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## Bradley Road Surface Mining permit before Board of Zoning Appeals

On January 17, 2012, the Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) agreed to postpone the Bradley Road Surface Mining Permit appeal until April 2, at 9:30 a.m. They did so at the request of Mayor Jackson in order to "modify" the conditions in the letter of intent between the City of Cleveland and the property tenants, Landsong Environmental, Inc. and Ty Incorporated (aka, the appellant). Legally

the Board of Zoning Appeals by close of business on February 17. BZA in turn will forward the letter of intent to Ward 12 Council Member Anthony Brancatelli and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC). Old Brooklyn CDC will post the letter to its web site.

BZA further instructed both the City and the appellant that they will not accept any request for another postponement, should



The proposed surface mining site is a wooded/inactive landfill area at 4300 Bradley Rd. Houses on Sky Lane are on the lower left; houses on Gino Lane are on the right.

the appellants are the property owners William Baumann, et al. Tom Simich is the owner/president of Landsong Environmental, Inc. and Ty, Incorporated, the tenants on the property. The Board of Zoning Appeals recognizes the tenant as the agent for the property owner.

In agreeing to postpone until April 2, the Board of Zoning Appeals instructed the City to submit the "modified" letter of intent to

either party believe it necessary, after close of business on March 22. Prior to that date either the City or the appellant can request another postponement. The Board will then decide if a postponement is warranted.

Updated information will be posted to the Old Brooklyn web site, www.oldbrooklyn.com, between monthly publishing dates of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

## Vintage store opens on Broadview Rd.

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Old Brooklyn got a little funkier with the opening of *Blast from the Past Records & Vintage Store*, 2217 Broadview Rd., on December 15th. The store is owned by James Vavrek, Jeff Gonzales and Kendall Jarrell. James lives in Ohio City, Jeff in Tremont (though he has lived in Old Brooklyn) and Kendal in Parma Hts.

When asked why they opened a vintage store in Old Brooklyn, James replied, "There's not another store like this in the neighborhood." "And we love Old Brooklyn," Jeff added.

The owners share a love for vinyl records and vintage items; *Blast from the Past Records & Vintage Store* carries items from the 1940s through the 1970s. James and Jeff have worked in other vintage stores in the Cleveland area and said that they "caught the vintage bug" from these past

experiences.

*Blast from the Past* sells clothing, hats, purses, shoes, knick-knacks, small household items and vinyl records. They are also finishing the basement and once it's complet-



Photo by Sandy Worona

Among a myriad of other vintage items, co-owners (left-right) Kendall Jarrell, James Vavrek and Jeff Gonzales even have a juke box for sale.

ed, they'll sell "retro" furniture in that area. They also buy and trade vintage items and can make "house calls" if necessary.

The store owners can be reached at 216-458-9415. They also actively use facebook to advertise special sales and new items. Visit [www.facebook.com/pages/Blast-From-The-Past-Vintage-Shop/206374569442149](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Blast-From-The-Past-Vintage-Shop/206374569442149)

## EPA, City and residents debate CREG Center

by Christopher Lohr  
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The CREG Center, or the Cleveland Recycling and Energy Generation Center, is a proposed \$180 million facility at the City of Cleveland's Ridge Road Transfer Station at 3727 Ridge Rd. that would combine recycling separation and collection with the gasification of the remaining solid waste into "syngas", a fuel similar to natural gas. The syngas would be used as fuel to produce an estimated 15 megawatts of electricity, enough to power up to 15,000 homes.



The City of Cleveland's Department of Public Utilities states that the CREG Center will increase recycling, reduce dumping at landfills, generate electricity, create jobs, and reduce cost, while reducing the City's overall carbon footprint.

Cleveland Public Power has applied for a permit with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the release of airborne pollutants related to the combustion of the syngas. As part of this permit, the Ohio EPA requires a public comment period which included two public meetings at the Estabrook Recreation Center on January 12th and January 19th. During these meetings, public concerns focused on the release of airborne See *CREG Center* page 4

## A Fundraiser for Old Brooklyn CDC



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**When:** Friday, March 30 at 6PM-10PM

**Where:** Ampol Hall (4737 Pearl Road)

**Tickets:** \$15 for Members in advance, \$20 for nonmembers and at the door.

**More info:** jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com or 216-459-1000.



## 2012/13 Old Brooklyn - Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn BUSINESS DIRECTORY & Service Guide

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## Becky Derwis

by Jamye Lucas-Bukszar  
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Community activism started for Old Brooklyn resident Becky Derwis with supporting her children's activities; she coached at OBALL (Old Brooklyn Area Little League) for several years, then became a board member and is also a Girl Scout leader for Troop 1821. Some of her favorite Girl Scout projects include crafts, recycling and helping the community.

