

## OBCDC's annual meeting conducted at Grace Church last month

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation held its annual meeting on the evening of October 18th. Grace Church next door to the CDC's new offices at 2339 Broadview Rd. provided the space for the meeting. There was a good turnout of CDC members with about 50 people attending.

The main purpose of the meeting was to report on the activities of the CDC this past year and to vote on new members of the Board of Directors. A copy of the annual report is available either on the CDC's web site at [www.oldbrooklynconnected.com](http://www.oldbrooklynconnected.com) or for pick up at the CDC office. Some of the highlights from the report include the following:

Over 635 residents with over 792 referrals were given for a variety of housing rehabilitation & stabilization programs.

There were 64 meetings held serving 1500 residents around neighborhood safety programs.

There were 1092 code enforcement complaints tracked and served. Of this amount 966 were for housing code violations and 126 were related to commercial building violations.

The Old Brooklyn Connected web site now has over 8,000 users and nearly 90,000 page views per month.

There are now 17 members on Old Brooklyn's Board of Directors; four are institutional; five are commercial; eight are residential. Here are the new Board members' bio's:



On the evening of Tuesday, October 18th, members and other interested folks from the neighborhood attended OBCDC's annual meeting, held in the basement of Grace Church.

### Book Chrobak - Residential

Book Chrobak is currently a Cleveland Office Coordinator and Financial Data Analyst at Imagine Software Inc. At Imagine Software, Book implemented and currently leads the Cleveland Data Operations internship program as its Intern Site Supervisor. He graduated with a major in Mathematics from the College of Wooster in 1999 and completed his M.B.A. with a Finance concentration at Cleveland State University in 2005. Book attended Saint Ignatius High School. He was born and raised in Old Brooklyn and currently lives in the South Hills neighborhood with his wife and two children. Book serves on the Cleveland Alumni Leadership Group and is

the Leader of the Cleveland Scots in Service for the College of Wooster. He also serves as a Council Member at Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights. Book has completed the Cleveland, Columbus and -- most recently -- the Marine Corp Marathon in Washington, DC. He enjoys running and training throughout the Old Brooklyn neighborhood and along the Towpath Trail.

### Charlie Collier - Institutional

Charlie is the pastor at Grace Church at 2503 Broadview Road. He has lived in Cleveland since 2007. He graduated from Southeastern University in Lakeland Florida with a BA in Pastoral Counseling in 2000. Charlie spent five years in Waupun, WI and

two years in St. Louis, MO, serving as the youth and family ministries pastor in both locations. He and his wife, Carrie, and three children (Grant, Alayna and Garrett) love living in Old Brooklyn. They enjoy the people, restaurants and walking to the Zoo.

### Wilfredo Crespo - Residential

Wilfredo Crespo is a lifelong Cleveland resident and currently lives in Old Brooklyn. He is a Lieutenant and Paramedic with the Cleveland Fire Department, and has been a member of the safety forces for 28 years. He is a graduate of Cleveland's West Tech High School, and he holds a Bachelor of Psychology degree from Cleveland State University. He is an active member of St. Leo Church where he has been a member of the choir and of the Parish Council; he also teaches PSR. Wilfredo is co-owner of Lucia's Fresh Produce, a company that grows produce on Cleveland city lot and sells it to local residents and restaurants. Wilfredo is married to Phyllis Crespo. They have a blended family with four grown children.

### Lou Gentile - Commercial

Lou was born, raised and attended school in Old Brooklyn. His parents still live in Old Brooklyn and he has owned a business in Old Brooklyn for the past 23 years. Lou is currently employed by Cuyahoga County as the Commercial Project Manager. See *OBCDC's annual meeting* page 2

## MetroHealth's rehab inpatient services to move to Old Brooklyn campus

MetroHealth has announced plans to focus its skilled nursing services at its Elizabeth Severance Prentiss Center for Skilled Nursing Care at MetroHealth and its inpatient skilled nursing unit at MetroHealth Medical Center.

To accomplish this, MetroHealth will work with the skilled nursing and long term care residents currently at their Senior Health & Wellness Center to arrange for placement in other community-based facilities best suited to meet their needs.

Recent reductions in government reimbursement and rising medical costs contributed to the need to streamline skilled nursing and long term care services.

"This change maintains our responsibility to the overall financial health of the System," said Mark Moran, MetroHealth President and CEO. "We will continue to review and refine our service delivery to ensure excellent quality and maximum efficiency."

The move will allow inpatient rehabilitation patients from the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio at MetroHealth Medical Center to be transitioned into the Senior Health & Wellness Center, an environment better suited to the rehabilitation inpatient. The vacated space at MetroHealth's main campus will allow for the future expansion of services there.

"MetroHealth remains committed to the comprehensive care of seniors through our Senior Health Outpatient Program at the Senior Health & Wellness Center in Old Brooklyn, which brings together primary and specialty physicians in one clinical area," said James Campbell, MD, Executive Director, Post-Acute Care.

"By streamlining our system of care, we will continue providing these specialized services to the community while also best utilizing existing facilities for acute rehabilitation services," said Dr. Campbell.

The Senior Health & Wellness Center will need to undergo some renovations before the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute of Ohio can relocate to the building. MetroHealth will move approximately 164 full-time employees to the site and will have the capacity to treat up to 62 rehabilitation patients after the renovations are completed.

The Rehabilitation Institute is expected to relocate in Summer 2012. The Institute provides inpatient rehabilitation services for brain injury, spinal cord injury and stroke patients and a variety of outpatient rehabilitation services.

For more information about the program, visit: <http://www.metrohealth.org/body>.

## Make Old Brooklyn the neighborhood you want to see

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On a rainy day in October, a group of Old Brooklyn residents committed to changing their neighborhood for the better came together at Wexler's on State Rd. to discuss something simple and difficult at the same time. The discussion revolved around what kind of community Old Brooklyn ought to be; it had a feeling of energy which only a gathering of community members can have.

Over 25 residents and business owners joined the lively discussion. The group included long-time "Old Brooklynites" as well those new to the neighborhood. All were passionate about Old Brooklyn and

committed to keeping the neighborhood's future bright.

This kickoff meeting focused on gathering residents' and business owners' ideas for the neighborhood and several common themes emerged:

- Barriers for opening and expanding small businesses need to be identified and eliminated. This includes finding creating ways to encourage residents to "Buy Old Brooklyn".

- People are what make Old Brooklyn a special place and more people should be encouraged to get involved, especially with promoting the neighborhood.

- The neighborhood should be more walkable and have more destinations to walk to including coffee shops, art galleries, passive parks, etc.

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### November 8, 2011 General Election Dates and Deadlines for Voters



**November 4th** - Last day to Vote Early at the Board of Elections. Early voting closes at 4:30 p.m. 6 p.m. is the deadline to drop off Vote by Mail ballot applications at the Board of Elections.

**November 5th** - Mail-in Vote by Mail ballot application request deadline: The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections must receive mailed ballot application requests by 12 p.m. on November 5th for voters to be eligible to Vote by Mail.

**November 7th** - Ballots mailed in the U.S. must be postmarked on or before this date.

**November 8th** - Election Day - Polls open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m.

### Save the Date Cookies and Cocoa with Santa



Saturday, December 10th

The Senior Health & Wellness  
Center Atrium  
MetroHealth  
Old Brooklyn Campus  
4229 Pearl Rd., at Devonshire

See next month's  
*Old Brooklyn News*  
for more information

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## Dr. Douglas Marco

"Wow! It is so great to be back in Cleveland," said Lighthouse Baptist Church's new pastor, Dr. Douglas Marco. "I have traveled across most of the US and this is truly one of the greatest cities in the United States." Dr. Douglas Marco has moved back to Northeastern Ohio after leaving in 1975. Lighthouse Baptist Church is located at 4004 Cypress Ave., between State Rd. and Pearl Rd.

"My family has a proud heritage in Cleveland. Our family came from Anzi, Italy and settled in Cleveland in the 1890s. My Uncle Tony (Anthony J. Celebrezze) served as the 49th mayor of Cleveland (1953-1962) and my dad, Donald Marco, instilled in me the deep love for Ohio and especially for the city of Cleveland. My family has lived, worked and served in the city for over 100 years. For me to have this opportunity to serve the Lord in the city of Cleveland is a great honor and privilege," said Pastor Marco.

Pastor Marco went on to say, "I believe Cleveland is on its way back to being the great city it once was. The revitalization attitude of city is everywhere. To be here at this time and to be able to serve the people as the city is coming back is exciting. These are stirring days with a bright future before us; now I get to be a part of this great future, too."

At the age of 21, at the Tri-County Baptist Church of Northville, Michigan, Dr. Marco received Christ as his Savior. Shortly thereafter he became a preacher. Dr. Marco, who is in his 33rd year of preaching, received his education at Mid-Western Baptist College in Pontiac Michigan, Faith Way Baptist College in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Texas Baptist College in Longview, Texas. Dr. Marco received a Doctor of Theology Degree from Faith Baptist College in Plainview, Texas and a Doctor of Divinity Degree from North Texas Baptist Seminary in Irving, Texas.

