

African Elephant Crossing to open at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo this month

Courtesy of Sue Allen
Manager, Marketing & Public Relations
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

With the opening of its African Elephant Crossing, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is making a statement — one that says that it is committed to the care and conservation of African elephants by providing them with a spacious and stimulating environment, utilizing the best practices in elephant management and inspiring Zoo visitors with a state-of-the-art, naturalistic public display and a compelling educational message.

The new exhibit is five acres in size and quadruples the former indoor and outdoor space for elephants. The exhibit was designed to hold a socially complete herd of elephants, including a mix of males, females and youngsters. The Zoo’s three female elephants, Moshi, Martika and Jo, will be joined by Willy, a 13,000-pound bull elephant, and Shenga before the exhibit’s public opening on Thursday, May 5.

The elephants will share the exhibit with several other African species, almost all of which are new to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo — meerkats, naked mole rats, an African rock python, Kirk’s dik-dik (a miniature antelope) and ten different species of native African birds.

Built over and around the shell of the old 1950’s-era Pachyderm Building and elephant yard, African Elephant Crossing is a multifaceted exhibit providing rich and

diverse experiences for elephants and visitors. The \$25 million exhibit is the largest capital improvement project at the Zoo since The RainForest opened in 1992.

The exhibit has several components, starting with the Crossing Gate, the feature that gives the exhibit its name, the Mopani Range, the Savanna Range, the African village, the Sydell L. Miller Elephant Care & Visitor Center and the Night Range.

Most visitors will see the Savanna Range first. A large trellis allows a sweeping view of the Savanna Range, which includes the deep water swim channel, kopje rock feeding station with special nose-to-trunk viewing windows, and the shallower swim area with waterfall. When the elephants are on the Savanna Range, visitors may choose to follow the path toward the Savanna Theater where there are several other vantage points onto the Range.

The focal point of the exhibit is the Crossing Gate. The Crossing represents the central educational theme of the exhibit as well – the delicate balance for survival between elephants and the people of Africa. The Crossing consists of a series of gates which control the flow of both visitor and elephant traffic.

Visitors will use the Crossing to enter and exit the exhibit. Elephants will use the same Crossing to periodically migrate from the Savanna Range to the Mopani Range. The Crossing will give visitors a true feeling for the size of the elephants as they will pass

within fifteen feet of them. Visitors may even have a chance to help move the gates in preparation for an elephant crossing.

Once through the Crossing, visitors will enter an African village modeled after the villages of Botswana. In the village, visitors will find the meerkat exhibit, the aviary, food and gift shops and large decks looking out over the Savanna Range and Mopani Range. At the center of the village is the kgotla (goat-la), a traditional African meeting place, around which many of the cultural interpretation activities will take place.

At the rear of the kgotla is the Sydell L. Miller Elephant Care & Visitor Center, where visitors will see some of the indoor facilities dedicated to elephant care, interactive educational displays and the habitats for the naked mole rats and the rock python. *Meet the Keeper* programs at the working wall will allow visitors to see the daily care elephants receive.



Female elephant Shenga
Photo courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

Behind the visitor center, off public exhibit, is the Night Range. This area provides the elephants the option of going outside at night anytime they want to do so.

On the other side of the Visitor Center and Crossing Gate is the Mopani Range. This area is more wooded and has an inclined path perfect for exercise and foraging.

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Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi launching

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Depending upon when you're reading this article, the Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi will officially launch/has already launched with a **kickoff event at Estabrook Recreation Center on April 30th 10:30 to noon**. This marked a major milestone in construction; the project has reached substantial completion.

Although most of Ward 13 is now covered, some areas have been delayed as the project team secures mounting rights and tests for dead zones, and sets up additional relays to ensure excellent coverage. The network is now running normally with the SSID (Network Name) OldBrooklyn, and can be accessed in the list of wireless connections on a wirelessly enabled device.

The kickoff event will give/gave members of the community the opportunity to learn more about the network ask questions about it and see firsthand how it works. Attendees to the event also will have/had the chance to win a free computer thanks to partners at the Cleveland Housing Network's Connect Your Community project. Connect Your Community provides free computer training classes right in Old Brooklyn, and will be expanding the number of classes soon. Participants who complete the training are eligible to receive a free, refurbished desktop computer. For more information contact Ania Siuda at 216-459-1000 or cye.siuda@gmail.com

Speakers at the kickoff event, including Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) Executive Director Robyn Sandys, will talk/talked about what the project means for the neighborhood, small businesses and residents. "Access, Information, Opportunity and Knowledge" are the key words for this project that will make Ward 13 in Old Brooklyn a truly connected community.

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- * Traditional Thai Yoga Massage
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- * Pop Up Pet Shop
- * Foodgazi
- * The Cultural Freethinker's Social Hall
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Check out Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's Facebook page to get the latest updates on new shops and entertainment!

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Ward13-wide free Internet officially launches

Cleveland City Council Press Release

Old Brooklyn Connected is a community development project designed to bridge the digital divide in Ward 13, and create a community portal for residents of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

The project covers roughly 4.5 square miles of Cleveland’s Ward 13 and provides a robust connection to the Internet. The estimated cost for the set up, rollout and maintenance of the project to 11,000 households and more than 300 businesses is \$ 1.3 million dollars for a five-year period. This is an average cost of \$1.91 per household/business per month over the five year span for free wireless Internet. The cost of the project including capital, outreach and community education is covered by:

Cleveland City Councilman Kevin J. Kelley’s discretionary funds (UDAG, NEF) Funding from the city of Cleveland.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is providing community outreach and technical support.

Training is conducted through Cleveland Housing Network’s Connect your Community program with help from Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

“This project is more than about providing free Internet service to the people of my ward,” said Councilman Kevin J. Kelley. “This project is about building a stronger community. This project is about giving our children an advantage; it is about providing opportunity to every resident in this ward. We are creating the most connected community in America. We are closing the digital divide and providing access to information, knowledge, and opportunity. Old Brooklyn is sending a message to the world that we are open and welcoming to families and small businesses.”

Economic development is a central goal of Old Brooklyn Connected. The project hopes to attract and maintain small businesses by:

Keeping communication overhead costs down Creating an innovative business environment ideal for professional services, home based businesses, and freelance professionals who rely on the Internet and flexibility of Wi-Fi.

At the center of the project is the newly launched community website, Old Brooklyn Connected. Everyone that connects to the free Wi-Fi will be directed to this page.