Becky said that her transition to neighborhood-based organizations was very natural; her parents, John and Linda Derwis, were involved with the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) as well as other groups and taught her the value of staying informed and making a difference in the community. She hopes that she can pass these values on to her children through her efforts.

For years Becky's been interested in biking and is "excited to share life and environmental benefits of biking." She was initially involved with the Old Brooklyn Bike Club and is now an active member of *Pedal for Prizes*, the grassroots organization which coordinates bicycle events and advocates for bicycle-related improvements in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

Becky is also one of the founding members of *Old Brooklyn Buzz*, a growing group of residents who meet monthly to plan and implement initiatives which strengthen the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. She said, "I like being part of this new group, like the team interests and like networking." She added that being part of these different groups allows her to "...share more, stay more informed and help other people."

Becky enjoys sharing Old Brooklyn

happenings with neighbors and friends of and encourages them to get more involved. When asked how she would encourage younger people to be more actively engaged in Old Brooklyn (or any neighborhood), Becky said, "Get involved with something you are already interested in; your interest in other issues will grow. Be proactive and know what's going on around you."

*Knot Your Yarn* is the name of Becky's home-based business; she makes custom hand-crocheted items. Her stepmother,



Photo by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

Becky Derwis with Mark Blake and canine friends

Lynea Derwis, taught her to crochet in 2008 and she has been practicing and perfecting her craft ever since. Her crocheted items can be found online at [www.facebook.com/KnotYourYarn](http://www.facebook.com/KnotYourYarn).

A lifelong Old Brooklyn resident, Becky grew up on Hillcrest Ave. "before Wexler's was Wexler's." Now she lives on Memphis Ave. with her two daughters, Samantha and Gwen, and another lifelong Old Brooklyn resident, Mark Blake. Her father and stepmother still live in Old Brooklyn and her brother owns his own home on Hillcrest.

Becky Derwis' dizzying list of activities -- *Old Brooklyn Buzz* participant and *Pedal for Prizes* organizer, Girl Scout leader, OBALL board member, Charles A. Mooney Elementary School volunteer, Cuyahoga County Board of Elections worker, home-based business owner and mom -- is a testament to her passion for her family and the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

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### Old Brooklyn News

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This month's OBN writers -- Gloria Ferris, Lynette Filips, Hallie Forcinio, Gary Horvath, Senior Citizens Resources, Inc., Brenda Theurer and OBCDC staff

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For more information regarding services and projects call 216-459-1000.

# From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys  
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The day I am writing this was that uncommonly warm and sunny day in January. Let's all hope February is mild as well. I would gather ski and sledding enthusiasts would prefer otherwise, but at least I am enjoying not having to shovel snow and drive in hazardous conditions.

The Old Brooklyn Buzz community group is really taking off with over 40 members all working in different committees of their own personal interest. Check out the story in the paper about what they are doing and I encourage you to consider joining them. This is your community and just a few people can make things a lot better. They were the folks responsible for the adorable snowman drawings on the storefronts on Pearl Rd. For more information on when this group meets call Jayme or me at 216-459-1000.

The CDC is embarking on a new marketing and communications plan for what is considered downtown Old Brooklyn, Pearl Rd from the Zoo entrance to State Rd. We will have exciting plans to share in the March issue of the newspaper about ways to attract new business and create a more productive and pleasant environment in one of our main corridors. Check out the article on the front page about a new business in town.



We are also busy planning our first major fundraiser in a while called "A Date with the Ducks," to be held on March 30th. See the front page for more details. This is going to be a really fun and exciting event that will help the CDC with needed program funds for next year. And if you are a member of the CDC the ticket price is only \$15 (or \$20 for non-members and at the door). Membership information is on page 11 of the paper. Hope to see you all there.

Our real estate rehab program is going great. We have one home on Altoona (see page 7 ad) that will be completed in about four-weeks. This is one fantastic deal! At less than \$90,000 the lucky owners will have nearly a brand new home that will have NO property taxes for ten years. Plus it is being built with energy efficiency so the utility costs will be lower than the usual older home in Old Brooklyn. And there is a brand new two-car garage. We will be starting on another home at 2506 Roanoke soon which is smaller and will be sold for less than \$65,000. Please call either me or Jayme to view either of these wonderful opportunities.

Enjoy your February holidays, Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day.

