

Ben Franklin garden wins blue ribbon

by Hallie Forcinio

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden won its fourth consecutive blue ribbon at the 2011 Cuyahoga County Fair, which took place in August 8-14 at the Fairgrounds in Berea.

The Benji display included produce grown by Phyllis Crespo, Linda Dole, Hallie Forcinio, Kim Hageman, John Jenkins, Jim Kasper, Jeff Kostura, Daria Kulchitsky, Sharon McKanze, Tracey Nichols, George Oryshkewych, T.J. Oryshkewych, Jan Papez, Evelyn Protiva, Kim Repinski, Tom Sargent, Christine Seabold, Don Shaffer, Mark Tapajna, Mike Theus, Bill Wallace and Lisa Young.

Lisa Young, who is the secretary of the Garden Committee, also served as project leader. She was assisted by fellow Committee members Jeff Kostura, Jan Papez, Mike Theus and Kim Repinski.

A number of Benji gardeners competed individually in the Fair and brought home Best of Show awards and/or first-place ribbons. Winners include Josh Henry, Ken and Jim Lewandowski, Neal Wilds and Teresa Clark plus Kim Hageman, Jeff Kostura and Bill Wallace.

Gardeners are enjoying picking tomatoes, cucumbers, squash and other vegetables and looking forward to harvesting white potatoes and sweet potatoes. Donations to local hunger centers have already exceeded 1000 pounds, well on the way toward the season's goal of 6000 pounds.

Gardeners and guests will have a



Photo by Lisa Young

More than 20 gardeners helped the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden win its fourth consecutive blue ribbon at last month's Cuyahoga County Fair.

chance to taste many dishes made with Garden produce at the upcoming Harvest Picnic potluck at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 10th. Gardeners also will elect four members of the Garden Committee and vote on amendments to the Garden Committee By-Laws that day.

Summer storm rips through Old Brooklyn

While the internet and TV were wowing viewers last month with photos of the hurricanes and flooding on the East Coast, Old Brooklynites were also experiencing a small measure of natural disasters. The shocks of an earth quake in Virginia were felt here in the early afternoon on Tuesday,



Photos by Sandy Worona

August 23rd, and winds from an unexpected storm during the night between Wednesday August 24th and Thursday, August 25th brought devastation to some Old Brooklyn streets.

Walbrook Ave. and Silverdale Ave., which run between State Rd. and St. Leo's parking lot and Broadview Rd. respectively, seem to have been the hardest-hit areas in the neighborhood.

The uprooted tree next to the house in the upper photo once stood on Silverdale Ave. at

W. 25th St.; the pile of rubble in the lower photo was once a garage at 2738 Walbrook Ave. Other residents on these two streets lost fences, aluminum siding and awnings.

Old Brooklynites in the nearby South Hills area off W. Schaaf Rd. (e.g., Jennings Rd., Morningside Dr. and Alvin Ave.) had trees uprooted, too. It wasn't the first time this summer that winds toppled trees onto houses in this heavily wooded section of the city. Fortunately, there were no fatalities.

Help keep Pearlbrook post office open with letters to congressmen

The Plain Dealer reported that the Old Brooklyn post office, known officially as Pearlbrook Station, 4160 Pearl Rd., is on a list of Cleveland area post offices scheduled to be closed. Since the August issue of this paper was published, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) has learned that a decision will be made within the next month or two regarding the fate of this postal branch.

OBCDC has been working hard with our neighbors to try to keep the post office open. To date we have sent over 100 letters from the community to Senators Sherrod

Brown and Rob Portman and to Representative Dennis Kucinich. In addition we have over 60 names on a petition. But in order to keep this post office open we need a lot more letters from the neighborhood.

Sample letters, which include the addresses for all of the public servants mentioned above, are on Old Brooklyn's web sites at www.oldbrooklyn.com and www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. OBCDC also has letters available for signing at the office. Just drop by 2339 Broadview Rd. between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to sign a letter to each of the three aforementioned federal legislators and OBCDC will take care of getting them to the congressmen.

Act now before it is too late! For further information call OBCDC at 216-459-1000.



SAVE THE DATE

2011 Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation **Annual Meeting** to be held on **Tuesday, October 18th**, at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., **6 p.m.**

Open House at OBCDC's new office, 2339 Broadview Rd., **4 - 5:30 p.m.** before the meeting.

Only CDC Members in good standing of at least 45 days before Oct. 18th can vote.

All community members are welcome to attend.



Movie Night Under the Stars

When: Friday, September 9th 2011

Where: Loew Park
(on W. 25th off Oak Park)

Movie starts at dusk (Approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Free Popcorn and a special Art House project before the movie
(Bring a blanket or chair & a beverage)

Sponsored by KeyBank, Dollar Bank, ThirdFederal, Old Brooklyn Constellation Schools, M&M Wintergreens Inc., Shilling Enamels Co., Riverside Cemetery Assoc. Honey Hut, Cleveland Action to Support Housing, Councilman Kevin Kelley, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

For more information-
Call Jayme at 216-459-1000

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

Cleveland National Air Show - Sat., Sept. 3rd - Mon., Sept. 5th; Burke Lakefront Airport, Downtown.