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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I hope that May really brings flowers and not more rain! Actually I am beginning to like rain a bit more than I usually do because of this amazing book I am now reading entitled “The Gift of Rain” by Tan Twan Eng. It is an historical novel that tells the story of Philip Hutton, the half Chinese son of an English man set in Penang in the 1930s. It has such moving and poignant pros that spring mist from many of the pages. It is both inspiring and very moving.

By the way if anyone in the neighborhood wants to start a book club, let me know. I have been on a reading binge for years now and have belonged to book clubs in the past. It is fun to share ideas after reading all kinds of books.

Back to reality, one way to learn about wonderful reads is to turn to the internet where you will find excellent reviews and how to purchase or get them from libraries all over town. And right now you can do that for free if you live in Old Brooklyn’s Ward 13 because Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi is now turned on!

This has been a labor of much love by



Councilman Kevin Kelley who without his incredible determination and commitment this would have never happened. If his energy, heart and soul could be duplicated many times over, the City of Cleveland would a bright shining star.

We are all very excited about the Pop UP Pearl event coming up May 21st. Remember pop up books as a kid and how much fun it was to turn each page as cool and colorful photos sprang right in front of your face!

Well that is how amazing this event is going to be. Right it front of your very own eyes you will see an all new, colorful, fun and amazing downtown Old Brooklyn. We want to show the world how you can take a sleepy, somewhat down trodden area and turn it into a happening creative scene. And it is all for free, great shops, food and entertainment.

Mark this Saturday on your calendar today and catch all of the news about this event by going to www.popuppearl.com, a new web site developed just for this event.

Three important things to remember in May: starting a book club, starting to use the internet for free and starting to gain new businesses downtown.

THEATER NOTES

Cleveland Public Theatre
6415 Detroit Ave.
216-631-2727, x501 cptonline.org

“Insomnia: The Waking of Herselves”
Thurs., Apr. 27th - Sat., May 7th; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets -- \$10 on Thurs.; \$25 on Fri., Sat., Sun.

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

Fri., May 13th - Sat., May 21st; Mackey Stage. Tickets -- \$8 - \$10. Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 3 pm & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm.

Cassidy Theatre
6200 Pearl Rd 440-842-4600
office@cassidytheatre.com
A Night of Andrew Lloyd Webber
Fri. & Sat., May 13th & 14th, 8 pm. Tickets -- \$10

Near West Theatre
St. Pat's Club Building,
W. 38th & Bridge
216-621-3242.www.nearwesttheatre.org
“Into the Woods”

Fri., May 6th - Sun., May 22nd; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Star seating, \$20; adults, \$8; children ages 12 & under, \$6.

Playhouse Square Center
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“West Side Story”

Tues., May 3rd - Sun., May 15th. Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1:30 & 6:30 pm. Tickets -- \$10 - \$75.

Old Brooklyn grassroots group to celebrate Cleveland Bicycle Week with Pedal for Prizes

by Jeffrey Sugalski

By participating in Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes*, a free event that will begin and end at Loew Park, 3121 Oak Park Ave., on Saturday, May 21st, anyone who enjoys riding a bicycle will have the opportunity to win more than \$2,000 worth of prizes just for exploring the Old Brooklyn neighborhood by bicycle.

Riders can win one of two new Trek 7000 hybrid bikes, a one-year membership to the downtown branch of the Greater Cleveland YMCA, a \$100 Honey Hut Ice Cream gift basket, \$50 gift cards to Steelyard Commons, gift certificates to local restaurants and many other exciting prizes.

A small grassroots group of Old Brooklyn residents and merchants is coordinating the creative event, not only to celebrate Cleveland Bicycle Week May 14th-22nd, but also to allow people from throughout the Cleveland area to experience Old Brooklyn's many amenities and favorite locally-owned businesses.

Pedal for Prizes will take place from noon till 3 p.m. After registering at Loew Park on the day of the event, bicyclists of all ages and skill levels will receive a map of twenty destinations/points of interest in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. From 12:30 p.m. until the time of the raffle drawing at 3:30 p.m., participants will ride their bikes, either on their own or with a guided group, to as many of these locations as they wish. They'll receive a free raffle ticket at each stop.

Later in the afternoon, bicyclists will return to Loew Park to enter their tickets into a Chinese-style raffle for a wide array of great prizes. The raffle items were donated by both Old Brooklyn businesses and others from throughout Northeast Ohio.

While the bicyclists can win prizes, neighborhood merchants such as Jack Frost Donuts, Michael's Bakery and Gentile's Imported Italian Foods view the event as an opportunity to bring hundreds of new people from throughout the region into their shops. The hope is that they will return and become repeat patrons in the future.

At other stops, civic groups like the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, South Hills Association and Friends of Harmody Park will share news about recent accomplishments and information about upcoming events.

Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes* is being supported by *Neighborhood Connections*, a program of the Cleveland Foundation which provides grants to groups implementing grassroots neighborhood projects. What is unique about the event is that it is being almost exclusively organized through donations and in-kind support.

Pedal for Prizes was held for the first time in Old Brooklyn last May (also in conjunction with Cleveland Bicycle Week). For more information about this year's Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes* and additional details about the event, visit pedalforprizes.com, "like" *Pedal for Prizes* on Facebook, and/or follow on Twitter @pedalforprizes. See display ad on page 9.

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Polish Constitution Day Parade
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Monday, May 2nd
Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Tom Edwards, Cleveland Public Library (downtown) Map Librarian speaking about “Locating Important Homes by Using All Sorts of Maps”. Call president Don Kozlowski, 440-526-7105, for more info.

Tuesdays, May 3rd - October 25th
Tremont Farmer’s Market
Lincoln Park, 4 - 7 pm. Fruits, vegetables,eggs, cheese, honey, bread & more. Music, chef demos, nutrition information, local artisans, community groups, family fun. For more info. call 216-403-9436

Wednesday, May 4th
“Cinco De Mayo” Salad Bingo
St. Mary’s Byzantine School, 4600 State Rd. Doors open, 5:30 pm. Tickets - \$10 per person; includes 20 games of “Merchandise Prize” Bingo, 1 trip through salad bar & door prize raffles. Also purchase special packet for \$5 to play in 3 special Bingo games & a fill-up. Raffle & 50/50 tickets. Must be 18 years or older. Call 216-749-7980 for tickets or more info. Limited seating.

Sunday, May 8th
4th Annual Mother's Day Peace Party
Cleveland Cultural Gardens, India Garden (by the Gandhi Statue), 1190 Martin Luther King Blvd., Rockefeller Park (free curbside parking); 2-4 pm. Presentations, music, crafts (origami cranes), refreshments. Free. Call 216-383-1684 for more info.

