarian Marc Allan Feldman**.

Democratic David Pepper, **Republican Dave Yost** and **Libertarian Michael Howard** are running for **Ohio Auditor**.

Voters' options for **Ohio Secretary of State** are **Democrat Maryellen O'Shaughnessy**, **Republican John Husted** and **Libertarian Charles R. Earl**.

Treasurer of State candidates are **Democrat Kevin L. Boyce**, **Republican Josh Mandel** and **Libertarian Mathew P. Cantrell**.

For **Ohio Senate District 21** the options are **Democrat Shirley A. Smith** and **Republican Burrell A. Jackson**.

For **Ohio Senate District 23** the options are **Democrat Michael J. Skindell** and **Republican Dave Morris**. See *Voting* page 2



Completely renovated home for sale in Old Brooklyn

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If you are looking for a great home in a very central location, you found it at 4365 W. 50th St. It is located just south of Memphis Ave. in Old Brooklyn. The home is owned by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. You will be stepping inside a comfortable home that will look, feel and smell brand new! It has 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, plus a separate large dining room.

The CDC takes a lot of pride in the homes they rehab and this one is no exception. The kitchen has been renovated with new countertops and flooring as well as some added space. A brand new bathroom was added upstairs and the main level bath was upgraded. There is new carpeting throughout, new paint inside and out.



Plus, the 2-car garage had a major overhaul with new siding, roof and garage door. There is also a decent-sized fenced-in yard.

The asking price is \$87,500. Please call Robyn Sandys at 216-459-1000, ext. 208, for more information. This home will sell fast!

Old Brooklyn Community Fall-O-Ween Festival

October 23, 2010

Noon - 4:00 p.m.

RAIN or SHINE

4229 Pearl Rd on Devonshire - (located at the main entrance of The Senior Health & Wellness Center)

Trick or Treat bags & refreshments for the first 500 children that sign in!

Entertainment!
50/50 Raffle

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Best Costume Contest! All ages welcome!

Call OBCDC @ 216-459-1000 for more information

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Old Brooklyn CDC Annual Meeting

The CDC's Annual Meeting is fast approaching and will be held on Tuesday, October 19th. It will be held at Deaconess-Krafft, 3100 Devonshire Ave. from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Parking available in the lot behind Charter One Bank.

The main items on the agenda are an overview of the year's activities along with the distribution of a new Annual Report along with the election or re-election of board members.

All members will be sent a packet with the ballot for board members in early October. We all look forward to seeing members of the CDC and the community at this event. If you are not a member, go to OBCDC's web site at www.oldbrooklyn.com

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The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation would like to welcome two new businesses to the Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Save-A-Lot and Classic Lanes.

Save-A-Lot

Save-a-Lot opened its doors at 4215 Fulton Rd. on September 9, 2010. The store is in the space formerly occupied by the Memphis Fulton Market.

Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, managed by Paran Management Company, worked closely with the City of Cleveland and the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to secure the Save-A-Lot store. The City, through its councilmen and the park system was instrumental in bringing this business to Old Brooklyn.

At an open house event on September 8, 2010, Paran Management Company's Chairman and CEO Joseph Shafran thanked Councilman Kevin Kelley and recognized Michael Cox for the City's cooperation with this project. Other nearby Save-A-Lot stores are at 3024 Clark Ave. and 2210 Brookpark Rd.



Photo by George Shuba

(left - right) Keven Kelley, Ward 13 Councilman; Joseph Shafran, Paran Management CEO; Tony Boling, Save-A-Lot District Manager & Richard Flores, Save-A-Lot Senior Project Manager; (front) Tom Collins, OBCDC Commercial Manager.

Classic Lanes



After 40 years of being known as Meszar Lanes, a bowling alley at 4231 Fulton Rd has a new name. Classic Lanes will be opening on Monday, October 4th. Go down the stairs to find this hidden gem. While receiving a facelift, they have kept the "kitchy" feel and retained the warmth of the former bowling alley.

Classic Lanes has completely rewired the bowling alley and is resurfacing the lanes. Eventually scoring will be automated, but for the time being, step back in time and score manually. There are 18 bowling lanes and various arcade games.

Classic Lanes will serve food such as hot dogs, chips and soft drinks. Check out their Facebook page, Classic Lanes Bowling Alley, to be kept updated on specials and additional menu items.

From the desk of the executive director

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Rain finally decided to pour down in late September. We had such a great sunny summer. But no matter rain is good for our natural world and it helps to remember why we love the sun so much!

There is so much going on in Old Brooklyn and with the CDC. We have all sorts of houses that are being rehabbed and sold in our neighborhoods. On page 7 you will learn about the County Land Bank's homes they have redeveloped in our area. On the front page the CDC is nearly completed with a home we are rehabbing and selling. It is going to be a real find for a young family, single person or empty nesters. And there is another home just across the street from Old Brooklyn Community School that is being rehabbed by one of our qualified contractors. More on that home on the back page of the paper.

We have two major events in October. The first is our Annual Meeting on Tuesday,

October 19th, at 6 p.m. It will be held at Deaconess Krafft (more on the front page). The main purpose of this meeting is to let all know about our accomplishments this past year. It is free and open to the public, please join us!

On Saturday, October 23rd, is our 2nd Annual Old Brooklyn Community Fall-O-Ween. It goes from noon to 4 p.m. Trick or Treat bags filled with all kinds of goodies will be given out free to first 500 kids. Plus loads more, see the advertisement on page 1.

The areas *Old Brooklyn Connected* wireless project is moving along. A complete update starts on page 1. Remember staff is here to help you with your housing needs, or anything that will help to make your life in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre a better place to live! Contact us at 216-459-1000 or go to www.oldbrooklyn.com

Voting from front page

Democrat Bill Patmon is running unopposed in the Ohio House of Representatives District 10.

Candidates for Ohio House of Representatives District 11 are Democrat Sandra Williams and Republican Roz McAllister.

The unopposed candidate on the ballot for the Ohio House of Representatives District 13 is Nickie J. Antonio.

Timothy J. Degeeter is running unopposed for Ohio House of Representatives District 15.

For the first time voters will be electing a Cuyahoga County Executive; the candidates are Democrat Edward Fitzgerald, Republican Matt Dolan, Green Party David H. Ellison, Independent Ken Lanci, Independent Tim McCormack and Independent Don Scipione.

Cuyahoga County voters will vote on local County Council seats; this neighborhood's Council Districts are 2, 3, 4 and 7.

Voters in District 2 will choose between Democrat Dale Miller, Republican John Zappala, Independent Steve A. Bozsa Jr., Independent Lynn Graham and Independent Edward M. McCartney.

Voters in District 3 will choose between Democrat Dan Brady, Republican Patty Grascayne and Green Party Alan Crossman.

Voters in District 4 will choose between Democrat Chuck Germana and Republican Pete Draganic.

Voters in District 7 will choose between Democrat Yvonne M. Conwell, Republican Phylliss Lucia Crespo, Independent Jeff Kipp and Independent Olga Sarbinowska.

Judges on the ballot this November are: Running for Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court are Democrat Eric Brown and Republican Maureen O'Connor.

Running for Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court are Democrat Jane Mary Trapp and Republican Judith Ann Lanzinger for one seat and running unopposed for another open seat is Republican Paul E. Pfeifer.

Candidates are also vying for many other judicial seats (i.e., to be judges) -- in the 8th District Court of Appeals; in the Court of Commons Pleas, General Division; in the Court of Common Pleas, Domestic Relations Division; and in the Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division. Space does not permit us to list them all here. For further information about each candidate/office, contact the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

There are no statewide issues on the ballot this year; however, depending upon their precincts, some *Old Brooklyn News* readers in Ward 13 and Ward 14 may be voting for liquor license related issues.

