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Old Brooklyn to create community website

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Many residents have already heard about the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi project in Ward 13, but maybe some haven't heard about the new *Old Brooklyn Connected* website. As an important complement to the Wi-Fi currently under construction in Ward 13, the website will be a resource for everyone.



The website, in addition to being the landing page for all who log on to the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi, will be available to everyone in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre. This new community portal will have local news, events and information available all the time.

With just one click, residents will be able to search for local jobs, connect with City and Community Development Corporation programs, and keep up to date on news in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

One new component of the website is

that residents will be able to submit news stories and events; these could also end up online or in the next print edition of the *Old Brooklyn News*! After the website is live, people will be able to become citizen journalists and submit articles for review with the click of a button. Under the "News" tab, they'll click "Submit News Story" and fill in the form to have the article sent to *Old Brooklyn News* editors for review.

A similar form exists for those who would like to submit an event. Generally, events should be open to the public in order to be accepted. They'll simply go to "Events", click "Submit Event" and fill in the form to have their event reviewed.

The *Old Brooklyn Connected* website will be going live in early February and can be found at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. It will look like the photo above, not what is there now.

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'A Better Block' coming to Old Brooklyn

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This month marks the sixth year that Downtown Old Brooklyn, listed as the South Brooklyn Commercial District, has been on the National Register of Historic Places. In recognition of our downtown historic district, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), in cooperation with other local institutions, is working to make the district shine once again.



This photo of Pearl Rd. looking north to Broadview Rd. shows some of the businesses on the east side of the road in 1946. The picture of Downtown Old Brooklyn (then South Brooklyn) appeared in the book *South Brooklyn* which seniors at James Ford Rhodes High School published in 1946 for the City of Cleveland's Sesquicentennial celebration.

OBCDC is currently in the early planning stages for an event known as Better Block that will take place in Downtown Old Brooklyn. Better Block is a demonstration tool which was created in Dallas, Texas in 2010 to allow communities to actively participate in the creation of a complete street, or a street that accommodates alternative modes of transportation.

It focuses on increasing an area's perception of safety, stimulating economic activity in blighted or vacant corridors, and creating a vision of what a more active street life can do for an area.

Old Brooklyn if there were shops and events that wanted to visit?

These questions are only to start the conversation. If you have any comments, ideas, or brainstorm about Downtown Old Brooklyn we want to hear from you.

Contact Christopher Lohr at 216-459-1000 or at christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com to give your feedback!

For more information on redevelopment in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre, all of the planning initiatives of the Old Brooklyn CDC can be found online at <http://oldbrooklyn.com/planning.htm>

Old Brooklyn Wi-Fi answers questions

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Interest in the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi has been steadily increasing as the project pushes forward to completion. Along with this interest have come many questions about the project. In order for residents to become more informed, here are answers to the most frequently asked questions we've been hearing.

Q - When will *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi be completed?

A - Due to delays with installation of the fiber optics, the network is tentatively scheduled for completion by the end of February 2011. This date is tentative, and is subject to change.

Q - Does the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi network cover my area?

A - The network will cover all of Ward 13, as shown in the map below. If you are outside of the green area, you will not be able to get the wireless signal.

Q - Will the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi network be secure?

A - Yes, the network will be secure. The signal itself will be listed as an unsecured network, but a login will be required after you connect to the network.

Q - Do I need to be on a "list" in order to be able to access the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi?

A - No, the network will be available to all users in Ward 13. A short, free registration is required before access to the World Wide Web is permitted.

Q - What kind of computer do I need to connect to the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi?

A - You will need a wireless-enabled computer. Most modern laptops have wireless cards

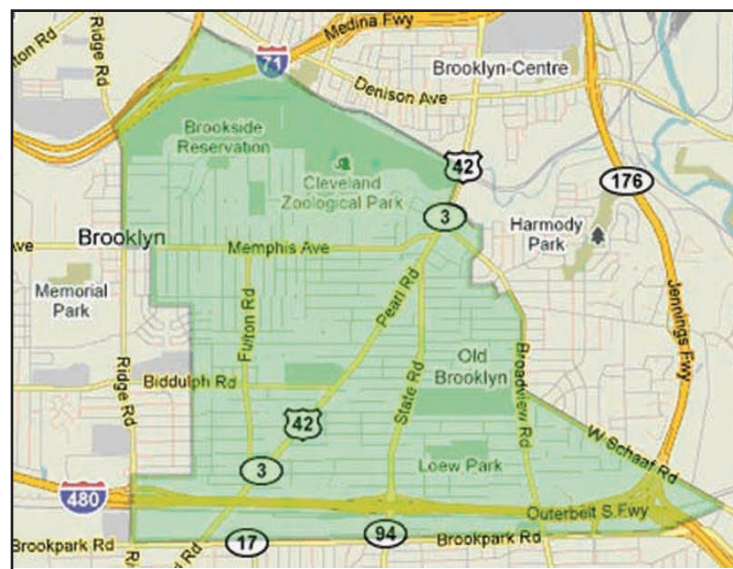
built in; however most desktops do not. Due to variations in home construction, signal strength in your home may vary. For this reason, we recommend purchasing a CPE (a device that acts as an antenna) in order to get the best possible home experience.

Q - Should I cancel my home internet subscription that I have through my phone or cable provider?

A - We encourage residents to not immediately cancel their current internet subscriptions. Instead, try out the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi and see if it is right for you. We want to ensure that users have the best possible experience. Users who stream movies, music or online games may find that their current home internet provider is better suited to meeting their needs.

Q - Where can I purchase the CPE device?

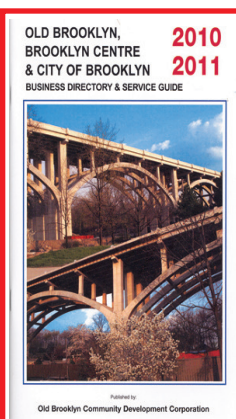
A - We are currently working with Best Buy and MyWiFiNation, a local distributor, to have the devices available. The standard model price will be approximately \$70 including mounting bracket (ethernet cable not included). More information will be available in the coming weeks at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com.



For more information or if you would like to receive e-mail updates, contact Christopher Lohr at 216-459-1000 or christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com. Also be sure to visit our website at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com.

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If you should see Lawrence Young walking around Old Brooklyn he will greet you with a smile and a gentle spirit that instills a sense of calm. You may wonder what he knows that you don't.

Lawrence's life story began in Detroit, Michigan. He seemed to have been born with an innate knowledge of how troubled the world was around him. After high school, Lawrence joined the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a missionary, religious group which serves people in many countries over the world. Lawrence studied in Arlington, Virginia and Washington, D.C. He made his religious profession as a Brother in 1967 and was sent to the Dominican Republic with his sight set on becoming a priest.

During the time he spent in the Dominican Republic, Lorenzo discovered that one out of every five children die of malnutrition and his mission was born! He organized the indigenous people of the surrounding villages to found a home/school to care for the many children whose lives could be saved only with nutritious meals, healthcare and education in a loving environment.

Lorenzo had decided that he needed to stay and help the Dominicans lead a better life by taking care of the children's basic physical needs (along with their spiritual well-being). He met a young woman named Carmen who had a like mission and they married. They traveled back to the United States to raise funds to fulfill their dream. After three years they returned to the Dominican Republic with \$3000 (they raised \$2,000 and took \$1,000 from their personal savings account).

Carmen and Lorenzo founded the New Horizon Home School (NHHS) and spent the next twenty years there. NHHS provided food, clothing, medical needs, vocational training, pre-school, scholarships and religious formation to abandoned, orphaned and malnourished children. However they didn't turn anyone away who needed a helping hand.

But funds were not coming in as they'd hoped. The school was caring for twelve children and they were down to their last 200.00

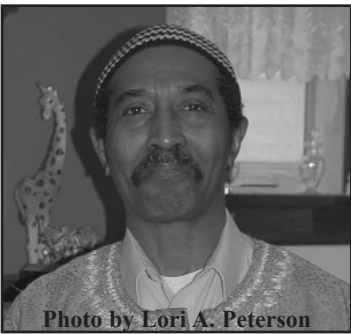


Photo by Lori A. Peterson

Lawrence/Lorenzo Young

pesos. Thinking they might have to close their doors, they prayed that they would be able to continue their mission. The next day they received a check for \$1,000! They continued to raise funds for New Horizon and eventually had a staff of twelve whom they were able to provide with salaries and healthcare which were the best in the region.

Throughout their time in the Dominican Republic, Lorenzo and Carmen met a lot of international people. One of them, a yogi (i.e., a master of yoga), introduced Lorenzo to yoga and thought that he would be good candidate for teaching. She told him of a class that was being offered at an ashram in the Bahamas. Lorenzo wanted to go but did not have the funds to do so. He wrote a letter to the school explaining his circumstance and received a \$3,000 scholarship! The class was a month long and he gained the credentials to become a yoga teacher.

