

## Irish and Irish “wannabees” to celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with prayers, parade and fun

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Although Old Brooklyn is not decidedly Irish in the way in which some west side Cleveland neighborhoods are (e.g., West Park and Kamm’s), nevertheless, for at least the past several years, the March issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* has featured something related to the city’s Irish heritage.

In the past we’ve talked about the history of the St. Patrick’s Day parade in both America in general and in Cleveland in particular, the historical St. Patrick, our Irish councilmen and, of course, the details about the current year’s parade.

We also borrowed an idea from a contest which appeared several years ago in the now defunct *Cleveland Free Times* called “You’re so Cleveland if...” and converted it to “You’re so Irish if...”

That “You’re so Irish if...” article was the first of numerous nationality articles (Polish, Italian, Jewish) we’ve since run, and it will also be the main theme of this year’s St. Patrick’s Day article. We can think of a seemingly infinite list of attributes and historical contributions of Clevelanders whose heritage is Irish! But first, the details of this year’s parade –

Cleveland’s 145th (though not in the same way we know it today) St. Patrick’s Day parade on Thursday, March 17th, will step off at 1:04 p.m. at the intersection of E. 18th St. and Superior Ave. As has been the case for the past two years, the parade will travel west to East Roadway (on the east side of Public Square), then north one block to Rockwell Ave., and then back east to E. 6th St.

One of America’s largest St. Patrick’s Day parades, thousands of Greater Clevelanders — in bands, drill teams, marching units or otherwise on foot, on floats or driving a variety of vehicles — will be participating in it. Visit the parade’s website, [www.clevelandsirishparade.org](http://www.clevelandsirishparade.org), for more information.

And now, before we return to part II of “You’re so Irish if...” let me remind you that you can reread my thoughts about being Irish from two years ago by visiting the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation’s website, [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com),

and clicking on the link to the *Old Brooklyn News*. In the online archives there you will find the March 2009 edition of the paper; the story about the Irish begins on the front page.

So again I propose that “You’re so Irish if...”

...you consider St. Patrick’s Day to be a national holiday and you start preparing for it in February;

...your family has its own “spot” on the St. Patrick’s Day Parade route; some of your family members may even be participating in the parade;

...either way, you know many of the people in the parade and think nothing of calling out to them as they pass by;

...at any social gathering, you can’t resist relating what you think is an amusing vignette; in fact, you can’t wait for the other person to stop talking so that you can start talking;

...for as long as you can remember, the men in your life have been telling “Pat and Mike” jokes — some with genuine brogues, some with incredibly good imitation brogues — at social gatherings;

...at least one of your cousins is a policeman and another of them, a fireman;

... you know the old class distinctions of Lace Curtain Irish (the educated, upper class) and Shanty Irish (the working class poor who may not have even had curtains!);

... you’ve attended events at both the Irish American Club — East Side, at 2270 Lake Shore Blvd. in Euclid, and the West Side Irish American Club, 8559 Jennings Rd. in Columbia Station;

... you know that a branch of the Celts were the original inhabitants of the Emerald Isle, having migrated there from central Europe circa 300 B.C., and that the name of the tribe of those early folk who went there (as well as to present-day Scotland and the Isle of Man) was the Gaels; Gaelic refers to the culture and the language of the Gaels, though eventually their English rulers wouldn’t let the Irish speak their native Gaelic tongue;

... although you don’t speak Gaelic, you know that “Céad Mile Fáilte” means you are welcome a thousand times over

wherever you come from, whosoever you be;

... you’ve been to Ireland and kissed the Blarney Stone (in addition to being full of blarney yourself);

... you’ve purchased at least one fisherman knit sweater and one piece of Irish linen at the duty free shop in Shannon Airport on your way home from a trip to “the olde sod”;

... you know that many of the Cleveland Irish are descendants of people from County Mayo;

...one of your female ancestors was an Irish “washerwoman” (a lady who earned her living by washing other peoples clothes and linens); another was on the housekeeping staff of one of the mansions which once lined Euclid Ave.;

... you are accustomed to answering the question, “To which Brennan/Burke/Byrne/Carroll/Casey/Cavanaugh/

Collins/Connolly/Cullen/Cunningham/Daly/Donnelly/Duffy/Dunne/Farrell/Fitzgibbons/Fitzgerald/Fitzpatrick/Flanagan/Flynn/Gallagher/Grady/Griffin/Kelly/McIntyre/Higgins/Hughes/McMahon/MacNamera/Maguire/Maher/Maloney/Mahoney/McCarthy/McDermott/McDonnell/McLaughlin/Moran/Murphy/O’Brien/O’Callaghan/O’Connor/O’Doherty/O’Keefe/O’Leary/O’Malley/O’Neill/O’Reilly/O’Rourke/O’Shea/Quinn/Ryan/Sheehan/Sullivan/Sweeney/Walsh, etc. family do you belong?”;

...because you have a much wider than average circle of family and friends, you start paying attention to the death notices in the paper at a much younger age than most people do; you call them the “Irish Sports Pages” and read them religiously every morning;

See *St. Patrick’s Day* page 8

## New Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi tested over three-day President's Day weekend

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An important milestone was passed in February as the Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi underwent its first live testing. This President’s Day weekend test of the *Old Brooklyn Connected* Wi-Fi was performed in the neighborhood surrounding Estabrook Recreation Center, north of Memphis and between Fulton Pkwy. and Ridgeview Rd. Nearby areas may have also been able to ‘get connected’ during this testing phase.

Households in this area received flyers and robocalls prior to the test to let them know that they should boot up their wireless computers and give the network a try. Early reports from the test weekend show that many residents were able to get online with relative ease, connecting to the network SSID (name) “OldBrooklyn”.

After the test weekend the network returned to “invisible” mode to continue testing, but residents might still see the network listed as “Unnamed Network” and be able to connect by typing in the SSID “OldBrooklyn”.

Dozens of residents took the next step and helped to improve our network by completing the short survey posted on our website, [www.oldbrooklynconnected.com](http://www.oldbrooklynconnected.com). The feedback they provided has already helped the network technicians to determine which areas to focus on as the network pushes towards completion.

Many residents have begun to inquire about the availability of the CPE antenna, or wireless modem. We are continuing to develop a distribution plan. Depending on the needs of each household, different models will be available for in the \$35 to \$70 range. (We are not sure of exact pricing yet.)

For households with multiple computers, or those desiring the highest level of service throughout their home, the more expensive model is recommended. For those with one computer, the \$35 model may be adequate. More information about CPE antennas will be at our website, [www.oldbrooklynconnected.com](http://www.oldbrooklynconnected.com), soon and in future editions of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

For more information, please contact Christopher Lohr at 216-459-1000 or a [christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com).

## Benjamin Franklin Community Garden

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Saturday, March 26th

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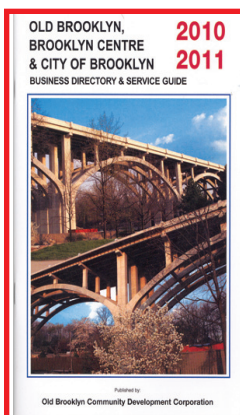
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Proceeds go towards operation of the garden

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## From the desk of the executive director

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We are all trying to March towards spring. We had the taste of warmth for a few days in February, all the snow melted and then bam we got hit again with another reminder of that winter feeling.