Before going into evangelism, Dr. Marco pastored churches in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Texas. Over the past thirty-three years, Brother Marco has also been involved in starting five new churches - four in the United States and one in Mexico. His service also includes: 25 years as a Sunday School teacher; 5 years as a choir member; 4 years as a bus



Dr. Douglas Marco

captain; 3 years as a church financial secretary; and 2 years as a music director.

Along with working with children in Sunday School he also worked in bus ministries (he was Bus Director at Clays Mill Road Baptist Church), youth camps, children's churches and other children's programs. In 1985, he participated in the founding and developing of the "God Save America Conference" and the Gospel Net Magazine. From 1986-1993, he worked to develop and publish the "REVIVAL FIRES!" Newspaper. He also designed, developed and was managing editor of "The Baptist Magazine" for Longview Baptist Temple of Longview, Texas.

Dr. Marco is an Evangelist and a conference speaker. Thousands have received Christ as their Savior with over 6,500 following in believers' Baptism in his meetings.

Recently, Dr. Marco completed a project with Missionaries in Cameroon, Africa. In the revival meetings over 1,000 people received Christ as Savior and a new church was born. In 2009 Pastor Marco and a pastor from San Antonio established the Texas Baptist Seminary, which is an online, independent Baptist Seminary. He is currently the President.

"Now I have come to Cleveland during a very exciting time of development for our city's and church's future. I can't wait to get started making a difference in this great city."

Pastor Marco and the people of Lighthouse Baptist Church invite Old Brooklynites to visit. Find out more information by visiting their website, [www.lbccleveland.com](http://www.lbccleveland.com).

(Article submitted by Lighthouse Baptist Church has been lightly edited.)

## From the desk of the executive director

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October was a busy month. You won't see a photo of the home we had for sale on Denley because we now have a buyer for the home. We had a large number of people who made inquiries. It will be sold to a first time home owner who lives on the west side of Cleveland for \$54,500. The new owners will be in their home in time to celebrate the holiday's this year.

We have another home for sale at 3307 Altoona just off Pearl Rd. very close to the Senior Health and Wellness Center and Walgreens. This is going to be a spectacular four-bedroom, two-bath home. One of the bedrooms will be a brand new master bedroom suite with a bathroom. There will also be a new two-car garage and concrete driveway. The private yard will still have plenty of room.

The home is being remodeled using green building standards so it will have lower utility bills. The remodeling includes new siding, roof, windows, kitchen, bathrooms, flooring and energy star appliances. A completely new house inside and out!

The photo below is before renovation started. Buyers who purchase this home in the near future will have input on most of the inside décor. The asking price will be in the high \$80's which is a bargain for a nearly new home in a great and convenient Old Brooklyn location.

The CDC had a successful annual meeting; more information on that event held in mid-October is on the front page of the paper. We also had an extremely successful Fall-O-Ween festival on October 22. The skies cleared after several days of rain just in time for over 1,000 people to enjoy the games, food and fun! Photos from the event are on our Facebook page and in this issue of the newspaper.

The Senior Health and Wellness Center always helps out so much with providing vol-

unteer support. This year they had 145 volunteers help out with the event. It is truly a team effort by many businesses and community stakeholders in Old Brooklyn.

We hope the Cookies and Cocoa event on Saturday, December 10 will be a great success as well. It will be held inside of the Senior Health and Wellness Center and will include craft activities for kids as well as pictures with Santa and snacks.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!



OBCDC will be selling a charming colonial on Altoona Ave. with 4 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. This home will be completely remodeled with new siding, roof, windows, furnace, water heater, all new kitchen and both bathrooms, flooring, plus all Energy Star appliances, a brand new 2-car garage. Photo above is before rehab. Price will be in the high \$80's which with taxes and insurance will run approximately \$600 a month. Call 216-459-1000 and ask for Jayme or Robyn for more information.

### OBCDC's annual meeting from front page

for the 2012 Sexennial Reappraisal. He has extensive knowledge in commercial and See industrial development, and the costs associated with the development of large commercial projects. Lou also has extensive training in the assessment and collection of real estate taxes for local government.

### Barbara Tomasko - Commercial

Barbara has been the owner of Valley West Hair Designs since 1987 and a life long resident. She has had businesses in Old Brooklyn since 1983. She is very committed to the area and especially likes the history of Cleveland (and she loves the Zoo).

### John Young - Commercial

John has been the owner of Speed Exterminating Company since 1996. Speed is a family-owned business and he is the fourth generation with the company. It was established in 1908 and has operated in Old Brooklyn since that time. Speed currently employs 16 full-time employees and serves all of northeast Ohio from this one location. John grew up in Fairview Park and currently lives in Richfield with his wife, Jackie, and two daughters, Madaline and Natalie. He graduated from Baldwin Wallace College in 1989 with a BA in business. John promotes small business as much as possible through his involvement with the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) where he serves on the Board of Directors.

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** - Brooklyn Centre Naturalists Work Day, Sat., Nov. 5th, 1:30 - 4:30 pm, Art House, 3119 Denison Ave. -- "Spruce Up Art House for Holiday Workshops". Join Art House, BCN & Baldwin Wallace students while they "ready" the studio & grounds for upcoming season of workshops & benefits. Some cleaning & gardening implements available. Bring gloves & your favorite tools. Call Art House 216-398-8556 or Gloria at 216-351-0254 for more info. or email [bcnaturlists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturlists@gmail.com).

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club**, Sun., Nov. 20th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Rodoan. Program -- Brooklyn Gen member Carolyn Vigneulle speaking about two of Cuyahoga County's heritage societies, the Pioneers and the Centurians, and giving tips about applying for membership in them. Also a business meeting & refreshments. Prospective members welcome.

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, Tues., Nov. 22nd; 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room 2339 Broadview Rd. Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right

to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm date.  
**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Nov. 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 25th St.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, every first Thurs., Nov. 3rd, 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** annual potluck supper, 6 pm, Fri., Nov. 11th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Members encouraged to bring items of historical, genealogical or antique interest for show-and-tell segment of evening. Call president Connie Ewazen, 398-8969, with questions.

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

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

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# NEWS & EVENTS

**Monday, November 7th**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Program -- Marge Wison speaking about civil war veterans buried in Lakeview Cemetery. Call president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, for more info.

**Saturday, November 5th**  
**Huge Indoor Garage Sale**

Sponsored by Brooklyn Animal Shelter. Gloria Dei Lutheran Church 5801 Memphis Ave. 9 - 5 pm. Food, bakery & refreshments for sale. Sale includes clothes & shoes in all sizes, coats, jackets, linens, small appliances, pet toys, children's & adult books, glassware, collectables & more; every item clean, good quality, gently used or new. Food & drink, t-shirts, & sweatshirts also for sale. Proceeds from non-vendor related items used for veterinary expenses for many cats & dogs waiting to be adopted at Brooklyn Animal Shelter, 8300 Memphis Ave. (Shelter open Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat., 11am - 1 pm; Wed., Thurs. & Sat., 5 - 7 pm; & Tues. by appointment only. To reach Shelter call 216-741-1213.)

**Sunday, November 6th**  
**Craft Fair**

Mary Queen of Peace Church, Parish Center, 4423 Pearl Rd., 10 am - 4 pm; free admission. Food, beverages & homemade baked goods for sale. Featuring a "kids make a craft" area. Crafters wanting to rent a table can call rectory at 216-749-2323. \$30 for 1st table; \$20 for 2nd table if same crafter.

**Tuesday, November 8th**

**Historic Parma in Pictures & Stories**  
Parma-Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Rd., 2 pm. Diana Eid, author of Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America series - Parma*, speaking about her pictorial history of the city containing more than 200 photos. Share stories about Parma. Copies of book available for purchase & signing. Registration required; call 216-661-4240, or visit cuyahogalibrary.org.

**Thursday, November 10th**

**Antique Collectors Club Meeting**  
Busch Funeral Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. David Kushing Speaking about "Ozzie & Harriet" a look into the background that had influence on our lives. Guests welcome.

**Fri., Sat., Sun., November 11th, 12th & 13th**  
**The Fabulous Food Show (6th year)**

I-X Center (west entrance), One I-X Center Dr. Fri. & Sat., 10 am - 7 pm; Sun., 10 am - 6 pm. General admission, \$25. Presented by Time Warner. Over one hundred live educational presentations by renowned experts on 6 stages. Sample world-wide from over 300 wines, spirits & specialty beers in Grand Tasting Pavilion. Shop & sample at booths of hundreds of exhibitors. Demos by local & national chefs in several theaters. Main kitchen theater not included in admission. Call 216-676-6000 or visit [www.ixcenter.com](http://www.ixcenter.com) for more info.