Voting may be done in person at assigned polling places or by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots have already been mailed. If that is your choice, be sure to return the application on time (or call the Board if you did not receive one).

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NEWS & EVENTS

Saturday, October 2nd

The City Mission 100th Anniversary
Wolstein Center, 2000 Prospect Ave. "Celebration of Hope" combining music, multi-media presentation of stories of changed lives & opportunity to connect with dozens of organizations working with the Mission to serve the struggling. Doors open 6 pm with "Avenue to Action"; program starts 7 pm. Tickets: \$10; on sale at The City Mission's website, E. 55th St. campus & Wolstein Center's box office. For details or to buy tickets, visit www.thecitymission.org/celebration-of-hope.

Saturdays, October 2nd & 9th

Escape On The Underground Railroad
Bedford Reservation, Hemlock Creek Picnic area, off Button Rd. east of Dunham Rd. in Walton Hills; 7 - 9:30 pm. Adults & children 15 - 17 years old with an adult. Experience escaping on the Underground Railroad. Space limited; registration required - 216-341-3152.

Monday, October 4th

Brooklyn Heights ODOT Meeting
Brooklyn Heights City Hall, 345 Tuxedo Ave., 6 - 7:30 pm. State Representative Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) hosting advisory meeting for residents to discuss issue of proposed noise barriers on I-480.

Monday, October 4th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Business meeting first. Then the program - CVGS member Mary Boehlein, Ph.D., speaking about "Enhancing Family Histories through Interviews and Stories". Refreshments follow. Call president Don Koslowski, 440-526-7105, for more info.

Wednesday, October 6th

St. Mary Byzantine PTU Fall Salad Bingo
St. Mary school gymnasium, 4600 State Rd. Admission - \$10 per player. Ticket includes 2 bingo cards, a trip to the salad buffet, 20 games of merchandise bingo & door prizes. Also Bingo specials, raffles & split boards. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Must be at least 18 years old. Call 216-749-7980 for advance tickets.

Saturday, October 9th

Craft Fair
Dr. Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall, 4470 Ridge Rd., 10 am - 4 pm. Homemade crafts, jewelry, photography, wood crafts & more. Food available. Handicapped-accessible, ample parking.

Saturday, October 9th
2nd Annual Slumber Party
Jammies for Mammies

Loyal Order of Moose Parma Lodge, 7010 Broadview Rd., 6 pm - 12 am. Music, complimentary tap beer, 7 - 11 pm. 50/50 raffles, free t-shirt, door prizes silent auction, sideboards. Pizza munchies, wings. Tickets, \$20 call Jill, 216-470-5214, or Denise, 330-329-0472. Sponsored by Parma Moose Lodge 1744/Parma W.O.T.M. Chapter 397.

Saturday, October 9th

38th Holiday Bazaar & Flea Market
St. Peter United Church of Christ, 125 East Ridgewood Dr., Seven Hills. Bakery, candy flea market, grandma's cupboard, handcrafts, needle-crafts, jewelry, silk floral designs, candles, recipe book, massage therapy, lighted wine bottles, military themed items, Native American flutes, regular raffle (handmade quilt, 32" TV, Tiffany-style lamp & gift basket holding something from each booth), chinese raffle, 25 prizes of your own choice, snack bar.

Saturday, October 9th

CPC 2010 LifeWalk
Brookside Reservation, Cleveland Metroparks, corner of John Nagy Blvd. & Ridge Rd. Registration begins, 9:30 am; LifeWalk begins, 10 am. Morning event includes 2-mile walk, live music, refreshments, KidsFun Zone with bounce house & prizes for participation. All proceeds benefit Cleveland Pregnancy Center. Register at www.cpcvent.org or by calling 440-243-2520.

Sunday, October 10th

Cleveland Polka Association's 35th Anniversary Dance
St. John Byzantine (upper hall - accessible by elevator or stairs), 1900 Carlton Rd., Parma. Doors open 2 pm; music by Jimmy Kilian & Honky Chicago, 3 - 7 pm. Cost: \$12; 18 & under, free. Please, no byob; bar & food available. Public welcome. Celebrate & enjoy some surprises, too. Call Helenrae, 216-661-5227, for large table reservations or more info.

Wednesday, October 13th

Mended Hearts Meeting
Judson Manor, 1890 E. 107th St. Refreshments, 6:30 pm; guest speaker, 7 pm. Ann Marie Powers from Hospice of the Western Reserve speaking on Sorting Out the Myths & Facts about Palliative Care. Plenty of parking. Mended Hearts meetings take place 2nd Wed. of each month at different locations around the city & feature guest speakers discussing heart-related topics.

Thursday, October 14th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting
Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Jill Keppler speaking on Civil War clothing, mourning, jewelry etc.; guests welcome.

Saturday, October 16th

Women's Health Seminar
Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd. (south of Gifford Ave.); noon - 1:30 pm. Featuring the Diabetes Association & American Heart Association of Cleveland. Learn basic info. about diabetes & heart failure & how it can affect women & their families.

Wednesday, October 20th

"Let's Talk RA - rheumatoid arthritis roundtable discussion"
Holiday Inn Independence, 6001 Rockside Rd, Independence, 7 - 8:30 pm. Speakers: Stanley Ballou, M.D., "Talking with Your Doctor about RA"; Priscilla Mobley, "Living Well with RA"; Carol Arbaczewski, "Becoming an RA Self-Advocate". Light refreshments available beginning 6:30 pm., when doors open. Exhibits & door prizes. Free, but space limited; pre-registration required. Call Arthritis Foundation, 216-831-7000 or 800-245-2275, ext. 151, or visit www.arthritis.org/letstalkra & locate the link to the Cleveland program.

Tuesday, October 26th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting
Parma-South branch, Cuyahoga County Public Library, 7335 Ridge Rd., 7-9 pm. Rick Stebler discussing "no spraying" system & hybrid perennials. Call 330-220-2213 or email webmaster@westernreserrosesociety.org for more info.

Thursday, October 28th

Cleveland Municipal Court Mobile Unit
Estabrook Recreational Center, 4125 Fulton Rd. 2:30 - 4:30 pm, in lobby. Check on active cases, pay traffic tickets (credit card only), file small claims case, rent deposit program, protect yourself from garnishment. Visit sheltono@clevelandmunicipalcourt.org for more info. (Obie Shelton, Public Information Officer for the Clerk of Courts)

Thursday, October 28th

21st Annual Community Prayer Breakfast
St. Michael's Woodside, 5025 East Mill Rd., Broadview Hts.; 7 am. Cleveland native Mary Verdi-Fletcher, nation's first professional wheelchair dancer, to share her personal story & inspiring dance. Roses from Above, America's first wheelchair dancer, to speak & perform. Reserved seats: \$20 per person. To reserve a seat or table for 10, call 440-743-4280 or email Peggy Farris, mfarris@parmahospital.org. Write checks to Parma Hospital Prayer Breakfast & mail to Community Prayer Breakfast, 7007 Powers Blvd., Parma, 44129.

Every Saturday

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 or 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, 440-882-6234.

Tuesdays, now - October 26th

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

Volunteers Needed at Manna from Heaven
(Outreach ministry of Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry), 4490 Pearl Rd. If you are 16 years or older, stop by during outreach hours, Tues. & Thurs., 2 - 6 pm. Whether you are a senior in high school & need service hours to fulfill your graduation requirement or you just like to help, Manna from Heaven would like to meet you.

West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)
Enrolling for Early Childhood Education. Early Head Start, Head Start & Universal Pre-Kindergarten for children ages birth - age 5. Offers a home-based program to meet the needs of area families. Free services to eligible families & also accepts county vouchers. Comprehensive services to meet 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.