Cleveland Peace Show - Mon., Sept. 5th, noon - 6 pm; Free Stamp, Willard Park, E. 9th St. & Lakeside Ave., Downtown.

55th Annual Hungarian Scout Festival - Sun., Sept. 4th, 1 - 11 pm; German Central Park, 7863 York Rd., Parma.

Kamm's Corners Greek Festival - Sat. & Sun., Sept 3rd & 4th; 3853 W. 168th St.

Octoberfest - Fri., Sept. 2nd - Mon., Sept. 5th; Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds, Berea.

Polish Cultural Festival - Fri., Sept. 2nd - Sun., Sept. 4th; St. John Cantius Church, Tremont.

St. Elias Festival - Fri., Sept. 2nd - Mon., Sept. 5th; **St. Elias Church**, 8023 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn.

St. Rocco Festival - Thur., Sept. 1st - Mon., Sept. 5th; St. Rocco Church, 3205 Fulton Rd., Near Westside.

Taste of Cleveland - Fri., Sept. 3rd - Mon., Sept. 6th; Time Warner Cable Amphitheater, Tower

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Pastor Charlie Collier

Pastor Charlie Collier leads Grace Church, a vibrant and growing congregation at 2503 Broadview Rd. He lives right next door on W. 28th St. with his wife, Carrie, and their three children -- Grant (7 years old), Alayna (6 years old) and Garrett (3 years old). Although he's resided all over the United States, Pastor Charlie feels at home in Old Brooklyn.

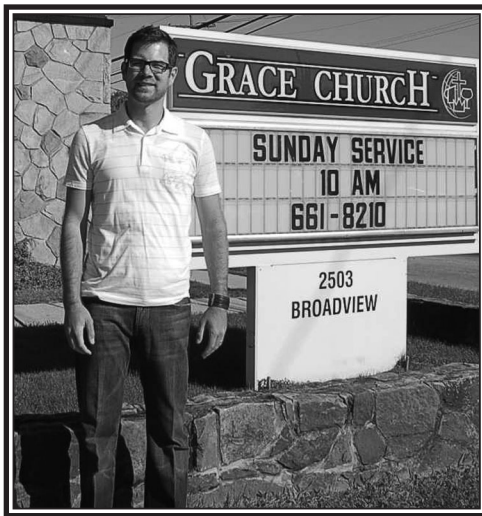
Born and raised in St. Louis, Pastor Charlie graduated with a degree in Pastoral Counseling from Southeastern University in Lakeland, Florida in 2000. He subsequently spent five years in Waupun, Wisconsin, and two years in St. Louis, Missouri, serving as the youth and family ministries pastor in both locations.

In October of 2007, Pastor Charlie joined the pastoral staff at Grace. For about a year and a half when he first started his ministry there, he also worked with kids at Berea Children's Home & Family Services.

Charlie's passion is working with people. Consequently he has spearheaded a variety of family and youth services at Grace including: Summer Basketball Camp. This summer over 100 elementary kids participated in the program and area teens volunteered to help.

- Summer hot lunch program for kids. Grace Church partnered with the Cleveland Food Bank to serve hot lunches to kids 18 and under. Over 3,000 lunches were served this past summer.

- Dinner and Kidz Church occurs every



Pastor Charlie Collier

Wednesday night, starting on September 7th at 6:30 p.m. Kidz Church is filled with games, singing and a Bible message. Adult Bible Study is also available.

- Youth Night will be every Thursday night starting September 8th from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m., middle and high school students .

- After School Club. Every Tuesday and Friday from 3 to 4:30 p.m. kids can get homework help, use the computer lab and enjoy free snacks. This program will start on September 6th and all kids are welcome to attend.

Pastor Charlie loves the tight-knit feel of this community, the people, good schools and pedestrian-friendly environment. He especially enjoys walking to the Zoo with his family.

His ministry at Grace Church is very important to him; he states "I enjoy working with families, youth, leading, preaching, strategic planning and community outreach. I long to see Grace, as a community of believers, authentically love God and love others".

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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I am wearing white pants as I sit here writing this today on August 30th. I figured that this is the last time I can wear them without getting weird looks before next June. I might however get away with my sandals for a while.

Change is in the air and sometimes it is good and sometimes not so good. The good is that our new office space is fantastic. And I hope all of you will stop by on October

18 from 4 -5:30 p.m. for our open house at 2339 Broadview Rd. so you can see our new offices. We were in the U.S. Bank building for so long but it already feels like our new home has been our home for a while. Also on October 18th is our annual meeting which will be held across the street from our office at Grace Church starting at 6 pm.

Most of you know by now that U.S. Bank itself is closing and that the U.S. Bank building will be closed at the end of October. That is sad news and why we moved. We are trying to find the owners of the building, a trust affiliated with Key Bank so that as an organization we can work with them to figure out the next best use for that building.

And you probably have also heard that the post office on Pearl Rd. might close (see article on page one). We are doing all we can and we hope you will as well to save that post office. It is an important resource for both residents and businesses in Old Brooklyn.

Our CDC has started to rehab another home that we purchased at 1428 Denley Ave. which is an adorable street just off of Valley Rd., it is a dead end and the home is near the end of the street. It is a wonderful home for either a young person or couple starting out or an empty nester. It is two bedrooms and

one bath with a living room and dining room. There is also a very large basement where one or two rooms could be added as well as a half bath.