Thursday, May12th
Antique Collectors Club Meeting
Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Cliff Clay speaking about history of Native American culture & his animal art. Guests welcome.

Monday, May 23rd
Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting
North Royalton Public Library, 14600 State Rd, 7 pm. Presentation -- Windswept in Time Orchid Growing. Everyone welcome. Call 440-838-5757. or email: webmaster@western-reservesociety.org.

Thursday, May 26th
Master Gardener Demonstration Talk
‘Seed Planting & Verticality’ - 10 am; ‘Native Plants in Northeast Ohio’ - 11 am. Ben Franklin School demonstration gardens, 1905 Spring Rd. Park in front lot & walk back to vegetable demo garden. Call 216-429-3148 or visit cuyahogamg.org for more info.

Saturday, June 4th
Cleve. Polka Assn. \$2 Buck Blast Picnic
St. Sava’s Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr. Gate opens 3 pm. Music by Polkatones, 4 - 8 pm. Donation -- \$2 members & \$10 non-members; price includes 1 year membership. 18 & under, free. Specials -- \$1 hot dogs, \$1

shots, \$1 beer. No BYOB; food & beverages available. Call Helenrae, 216-661-5227, for more info. Public welcome.

Saturday, June 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th & July 7th
Free - 5 Week Summer Program for Girls
Sponsored by Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio & Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd.; 1 - 2:30 pm. For girls in 1st - 3rd grade. Girls search for clues in stories & then use them to make the world a better place. Call 216-623-6920 to reserve one of 25 available spots.

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 required. Plants distributed in Sept. Contact Amy Roskilly, 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org to order. Order forms at www.cuyahogawcd.org; phone orders accepted.

Mon. & Wed., Cleveland Public Library
GED & ESOL Classes
South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd., **GED**, 10 am - 12:30 pm; **Brooklyn Branch**, 3706 Pearl Rd., **ESOL** (help learning English), 10 am - 12:30 pm & **GED**, 1 - 3:30 pm.

City of Cleveland, Division of Police, Citizen On-line Reporting System
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WSEM Food Center
WSEM Food Center at Brookside, 3784 Pearl Rd., 216-749-4295. Food service available Mon. - Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Resale shoppe open Mon, Wed. & Fri., 10 am - 2 pm. Call 216-749-4295 for appointment for help with completing

food stamp applications, or walk-in & ask to speak to an outreach advocate. Applications will be completed & delivered to Dept. of Jobs & Family Services. Other outreach services available; call for details.

Ready, Set, Grow Preschool
Located in Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5. Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$25. Class times, 9:20 - 11:20 am. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

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

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists - No meeting this month. Brooklyn Centre Naturalist work-day, Fri., May 6th, W. 36th St. Commons, one block south of Denison Ave., 10 am - 3 pm. Finishing the stone walls; lunch provided.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club, Sun., May 15th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Katie Karrick, the “Cemetery Lady” speaking about the "Development of Cemeteries in the United States" (including explaining some of the symbols on tombstones). Guests welcome. Business meeting & refreshments, too.

Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS), Wed., May 25th, 7 pm, Brooklyn Historical Society Museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Carole Wooten, founding President of Common Threads Quilting Guild displaying many quilts & discussing history of quilting. Attendees may bring an antique quilt for display. Also BHS’s semi-annual quilt raffle at 7 pm. All welcome. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Fri., May 13th, 7 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off

St. Leo Preschool & School Registrations 2010-2011 School Year
St. Leo Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd., in Parish Community Center; accepting applications for 3 & 4 year-olds half-day & full-day programs. Call Lisa Mersek, 216-661-5330, for more info. Also accepting students grades K-8. Part of the Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring voucher program. Vocal music & instrumental band program, visual & studio art program, physical education & sports; new PC computer lab. Before & after-school care available. Call Mrs. Eileen Breitmeyer to arrange a tour, 216-661-2120.

St. Mary Byzantine School Registration
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., accepting applications for preschool - grade 8. Before & after school services available. Local tuition assistance available to all families; participates in Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. Updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics & more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit www.smbyz.org.

parking lot.) American Legionaire Ken Groner speaking about the American flag; business meeting; refreshments. Call president Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., May 24th, 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., May 10th (& 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., May 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., May 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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Community supports B F Garden fundraiser

by Hallie Forcinio

Support from local businesses and residents made the second annual Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) fundraiser a huge success. More than 130 people attended the event on Saturday, March 26, 2010, at Cleat's Club Seat Grille, 3995 Jennings Rd.

In addition to enjoying the pizza, wings, pasta and beverages which were included in the ticket price, attendees had an opportunity to win door prizes and participate in a basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle and sideboards. Winner of the 50/50 raffle, Ken Outrich, took home \$385.

The basket raffle generated a lot of excitement with a wide array of prizes from Old Brooklyn businesses and individuals, "Benji" gardeners, local sports teams, entertainment venues and retailers (see Prize Donor List below).

"We'd like to thank everyone who bought a ticket, donated a prize or participated in the raffles and sideboards," says Jeff Kostura, vice chairman of the BFCG Operating Committee and chair of the event.



Gardener Cathryn Rieter took home the Breast Cancer Awareness Gardening Gift Basket donated by Cher Miles and Teri Lilley.

The funds raised will help operate Cleveland's oldest and largest community garden for the 2011 season, providing the supplies and tools needed to maintain the five-acre space behind Benjamin Franklin School at 1905 Spring Rd., support community events and donate food to the hungry.

More than 150 gardeners have signed up to garden at Benji during the upcoming season.

SCR's senior of the month: Mary Gabriel

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

Anyone who's been to Senior Citizen Resources (SCR) for lunch, probably knows May's Senior of the Month, Mary Gabriel.

Mary has been with SCR since 2000, when she moved to Deaconess-Krafft. She has helped there in numerous ways, including serving as a regular lunch registration volunteer, a member of the Advisory Committee and the head of the Raffle Committee.

Mary was a Meals on Wheels volunteer when she started with SCR. She loved doing Meals on Wheels because she was often rewarded with hugs from the folks to whom she delivered; she says that was the best part.

Mary was born and raised in Cleveland. She graduated from Lincoln High School, and then got a license in cosmetology. As an adult, Mary moved around a lot -- she travelled to Detroit where she met her (now ex-) husband; moved with him to South Dakota, where they owned a bar together; and then moved to Oregon, where they raced Arabian Stallions.

After they divorced, Mary came back to her first home, Cleveland. She has had a full and exciting life, and is the mother of five children, the grandmother of two, and the great-grandmother of four.