Carmen and Lorenzo had a son with special needs that could not be given the medical attention which he needed in the Dominican Republic so they decided to return to the United States. Carmen moved to Lakewood with their son, while Lorenzo spent the next year finding a replacement for himself and closing out the books. Carmen, a registered nurse, began her career here working as a nurse's assistant and found help for their son.

Upon returning to the States, Lawrence found himself without a job and transportation, having little money and feeling very isolated. He searched for a job within walking distance and secured one at a Burger King in downtown Lakewood. Working at Burger King after being a founder of non-profit organization might be humbling or depressing for some, but yoga provided Lawrence with an inner-peace; he found a great deal of joy in his work there. He developed good relationships with the much younger staff and they came to look up to him. This seemingly mindless work was just what he needed for a time.

Carmen and Lorenzo had fallen in love

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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Do we have a great Valentine's gift for you! The new website, www.oldbrooklynconnected.com will be up and running by February 14th. It will provide all residents and any one else interested in this area a wealth of information. The front page story on the wireless program tells you more along with a photo of the home page.

We are all very excited about this new neighborhood portal that will only be made even better with your participation. Anyone from a local business, school, library, nonprofit, church or resident can submit articles, photos, events or pertinent information that they would want to share on this site.

There are simple to use forms to complete both under the Events tab and the News tab to use to submit your information. If it is a photo, you can email the photo to Christopher Lohr at christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com. We are committed to making this YOUR web site so we really hope you utilize it as a way to communicate with your neighbors and friends.

The site in the future will also offer local businesses advertising opportunities. The home page now has ads for the Old Brooklyn CDC until we work on the details on how we will promote advertising on the site. Stay tuned for that.

I want to say a fond farewell to Donn Heckelmoser who left the staff of the CDC at

the end of January. He was our Program Services Manager. He was with the organization for nearly five years and contributed much to the neighborhoods of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre through managing the home repair program and house warming programs as well as overall residential services. He also contributed articles to the *Old Brooklyn News*. Donn will be taking a position with the City of Cleveland in the Neighborhood Services Division. We all wish Donn and his family much luck with his future endeavors.

The elementary schools in Old Brooklyn are wonderful. They received excellent ratings from the State of Ohio. We featured each one over the past few months. Check out the last article in this series about William Cullen Bryant school on page 11.

We have an exciting event coming up in early May that will feature downtown Old Brooklyn. The working title is *Building a Better Block*. Check out the article on the front page because we would love your feedback on what type of businesses you would like downtown. This event will coincide with the opening of the new Elephants exhibit at the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo. We are all excited about what I hear will be an amazing new habitat for the elephants.

Happy Valentine's Day and try to stay warm!

with two girls at the orphanage and they spent several years adopting them. The adoption proceeding was fraught with complications but after many trips to the Dominican Republic and to the attorney's office, in 2003 they finally brought the girls to the United States to become a family in Old Brooklyn (where they have lived for the past seven years) The adoption proceedings began in 1978, but the children weren't issued visas to come to the United States until 2003.

Because yoga's benefits include increasing flexibility and strength, mindful breathing and reduction in stress, Lawrence felt that

youths could benefit from this practice. This led him to become a teacher's aide at Scranton Elementary School where he taught yoga. He also taught youths with emotional and psychological problems at Applewood Centers. And Lawrence still teaches yoga at 6 pm at Estabrook Recreation Center on Fulton Rd. In addition, he is currently teaching yoga to seniors at Senior Citizen Resources' Deaconess-Krafft Center, too.

If your path should cross Lawrence's, when he greets you with a smile and a gentle spirit, you will know the secret to his joy.

Proper ventilation of a bathroom vent

Without proper ventilation, any bathroom in the house will almost definitely develop mildew, bacteria and unpleasant odors. Current building codes actually require all bathrooms in a house have some type of mechanical ventilation. The most common example of this is a wall or ceiling mount power fan.

However, if your house was built prior to the 1980's, common practice was to only have a window for any bathroom that had an exterior wall. The idea was to open the window after a shower or bath to allow moisture to escape to the outside.

It's winter in Cleveland. Who is really going to open a window on a below freezing day after getting out of a nice warm bath or shower?

If you are planning on remodeling your bathroom, it should be brought up to the current building code. This would include the addition of a vent fan. There are a few things to know about the proper methods of bathroom ventilation.

The fan should exhaust to the exterior of the house. One common error is to let the fan deposit into an attic space or rafters in the case of a basement bathroom. Moisture vented into the attic or basement will undoubtedly cause mold growth and wood rot of structural supports.

Venting the fan to an attic soffit vent is not recommended. When the attic heats up from the sun it will draw cooler air in from the soffit and out through a secondary attic vent. If the bathroom fan is depositing to the soffit vent, it will draw this moisture back into the

attic. Once again, mold and wood rot in the attic structure.

An alternative to a dedicated vent cut into the roof is directing the ducting from the fan to a secondary attic vent. For basement bathrooms, this vent should be cut through a wall or integrated into a nearby window. If you do not have a secondary attic vent near the location of the bathroom fan, moisture in the fan duct could condense. In cold temperatures, this condensation in the attic vent could occur within just a couple feet. The signs of this condition is discoloration of the ceiling or wall or a bubble in the paint around the fan.

So how do we properly vent the bathroom and prevent condensation at the same time?

In the case of basement venting, the air around the duct is heated by the house furnace. This reduces the condensation concern. If your vent is directed across the room, simple insulation around the duct should allow the moist air to escape.

Attic vents are different. (As a note here: some houses on a slab have the furnace located in the attic. This inherently provides some heat to attic spaces. The discussion here will focus on the unheated attic.)

Short ducts venting directly through the roof should have little issues with condensation. The moist air should completely escape. The air temperature is a factor here but for reference, short spans can be considered about 3 feet or less. Short to moderate spans (up to about 5 feet) can be covered with either a spray foam or batten insulation to minimize the cold

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Ethical Wills means sharing life’s lessons with loved ones

by Rev. Sarah Samson, chaplain
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February is that time every year where most people hear a lot about love. From the candy hearts to roses, there are advertisements and signs of love everywhere we turn!

The residents at MetroHealth’s Senior Health & Wellness Center, 4229 Pearl Rd., are getting a chance to show love not just in February, but throughout the year by participating in *Sharing Life’s Lessons: An Ethical Will Program*.

An ethical will is filled with your values, words of wisdom, blessings, expressions of love and forgiveness, lessons learned, as well as hopes and expectations for loved ones . . . all in the form of a personal message. It is like a love letter to your family and loved ones. Participating in *Sharing Life’s Lessons* gives an opportunity to express what is important to you and share it with those who whom you love in a specially bound booklet that can be passed from one generation to the next.

Ethical wills come from a long-standing history starting over 3,000 years ago. Scriptural and other ancient writings often refer to blessings and values left to future generations – individuals passing on their wisdom and experiences to their children and loved ones. During medieval times, women often left letters distributing their personal rather than material assets.

The concept of writing an ethical will has been revived in the past few decades as people are reminded of the value of passing on who they are to future generations. One may hear mention of a spiritual will as a statement of personal, philosophical and spiritual passages. It is a testimony of the uniqueness of one’s life. Or others talk of “leaving a legacy” as a passing on the wisdom and experiences of one’s ideals to comfort and sustain loved ones.

Ultimately, the fundamental idea is the same: to connect one’s past, present and future through passing on of values, beliefs and words of wisdom.

For The Senior Health & Wellness Center residents, trained pastoral care volunteers meet with them to gather information about the res-

idents’ values and experiences. The volunteers use a set of questions to help guide those conversations such as,

- “What has made your life worth living?”
- “Who was an important person in your life and what did you learn from that person?”
- “What are some things that you are grateful for?”
- “What was a hard decision that you had to make?”

”What are some things in your life that you are most proud of?”

“What are some hopes and dreams that you have for your loved ones?”

More often than not, a person only needs the questions as a prompt to get them started sharing, and the experiences and wisdom just flow out!

Sharing Life’s Lessons is not something only for those living in nursing facilities, the elderly or those close to the end of life. Participants at The Senior Health & Wellness Center are a variety of ages and at different places in their lives. Each of us could compose our own ethical wills as gifts to our loved ones. Anyone can write one to remember and cherish his/her life so far and give hope for the future.

Start with a list of questions to guide you or a blank sheet of paper, a video camera or a recorder; there is no wrong way to go about it. The important part is to get on record what you value and believe and live by; to savor what makes you *you*.

There are some common themes among most ethical wills that can help you get started in thinking about your own ethical will:

- Common themes from the past:**
 - What or who has influenced your life?
 - Meaningful personal or family stories
 - Lessons learned from personal or family experience
 - Regrets
- Common themes from the present:**
 - Personal values and beliefs
 - Spiritual values and beliefs
 - Expressions of love and gratitude
 - Apologies
- Common themes from the future:**
 - Blessings, dreams and hopes for present and future generations

- Advice and guidance
 - Requests
- Here are some more ideas to help you get started -- Use an outline structure with a list of items to choose from. Use guided writing exercises to help you create content. Begin with a blank sheet of paper. The main point is to get started!