Like our other homes this one is getting a complete makeover with new roof, windows, flooring, kitchen and so forth. It also has a cute fenced back yard. It will be very affordable with the asking price expected to be no higher than the mid-\$50s. If a buyer purchases the home within the next month, we can custom design the interior and make any changes desired in the basement. For more information contact Robyn Sandys at 216-459-1000 or email her at robyns@oldbrooklyn.com. Just think you could own a home where your payments would be less than \$300 a month!

Remember to check out our web site www.oldbrooklynconnected.com for local news, events and information about YOUR community.



photo by Robyn Sandys

This is a pre-rehab photo of 1428 Denley Ave. For more information about purchasing this home, now in the process of being rehabbed, call Robyn Sandys at 216-459-1000.

City Fresh looking for volunteers

Thursdays at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., for the Old Brooklyn Fresh Stop. Volunteers are needed to help unload the truck and manage the stop.

Unloading the truck takes place from 2 - 4 p.m. and consists of helping to unload the truck, counting produce and setting up the Fresh Stop. Volunteers can also pick up their purchased shares early before the stop opens.

Managing the stop takes place from 4:30 -7 p.m. and consists of checking in shareholders, helping them pick out their share and cleaning up.

Volunteering at the Fresh Stop is a lot of fun and a great way to meet people in the community and share recipes. Volunteers are also entitled to FREE produce.

If you would like to help out at either of these times or want to learn more about City Fresh call David at 216-459-1000 or by email davidw@oldbrooklyn.com.

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Old Brooklyn's Crime Watch update

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CRIME WATCH

School's back in session, so drivers, please slow down. Our side streets are not short cuts or raceways.

Parents, if you are able, escort your child/children to school. Children ten years old and younger should walk in groups. Make sure that they take the same route to school everyday. Also review with them whose homes they can visit; discuss the boundaries in the neighborhood.

Make sure that children know their full names, address and phone numbers and how to properly use a phone. Also be sure that they know what to do in an emergency and how to reach you.

Don't drop your child off at stores, movies, video arcades or parks. These are not safe places for children to be by themselves.

Teach your children in whose car it is OK to ride. Talk with them about never approaching any vehicle, occupied or not, unless you are with them. MOST importantly, always listen to your children and keep the lines of communication open.

Kids, always check in with your parents or a trusted adult. Always take a friend with you when you are out and about. Don't get in

or approach any car without your parent's OK (or if they are with you).

Don't be afraid to say "No"; get away from any situation that makes you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. Trust your feelings and tell an adult. Stay away from unchained dogs or any animal you don't know.

Guns are not toys. They do not give you any kind of special power; they KILL! So if you see one, tell an adult. Don't be afraid of the police. They are moms & dads, too, and are only here to help everyone.

Community, if you see kids out on the streets between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or gathering at an address when they should be in school, call the police because they are truant.

Businesses, please don't let kids hang out or work when you know they should be at school.

Helpful Phone Numbers:

Cleveland Police: 216-621-1234

Cleveland Municipal School District Dept. of Transportation: 216-634-7013

Cleveland Municipal School District Dept. of Safety: 216-574-8552

Cleveland Municipal School District Ombudsman: 216-574-8462

If you would like more information on how to start a Crime Watch group for your own street call 216-459-1000 and talk with Barb.

Butterflies to flutter by Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn today -- and tomorrow

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Butterflies add beauty to wildlife gardens, but their usefulness in pollinating flowers is an added benefit which both gardeners and flowers will greatly appreciate. To attract butterflies, a gardener needs to incorporate plants which will serve a butterfly through all of its life stages as well as give it a place to sun itself and "puddle" in the garden. These insects need: places to lay eggs, food plants for their larvae (caterpillars), places to form chrysalides, and nectar sources (for adult butterflies).

Thanks to the generous support of a Neighborhood Connections grant and the sweat equity of a group of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists volunteers, there now is a beautiful example of a butterfly garden on the Art House premises. It shows how easy it is to add a place for butterflies to a garden.

Dozens of native plants were planted in Art House's dooryard, and bees and butterflies began to visit even before all the planting was finished. Tired and hungry volunteers brainstormed on "next steps" and how to showcase the garden throughout the year.

Sharing food around a table is a great way for our community to share ideas, knowledge and figure out ways to transform conversation into action. Saturday, August 27th, was a prime example of how this process works. Everyone left with their stomachs satisfied, their brains fed and a plan of action to continue implementing the "seeds" planted by

Neighborhood Connections, Art House and Brooklyn Centre Naturalists.

Their next steps will involve the side yard at Art House where they will be "curbing herbs", planting a dye garden, and planning afternoon teas to share tips on custom teas, medicinal herbs, natural dying techniques and much more.

On September 24th, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists efforts to "green" the area will continue when the volunteers move down Denison Avenue to the "36th St. Commons" where volunteers will install a Monarch Butterfly Way Station to continue attracting butterflies to the area. That day they will also plant trees to support "Acres for Atmosphere".

Both of these projects were brought to BCN by Metroparks Zoo employees who are making the project on W. 36th St. possible. Next month's article will talk about their support, involvement, and how everything came together through collaboration.