Mary Gabriel

In addition to her volunteer work at SCR, Mary is the President of the Tenant's Association at Deaconess-Krafft. Her parents were Polish immigrants, and she grew up learning Polish as a second language, which aids her in communicating with the many Ukrainian tenants.

Mary enjoys living at Deaconess-Krafft because it is filled with a diverse group of people, which enables her to see other ways of life. She feels that SCR is a wonderful place, too.

Mary reminds us to take each day as it comes-one day at a time-in order to lead a happy and fulfilling life.

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City Music Cleveland to come to Old Brooklyn

by Father Doug Brown, pastor Mary Queen of Peace Church

The day that Eugenia Strauss, Executive Director of City Music Cleveland, walked into the church of Our Lady of Good Counsel — which now houses the recently merged parish of Mary Queen of Peace — she smiled and said, "This will be perfect." With a sizable sanctuary large enough to hold the 40-piece chamber orchestra and excellent acoustics, the debut of Cleveland City Music in Old Brooklyn seemed destined to happen.

City Music Cleveland was founded in 2004 as a professional chamber orchestra whose purpose was to bring classical and original music to the multitudes of people who had never set foot inside of a concert hall — and at no cost to those who attend. Their mission is to provide "beautiful music, brilliantly performed in familiar neighborhood settings."

In the past seven years, City Music Cleveland has performed throughout Greater Cleveland/Northeast Ohio as well as beyond, including a performance in November 2010 at Lincoln Center in New York City.

Not only does City Music Cleveland perform in the community, they are also involved with the community. City Music Cleveland offers music instruction for children in 2nd through 6th grades in the Slavic Village neighborhood of Cleveland and in Elyria.

There will be two opportunities to see City Music Cleveland in Old Brooklyn during May. Both performances will be at Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd.

First, they will premiere their "intergenerational concert series" which proposes to bring together children and adults for a lively, engaging performance. "Daniel and the Snakeman" is an original composition by Margaret Brouwer promoting "harmony

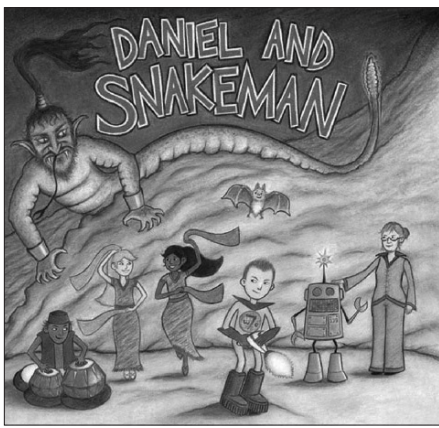
through music"; it will be presented on Thursday, May 12th, at 10 am.

One week later, on Wednesday, May 18th, at 7:30 pm, City Music Cleveland will offer a program featuring the music of Franz Schubert. As stated earlier, both performances are free (though free-will donations are appreciated).

As pastor of Mary Queen of Peace, I am pleased to welcome City Music Cleveland to Old Brooklyn. I was familiar with some of their performances at St. Stanislaus in Slavic Village. To have two opportunities to hear amazing music right here in Old Brooklyn is not to be missed!

See citymusiccleveland.org for more information about the group, as well as other dates and locations at which this performance has been scheduled.

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will present



Thursday, May 12th, 10 am
Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd.

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Wed., May 11th, 10 am, St. Vitus Church, 6019 Lausche Ave.;
Fri., May 13th, 10 am, Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St.;
Sat., May 14th, 11 am, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, 2757 Fairmount Blvd.
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Elephants from front page

The Mopani Range also features a sand pit and a mud wallow in which the elephants can roll around.

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Half-funded by Cleveland Metroparks and half by Cleveland Zoological Society's capital campaign, African Elephant Crossing is the result of joint planning, hard work and the generosity of the community.



Moshi - Photo courtesy of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

"Most people will never have an opportunity to see elephants in the wild," said Zoo Director Steve Taylor. "Few zoo animals have the capacity to connect with humans the way elephants do. African Elephant Crossing gives our elephants the best possible environment and care so that they can continue to amaze and inspire the people of Northeast Ohio as living ambassadors for their wild counterparts in Africa."

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The last month passed by quickly for us at the Community Development Corporation; as the years go by, it seems that the time between issues of the *Old Brooklyn News (OBN)* becomes shorter and shorter.

While putting together ads for this issue, Sandy, our advertising/sales manager, happened to pick up a copy of the March *OBN* which was lying on her desk. After opening it she was somewhat taken aback when she saw that someone had defaced four areas of it, all of which had to do with neighborhood churches.

Two of the pieces were actually *paid* advertisements -- the large "**Our Churches Welcome You**" listing which is on page 10 every month (unless we have a 16-page, rather than a 12-page, paper, and it "moves") and the "**As I see it...**" ad which **Pastor Jerry** from **St. Luke's United Church of Christ** places with us every month, in addition to his other listing.

The *Old Brooklyn News* depends upon the revenue from ads to keep the paper viable, and these two church-related ads are from the most faithful of our advertisers.

The *Church Notes* listing was also defaced. Every church event, whether

Catholic or Protestant, had a big NO written on top of it. Apparently the person who did this does not understand that when this neighborhood was in a seriously declining state thirty-five years ago, it was the ecumenical effort of most of our churches, as well as a handful of dedicated businessmen, which joined together to save it.

The final article which was defaced was the first one which **Rev. Neal Wilds** wrote about **Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church, "Former pastor shares BMUMC early history"**. Had the disturbed individual bothered to read the article, he/she would have realized that the fact that BMUMC was the first Methodist congregation in Cleveland (maybe first in the whole Western Reserve!) made losing it all the more tragic.

In more cheerful news, **EarthFest**, the pre-Earth Day celebration at the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo** on Sunday, April 17th, was still very well attended despite the bluster and chillier-than-usual weather. Neighborhood residents volunteered at at least three of the organizational booths there -- **Friends of Big Creek, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** and **Friends of Wetlands Fowl**. They handed out literature as well as sold little items and raffled off gift baskets to help fund their ecological efforts.

Of course, every day should be "Earth Day" in our hearts, and I was glad to see another recycling option in our neighborhood. A few weeks ago I noticed a new **plastic recycling bin** outside the entrance to **Dave's Supermarket** on Ridge Rd. just south of Denison Ave.

This recycling bin is just for *soft* plastic wrapping material, unlike the recycling bins which the City of Cleveland has which are for hard plastic (as well as newspaper, cardboard, aluminum and glass). What's exciting about Dave's bin is that now we have the possibility to recycle plastics which weren't able to be recycled here before.