May this month when love is in the air give you that final nudge to begin keeping track of what makes you unique, of who you are and how you create your life, of your experiences and ways you have impacted other people, of your love and hopes for those around you.

Of course, you are always welcome to volunteer to become part of *Sharing Life’s Lessons*. Feel free to contact The MetroHealth Pastoral Care Department for more information on how you can get involved.

Further Resources:
<http://www.ethicalwill.com>

Information on getting started, sample ethical wills and additional resources.
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Senior of the Month: Tom Wenderoth

by Jay Gardner, Executive Director,
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Probably more than many non-profit agencies, Senior Citizens Resources, Inc. (SCR) relies heavily upon its dedicated corps of volunteers. These volunteers provide a wide range of services, from packaging and delivering lunches for homebound seniors to essential manpower for SCR’s many special events and fundraisers. Without volunteers, SCR would be unable to maintain its current level of services.

Tom Wenderoth is one of those very special volunteers who are the lifeblood of the agency. Tom began volunteering with the Meals on Wheels program eight years ago in 2002 and continues to light up the agency every day with his dedication and enthusiasm.

Tom summed up his commitment to SCR by stating, “Volunteering for the Meals on Wheels program provides rewards every day. Many of these seniors would go hungry without this program. It also gives me perspective on life. I still recall delivering lunches to a



Tom Wenderorth

totally bedridden man who maintained a positive outlook despite his many physical problems.”

Tom is also an active member of St. Thomas More Church in Brooklyn where he serves as a Eucharistic Minister and attends Mass daily. The father of two children, Tom enjoys collecting Christmas villages, nativity sets and model trains.

After five years of community development service to the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods, on January 3rd Programs Services Manager Donnald Heckelmoser, Jr. submitted his resignation. Donnald decided to leave so that he could take a position with the City of Cleveland’s Department of Neighborhood Services.

Thursday, January 27th, was Donnald’s last day at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC); he will begin with the City on Monday, January 31st.

Donnald started his tenure in our neighborhood as an intern with Old Brooklyn Neighborhood Services (OBNS) in March of

OBCDC Programs Manager Donn Heckelmoser resigns

2005. At the time, OBNS was servicing what was then Ward 16, and Donnald was completing his graduate studies at Cleveland State University (CSU).

OBNS offered Donnald a full-time position as its Neighborhood Services Coordinator around the time of his receiving a Master’s Degree in Public Administration and a graduate certificate in Local & Urban Management from CSU. In this position Donnald administered the Housewarming Program, the Home Repair Grant Program, the Paint Program, the Lend-a-Hand program and the Court Community Service program.

While Donnald was working at OBNS, OBCDC and OBNS consolidated their non-profit agencies and service areas. The result was a restructured OBCDC servicing residents of both Ward 15 & Ward 16.

Donnald was hired to fill the new Residential Programs Coordinator position; he administered the Paint Program, the Home Repair Grant Program, the Housewarming Program, the Lead Hazard Control Program,

the City Works Grant, the Court Community Service Program and OBCDC’s foreclosure prevention efforts.

Donnald was promoted to Programs Services Manager after about 2 ½ years. He retained all of his previous responsibilities, and also took on overseeing public right-of-way activities, including the Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative study, and the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority grant for remodeling the Transit Waiting Environment in Old Brooklyn. Donnald also took on staff duties for Green Space activities, brought on because the OBCDC membership and Board, through a strategic planning process, formed a standing Green Space Committee.

Over the course of the last three years, Donnald was able to become a State-certified “Home Weatherization Assistance Inspector”, and a nationally certified “Building Analyst and Envelope Professional” through the Building Performance Institute, with assistance from OBCDC.

While looking forward to his new position with the City, Donnald will also retain fond memories of the relationships and friendships which he formed with co-workers, Board members, residents, volunteers and business owners over the last five-plus years.

When asked to reflect on his time at OBCDC Donnald said, "The Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods have wonderful attitudes towards community development, neighborhood morale, personal service, volunteerism and capacity building. Most everyone just “gets it”, from block clubs, to individual residents to business owners. There is a lot more work to do in order to put this neighborhood on the map, but it is right on track to get it done. There are a lot of projects in the works and a lot of collaborations being formed. I look forward to coming back to this neighborhood again and again to enjoy all it has to offer."

(Donnald Heckelmoser and Lynette Filips worked together on this article.)

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attic temperatures from causing the condensation of the vented bathroom air. To keep the batten insulation in place, a high quality duct tape, foil tape or strapping (such as a zip strap) should be considered as the stickiness of tape degrades with changes of temperature.

Long attic ducting is not recommended. A handyperson or roofer should be able to cut the proper venting through the roof without creating a leak. For the do-it-yourselfer, there are several websites that detail the tools and process needed to add this roof vent. This detail is available in text, pictures, and video. If in doubt, please consult a professional.

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It's the month of ground hogs, presidents, Valentines and love, and I'm reminded how in this column in February of bygone years I featured different caring institutions in and around Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

I regret that I'm so often playing catch-up with neighborhood news that I've gotten out of the habit of doing that. As I think back to some of the groups I've written about, I'm especially remembering the **InterReligious Task Force on Central America (IRTF)**. Their offices are located in St. Patrick Church's club building at on Bridge Ave., but their events are held all over town (and even in other states!) For instance --

Last month the IRTF was one of the groups which co-sponsored a visit from **Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois**, the founder of the SOAWatch at the School of the America's in Fort Benning, Georgia. That's where American tax dollars are used to train military personnel from Central and South America.. Two of the presentations he delivered here were about demilitarization. The one I was able to attend, though, was a documentary called "Pink Smoke over the Vatican".

Presented at the West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church in Rocky River and co-sponsored by the Community of St. Malachi, the topic was the ordination of women in the Roman Catholic Church. Very interesting! (The practice is already more prevalent in this country than people realize.)

IRTF programs are sometimes co-sponsored with educational institutions, too, as is the case with one coming up the weekend of February 25th and 26th at **Case Western Reserve University (CWRU)**. **Jean Donovan**, one of four church women martyred in El Salvador thirty years ago last December was a CWRU grad, and the University is sponsoring this international social justice conference to honor her life.

Called *Repression, Resistance and Transformation in Central America*, the conference is free and open to the public. It will be held in CWRU's Inamori Center in the Crawford Building at the corner of Euclid Ave. and MLK Blvd. Friday's program begins at 6 p.m. and Saturday's at 9 a.m. (with closing remarks at 3:30 p.m.)

Visit the IRTF web site, www.IRTFcleveland.org, for more information about this event or to learn about additional activities. Even if you're not much of a peace and

justice activist at the moment, becoming informed about topics like sweatshop labor, immigration quotas, militarism and issues affecting the homeless can pull you in that direction.

The **Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage** on Richmond Rd. in Beachwood is also very involved with presenting the realities of life's injustices. Billing itself as *The Museum of Diversity and Tolerance*, it hosts exhibits related to prejudice issues which reach beyond the Jewish community,.

Until I attended their most recent special exhibit, *The Nazi Olympics: Berlin 1936* I had no understanding of what had occurred there in terms of Hitler and the black and Jewish athletes. Unfortunately it's too late for me to promote that exhibit, but they have another special exhibit coming up in spring.

In the meantime, on Monday, February 21st (Presidents' Day), the Museum will host three historical interpreters portraying George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. At 2 p.m. the "U.S. Presidents" will be speaking about their lives, times and relationship with Jewish Americans. (As usual, the Museum will be open for viewing the regular exhibits from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Visit www.maltzmuseum.org for more information about this program as well as the Museum's other upcoming events.

As is the case after every issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* "hits the stands", I receive communications about things we've written. Sometimes they are accolades and sometimes they are corrections.

Although the corrections -- sometimes "typos" and sometimes our lack of understanding of an issue -- distress me, I would rather hear about them than not hear about them so that we can correct them in the next issue. That is what I must do this month with the article I wrote (last minute) in our January issue about the closing of **Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church** on Archwood Ave.

As soon as I saw the paper in print, the typo in the headline, UMUCC instead of UMUMC, glared at me. Shortly thereafter I received an email from a member of Broadway Memorial United Methodist Church informing me of an error which I'd made about the closing of their congregation.

Wanting to be complete in my reporting of the Methodist church closings, in the second last paragraph I'd written,

The other Cleveland-area churches which the North Coast District of the United Methodist Church has deemed necessary to close are Broadway United Methodist Church, 5246 Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village, and Master's Church, 771 E. 260th St. in Euclid.

Here is the correct process regarding church closings in **Methodist** congregations - *I am writing in regard to your article BMUCC one of three churches closed. (I'm sure that was a typo.) You stated that the North*

Coast District of UMC has deemed it necessary to close 3 churches. I was a member of Broadway UMC and yes it is true we are closed. But it was not the district who deemed that we must. We met over many meetings and discussed our options & agonized over our future. At a Church Charge Conference we voted 16 to 1 to close. It was the member's decision to close. In the Methodist denomination the district does not close churches. The members close churches.