The Art House butterfly garden is open for viewing any day. Anyone who would also like to include a tour of Art House at the same time should call to make an appointment during office hours Tuesday thru Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists are still collecting "backyard habitats" in their effort to become a National Wildlife Community. Anyone who would like to become a wildlife habitat, volunteer for the "36th St. Commons" project, or obtain more information about butterfly gardens should contact bcnaturalistsATgmail.com or call Gloria at 261-351-0254.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists & local chapter of American Association of Zookeepers Work Day, Sat., Sept. 24th, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. W. 36th St. Commons. Planting trees for "Acres for Atmosphere" & plants for a "Monarch Butterfly Way Station". Volunteers cheerfully greeted & accepted. Bring own tools if possible. Call 216-351-0254 or email bcnaturalists@gmail.com to RSVP.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club, Sun., Sept., 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Rodoan. Program -- Cuyahoga Valley Genealogical Society member Wally Huskenon speaking about "Cluster Genealogy". Also a business meeting & refreshments.

Brooklyn Historical Society, Wed., Sept. 28th, at 7 pm. Program -- Bill Meixner, Aviation Historian, giving power point presentation about National Air Races. All welcome; refreshments to follow. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Sept. 9th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Euclid librarian Rebecca McFarland speaking about legendary Cleveland safety director Eliot Ness & what

he did to clean up Cleveland re: organized crime. Business meeting; refreshments. Call president Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Sept. 27th, 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., Sept. 13th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 25th St.

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

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Sept. 20th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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

SCR to host Senior Resource Fair

Most people look forward to retirement, but in reality it's something that creeps up on them as they move through their 60s and then slams them in the face sometime around 65. Suddenly big questions pop into their brains -

"What can I expect from Social Security or OPERS?" "What will I do with my time?" "Will I still be able to get around in my own house 10 or 15 years from now?" "Should I invest in a new kitchen or bathroom?" "Should I consider part-time work?" These questions and many more need answers.

On Saturday, October 8th, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. (SCR), 3100 Devonshire Rd., will try to answer some of those questions at its first "Oh, S**T, I'm Retired Resource Fair."

At the Fair representatives from Social Security, MetroHealth Senior Health and Wellness Center, Senior Employment Services, Cleveland Action to Support Housing, Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, Veterans Services Administration, City of Cleveland Department of Aging, Stockyards Development Corporation, Old Brooklyn

Community Development Corporation and many other organizations will show how they can help a person plan a secure and productive retirement.

Representatives from some of these organizations are knowledgeable about health care options; others can answer questions about how to fix up a house and how to pay for it. There will also be representatives from local retail chains offering part-time job opportunities tailored to people who are "semi-retired".

For those looking to continue their education, Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College will be on hand with information about classes which seniors can take free of charge.

This is an opportunity for those perplexed about what to do once the retirement years hit to get lots of question answered and to look into the exciting possibilities ahead.

SCR is a non-profit provider of services to individuals 60 and older in the Old Brooklyn, Brooklyn and Fulton Rd. communities. Their website is www.scrinc.org.



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Our September issue is hitting the news stands at the beginning of Labor Day weekend, which is sometimes considered to be the end of summer. And school's back in session, too, which means the same thing. But after the scorcher days we had in July, I'm telling myself that the most pleasant days of the year temperature-wise are still ahead of us.

Speaking of school, three of our neighborhood schools have again received ratings from the Ohio Department of Education which are worth noting. The ratings are for the 2010-2011 school year.

A notch up from their very favorable

2009-2010 rating of *Excellent* to a 2010-2011 rating of *Excellent with Distinction* is Constellation School's **Old Brooklyn Community Middle School**, 4430 State Rd.

Maintaining their 2009-2010 *Excellent* rating for the 2010-2011 school year is Constellation School's **Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School**, also at 4430 State Rd..

In the previous school year, **William Cullen Bryant Elementary School**, 3121 Oak Park Ave., had also received an *Excellent* rating, and they, too, maintained that *Excellent* rating for the 2010-2011 school year.

Constellation Schools took out an ad in this month's issue with the scores for the 16 of their 19 schools which were rated for the 2010-2011 academic year. It's on page 7.

In last month's column I mentioned that some **Mary Queen of Peace (MQP)** eighth grade graduates had received awards for essays they'd written, but that I had to get more information about them. I've since found out --

Every year, the eighth grade students at

MQP are invited to participate in an essay contest sponsored by **Brooklyn Chapter #61 of Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans (PLAVA)**, USA, 4737 Pearl Rd. The topic is always about some topic related to being an American; this year it was "What is a Veteran?"

The three top essayists at MQP who were awarded cash prizes at the graduation ceremony last June are: (1st place) **Angelica Suma**; (2nd place) **Francheska Torres**; and (3rd place) **Juliana Rodriguez**.

Angelica is now a freshman at Trinity High School, Francheska is now a freshman at St. Joseph Academy; and Juliana is now a freshman at Magnificat High School.

As first place winner, **Angelica Suma's** essay was also submitted to the PLAVA Department of Ohio, where it won an additional award because it placed first in the State competition.

(I still need to find out more about the contests sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of America at MQP.)