## Committee plans fundraiser for March 24th to support Ben Franklin Community Garden

by Hallie Forcinio

Cleat's Club Seat Grille at the corner of Harvard Ave. and Jennings Rd. will host the third annual Benjamin Franklin Community Garden Fundraiser at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 24th. Admission to the sports bar for the event will be \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the door.

The evening will include numerous chances to win cash and prizes, including a football autographed by Sheldon Brown of the Cleveland Browns and two tickets to an Akron Aeros game. Attendees also will enjoy an array of foods and beverages.

The funds raised help support the operation of the community garden behind Benjamin Franklin School, including maintaining the grounds and purchasing equipment, tools, services and supplies needed to ensure a bountiful harvest for the 180+ gardeners who tend plots each season.

Anyone who wants to purchase tickets or donate a prize should contact Jeff Kostura, vice chairman of the Garden Committee, at 216-218-4095. See display ad on back page for more information.

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NEWS & EVENTS

**Monday, February 6th**  
**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. CVGS member Wally Huskonen speaking about the 1940 United States Census which will be released Apr. 12th of this year. (No index immediately available.) Contact president Ron Kraine at 440-838-5743 or via [www.cuyahogagenealogy.org](http://www.cuyahogagenealogy.org) for more info.

**Thursday, February 9th**  
**Animal Attractions**  
Cleveland Metroparks, 3900 Wildlife Way - **The RainForest**, 6 - 9 pm. Hot fun & educational presentations about “the birds & the bees” Zoo-style. Sinful dishes from Cleveland’s finest restaurants, open bar & wine tastings with Jacobs Creek. Get-close animal opportunities. ETICKETS on sale; members - \$55, general admission - \$65.

**Thursday, February 9th**  
**Antique Collectors Club**  
Busch Funeral Community Meeting Rm., 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: Members’ Show & Tell. Guests welcome; no charge first time.

**Thursday, February 9th**  
**IRTF Open House**  
Interreligious Task Force on Central America office, 3606 Bridge Ave., 5 - 8 pm. Fair trade items for sale; food, music, door prizes, kids’ activities, learning opportunities. Call 216-961-0003, visit [www.IRTFcleveland.org](http://www.IRTFcleveland.org) or email [irtf@irtfcleveland.org](mailto:irtf@irtfcleveland.org) for more info.

**Friday, February 10th**  
**MetroParks “Urban Explorations”**  
**Tour of The Plain Dealer**  
**Tiedeman Production & Distribution Center**  
9 - 10:30 am, 11 -12:30 am, 1 - 2:30 pm. Ages 8 years & up with adult. Tour includes eco-friendly design & present day use, museum, newspaper warehouse, paper stripping, presses & distribution center. Tickets mailed after registration. Call 216-206-1000.

**Friday, February 10th**  
**Early Childhood Fair**  
Metro Catholic Early Childhood Center, 3555 W. 54th St., 5 - 6:30 pm. Hands-on science, art, face painting & play experiences for children 3, 4 & 5 years old; free. Preschool provides 5-day full & half-day program & 3-day full & half-day program. Visit kindergarten & 1st grade. Call 216-631-5733 for more info.

**Sunday February 19th**  
**Cleveland Polka Association's**  
**Presidents Day Dance**  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 7230 Engle Rd. Live polka music by Tony Blazonczyk's New Phaze from Chicago. Doors open 2 pm; music/dancing, 3 - 7 pm. No byob; food & beverages available. Donation - \$12; 18 & under, free. Call Paul or Sylvia, 216-228-1134 for large table reservations or more info. Public welcome. Mention "CPA" & get special room rate at Crowne Plaza for the night; 440-243-4040.

**Monday, February 27th**  
**Boy Scout Troop 151 Open House**  
Brooklyn Heights UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. (at Broadview Rd.), 7 - 8:30 pm. New & prospective members can see what Scouting

has to offer. Open to any interested boys from fifth grade up; bring an appetite. Meetings held in church on Mondays @ 7 pm. Call Scoutmaster AJ Hopkins 216-326-8585 or [jerhpk@yahoo.com](mailto:jerhpk@yahoo.com) for more info.

**Tuesday, March 6th**  
**Annual Prom Dress Drive**  
Manna from Heaven, outreach of Fruitful in a Desert Place Ministry, 4490 Pearl Rd. Donations of formal gowns will be accepted until April 19th; every Tues. & Thurs. from 2 - 6 pm. Giveaway will be from April 24th - May 31st. E-mail [doublefruitful@yahoo.com](mailto:doublefruitful@yahoo.com) or call 216-862-7177 or 216 799-7177 for more info.