The same kind of thing happened with our new community web site. We were marching toward getting it on our system so it would be live for all to view by mid-February and then we hit a few snags with the technology to get it connected. It should be available for all to see in early March if not before.

This time I am not going to make any clear cut promise. Sorry I did last month. But it will happen and it is a tremendous web site for our Old Brooklyn community and beyond. I can't wait to get your feedback on it.

On President's weekend we tested the new Wi-Fi system for Ward 13 and it is moving along nicely. More information regarding the results is in the article on the front page.

We are gearing up for a spring and summer chock full of events for all ages. The first will be on May 21st where we are going to transform a portion of Pearl Rd. north and south of Broadview into the kind of retail district we would all like to see someday. It is now

being called "Pop Up Pearl, Building a Better Block." On the same day there will be a bicycling event "Pedals for Prizes" where bicyclists will go to many retailers and other Old Brooklyn spots in the area to encourage learning more about our assets. More details on these events will be coming soon.

Remember if you want the most up to date information about our events and activities; sign up to receive our email newsletter which comes out a few times a month. To be on this list (not sold or distributed to anyone else) email your email address to Lori Peterson at [lorip@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lorip@oldbrooklyn.com).

We are pleased to report that we have a sales contract for our home on W. 50th St. Hopefully the deal will be completed within the next month. The next home we will be rehabbing for sale is on 1428 Denley Ave. It is a smaller cute home, perfect for one or two people. It should be available later this spring or early summer.

One of the homes that we turned over to a contractor to rehab is now on the market and they did a terrific job on this home. It is at 3618 Leopold. More information about this home is on page 4.

### LENTEN FISH FRIES

**Brooklyn Heights UCC**, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd., Fri., Mar. 11th - April 15th, 5:30 - 7 pm. Fish, fries, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, beverage - \$7.

**Dr. Martin Luther Evangelical Lutheran Church**, 4470 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn. Fri., Mar. 18th & 25th; Apr. 1st, 8th & 15th, 4 - 7 pm. Walleye, cod, shrimp, pierogi & more. Call 216-749-5585 for more info.

**Mary Queen of Peace Church**, 4427 Pearl Rd., Parish Hall. Fri., Mar. 11th - Apr. 15th, 4:30 - 7 pm. Adult dinners - \$7; Seniors & children - \$5. Breaded baked fish, non-breaded fish, homemade pierogi, battered shrimp with choice of two sides. Eat in or take out.

**St. Leo Church**, 4940 Broadview Rd., Fri., March 11th, 18th, 25th, Fri., April 1st, 8th, 15th, 4:30 - 7 pm. Adult dinners, \$8. Fish, shrimp, pierogi or combo dinners with choice of

1 side (fries or baked potato) & cole slaw or apple sauce, roll & butter. A la carte items - pierogis, pizza, macaroni & cheese, cabbage & noodles, soup & dessert. Kids' meals, \$3.50. Carryouts available.

**St. Mary Catholic Byzantine School PTU**, 4600 State Rd. Every Fri., Mar. 11th - Apr. 15th, 6:30 pm. Dinners start at \$7 for battered cod, breaded shrimp, pierogis, cabbage & noodles, french fries, pizza. Items also available a la carte. Call school office, 216-749-7980, 9 am - 2 pm for more info.

**Cleveland Maennerchor**, 4515 State Rd., Fri. 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Fish, shrimp, scallops, schnitzel, bratwurst, pierogis, potato pancakes, German potato salad. All dinners include bread & butter & choice of potato salad or french fries & apple sauce, coleslaw or salad. Specials every Fri. Call 741-7728 for more info.



## Former pastor shares BMUMC early history

by Rev. Neal Wilds

I was asked to record some history about Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church (BMUMC) after it closed in December.

It is very difficult to find accurate accounts of the history of any event. I have spent twenty years or more researching Methodism in the Cleveland area and have been led in so many directions over the years. I have written many articles which at the time I thought were authoritative only to find later that I had been led astray one more time.

Religious services had begun in Cuyahoga County as early as 1814 with bible study and prayer meetings in the home of Ozias Brainard. They included the Fish and Brainard families and Christians from both a Methodist and a Congregational persuasion.

About nine months after the organization of the Brooklyn Methodist Episcopal Church (BMEC), a church made up of folks who were Congregational in background was formed. This original church was Presbyterian because the Presbyterians and the Congregationalists had divided the Western Reserve into areas of influence which included both Presbyterian and Congregational preachers.

So what we know now as the Archwood United Church of Christ was for a while served by Presbyterian preachers.

The following excerpt from the Journal of the North East Ohio Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of 1907 shows the beginning of our Mission work west of the Cuyahoga River --

*In 1817 Jacob Ward, a local preacher from Brunswick, found four Fishes and four Brainards and organized the Brooklyn Memorial Church, the mother Church.*

Mr. Ward also organized a number of preaching points throughout the western part of Cuyahoga County.

At the Annual Conference of 1817 the Reverend John C. Brook was appointed to the "Huron Circuit". But Brother Brook, finding ample room for a four weeks' circuit east of the Black River, did not go west of the Black River. He called this circuit the "Cuyahoga Circuit".

In the Conference year, 1818-1819, in what is now the "Tuscarawas District", Charles Waddell, Presiding Elder, appointed Ezra Booth and Dennis Goddard to the "Cuyahoga Circuit" with BMEC as the northernmost preaching point.

In 1908 the Presiding Officer addressed the members of the Annual Conference by saying:

*For two years in succession Cleveland District has had the honor of entertaining the North Ohio Conference. We welcome you most heartily to the Queen City of Ohio; to our Churches and to our homes, for we expect that the homes of our Churches will receive great inspiration from your presence in them. Your coming enables us to celebrate the ninetieth anniversary of the organization of Cleveland Methodism.*

(The "Cuyahoga Circuit" later became known as the "Brooklyn Circuit".)

On April 1st, 1930, Leonard Gurley Foster of 3007 Archwood Ave., then ninety years old, wrote a short history of the four church buildings of BMUMC which he'd attended:

*When four or five years old I went with my father Ebenezer Foster to attend the first meeting place of the Methodist church people. It was located about twenty feet inside from the entrance of the old Brooklyn Cemetery. It was a small one story building about 16 by 24 (feet), it had a sawdust floor and wooden benches to seat about one hundred persons. The women were seated on the East side and the men on the West. The Minister had a chair and had a table in front - on the north side. I learned that some took off their shoes before entering, they doubtless had read and believed (Viz) - 'Take off thy shoes for this is holy ground'. This meeting place was of short duration. Mr. Ebenezer Fish, father of John Fish, who gave the cemetery land, gave the corner lot on Newburgh and Twenty-fifth streets (site of the Shell Station) to the Brooklyn M.E. Church to build a large two story Church. They built and used it - for more than fifty years. In those early days many were converted and received - love, joy and peace.*

*In regard to this first two story Church on the corner of 25th and Denison, I remember this incident very distinctly. When about eight or nine years old, on going home from school, I stopped near the Church, and I saw Daniel Fish standing on the peak of the Church, and soon Levy and Ozias Fish came along - from hunting. They stopped on the south side of Newburgh St to view the Church, and Daniel called to them and said, "I have just put on the last shingle". And Levy said "Hold up a shingle and see me put a hole through it." And Daniel took a shingle in his left hand, and facing south, he stretched out his hand with the shingle. Then Levy fired and put a hole through it. They all seemed glad that the shingles were all on, and the Church completed and ready to occupy. After many years the M.E. Church built two other large Churches, one on Twenty Fifth Street and one on Archwood Avenue."*

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### Friends of Big Creek

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Sunday, March 6th

4 - 6 p.m.