**Sunday, November 13th**  
**America Recycles Day**

Support Cleveland Metroparks Zoo by bringing recyclables to the Zoo. In exchange for receive one free admission with purchase of a regular admission. Drop-off stations located in Hippo parking lot. Eligible recyclables include aluminum cans, newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, books, athletic shoes, electronic media, inkjet & toner cartridges & cell phones & accessories. Document shredding available until 2 pm; limit of five bags/boxes.

**Saturday November 26th**  
**James Ford Rhodes - Class of 1976**  
**35th Class Reunion**

Wexler's Tavern & Eatery, 4555 State Rd., 7 pm. Advance tickets - \$10, food only; \$35, food, keg beer, bottom shelf liquor. Tickets available at the door: \$15 & \$40. Call Frank Saridakis, 216-398-6352, for more info.. Make check payable to Lynne Radeff and send it to her at 541 Robinwood Ave., Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054. Spread the word to other classmates.

**Saturday, November 26th**

**Cleveland Polka Association Dance**  
Crown Plaza Hotel, 7230 Engle Rd. Mention "CPA" and get a great room rate for the night by calling hotel, 440-243-4040. Doors open 5:30 pm with live polka music by Eddie Blazonczyk's Versatones from Chicago, 7 - 11 pm. (their last appearance outside of Chicago). Donation - \$12; 18 & unde, free. No b.y.o.b.; bar service & food available. Call 216-661-5227 for large table reservations or more info. Public is welcome.

**Tuesday, November 29th**

**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**  
North Royalton Public Library, 14600 State Rd., 7 pm. Program -- Patti Jacko doing a presentation about garden fertilizers. Call 440-885-5362 or email: [webmaster@westernreservesociety.org](mailto:webmaster@westernreservesociety.org) for more info.

**Friday, December 9th**

**Polish Legion of American Veterans, USA Post #61 & Chapter #61 Ladies Auxiliary Annual Christmas Party**  
Lower Ampol Hall, 4737 Pearl Rd. Social hour, 5:30 pm; catered buffet, 6 pm. Donation - \$20. Reservations only; deadline Wed., Nov. 30th. Call Tom, 330-225-7503, or Mary, 216-749-3360. Proceeds benefit hospitalized veterans.

**Brooklyn Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers**  
Help support their mission as a no time limit shelter to care for dogs & cats until they find their forever homes. All volunteer organization needs all types of talents -- dog walkers, caring for cats, answering phones, coordinating fundraisers. To volunteer, call 741-1213 or email Nancy at [nank17@ameritech.net](mailto:nank17@ameritech.net), or visit [www.brooklynshelter.org](http://www.brooklynshelter.org) and click tab for volunteers; also look at furry friends available for adoption. Located at 8300 Memphis Ave. next to fire station. Training provided.

**Cleveland Public Library**  
**Computer Classes**

Free; call or stop in at local branch library or call Computer Learning Connection, 216-623-2980 or email questions to [clc@cpl.org](mailto:clc@cpl.org).  
**Fulton Branch**, 3545 Fulton Rd. 216-623-6969. **Computer Basics** - Mon., 11 am - 1 pm. Computers 101, Nov. 7th, Gmail I; Nov. 14th; Internet I; Nov. 21st; Internet II; Nov. 28th.  
**Brooklyn Branch**, 3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920. **Microsoft Word 2007** - Tues, 3 - 5 pm. Microsoft Word 2007; Word I; Dec. 6th, Word II, Dec. 13th, Word III, Dec. 20th; Word IV, Dec. 27th. Registration begins Mon. Nov. 28th. for Dec. classes. Call or stop in.

**Cuyahoga County's Healthy Start Website**  
County program provides free health insurance for low to moderate income families with children up to age 19. Strives to enroll all eligible children, teens & pregnant women to ensure "well child" checkups, dental & eye exams, preventive & emergency care. Families choose Caresource or Wellcare as their Managed Care Plan. Plans provide services at leading hospitals, inc. Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals & Metrohealth Medical Center. Call Healthy Start hotline, 216-987-7346, to enroll or visit [www.healthystartcuyahogacounty.us](http://www.healthystartcuyahogacounty.us).

**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.

**West Side Ecumenical Ministry (WSEM)**  
Enrolling for Early Childhood Education. Early Head Start, Head Start & Universal Pre-Kindergarten for children ages birth - age 5. Offers a home-based program to meet the needs of area families. Free services to eligible families & also accepts county vouchers. Comprehensive services to meet educational, health, dental, nutritional, social, mental health & any special needs of children. Several program options & locations. Contact recruitment hotline, 216-961-2997, for more info.

**Ready, Set, Grow Preschool**

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

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

**St. Leo Preschool & School Registrations 2011-2012 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](http://www.smbyz.org) for more info.

**City of Cleveland, Division of Police, Citizen On-line Reporting System**  
File your own police report on-line for the following types of incidents/crimes -- lost property; damage to property; criminal damaging; petty theft/theft from a motor vehicle; supplemental reports. These types of reports may be made only if there is no suspect, suspect vehicle, or serial number information. Make an on-line report at [www.city.cleveland.oh.us/police](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us/police) & click on the crime reporting link. You must be 18 years old & have an e-mail address.

## Fall - O - Ween Festival 2011

The following sponsors / benefactors made this event possible:

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- Constellation Schools
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- Sugardale Foods
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- Giant Eagle
- Key Bank
- Sonic



Photos by OB CDC staff

The 2011 Fall-O-Ween was a great success. Over 1,000 people enjoyed the beautiful sunshine, games, food, and entertainment. The Old Brooklyn CDC staff and Board Members are grateful to all of the partners, sponsors, and volunteers for making the event such a sensation.

Alex (Alejandrina Idiaquez) won \$241 at this year's Fall-O-Ween 50/50 raffle. She is thrilled about winning the raffle and is using the money for car maintenance and holiday extras. She was raised in Chicago but loves Cleveland for its affordability, family friendly atmosphere, and overall quality of life. She

moved to Cleveland with her husband who has been a Cleveland firefighter for over 8 years. She and her husband have 4 children; the school age children attend St. Boniface Catholic School in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood.

Alex said she loved Old Brooklyn's Fall-O-Ween event and added that even her 14 year old son had a great time. She said her children especially loved the games and live entertainment and she already has Cookies and Cocoa with Santa scheduled for December 10 on her calendar.



Alex (Alejandrina Idiaquez)  
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## Old Brooklyn's Crime Watch update

by Barb Spaan  
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CRIME WATCH

**Youth, guns and violence --**  
 Every person, business person and homeowner in Old Brooklyn needs to be involved in these

issues. These are our streets! The boys and girls on our streets are everyone's concern; they are our future, they are our neighbors, they are human beings. They need guidance, they need to be listened to, they need to be treated with respect.

That should start at home and with their parents, but what if their parents were not raised that way??? That doesn't right the wrong, and that is why we all need to step up.

I was on my way down Memphis Ave. when I saw a young man walking along with his pants hanging so low that I had to see his underwear. I stopped and said to the young man to please pull up his pants; he's not at home and there were other younger kids on the street. He did it!!

All I did was to ask. That doesn't mean that it will always work, but we need to take that step. Our businesses, schools and churches need to listen and guide these kids, too.

Right now are you saying "Why?" You have as much as a home in this community to lose, and maybe even more -- your income and business. The youth work for you or

spend money at your business.

Plus kids will tell us anything; we just need to listen and watch their actions. Then, if we can't help, we should call in someone who can.

Lastly, and maybe the hardest of all, is "respect" for each other; treat each other the way that you want to be treated. In this day and age, the words used may be different, but the meaning is the same. This is also difficult when many have no respect for anything or anyone, but give it a shot anyway. You may surprise yourself as I did on Memphis Ave.

The gun part of this violence is out of control. The gun users are younger and the acts are heartless and uncivilized.

Start by locking up a gun if you own one. Do not share the fact you have one with anyone. And report any child suspected of or seen with a gun. Talk with your kids -- tell them what to do if they know that their friends have a gun. If your child has a BB, play or paint gun, keep it home; do not allow it to travel anywhere. If right now you are in possession of a gun and do not want it, call the police or take it to the Second District Police Station so that it doesn't get into the wrong hands.

So what do we do as a community? Stand together and educate ourselves about what to do and how to handle it. Then take that step to help keep Old Brooklyn *the second safest place in the city* for people to live, work and raise their families and for businesses to thrive.

## Wexler's reopened for one year this month

by Robyn Sandys  
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At the corner of State Rd. and Hillcrest Ave. in Old Brooklyn is a familiar yet like-new eatery owned by Donna Gentile. Cozy and warm inside, boasting a large brick fireplace, Wexler's is great for lunch, dinner or a casual gathering with friends or family. The menu is American with fresh, never frozen, meat from a local butcher. In addition, home-

Wexler's hours are Monday through Thursday, from 11 a.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, closed. They also do catering and host gatherings at the restaurant where a catered menu could be offered. The prices are reasonable and the food is tasty... but just as important is the friendly, casual and warm atmosphere.

Photo by Robyn Sandys



made soups, chili (see recipe) and specialty sandwiches, as well as full dinners, are served.