In last month's *Town Crier* I also mentioned that **Fr. Joe Rodak, CPPS**, was making Mary Queen of Peace his home in retirement. But I said that he was living in the rectory, and that isn't exactly correct. He's actually living in the apartment over the garages behind the rectory. And while July 1 was the official date for his address change, it didn't happen then because of construction delays with the renovation of his living space. But he's there now.

Although he's helping from time to time when he's needed at Mary Queen of Peace, officially Fr. Rodak is retired. His retirement ministries include celebrating Mass two weekends a month at Regina Health Care in Richfield, and occasionally at the Little Sisters of the Poor's St. Joseph and St. Mary Home on Richmond Rd. And he is very happy to be living in Old Brooklyn again at the parish where he celebrated his first Mass in 1962.

That's all for this month, but please send information for future columns to Lynette Filips at OBCDC's new location, 2339 Broadview Rd, or lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com.

American Academy of Pediatrics' health and safety tips for school-age children

Bullying

Bullying is when one child picks on another child repeatedly. Bullying can be physical, verbal, or social. It can happen at school, on the playground, on the school bus, in the neighborhood, or over the Internet.

When Your Child Is Bullied

- Help your child learn how to respond by teaching your child how to:
 1. Look the bully in the eye.
 2. Stand tall and stay calm in a difficult situation.
 3. Walk away.
- Teach your child how to say in a firm voice.
 1. "I don't like what you are doing."
 2. "Please do NOT talk to me like that."
 3. "Why would you say that?"
- Teach your child when and how to ask for help.
- Encourage your child to make friends with other children.
- Support activities that interest your child.
- Alert school officials to the problems and work with them on solutions.

- Make sure an adult who knows about the bullying can watch out for your child's safety and well-being when you cannot be there.

When Your Child Is the Bully

- Be sure your child knows that bullying is never OK.
- Set firm and consistent limits on your child's aggressive behavior.
- Be a positive role model. Show children they can get what they want without teasing, threatening or hurting someone.
- Use effective, non-physical discipline, such as loss of privileges.
- Develop practical solutions with the school principal, teachers, counselors, and parents of the children your child has bullied.

When Your Child Is a Bystander

- Tell your child not to cheer on or even quietly watch bullying.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult about the bullying.
- Help your child support other children who

may be bullied. Encourage your child to include these children in activities.

- Encourage your child to join with others in telling bullies to stop.

Developing good homework and study habits

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that offers privacy.
- Schedule ample time for homework.
- Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.
- Supervise computer and internet use.
- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but never do a child's homework for her.
- Take steps to help alleviate eye fatigue, neck fatigue and brain fatigue while studying. It may be helpful to close the books for a few minutes, stretch, and take a break periodically when it will not be too disruptive.

- If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you aren't able to help her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.

Backpack Safety

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As I see it...
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A banker was concerned when his teenage son began wearing ragged clothes and an earring in his ear. Dad's immediate reaction was to demand the lad clean up and "shape up." But before the father said anything, he wondered if his son wasn't feeling unaccepted by his peers. Perhaps his mode of dress was to "fit in" with the school crowd. Rather than criticizing his son's appearance, maybe he needed to work on his self-esteem.

Weeks later, the father invited his son to accompany him to a business luncheon. They both had an enjoyable time, even though the son had an orange streak in his hair. He wore a suit and was well-mannered, remembering the names of his father's friends as they were introduced, and conversing with them. The boy responded appropriately to the unspoken message of his father's invitation: "Son, I'm proud of you!"

Praise heals and builds, while criticism wounds and tears down. People encounter plenty of criticism in life; we need not add to it. Before criticizing, let's stop and think if the situation is an opportunity to raise the self-esteem of others, especially that of our children.

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Pearl Road Construction

The construction along Pearl Rd. between Wildlife Way and State Rd. is a Cleveland Water Department project. The department is relining the main water line through downtown Old Brooklyn. The projected completion date is the end of November.

Work is done during the day Monday through Friday. Temporary lines maintain water flow to all of the buildings but there are occasional short term interruptions in service when necessary. The Water Department

knocks on doors and leaves information when service must be temporarily interrupted.

Most of the work can be done by tunneling below the surface but there are numerous points where excavation is necessary. Because there are also sewer lines, gas lines, optic fiber and electric lines below surface the other utility companies are involved in the project. An additional factor is the presence of abandoned streetcar rails and large brick pavers beneath some of the Pearl Rd. asphalt.

Digging is not a perfect process because things below surface may have shifted over the years, the charts may not be accurate and things can be found that are not expected. For example, a sub-surface problem that involves several utility companies was discovered at the intersection of "Short" Broadview and Pearl Rd. When such problems occur daily progress slows as the problem is analyzed and a solution is agreed upon.

Movies Making Money

The movies are good to Cleveland. Currently "The Avengers" is being filmed in Cleveland. Much of the film action is taking

place in the heart of downtown but some behind the scenes action has come to Old Brooklyn. Movies require properties, aka props, of all kinds that are leased or purchased locally. This film, among many other items, requires flag poles, bunting and a New York state flag.