I was hoping that this month we would have another article about the closing of BMUMC written by one of the former pastors. So far we haven't received it, but we can always hope for next month.

In terms of Catholic Church closings, I also received a few emails from a reader in California who is interested in the properties. Internet searches are amazing in terms of being able to connect people around the globe who are interested in the same topic!

Thank goodness **Mary Queen of Peace Church (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel, and Sacred Heart of Mary** before

that) survived the cuts! As they work to build up its archives, they're grateful for gifts from--

Mary Fallon, Old Brooklyn resident and longtime proprietress of **neighborhood antique shops** gave me three original c. 1940 albums of individual OLGC school photos for MQP. Mary came upon them as she was sorting through her things, having opened up again in the line of stores on the north side of W. Schaaf Rd. near Broadview Rd.

Barbara Stepic, president of the **Brooklyn Historical Society**, gave me a stack of much older class photos from Sacred Heart of Mary School (as well as OLGC and Pearl Street School). Museum volunteers had scanned copies of them for us.

Whether old or new, photographs have such appeal! If cemetery photographs interest you, be aware that the **Ohio Cemetery Alliance** is sponsoring its fourth annual **photography competition**. The deadline for submissions is May 7th, 2011. Get complete details at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohca..>

Please email items for this column to lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or mail them to me.

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Petti Graffiti

That sounds like a fictional name in a silly movie. Graffiti is not a petty issue anywhere. It is one of those nagging irritants silently sending a message that a neighborhood is changing. Fortunately graffiti is not a widespread problem in Old Brooklyn or Brooklyn Centre. It exists and it has seasonal peaks but it is not a dominate problem.

More fortunately is that someone has adopted graffiti removal as a personal mission. Here is where the Petti part comes. Anthony Petti is an Old Brooklyn resident who does not want graffiti to silently label the community. At his own expense and on his own time he has been removing graffiti from places along the public right of way.

Mr. Petti has a back pack with chemical washes, razor blade scrapers, cloths, tape and spray paint in an assortment of colors.

He walks or bikes along the main streets of Old Brooklyn removing the markings from traffic signal cabinets, bridges, utility poles, telephones, bicycle racks, benches and any other piece of street furniture that is contaminated with graffiti.

In situations where removal does not work, covering is the next best option. Some surfaces are so porous that removal leaves a visible scar which is just better to cover with a matching color.

Appearance can be deceiving when Anthony removes graffiti. So as not to be identified as the person placing the graffiti he displays a sign reading that graffiti is being removed. On more than one occasion he has been approached by citizens and the police asking him just what he is doing. When he explains he is removing graffiti he receives a quick smile and a thank you. One person's efforts do make a difference.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) in partnership with Anthony Petti is offering free graffiti removal to business properties along the main commercial corridors. Any business or commercial property owner discovering graffiti on his/her property can call OBCDC and schedule an appointment to meet Mr. Petti at the business and discuss the options for removing the graffiti. The process for removal will be explained and the business owner can then decide what to do.

So when graffiti occurs, a business owner can curse the marker or call OBCDC to have it removed. If it is a persistent prob-

lem, Mr. Petti will teach the business owner how to remove it. He is also willing to teach others who are interested in volunteering to help. The faster graffiti is removed, the less likely it will reoccur.

Snow Removal

Thank you to all those business owners who clear the sidewalks of snow. It shows

respect for the residents and visitors who walk by the stores and offices in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn. Not everyone who walks by a business is a customer, but everyone who must navigate snow-filled sidewalks will remember the business that does not clear the sidewalk.

Sidewalks, like streets, should be cleared of snow!

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Variety of scams target unsuspecting people

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Advance Fee Loans

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Credit Repair Scams

These scams advertise on the Internet, on TV and even on telephone poles that bad credit can be erased and debts can be consolidated. Many of them charge hundreds or thousands of dollars but do little or nothing to improve your credit. The reality is that these companies cannot erase accurate negative information from your credit report. With certain exceptions, negative information can remain on your credit report for up to seven years. If you want to improve your credit, contact a credit reporting agency or your creditor directly. You may be able to arrange a payment plan yourself - for no cost.

Fake Check Scams

Someone sends you a check or money order. He asks you to deposit it in your account and then wire-transfer him the money, minus a nice bonus for you, a "thank you" for helping out. Regardless of the pitch, the result is the same: the check or money order you receive will be a counterfeit. It will be returned to your bank unpaid, and the full amount will be deducted from your account. Never send money to a stranger.

Foreclosure Rescue Scams

These scams target homeowners who are having trouble making their mortgage payments. A phony foreclosure rescue company might contact you and promise to negotiate with your mortgage lender. You pay thousands of dollars, but the company makes little or no contact with your lender.

A phony "investor" offers to buy your house and lease it back to you until you can afford your mortgage payments. The investor takes your money but does not transfer the mortgage loan or pay your lender. As a result, you risk losing your equity and your home.

Home Improvement Fraud

This occurs when contractors or companies do not complete the work they were paid to do. These scams often involve door-to-door contractors who offer to repair your roof, paint your house or fix your furnace. After you pay, however, the contractor disappears without doing any work or doing a poor job on the repairs.

Home improvement scam artists say that they will give you a model home discount, free furnace inspection, or have leftover supplies from repairing another house in the neighborhood. These false promises are tricks to steal your money. To avoid scams, research reputable contractors, don't make large down pay-

ments, and avoid paying in cash, as credit cards offer stronger protection if something goes wrong.

Identity Theft

This occurs when a criminal uses someone else's personal information, such as a credit card number, bank account number, insurance information, or Social Security number, to purchase goods or services fraudulently. Often, criminals commit identity theft by opening new accounts in a consumer's name, purchasing products, and then leaving the consumer to pay the bill. To help prevent identity theft, never give personal information to anyone you don't know or trust.

Living Trust Scams

A living trust is a legal arrangement where assets are transferred into a trust while the consumer is still alive, which keeps the assets from going through probate court when the consumer dies. Trusts can be useful estate planning devices, but scam artists have been known to make exaggerated or false claims about probate costs or about the tax advantages of living trusts. These scams usually target lower income consumers, whose limited estates likely would incur minimal probate costs, by using high-pressure sales tactics.

If you or someone you know is considering buying a living trust, consider all your estate planning options and be wary of "one-size-fits-all" offers. Contact an attorney directly for individual advice before signing any contracts or making any purchases. There are also legal aid programs that offer free help for seniors. Never buy legal services from door-to-door salespeople or telemarketers.

Investment Fraud

A scammer might offer you a "risk-free" investment only to steal your money. For example, some scam artists convince consumers to invest in coins and precious metals, such as gold. Remember, all investments involve risk. Consult with trusted family members or friends before making important financial decisions.

Phony Charities

You receive a call or letter asking you to make a charitable donation from someone who is only pretending to represent a charity. Always ask how much of your donation would actually go to the charity. Charitable organizations must register with the Ohio Attorney General's Office. Before you donate, verify that the charity is legitimate by calling the Ohio Attorney General's Help Center at (800) 282-0515.

Predatory Lending

Customers get into loans they cannot afford. For example, you might sign a loan for a new house thinking you are getting a good deal. Periodically, however, your mortgage payments increase, and you realize you owe more than you can pay. Signs of predatory lending include: repeated refinancing, balloon payments, inflated appraisals, misrepresented interest rates and fees, loans that do not benefit

the consumer, and loans that a consumer cannot repay.

Prizes/Sweepstakes Fraud

Someone may fictitiously claim that you have won the lottery, a contest or other prize. In order to collect your winnings, however, you'll be asked to pay a fee. Often, you'll be instructed to send money via wire transfer or money order, possibly to a foreign country. They'll tell you to expect your winnings once you pay, but the prize never arrives. Remember that legitimate sweepstakes are free and require no purchases.

Reverse Mortgage Abuse

This is not a scam; it is a loan that allows older consumers to convert home equity into cash. However, some unscrupulous salespeople might pressure you into taking out a reverse mortgage that has very high fees. Others tempt you to use money from the loan to buy annuities or investments that may not benefit you. Do not take out a reverse mortgage unless you fully understand all the costs, terms and conditions. Keep in mind that as interest charges are added to your loan, the total amount you owe will grow over time.

Sale of Annuities

Consumers who buy a living trust should

be wary of salespeople who come back and offer additional services such as an annuity. When you buy an annuity, you give a large sum of money to an insurance company, and it pays you back on a regular basis, usually for as long as you live or for a specific period of time.

There are many different kinds of annuities and buyers should clearly understand which type of annuity they are buying, how much money it will cost them, when the company will be paying the money back, and any risk factors involved. Dishonest, high pressure salespeople will charge high fees and sell deferred annuities that often are not suitable for the consumer's current age and financial situation. Read all the terms and conditions and seek advice from people you trust before making a major financial investment.

Work-at-Home and

Business Opportunity Ploys

These scams use sales pitches claiming that you can make good money working from home or getting involved in a business opportunity. You will be urged to pay up-front for materials or start-up costs. Ultimately, the only people who will profit are the scam artists. Beware of seminars that promise money making advice but deliver only high-pressure sales pitches.