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3995 Jennings Rd. at Harvard Ave.

Tickets: \$20

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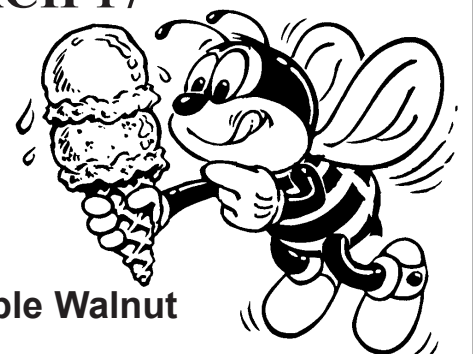
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**Thursday, March 3rd**  
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**Cleveland Astronomical Society Lectures**  
 Leonard Krieger, Canalway Center of Cleveland Metroparks, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, 4524 E. 49th St., 8 - 9 pm. Speaker: John Ruhl, Professor of Physics & Astronomy, Case Western Reserve University. Call 216-206-1000 or visit [www.clevelandastronomicalsociety.org](http://www.clevelandastronomicalsociety.org) for more info. Free; open to the public.

**Monday, March 7th**  
**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
 Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. (Christmas in March because December program was cancelled due to bad weather!) "Myths and Traditions of Christmas" presented by CVGS president Don Koslowski. Call him AT 440-526-7105 for more info. Also annual, but optional, food collection for the needy, as well as business meeting & refreshments.

**Thursday, March 10th**  
**Antique Collectors Club Meeting**  
 Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Carole Wooten speaking about antique quilts - history/meaning of dif. styles; guests welcome.

**Friday, March 11th**  
**Rock & Reggae Festival**  
 Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland Beachland Ballroom & Tavern, 15711 Waterloo Rd. Headliners include reggae legends Carlos Jones & the P.L.U.S. Band in the ballroom & The TwistOffs in the tavern. Features 6 hours of live rock & reggae music in one place. Proceeds enable The Free Clinic to continue providing quality health care free of charge to the uninsured. Visit [mghoston@thefreeclinic.org](mailto:mghoston@thefreeclinic.org) or call Melissa Ghoston, Director of Volunteer & External Relations, 216-707-3438, for more info.

**Saturday, March 19th**  
**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists**  
**SPRING Recipe Swap & Cookbook Party**  
 Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd., 2 pm. Neighbors invited to join BCN for recipe swap & food tasting.

**Sunday, March 20th**  
**Spaghetti Dinner Benefit**  
**Fundraiser for the Second District Community Relations Committee**  
 OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St., Tremont. Donation - \$5; all ages. Includes dinner of spaghetti & meatballs, salad, rolls & butter & beverages. Tickets available in advance & at the door. Proceeds benefit charitable activities of Community Relations Committee. Contact Bob Shores at 216-781-3222 or [bshores@ohiocity.org](mailto:bshores@ohiocity.org) for more info.

**Now - April 15th**  
**EITC/VITA Free Tax Preparation**  
 Westside Housing Center, 6604 Detroit Ave. EITC/VITA tax site offers professional tax preparation free of charge to those who qualify. Single filer can have income up to \$42,000 & have taxes done for free. Tues. & Thurs., 4 -

7 pm & Sat., 11am - 3 pm. Call 216-961-4242, ext. 268, for more info.

**Friday, March 18th & Saturday March 19th**  
**City Music Concerts**  
**Fri, March 18th, 7:30 pm, St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, 10205 Lorain Ave.;**  
**Sat., March 19th, 7:30 pm, Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus Church, 3649 E. 65th St.**  
 Program: Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto in D, Op.35 & Bizet's Symphony in C. Free; donations appreciated. Visit website, [www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org) for complete details.

**Tuesday, March 22nd**  
**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**  
 North Royalton Public Library, 14600 State Rd., 7 pm - 9 pm. Speakers -- Dr. Gary Rankin & Monica Valendovic talking about fungal disease prevention & cure. Everyone welcome! Contact 330-220-2213 or email [webmaster@westernreservesociety.org](mailto:webmaster@westernreservesociety.org) for more info.

**Sunday, March 27th**  
**Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby**  
 Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd., Parish Center, 1 pm.

**Sunday, March 27th**  
**Arts Renaissance Tremont - Trio Terzetto**  
 Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St., 3 pm. Visit [www.trioterzetto.com](http://www.trioterzetto.com).

**Saturday, April 30th**  
**The Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County Spring Seminar**  
 'From Garden to Table', Happy Days Lodge Cuyahoga Valley National Park, 9:30 am - 3 pm. Fee - \$32; includes homemade bakery, catered lunch, handouts, door prizes & raffle. Seminar topics -- vegetable, fruit & herb gardening with a focus on the unusual; extending the growing season; pest & disease controls; farming in the Valley; gardening in small spaces; cooking demonstration by one of Cleveland's local chefs. Herbs & perennial plants available for sale from Mulberry Creek Herb Farm. Call Mary O'Rourke, [mary0236@aol.com](mailto:mary0236@aol.com) or Greg Cada, [gcada@ag.ohio-state.edu](mailto:gcada@ag.ohio-state.edu) for more info. Visit Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County's home page, <http://cuyahogamg.org/>, to print a registration form & get directions. Anyone registering after Apr. 15th charged \$37.

**4th Annual Photography Competition**  
**Sponsored by The Ohio Cemetery Alliance**  
 Photos must be taken in a cemetery located in the U.S.A. for Category 1 & an Ohio cemetery for Categories 2 & 3. Prizes awarded in three categories - cemetery landscape, people, monuments/statuary. Deadline for submitting photos -- Sat., May 7th. Opening reception & announcement of winners, Sat, May 28th, 1 pm, Shaker Heights Public Library, 16500 Van Aken Blvd. Photographs displayed at Library Sat, May 28th, thru Sat, Jun.18th. More details at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ohca>.

**Native Plant Sale**  
 Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Brooklyn Centre Naturalists &

OBCDC Green Space Committee sponsoring native plant sale. Price - \$3 each; 3 for \$7.50. Plants grown by Stucker Meadows in Holmes County. Plants available -- Butterfly Weed, Wild Blue Phlox/Garden Phlox, Purple Coneflower, Black-Eyed Susan, Cardinal Flower, Liatris, Asters, Foxglove, Goldenrod, Blue Lobelia, Blue Vervain. Orders due by May 20th; pre-payment is required. Plants distributed in Sept. Contact Amy Roskilly, 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or [aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org](mailto:aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org) to order. Order forms at [www.cuyahogawcd.org](http://www.cuyahogawcd.org); phone orders accepted.