If you live in Old Brooklyn you know that those items can be purchased at Ameriflag, Inc., 3307 Broadview Rd. And now an out of town property manager working on the "The Avengers" knows that as well. A Google search for the products needed led the guy assigned to secure the props to Ameriflag. Once there he found that Don Workman, the owner of the store, either had the product in inventory or could get it overnight. Mr. Workman is all about service and then the sale. He can explain fabric and stitching, wind strength, weathering, fading, indoor and outdoor options for all of his products. Thus he was able to help the purchaser get the product that would best meet the needs on the movie set.

The property manager came back a second day for another product because the service was so personal that he wanted to be a return customer. Don carries a sideline of antiques and collector bicycles. While there the property manager was scouting items that can be used for other movies when filming in Cleveland. Don is also quick to refer him to other area businesses for items that are not found at Ameriflag.

This film, as have others this past year, is bringing new money to Cleveland and the neighborhoods. While the movie stars may be here for brief periods the crew is here for days, and in some cases, weeks. These visitors to Cleveland are staying in local hotels, eating in area restaurants, patronizing bars throughout Greater Cleveland, attending baseball and football games, and shopping. Cleveland is a long way from Hollywood but it is in show business this year.

Graffiti

Anthony Petti continues working with Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation to reduce the presence of graffiti. Over the course of the five months he has removed graffiti from approximately a dozen buildings and multiple places along the sidewalks and roadways.

Anthony is a volunteer who will teach others how to analyze the surface that the graffiti was placed upon and the ink or paint used. Some graffiti can be effectively removed and some just has to be painted over. The faster it is removed the less likely that it will return because the vandal does not want to spend the time and take the risk of getting caught if the vandalism is not going to be seen for a few weeks.

If you notice some graffiti appearing please contact Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. If the area is safely accessible, Anthony Petti will appear like the Lone Ranger.

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How to Build a Community

by David Waldman
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During my time working in Old Brooklyn, one of the things that has become evident to me is the great sense of community here. That isn't to say that Old Brooklyn doesn't have its share of challenges, but the people of Old Brooklyn have the best tools to fix these issues — themselves.

All changes start with an individual, and in that spirit, here are some ways that you can help to repair and strengthen the Old Brooklyn community:

- Turn off your TV; leave your house.
- Open your shades.
- Know your neighbors.
- Look up when you are walking.
- Sit on your front porch; greet people.
- Use your local library.

- Buy from local merchants.
- Share what you have.
- Garden together.
- Support neighborhood schools.
- Fix it even if you didn't break it.
- Have pot lucks.
- Honor elders.
- Pick up litter.
- Talk to your mail carrier.
- Hire young people for odd jobs.
- Bake extra and share.
- Help someone in need.
- Ask for help when you need it.
- Listen before you react.
- Seek to understand.
- Learn from new and challenging experiences.
- Know that no one is silent, though many are unheard.
- "Be the change you want to see in the world." (Mahatma Ghandi)

RTA sponsors homeownership initiative

by Christopher Lohr
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The Smart Commute Plus Initiative, an innovative new program offered by the RTA, looks to help families who live within .25 of a mile from an RTA bus line buy a home. Through the Smart Commute Plus Initiative, families can potentially see down payments as low as \$500, flexible qualifying guidelines and a free RTA bus pass for six months.

The program also applies the savings which families will realize by using the RTA towards their qualifying income.

Four lenders are currently taking part in the program. To determine eligibility, contact one of the following financial institutions:

- Countrywide Home Loans - 216-707-2110
- Huntington Bank - 216-447-4424
- Sky Bank - 800-231-6107
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Additional information is also available at www.riderta.com/pro_smart.asp.

Getting ready to buy: NHS of Greater Cleveland offers new online homebuyer course

by Darren T. Hamm

Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, a local non-profit housing counseling agency that provides homebuyer education, down-payment-assistance, home repair lending and foreclosure prevention, announces that it has recently partnered with eHome America, the nation's premier online home ownership education program offering access to quality, accessible information and education for first-time home buyers.

"We are excited to be able to offer this dynamic educational tool to Northeast Ohio. Now quality home buying education can be found anytime on the Internet," said Executive Director Lou Tisler. "Though this online course cannot replace in-person homebuyer counseling, eHome America will allow our Homebuyer Education students to study at their own pace, and at a time and place that are convenient to them."

eHome America is an easy-to-use platform that covers the core-content areas of homebuyer education including budgeting, credit, savings plans and other key concepts of the purchasing process. Participants will also find user-friendly animated videos, content-related quizzes, and a printed certificate upon successful completion of the course work.

As an added bonus, any homeowner completing the online course and purchasing a home within six months, will have all fees associated with this online course rebated upon submission of a final HUD-1 settlement statement. As a further bonus, any homeowner purchasing a home after the first six months but before a year has concluded from the completion of the course, will have 50% of all fees associated with this online course rebated upon submission of a final HUD-1 settlement statement.

The fee for this course is \$50 when combined with a coupon, code HOME411. Regular fee for this course is \$65.

Remember, all fees are rebated upon purchase of a home and submission to NHSGC, your final HUD-1 settlement statement within six months of completion of the online course.

To start the process of being prepared for homeownership and participate in the homeownership education online course, prospective homebuyers can access the online learning at www.ehomeamerica.org or contact NHS of Greater Cleveland at 216-458-4663.