**Wednesday, February 15th**  
St. Mary’s Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd. at Wexford; 5 - 7 pm. Everyone welcome for light supper of bread, homemade soup & dessert. Call Jim, 216-650-5596, for more info.

**Friday, February 17th**  
**Great Lakes Exposition 1936-1937**  
CanalWay Center E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave. & Canal Rd., 10 am - noon. Presentation by Doug Kusak. Call 216-206-1000 to register.

**Valley Save - A - Pet Inc.**  
Valley Save A Pet, in cooperation with 20+ veterinarians in Greater Cleveland offering low-cost spay/neuter services. Now thru March. Telephone lines open 11 am - 2 pm every Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., plus 2nd & 4th Sat. of each month. Call 440-232-CATS(2287) to schedule.

**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**  
**Free Adult Classes**  
**Brooklyn Branch**, 3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920. **GED class:** Mon & Wed, 1pm, **ESOL class:** Mon & Wed 10 am.

**South Brooklyn Branch**, 4303 Pearl Rd. **GED class:** Mon & Wed, 10 am. Registration begins Jan. 9th.

**Parma-Snow Library**  
**2121 Snow Rd.**  
**216-661-4240** [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org)

Hours: Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 9 pm; Fri. & Sat., 9 am - 5:30 pm; Sun., 1 - 5 pm. Unless otherwise noted, registration required for programs listed below.

**ESOL (English for speakers of other languages/English as a Second Language)**, Mon. & Fri., 9 - 11 am; adults. . Call 440-885-8797 for more info.

**Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club** - Mon., Feb. 13th, (& 2nd Mon. each month), 6:30 - 8:30 pm; adult. Monthly coupon swap club; bring unwanted coupons & swap with other coupon clippers.

**Time Management** - Thurs., Feb. 16th, 7 - 8 pm; adult. Define values, purpose & goals to achieve what you need to accomplish in the time you have in a given day. Presenter: Dynette Martin of Dynamic Market Management.  
**Adult Evening Book Discussion** - Mon., Feb. 20th, 7 - 8:30 pm; adult. *Kindred* by Octavia E. Butler.  
**Adult Morning Book Discussion** - Thurs., Feb. 23rd, 10:30 am - noon; adult. *Paris Wife* by Paula McLain.

**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.

**Mary Queen of Peace School**  
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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 Registrations**  
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.

**St. Leo the Great School Registration 2012-2013**  
St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd, grades K - 8. Children must be 5 yrs of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for our all-day Kindergarten. A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is required along with the birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from the school office or rectory office. For new students in grades 1-8, a copy of the most recent report card is required along with a \$50 fee & birth & baptismal certificates. Applications for the Cleveland Scholarship Voucher Program will be available. Call 216-661-2120 if you have questions or to schedule a tour of the school.

**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.

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## “What is Crime Watch?”

by Barbara Spaan  
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Imagine that your house has been broken into, the Police are just leaving and the officer says, "You should be involved in Crime Watch!" Your head is spinning and you think WHAT IS CRIME WATCH!

Crime Watch is a neighborhood watch program which enlists the active participation of citizens in cooperation with law enforcement to reduce crime in communities. Networks of neighbors are trained by crime prevention officers about how to protect themselves and their property as well as how to serve effectively as additional eyes and ears for law enforcement agencies in the community.

### WHY neighborhood watch?

- Over 37.5 million crimes are committed every year.
- Burglary, auto theft, rape, child molestation and arson are the most prevalent neighborhood crimes.
- One in four of all households are victimized by violence or theft.
- Property crime outnumbers violent crime 9 to 1.
- 90% of criminals are amateurs who commit crimes because of easy targets and opportunities.

- Household burglary is one of the easiest crimes to commit and prevent.
- Criminals know that this is a working class neighborhood, and count on residents to replace what they worked so hard for.

### WHY participate?

- Because crime and the distrust and isolation it creates hurts each of us, our neighbors and our children.
- Because Old Brooklyn is the second SAFEST place in the city of Cleveland to live, raise a family and work.
- Because it costs nothing to participate.

### WHAT does it take?

- Neighbors getting to know each other.
- Everyone being trained to recognize and report suspicious and criminal activities on their streets.
- Neighbors continuing to communicate with each other and law enforcement officials.
- Attending a monthly meeting, set up by the coordinator.

### HOW does a person get involved?

Call Barbara Spaan, the Crime Watch coordinator in this neighborhood for twenty-one years, at 216-459-1000. Presently there are 157 block clubs in the three wards which she oversees. Be aware, be cooperative, and remember that although law enforcement officers can't be everywhere at once, together we can make a difference.