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**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.

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

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## BFCG schedules fundraiser & 2011 sign up

by Hallie Forcinio

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG), located behind Benjamin Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd., may be buried under snow, but preparations for the upcoming growing season are well underway. Since the Garden closed for the season in mid-October, members of the Garden Committee have been meeting several times each month to prepare grant applications, review Garden Rules, write operating procedures and plan events.

A fundraiser to support operation of the Garden will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Cleats Club Seat Grille, 3995 Jennings Rd. In addition to free pizza, wings, beer and well drinks from 6 to 8 p.m., the event will feature door prizes, a Chinese Raffle, a 50/50 Raffle and Side Boards. A limited number of tickets are available — \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door; \$10 of the cost is tax deductible. Anyone who'd like to attend or donate a raffle item should contact Jeff Kostura, vice chairman of the Garden Committee, at 216-218-4095.

Applications to reserve garden plots for the 2011 season are being mailed to returning gardeners; they must be returned with payment to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) office, 3344 Broadview Rd., by Monday, March 28th.

Applications for new gardeners will be available after Tuesday, April 5th; they must be returned with payment by Wednesday, April 20th.

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden has 206 plots and ranks as the largest community garden in Cuyahoga County. Each plot measures roughly 20 x 25 feet (500 square feet) and has access to water. The plot fee is \$30.

All new and returning gardeners should plan to attend the Garden Kick-off Meeting from 6 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 5th, at the Brooklyn Senior Center, 7727 Memphis Ave. in Brooklyn. The Kick-off Meeting will present the plot diagram for the season and provide an opportunity for gardeners to pick up the free seeds provided by the Garden Committee and the City of Cleveland's Summer Sprout Program (administered by the Ohio State University Extension Service). The agenda will also include a 50/50 Raffle and sale of Garden T-shirts.

Weather permitting, the Garden generally opens circa May 15th. Each season BFCG gardeners not only grow produce for themselves, relatives, friends and neighbors, but also donate between 5,000 and 6,000 pounds of fresh herbs and vegetables to local food pantries and kitchens including the Brookside Center, St. Herman's House of Hospitality and St. Augustine Church's Hunger Center.

For additional information, contact Sandy Worona at OBCDC, 216-459-1000.

(Former Garden Coordinator Tom Sargent contributed to this article.)

## Senior of the month: Margie Dobrovich

by Jay Gardner, Executive Director, Senior Citizen Resources, Inc.

Thanks to the many people who called or stopped by to nominate this month's Senior in the Spotlight, Margie Dobrovich.

Margie has been with Senior Citizen Resources for over fourteen years, has been one of our Meals on Wheels volunteers for at least thirteen years, and has been a member of our advisory board for the past six years. She volunteered in the kitchen at Estabrook and has taught pierogi-making to some of our seniors.

Margie has five children, ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; her fifth great-grandchild is on the way. She is very active in the community -- she belongs to her neighborhood Crime Watch, the Southwest Citizen's Group and the Isabella Guild.

Margie was a long-time member of St. Barbara's Church until its closing, and is now a parishioner at Mary Queen of Peace. She keeps her body and mind active with weekly bowling and Scrabble games, and enjoys visiting some of SCR's seniors who have moved into nursing homes and/or care facilities.

Margie spends a lot of her time baking nut rolls and poppy seed rolls, cakes and making pierogies. She, of course, brings many of these tasty treats to SCR, but Margie also volunteers



Margie Dobrovich

at local churches to teach pierogi making as a fundraiser.

One of Margie's favorite pierogi fundraisers is at the Lakeview Church of God in Parma Heights, where the parents and children get together and make upwards of 300 dozen pierogies in one day, and then use the proceeds to send the children to summer camp. 2011 will be the fourth year for this very successful fundraiser.

Margie's advice to all of us is to "Help each other, be good to each other, enjoy each other's company... and if you can put a smile on someone's face, it's a good day."

Thanks, Margie, for putting so many smiles on all our faces!

## Riverside burials starting to be indexed

Members of the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society (CVGS), with assistance from other genealogy groups, have started to index the 53,000+ burials at Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd. The hours open for volunteering at Riverside are Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Interested individuals who would like to help CVGS with this indexing project are asked to contact John at 216-524-3472 and let him know the day or days they are available to volunteer.

Each of the seventy record books at Riverside contains 700 to 800 names. Each volunteer will be assigned a book to work on; he/she must have his/her own laptop computer to use for the project.

CVGS is using an Excel spreadsheet to record the name, date of death, date of burial, and lot, section, grave and page number of

each person in the record book. Several of the Cemetery's record books have already been completed.

Volunteers are also needed to proof-read the data extracted from the Cemetery books and entered onto the computer spreadsheets. These volunteers will not need to bring their own laptops for proof-reading.

The indexing at Riverside is a community project. When it's completed, it will help genealogists locate their ancestors more easily. The Cleveland Cemetery Indexing project is now finished and can be accessed online at: <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcdrt/clecems/index.html>

(The information for this article was submitted by CVGS member John Stoika, who is the chairperson of the Riverside Cemetery Indexing Project.)

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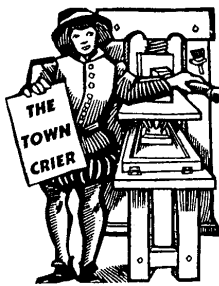
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"There's grass again," I heard a little neighbor girl exclaim during the "February thaw" week which preceded this again cold, snowy, icy week when we readying the March issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* for the printer.

True to their name, my snowdrops had actually been blooming under the snowdrifts; I hadn't realized that any spring bulbs do that, and was delighted to find them when the snow covering them melted. (By this time next month, the crocus will probably have bloomed, too.) But now they're buried again.

We've included some February photos on page 6. The one of the ice-coated trees is hauntingly beautiful, but it doesn't tell the whole story of residents who had driveways blocked by huge downed tree limbs or were without power because of the ice storm.

I often begin this column by sharing some follow-up news we've received from the last issue. This time, though, the follow-up I'm about to relate was from two issues ago,

because I didn't have room for it last month. It's one of those small world stories...

A major article in our January edition was an obituary about the three former Deaconess Hospital chaplains who had passed away within a year of each other -- **Rev. Herb Reichert, Fr. Raymond Schultheiss, C.P.P.S. and Fr. John Bolan, C.P.P.S.** Since Rev. Reichert lived in Greater Cleveland, I got my information about him from his in-town family. But I had to contact a woman who works in the Missionaries of the Precious Blood's (i.e., the C.P.P.S.) provincial office in Dayton for information about the two Catholic priests.

After the article was published, I mailed a copy of the January paper to the C.P.P.S. office and received in return an amazing response from contact person **Catherine Babcock** --

Not only is Catherine a former Cleveland, but until the Sixties, she and the rest of the Babcock family had lived in Parma right next door to the Reicherts! The families had kept up for quite a while after the Babcocks relocated, but lost touch in recent years. Our obituary turned out to be life-giving in eliciting a flurry of email activity between the now-grown Reichert and Babcock children.