Mary Queen of Peace School
Registration for Preschool thru 8th Grade
(Formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel.) Call for tour & registration packet. Kindergarten registrants must be 5 years old by Sept. 30th. Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted; county vouchers OK for preschool & after care. Offers a curriculum to prepare 3 & 4 year-old children for kindergarten. Fulltime: 8 am - 2:30 pm with extended care; part-time: 8 am - 11 am. Call Ms. Patty, 216-741-3685, between 8:15 am & 3 pm for more info.

St. Leo Preschool Registrations
2010-2011 School Year
St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd., in Parish Community Center; offers programs for skill development & kindergarten readiness for 3 & 4 year-olds. Full-day: 8 am-2:30 pm, Mon. - Fri., with after school care at an additional charge. Also Mon.-Wed.-Fri. half-day classes for 4-year-olds & Tues.-Thurs. half-day classes for 3-year-olds. Children must be of age by Sept. 30th. County vouchers accepted. \$50 nonrefundable fee & copy of child's birth certificate required at time of registration. Call Lisa Mersek, 216-661-5330, for more info.

St. Mary Byzantine School Registration
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., 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.

Free Flu & Pneumonia Shots

For people living in Cleveland who: are between 6 months & 18 years old; 50+ years or older; have a long-term illness (high blood pressure, liver, heart or lung disease, diabetes, asthma, pregnancy, cancer or a weakened immune system); live with or take care of someone who is 0-5 yrs old, 50+ years old or have a long-term illness.

Every Friday, now thru - Oct. 29th, McCafferty Health Center, 4242 Lorain Ave., 8:30 - 11:30 am; 216-651-5005.

St. Ignatius High School, 1911 W. 30th at Lorain., Sat., Oct. 16th, 10 am - 2 pm; 216-664-4621.


Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Pkwy., Mon., Oct. 18th, 9 am - 4 pm; 216-664-4149.

Dave's Supermarket, 3565 Ridge Rd. Sat., Oct. 23rd, 10 am - 1 pm; 216-961-2000.

Deaconess Krafft, 3100 Devonshire Rd., Mon., Oct. 25th, 10 am - 1 pm; 216-459-2871.

Pilgrim Church, 2592 W. 14th St., Tues, Nov. 2nd, 10 am - 2 pm; 216-861-7388.

Call 216-664-4621 or visit www.cleveland-health.org for more locations & dates.



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Thank You - *Joe Ozimek*

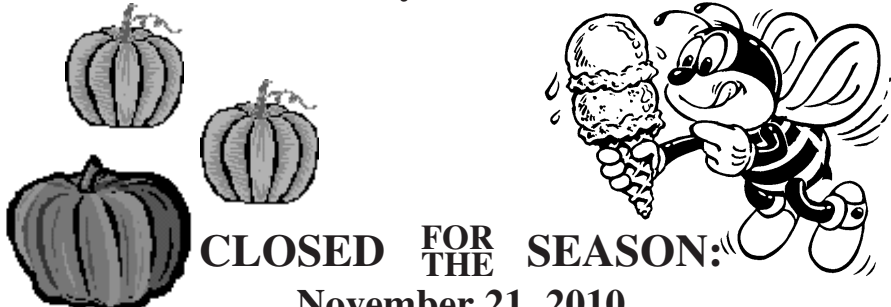


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Ceud Mile Failte performs Celtic music around the city

by Paul Kirk
Ceud Mile founder

The Cleveland area is home to many Celtic music bands, one of which performs original music written by Brooklyn Centre resident Paul Kirk.

Ceud Mile Failte (Scots Gaelic for "A Hundred Thousand Welcomes") was formed about a year ago to perform traditional favorites in addition to the 500+ Celtic style compositions Paul has written.

Among the citywide events at which Ceud Mile Failte has played this past summer were the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's "Bridging the Distance" celebration in honor of the Fulton Road Bridge on June 13th, as well as all three 2010 Walk+Roll events.

More recently they performed "My Joy and Delight, an evening of Celtic-inspired music to touch the senses and refresh the soul" at Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church (BMUMC), 2607 Archwood Ave. It was part of an effort to raise awareness of the usable space in the church building.

BMUMC was built in 1911 and is a well-known historic landmark to many Clevelanders. In addition to a beautiful, auditorium-like sanctuary illuminated by jewel-toned stained glass windows, there is also a 120-seat theater with a small stained glass skylight. This is an appropriate space for musical performances. The acoustics are very good and the space is cozy and intimate, yet ample.

On the humid evening of August 20th, approximately two-thirds of the seats were occupied by enthusiastic people clapping and singing to jigs, reels, waltzes and Celtic songs. Current pastor Reverend Pamela Buzalka was pleased with the attendance and hopes that the church can remain open as a community arts center.

In honor of World Communion Sunday, Ceud Mile Failte will perform with Irish

the centuries. The 90-minute concert will begin at 7 p.m. and have one intermission. Admission is \$10 at the door. This will be the first in the series of Friday evening concerts at St. Paul's. For more information visit www.stpauls-medina.org/

North Olmsted United Methodist Church, 4600 Dover Center Rd., has invited Ceud Mile Failte to present a sit-down concert on Sunday, November 21st, at 7 p.m. The concert will last approximately 90 minutes and will have one 15-minute intermission. A free-will offering will be taken.

Ceud Mile Failte will return to BMUMC to present a Celtic Christmas program early in December.

Ceud Mile Failte band members are Paul Kirk (fiddle), Elizabeth Crowe (cello, banjo, spoons), William Krejci (twelve-string guitar), Erica Tompkins (fiddle, percussion) and Julie Wesolek (flute and

penny whistle). Three of the five members are classically trained musicians, which gives the group a sound that blends "Classical" with "Folk".

They are available to perform for weddings, funerals, parties and other various events.

Ceud Mile Failte's web site is www.ceudmilefailteband.webs.com.

More music samples can be heard at www.musicbypaulkirk.webs.com.

Ceud Mile Failte cordially invites you to become a fan on their Facebook page.



Photo courtesy of Paul Kirk

Ceud Mile Failte band members

(L - R) William Krejci, Julie Wesolek, Erica Tompkins, Paul Kirk and Elizabeth Crowe

dancers at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 3031 Monticello Blvd., on October 3rd at 11 a.m. Forest Hill is an inclusive, progressive church known for presenting musically diverse programs to the community. All are welcome to attend the performance. For more information visit www.fhcpresb.org/

On Wednesday, November 10th, Ceud Mile Failte will present an evening of original and traditional Celtic music at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 317 E. Liberty Street, Medina. They will take the audience on a musical tour of the British Isles throughout

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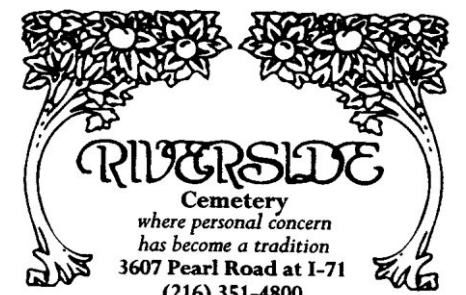
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Autumn officially arrived just over a week ago. To me it seemed that summer passed more quickly than usual because too many days were spent simply trying to survive the record heat.

Now, however, I'm hoping that the global warming trend we experienced continues, and that it'll be well into this month -- or next! -- before we need to rely on central heating again.

If you're reading this column within a few days of the *Old Brooklyn News* "hitting the newsstands", it won't be too late for you to take in two activities going on in Slavic Village this weekend.

(Since the redistricting of Cleveland City Council, parts of Old Brooklyn share Councilman **Tony Brancatelli** with **Slavic Village**. Although it's on the east side of the Cuyahoga River, the neighborhood is not that far away.)