## GardenWalk 2012 to include this neighborhood

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Planning for this summer's GardenWalk Cleveland, scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, July 21st and 22nd, continues to move forward. The Brooklyn Centre/Old Brooklyn Garden Finder Committee had their first meeting on January 28th. Residents who have certified their backyard habitats with the National Wildlife Federation will be receiving a notice in the mail or by email asking for their participation in the 2012 GardenWalk.

Old Brooklyn representatives Joe Mestnik, Greg Cznadel, Kevin Kubovcik, Tamara Sims and John Jenkins will be contacting Old Brooklyn gardeners they have identified as possible partners for the event. Sharon Martyn, Christine Stuckey and Gloria Ferris will be perusing the Brooklyn Centre area for gardens to showcase.

The planning committees on both sides of the Brooklyn-Brighton Bridge could use help. Invite other gardeners on your street to join you in being a part of this special weekend. Last year's gardeners said that it was more fun when five to seven gardeners joined together to form a cluster. Attendees found the experience more enjoyable when they could walk easily

through a block or two of the neighborhood before moving on to the next cluster. "The more the merrier."

Volunteers will be needed the weekend of July 21st and 22nd from 11 am to 5 pm to help guide attendees through the neighborhood and to act as neighborhood ambassadors. Art House and the Ben Franklin Community Garden will serve as the headquarters of their respective neighborhoods.

In addition, GardenWalk Cleveland is looking for restaurants and retail establishments which will promote the event with a poster and would like to be included in a guide of places to eat and things to do. The Garden Finder Committee would like to have the bulk of the gardens and

volunteers identified by the end of February so that they can move forward with plans of filling gaps and forming connections through the neighborhoods so that the Brooklyn Centre/Old Brooklyn garden map in the 2012 GardenWalk Cleveland guide will be well-represented.

Contact Gloria Ferris, 216-351-0254, or email bcnaturalists@gmail.com to be included (either as a garden site or a volunteer) in this summertime event.



## Jean Shukis is SCR's February "Senior in the Spotlight"

Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. (SCR) volunteer of the month Jean Shukis is originally from New Kensington, Pennsylvania (outside of Pittsburgh). She came to Ohio in her 20's when she got married. She was married for 25 years, and had four children, but now she is divorced. Jean has one sister; her father lived to be 104!

Jean has lived at Deaconess-Krafft for seventeen years. She moved there when she was 55, and has been very happy there. She feels that the place is a blessing in that it saves a lot of people from loneliness.

Jean worked in bars (Pinky's and Libby's on Denison Ave. and another bar on Clark Ave.) until she retired in 1988. She enjoyed serving the patrons coffee in the morning.

After 1988, Jean did side jobs and started volunteering. She loves to help people and feels that other people's problems help her keep things in perspective. She always wanted to be a social worker, and tries to focus on the positive and make everyone feel welcome.

Jean volunteers at SCR almost every day. She helps out at the check-in desk, is the main bingo caller, and sends cards to the seniors at SCR (and sometimes the staff!) when they are ill or could use some cheering up. Jean is regarded as a caring and involved presence at the Senior Center.

Jean also volunteers at St. James Lutheran Church, serving food, cleaning up and helping the widows and widowers there.



Courtesy of Senior Citizens Resources, Inc.  
Mary Louk

## Old Brooklyn "Cash Mobs" move forward

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Cash Mobs are a relatively new trend that got their start in Cleveland. The idea is to support independently and locally owned businesses and have fun doing it by getting as a large of a group of people as possible to converge on a business and spend at least \$10 or \$20 there. (The amount is set in advance.)

Old Brooklyn Buzz, a group of committed neighborhood residents and business owners, launched the first Old Brooklyn Cash Mob at Wexler's Tavern & Eatery, 4555 State Rd., on Thursday, December 29th, of last year. It was very successful, attracting over 70 people, each willing to spend at least \$10 at Wexler's that chilly Thursday evening.

The Old Brooklyn Buzz group hosted a second Cash Mob at the art show at No Regrets Tattoo Co. of Cleveland, 4888 Pearl Rd., on Sunday, January 22nd. The art show featured Old Brooklyn and other local artists with pieces starting under \$20. Hank Lewon, owner of No Regrets... donated his business's share of the proceeds to the art

program at Pearl Academy (a charter elementary school on Pearl Rd. just north of his business). Old Brooklyn Buzz members were pleased to support local artists and elementary school "budding" artists at the same time. Over forty people converged on the art show and over \$150 was donated to Pearl Academy.