There was some back and forth emailing between me and one of Catherine's brothers, too, after we made the further connection that **Bob Babcock**, a Padua grad, was one of my brother's housemates at the University of

Dayton in the Seventies and, after graduation, an attorney who did legal work for us.

(Not every good work which the *Old Brooklyn News* performs has to do with community development issues!)

And while I'm on the topic of hospital chaplains, we've learned that the Roman Catholic chaplain at **MetroHealth Medical Center, Fr. Arthur Snedeker**, retired March 1st. While at Metro and until Our Lady of Mercy Church in Tremont closed in mid-May, Fr. Snedeker lived at that parish; then he moved to **St. Thomas More** Church.

Despite repeated attempts, at press time I am still waiting to find out who the Diocese of Cleveland will send to MetroHealth to replace Fr. Snedeker, and whether or not he will continue to live in our neighborhood. He'd been chaplain at Metro for almost eleven years, since April 28th, 1998.

In mid-December **St. Peter Chanel High School** sent me an email informing me that for the first time in their history, the school's boys' soccer team, the Firebirds, had played in the District Championship game.

As I often do when I receive such emails, I shot back an email to their PR person with the question -- "Do any of the players live in Old Brooklyn?" Yes! came the person's enthusiastic reply -- senior **Tim Dubbs**.

In addition to being good sportsmen, the Firebirds are also good students. Because their average GPA exceeds 3.6, they are considered an "All-Ohio Academic Team".

The space available for *Town Crier* is less than usual this month, so that's all we can relate this time. Send your submissions for future columns to [lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or mail them to Lynette Filips c/o OBCDC, 3344 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44109.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** - No meetings until April 2011 but see article about BCN's cookbook project on page 12.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club**, Sun., Mar. 20th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Historical Society Museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. (instead of usual location, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan). Program -- tour of the Museum as well as usual business meeting & refreshments.

**Brooklyn Historical Society** "Members Welcome Back Spring Luncheon", Tues., Mar. 29th, noon, Brooklyn Historical Society Museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Call president Barb Stepic, 216-941-0160, by Fri., Mar. 26th to RSVP.

**Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Mar. 11th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Previously scheduled speaker unable to honor his commitment; at press time, replacement speaker not yet found. Business meeting; refreshments. Call president Constance

Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, Tues., Mar. 22nd, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (3344 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

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

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

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

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

## THEATER NOTES



**Cleveland Public Theatre**  
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**The James Levin Theatre**  
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**The Store Front Studio**  
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Thurs., Mar. 3rd - Sat., Mar. 19th; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets -- \$10 - \$25.

**Great Lakes Theater Festival**  
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"Twice Told Tales of the Decameron"  
(a free, travelling production)

**Mon., Mar. 7th**, 7 pm, Lakewood Public Library, 15425 Detroit Ave., 216-226-8275, ext. 122.

**Tues., Mar. 8th**, 7 pm, Fairview Park Public

Library, 21255 Lorain Rd., 440-333-4700.

For more dates & locations, call or visit website.

(Hanna Theatre, 2067 E. 14th St.)  
"Works: The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)"  
Fri., Mar 11th - Sun., Mar. 27th; Thurs., Fri., Sat., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 pm & 7:30 pm. Sun., 3 pm. Tickets -- \$15 - \$70.

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(Kennedy's Theatre, 1501 Euclid Ave.)  
"Flanagan's Wake"  
Now - Sat., Apr. 30th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; also Sun. matinees, Mar. 6th & 13th, 4 pm. Tickets - \$20 - \$23.

(Palace Theatre, 1501 Euclid Ave.)  
"Shrek the Musical", Mar. 1st - Mar. 13th;  
"Stomp", Mar. 18th - Mar. 20th;  
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**Trolling the World Wide Web**

Every now and then it is just good practice to browse the Internet for sites that can help build business. If your business experiences a slow period in late winter then take some time to look at web sites that focus on business development.

The U S Small Business Administration can be found at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov). This web site is packed with practical information. Whether you are seeking business start-up assistance or advice on how to expand an existing business this is the library of all the things needed. The options are well defined and easy to navigate. New information is introduced regularly so this is a site that should be visited every few months.

Click on the main selections, then drill down to find the precise topics pertaining to your interest. The sections on small business loans and growth capital are as useful as can be. You can follow up by talking to a staff person who is knowledgeable in the application and review process. The SBA's mission is to help grow the economy and that is done by helping business grow.

There are counseling and training programs offered on-line, in seminars or even mentoring. There are sections on emergency preparedness and disaster assistance. Even if you have no current need for such information it is useful to know what it covers should you need it in the future.

Like turning the pages of a good magazine, you can be absorbed in what you are reading. Visit the site for fifteen minutes and take some notes on what you want to learn more

about, then make an appointment with yourself to return and look in detail at the topics beneficial to your business.

Maybe you are not someone who owns a business but is looking for employment opportunities. Or perhaps you do own a business and need to hire someone with specific skills. Visit [www.tri-c.edu](http://www.tri-c.edu), select Workforce Solutions and look at the array of programs offered. Tri-C is the training ground for preparing an educated population for today's and tomorrow's jobs. Many of the instructors are both professional educators and practitioners in the field that they teach.

We live in a period when employment is a changing proposition requiring continuing education and career change. Tri-C is the college focused on monitoring industry changes and preparing people for new opportunities. This web site will open your mind to what those new opportunities can be for you. Cuyahoga County Community College creates business growth through its education mission.

**Graffiti Removed**

In February this column reported a new graffiti removal program sponsored by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and facilitated by volunteer Anthony Petti. It got off to an immediate start despite the severe cold. He has cleaned two locations in Old Brooklyn and is scheduled for two more.

When Anthony volunteered to teach some residents in Tremont how to remove graffiti the *Plain Dealer* took interest and ran a picture and story about his work to remove the lingering blight that this act of vandalism delivers.

Mr. Petti is the first to tell people that he is not alone in his work. He readily acknowledges that Jack Amburgey who operates Discount Paint and Hardware at 4199 Pearl Rd. donates some of the materials required for this work. Thank you, Anthony and Jack, for your continued efforts to make Old Brooklyn a good place to live and work.

**Snow Removed**

It is late winter and it has been a winter of lots of snow. Snow removal is necessary to the daily workings of the city. Although not primarily thought of as an economic development tool, it in fact does serve that purpose. Seeing that people can get to and from work every day is essential to the local economy. The City

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**Free Graffiti Removal**



If the commercial building you own or occupy has been vandalized with graffiti Old Brooklyn CDC is working with a volunteer group who can remove or cover the graffiti. Graffiti will only be removed with the owner's permission after a volunteer has analyzed the surface of the building, the substance used for the graffiti and discussed the options with the building owner, agent or tenant. There is no charge for this service.