For the past several years we've promoted **CityMusic Cleveland's** concerts in the *News & Events* section of the paper. Although they ask for donations at their performances, held at churches throughout northeast Ohio, admission is free.

This week CityMusic opened its seventh season with an all-Beethoven program, and, as usual, one of the venues is in Slavic Village. On Saturday evening at 7:30 p.m., they will perform at **Our Lady of Lourdes Church (OLOL)**, 3395 E. 53rd St., just south of Broadway Ave.

In the past, CityMusic's Slavic Village performances have been at the **Shrine Church**

of **St. Stanislaus**, but this weekend, St. Stanislaus is holding its annual Polish Festival. So CityMusic asked the pastor of OLOL if this time they could perform there instead.

(See the listing in *Church Notes* on page 10 to read the details about the Polish Festival.)

We are also pleased to report that City Music will perform in Old Brooklyn, at **Mary Queen of Peace Church (MQP)**, on Wednesday, May 18th, 2011.

And speaking of MQP, there were years when during the summer this column was almost exclusively devoted to student accolades. This summer, we didn't mention our students at all. So we'll finish this month with academic awards.

Last June, **Mary Queen of Peace School** was still **Our Lady of Good Counsel School (OLGC)**, and the class of 2010 was the last to receive a diploma from a school with that name. A number of graduates were recognized at the commencement ceremony.

Our Lady of Good Counsel PTU (Parent Teacher Unit) awarded partial tuition scholarships to five grads who'd be attending Catholic high schools. The students, the amounts of their awards and the schools at which they are currently enrolled are:

Kayla Morris, \$1000, St. Joseph Academy; **Matthew Vargas**, \$1000, Benedictine High School; **Michael Sadie**, \$750, Cleveland Central Catholic High School; **Omar Meza**, \$625, Benedictine High School; and **Gianna Branco**, \$625, Cleveland Central Catholic High School.

In addition to the PTU Scholarships, three OLGC eighth graders received memorial scholarships funded by individual families.

Louis Sadie and **Lydia Sternik** each received \$500 **Brian Himes Memorial Awards**. Louis is now at Cleveland Central Catholic High School and Lydia is now at Holy Name High School.

OLGC's other **Memorial Scholarship** honors **Darlene Brezovsky**. This past year **Michael Wells**, now a student at Benedictine High School, received \$500.

Ethnic and religious organizations from outside the parish also offer eighth graders scholarships based on their writing skills about assigned topics. In some instances, the selected essays have gone on to District and State competitions for higher recognition.

The **Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans** awarded first place to an essay written by **Kayla Morris** (now a student at St. Joseph Academy); second place to **Jordan Kay** (now a student at Trinity

High School) and third place to **Matthew Vargas** (now a student at Benedictine High School).

Being first place, Kayla's essay did, in fact, go to the State competition, where it ranked "second" in all of Ohio.

The **Catholic Daughters of the Americas** chose OLGC grad **Antoinette Fuller**, who's now attending St. Joseph Academy, as the recipient of their award.

If you have news for this column, mail it to Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109 or email it to lynnetef@oldbrooklyn.com.

BCN moving toward NWF certification

by **Gloria Ferris**
Brooklyn Centre Naturalist

If you are a regular reader of the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) articles that appear fairly regularly in the *Old Brooklyn News*, you are probably aware that one of the BCN's goals is to certify "Backyard Habitats" for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). What you might not know is the reason for their working so diligently to collect more and more backyard habitats.

Three years ago, the BCN began a quest to become the first certified urban National Wildlife Community. Unfortunately for them, Austin, Texas was certified last year. So, they modified the goal to become the first urban NWF community east of the Mississippi River. Then this past summer Dublin, Ohio became certified.

The BCN subsequently decided that there was no reason to modify its goal because when the certified distinction is achieved, they will still be the only grass roots organization to have reached this milestone. Most of the certified communities up to this point have been driven by local governments and not by a group of neighbors and businesspeople. A goal matrix provided by the NWF guides the BCN in their quest.

Before they began amassing the points needed to become a wildlife community, BCN member Tom Romito led a facilitation process that set tasks and parameters to achieve the goals needed to become a NWF community. At that first meeting, the group set a timeframe of

five years. Each year in September BCN members convene for an annual review and strategic planning session.

Along the way, the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists have collaborated with Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, the Green Space Committee of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, the Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, the Brooklyn Centre Community Association and many neighbors, friends and businesspeople. They have received grants from Neighborhood Connections and ReImagining Cleveland. Soon, they will be applying for grants from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), Wild Schools, the Farm Bureau and other sources.

Last month, the BCN again convened under the direction of Mr. Romito. They were pleasantly surprised to find that they had achieved all goals necessary to apply for certification except one -- they still need two schools and sixty backyards to cross the last hurdle. BCN is asking for help from the community so that our area will become a certified National Wildlife Community.

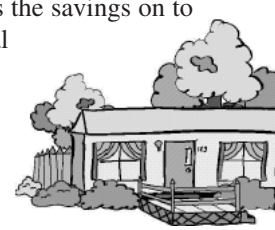
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by Tom Collins
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Each year Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation publishes an annual report for the previous fiscal year. Copies are available for all who would like to read it; it is also available on the Old Brooklyn CDC web site www.oldbrooklyn.com.

The annual report summarizes the status of the many programs the CDC manages and explains the finances that support the agency. The report does not get the same circulation as does *Old Brooklyn News*. The following article is the section of the report describing commercial services for fiscal year 2009-2010 (July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010) that will be published later this month.

Commercial Services

If stability is strength during a down economic cycle, then the business community of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre is riding through the storm. The institutional employment centers like MetroHealth's Senior Health & Wellness Center, Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Cuyahoga County's Children and Family Services Center plus the areas twelve schools are maintaining jobs after a period of employment reduction. Jobs are essential to supporting small businesses in the community.

While Broadview Rd. lost two national franchise fast food restaurants, other local restaurants are afloat and managing. The reopening of the Fulton Road Bridge has helped local retailers on both sides of the Bridge, especially those in the Memphis-Fulton shopping district. Small business owners must be flexible and cautious as they adjust their product and service offering to weather the storm that is encompassing the national economy. Their flexibility, discipline and commitment to business are an important asset to the community. Making payroll every week is very hard work. For the most part, it is happening throughout Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn.

The Krather Building remains on the market. It continues to draw interest from developers who understand the importance of the tax credits associated with historic preservation. Just like the many years it took the Detroit Shoreway CDC to restore the Capitol Theatre, Old Brooklyn CDC is committed to working with the owners to find a suitable purchaser.

The RTA garage also remains an important goal for creative redevelopment. There are not too many developers interested in a five-acre site with 117,000 square foot garage, but Old Brooklyn CDC will continue to search for that niche opportunity.

Storefront Renovation Program

Convincing commercial property owners to invest in exterior improvements to their buildings is a hard task. The Cleveland Storefront Renovation program provides either a 40 % rebate or low-cost loans for exterior renovations and signage for older commercial buildings. Wee Kare Day Care on Broadview Rd. is under contract and expects to complete the restoration by the end of 2010. Two other businesses have submitted preliminary applications and expect to be under contract in fiscal year 2010-2011.

Business and Institutional Support

The OBCDC commercial manager assisted 124 individual businesses on a wide variety of issues including zoning changes, business planning, operational challenges, marketing, expansion, leasing, building code compliance, security, neighbor relations and exit strategies. Ten of those businesses received assistance in the all important area of start up, expansion or retention.