Perhaps next month there'll again be room for a longer column. In the meantime, please email your submissions to Lynette Filips at lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or snail mail them to me via the usual CDC address.

Results of hearing re: surface mining at Bradley Road Landfill

by Tom Collins
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On April 18th the Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) heard an appeal submitted by Tom Simich to conduct mineral surface mining (soil) at the Bradley Road Landfill, 4300 Bradley Rd. Mr. Simich is president of two companies which would be involved with surface mining and resumed landfill operations on the site, Landsong Environmental Incorporated and Ty Incorporated.

These two companies would be tenants on property owned by William Baumann or entities controlled by Mr. Baumann. There is an operating agreement between Mr. Baumann and Mr. Simich that stipulates that all on site operations will be solely under the control of Mr. Simich.

Mr. Simich appealed the City finding that surface mining is an accessory use and not a primary use and therefore needed a zoning variance and if a variance is granted then a special use permit.

BZA upheld the administrative ruling that surface mining is not a primary permitted use and therefore not allowed unless the variance and special permit is granted.

Mr. Simich, represented by a team of attorneys, accepted that finding and immediately submitted an appeal for a "variance in use" seeking the required variance. The variance was subsequently denied followed by the denial of the special use permit.

At the meeting on the 18th, the Board of Zoning Appeals heard testimony from Mr. Simich's attorneys; Cleveland City Council member Anthony Brancatelli; the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC); Ron Brady, a resident near the landfill; and several other interested parties. The meeting lasted in excess of three hours. The end result was that Mr. Simich was denied on all three issues and therefore prohibited from conducting surface mining independent of resuming landfill operations.

The actual resumption of landfill operations is a separate issue under the jurisdiction of the U. S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.

When the Board of Zoning Appeals makes decision it must be ratified by a vote of the members at the next BZA meeting, which is generally one week later. This is standard procedure which allows time for the voice resolution to be put in writing and assemble any other documents that may be relevant to the Board ruling.

On April 25th the Board met to ratify the previous three decisions under the "Old Business" portion of the meeting agenda. Prior to ratifying the decision, a representative of Mayor Frank Jackson submitted in writing a request to the Board to re-hear all three issues.

Such a request happens rarely but is permitted. The Board still being in the "Old Business" portion of the meeting conducts this portion in "Executive Session". That means that it is conducted in public but no testimony from any source is allowed to be offered.

In this case the Board decided to take the request "under advisement" which means they did not discuss the matter but will do so in their next meeting on Monday, May 2nd at 9:30 a.m. It will be discussed again under "Old Business" in Executive Session and no testimony will be taken.

If the Board decides to grant a re-hearing on any of the three issues it will be scheduled for a public hearing at a later date and testimony will again be taken from all interested parties.

Given that there was no testimony taken on this request, it was left to the Board Secretary, Jan Huber, to state the reason the Mayor's representative submitted the request. The reason stated is that the City administration and Tom Simich have signed a letter of intent outlining the conditions for conducting surface mining. Because this letter was signed on April 18th, the administration did not have time to conduct a community meeting and present the letter of intent to the public. They desire to have the matter reheard after that meeting and presentation has occurred.

Additional information including the above named letter of intent and a resolution stating the OBCDC Board's position is posted on OBCDC's web site, www.oldbrooklyn.com.

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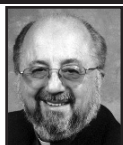
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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



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He lived and worked among them for twenty years, adapting to their culture. Preaching no sermons and making no claim of personal faith, he neither read nor recited scripture to them. But when people were sick, he sat with them, sometimes all night. When people were hungry, he fed them. When they were lonely, he listened. He taught the ignorant and always took the side of the one who had been wronged.

One day some missionaries entered the village and began talking about a man named Jesus. After listening for a while, the natives insisted that Jesus had already been living in their village for years. "Come," one of them said, "we'll introduce you to him." The missionaries were led to a hut where they found their long-lost companion.

Truly, actions do speak louder than words!

*Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at
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Spring Means Optimism

Spring began one month ago today but winter does not know that it is past time to move out of the way. It is a cold dark rainy Friday as this is written. In fact it is Good Friday for Christians. Perhaps the day matches the mourning that many experience in their private reflections.

It is too easy to succumb to the economic hardships our nation and Cleveland have endured the past several years. Those conditions are changing. The economy is growing

again. Companies are slowly bringing jobs back and creating new ones. The stock market is up. People are engaged in debate with their elected officials about what services government must reduce.

There are serious problems before us as there will always be. The only constant in our economy is change. When change is for the better it does not mean that everyone will prosper at the same time. Yet the economy in Cleveland is improving largely because of the multiple construction projects underway or soon to be underway.

Cleveland has started a new period of growth and that means our optimistic spirit must be renewed. This is not the "come back city" because we let pessimism rule any more than winter is a permanent season.

Look at what is happening. The new medical merchandise market is under construction. The former Higbee Building is being renovated for a temporary casino while the new casino is built. The first of two new Innerbelt bridges started driving pile in April. The Flats East Bank construction is resumed. The Cleveland Museum of Art is entering the last phase of the

expansion construction. The Museum of Contemporary Art is under construction. Case Western Reserve University has the new mixed use retail/residential complex launching.

That is seven major construction projects in the city. There are numerous smaller projects in the area building hospital clinics and schools plus the summer road repair season. Even the Cleveland Browns are promoting lakefront development.

This means much more than construction jobs. It means engineers, architects, support staff, and structural inspectors are working. It means truck drivers, cargo handlers, warehouse personnel, dispatchers and security personnel are working. It means banks are lending, insurance is being sold, lawyers are doing whatever lawyers do and accountants are managing accounts.

Payrolls are pumping dollars into the local economy. Paychecks buy groceries, school supplies, car repairs, home remodeling, home furnishings, all serving to put dollars into a paycheck for another person. Watch how this rolls into Old Brooklyn by noticing who is getting their home repaired, or buying a car, or new appliances or new lawn mowers.

Even with the serious economic problems that are lingering and the continuing high unemployment rate, Cleveland must recapture its optimism. Sunshine broke out briefly as this was being written, so even the weather can display optimism.

And the Indians are comfortably in first place in the American League. Who would have thought that last October?

Even in Old Brooklyn

Old Brooklyn is not the leading indicator of new investment in Cleveland but it does attract innovation and investment. On the innovation front, the "Greatest Project in America", so named by Cleveland City Council Member Kevin Kelley who has led, pushed and pulled to bring free wireless Internet connectivity to Old Brooklyn, will be complete in May. This means every building in the Ward 13 portion of Old Brooklyn is one click away from the wonders of the Internet world.