For more information or to schedule an appointment with the graffiti removal group call: **216-459-1000** and ask for either  
**Barb Spaan or Tom Collins**  
barbs@oldbrooklyn.com or tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

**Volunteer Anthony Petti paints over graffiti on the side of a vandalized commercial building in Old Brooklyn.**




Photo by George Shuba



Photo by Sandy Worona

Photo by George Shuba




Lutheran Cemetery  
4566 Pearl Rd.  
Photo by George Shuba

(Upper left photo) Neither snow nor ice can stop Joseph Ali from getting out on his bike to do errands. Typical Cleveland weather in late winter -- (upper right photo) warm and sunny one week; (bottom photo) cold and overcast with ice and snow the following week.



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- Everyone in the household must be 60 years of age or older. The only exception to this rule is if a member or members of the household is/are functionally disabled. If they are disabled they must provide a medical certificate confirming the functional disability.

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  - Priority is given to frail, isolated, disabled and very low-income persons (using HUD guidelines).
- The clients' responsibilities are:
- Pets must be secured.
  - Property should be cleared of animal waste.
  - The client must notify the office when the service is NOT needed.
  - Clients should call when services are needed.

Contact the Department of Aging's Chore Office at 216-664-3998 or 216-664-4694 to receive an application.

## Pop UP Pearl coming soon to downtown Old Brooklyn

By Christopher Lohr  
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Our historic downtown district is about to get a great boost this May when Pop UP Pearl takes the stage. On May 21st, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and its community partners are taking the opportunity to create a demonstration "complete street". Complete streets are those that accommodate all users whether they are old, young, disabled, transit users, automobile drivers, cyclists or pedestrians.

When an area commits to completing its streets, it makes a commitment to the safety and security of its residents, while also creating a street ideal for storefront retail. Pop UP Pearl

is modeled on the Better Block project, first undertaken in Dallas in 2010, and will create a temporary "complete street" with lively pop-up shops, vibrant street life and a clear vision of what downtown Old Brooklyn can be.

Although temporary, the Pop UP Pearl event is tied to the in-progress redesign of Pearl Rd. between Wildlife Way and State Rd. As such, it acts as a catalyst for the project and a demonstration of what it may look like upon completion.

Pop UP Pearl will feature local artists and entertainers, temporary bike lanes and café seating. If you would like to participate, either as a volunteer or as a participant, please contact Lori Peterson, Christopher Lohr or David Waldman at 216-459-1000.

## Attorney General DeWine warns of tax scams

by The Ohio Attorney General's Office

(COLUMBUS, Ohio) — Attorney General Mike DeWine today warned Ohioans to watch for e-mail messages and letters that claim to be from the Internal Revenue Service, but are actually scams designed to capture personal information.

"Scam artists know that this is tax season, and they are trying to confuse consumers who are preparing to file their taxes," Attorney General DeWine said. "The IRS will not communicate with you via e-mail to tell you about a problem with your taxes, and you should not click on links in any suspicious e-mail messages."

A Franklin County resident said he received an e-mail message that appeared to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The e-mail indicated that the consumer was late in submitting his W-2 form and instructed him to click on a link to send the updated form. Fortunately, the consumer recognized that the e-mail was a scam, and he did not click on the link nor provide any personal information.

Another consumer from Cuyahoga County reported receiving a phony 1099 form in an envelope marked "important tax return information." The bogus form stated that the consumer had won \$61,000.

Consumers should watch for signs of a tax scam, including:

- Messages from the "IRS" about a problem with your tax forms.
- Requests for personal information, such as your Social Security number.
- Forms or letters that indicate you have won a lottery or sweepstakes.
- Instructions to click on links that may direct you to a third-party website.
- Poor grammar or illogical statements.
- Threats that you will not receive your tax refund if you fail to respond.

If you receive a suspicious e-mail claiming to come from the IRS, forward it to the IRS at Phishing@IRS.gov. Remember not to click on any links in the message.

Consumers also can report scams to the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov/ReportAScam or by calling 800-282-0515.

## NewBridge Center for Arts & Technology is place for new beginnings and hope

by Lori Peterson  
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NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts & Technology (NewBridge), located on the Euclid Ave. corridor along RTA's Health Line at E. 36th St., is a dynamic new initiative for youth arts education and market-driven adult career training. The classes are held in a contemporary high-tech building, filled with art and light, that's fully equipped with classrooms, computer labs and art studios.

NewBridge offers students -- mostly Cleveland Metropolitan School District, but not limited to them -- a chance to learn and be inspired with their after-school programming.

The program starts with ninth graders and will add a grade each year. The programming is fun and educational and is taught by highly qualified teachers (multiple Grammy winner and a filmmaker to name a few). The following classes are offered free to students:

- **Ceramics** - In this course, students will use the potters' wheel to make one-of-a-kind wares that are both functional and artistic.
  - **Photography** - This course will introduce students to techniques that will help make compositions believable, intriguing and anything but ordinary.
  - **Digital Arts** - The Adobe Creative Suite of programs, including Photoshop and Illustrator, is an industry-standard digital imaging program used for creating, manipulating and enhancing images and text. In this course, students will use these tools and filters to create a fantastic world of images, colors and organic and geometric shapes.
  - **Music Mixing & Production** - This class will introduce students to the world of commercial quality digital recording and mixing. This program, written by a 25-year industry professional, pairs state-of-the-art equipment with practical, working knowledge.
- NewBridge also provides job training programs intended to give unemployed and under-employed adults with a high school diploma or GED, the skills needed to secure meaningful, good-paying jobs in the health sciences and other professions, and provide them with the academic support needed to succeed

in the programs.

These programs are offered at no cost to participants, with no hidden fees. NewBridge only requires its students to attend classes and have a strong desire to work. The programs were developed after researching the types of jobs that Cleveland is lacking:

- **Pharmacy Technician Program** - Pharmacy technicians help licensed pharmacists prepare prescription medications, provide customer service and perform administrative duties within a pharmacy setting. They may retrieve, count, pour, weigh, measure and sometimes mix medication as well as establish and maintain patient profiles and prepare insurance claim forms.

- **Phlebotomy/Specimen Collection Program** - Phlebotomists collect blood samples used for medical testing or transfusion. In the rapidly growing medical field, a phlebotomist helps to reduce the workload of doctors and nurses by focusing exclusively on blood collection, particularly in hospitals and blood drives. Studies in phlebotomy also provide students with a foundation should they choose to pursue more advanced fields, including work as medical lab technicians.

Based on the highly successful Manchester Bidwell model established over 40 years ago by MacArthur Genius Award winner Bill Strickland, NewBridge's after-school arts programs aims to motivate high school students to remain in school and encourage them to view learning as a lifelong process.

Bill Strickland's believes that environment shapes behavior. "Change the environment. Change the assumptions. People are capable of extraordinary things"

Each year at Manchester Bidwell 85% of adult graduates get jobs, 90% of youth in its arts program graduate from high school and many continue on to college

NewBridge Cleveland joins three centers nationwide, replicating Manchester Bidwell and Strickland's theories of adult and youth training. The others are in Cincinnati, Oh.; San Francisco, Cal.; and Grand Rapids, Mich.