The commercial manager informs businesses about city and county financial assistance programs that can help a business expand, relocate or even start a new business. The manager is the liaison to the Near West Design and Review Committee and the Brooklyn Centre Historic District Design and Review Committee. The manager helps commercial property owners and business operators navigate the various departments of Cleveland city government with respect to permits, zoning and city loans. The position functions as a business generalist that can match the resources with the opportunity.

Business Promotion

Networking and promotion is essential to business growth. To that end a group of Old Brooklyn merchants organized a business promotion event in conjunction with the All Access Home and Bicycle Tour. They sponsored two bicycle-oriented events: Pedal for

Prizes and Bicycle Poker. These two events brought new cyclists to Old Brooklyn or brought residents to local businesses for the first time. This also served to identify the Old Brooklyn commercial corridors as the "Gateway to the Zoo".

There was also local business support for the October 2009 *Falloween Festival* and the June 2010 *Bridging the Distance Run* for the new Fulton Road Bridge.

Over the past several years there has been an informal breakfast gathering of small business owners once a month. These are casual conversations about doing business in the community. New business relationships have been born as a result of this gathering.

One of the informal outcomes was the window theme decorations of straw and mums in October of 2009, followed by the poinsettia displays for the winter holiday season.

The two presentations in March 2010 by Team NEO were a result of the casual conversation emanating from this breakfast get-together. And, of course, good networking creates new business opportunities.

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Maintaining Commercial Property
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The Design and Review Committee insures that in a designated area, all exterior changes to buildings and parking lots are approved by the local committee. The purpose is to see that changes meet building code, are compatible with the architecture of the building, and do not visibly detract from the neighboring buildings. There is one design and review committee for Old Brooklyn and another committee for Brooklyn Centre. In the 2009-2010 fiscal year six businesses presented plans that were approved, and none were denied.

Commercial code enforcement is actual visual inspection of the exterior of commercial buildings and if conditions warrant, requesting an official inspection from the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing. This tool is often used as an informative action that lets property owners know about deteriorating building conditions and assistance that may be available to correct problems.

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Friends of Big Creek now has own space

by Mary Ellen Stasek
Chairman, Friends of Big Creek

The *Town Crier* column of the July issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* stated that architect John Rakauskas had a forthcoming announcement regarding the new office space he now occupies upstairs at 4352 Pearl Rd. (at Brooklyn Ave.).

This month it's time to make the announcement -- The larger accommodations have allowed John to share some space with Friends of Big Creek (FOBC).

Friends of Big Creek was organized more than five years ago and has used various community meeting rooms for its gatherings. Now they have a desk, storage space for maps and documents, and best of all, a place for board meetings and other small get-togethers. Having a base of operations is a welcome change for members of this largely volunteer effort.

FOBC's mission is "to conserve, enhance, and bring recognition to the natural and historic resources of the Big Creek Watershed and develop a recreational trail network that joins these resources to each other and the community."

Friends of Big Creek is hoping to receive endorsement of the recently completed Big

Creek Balanced Growth Watershed Management Plan by the Ohio Lake Erie Commission soon (possibly by the end of the year). The Plan provides a framework for protecting and restoring the watershed to assure long-term economic competitiveness, ecological health and quality of life.

Defining areas where FOBC wants to support redevelopment and where they want to support conservation is one strategy which will help them achieve these goals. As the Plan's name states, it's a "balance" and recommends that they follow models and standards for best practices in local land use decision-making.

In addition to regular creek clean-ups and public presentations and forums, there are a number of projects in FOBC's hopper. Check the website, www.friendsofbigcreek.org to keep abreast of meetings and activities.

FOBC is always looking for input. Anyone interested in learning more or becoming involved can drop a line to info@friendsofbigcreek.org or call FOBC Project Manager Bob Gardin at 216-269-6472.

Friends of Big Creek would also be happy to make a presentation to a class or group explaining the watershed approach to managing land and water resources. Use the email or phone number in the preceding paragraph to set that up, too.

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Cuyahoga County Land Bank – first home sold

by Robyn Sandys
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Old Brooklyn was the location for the first home to be rehabbed by the Land Bank. It was at 2318 Portman Ave.. A grand opening of the home took place on September 15, 2010. The

house was sold soon after it was completed. The opening had many visitors from around the neighborhood and beyond. Councilman Kevin Kelley representing Ward 13 spoke briefly at the reception and praised the work of the Land Bank, whose main purpose it to help return vacant and abandoned properties in Cuyahoga County to productive use. The Councilman also noted the high quality of work put into the rehab of this home.

The photo to the left is of a guest viewing photos of the home while being rehabilitated.

They are nearly completed on another home in Old Brooklyn at 4408 Germaine Ave. As of the end of September it had not been sold. For additional information on the Land Bank's home, programs and services please go to www.cuyahogaland



Photo by George Shuba

New program eases solar buying for Cleveland homeowners

On August 31, One Block off The Grid (IBOG) launched Cleveland's first ever solar group purchase program. Offering homeowners a unique opportunity to buy solar at a fixed group discount rate for the duration of the 3-month the IBOG program, solar advisors provide personalized information and support throughout the entire process.

"We are excited to help jump-start the Cleveland solar market," said Dave Llorens, CEO of One Block Off the Grid. "Tax incentives and rebates are so strong in Cleveland,

solar systems can now pay for themselves in 3-4 years with our group discount. Going solar is one of the easiest ways for homeowners to save money on their electricity bills."

IBOG spent a month investigating local Cleveland installers and then selected Astrum Solar as program partner to service the entire group's installations.

One Block Off the Grid's Cleveland program will run through November 30, 2010. To sign up for the free program, visit IBOG's website at www.SolarCleveland.IBOG.org.

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Free tutoring for Cleveland students

by Marie Suma, Program Manager, Knowledge College, Inc.

Knowledge College, Inc. provides free after-school reading and math tutoring for eligible students in Cleveland Metropolitan School District (CMSD). Last year in the Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre area, Knowledge College tutored at William Cullen Bryant, Benjamin Franklin, Charles A. Mooney and Denison elementary schools and James F. Rhodes High School.

(William Cullen Bryant was taken off this year's list of eligible schools because they've met federal and City standards for excellence for multiple years.)

The Knowledge College program offers students in grades K-10 thirty hours of free tutoring throughout the school year. The goal is to help students improve their reading or math skills and prepare them for the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA).

After the initial enrollment period, students will be pre-tested to determine weaknesses so that a customized learning plan can be created for each student. Once the School District and parents approve the learning plan, tutoring can get started, which usually takes place from December to April.

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ough background check. The tutors will be guided by curriculum specifically designed to help each student meet the goals listed on his/her learning plan.

It's easy for parents to sign-up their children. The CMSD started to mail enrollment forms to eligible students on September 27th, and they should be arriving in mail boxes over the next two weeks. The mailing will be delivered in a blue or yellow envelope. It is important that parents check all mail from the school district because the application might be included with other paperwork.

Each application has the individual student's name on it. Parents desiring to pursue tutoring with Knowledge College must designate it as their first choice, sign the application form and mail it back in the enclosed envelope. Students will be accepted into the program on a first-come, first-served basis by CMSD. It is important that the envelope be returned immediately since there are 30,000 eligible students but only 4500 available spots.

After the school district notifies Knowledge College that a child has been approved for the program, a phone call will be made to the parents to explain the details of the program and when the tutoring will begin.

Parents who have any questions about tutoring or the enrollment process, should call 216-771-1428 or visit www.knowledgecollegeinc.com to see if a child is eligible.