About eHome America

With over 50 video tutorials offered in both English and Spanish, eHome America is the most comprehensive online homebuyer-training course available. This program was developed around the "Realizing the American Dream" educational text, created by Neighborworks® America. From this content, numerous educational videos were produced along with interactive forms and other downloadable materials. All items in this program are designed to enhance understanding of the homebuying process from start to finish.

About Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland

It is an organization providing free, fair and unbiased information, programs and services to the residents of Greater Cleveland and the surrounding areas of northeast Ohio to assist residents in achieving, preserving and sustaining the American dream of homeownership. NHSGC is one of the first chartered NeighborWorks® organizations, a network of over 235 organizations working in nearly 4,400 urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide.

For more information call 216-458-HOME (4663) or visit their website at www.nhscleveland.org.

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Clevelanders of Czech descent to celebrate St. Wenceslaus Day this month

by Lynette Filips
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Mention St. Wenceslaus, and the first thing which would come to most Americans' minds is the Christmas carol about Good King Wenceslaus (907-929) which many of them will be singing or hearing at Christmastime. Unless they happen to be Americans of certain Eastern European countries descent, that is. Those people will be thinking about St. Wenceslaus this month, because on the calendar of the Roman Catholic Church, the feast of the patron saint of the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Bohemia and Moravia is on September 28th.

This year, Clevelanders of Czech descent will observe St. Wenceslaus Day on Saturday, September 24th, at Our Lady of Lourdes Church (at the corner of E. 55th St. and Hamm Ave., just south of Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village). It will begin at 4 p.m. with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries, OSB, and then move into the parish's social hall for a short program, a pork and dumplings and sauerkraut dinner (catered by Wal-Tam's) and an evening of dancing/listening to the music of the Hronek Brass Band.

Dinner tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance; make checks payable to "Our Lady of Lourdes-St. Wenceslaus Day". (Last year the festivities took place at St. John Nepomucene Church on Fleet Ave.; Lourdes and St. John's are the only two "founded by Czechs" parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland which have not been closed.)

And who was the man whose life is being celebrated? Wenceslaus was a Bohemian duke and ruler, a husband, the father of one son and the grandson of St. Ludmila. During his short reign, Wenceslaus worked to establish friendly relations with neighboring Germanic tribes and also to replace his countrymen's pagan religions with Christianity.

Wenceslaus was murdered by friends of his jealous twin brother, Boleslaus, but the brother repented of the evil he had orchestrated. Three years after Wenceslaus' death, Boleslaus had his brother's remains transferred to the church of St. Vitus in Prague. The shrine quickly became a place of pilgrimage and at the beginning of the eleventh-century, Wenceslaus was already regarded as the patron saint of the aforementioned Slavic countries.

The feast of St. Wenceslaus made September seem like a good time to return to our "Cleveland's Ethnic Groups and the Churches They Established" series and take a look at another of the nationalities we haven't yet discussed - the Czechs. According to the Encyclopedia of Cleveland History, "Czech" refers collectively to Bohemians, Moravians and Silesians. They are one of Cleveland's oldest and largest ethnic groups.

Before it closed in August, 2009, there was a Czech parish on the edge of our neighborhood -- St. Procop on W. 41st St. Many former St. Procop parishioners have joined Our Lady of Lourdes Parish and will be part of this year's St. Wenceslaus Day celebration there.

Like many other immigrant groups, the Czechs came to America in distinct waves. The first group came after an unsuccessful



revolt against the Austrian government in 1848; this influx of well-educated citizens as well as skilled peasants and craftsmen and their families lasted until 1870.

The next - and largest -- wave of Czech immigration to the United States occurred between 1870 and World War I. It was prompted by dismal economic conditions and intolerable taxes in their homeland, as well as the Austrian government's forced conscription of young Czech men for three years. A positive aspect of the Austro-Hungarian rule, however, was that the Czechs received a superior education in Europe; their literacy rate was very high.

Following World War I, a democratic Czechoslovakian nation was established. That and restrictive immigration laws in the United States cut down on Czech immigration until after World War II when the third wave of Czech immigration took place.

These later immigrants were largely refugees, exiles and expatriates whose flight was prompted by the Communist takeover of Czechoslovakia in 1948 and an unsuccessful revolt in 1968.

The earliest Czechs in Cleveland settled in the Flats. They preferred to build their own settlements on the outskirts of the city rather than move into old, existing neighbor-

hoods because they liked to cultivate small flower and vegetable gardens. Many of the early immigrants were tailors, shoemakers, masons, stonemasons, blacksmiths and carpenters. The unskilled Czech immigrants often worked on farms or made barrels in John D. Rockefeller's oil refineries.

Czech immigrants of the 1870s and 1880s settled in two areas of the city. The west side area was just south of Ohio City, but later moved south to W. 41st St. between Clark Ave. and Denison Ave. The east side settlement, close to the Cuyahoga River and Croton St., also moved out from its roots, toward Quincy Ave. and E. 80th St., Buckeye Rd., lower Fleet Ave. and Broadway Ave. and E. 55th St.