Whether you are monitoring your child's work at school, reading/listening to the news, finding that special recipe, sending out a resume or just Goggling around you can do it free in Old Brooklyn. Mr. Kelley has worked upon this for three years and would never accept an answer that said why it could not be done. That is the height of optimism.

Two new restaurants will soon be opening in Old Brooklyn. Not wanting to spoil their grand opening announcements I will just say that one is on Pearl Rd. and the other is on Memphis Ave. The owner/operators are local entrepreneurs who pursued their plans in a weakening economy because they recognized that downturns are harsh but temporary. Optimism overcame cynicism.

Two local commercial property owners are applying for the Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program because they believe the time is right to invest in Old Brooklyn.

Did I already write that the Indians are in first place?

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In honor of Arbor Day, BCN reflects about trees

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Reflecting about Arbor Day, always celebrated on the last Friday of April, this year the 29th, (the publish date for the May issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*) reminded me that Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn are blessed with some beautiful tree-lined streets; South Hills Dr. especially comes to mind.

Many of our majestic trees are reaching the end of very productive lives, having provided shade, cooler air and enhanced beauty and value to their neighborhoods. Many of them have succumbed to the storms of last winter, and this spring the sound of chain saws has returned. Unfortunately, many more have succumbed to the indignity of being reduced to stumps or grotesque caricatures by utility companies and overzealous "tree trimming" crews.

If and when these trees are replaced, their replacements will never reach the height, breadth and value of those which came before them. In these economic times, the trend is to "go cheap" and "short term" with small-stature trees.

The benefits of planting a large-stature tree outweigh a small-stature tree eight to one, but I doubt that fact would be part of a tree replacement discussion. A large-stature tree provides shade not only for the homes in its vicinity but also shades the paved surfaces surrounding it.

A more shaded street equals a longer time between resurfacing, another fact which probably does not enter into the debate about tree replacement. Too often, trees are seen as an impediment to progress rather than an important aesthetic component.

Think of our past -- forests of oak, beech

and maple greeted the early settlers in Cleveland. The folks who built this city of tree-lined streets knew, even without the scientific data, that large, majestic trees would enhance their quality of life, cooling the air during hot, humid summers, preventing soil erosion and preventing water runoff, and enhancing their commercial districts and neighborhoods.

Then consider the present -- for every large-stature tree lost, less energy is conserved, an urban heat island is formed, and our quality of air and water is comprised. We are fortunate that we can shape our future relationship with trees. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists is committed to promoting trees as an integral part of our park neighborhoods, and therefore is committed to the protection, preservation and replacement of large-stature trees.

We should make sure that the subject of trees is placed in all planning discussions by asking these questions each and every time we have the opportunity:

Where are the trees?

How will large trees be strategically placed to maximize the benefits they give?

Make sure that everyone knows that large-stature trees are an integral part of shaping our future neighborhoods and that they are a necessity, not an option. Long-term benefits far outweigh the short-term costs.

How can we afford not to plant trees which will reduce storm water runoff, extend the life of streets, improve local, soil and water quality, reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide, provide wildlife habitat, increase property values, enhance the attractiveness of a community, and promote human health and well being? Tell our elected officials and urban planners that when it comes to trees, size definitely matters.

Spring maintenance checklist

by Allen Tapp
from Home Detectives

After a long and arduous winter, spring is right around the corner and the warm weather beckons us to maintain our most precious commodity, our homes. Spring is the perfect time for routine maintenance checks on many areas of the home. The Home Detective's check list below is for spring maintenance:

Exterior:

- Take a look at the roof. Are there any missing shingles, tiles, etc. Missing pieces or damaged sections should be repaired to prevent leaks.

- Check the gutters for blockage, popped nails, leaking joints or damage. Proper drainage will prevent water damage to the roof, trim or even moisture from getting into the foundation.

- Look all around the exterior, windows and trim for damaged siding, missing mortar on brickwork or loose paint. Flaking paint should be repainted to prevent wood rot.

- Missing or cracked mortar joints on brick should be tuck pointed or sealed for structural integrity and to prevent water from seeping behind the brick.

- Caulk around windows, doors and trim to prevent moisture and insect intrusion.

- Spray for insects. Ants in particular are common at this time of the year. Call an exterminator if necessary.

- Inspect and install window and door screens. Repair or replace damaged screens.

- Clean, paint, stain, or waterproof a deck or patio, as necessary.

- Clear debris from the air conditioner. Inspect the insulation around the cold pipe and replace if necessary. (This will improve the efficiency of the unit.)

Interior:

- It's time for a thorough overall cleaning!

- Wash window glass. Lubricate hinges, window and door locks, latches or opening mechanisms.

- Lubricate the furnace motor.

- Replace the furnace filter

- Check the foundation walls for cracks or deterioration.

- Replace the smoke detector battery.

- Test GFCI outlets by pressing the test and reset button. Non-functional outlets should be replaced. (GFCI or AFCI breakers in the electrical service panel should be also be tested.)



Photo by George Shuba

On Monday, April 18th, Brooklyn - Cleveland Kiwanis donated 100 books to Brookridge Elementary School second graders. The children sat enthralled by Ms. Jennifer's (Jennifer Johnson, professional story teller) Native American stories. Lori Peterson (back left) and Len Signer (back right) were among the Kiwanians there for the presentation.

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Brookmere Cemetery -- a final resting place for almost two hundred years

by Lynette Filips
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Brookmere Cemetery, 3645 “short” Broadview Rd. (west of Pearl Rd.), is one of the stops on Old Brooklyn’s 2011 *Pedal for Prizes* event on Saturday, May 21st. It’s also one of the longtime Old Brooklyn places about which I’ve never written in my 21 years of doing history articles for the *Old Brooklyn News*.

Because of the bicycle tour, and because spring is one of the most beautiful times of the year to visit Brookmere Cemetery, I’ve chosen it for the topic of this month’s history article. Covering 2.98 acres of land, it is the final resting place of 3,578 people.

The City of Cleveland’s Public Works Division, Department of Park Maintenance and Properties, is now responsible for the maintenance of non-sectarian cemeteries within the city limits. But when Brookmere Cemetery was established in the first trimester of the nineteenth century, no part of what is now Old Brooklyn was part of the City of Cleveland. Then it was just the southern portion of Brooklyn Township (which has also been known as Brighton and South Brooklyn).