Sign up for food stamps and other services

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 3344 Broadview Rd., will be hosting The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland (ECGC) on **Tuesday, October 19th, from 1 - 3 p.m.** The Center assists low-income individuals in Cuyahoga County with basic human needs. ECGC's goal is to empower, educate, advocate, and guide people to resources. ECGC offers utility assistance (CEI and First Energy ONLY). Qualified individuals can get **FREE** eye glasses with a prescription

These days it seems as though people have to do everything on line, even applying for employment. Have no fear; ECGC offers a free computer course (*Journey to Employment Pathways to Success*). Students receive classroom training, self-directed computer learning, job search/ job readiness training and computer literacy training. They also help people qualify receive discounts from AT & T's Lifeline Ohio; assist with Food Stamp applications; and advocate for clients having an issue with their caseworkers. Stop by to see if you qualify for these services.



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Halloween pranks these days quite tame compared to those of yesteryear

by Lynette Filips
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Love it or hate it, on October 31st it'll be Halloween again. The festivity has been around for a very long time, having roots in ancient Roman, Celtic and Catholic religious rituals as well as European folk traditions.

One of the Roman festivals of the dead, Lemuria, took place at roughly the same time as Halloween. Another, Feralia, took place on February 21st; Roman citizens brought food offerings to the tombs of their deceased ancestors.

Because the Celts thought that the dead could return to the earth on the feast they called Samhain (summer's end), they lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off the roaming ghosts. The festivities lasted over several days, but were most intense October 31st to November 1st.

Roman (western) Catholics have celebrated All Saints' Day on November 1st since the seventh/eighth centuries, and All Souls' Day on November 2nd since before the Protestant Reformation. Halloween is the "All Hallows Eve" of All Saints Day.

In the 1800s, Halloween began to lose its religious connotation and became more of a secular children's holiday. But even the secular practices have changed a lot during the past two centuries.

To reminisce about Halloween in the early years of my writing historical features for the *Old Brooklyn News* (1991, 1992 and 1993), I talked to a number of neighborhood old-timers about how they'd observed the holiday in their younger days. I also recalled letters from a great-uncle about Halloween pranks he'd pulled when he was growing up in rural Ohio (Norwalk) more than a hundred years ago.

By now those fellows have all passed on to the next life, but thankfully through this publication, I was able to preserve their Halloween tricks – and even a few from the ladies – forever. I've decided that enough time has passed for the best of them to be resurrected.

This year, our November issue will also be published in October, two days before Halloween. So the history articles in both our October and our November issues will recount Halloween lore.

Mention past Halloween pranks, and "outhouse" is often the first word which comes to folks' minds. Whether they lived in the city or the country, until a hundred years ago (less than that in some parts of America), outhouses were a reality of life.

The most benign Halloween stories involve tipping over outhouses. More complex was tipping over an outhouse (accidentally or on purpose) with a person in it. Even more daring was using a long weed to tickle the rear end of a person while he/she was seated in the outhouse.

In addition to being tipped over, outhouses were also moved to different sites on Halloween. Perhaps that meant being pushed down a hill, but it might also have meant being put on top of another building, like a shed.



Rural boys were busy moving other things on Halloween night, too, most notably farmers' hay wagons. These, too, might have ended up on top of a barn or shed. Then, just as the boys had to figure out how to get them up there (perhaps by dismantling them first), farmers who'd been "pranked" had to figure out how to get them down again.

Early on, even our "South Brooklyn" section of Cleveland was quite rural; a blacksmith shop was on Broad St., now the corner of Broadview Rd. and W. 24th St., where Auburn Cleaners is currently located. In addition to shoeing horses, the blacksmith there also repaired farmers' wagons.

It happened that a grouchy old farmer lived on the north end of Valley Rd., and grouchy people were victimized on Halloween more often than nice people were. One year, a group of boys "borrowed" a wagon from the blacksmith shop and pulled it south along Broadview Rd., stopping at almost every house along the way, filling it with peoples' porch furniture. Then they quickly unloaded all the furniture on the lawn of the grouchy Valley Rd. farmer.

The spare wagon wheels which the blacksmith stockpiled in his yard were also useful to Halloween pranksters. The blacksmith worked on the farm wagons on the roof of his building, and the roof was accessed by an outdoor ramp which ran parallel to W. 24th St.

On Halloween, boys rolled the wheels up to the roof and then let go down the ramp. Most of the wheels rolled down the street, but a few of them ended up on the porches of nearby houses.

The "road apples" which the horses left at the blacksmith shop were also utilized on Halloween. Year-round, even girls slung them at bullies, but on Halloween, the turds were put into bags and left on front porches. Sometimes

they were even set on fire. It was never good to step on such a bag accidentally, and it was even worse to stomp on such a bag to extinguish a fire.

With the passage of time, of course, there were no longer hay wagons for city boys to move around, but there were plenty of other items for them to use – bicycles, wooden front steps and entire sets of porch furniture.

Apparently city boys didn't limit their frivolity to one night, either. One now-deceased, totally responsible Old Brooklyn man told me that in the 1920s, the pranks went on for the whole week before Halloween, and that the boys gave each night a different name, according to its theme – *porch night, garbage night, doorbell night, tomato night, cabbage night, etc.*

On the morning after *porch night*, one might find his/her wicker porch furniture on the neighbor's porch, on the porch roof, on top of the garage, dangling from one of the spikes going up the side of a telephone pole, or, as happened at least once, on the flagpole at Riverside Cemetery.

Back porches might also be targeted on that night. Housewives who accidentally left their metal laundry wash tubs out may have discovered that they'd been pelted by BBs.

Garbage cans were the focus of *garbage night*. The next day residents may have found

theirs on their front porches, or, worse yet, emptied on their front lawns.



There were several versions of *doorbell night* pranks. The simplest was to ring the doorbell and run. Another was to ring the bell and leave something behind (e.g., a dummy looking in the door). Yet another was to jam the doorbell with a straight pin so that the button stayed in and the bell kept ringing.

Perhaps the most sophisticated version of the doorbell prank was to tie the front door knob to a porch rail or post (there were no storm doors in those days) and then ring the doorbell. When the occupant came to the door and tried to open it, he was unable to do so.

On *tomato night* and *cabbage night*, people's vegetable gardens were raided and the produce tossed at the houses. Cleaning up the mess the next day wasn't pleasant, but at least it didn't smell as bad as houses which had been "egged" did.

We'll save the other half of the pranks for Part II. Meanwhile, if you think of something you did in your younger days which you want to be sure if among the pranks we recount, please contact me by phone, fax, e-mail or snail mail at the *Old Brooklyn News*.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Community Association meeting, Thurs. Oct. 28th (& every fourth Thurs.), 6:30 pm, Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, 2607 Archwood Ave. (corner of Archwood and Pearl).

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists - no formal meeting this month. Instead -- Every Saturday (Oct. 2nd,9th,16th,23rd,30th), from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, meet at 3848 West 36th St. (one lot south of Denison Ave.) to work with Joe Mestnik building garden walls at the second vacant lot BCN is transforming.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club - New location! Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. (Park behind bldg. to easily access Community Room.) Sun., Oct 17th, 2 pm. Deborah Abbott, Ph.D. speaking about "Going Beyond the Basics: Vital Records & Related Sources". Preceded by short business meeting & refreshments. Call 440-734-2021 for more info. Prospective members welcome.

Brooklyn Historical Society monthly meeting at the museum, 4442 Ridge Rd., Wed., Oct. 27th, 7 pm. Dale Jerkins discussing turn of the century local amusement parks (e.g., Euclid

Beach, Conneaut Lake, Crystal Beach, etc.). Dale's trinkets & souvenirs also on display. Program followed by refreshments; all welcome. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Oct. 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.

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

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

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Oct. 19th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., Oct. 11th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.



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All Ages Family Open Studios - 3rd Sat. of every month; 1-3 pm. Make individual pieces of family art works. Each month has a theme; Art House provides materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit website for other programs or more info.