The next Cash Mob is planned for Saturday, February 18th, at noon at Fred's Breads, 2330 Broadview Rd. Old Brooklyn Buzz encourages everyone to come and spend at least \$10 to help support this local business. The owner of Fred's Breads will be running customer appreciation specials throughout the day to show his gratitude for being selected as the February Cash Mob location.

Old Brooklyn Buzz will be meeting at the Acropolis Restaurant, 6021 Memphis Ave., on Thursday, February 9th, at 6 p.m. to discuss the March Cash Mob and other initiatives on which they'll be working. The group is growing and welcomes all residents and business owners to join in their efforts to make Old Brooklyn an even better neighborhood.

### CREG Center from front page

mercury and lead, increased truck traffic along Ridge Rd., the potential for cost overruns, and uncertainty with the proposed gasification technology.

Due to these public concerns, the Ohio EPA public comment period was recently extended to February 23rd at the request of the City of Cleveland, which has planned additional public meetings to present the CREG Center proposal and take public questions and comments.

The additional upcoming meetings will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, February 8th, at Cudell Recreation Center, 10013 Detroit Ave.; and on Thursday, February 9th, at Harvard Community Services Center, 18240 Harvard Ave.

Residents and concerned citizens interested in commenting should attend the upcoming meetings listed, contact their Councilman, or write Cleveland Public Power directly at: Cleveland Public Power, 1300 Lakeside Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1135.

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What a glorious winter we've been blessed with this year! The snowdrops in my garden started blooming a couple of weeks ago and most of my rose bushes never lost all their leaves (and the "Queen Elizabeth" even still has two pink rosebuds on it!) What pleasure to think that in six and a half weeks, spring will officially be here!

This is also one of the four times during the year when there are five rather than four weeks between issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*. But whether it would have been four or five weeks, this month I'm again back looking at authors, book titles and publishers with Cleveland connections.

When I signed off last month I was in the process of reporting titles which Cleveland-based **Gray & Company, Publishers** had released in the past few years. So first I'll pick up with where I left off with them...

As mentioned last month, Gray & Company's first book was published in 1992, and over the years, a number of their releases have been written by the same person. One of those persons is meteorologist **Dick Goddard** who has been plying his trade on Channel 8 for fifty years. According to the book, that's a record for a television meteorologist anywhere.

For some years, Gray & Company had published an annual almanac which Dick compiled, but in 2011, they did something different by releasing a book Dick put together of his memoirs. It's a 143-page soft-cover book called ***Six Inches of Partly Cloudy*** which retails for \$12.95.

Just the photos -- fifty years of men's fashions and hair styles -- would be great, but this book has cartoons, quotes, wisdom and captivating text covering all of Dick's life as well. An animal lover, Dick is donating his profits from its sale to "animal charities".

Books related to Cleveland sports are

another of Gray & Company's specialties, and Cleveland sportswriter **Dan Coughlin** was a "natural" to be one of their authors. He covered the topic for forty-five years in our city via his jobs with the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, WJW-TV, magazines and radio; in the process he earned a number of professional awards for his writing, too.

Dan retired from his last job at WJW in 2009, but in 2010, his first book of whacky memories, ***Crazy with the Papers to Prove It*** came out. It's soft-cover and 272 pages long, mostly text with a few pictures. It retails for \$14.95.

A year later, its sequel, ***Pass the Nuts***, was published. It, too, is a soft-cover text with some pictures and priced at \$14.95, but it has a few less pages -- 262, to be exact. Both books contain stories about the most unusual, eccentric and outlandish people Dan's known in his four decades as a sports journalist.

The final Gray & Company release to mention this time is a hardcover book priced at \$24.95. Published in 2009, it's called ***"Gimme Rewrite, Sweetheart..."***, with the subtitle ***Tales From the Last Glory Days of Cleveland Newspapers Told by the Men and Women who Reported the News.***

Most people reading this column will remember when Cleveland had two daily newspapers -- the *Cleveland Press* exited the scene on June 17th, 1982 -- and some of us even remember the *Cleveland News*, which was sold to the *Cleveland Press* on January 23rd, 1960.

In the days when Cleveland was a two-or-three newspaper town, being a journalist at one of the dailies was a very exciting job. Author **John Tidyman** has divided his 253-page book into chapters dealing with different aspects of the newspaper publishing business, and in each chapter, veteran Cleveland journalists tell stories from the years of their newspaper careers.