Old Brooklyn resident recounts experience of rescuing elderly mother from scammers

In September 2010 I received an urgent phone call from one of my mother's best friends. "Your mom's in big trouble," she said. As the story unraveled, we discovered that my 78-year-old mother had sent more than \$45,000 to Jamaica over the previous five weeks. She thought that she had won a sweepstakes and sent the money to cover the fees and taxes. And one of the worst parts was that the con men had convinced her that they were her new best friends.

We confronted my mom and she admitted that she had a secret -- she had sent the money because she was going to win \$2.4 million. She planned to spend the winnings on college educations for her grandchildren.

Over the next few days I, along with her best friend, my brother, the banker and the police talked to my mother in detail about how she was being taken by the scam. She promised that she would not send any more money, but said that she would continue to talk to these men. She truly believed that they had become her friends and that their statements of affection for her were genuine.

It was a telemarketing scam. We found out that my mom receives lots of sweepstakes mail on a daily basis. We think that the con artists pulled her phone number from the sweepstakes database. Every day they told her that "tomorrow" they would be coming to her apartment with her big check. She even stopped some of her social activities because every day she wanted to be sure that she'd be home when they arrived.

My sister helped Mom open a new bank account two days later. But my sister was fran-

tic when she called me that afternoon with the news, "Mom sent \$4000 more yesterday!"

I had already talked to numerous experts and the words of one prosecutor stuck in my mind: "You have to build a protective bubble around your mom". Since I was out of town, I asked my husband to take my mom's purse. It was an ugly day but we continued to build that protective bubble over the next couple of weeks.

It was a wildly busy month as we arranged care for my mother and tried to straighten out her situation. My family and friends were a tremendous support. Prior to this turn of events my mother and I had had a close relationship. But Mom was furious with me for taking her checkbook and credit cards. It was a traumatic time for my whole family.

Two professionals were very helpful -- the police detective from my mom's suburb and a social worker at MetroHealth.

The police detective has a passion for stopping fraud. One evening he met me at my mom's apartment, still trying to convince her that the gentlemen callers were really bad guys. Mom was listening politely but then blurted out, "SHE (pointing at me) stole my credit cards!" The detective responded, "Ma'am, I told your daughter to take those cards." Then he turned to me and said, "You are to hold on to those until I tell you that it's OK to give them back." I wanted to give him a big hug.

The social worker at MetroHealth arranged for a "Geriatric Evaluation" for my

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Cleveland's African-American church history continues this month with part VI

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This month, in recognition of the fact that February is Black History Month, The *Old Brooklyn News* (OBN) continues the commentary it began in February, 2008 about Cleveland churches either established by/for -- or which came to be identified as -- African-American congregations.

In three previous articles (February, 2008; January, 2009; February, 2009), the OBN looked at Protestant congregations -- **St. John African Methodist Episcopal Church**, now on E. 40th St. (est., 1830); **Shiloh Baptist Church**, now on E. 55th St. and Scovill Ave. (est., 1850); **Mt. Zion Congregational Church**, now in University Circle (est., 1864); and **Antioch Baptist Church**, now on Cedar Ave. (est., 1893).

Last year in January (2010) we began our investigation of black Catholic congregations with the first one Cleveland Diocese established, **Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament (OLBS) Church** on E. 79th St. (est., 1922). In 1961 it merged with **St. Adalbert Church** (est., 1883 by Bohemian Catholics) on E. 83rd St., the name by which it was known until June 6th, 2010, when the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland closed it. (The school is still open, with a Brother of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood at the helm; an appeal to the Vatican to keep the church open, which was also tended by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, is still pending.)

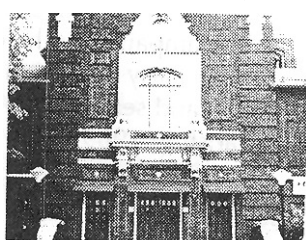
Last February (2010) we discussed **St. Edward Church** on Woodland Ave. at E. 69th St. (est., 1871 by Irish Catholics and 1943 for African-American Catholics), the second parish the Cleveland Diocese established specifically for blacks. In 1975 it merged with Holy Trinity Church (est., 1880 by German Catholics), also on Woodland Ave. The old St. Edward's was demolished in 1976. The merged parish was called **Holy Trinity - St. Edward Church**; it was in existence at Woodland and E. 71st St. until 2004. (Today the building houses a "4 Real Church".)

These were the only Roman Catholic

Churches established specifically for black Catholics. But as the inner city population on the east side of Cleveland began to change in the 1950s and 60s, more churches which once housed congregations with largely Eastern European ancestry came to serve African-American Catholics.

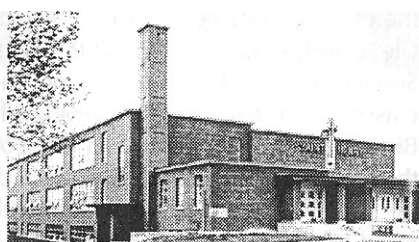
Today, as a result of church closings both recent and more distant, only three parishes in the whole Diocese of Cleveland are specifically devoted to African-American communities. They are: Holy Spirit Church; St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church; and St. Aloysius Church - St. Agatha Church.

Holy Spirit Church, 4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Hts., was formed in 2008 from the merging of three area African-American parishes which realized on their own that they were no longer viable individually. The parishes were **St. Catherine Church**, E. 93rd St. at



formerly St. Catherine Church, E. 93rd St.

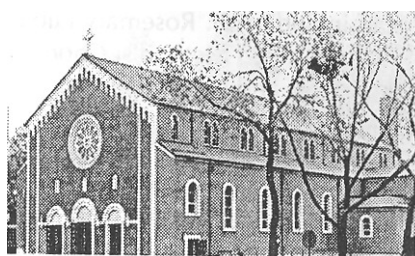
St. Catherine Ave., Cleveland (est., 1898 for Irish Catholics); **St. Henry Church**, 18200 Harvard Ave., Cleveland, (est., 1946 in the



formerly St. Henry Church, Harvard Ave.

Lee-Harvard neighborhood); and **St. Timothy Church**, 4341 E. 131st St., Garfield Hts., (est., 1923 and attended by many Irish Catholics).

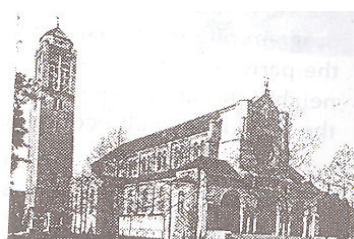
Members of the Holy Spirit congregation meets at the former St. Timothy site, but some



formerly St. Timothy Church
now Holy Spirit Church, E. 131st St.

of the statues from the other parishes have been moved there. They are served by Capuchin Franciscan priests and have great Gospel music at their weekend liturgies.

St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6800 Lexington Ave., in the Hough neighborhood of Cleveland was formed in 1980 from the merging of **St. Agnes Church**, 8000 Euclid Ave., in Hough (est., 1893 by Irish and



formerly St. Agnes Church, Euclid Ave.

German Catholics; the church burned in 1975); and **Our Lady of Fatima Church**, 6800 Lexington Ave., in Hough (est. 1949). The name of the order of priests who currently minister at St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church is Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity. A Sister of Charity of St.



formerly Our Lady of Fatima Church
now St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lexington Ave.

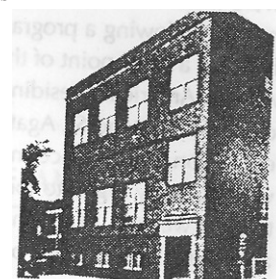
Augustine nun who became well-known for her work at Our Lady of Fatima in the 1960s was "Sr. Henrietta of Hough".

St. Aloysius Church - St. Agatha Church, 10932 St. Clair Ave., in the Glenville neighborhood of Cleveland was formed in 1975 from the merging of **St. Aloysius**



formerly St. Aloysius Church, now
St. Aloysius Church - St. Agatha Church
St. Clair Ave.

Church, 10932 St. Clair Ave. in the Glenville neighborhood, (est., 1898 by Irish Catholics) and **St. Agatha Church**, 1264 E. 123rd St., Cleveland, (est., 1945 in the Glenville neighborhood because St. Thomas, St. Agnes and St. Aloysius



formerly St. Agatha Church, E. 123rd St.

were so overcrowded). They meet at the St. Aloysius site because by comparison, St. Agatha's was never a beautiful church.

Since 1980, priests of the Society of Mary (aka, "Marianists") have been serving the black Catholics at St. Aloysius Church - St. Agatha Church. The St. Martin de Porres Emergency Assistance Center, which originated at St. Agatha, has become a major inner city outreach of the Diocese of Cleveland.

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mother and gave me names of lawyers associated with Probate Court who could help.

My mother's appointment at The Senior Health & Wellness Center at MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Campus (the former Deaconess Hospital) was a turning point for us. Six of us descended on the Clinic for my mother's appointment. We are generally a quiet family but we were quite needy at that appointment because we were in the middle of a crisis.