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 & 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.

Opening Sat., Oct. 9th - Mother Goose Math: Rhyme & Arithmetic. Hands-on, interactive exhibit that brings scenes & images from popular nursery rhymes. Children use reading & rhyme to explore simple mathematics & numerical subjects.

New Exhibit! Healthier Ever After Children maneuver through active, fairytale, make-believe forest overcoming obstacles as they exercise their bodies & learn healthy nutrition facts in a fun, playful manner at the: **Stretching Station** - Begin your journey by warming & stretching your muscles.

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Healthier Ever After Castle - Explore nearly 10-foot castle, get hearts pumping as they climb stairs, jump over a bridge, go down a slide & raise a flag signaling their successful completion of the castle challenges.

Goodness Grove - Learn that 5 - 9 servings of fruits & vegetables recommended every day.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org

Hopi Seed Pots - Hershey Garden, Sat. Oct. 2nd, 16th, 23rd & 30th; Sun., Oct. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st; 1-3 pm. Free w/admission.

Scarecrow Family Picnic - Sat., Oct. 9th. On Geis Terrace, noon - 2 pm. Make garden scare-

crow; all trimmings provided. Register in advance; supplies limited. Fee - \$6/scarecrow. Picnic lunch menu items also offered for purchase; open grille on Terrace by Bon Appétit. **BOO-tanical Bash** - Hershey Children's Garden, Sat., Oct. 23rd, 5:30 - 8 pm. Cost - Adults: \$8.50/member, \$10/non-member; children: \$10/member; \$13/non-member. Limited garage parking: \$5. Wear costume, trick-or-treat, play games, create crafts & dance. Advanced registration required.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center E. 49th St. between Grant Ave & Canal Rd. 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com.

Youth Outdoor Odyssey - Sat., Oct. 9, noon - 4 pm. Activities & discoveries include fishing & fishing skills, golf skills, other outdoor skills & demonstrations, nature crafts & more. Variety of nature & environmental organizations on hand with activities & displays. Live animals from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center. Kids also learn about types of bait & how to bait hooks properly. Live bait & loaner fishing equipment available. Bring cooler & ice to store fish caught. (Fishing licenses required for ages 16 - 65.) Collect stamps on "Odyssey Passport" & redeem completed passport for a prize.

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

Special Horse-Drawn Hayrides - Sat, Oct. 9th - 2 - 5 pm & Sun., Oct. 17th, 4:30 - 7:30 pm.; \$12 per person; by reservation only; limited space; includes 1/2-hour ride, hot cider/hot chocolate, snack & kids' goody bag (for ages 11 & under with paid ticket). **Tractor-drawn Fall Hayrides & Square Dancing** - all Oct. Sat. evenings, 6 - 10 pm; Sun. afternoons, noon - 4 pm. Cost - general public hayrides: \$7.50 - adults; \$5.50 - children 3 - 11; free - children 2 & under (must sit on adult lap).

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

Family Fun Day: Pumpkins & Scarecrows - Fri., Oct. 29th; every half hour, 3 - 7 pm. Make a jack-o-lantern, painted pumpkin or scarecrow. Bring pumpkin & old clothes; leaves for stuffing, patterns, paints & safety knives provided. Sample pumpkin snacks. Registration recommended; all kids at heart welcome..

Cleveland Metroparks - Hinckley Boathouse West Dr. Hinckley Lake 440-278-3132

Voyageur Canoe Paddles - Sun., Oct. 3rd & Sat. & Sun., 16th & 17th; 11 am, 12:30 pm, 2 pm & 3:30 pm; \$5 per person. Hour long program on 34 ft. canoe; paddle to the fur trade era, sing French Canadian paddle songs, taste the food of the Grand Nor' West. Canoe can hold 18 people. Life jackets; educational & fun. Registration required; call 216-206-1000.

Cleveland Metroparks - North Chagrin Nature Center Mayfield Village 440-473-3370

Monarch Magic - Sat., Sept. 11th, noon - 4 pm; free. Find out to where monarch butterflies migrate from Ohio's winters. Presentations, hikes, butterfly banding, butterfly net tent, crafts, refreshments & more.

Cleveland Metroparks - Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum

Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660
Haunted Trail - Fri. & Sat., Oct. 1st-2nd, 8th-9th, 15th-16th, 22nd-23rd, 29-30th & Sun., Oct. 31st; 7:30 - 11 pm. Cost - \$10 per person; \$8 per person for groups of 20 or more.

Halloween Hoopla - Sat., Oct. 30th. Wear costume & come for stories, live animals, crafts & scavenger hunts; 1 - 4 pm. Ages up to 12 with an adult.

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

Boo at the Zoo - Thurs. - Sun., Oct. 21st - 24th & 28th - 31st; 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Tickets on sale now. Visit Zoo's website or call for details & prices.

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

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

Hours: Tues, Thurs, Sat, Sun, 10 am - 5 pm. Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 9 pm. Closed Mon. Free.

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, free for children 12 & under. Planetarium shows -- \$4 plus general admission.

Special Exhibit, "Disease Detectives" opens Oct. 9th; runs thru Jan. 23rd; includes 3 interactive mannequin patients w/ different illnesses; laboratory for analyzing test results; *Microbe Dance; Infectious Diseases in the News; Our Bodies Play Killer Defense; Infectious diseases Through Time;* exhibit's companion website is www.diseasedetectives.org. Exhibit developed by Science Museum of Minnesota. Included with regular Museum admission.

2010 Target Free First Thursdays - Free admission first Thurs. of month thru Mar., 2011. Explore permanent exhibits & watch outdoor galleries where owls, bobcats, otters & more are busy all year. Free admission doesn't apply to school or other groups, other programs or special exhibits.

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.

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

Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Thru Jan 3rd., 2011 -- "Strange Matter", a dozen hands-on exhibits which allow close encounter with amazing world of materials science. **NASA Glenn Visitor Center** relocated to 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 adult. Regular admission ranges from \$7.95 - \$9.95 a person. Free admission for members.

Hale Farm & Village
2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath
330-666-3711 www.wrhs.org/halefarm

Harvest Festival - Sat. & Sun., Oct. 9th & 10th. Fall experiences include pumpkin carving, hay rides, giant hay piles, pumpkin painting, apple butter & apple cider.

All Hale's Eve - Sat., Oct. 30th; 6 - 8 pm. Put on a costume & trick-or-treat right at the Farm. Admission: \$10 per person; \$5 for WRHS members.

Fun on the Farm, one-hour, pre-school programs; a craft, story, a snack & a visit to a farm site. **Fri., Oct. 8th**, Apples; **Fri., 15th**, Little Boy Blue; **Sat., 16th**, Little Boy Blue; **Fri., 22nd**, Stone Soup; **Fri., 29th**, Pumpkins. Members: \$8 per child; 1 adult free. Non-members: \$10 per child; 1 adult free. Additional adults: \$5 each. Ages 2 - 6. Programs: Fri., 10 am & 1 pm. Reservations required; call or email for more info.

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

Fall Family Hayride Night - Fri., Oct. 8th, 6-9 pm; includes pizza & salad dinner; activities; planetarium programs, wildlife encounters plus hayrides. Pre-registration required. Cost - \$12, adult; \$8, children 2 and up; free, 1 year & under.

Halloween Hayride Night - Fri., Oct. 29th, 6-9 pm; includes pizza & salad dinner; crafts; planetarium viewing, trick or treating - wear costume - thru Wildlife Gardens, plus hayrides. Pre-registration required. Cost - \$12, adult; \$8, children 2 and up; free, 1 year & under.

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

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

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

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

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

MetroHealth Lite & East Exercise - Mon., Wed., Fri., 9:15 - 10:15 am. \$2 per class.