There were many months spent rehabbing the interior of the restaurant including bathrooms, flooring, plumbing and replacing kitchen equipment and sidewalks.

Wexler's reopened nearly a year ago, in November, 2010. Donna was fortunate to bring back their original Chef Mike as the head chef. He creates their soups and BBQ sauce from scratch.

On Saturday, November 19th, there will be a special one-year anniversary celebration. Reduced price drinks and appetizers will be served with the festivities starting at 6 p.m.

### Recipe for Chef Mike's Chili

- 1# ground beef
- 1 spanish onion, chopped
- 3 ribs celery, chopped
- 1- 16 oz. can tomato puree
- 1 Tbsp. oregano
- ½ cup chili powder
- 3 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2- 14 oz. cans kidney beans

Brown beef; add onions and celery, and cook until onions are transparent. Add tomato puree and rest of ingredients and cook over low heat for 30 minutes.

## City Fresh season coming to a close

by David Waldman  
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The summer City Fresh season has come to a close and the first year in Old Brooklyn was very successful. Over 100 people signed up for a share during the season and many of them became long-term share holders. City Fresh participants enjoyed over 700 bags of locally grown produce.

Even though the season is winding down, interested individuals can still get involved with City Fresh by signing up for the two "holiday shares". The holiday shares will be on November 15th and December 20th and will be available for pickup at one west-side location, Urban Community School, and one east-side location, Coventry Library.

Anyone who would like to sign up for either or both shares can download the order form at [www.cityfresh.org](http://www.cityfresh.org). A holiday share will consist of various seasonal items - e.g., squash, cabbage, potatoes and apple butter -- that will complement any holiday meal.

City Fresh will start again in June 2012 so look for articles and emails when the season starts. City Fresh hopes to make the Old Brooklyn stop even bigger and better next year. Special thanks to Grace Church, Pastor Charlie Collier and Sue Ushek for letting City Fresh use their space for the season and being very helpful and accommodating.

The City Fresh Stop also could not have run with out the help of its dedicated volunteers: Barbara, Becky, Bertha, Carrie, Christopher, Dean, Ellen, Evan, Heather, Janice, Laura and Norma. Happy holidays!

### Old Brooklyn neighborhood front page

•Cleanup and beautification campaigns are a great way to get more people involved and help attract and retain responsible homeowners and retail tenants.

•Foreclosure prevention and homeowner support should be marketed more aggressively to residents.

In November, the group will prioritize the list of ideas generated at the October discussion and begin to form an action plan to bring them to fruition.

All are encouraged to join this discussion on November 17th at 6 p.m. at Grace Church. For more information contact Jayme Lucas-Bukszar by e-mail at [jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com) or by phone at 216-459-1000. *See ad below.*

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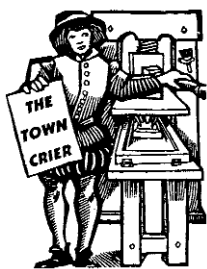
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In a way it's odd to be putting together this November issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*, when it's not even Halloween yet. But the way our publication date falls this year, the November issue will be out before Halloween.

So, if you get a copy of this paper before October 31st, here, again -- last month they were listed in *Family Fun* -- are the details about two free, not-to-be-missed Halloween yard displays:-

The first is right around the corner -- **Hegg's House of Horror** in **Frank Smith's** front and side yards at 1608 Merl Ave. This is the 19th year that he's done some kind of animated display. It will be available for viewing from dusk until late evening on Sunday, October 30th and Monday, October 31st. Check out [www.hegghouseofhorror.com](http://www.hegghouseofhorror.com) for more information about our creative neighbor.

Another overflowing-with-creativity guy lives at 1311 West Blvd., on the northeast corner of Baltic Ave. A generation younger than Frank, **Jeon Francis** got his start performing Halloween drama for trick-or-treaters about a dozen years ago when he lived off Denison Ave. He and his actor friends are continuing to share the Halloween spirit at his second home. This year's theme is "**The Great Pumpkin Queen Her Majesty and the Royal Pumpkin Family**"; they'll be entertaining and maybe even 'spooking-out' visitors of all ages from 6:30 - 8:30 on Halloween night.

And while I'm on the topic of pumpkins, last month we featured a photo and an article about a mega-pumpkin on the front page of the *Old Brooklyn News*. Amazing as that pumpkin is, it turns out that it wasn't the largest one grown in the **Benjamin Franklin Community Garden** this past growing season.

**Bob Kuebler** -- a Master Gardener with Ohio State University's Extension Service, a

Ben Franklin gardener, and a member of the Ben Franklin Garden Committee -- has two plots at the garden, and one of the types of produce he grew was pumpkins, including a very large pumpkin.

How large? The Garden didn't have a scale with the capacity to weigh it, but it took 'two men and a wheelbarrow' to move it into the trunk of Dave's car. I wonder how many pumpkin pies a person could make from it.

Here's another bit of follow-up to past columns -- There's one more scholarship winner from **Mary Queen of Peace School** last June. She's **Taylor Valentine**, who graduated last June and is now a freshman at St. Joseph Academy. Taylor received the Brian Himes Award, a one-time stipend, given in memory of a deceased Our Lady of Good Counsel School student, to the eighth-grader who most exemplifies Christian values. The \$500 will be applied to Taylor's tuition this academic year at St. Joe's.

We're aware of another scholarship which one of our Catholic school students received last spring, too. Old Brooklyn resident **Tim Dubbs**, a graduate of **St. Peter Chanel High School** in Bedford -- and an eighth-grade graduate of **St. Leo the Great School** -- is now attending the University of Dayton with the help of a partial scholarship from UD.

Sometimes I receive invitations to activities from organizations in Greater Cleveland (or the media relations companies representing them), wanting to make me aware of their activities. Recently such an invitation arrived for an event sponsored by the **Girl Scouts of North East Ohio**. It was for their sixteenth annual "**Dessert First**" Fundraiser. For the first time it was held in Cleveland rather than in Akron, at the Great Lakes Science Center.

Although I was a Girl Scout for seven of my grade school years, and a Girl Scout leader for a couple of years when my daughters were in the program, I'm not enough into its history to have remembered that Daisy Gordon Low founded the girls' organization in 1912. So next year will be the 100th anniversary.

No doubt there will be many activities going on to mark that fact, and the *Old Brooklyn News* would like to be informed about any which happen in our neighborhood. (I acknowledge that in the past we have given

disproportionately more coverage to the Boy Scouts than to the Girl Scouts!)

If you are involved with Girl Scouting in Old Brooklyn, please apprise us of your upcoming activities for the centennial year.

We truly do appreciate hearing from our readers. One of the readers from whom we've heard this past month was **Rocco Crisafi**, who lives on Flowerdale Ave. (just south of where Fulton Rd. ends in Pearl Rd., near Jack Frost Donuts and Kilroy's Tire). He wanted to let us know about 'neighbor helping neighbor' there.

Flowerdale is about a half mile in length,

running from Pearl Rd. to Ridge Rd. Last month, nearly half of the approximately 100 homes on the street participated in the October 9th **Food Drive** which four of the residents organized. Over 500 cans of non-perishable foods, dry goods, baking goods, toiletries and other items were collected. Everything was then distributed to thirteen needy Flowerdale households.

Feel free to send your contributions for this column to: [lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or Lynette Filips, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Broadview Rd. Cleveland, Ohio 44109

## SCR to host Advocacy Day, Mon., Nov. 7th

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. (SCR) learned last month through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging that the Older Americans Act, which protects and helps seniors across the country maintain their independence, expired on September 30th, 2011. For the first time, it was not reauthorized.

In place since 1965, The Older Americans Act works to provide funding to congregate (like at Deaconess-Krafft) and home-delivered meals programs, transportation, social services, employment services, legal assistance and more. Its services help caregivers receive support and respite; help keep people out of nursing homes by providing in-home services; and offer linkage to vital resources to both seniors and their families.

The deadline for reauthorization has been extended until December 31, 2011-but due to the current political and economic climates, the program is threatened with major cutbacks which will affect those served.

The National Area Agency on Aging needs Congress to modernize the Older Americans Act to provide funding to reflect the growing number of Americans who are reaching the over-sixty age group; make up for some of the severe budget cuts that have been implemented at a state level; preserve the commitment to the people served; offer resources on a community level to help prepare for the growing number of aging Americans; integrate preventative services; and develop long-term care services and new programs and initiatives.

Senior Citizen Resources needs the help of Old Brooklyn residents. SCR will be hosting an Advocacy Day on Monday, November 7th, beginning at 10:30 a.m., at their center at 3100 Devonshire Rd. Steven Inchak, a Senior Social Worker on U.S. Congressional Representative's Dennis Kucinich's staff, will be there to speak and kick off an advocacy campaign on behalf of the people SCR currently serves (as well as anyone who will ever reach age sixty and over).