The Broadway area, from E. 37th St. to Union Ave., was known as "Little Bohemia". The Broadway section of the city offered easy access to the factories where some of the men worked. From the late 1870s until the end of World War I, it was the largest Czech settlement in Cleveland, and also home to the city's most prosperous Czechs. It is still home to Bohemian National Hall, Sokol Greater Cleveland and the Czech Catholic Union.

Still within the city limits, a later Czech settlement was established around E. 131st St. After World War I, the Czechs began moving to the suburbs. Maple Heights was the most important suburban Czech community, but a dozen other suburbs also saw the influx of a significant number of Czechs.

There is still much more to tell about the Czechs' contribution to Cleveland, so their story will continue next month.

Connect Your Community and Old Brooklyn

by Christopher Lohr
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The Connect Your Community program of the Cleveland Housing Network has been making good progress in Old Brooklyn by providing training and computer hardware to local residents. The project, funded by grants from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, aims to provide training well into 2012 to Greater Cleveland residents.

Classes in Old Brooklyn are primarily held at Grace Church on Broadview Rd. and range from basic understanding of computers and the internet to more advanced classes designed to enhance job opportunities. Residents interested in this program should

call Ania Siuda at 216-459-1000 or email her at cyc.siuda@gmail.com.

In addition to the program offered by Connect Your Community, the Old Brooklyn Connected website has made quite an impact, with nearly 10,000 unique visitors and approximately 80,000 page views per month.

This site is a great resource for the community, with local events and news as well as information about programs available through the City of Cleveland and at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

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Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
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Professor Wylde's Animal Show - now thru Thurs., Sept. 30th; free with Zoo admission. Daily, 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm in Zoo's Amphitheater.

Teddy Bear Day - Sat., Sept 24th, 10 am - 2 pm. Kids ages 2 - 11 bring favorite stuffed friend of any species & receive free admission when accompanied by a paying adult. Plush pal doctors will give exams & hand out "Beary" Good Health certificates. Meet the keepers to learn more about Zoo's different bear species; also a teddy bear parade, face painting & a dance party with radio Disney. For full schedule visit clemetzoo.com.

Boo at the Zoo - advance tickets now on sale; visit Zoo's website or call box office for details & prices. Most nights of last year's event sold out, so buy tickets early. Boo at the Zoo dates - Thurs. to Sun., Oct. 20th - 23rd & Oct. 27th - 30th.

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Made In Ohio Craft Festival - Sat., Sept. 3rd, 10 am - 5 pm. Festival admission, \$5; includes admission to all Hale Farm & Village homes & craft demonstrations.

Pioneer Suppers, Sat. & Sun. Sept. 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd & 24th, 6 - 9 pm. Groups of 8 or more may book a private Pioneer Supper any time. Reservations required. Call for more info.

Lincoln Campaign Train & Rally - Sat., Sept. 10th. Train Departs Brecksville Station at 9:20 am. Celebrate 151st Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 1860 campaign for US Presidency by riding the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad with him. Enjoy the scenery; converse with Mr. Lincoln. Once at Hale Farm & Village, join in the political rally on the lawn of the Meetinghouse & enjoy a Civil War picnic on the Village Green. Visit the sites before returning to the train. Campaign & Rally tickets -- adults, \$37; children, \$27. Ticket price includes train ride, admission to Hale Farm & Civil War picnic.

The 3rd Annual Hale Run - Sat., Sept. 17th; race starts 9 am. Choose 10K, 5K, or one-mile Family Fun Walk while discovering natural beauty & serenity of historic Hale Farm & Village. Course takes runners through pastures, the sugar bush, nature trails & creeks. Families work together to overcome pioneer-era obstacles in Hale's unique family & team building program & fun walk. Call Lisa Leaman, 330-666-3711, ext. 230, or email lleaman@wrhs.org for more info. Proceeds benefit Hale Farm & Village Farm Education Programs.

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St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church
Crystal Chalet, 3600 Biddulph Ave.
(corner of State Rd. & Biddulph Ave.)

"Family Fun Day" - Sun, Sept. 18th, 11 am - 4 pm. Food, fun, music & entertainment, including activities for children. "Take Outs" available for all food items. Entertainment Books available for sale @ \$30 each, Chinese Auction & tickets sold for a raffle with cash prizes. Everyone welcome. Call school office, 216-749-7980, for more info.

Summer scenes -- "Bridging the Distance" & Old Brooklyn community picnic



Photos by Robyn Sandys & Sheila Quealy-Walter

On Sunday, August 14th, approximately 175 Greater Clevelanders participated in the "Bridging the Distance" race and/or walk through the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. On Friday, August 19th, over 200 people enjoyed each others' company at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's potluck community picnic and movie night.

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Too many other 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). Great lakes

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City to STOP collecting unbagged leaves

The City of Cleveland will no longer pick up piles of loose leaves off the curb. Beginning this autumn, residents must bag their leaves and set them out on regular trash collection days. In previous years, the City used a vacuum system to collect unbagged leaves from residential tree lawns in high leaf-generation areas for about eight weeks beginning in November. The City said it can no longer perform that because of staff reductions resulting from state funding cuts.

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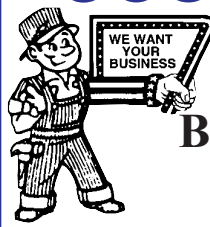
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