The name of a journalist which anyone who reads the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* these days is sure to recognize is **Regina Brett**. Because of the insightful columns which she writes a few times a week for the newspaper, Regina has received numerous writing awards, and has also been a finalist two times for the Pulitzer Award in the category of commentary.

In April, 2010, Grand Central Publishing released Regina's first book, ***God Never Blinks***. It billed itself as "50 Lessons for Life's Little Detours" and catapulted Regina onto the New York Times Bestseller's List. It was inspired by rough times in Regina's own life, including a battle with cancer at age 41. Hardcover, it is priced at \$21.99.

Just last month, Grand Central Publishing released Regina's second book, ***Be the Miracle...*** Organized very much like her first successful volume, it is "50 Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible". Also hardcover, it's priced at \$22.99.

Regina's lessons are filled with spiritual values; we are, as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, S.J., observed, "spiritual beings having a human experience", not vice versa. But the essays do not come off as stuffy religious preaching, but rather very naturally and comfortably. I think that after I finish reading ***Be the Miracle...*** I should re-read ***God Never Blinks***, to keep reminding myself about what's really important in life.

I mentioned **Arcadia Publishing** in the December segment of this three-part book round-up, but at that time, the only book I'd actually seen of the six I wanted to write about was **Judith Cetina, Ph.D.'s, Cuyahoga County: The First 200 Years**. Now I have the five others in front of me.

Like all of the Arcadia books I have mentioned either in book review articles or as sources for my historical writing, these are just a few of the thousands of titles in the company's *Images of America* series. Each is 127 or 128 pages long and is formatted with 200 sepia-toned photos and explanatory text. Authors from across the country contract with Arcadia to put these local history books together, usually about a municipality or organization near where they live.

And so Seven Hills resident **John Sabol**, author of two previous Arcadia books, *Cleveland Czechs* and *Cleveland Slovaks*, last year had a book (largely) about Cleveland Hungarians published. It's called, ***Cleveland's Buckeye Neighborhood***.

More nostalgia about Cleveland's Eastern European ethnic groups, especially the Czechs and the Poles, can be found in Arcadia's ***Slavic Village*** (the eastern side of Old Brooklyn's Ward 12!). Written by **Sandy Mitchell** in association with the **Slavic Village Historical Society**, it was released in 2009.

As for other relatively recent Arcadia books which deal with locations close to Old Brooklyn --

In 2004, the **Cuyahoga Valley Historical Museum** and the **Cuyahoga Valley National Park Association** saw their collaborative effort in print as Arcadia's ***Cuyahoga Valley***. It focused on the Canal and River towns which are/were south-east of Brecksville--Thornburg, Jaite, Brandywine, Boston, Peninsula, Everett and Botzum, rather than the north end of the Valley in Cleveland proper.

In 2006, **Thomas Matowitz, Jr.'s Cleveland Metroparks** was published. It has early photos of the older "Metropolitan Park" reservations on both the east and west sides of Greater Cleveland (so no pictures of our Brookside Reservation/Park or the Zoo, which were relatively recent additions to the Emerald Necklace, are included).

In 2009, Arcadia released retail historian **Christopher Faircloth's Cleveland's Department Stores**. The book is approximately 75% downtown stores and 25% after some of them established branches in the suburbs. It is a real trip down memory lane for anyone who knows what it was like to shop in downtown Cleveland in its glory days.

The Cleveland Metroparks book retails for \$19.99. All the others are priced at \$21.99.

From time to time I also receive an email asking me if I would like to receive a review copy of a novel which a local author has written. Such was the case last November, when **Red Giant books** contacted me about a book which **Rick Ridgway** of Mentor-on-the-Lake wrote.

The book is called ***Ablaze***, and it was copyrighted in 2010. The author's second published work, it's set in 1993, with the protagonist being a divorced guy on a week-long road trip with his best friend, trying to make sense of their lives. The book's price is \$13.

Next month's *Town Crier* will return to its more typical format. As always you are welcome to send submissions for this column to me either via [lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or by mail to Lynette Filips, *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109.

#### Save the Date

On the afternoon of Saturday, May 12th, the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn is planning a Civil War 150th anniversary event with an Abraham Lincoln re-enactor, quilt display and Civil War era type food for sale.

## Joe Gigante & Sons

Joe Gigante and Sons was started in 1975. In May of that year, I, Joe Junior bought a dump truck. When my dad saw me pull in, his eyes got wide and he smiled and said, "I guess we're in business now." I paid \$500.00 for that truck, it needed some work, but it ran. It had no power steering, and brakes that had to be pumped to stop.