The land on which Brookmere Cemetery is located was originally owned by a man named Warren Young. He generously donated a portion of his property to be used as a cemetery and he himself is buried there. But while his monument states that he is the donor of the land, **Warren Young** (1787-1832) was not the first person to be buried there.

The record books for Brookmere Cemetery are currently kept at Highland Park Cemetery, 21400 Chagrin Blvd., 44122; 216-348-7210. They list a child named **Bertha Albers** as the first burial, and **Carl and Sylvia Albers** as the next two burials; no dates are given.

At the time when it was established, the southern part of Brooklyn Township was largely inhabited by New Englanders, who were followed by European immigrants from regions which would become the modern Germany. Therefore, some of the writing on the monuments at Brookmere Cemetery is written in German. *Vater* is father; *mutter* is mother; *ehemann* is husband; *frau* is wife; *sohn* is son; *tochter* is daughter; *alt* is age; *jahr* is year; *tag* is day(s); *geb.* is the abbreviation for *geboren*, which means born; and *gest.* is the abbreviation for *gestorben*, which means died.

Anyone familiar with Old Brooklyn history will also recognize family monuments and tomb stones with surnames of many of the early and/or prominent members of the early community here.

Brainard is the name of one of the oldest families in the original Brooklyn Township.

And one of the oldest graves in the cemetery is that of **Amos Brainard** (1758-1832). Although not a casualty of the Revolutionary War, he fought in it, including being with George Washington at Valley Forge.

Hinckley is the surname of another of the first settlers. **Isaac Hinckley** (d. March 7th, 1852, aged 79 years), his wife, **Sarah**, and their son and his wife are also buried at Brookmere.



Gates Family Monument
Brookmere Cemetery

One of the most beautiful monuments at Brookmere Cemetery is in the circle at the very end of the cemetery. Three generations of the **Gates** family were prominent millers in the original Brooklyn Township. **Jeremiah** (1795-1870) and **Phebe** (1795-1881) Gates came here in 1816 and started a grist mill and a saw mill near Mill St. (now Memphis Ave.) and Pearl St. (now Rd.) Their brick home still stands at the corner of Memphis Ave. and W. 35th St.

Jeremiah and Phebe’s son, **Charles**, also operated a saw mill (but one powered by steam rather than water), as well as a paint factory, roughly where Café Lindo, until recently, was located. He also built a grand home in the same area.

Charles and his brother, **Reuben**, built the Star (grain) Elevator at the Pearl St. (now Rd.) entrance to Brookside Park (now the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo). He also sold black walnut wood to the Winchester gun company. Charles and his wife, **Mary**, are also buried around the Gates’ monument.

Charles and Mary’s son, **Howard**, built a new grain elevator where the Star Elevator was. He and his two business partners called it the Gates Elevator and Mills Company. But the steep hill was too muddy and slippery in winter, so Howard moved his grain elevator to

the east side of Broadview Rd, where it still stands today — but not as a grain elevator.

Howard and his brother, **Lafayette**, rebuilt the old Gates Sawmill and manufactured mineral paint. Eventually Howard bought out Lafayette and manufactured fertilizer. He owned a lot of land just south of the Big Creek valley.

Howard’s home is still standing, too, on W. 35th St., right next to Jeremiah’s. (Today it is a group home where people serviced by the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities live.)

Howard, as well as his wife, **Frances**, his brother Lafayette, his sister **Mary Gates Bratten**, and Mary’s husband, **Hamilton Bratten**, are all buried at Brookmere Cemetery.

(An interesting FYI is that Jeremiah Gates and Holsey Gates, the founder of Gates Mills, were brothers; Jeremiah came to Brooklyn Township in 1816, whereas Holsey didn’t arrive here until 1826. At that time, Jeremiah, Holsey and another brother, Nathaniel (who had a mill on the Ohio & Erie Canal at Five Mile Lock), journeyed to the Chagrin River to establish Holsey’s mill in Mayfield Township, now Gates Mills.)

John L. Johnson (1824-1911), who also built much of the former South Brooklyn, is buried at Brookmere Cemetery, too. He earned his money being a “prospector” in the Gold Rush. When he returned home from California he built a grand hotel, the Johnson House, which was once located on the southeast corner of Pearl St. (now Rd.) and Broad St. (now Rd.), where the US Bank building is now.

In the same vicinity Johnson also built commercial buildings – including what was known as the “Johnson Block”. His home was where MetroHealth’s Senior Health & Wellness Center is now located; when Evangelical Deaconess Hospital was founded there, his home was part of the original complex.

Even someone not familiar with the history of this part of Brooklyn Township will recognize the names on the monuments in Brookmere Cemetery which are the same as some of the current street names in Old

Brooklyn — **Biddulph**, **Henninger**, **Henritze**, **Krather**, **Schaaf**, **Stickney** and **Wetzel**.

And they’ll recognize the Estabrook name, too. **Ella Estabrook** (1874-1937) was a prominent woman in the neighborhood’s civic affairs, which is why the City of Cleveland named its Fulton Rd. recreation center after her.

Though they were not prominent in the neighborhood (but rather the proprietors of a downtown hotel), the **Selover** family plot is one which most visitors to Brookmere Cemetery notice. It is surrounded by a wrought iron fence with chains and hollow bells hanging from it. Some cemetery guides say that such bells were intended to ward off evil spirits; some say that it’s related to the old phrase, “a dead ringer”; and some say that it was just because they were attractive and decorative.

Of course many graves in Brookmere Cemetery were never marked because the families could not afford a stone. So often there are people buried in places which look to be empty. Such was the case with one of my great-grandfathers, **Charles Kaul**, who died in 1914. Just last November, a number of us descendants chipped in the money to purchase a stone for him. But that’s a story for another issue.

If you stop by Brookmere Cemetery in the early to mid-afternoon on May 21st you’ll likely find me there, because I promised my friends on the *Pedal for Prizes* committee that I would do that for them. Since you’ll probably want to be making a lot of other stops during that same time period, it won’t be the best time to really explore the grounds, but at least you’ll know where it is, in case you haven’t been there before.

If it’s not raining, I will also bring along (to sell) copies of two of the Old Brooklyn history books which were printed in the 1980s. One has a short section about Brookmere Cemetery in it; the other, a reprint of a 1905 book, is filled with photos as well as text related to some of the people and places mentioned in this article. They are priced at \$5 each.