The MetroHealth staff shuttled us around to different rooms in the Clinic where we met with a nurse practitioner, a doctor and a social worker. We left there with a solid plan -- my mother would go to Virginia to stay with a friend for a few days. And the geriatric doctor filled out the medical paperwork for me to apply for legal guardianship.

Sending my mother to Virginia was a big step in completing that protective bubble. We were able to search her apartment and clear it of the phone numbers of the con men and collect all of the Western Union receipts (the vehicle via which she had sent the money to the con men). Her phone rang incessantly

with calls from Jamaica until we changed the number.

We found out that Mom had taken out a loan two weeks previously, had taken cash advances on credit cards, had cashed in a life insurance policy and had emptied bank accounts.

We also forwarded my mom's mail to my house. I didn't do that willingly, but the lawyer convinced me that it was the right thing to do.

The con men knew that my mom still had investments and so they tried hard to reach her. I received a forwarded letter from one of the con men, addressed to my mom. He said that he knew we'd done things to keep her away from him, but not to worry because he's keeping her money safe. "I know your daughter's still on you," he further wrote. That letter was so creepy!

Prior to changing Mom's phone number there was also a scary voicemail message -- The con man asked her where she was and said that she'd better get in touch with him or else he'd turn her in to the FBI and she'd go to jail.

After we changed my mother's phone

number, one of the con men contacted both her apartment manager and her priest, saying that he was a good friend and needed her new number. I had already been in touch with them, so they gave him no information.

I took a fat pile of Western Union receipts which totaled over \$45,000 to the guardianship hearing at Probate Court. The magistrate appointed me to be my mother's legal guardian with little discussion. It was helpful to have a probate lawyer to arrange the hearing so quickly (in two weeks) and handle the paperwork.

It is fortunate that I have an office job because during the crisis I spent much of my work day making phone calls to people and institutions about my mother's problems. As I write this in January, I am still making calls and sending faxes and emails to get her accounts and bills straightened out. As legal guardian I am obligated to the Court to manage my mother's finances responsibly.

Things are going well for Mom now. She has resumed all of her social activities and is back to having a loving relationship with me. A few weeks ago she apologized for what had

happened and acknowledged what a big chunk of my life this financial mess has taken.

It is amazing how much money the con men were able to get from my mother over the course of just five weeks. But she was fortunate compared with other scam victims because she still has investments which were not touched. A major factor which saved her from complete financial ruin was that she had cultivated close family and friend relationships over the years, and we were able to come to her rescue.

This experience with my mother shows that it takes a social network to properly look after one's elderly mother. Scams target vulnerable seniors who live alone. The normal aging process places the elderly at risk from these con artists who use techniques such as looking for shaky handwriting on sweepstakes entries. I hope that our story will help Old Brooklyn community members realize that we all need to be guardian angels for our elders.

(Copy editor's note: Although this article was anonymously written to protect the parties involved, we are certain that the facts which the author related are true.)

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Thomas J. DePolo,
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Charcot foot is a sudden softening of the bones that can lead to a collapse of the arch.

Symptoms: Warmth to touch, redness, swelling, and sometimes soreness

Causes: Usually develops as a result of neuropathy (numbness) and lack of ability to feel temperature, pain or trauma. As the patient continues to walk, the deformity can worsen due to lack of sensation. Uncontrolled diabetic patients with longstanding neuropathy and a tight Achilles tendon have been shown to be at greater risk to develop Charcot foot.

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.

Preventive care: Control of blood sugar levels, regular checkups with your foot and ankle specialist, and check feet daily for symptoms listed above.

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Beck Center of the Arts
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www.beckcenter.org
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CanalWay Center, E. 49th St.
between Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000

Fight the Frost Festival - Sat., Feb. 12th, 1 - 4 pm. Free day of games, puppet show, children's nature music, snowshoeing, winter hikes, cornhole, nature crafts, bird watching, hot chocolate, cookies & more.

“From Log Cabin to White House” - Sat., Feb 26th, 3:30 pm. Local re-enactor Ed Haney portrays life of President James Garfield in period attire and the first person, including his birth in a log cabin, work on the Ohio & Erie Canal and assassination.

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.

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

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

Hand Feed a Chickadee - Sat. & Sun., Feb. 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, 20th, 26th, 27th; 10 am - noon. Experience thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand to eat. Metroparks provides a handful of sunflower seeds & instructions.

Cleveland Metroparks Chalet
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Tobogganing - now thru first weekend in March; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - adults, \$8; children ages 11 & under, \$6. One time ride tickets, \$3. Thurs.: school & college ID night, \$5 with ID. Season passes -- adults, \$35; children 11 & under, \$25. Family pass (up to four) available. **Student I.D. Night** - Thurs., Feb. 3rd, 11th, 17th & 24th. All students with valid ID pay \$5. **Star**

Light, Star Bright - Fri., Mar. 4th; free lighted necklace. **Dollar Dog Day** - Fri., Feb. 25th; \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas. **Free Winter Hat for Your Noggin** - Sun., Feb. 20th. **Free Ice Scraper** - Fri., Feb. 4th. **Super Bowl Sunday Special** - Sun., Feb. 6th; wear any team logo jersey/shirt & save \$2. **Lake Erie Monsters Team Activities** - Fri. Feb. 11th; receive a buy one/get one free ticket to the Feb. 14th Monsters game. **Sweetheart Deal** - Sun., Feb. 13th; \$20 for 2 toboggan passes, 2 hot dogs, 2 sodas & 1 fleece blanket. **Family 4 Pack** - Sun, Feb. 27th & Sun., Mar. 6th; \$30 for 4 toboggan passes, 4 hot dogs & 4 sodas.

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Nature Center 11350 Broadway Ave.
216-341-3152
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Ice Fishing Basics - Sat., Feb. 12th, 9 am. - noon. Outdoor Recreation Manager Dana Smith & ODNR Guest Naturalist Carol Ward introduce participants to Ice Fishing. Get familiar with ice fishing equipment, learn ice safety techniques, "hands on" experiments. \$15 fee (includes program give-away).

Winter Theater - Sat., Feb. 12th, 1 - 5:30 pm. *Balto 1, 2, and 3.* See Balto on the big screen & learn about his Cleveland connection. Will have popcorn; bring blanket to sit on . Brief intermissions between each movie. *Balto, 1* pm; *Balto 2, 2:30 pm; Balto 3, 4 pm.*

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

Birds of Prey Weekend - Sat., Feb. 5th & Sun., Feb. 6th. **Free.** Discover hawks, eagles & owls. Computer demonstrations, exhibits, crafts, book display, photography show, demonstrations, live animal presentations, hikes, videos, etc.

Sat. Feb. 5th, 1 - 4:30 pm.
Birds of Prey Hike, 1-2 pm, Cottonwood Picnic Area.
Birds of Prey Bingo; 1 - 1:30 pm
The Ancient Art of Falconry, 1 - 1:30 pm.
Trailsider Puppeteers, 1:30 - 2 pm.
“Hawks: Sun-loving Killers”, 2 - 3 pm.
“Owls: Hunters of the Night”, 3:30 - 4 pm.

Sun., Feb. 6th, 1 - 4:30 pm
Birds of Prey Hike, 1- 2 pm, South Mastick Picnic Area.
Birds of Prey Bingo, 1 - 1:30 pm.
Trailsider Puppeteers, 1:30 - 2 pm.
Bird of Prey 101, 2 - 3 pm.
Raptor Rehab, 3 - 4 pm.

History of Maple Sugaring - Sat., Feb. 26th & Sun., Feb. 27th; Sat., Mar. 5th & Sun., Mar. 6th; Sat. Mar. 12th & & Sun., Mar. 13th, 11 am - 4:30 pm. Maple Grove Picnic Area; free.

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

Reduced Winter Admission - Now - March 31st; both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admis-

sion, \$7; children 2 - 11, \$5; under two & Zoo members, free.

Fairytales & Frogs - The RainForest, Mon. Feb. 21st, 10 am - 1 pm. Kids 12 & younger get free admission to the Zoo & The Rainforest. Everyone encouraged to dress as a princess, prince or frog. Meet Zoo’s frog mascots & princess. Crafts, stories & interactive life-size “Frogger” game illustrating dangers frogs face from pollution, climate change & habitat loss.

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. Adults, \$10; ages 7-18, college students with IDs & seniors 60 yrs. or older, \$8; children ages 3-6, \$7; age 2 & under, free. Wed. evening admission, \$6 after 5 pm; Tues. & Thurs., 3-5 pm, free for children 12 & under. Planetarium shows -- \$4 plus general admission.

Exhibit - Extreme Mammals: Biggest, smallest & most amazing mammals of all time. Now thru Sun., Apr. 17th. Included with regular Museum admission.

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 Wed., 11 am. Join other caregivers & toddlers; have fun with books & learning toys.