Anyone desiring more information on NewBridge visit their website: www.newbridgecleveland.org



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**Pop-Up Pearl Road in Downtown Old Brooklyn - Request for Proposals**  
Presented by Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation in collaboration with Old Brooklyn Community Engagement Committee

Are you an artist, musician, crafter, builder, designer, baker, antique collector, clothing designer, or just a creative person, then Old Brooklyn needs your help! On May 21st from noon until dusk, we are creating a "pop-up city" in downtown Old Brooklyn along Pearl Rd. We want to transform this once thriving downtown neighborhood for a day to be a vibrant, inviting place where people from the neighborhood or visitors can come and enjoy themselves.

With your help this area will be transformed into cool stores and artistically created sidewalks and even the street to completely recreate the urban landscape. We are taking our inspiration for this project from the Better Block project: [www.betterblock.org](http://www.betterblock.org).

We are looking for people with innovative and exciting ideas that will make people's eyes "pop" when they see the possibilities that abound in Old Brooklyn. This is going to be a grassroots project so we are asking people to donate their own labor and materials or get it donated from another source. Additionally, the Ward 13 Free Wireless Project will be completed at this point so the area will have access to free WiFi.

If you are interested in being a part of this exciting opportunity to revitalize a local neighborhood please submit a one page proposal detailing:

- Your Contact Information
- A brief synopsis of your idea
- Materials needed
- Sq. Ft. needed for your space
- And whether you will want interior, or exterior space or both.

Send Proposals by email to: [davidw@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:davidw@oldbrooklyn.com) no later than March 14, 2011. If you have any questions or would like additional information please call either David Waldman or Lori Peterson at 216-459-1000

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**St. Patrick's Day from front page**

✱ ...when people in your family pass away, their wakes are held at west side "Irish" funeral parlors like Berry's, Chambers, Corrigan's and McGorray's;

✱ ... you think that the major difference between an Irish wake and an Irish wedding is one less person drinking;

✱ ... you very possibly feel that you become intensely poetic after a few beers;

✱ ... unfortunately, more than one member of your family has had a weakness for "the craiture" (whiskey) and has used alcohol to their own and their family's detriment;

✱ ... you know what it means when someone says, "He died of a terrible thirst";

✱ ... your uncles (family legend has it that even your "priest-uncle", who kept his parish afloat during the Great Depression in this manner) were into betting on the horses and were in close contact with their "bookies";

✱ ... your grandmother often referred to your grandfather as "Himself";

✱ ... your mother utters/uttered exclamations like "Perish the thought!", "Merciful heaven!", "Saints preserve us!" and "Holy Mother of God!"; she no doubt learned them from her own mother;

✱ ... you know the meaning of the expression "Irish twins" – children born to the same mother less than a year apart (some say eleven months apart, some say nine months apart);

✱ ... you can spell shillelagh (a short, heavy stick made from a knotty piece of blackthorn, oak or another hardwood which was

subsequently smeared with butter and placed up a chimney to cure, giving it its typical shiny black appearance) and know that although its gentler purpose was to be used as a walking stick, its other purpose was to be used as a club-like weapon;

✱ ... you own Waterford and/or Shannon crystal and Beleek and/or Royal Tara china; at least one of the pieces has shamrocks on it; in fact, you'll buy almost anything which has shamrocks on it;

✱ ... you can explain that shamrocks have been a symbol of the Irish since the time of St. Patrick because he used the image of three leaves on one stem to explain the mystery of the Trinity to the pagans he wanted to convert to Christianity;

✱ ... you realize, however, that Patrick is not the only Irish saint, and can rattle off the names of other Irish saints like Aiden, Brendan, Brigid and Columba.

✱ ... you believe, as do many historians, that "the Irish monks saved civilization" during the barbarian invasion of Europe;

✱ ... you're convinced that the Kennedy era in government truly was the American version of Camelot;

✱ ... you grew up knowing the importance of "Faith, Family and Friends" before it became a popular phrase (and the faith could only be the Catholic faith);

✱ ... your mother was a fan of Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC, and his "Family Rosary Crusade"; she liked his slogan, "The family that prays together stays together" and she got you to recite the rosary together as often as she could; (The nations of today would do well to heed another of his slogans, "A world at prayer is a world at peace");

✱ ... you know that the first Catholic Church in Cleveland was built for the Irish – Our Lady of the Lake, a.k.a., St. Mary's on the Flats;

✱ ... you can name all the Irish bishops of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland – Richard Gilmour, John Patrick Farrelly, Edward Francis Hoban, James Aloysius Hickey, and of course, the current "ordinary", Richard Gerard Lennon.

✱ ... you prefer that all your priests – and certainly your pastor – be of Irish descent;

✱ ... you went to grade schools staffed by Irish orders of nuns – the Sisters of the Incarnate Word on Pearl Rd. in Parma Hts. or the Sisters of St. Joseph on Rocky River Dr. in Cleveland. If you are a woman and lived anywhere close to St. Joseph Academy, you attended that high school;

✱ ... even if you never lived in Chicago, you love reading Fr. Andrew Greeley's many books which are steeped in the culture of Irish Catholicism;

✱ ... some of your other favorite contemporary "reads" have been *The Thorn Birds* (by Colleen McCullough, 1977), *Angela's Ashes*

(by Frank McCourt, 1996) and *The Princes of Ireland* (by Edward Rutherford, 2004);

✱ ... you are captivated by the music of contemporary Irish vocalists like Enya;

✱ ... not knowing the words to a song doesn't stop you from singing;

✱ ... you have very fair skin, probably with freckles, and you don't tan well; in fact, the closest you get to a tan is a burn, or perhaps looking like you are tan because all your freckles have connected with each other;

✱ ... you have Kelly green carpet in your living room, dining room, and up the stairs to the second floor; (and even if green is not your favorite color, you know that it's still the best color!);

✱ ... you favor Irish breeds of dogs – Irish setters, Irish terriers, Irish wolfhounds;

✱ ... you have a set of Irish coffee mugs and use them frequently for that delectable drink made from sweetened hot coffee and Irish whisky, topped with whipped cream;

✱ ... you shop for gifts with an Irish theme at places like Gaelic Imports, 4229 Pearl Rd. in Old Brooklyn; Shamrock & Rose Creations, Inc. at Grand Pacific Junction in Olmsted Falls; and Gannon's Religious Goods, 5600 Ridge Rd. in Parma;

✱ ... you like to frequent the Irish establishments which Laura Taxel mentions in *Cleveland Ethnic Eats* (now in its eighth edition) – Flannery's Pub (downtown), The Harp (Detroit-Shoreway), Nighttown (Cleveland Hts.) and Sullivan's Irish Pub and Restaurant (Lakewood), as well as the Flat Iron Cafe (west bank of the Flats) and the Public House -- and neighboring watering holes (Kamm's);

✱ ... you know that corned beef is a Jewish deli food, not an Irish food, though both ethnic groups eat cuts of meat which have to be simmered for a long time to tenderize them;

✱ ... you'll be joining a group of friends to attend a production of *Flanagan's Wake*, which is running through April 30th at Kennedy's Theater at Playhouse Square (see the listing in *Theater Notes*); you know that it's a unique interactive theatrical experience because you also saw it a few years ago when it was presented at the Powerhouse Pub in the Flats;

✱ ... you say "Safe home" to your family and friends when they leave your house, which is the same thing we are wishing you at the end of your St. Patrick's Day celebrations this year;

And now here's the information for the religious side of St. Patrick's Day —

The St. Patrick's Day Mass at **St. Patrick Church**, 3602 Bridge Ave., will be at 9:30 a.m. Auxiliary Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, will be the principal celebrant. The Cleveland Firefighters Memorial Pipe and Drum Band will again play the bagpipes.