“SCR Strollers” - Walking group, Tues., 10 am; meet at Deaconess-Krafft.

Fun & Games

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

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

Horse Racing for Fun - Fri., 10:30 am, Deaconess-Krafft.

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

Tuesday, October 5th, 12th & 19th

Visiting Nurse Association presents **A Grief Support film series**; call 216-931-1327 for more info.

Tuesday, October 19th

“Looking to the Future” - Wellness Fair at Deaconess-Krafft Center, 10 am - 1 pm. Call 216-749-4477 for more info.

Monday, October 25th

Flu & Pneumonia Shots - Deaconess-Krafft. 10 am - 1 pm. Call 216-749-4477 for more info.

Thursday, November 4th

Annual Kick-Off Dinner - 5 - 8 pm. Cost: \$17 per person. Call 216-749-5367 for tickets.

CHURCH NOTES**Wednesday Evenings****Enrollment for RCIA Program**

Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., Parish Center, 7 pm. For those who would like to become Catholic; also for baptized Catholic adults who haven't made their First Communion. Call 216-741-6126 to enroll or for more info.

Fri., Sat., Sun. October 1st - 3rd**Polish Festival**

St Stanislaus Church, 3649 E 65th St. Delicious Polish food, live music & dancing!

Wednesdays, October 6th & 20th**Fifty Plus Group Meeting**

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs; noon. **Oct. 6th** - bring brown bag lunch; play games. **Oct. 20th** - free lunch provided; historian from MetroParks to speak. Anyone from Old Brooklyn neighborhood who's at least 50 years old invited.

Oglebay Festival of Lights - Fri., Nov. 19th. Trip cost: \$75; should be paid by Oct. 6th. Contact church office, 216-351-6499, for more info & itinerary.

Sunday, October 10th**“Cookin for Christ”**

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs in Stohs Hall; 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Menu features stuffed cabbage, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, applesauce, dessert & beverages. Tickets - \$7, adult; \$4, child under 10. To reserve a place call 216-351-6499 by Thurs., Oct. 7th.

Saturday, October 16th**Candlelight Marian Prayer Service**

Outside the closed St. Wendelin Church, 2281 Columbus Rd., 7 pm. Goal is to unite displaced parishioners of suppressed parishes. All encouraged to attend this sign of unity. Spread the word so that everone in this position can stand as one.

Tuesday, October 26th**Widows and Widowers Luncheon**

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., noon. Italian pot roast, golden potatoes, green beans, salads & dessert. Cost: \$3 per

person. Reserve a place by calling church office -- 216-351-6499. Bring a friend!

Wednesday, October 27th**Erie's Presque Isle Downs Casino**

Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd.; \$28 per person. Leave at 9 am; arrive at Casino at noon. Each person will receive a bonus. Back home at 7 pm. Over 2000 slots, progressive jackpots & table games. Call Julia, 216-351-9970, for more info.

Mary Queen of Peace Church

4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323

Sun, Oct. 3rd - Parade to Respect Life & spaghetti dinner, 12:30 pm. Parade down Pearl Rd. to State Rd., then return to Mary Queen of Peace. Walk or drive. Spaghetti dinner in Parish Center the same day. Tickets: adults, \$8; children, \$4.

Tues, Oct. 5th - Mass & Healing service with Frank Kelly, 5:30 pm.

Fri., Oct. 8th - Family Fridays -- special evening for homeschool families in Lower Chapel & Marian Lounge. Potluck - 6 pm; Rosary - 7:30 pm; Mass, 8 pm.

Sat., Oct. 9th, Ladies Autumn Desert Tea, 12:30 - 2:30 pm, Marian Lounge. Bring your own cup & saucer.

Sat., Oct. 9th - Night at the Races, 6:30 pm. \$15 admission includes food & beverage. Call for more info.

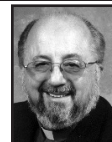
Sat., Oct. 9th & 23rd - Men's Prayer Group meeting. Meet in Parish Center., 8:30 am (every other week).

Sat., Oct.16th - Sweetest Day dance, 8 pm - midnight. Tickets: \$10 per person.

Sun., Oct. 24th - Mass for Anointing of the Sick, 2 pm.

Sun., Oct. 31st - Trunk or Treat - 12:30-1:30 pm. Decorate your car with your best Halloween decorations & have candy available to pass out to costumed kids. Kids go from car to car in a safe environment & "trunk or treat."

As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry

Norman Cousins was asked to speak to cancer patients in a hospital. He told a story about losing a quarter in a pay phone. "Operator," he said, "I put a quarter in this phone and lost it." "Sir," she responded, "if you give me your name and address, we'll mail the coin to you." Cousins objected, saying that was unacceptable. "Why don't you just return my quarter to me now?"

She repeated the offer and asked if he had pushed the coin-return plunger. He hadn't. When he did, the pay phone spat out nearly Four Dollars!

The operator said, "Sir, will you please put the coins back into the phone?" Cousins replied, "Madam, if you give me your name and address, I will gladly mail the coins to you!"

The patients exploded in laughter at Cousins' story. Then a physician asked, "How many of you entered this room in pain?" More than half raised their hands. "How many of you in the past few minutes had less or no pain?" The same people again raised their hands.

Laughter is one of the best medications ever!

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

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

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul's Food Pantry, formerly located in the Biddulph Plaza and currently on Ridge Rd. (several streets northeast of Memphis Ave.), again finds itself in need of a new building because the one in which they are presently operating is in foreclosure. OBCDC's Commercial Manager is working with them to find a suitable location. In addition to sufficient interior space, ample parking space is also necessary. Call OBCDC if you are aware of an option for them 216-459-1000.

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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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The Boy Scouts from Mary Queen of Peace Church sponsored a classic car show in the church's back parking lot on Saturday, September 11th. Two James Ford Rhodes High School freshman football players, (left - right) Ronald Johnson and Josh Pierzchaia, posed next to Bruce Rekowski's 1966 Chevrolet "Chevelle" with a 502 motor blown with nitrous.



The summer 2010 growing season is winding down, and it was generally so hot and so dry that many gardeners were disappointed in the return they received for their efforts this year. But not Erich and Lucy Neumann of 4125 W. 50th St.! Early in the season they purchased cherry tomato plants at Old Brooklyn Greenhouse and Garden Center (4646 W. 11th St., between W. Schaaf Rd. and Spring Rd.) and planted them in their back yard. The plants grew to a height of twelve feet, and yielded many tomatoes.

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Foster Pointe Senior Apartment Homes is a new 61-unit, three-story, affordable senior housing development at 2000 Denison Ave. in Brooklyn Centre. It opened mid-summer.

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Ben Franklin gardeners and guests enjoyed many dishes containing garden produce at their Harvest Picnic potluck on Saturday, September 11th, at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden. Gardeners also recognized the 10-year anniversary of Garden Coordinator Tom Sargent and re-elected Lisa Young to a three-year term on the Garden Committee. The gardeners also elected Jan Papez, Kim Hageman and Mike Theus to full terms and Bruce Page to complete the final year of a three-year term. A 50/50 raffle netted \$160 to Dolly Smith and the Garden Committee's Operating Fund. At the close of the picnic, the Garden Committee re-elected officers for one-year terms: John Jenkins, chairman; Jeff Kostura, vice chairman; Kim Repinski, treasurer; and Lisa Young, secretary. At press-time the Garden was half-way toward its 2010 goal of donating 6,000 pounds of produce to the needy. Recent donations included a 22-pound Hubbard squash. The Garden will close for the season on Sunday, October 17th. Brushhogging and plowing to prepare the ground for next season is scheduled to take place October 25th-26th, weather permitting.

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