Preschool Story Time – Every Wed., 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
Visitor Information 216-524-1497
www.nps.gov/CUVA

Start visit to Cuyahoga Valley National Park at one of these facilities. Meet staff, get questions answered. Learn about scheduled events & places to visit. Pick up relevant brochures, maps & passport stamps.

Hours for these parks - daily 10 am - 4 pm:

Happy Days Lodge, 500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303), Peninsula; 330-657-2909, ext. 119.
Boston Store Visitor Center - 1548 Boston Mills Rd, east of Riverview Rd, Peninsula.

Canal Visitor Center - 7104 Canal Rd, intersection of Canal & Hillside Rds., Valley View.

Frazee House - 7733 Canal Rd., 4 miles south of Rockside Rd, Valley View.

Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center - 2054 Bolanz Rd., between Riverview & Akron Peninsula Rds, Peninsula.

NPS Park Headquarters - 15610 Vaughn Rd., intersection of Vaughn Rd. & Riverview Rd., Brecksville. **Year-round:** Mon. through Fri., 8 am - 4:30 pm.

Peninsula Depot Visitor Center - 1630 Mill St., off Akron-Peninsula Rd, north of SR 303, Peninsula. **Mon. & Tues.,** 10 am - 4 pm; **Wed. - Sun.,** 9 am - 7 pm.

Cuyahoga Valley Senic Railroad (CVSR),
800-468-4070 www.cvsr.com

Now thru the end of May, CVSR running weekends only. All trips depart Canal Visitor Center at 10 am & 1:30 pm; Brecksville Station,10:15 am & 1:45 pm; & Akron Northside Station,11:35 am. Cabin fever pricing for \$10 per person.

Grace Church
2503 Broadview Rd. 216-661-8210

Kidz Church, Wed., nights, 7 - 8 pm, ages 5 - 12. Bible stories, games, music, fun. Food, 6:30 pm; \$2 per person. Parents & grandparents welcome. Adult classes available.

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

NASA Glenn Visitor Center relocated to Great Lakes Science Center. Free general admission to NASA Glenn & 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. Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm.

Free Tuesdays for Youth - On Tuesday, youth 18 & under admitted free when accompanied by an adult. Watch big science shows & discover legacy of space exploration with NASA Glenn Visitor Center. Offer does not include OMNIMAX Theater.

University Circle
216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org

The Rink at Wade Oval - now thru Feb. 21st; Fri & Sat, noon - 7 pm; Sun. noon - 5 pm. Bring own skates or rent them for \$3; hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info. Open President’s Day, Feb.21st, noon - 5 pm.

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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. For elderly or disabled call 216-432-4770 for a home visit .



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SENIOR NOTES

CHURCH NOTES

Senior Citizen Resources (SCR)
Deaconess-Krafft 3100 Devonshire Ave.
(Must be 60 and over) 216-749-5367

Mondays:
Chair Bowling- 10 am. Wii -11 am. Canasta - 12:30 am

Tuesdays:
Crafts - 9:30 am, Crochet Group - 9:30 am, Horse Racing - 10:30 am, Pinochle - 12:15 pm, Line Dancing- 1 pm.

Wednesdays:
Trivia - 10 am., Bingo - 10:30 am, Canasta - 12:30 pm.

Thursdays:
Crafts - 9:30 am, Chair Volleyball - 10 am, Arm Chair Exercises - 10:45 am.

Fridays:
Current Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii - 11 am.

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

Emergency Weather Information
In the event of severe weather during the winter the Center will be closed. Call before you leave home; if you do not get an answer at or after 8:30 am, the Center is closed for the day.

Also, all TV stations will be notified.

Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels
Senior Citizen Resources. We deliver Mon. -Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. Only one hour of your time is needed between the hours of 10:45 & 11:45 am. All routes originate from 3100 Devonshire. Please help with this worthwhile opportunity; call Rosemary at 216-749-5367 with any questions.

Senior Living Guide
Provides professionals & consumers with comprehensive & current information about long term care resources & facilities. Distributed quarterly. For a free copy, stop at the OBCDC office, 3344 Broadview Rd.

MetroHealth Senior Advantage
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Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323

Fri., Feb.4th - First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 8 pm, Lower Chapel.

Sat., Feb. 5th & 6th - Blessing of Throats, after Masses.

Sun., Feb. 6th - Scout Sunday - 11am Mass.

Fri., Feb. 11th - Family Fridays - 6 pm; Lower Chapel & Marian Lounge. Special evening for homeschool families. Potluck, 6 pm; rosary, 7:30 pm; Mass, 8 pm.

Sun., Feb. 13th, Celebration of World Marriage Day - 11 am Mass.

Sun., Feb., 20th - Community Meal, 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

Sat., Feb., 26th - Mardi Gras Party sponsored by Mary Queen of Peace Boy Scouts, 8 pm, Parish Center

Casino Trip to Presque Isle - Wed., Mar. 30th; sponsored by the seniors. Call Julie Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499

Wed., Feb. 2nd & 16th - Fifty Plus Group meeting, in upstairs Gathering Room.
Feb. 2nd - bring your own bag lunch & play balloon volleyball.
Feb. 16th - free lunch served; speaker from Busch Funeral Homes talking about planning funerals.

Sun., Feb. 13th - "Cookin for Christ", 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Menu - meat loaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, salad rolls & dessert. Cost: \$7, adults; \$4, children under 10. Call church office, 216-351-6499, by Thurs., Feb.10th, to RSVP.

For sale, Corpus Christi closing Mass on DVD; price, \$12. For a copy email Ryan Marconi at greatone117@aol.com.

Update on Roman Catholic Church closings/mergings -- Again this month there's not enough space for a church article, but the Diocesan spokesperson tells us that there is nothing to report yet from the sales underway at Blessed Sacrament and the Corpus Christi rectory. We do have details about the new (old!) statues at St. Thomas More Church, but those details will have to wait 'til next month.

As I see it...
by
Pastor Jerry



A young ensign, nearly completing his first tour of sea duty, was given an opportunity to display his ability at getting the ship under way. With a stream of commands, he had the decks buzzing with men and soon, the ship had left port and was streaming out of the channel.

The ensign's efficiency was remarkable. The deck was abuzz with talk that he had set a new record for getting a destroyer under way. The proud ensign was not all that surprised when he received a message from the captain. He was, however, a bit surprised to find that it was a radio message, and even more surprised when he read, "My personal congratulations upon completing your underway preparation exercise according to the book with amazing speed. In your haste, however, you have overlooked one of the unwritten rules -- make sure the captain is aboard before getting under way."

God's Manual for Life, the Bible, is our manual for getting our lives under way. However, we must never become so bound to the book that we forget the Author of it and the relationship He desires to have with us on the voyage.

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www.clevelandAnglican.com

BAPTIST

Broadview Baptist Church
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

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
3354 Fulton Rd. Phone: 216-631-9199
Rev. Freddie Ray, 216-355-2137. Sun. School: 10 am. Service: 10:30 am, Sun. evening service: 6 pm. Thurs. evening Bible Study, 7 pm. Good gospel singing & preaching

Galilean Baptist Church
4520 W. 11th St., Brooklyn, Between Schaaf & Spring Rds. Rev: Carson Hall, Pastor
Phone: 216-749-7787 or 216-392-4653
Sun. School: 10 am; Worship:11am & 6 pm. Wed. 7 pm

Harmony Baptist Church
4020 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Pastor: David Wojnarowski. Phone. 216-351-3740
Sunday Worship: 11am & 6 pm.
Sunday School: 9:45 am; Wed. Prayer 7 pm

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
4600 State Rd. Phone: 216-741-7979
Pastor: Very Rev. Steven Koplinka
Father Deacon: Joseph Hnat, 216-233-4118.
Divine Liturgies: Sat. Vigil, 4 pm.; Sunday, 11 am; Holy days, 9 am. Crystal Chalet
Phone: 216-749-4504
School #: 216-749-7980 Pre-School #: 216-351-8121

CHARISMATIC

Good News Ministires Church
3705 West 36th. (W. 36th & Mapledale Ave.)
Phone:216-398-4913 Pastor: Ernie Green.
Sunday Worship, 11 am
TV - Tues. 6:30 pm. Ch.21- 9 pm Ch. 26.
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EVANGELICAL

Grace Church
2503 Broadview Rd. & W. 28th St.; 216-661-8210
Pastors: Charlie Collier & Jeff Doeringer
Sundays: 9 am. Bible Study, 10 am. Service, Wednesday: Kid's Church 6:45 - 8 pm.
Thursday: Youth Night 6:45 - 8 pm.
Email: Grace.Church@graceoldbrooklyn.org

LUTHERAN

Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church
4470 Ridge Rd. Phone: 216-749-5585 Pastor David W. Bennett. Sunday worship, Traditional service 9 am. Praise service 10:30 am. Sunday school, 10:30 am. www.LutheransOnline.com/DMLChurch.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.
5801 Memphis Ave. Phone: 216-741-8230
Pastors Bela Berhardt & Jan Paulus. Sunday Worship 10 am.