The Mass at **St. Colman Church**, 2027 W. 65th St., will be at 10:30 a.m. Fr. Dan Begin, former pastor of the closed St. Cecilia Church and now an associate at the new Communion of Saints Church will be the celebrant; members of the West Side Irish-American Club will be in attendance.

The special St. Patrick's Day Mass at the **Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**, at the corner of E. 9th St. and Superior Ave. downtown, will be at 10 a.m. At press time, the celebrant had not yet been determined. The Cathedral will also have its regular noon weekday Mass.

The Irish American Club – East Side will sponsor a 10 a.m. Mass at **Ss. Robert and William Church** at 367 E. 260th St. in Euclid. Fr. Gary Hoover, OSB, will celebrate the Mass.

As is the case every day, **St. Malachi Church**, 2459 Washington Ave., north of the Detroit-Superior Bridge, will have Mass at noon. The church once served the Irish community who lived and worked in that neighborhood, "the Angle".

Because the church is closed until it receives a decision from Rome regarding its appeal to remain open, **St. Patrick Church** on Rocky River Dr. in **West Park** will not be able to have a St. Patrick's Day Mass this year.

St. Pat's parishioners will, however, be marching in the St. Patrick's Day parade, and parishioners from the closed St. Casimir Church have already committed to marching with them. St. Pat's welcomes anyone else from a parish which has been recently suppressed to join them, too.

"Everyone," some folks say, "is Irish on St. Patrick's Day" and while many enjoy celebrating with them, others don't understand what all the fuss is about, or why descendants of this immigrant group receive so much attention.

Regardless of what your opinion is about that topic, it would be hard to deny that the daughters and sons of Ireland have maintained their ethnic identity as few others have.


And what makes it even more remarkable is that, after the English (the New Englanders), they were the first significant group of "foreigners" in Cleveland (c.1826, to help build the Ohio and Erie Canal), yet still their cultural ties remain so strong.

Erin go braugh! (Ireland forever!)

*(Acknowledgments: Although the majority of the thoughts in this article are mine, I must confess to "a little help from my friends", most especially my Irish friends, with some of the "You're so Irish if..." entries.)*

**Irish Saint Patrick's Day Toasts**

Saint Patrick was a gentleman,  
Who through strategy and stealth,  
Drove all the snakes from Ireland,  
Here's a toasting to his health.  
But not too many toastsings  
Lest you lose yourself  
and then  
Forget the good  
Saint Patrick  
And see all those  
snakes again.  
Beannachtam na  
Feile Padraig!  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!



**As I see it...  
by  
Pastor Jerry**



On her birthday, little Katy was thrilled to find a beautiful golden-haired doll from her grandmother. "She's so pretty!" Katy squealed excitedly, hugging her new doll. She rushed to hug her grandmother, repeatedly crying, "Thank you!"

Katy played with her new doll most of the day, but by evening she put it down and sought out an old doll. She gently cradled the tattered, dilapidated old doll in her arms, overlooking its matted hair, broken nose and missing arm.

"Well, it seems that you like your old Dolly better," grandma commented. "Oh, no, grandmother," Katy explained, "I really like the beautiful doll you gave me, but I love this old doll more because if I didn't love her, no one else would."

We all know the saying, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." A similar saying might be, "Love is the choice of the beholder." When we see faults in others, we can choose to look beyond them. We can choose to love them regardless of their annoying attributes, faults, or quirks.

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by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

In lieu of conducting another Riverside Cemetery Tour for a fundraiser, this summer the Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) plan to publish a cookbook. Although the Riverside tour was a moneymaker for the group, chairperson Sharon Martyn stated, "It is time to take a break. The event is scheduled for a Sunday afternoon, but the time commitments required of our volunteers and Cemetery personnel takes a toll. We plan to continue our partnership with Riverside Cemetery, so stay tuned for future events."

Believing that the fantastic cooks in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn are willing to share their favorite recipes, the BCN cookbook committee hopes that many Old Brooklyn News readers will join their list of contributors and share three to five recipes for

the BCN cookbook.

Because many recipes have been handed down for generations or have traveled from around the world, contributors should feel free to share origins, stories and tidbits about the recipes they submit. (The committee realizes that not all stories can be used, but they hope to include enough to give the cookbook family and community appeal.)

Recipes may be submitted by category or as a complete menu.

Categories include: appetizers and beverages; soups, stews, and salads; main dishes and sides; breads and pastries; "sweet things" (cakes, cookies, candy, and desserts) and "this and that" (jams, jellies, pickles and other recipes which do not fit into one of the aforementioned categories).

Menu-based recipe submissions include a favorite holiday brunch, Sunday dinner,

backyard barbeque or family picnic. Be sure to mention the occasion for which the menu is served if recipes are submitted in this way. Since BCN intends to promote the use of seasonal fruits and vegetables and the abundance of farmer's markets in Cleveland, it would be helpful to indicate if the recipe uses spring, summer, fall or winter produce and where the market at which the ingredients can be purchased is located.

Please include the following contact information with submissions (required): name, phone number and/or email address; (optional): address and/or neighborhood.

Send submissions to [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com) by Sunday, March 20th (the last day of winter). Contact them at the same email address, or by phone at 216-351-0254, with any questions.

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## Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard, a project of Re-Imagining Cleveland

by David Waldman  
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Many people want to revitalize Cleveland and there are many different ideas on what to do. One of the most recent was the Re-Imagining Cleveland grants that were awarded to re-purpose vacant lots into useful and productive lots for neighborhoods.

The program is a joint venture between the City of Cleveland, Neighborhood Progress Initiatives and the Kent State Urban Design Collective. The projects ranged from single lot expansion to market urban farming; all of them created sustainable land reuse and added value to the neighborhood.

One of these projects, the Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard, was recently completed at W. 34th St. and Louisiana Ave. The Orchard was a collaborative effort of many local volunteers who were dedicated to improving their neighborhood. The projects leaders were Johanna Hamm, Darren T.

Hamm and Brian Avery.

The vacant lot where the Orchard now stands was for many years a vacant lot owned by Norfolk Southern Railway. The lot had fallen into severe disrepair with high weeds and garbage. It was also a site for criminal activity.

After a lengthy process Norfolk Southern Railway agreed to allow the Orchard to be planted on the lot. Many hard-working volunteers dedicated their time and expertise to designing, cleaning-up and planting. In addition to the trees the group put in a path, solar powered lamp posts and a fence with an arbor.

Their work paid off last October when the commemorative ribbon cutting at the Orchard was held. The fruit from the trees will provide a great harvest and a source of pride for the community on what was formerly a blight in the neighborhood. Visit the Orchard to witness the "fruits" of a neighborhood dream.

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