SCR will be conducting a letter-writing campaign to those members of Congress who have the power to reauthorize the Older Americans Act and appropriate the funding which is needed for vital programs. They invite you to join them that day to learn more about the Older Americans Act and to advocate on your own and/or someone you know's behalf.

Pre-written letters to Congressional representatives will be available to sign; in addition, computers will be available for folks who prefer to write their own letters. SCR will also be taking pictures of people (with their permission) who are affected by the changes in the Older Americans Act. Those pictures will be included with the letters to Congress.

Senior Citizen Resources hopes that many people will join them so that they can touch as many people and lives as possible. Together, they hope to be able to make a difference in the lives of the hundreds of seniors they serve at SCR, and the millions of other Americans who are sixty and over around the country.

## Political sign do's & don'ts

by **Jayme Lucas-Bukszar**  
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The City of Cleveland regulates signs, including political signs, under its Zoning Code. The first rule is that political signs cannot be placed on any public property, public right-of-way, utility pole, bridge or bridge abutment. There are also rules for placement of political signs at residential, retail and commercial properties:

- **Size** The maximum size of any political sign is 8 square feet if located in a residential area and 64 square feet if located in a non-residential district. A sign that is 8 square feet is approximately 2'8" by 2'8".
- **Sign Placement** Political signs must be at least 5 feet from the lot line in residential areas. The law varies for retail and commercial properties; a City of Cleveland Zoning Administrator can be reached at 216-664-2910 for specific guidance.
- **Vertical Clearance** Signs must be at least 10 feet above the sidewalk or other pedestrian way and at least 16 feet above a road for vehicular traffic.
- **Visibility at Intersections** Signs shall be located and designed so as to maintain a substantially clear view between 2.5 feet and 8 feet above grade in a triangle formed by intersecting street right-of-way lines and a line 30 feet from the point where the street lines intersect. At the intersection of a driveway and a public street, such triangle shall be defined by the street right-of-way line, the driveway pavement edge and a line 10 feet from the point of intersection.

There are no specific regulations about how long one can keep a political sign displayed. However, residents should be courteous and take signs down shortly after elections to improve the overall curb appeal of the neighborhood.

For more information: Cleveland's Zoning Code can be found online at: [http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/cleveland\\_oh/codifiedordinancesofthecityofcleveland](http://www.amlegal.com/nxt/gateway.dll/Ohio/cleveland_oh/codifiedordinancesofthecityofcleveland) Building & Housing Department at: 216-664-2910.

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

At some point the questions arise, perhaps as an observation. *Where did the magic of the holidays go? When was child-like wonder replaced by anxiety? How did the spirit of the most wonderful holidays escape my once-expectant heart?*

The answers are simple. With each passing year, the holiday magic is crowded out by worries of the real world. Child-like wonder is pushed beneath a blanket of self-induced stress. The result is that our faith in the God of wonder is doused with the cold water of simple human haste and worry.

Can the holiday magic be restored in the heart? Certainly, and quite simply! Take time to enjoy the crisp winter air and the sparkle of the holiday season that begins around Thanksgiving. Reserve a quiet evening to sit with loved ones to feast on each other's touch, thoughts and feelings. Over a three-day period, write down everything for which you are thankful. Then read the list in prayer to God. Renew your amazement at the most wonderful event in history by reading Biblical accounts of the birth of Christ. Above all, require yourself to slow down, look up, and ask God to reignite the light of this meaningful holiday season in your heart.

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by Tom Collins  
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The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) publishes an annual report. The report for fiscal year 2010-2011 (July 1st – June 30th) was released on October 18th. Following is the section that reports on the commercial services activities of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

**Commercial Services**

In a stressful economy Old Brooklyn saw several new businesses open. On the restaurant front Gyro Guys opened on Pearl Rd. and Acropolis Taverna opened on Memphis Ave. Downtown Old Brooklyn is home to a new barber shop and pet grooming service while a nail salon moved from a second floor location to a store front at the Memphis- Pearl intersection.

The downside in downtown Old Brooklyn was the closing of GilDor Furniture because of the family's permanent relocation out-of-state. While the U S Bank branch remained open for this fiscal year, its closing at the end of last month is a serious challenge for OBCDC and the community. As of this writing the future of the Pearlbrook Station (post office) is not known. OBCDC is orchestrating a letter-writing campaign to keep it open.

The Krather Building remains on the market. It continues to draw interest from developers who understand the importance of the tax credits associated with historic preservation.

The RTA garage also remains an important site for creative redevelopment. There are not too many developers interested in a five acre site with 112,000 square foot garage, but OBCDC will continue to work with RTA and the commercial real estate broker to showcase this unique building.

**Storefront Renovation Program**

The Cleveland Storefront Renovation program provides either a 40% rebate or low cost loans for exterior renovations and signage for older commercial buildings. Wee Kare Day Care on Broadview Rd. completed the exterior renovations through the program. The front porch was restored, the home was painted with historically accurate colors, a faux brick driveway was poured and an attractive new sign was installed. This was a \$38,000 business investment in Old Brooklyn.

**Business and Institutional Support**

The OBCDC commercial manager provided 182 business assists on a wide variety of issues including zoning changes, business planning, operational challenges, marketing, expansion, leasing, building code compliance, security, neighbor relations and exit strategies. Eight of those businesses received assistance in the all-important area of start up, expansion or retention.

The commercial manager informs businesses about City and County financial assistance programs which can help a business expand, relocate or even start a new business.

The manager is the liaison to the Near West Design and Review Committee and the Brooklyn Centre Historic District Design and Review Committee.

The manager helps commercial property owners and business operators navigate the various departments of Cleveland City government with respect to permits, zoning and City loans. The position functions as a business generalist who can match the resources with the opportunity.

**Business Promotion**

Networking and promotion is essential to business growth. To that end a group of Old Brooklyn merchants organized a business promotion event named *Pedal for Prizes* which brought 475 bicyclists to ride throughout Old Brooklyn. Some of that group later returns for other rides in the community that finish with a impromptu visit to a neighborhood tavern or restaurant. Although these events were not organized by Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, they do support the CDC mission to promote Old Brooklyn as a Cleveland neighborhood and deserving of CDC promotion.

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

**Maintaining Commercial Property**

There are two primary tools OBCDC uses to work to keep commercial properties maintained. One is the local Design and Review Committee process which ensures that in a designated area all exterior changes to buildings and parking lots must be approved by the local committee. The purpose is to see that changes meet building code, are compatible with the architecture of the building and do

not visibly detract from the neighboring buildings. There is one design and review committee for Old Brooklyn and another for Brooklyn Centre. In the 2010-11 fiscal year, nine businesses presented plans which were approved and none were denied approval.

OBCDC's second tool is commercial code enforcement. That means actual visual inspection of the exterior of commercial buildings and if conditions warrant, requesting an official inspection from the Cleveland Department of Building and Housing. This tool is often used as an informative action that lets property owners know about deteriorating building conditions and assistance which may be available to correct problems. When necessary, it is used to bring a noncompliant property owner to court to resolve violations.

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## Advanced Technology Academy offers youth pathway to success

by Christopher Lohr  
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Youth in Old Brooklyn are being offered an opportunity to receive workforce training and an internship through the Advanced Technology Academy (ATA) at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). The ATA is now recruiting youth for the spring semester which begins in January 2012.

The Advanced Technology Academy, through classroom instruction and hands-on experience, prepares participants to meet the

needs of local employers seeking entry-level workers. The ATA is open to all Cuyahoga County youth between the ages of 18 and 21 who have completed high school or have earned a GED (Graduate Equivalency Degree).

In advance of the formal training sessions in January, ATA participants will be able to attend workshops in resume writing and interviewing skills, as well as an invitation-only Job Fair with employers who have entry-level positions available.

For more information or to sign up, contact Robert Stewart at 216-987-3347.

## Avoid northern Ohio's winter chill with a subsidized energy audit

by Christopher Lohr  
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Dominion and Good Cents have teamed up to provide energy audits to residential customers with active accounts who are not on PIPP Plus and are not eligible for HEAP. The cost is \$50 for what they claim is a \$500 value.

The comprehensive home performance assessments which the energy auditors conduct can last up to four hours. After it's completed, residents will be provided with valuable information about the existing condition of their homes as well as recommendations about where energy-efficient improvements can be made.

In addition, the audit may include free improvements such as foam insulation, a water heater pipe wrap, kitchen and bathroom aerators, a new HVAC filter, weather stripping, door sweeps and/or a carbon monoxide detector.

Upon completion of the audit, residents who choose to implement the recommended energy-saving improvements can qualify for rebates of up to \$1,250. Homes or buildings with multiple units can qualify for rebates for each unit. Rebates are available for the following improvements:

- Natural Gas Furnace - up to \$400
- Natural Gas Water Heater - up to \$150
- Insulation - \$0.30/ft<sup>2</sup>; no maximum
- Air Sealing - \$40/hour; no maximum
- Duct Sealing - \$40/hour; no maximum
- Windows - \$5 per window
- Exterior Doors - \$30 per door
- Thermostat - \$30 each; \$60 maximum

For more information or to schedule an energy audit, call 1-877-287-3416, visit deohp-wes.com or call the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation at 216-459-1000.