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, 3344 Broadview Rd., will be hosting The Empowerment Center of Greater Cleveland (ECGC) on **Tuesday, May 10th, 1 - 2 p.m.** The Center assists low-income individuals in Cuyahoga County with basic human needs. ECGC offers utility assistance (CEI and First Energy ONLY). Qualified individuals can get FREE eye glasses with a prescription

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Cleveland Metroparks Children's Fishing Derbies - Sat., May 14th; Wallace Lake, Mill Stream Run Reservation & Sun., May 15th, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation. Children age 4 - 15 can enjoy free fishing while learning fishing basics. Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Prizes awarded in

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Children’s Museum of Cleveland
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www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
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Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area
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www.clemusart.com

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Fri., May 6th - First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 8 pm, lower chapel.

Sat., May 7th - Parish May Crowning, 4:30 pm Mass, upper church.

Wed., May 11th - Seniors Meeting & Luncheon, 12 pm, Marian Lounge.

Wed., May 11th - “Divorce Care”, Twelve-week program assisting with healing after divorce, 7 pm, parish office.

Thurs, May 12th - “Daniel & the Snakeman” Intergenerational Concert presented by City Music Cleveland, 10 am, upper church.

Fri, May 13th - Family Fridays, 6 pm. Special evening for home-schooled families. Potluck, 6 pm; rosary, 7:30 pm; Mass, 8 pm; lower chapel.

Sat., May 14th - Reverse Raffle. Tickets, \$35. 6:30 pm; Parish Center.

Sun., May 15th - Free Community Meal, 1 pm, Parish Center.

Wed., May 18th - Greektown Casino, 6:45 am coach arrives in back parking lot; leaves 7 am; returns 8 pm. Cost - \$30 per person. Call Julia Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

Wed., May 18th - City Music Cleveland Performance (music of Franz Schubert), 7:30 pm, upper church. Free, but donations appreciated.

Sun., May 22nd, Mass for former members of St. Wendelin Church, 2 pm; former St. Wendelin pastor Fr. Jerry Lajack, celebrant; lower church; reception afterwards in Marian Lounge.

Sun., May 29th, Mass with Bishop Martin Amos of Davenport, Iowa, “son” of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 11 am, upper church; reception afterwards, Marian Lounge.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499
Sun., May 1st - Metropolitan Chorus - Concert of Christian music, 3 pm. Freewill offering; refreshments served afterwards.

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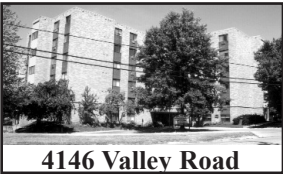
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Fri. & Sat, May 13th & 14th - Rummage Sale 9 am - 2 pm, downstairs in Stohs Hall. \$4 bag sale, plus specially marked items.

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Former Harshaw Chemical Company Site
Investigative Area-06
Record of Decision Signed

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Buffalo District announces that after consideration of comments received from the community regarding the Proposed Plan, a no action Record of Decision for Investigative Area-06 (IA-06) of the former Harshaw Chemical Company Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Site has been approved. Responses to comments received from the community are included as Part III of the Record of Decision.

The no action Record of Decision for IA-06 is protective of human health and the environment. Cancer and non-cancer risks in IA-06 from FUSRAP-related constituents are below the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's risk limit for the current and reasonably anticipated future land use, recreational.

The former Harshaw Chemical Company Site is located at 1000 Harvard Avenue in Cleveland, Ohio. From 1944 to 1959, the former Harshaw Chemical Company was contracted by the Manhattan Engineer District and the Atomic Energy Commission to produce uranium that was then sent to Oak Ridge, Tenn., for isotopic separation and enrichment. IA-06 includes the soil in a six-acre undeveloped parcel located north of Harvard Avenue and east of the Cuyahoga River that was once owned by the former Harshaw Chemical Company. No known process-related activities were conducted in IA-06. There are no buildings in IA-06 and a historical aerial photo analysis shows no evidence of past development. Historical information indicates general construction debris was placed in IA-06.

FUSRAP was initiated in 1974 to identify, investigate, and clean up or control sites throughout the United States that were part of the Nation's early atomic energy program. The Corps, as lead Federal agency for FUSRAP, follows the phased process required in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan. The Corps moves ahead with the Feasibility Study phase of the CERCLA process for the remaining portion of the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site.

The Record of Decision is now available to the public in the former Harshaw Chemical Company FUSRAP Site Administrative Record in the Cuyahoga County Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, which is located at 4480 Ridge Road, Brooklyn, Ohio. It is also available on the Buffalo District website at www.lrb.usace.army.mil/fusrap/harshaw. The Corps can be reached at fusrap@usace.army.mil or by calling 800-833-6390 (option 4).

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Scenes from 2011 Neighborhood Safety Summit at Estabrook Recreation Center



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OBCDC Outreach Manager Barb Spaan and her committee -- Rob, Greg, Rose and Chris - would like to thank everyone who took time out of their Saturday, April 2nd, to participate in or stop by the sixth safety forum they've sponsored. Congratulation to the raffle winners. (Cav's game, dinners at Applebee's and Tommy's, and all the prizes.) This year, thanks to Councilmen Kevin Kelley and Toni Brancatelli, the shred truck was also on site.



Pop UP Pearl May 21st Noon - Dusk

Come see the rain barrels at Pop UP Pearl on May 21st that Old Brooklyn schools have decorated.

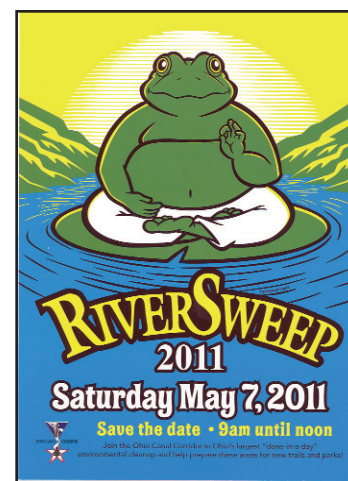
The rain barrels pictured here were decorated by Mary Queen of Peace students under the supervision of art teacher Christina Szymanowski.



River Sweep

Anyone interested in helping out on Saturday, May 7th in the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre area can meet at Club Generations, 4002 Jennings Rd. 9 a.m. till noon.

For more information call
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216-459-1000.



OBCDC's guide to: Special Events

May 6th - Riversweep. 9 a.m.
Meet at Lower Harvard —
Harvard and Jennings

May 12th - City Music- Daniel &
Snakeman. 10 am. Mary Queen of
Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd

May 21st - Pop UP Pearl -
noon - dusk

June 24th - Movie Night under
the Stars. Archmere Park

July 22nd - Movie Night under
the Stars. Loew Park

Date to be determined - All
Access Pizza Tour. Old Brooklyn

August 14th - Bridging the
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August 19th - Old Brooklyn
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