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Scranton & Seymour Ave. Phone: 216-781-9511
Pastor: Rev. Horst Hoyer & Rev. John Hoyer
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Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church
5280 Broadview Rd. (North & Tuxedo Ave.)
Phone: 351-6376 Pastor: Donald E. Frantz II
Sunday Worship 10:20 am Sat. 5:15 pm.
Sunday School: 9 - 10 am. Coffee, 8:30

NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of the Four Winds
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William Cullen Bryant Elementary School receives ODE “Excellent” rating

by **Melissa M Watts**
Principal William Cullen Bryant School

The November *Old Brooklyn News* included a photo of four neighborhood principals whose schools received “excellent” ratings from the Ohio Department of Education for the 2009-2010 school year. The principals were pictured at Cleveland City Hall with the councilmen who represent our area and the proclamations which these councilmen presented to them at the weekly Council meeting that evening.

The rating was based on the results of the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) testing. The tests are administered every year to students in grades 3 to 8 to measure what they know and are able to do in various subjects.

We asked each of the school administrators to submit an article about what they believe their school did to merit receiving an excellent rating. In December we printed the response from Benjamin Franklin School, the first one we received. Last month we moved on to the second and third schools, Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School. We’ll conclude the story this month with a report from the principal at the fourth school –

William Cullen Bryant Elementary School
3121 Oak Park Ave.

William Cullen Bryant (WCB) is a beautiful, 80-year-old school building in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Housed in those three floors is a preschool through eighth grade elementary school which has achieved an excellent rating on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE) State Report Card. The dedicated staff, community, students and parents have created an atmosphere where learning is valued and ideas are always welcome.

Mrs. Melissa Watts is working for her third year as principal of William Cullen Bryant. Under her leadership, Bryant’s scores on the ODE’s report have increased every year. Mrs. Watts maintains the focus of students and staff on academics and a rigorous attention to meeting the academic and social emotional needs of every student.

WCB’s leadership and staff believe that all students can learn and achieve academic success. With attention to assessing student needs through data review and continuous evaluation monitor progress, William Cullen Bryant sets a course for success for each student.

WCB increased its Performance Index score from 86.4 to a 91.4, placing itself in *Effective* status. The Performance Index reflects the achievement of every student enrolled at William Cullen Bryant. It is a weighted average that includes Reading, Mathematics and Science. The scores are broken down as follows: Advanced = 1.2; Accelerated = 1.1; Proficient = 1.0; Basic = .6; Limited = .3; untested students = 0. The Performance Index can be used to compare school achievement trends over the years.

In addition, William Cullen Bryant achieved a Value Added Rating of *Above* which raised us from *Effective* to *Excellent*. This rating represents the progress our school has made with its students since last school year. A score of *Above* indicates greater than one year of progress has been achieved; *Met*

indicates one year of progress has been achieved; *Below* indicates less than one year of progress has been achieved. When a school experiences above expected growth for at least two consecutive years, the school’s final designation will increase by one designation. Hence, William Cullen Bryant achieved



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Excellent. Academics drive the WCB population on a daily basis. Language Arts classes focus on project-based learning, utilizing literature in addition to the text, and spotlight student-centered learning. The Mathematics curriculum is supplemented with hands-on explorations which aid students in understanding concepts and principles. Science is investigated using an inquiry-approach to foster students’ natural fascination of why things work and how to approach any problem. Learning about world cultures, people and lands is an integral part of building tomorrow’s successful community members.

WCB has excelled academically thanks in part to the Accelerated Reader (AR) program. Through AR, students read daily, conference with both staff and classmates, and take on-line quizzes to increase their reading skills. The students at Bryant have gained remarkable confidence in their reading comprehension and retention due to Accelerated Reader. The level of success has placed WCB second in the District in utilizing AR and has been evidenced on the Ohio Academic Assessment.

Students at WCB also are afforded additional opportunities through multiple partner-

ships with the International House of Blues Foundation. Music lessons, after-school art programs and performances have showcased that Bryant’s passion extends beyond academics alone.

The WCB community believes in the philosophy, “You get what you give.” This year alone, students have donated hundreds and hundreds of books to children in need. Seeing that they are making a difference to lives across the world has brought the students closer together and created a stronger connection to the world around them.

None of these successes would be possible without the dedicated, creative and unparalleled staff. These individuals hold the bar extremely high for WCB students and celebrate when the children not only meet, but exceed expectations. Individual goals are set by both teacher and student for academics, behavior and attendance; then a course is plotted for the year to attain said goals. When students know exactly what they need to do to be successful, it becomes easy to believe and achieve.

The WCB student population is an amazing bunch of children from diverse backgrounds and situations who continuously attain remarkable things! The support of parents and care-givers is evident in the halls and grounds of Bryant at all times. Because of this, learning extends beyond the walls of the school building and into the homes, libraries and community.

William Cullen Bryant will continue to serve the Cleveland Municipal School District as an inspiration of what can be accomplished when teachers monitor students’ learning through data analysis, students put forth effort, parents partner with the school, and the community believes in the program. This combination has put WCB on the path for success.

HSOB plans fundraiser to help fund “Senior to Senior” project

by David Waldman
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A neighborhood’s history is one of its most valuable resources, but too often is neglected and can be lost forever. The Senior to Senior program, created by the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, seeks to preserve the legacy of Old Brooklyn by recording the oral histories of its senior residents. The program specifically looks for seniors aged 80+ to give oral histories that are related to Old Brooklyn. This program has helped to increase the respect and appreciation between residents of the community.

The program was started by Constance Ewazen, the president of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn and Greg Cznadel a member of the Historical Society, in May of 2010. The program is called Senior to Senior because it was initially designed to have local high school seniors interview senior residents, to fulfill their community service requirement and created connections between groups and individuals that might otherwise never occur. Recently the program has been expanded to allow any member of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn to become an interviewer.

The project has been fortunate enough to have two Ukrainian high school seniors assigned to assist with the gathering of the oral

histories. Many of the senior residents being interviewed are Ukrainian and require interviewers who can speak their language.

The interviewers will be using voice recorders on laptops to record the oral histories. These files will then be burned to a CD and given to the family of the senior resident or any other interested individual. The data files will be cataloged by a computer program called Past Perfect which allows keyword searches to be done for all the individual histories.

The project is being funded through a grant by Neighborhood Connections. The grant is a matching funds grant so the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn will be holding a fundraiser on Feb. 12 at the Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. from 9am to Noon. A Belgian Waffle Breakfast will be served and oral histories will also be collected there. The cost will be \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12. To RSVP call Shirley at 216-661-5804 or Charlotte at 216-661-1803 by February 9th.

Seniors are encouraged to be interviewed and interact with others in the community. If you would like to become a volunteer, would like to be interviewed or know of someone who would be a candidate to be interviewed, contact Constance at 216-398-8969.



Photo by Sheila Quealy-Walter



Photo by Sandy Worona

Whether you refer to it as gossip or news, get it at Broadview Schaaf Marathon.
Thanks for being one of our drop off locations, Don!

Totally Renovated Home in Cozy Old Brooklyn 4365 W. 50th Street

This completely renovated home is charming and well built and is almost brand new inside and out. It was purchased and renovated by Old Brooklyn CDC. This is a bungalow style home with a good size kitchen and all new appliances including a dishwasher, stove and refrigerator. The dining room is large and opens to a full size living room. The home has all new windows plus the inside and out is freshly painted. All of the flooring is brand new as well.

This home has 3 bedrooms, one smaller one downstairs and two upstairs. Plus the CDC added a full bathroom upstairs. The full bath downstairs has been updated. In addition, there is a full and very clean attic for storage.

The basement is totally dry and is partially finished with three separate rooms. All updated and clean as new.



There is an almost totally new oversized two car garage. The yard is a decent size and is fenced in.

The new asking price is \$79,500. In 2002 this house sold for \$92,500 without any of the current upgrades and only one bathroom! This is a wonderful home on a great street close to shopping, schools, the library, highways and more.

For additional information, contact Robyn Sandys or any staff member at OBCDC at 216-459-1000.



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Build a Better Block 2011

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

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We are asking local Old Brooklyn schools to get involved in the community in an artistic way. We are looking for schools to paint rain barrels which will be displayed downtown Old Brooklyn. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation will provide your school with a rain barrel. It will be up to your school leaders to decide who paints your barrel. Our theme for the rain barrels is the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. So use your schools creativity to come up with a Zoo-themed barrel. Your school’s name may be on the barrel, but it must be incorporated into your overall design. Barrels will be picked up the week of May 1, 2011.

HOW TO PAINT YOUR RAIN BARREL

1. Wipe down the barrel with a one-to-one mixture of vinegar and water.
2. Rough the surface of the barrel with a piece of fine grit sand paper.
3. Apply a coat of latex bonding primer.
4. Paint your design with "exterior latex paint."

If you are interested in participating in Build a Better Block for Old Brooklyn contact Lori A. Peterson at 216-459-1000 or lorip@oldbrooklyn.com for a school submission form by Friday, February 18th. Prizes for the winner!!!

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