## Serial numbers help people to get stolen bicycles back

The Cleveland Police Department's Second District Commander Keith Sulzer strongly recommends that everyone who owns a bicycle take the time to write down the serial number, make, model and all other identifying information and keep it in a safe place. In the event that a bicycle is stolen, it is critical that

this information be included when the police report is filed. Commander Sulzer said that the Police Department finds bicycles and other stolen items all the time but is unable to return them to the rightful owners because the serial numbers were not listed in the police report.

Rodger of Fridrich's Bicycle said that

most bicycles' serial numbers can be found on the bottom of the frame, specifically on the underside of the bottom brackets (what the bike pedals rotate on). Rodger added that anyone having trouble finding the serial number can call him at 216-651-3800 for assistance. Also be sure to register bicycles with the City of Cleveland, Division of Assessments and Licenses. For a small fee, the bike will be registered for life. Call 216-664-2260 for more information.

The Second District Police Wants You to Get Involved

The Second District Police have a vibrant Community Relations Committee and more citizen involvement makes Old Brooklyn an even better, safer neighborhood for all. Call Barb Spaan, Old Brooklyn CDC's Community Outreach and Crime Watch Manager, at 216-459-1000 or Cleveland Police Second District's Community Relations at 216-664-3290 for more information.



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# Czech Clevelanders establish organizations for culture, health, fun and \$\$\$

by Lynette Filips  
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Our discussion of the Cleveland Czech/Bohemian community continues this month, as we pick up where we left off in October, with societies/organizations/meeting places. But before we actually move on to institutions beyond the Bohemian National Hall, I want to share some information I received from Scott Phillips of Duneland Beach, Indiana.

A former Cleveland -- he grew up on E. 108th St. between Kinsman and Union -- Scott is an amateur genealogist and historian who is very involved with delving into his Bohemian/Czech heritage.

(A cousin who still lives here had sent him our articles about the Czechs in Cleveland in the last two issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*. Overall he was in agreement with the information in the articles, so pleased, in fact, to read about such ethnic things that he's decided to subscribe to our newspaper. However...)

In my September article I had written, after listing the trades in which skilled Czech immigrants earned a living, that "the unskilled Czech immigrants worked on farms or made barrels in John D. Rockefeller's oil refineries". What I said was based on information I'd read about the Czechs in *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*.

It so happens that Scott's grandfather was a barrel maker, officially known as a cooper, and, Scott reported, barrel makers are skilled laborers, too.

In my October article, quoting directly from the article about Czechs in *The Encyclopedia...*, I'd written, "Not until the 1930s did freethinkers and Catholics freely associate with each other."

That, however, was not Scott's lived experience. He comes from a long line of free thinkers and wrote: "Even up to my youth, I was forbidden --- I mean FORBIDDEN --- from even playing with any Catholic

kids in our neighborhood! It was that strong even in the 1950's and 1960's."

So with the schism in mind, we proceed...

I mentioned last month that in 1975 the **Bohemian National Hall**, 4939 Broadway Ave., had been purchased by **American Sokol, Inc.**, and leased to **Sokol Greater Cleveland Gymnastic and Educational Organization, Inc.** But actually, Sokol Greater Cleveland's... legal name was still Sokol Tyrs in 1975. (Read the details later in this article.) Volunteers from all Greater Cleveland's Sokol units helped to renovate the hall.

Sokol means falcon and Cleveland has Sokol groups among both the Czechs and the Poles. In addition to being a Czech surname, Sokol is the name of the Czech organization whose goal was to develop "a sound mind in a sound body". Sokols accomplished this through dramatic and musical training, lectures on educational subjects and the establishment of libraries. In addition, gymnastic training, with strong nationalist overtones, has been a big part of the Czech-American Sokol movement.

Sokols began in Prague (Praha) and were named for the bird known for its strength and freedom, the qualities the movement wanted to cultivate through its program of gymnastics and physical training. Cleveland's first Sokol, **Sokol Cech/Czech**, was organized in 1879 on Wendell Ave.

Over the years, there have been numerous Czech Sokol units in Greater Cleveland.

**Sokol Cleveland** was organized in 1895 on Plymouth (Central) Ave. In 1910 it built a hall on Quincy Ave. and organized a women's auxiliary. In 1946 it opened a new hall on Harvard Ave.

**Sokol Nova Vlast** was organized in 1892.

**Sokol Havlicek** was organized in 1905. In 1921 **Sokol Cech** and **Sokol Havlicek** merged.

**Sokol Jan Amos Komensky** was organized in 1919 in the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. The group changed its name to **Sokol Tyrs** in 1926. Sokol Tyrs established a Sewing Club (1928), a concert band (1957), a Junior Hobby Club (1959) and a Little

Theater Group (1959).

In 1960 **Sokol Cleveland** merged with **Sokol Cech-Havlicek**.

**Sokol Tyrs** and **Sokol Nova Vlast**, formed **American Sokol, Inc.** in 1965 to raise funds to build a new Sokol hall and community center. Sokol Greater Cleveland, the only remaining Czech Sokol organization in this area, came into existence when Sokol Tyrs officially changed its name again.

In 1976, **Sokol Tyrs** incorporated **Sokol Nova Vlast** and then adopted its current name, **Sokol Greater Cleveland Gymnastic and Educational Organization, Inc.**

In 1985, the merged **Sokol Cleveland-Sokol Cech-Havlicek** organization dissolved and many of its members joined Sokol Greater Cleveland...

The **Delnicka Telocvicna Jednota (Workers Gymnastic Union)**, aka, **DTJ**, was organized in 1909. In the 1920s it built Taberville, a 110-acre summer camp, farm and cooperative community southeast of Chagrin Falls in Geauga County. Many Czech gymnastic and social events were held there.

In addition to Bohemian National Hall, Czechs also built other halls. Roman Catholics established the **Czech Ceska Sin Karlin Hall and Club**, 5304 Fleet Ave. On the west side, **Sokol Ceska Sin** was erected at 4314 Clark Ave. in 1910.

The **Czech National Union**, established in 1879, expanded into many states and became one of Cleveland's oldest fraternal organizations. But the fraternal organizations also reflected the religious break in the Czech community.

Obviously, The **Czech Catholic Union** and the **Catholic Order of the Foresters** were founded by Catholics; the **Czechoslovak Society of America** and the **Western Fraternal Life Association** were founded by freethinking Czechs. These organizations provided social, educational, cultural and recreational opportunities, as well as savings and loan societies and insurance groups.

Other Czechs founded separate savings and loans associations -- the **First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Cleveland**, the **Oul Savings & Loan Company** and the **People's Savings & Loan Association**.

Local Czech newspapers, too, presented

the views of the different segments of Czech society. **Pokrok** ("Progress"), established in 1871, was Cleveland's first progressive Czech newspaper. It was followed by a progressive weekly, **Dennice Novoveku** ("Star of the New Era"), and a daily, **Svet** ("The World"). The same management produced all three.

Cleveland was also a center for Czech socialism; the weekly newspaper, **Americke Icke Delnicka Listy** ("American Workman's -- or Labor -- News"), began publication in 1909. Catholics preferred another Czech newspaper, the **American**.

In 1939, **Svet** bought out the **American** and became the **Svet-American**. From then until the summer of 1950, when it closed down, the **Svet-American** was the only Czech daily newspaper published in Cleveland.

A new Czech daily, **Novy Svet** ("New World") then came into being; it endured until 1977.

The Czechs were music lovers. From their beginnings here, Czech musicians played in the theater and opera orchestras.

Drama, musical and dance groups helped preserve their ethnic heritage. A musical organization called the **Lumir-Hlahol-Tyl Singing Society** was established in 1867; the **Vojan Singing Society** (1924) and the **Vcelka Czech Dramatic Society** were organized in later years.

A significant number of the founding members of the Cleveland Orchestra (1918) were Czech. The Broadway Conservatory of Music, originally the **Hruby Conservatory of Music**, was established by Czech musicians whose surname was Hruby. Located on Broadway Ave. near E. 55th St., the school closed in 1968. During its heyday, it had also expanded to two additional locations and was where many thousands of students learned to play musical instruments.

Although the movement of Czechs to southeastern suburbs (most notably Maple Heights), beginning shortly after World War I weakened the old neighborhoods and many of the institutions located in them, the Czechs have still managed to maintain their ethnic identity.

In addition to the organizations listed in this article, the churches which their ancestors established are another way through which that's been accomplished. Most - but not all -- of those congregations are Roman Catholic.

We'll conclude our discussion of Cleveland's Czechs next month with the churches. Since it will also be our Christmas issue, I'd be happy to include Czech holiday traditions along with brief histories of the founding of each church congregation.

Please contact me within the next two or three weeks if you can contribute information about Czech holiday customs.



The Vcelka Czech Dramatic Society at a 1957 rehearsal. Photo courtesy of Cleveland Public Library/photo collection



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ECGC offers utility assistance (**CEI/First Energy ONLY**) by **appointment only**. Because it seems as though people have to do Everything online, even apply for employment, ECGC offers a free computer course, *Journey to Employment Pathways to Success*. Participants will receive classroom training, self-directed computer learning, job search/job readiness training and computer literacy

training. ECGC does federal and State taxes free. It also offers a furniture assistance program for people in need (used furniture in good condition at a discounted price).

Qualified individuals receive discounts from AT&T through **ATT Life Line Ohio**. ECGC helps people apply for food stamps and hand deliver food stamp applications. It also advocates for clients having issues with their caseworkers.

If interested in furniture assistance, utility assistance, free tax preparation or ECGC's computer class, call 216-432-4770 to make an appointment.

Sign up for Food Stamps & ATT Life Line Ohio at Old Brooklyn CDC on Tues. Nov. 15th.



# FAMILY FUN!

**Art House**  
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**Children's Museum of Cleveland**  
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437  
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

**Fall Fun Fest - Sat., Nov. 12th, 10 am - 4 pm.** Celebrate Harvest time including fall crafts, popcorn, & more! Kids will get a chance to try their luck at fall themed carnival games. Use your art skills for apple stamping, gourd painting & even make your own applesauce to taste. Don't miss out on the family fun. For more info call 216-791-7114.

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

**Gingerbread House Family Workshop - Sat., Nov. 12th, 2 - 4 pm.** Fee \$45/member child & adult; \$55/nonmember child & adult. Join this decorating workshop with Chef Tony Smoody of Bon Appetit & transform gingerbread houses into edible winter wonderlands with a delicious assortment of candies & other treats. All materials provided (adult & child will share one house). Enter your creation in the Gingerbread Competition on display during this year's holiday show at the Garden, or take home & enjoy. Recommended for children ages 6 - 12. Register in advance online or by phone.

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

**Tellebration! 2011 - Nov. 21st, 7 - 9 pm.** Evening of storytelling. Stories travel westward around the world through 24 hours - groups in each time zone tell tales for at least an hour. Five favorite local tellers create an entertaining concert followed by refreshments & a visit with the tellers. For adults & children 8 yrs & older.

**Kids Day at CanalWay - Fri., Nov. 25th, 10 am - 3:30 pm.** Ages 6 - 12 years. Go for a hike, do some crafts, play some games & watch a movie. Pack a lunch, bring a water bottle & dress for the weather. Registration required.

**Cleveland Metroparks Chalet**  
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**Tobogganing - The season of icy fun kicks-off with special hours Fri., Nov. 25, starting at noon - 10:30 pm. thru first weekend in March; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - adults, \$8; children ages 11 & under, \$6. One time ride tickets, \$3. Thurs.: school & college ID night, \$5 with ID. Season passes -- adults, \$35; children 11 & under, \$25. Family pass \$100 (up to four) available. 20% discount on season passes if purchased before Dec. 24th. Call for holiday hours.**

**Cleveland Metroparks - Earth Words Nature Shops - The Chickadee Nest** EarthWords ever-popular Kids Only Shop. Sat., Dec. 3rd & Sun., Dec. 4th, 11 am. - 4 pm. All three "nests" will be open for kids 12 and under & jam-packed with gift items priced just right for their wallets & purses. Our "elves" are ready to help them find the perfect gift for everyone on their shopping list. No reservations required. Call any of these shops for more info. CanalWay Center, 216-206-1003; North Chagrin Nature

## Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)

The Schools as Neighborhood Resource (SNR) program will be opening at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Rd. Class days and times are - 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Sign ups begin on Monday, November 7th and continue through April. Both children and adults can participate for free.

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Center, 440-449-0511; Rocky River Nature Center, 440-734-7576. Wed. - Sat. 10 am. - 4:45 pm., Sun. Noon - 4:45 pm..

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

**Turkey Tales - Thurs., Nov. 10th, 10 - 11 am.** Come to the nature center to learn about turkeys, make a turkey craft, & enjoy a turkey themed snack. We may even take a short walk to try to find a few!

**Recycled Bird Feeders - Sun. Nov. 13th, 2 - 3 pm.** Create a bird feeder from recycled materials. Naturalist Beth Whiteley will show you how to use everyday objects to make an easy & effective feeder for your feathered friends. Registration required.

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

**Full Moon Hike - Thurs., Nov. 10th.** The chilly air of a Nov. evening feels great when enjoyed with some brisk hiking. Enjoy the trails around Rocky River Nature Center by moonlight with Naturalist Bethany Majeski. 6 - 7:30 pm. Ages: adults, families. Terrain: 1.5 mile

**Cinema Saturday Night - Wolf: Legendary Outlaw - Sat., Nov. 26th, 7:30 - 9 pm.;** doors open 7 pm. Perpetual persecution by humans has made the wolf one of the most elusive creatures on earth. Journey to northern Canada & other locations as cameras get as close as possible to these symbols of the wild.

**Turkey Trot - Sun. Nov. 27th, 1 - 2:30 pm.** Still feeling stuffed from Turkey day? Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts for a longer hike to stretch your legs & work off some of those calories. We will head up to Cedar Point & beyond. Maple Grove Picnic Area

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clemet zoo.com

**Reduced Winter Admission - Nov. 1st - March 31st;** both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$8; children 2 - 11, \$5; under two & Zoo members, free.

**Thanksgiving Day - Thurs., Nov. 24th, 10 am - 5 pm,** free admission to Zoo & RainForest. Special animal enrichment demonstrations throughout the day.

**Cuyahoga Valley Senic Railroad (CVSR), Rockside Station, 7900 Old Rockside Rd.**  
800-468-4070 www.cvsr.com

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**Grand Pacific Junction**  
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**Cleveland Public Theatre**  
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**"Ya, Mama"**  
Fri., Nov. 3rd, Sat. 4th, Sun. 5th, Mon. 7th, Thurs., 10th, Fri., 11th, Sat. 12th. 7 pm. Gordon Square Theatre. Adult tickets, \$25, except Thurs. & Mon., \$10; \$3 student discount weekends.

**Near West Theatre**  
St. Patrick's Club Building  
3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-9750  
www.nearwesttheatre.org

**"Oliver"**

Fri., Nov. 18th - Sun., Dec. 4th; Thurs., Fri., Sat. - 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets - \$8, adults; children 12 years & under, \$6; "Star Seat" patron, \$20.

**Playhouse Square Center**  
1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000  
www.playhousesquare.com

**Cleveland Playhouse at the newly reconfigured Allen Theatre "Daddy Long Legs"**

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**Palace Theatre**

Too many touring shows to list; visit website for dates & times. Also look for "Smart Seat" icons; some shows have limited number of high balcony seats for \$10 each and lower seats for \$20 each (plus handling charge).



## SENIOR NOTES

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

**Mondays:**

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

**Tuesdays:**

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

**Wednesdays:**

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

**Thursdays:**

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

**Fridays:**

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

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

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routes originate from 3100 Devonshire. To help with this worthwhile opportunity, call Rosemary, 216-749-5367, with any questions.

**Advocacy Day - Mon., Nov. 7th** -Senior Citizen Resources, 3100 Devonshire Rd. 10:30 am. Steven Inchak, a Senior Social Worker on U.S. Congressional Representative's Dennis Kucinich's staff, will be here to speak & kick off an advocacy campaign on behalf of the people SCR currently serves (as well as anyone who will ever reach age sixty and over).

**MetroHealth Senior Advantage**

Individuals 55 years of age and older are invited to join MetroHealth's Senior Advantage program. Among the many benefits available to members are \$1 off parking in Metro's parking garage, free transportation to and from Metro appointments for seniors lacking other means of transportation, 10% discount in Metro's cafeteria, and invitations to special senior seminars and parties. Call 957-2800 (a direct line) for more information

## CHURCH NOTES

**Assumption Church**  
9183 Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts.

**Sun., Nov. 27th - St. Padre Pio Prayer Group meetings,** 3 pm; also **Dec. 11th.** Call Rita Slivka, 216-524-1560, for more info.

**Community of St. Peter**  
7100 Euclid Ave.

**Wed., Nov. 2nd - Cleveland's Third Century; From Moving Out to Moving In;** 7:30 pm. Speaker: Dr. Thomas Bier of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at CSU.

**Mary Queen of Peace Church**  
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323

**Bingo -** Fridays, 7 pm, Parish Center.

**Sun., Oct. 30th - Trunk or Treat -** Trick or treating from trunks of cars; also food & a costume contest; 12:30 - 2 pm; lower parking lot.

**Mon., Oct. 31st - Vigil Mass for All Saints Day,** 5:30 pm; upper church.

**Tues., Nov. 1st - All Saints Day Masses,** 8 am & 7 pm; upper church.

**Wed., Nov. 2nd - All Souls Day Masses -** 8 am, noon & 7 pm; upper church.

**Fri., Nov. 4th - First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration,** 8 pm; lower chapel.

**Sat., Nov. 5th - Reverse Raffle,** 7 pm. Tickets - \$35. Call 216-269-3114.

**Sun., Nov. 6th - Holiday Craft Show,** 10 am-4 pm. Free admission; Parish Center.

**Wed., Nov. 9th - Opus 8 Choral Concert,** 7 pm; upper church.

**Fri., Nov. 11th - Family Friday for Homeschool Families.** 6 pm, potluck; 7:30 pm, rosary; 8 pm, Mass; Marian Lounge & lower chapel.

**Sun., Nov. 13th - Mass for National Adoption Month,** 2 pm; upper church.

**Sun., Nov. 20th - Community Meal,** 1 pm. Parish Center; all welcome.

**Thurs., Nov. 24th - Thanksgiving Mass & Social;** 9 am; upper church & Marian Lounge.

**Wed., Nov. 30th - the Meadows Casino & Hartwood Acres Celebration of Lights.** Located near Pittsburgh, more than 3,700 slot machines; also table games. Three and a half miles of holiday light displays; more than two million lights. Coach arrives in back parking lot of Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) at 8:45 am & leaves at 9 am; arrives at the Meadows at noon; departs casino at 5:30 pm; arrives at Hartwood Acres at 6:15 pm.; arrives back to MQP at 9 pm. Cost - \$36 per person. Call Julia Santamaria, 216-351-9970, for more info.

**Sat., Dec. 3rd - Ladies Advent Day of Reflection,** 8:30 am - 2 pm; call 216-749-2323 to RSVP.

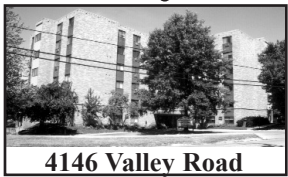
**St. James Lutheran Church**  
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499

**Wed., Nov. 2nd & 16th - Fifty Plus group** meeting upstairs: **Nov. 2nd** - bring brown bag lunch; beverages provided; representative from Cleveland EMS will give free blood pressure checks, glucose & cholesterol readings followed by games. **Nov. 16th** - hot lunch & viewing of the presentation, "Right at Home."

**Tues., Nov. 22nd - Widows & Widowers luncheon,** noon. Menu: golden chicken casserole over rice, corn casserole, creamy fruit mold, salads & dessert. Cost - \$3 per person. Contact church office, 216-351-6499, to RSVP. Bring a friend.

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#### Broadview Baptist Church

4505 Broadview Rd. Pastor: Rev. Brent Richards, Asst. Pastor: Dr. John Wood. Phone 216-351-8414 or 216-431-3515. Sun. School: 9:45 am. Sun. Worship: 11 am. Wed. Bible Study: 7 pm. <http://broadview-baptist-church.org> [broadview-baptist-church.org](http://broadview-baptist-church.org)

#### Bethel Free Will Baptist Church

3354 Fulton Rd., 216-631-9199 Rev. Freddie Ray, 216-355-2137. Sun. Schl: 10 am. Ser: 10:30 am, Sun. eve. serv: 6 pm. Thurs. eve. Bible Study, 7 pm. Good gospel singing & preaching Free bread give-away, 2nd & 4th Sat. of the month, 10 - 11 am.

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#### Harmony Baptist Church

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

### BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

#### St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church

4600 State Rd. Phone: 216-741-7979 Pastor: Very Rev. Steven Koplinka Father Deacon: Joseph Hnat, 216-233-4118. Divine Liturgies: Sat. Vigil, 4 pm.; Sunday, 10 am; Holy days, 9 am. Crystal Chalet Phone: 216-749-4504 School #: 216-749-7980 Pre-School #: 216-351-8121

### CHARISMATIC

#### Good News Ministries Church

3705 West 36th. (W. 36th & Mapledale Ave.) Phone: 216-398-4913 Pastor: Ernie Green. Sunday Worship, 11 am TV - Tues., 6:30 pm. Ch.21 & 9 pm Ch.197. Fri. 6:30 pm, Ch 21 Time Warner Channel.

### EVANGELICAL

#### Grace Church

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

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#### Bethlehem Lutheran Church L.C.M.S.

7500 State Rd., Parm (s. of Pleasant Valley) 440-845-2230, [www.blc7500.com](http://www.blc7500.com). Worship: Thurs., 7, Sun., 8 & 10:45, Bible classes & Sun. school, 9:30, Bethlehem family childcare, M-F, 440-884-0430.

#### Dr. Martin Luther Ev. Lutheran Church

4470 Ridge Rd. Phone: 216-749-5585 Pastor David W. Bennett. Sunday worship, Traditional service 9 am. Praise service 10:30 am. Sunday school, 10:30 am. [www.LutheransOnline.com/DMLChurch](http://www.LutheransOnline.com/DMLChurch).

#### Gloria Dei Lutheran Church E.L.C.A.

5801 Memphis Ave. Phone: 216-741-8230 Pastors Bela Berhardt & Jon Paulus. Sunday Worship 10 am. [gloriadeicleveland.org](http://gloriadeicleveland.org) email: [gloriadeicleveland@yahoo.com](mailto:gloriadeicleveland@yahoo.com)

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church

Scranton & Seymour Ave. Phone: 216-781-9511 Pastor: Rev. Horst Hoyer & Rev. John Hoyer German Worship: Sun. 9 am. English 10:30 am

#### Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd ELCA

8235 Memphis Ave. 216-661-9818. James D. Eckert, Interim Pastor. Sun., Worship Sun: 10:15 am; Sun. Schl. 9 am. (Fellowship time following service.) [www.goodshepherdelca.org](http://www.goodshepherdelca.org)

#### Parma Evangelical Lutheran Church

5280 Broadview Rd. (North & Tuxedo Ave.) Phone: 351-6376 Pastor: Donald E. Frantz II Sunday Worship 10:20 am Sat. 5:15 pm. Sunday School: 9 - 10 am. Coffee, 8:30

#### St. James Lutheran Church

4771 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-351-6499 Pastor: Paul W. Hoffman Sun. Worship: 8 & 10:30 am / Sat. Serv: 5 pm. Sun School & Bible Class: 9:15 am. Website: [stjamescleve.com](http://stjamescleve.com)

### St. Mark Lutheran Church

4464 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-749-3545 Pastor: Stephen Shrum. Sun. Worship: 10:15 am, Wed. 6 pm. Sun School & Adult Bible Study, 9 am.

### Unity Lutheran Church

4542 Pearl Rd. 216-741-2085. Rev. Peeter Pim Worship Service: 9:30 am. & 7 pm. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study: 11am. [www.unity-lutheran.org](http://www.unity-lutheran.org)

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#### Institute Of Divine Metaphysical Research

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#### St. Mary's Church

5375 Broadview Rd at Wexford, Parma Pastor: Rev. Roman Misiewicz Phone: 216-741-8154 Sunday Masses: 9 am English, 11 am Polish/English Holydays: 10 am Sunday School: 10 am [www.stmaryspnc.com](http://www.stmaryspnc.com)

### ROMAN CATHOLIC

#### Church of St. Leo The Great

4940 Broadview Rd. Phone: 216-661-1006 Pastor: Fr. Russ Lowe Masses: Sat., 4 pm. Sun., 8 & 10 am & 12 noon, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sun. 10 am. Mon - Thurs 7:30 am, Fri. 8:30 am, confessions 2:45 - 3:30 pm Sat. [www.saintleoschurch.org](http://www.saintleoschurch.org)

#### Mary Queen of Peace

4423 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-749-2323 Pastor: Father Douglas Brown Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun., 8:30 & 11 am. & Children's Liturgy Sun. 11am. Weekday Masses: Mon- Sat 8 am. [mass.www.maryqop.org](http://mass.www.maryqop.org)

#### St. Thomas More Church

4170 N. Amber Dr. Phone: 216-749-0414 Pastor: Rev. William G. Bouhall. Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun., 8am, 10 am & 12 noon. Confessions: Sat. 3 - 4 pm. Weekday Masses: M, W & F 7 am, T & Th. 8:15 am

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4308 Pearl Rd. at Spokane Ave. Phone: 216-741-8331 - Rev. Adrienne Lloyd Sun. Worship: 10:30 am. Sun. school 10:15 am Parking at Busch Funeral Home

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#### Brooklyn Trinity U.C.C.

8720 Memphis Ave: Phone: 216-661-0227 Pastor: Sue Tamilio Sunday School & Worship: 10:30 am

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4216 Pearl Rd. (corner Memphis Ave.) Phone: 216-351-4422 Pastor: Gerald Madasz Sunday Worship: 10:15 am

### UNITED METHODIST

#### Pearl Rd. United Methodist Church

4200 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-661-5642 Pastor: Rev. Paul Wilson Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am. Wed. Bible Study: 9:30 am. Free hunger meal Thursdays: 6 pm <http://www.gbgn-umc.org/pearl-road-umc>



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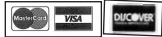
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