When we removed an existing driveway back then, we used a sledge hammer, long 6 ft. steel bars, picks and shovels. We loaded the truck by hand, no backhoe or front end loaders. It was my uncle George, 4 of my brothers, and me working away from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm every day. We worked like machines. When we came home my mom would have dinner for us. It seemed there was never enough food, after we ate at home we would go out to eat somewhere else, then we would go out and lift weights or run up and down Brookside Hill. (For real)

A story I remember about my Dad, was one evening while he was out giving estimates, he stopped at a red light, as he looked at his notes his foot slipped off the brakes and bumped into the car in front of him. He immediately put his pick up truck into park, got out of the truck and approached the car in front of him. The man was sitting in the driver's seat with his hands on the steering wheel. There was yellow goo coming from the top of the man's head and dripping down his face. My dad thought he had hit the man harder than he thought and the man hit his head on the steering wheel and his head must have exploded with his brains coming out of his head. My dad never having seen such a thing before was ready to find a phone to call an ambulance. Dad looked over at the man's wife, she was sitting there with her eyes tearing up, and she began to laugh hysterically. Dad was so confused, after a few seconds, she explained that her husband was ok. They had just come from Honey Hut and her husband was ready to take a swig of his banana milk shake at the same time my dad bumped into him. The driver just sat there with the milkshake running down the top of his head down his face, to angry to move or yell.

This is just one of the many funny and dramatic stories of our business lives as a family operation.

As I tell this story, I really start to miss my dad even more. He was not only my dad but my partner in business. When he died he left a hole in me. I know nothing will ever fill that hole but the peace of God to endure, the grace of God to move forward. If anyone has lost a loved one God's peace and grace is for you also. Just ask him, your loved ones are standing next to him, cheering us on to move forward. What is really important in life is that we can become an instrument of His love.

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by Tom Collins  
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February is the month for business planning. It is time to prepare the year end financial statements. It is tax preparation time. It is time to take the physical inventory of stock. It is also a good time to assess the value of your business and property to determine if it is time for new investment in your building.

If you own commercial property or operate a business in a building in need of renovation, February should be your planning month. It is a fine time to talk to contractors and architects. It is a fine time to look at materials and attend building trade shows. It is a fine time to ask yourself what can be done to make your building more attractive to business tenants, to rent the empty storefront or increase customer visits to the store.

As the winter heating bills arrive it is time to get that energy audit and make some changes to conserve energy and reduce operating costs.

Sometimes you just have to invest in a renovation to make your building competitive, to keep existing tenants and attract new tenants. The appearance of your building is the first impression customers and tenants receive. A poor impression is an invisible expense in lost opportunity and is difficult to erase.

The City of Cleveland has an incentive program to help commercial property owners renovate storefronts and thereby improve the appearance of the commercial corridors. It is titled the Cleveland

Storefront Renovation Program. It provides a 40 % rebate on the cost of exterior improvements to the fronts of eligible buildings. It can refund as much as \$28,000 to the building owner or building tenant, if they follow the program guidelines.

The intention is to restore the building to its original architectural integrity and make a visible improvement to the appearance of the neighborhood. It is not a program to make up for neglected maintenance. It is rather a restoration program that can provide new doors, windows, signage, lighting, structural repair, awnings, painting, masonry cleaning and new sidewalks. It is a face-lift for aging buildings in need of a makeover.

The owner manages the project following some basic guidelines that recognize that restored buildings have a more welcoming presence than buildings that cover up unique architectural features in an attempt to look modern.

The owner solicits bids from contractors who must be licensed to work in the city of Cleveland. There are some prevailing wage guidelines that may be applicable. Of course there is some paperwork involved. I assist the owner with that part of the project.

If the building is in need of major exterior renovations on the entire building (front, sides and rear) then a low-cost loan program is available. An owner can borrow up to \$100,000 for exterior renovations at below prime interest rates. It is a fixed rate loan amortized over fifteen years payable in ten years.

Calling me to learn if your building is eligible does not obligate you to anything. I would be happy to meet with interested owners, visit the building, discuss the process and submit a preliminary application. There are no upfront charges and no fees associated with the rebate program. The City has a very good tool available to assist commercial property owners.

Use February as your planning month. Call me to see if this program meets your

needs or if there are other financial tools available that will help commercial property owners improve their property and improve the bottom line.

**Sidewalk Signs**

It often comes as a surprise to many business owners but signs cannot be placed on the sidewalk. It is illegal in the City of Cleveland to place an easel sign in the public right of way. It is considered an obstruction and a hazard.

Over the last year there has been a visible increase in businesses that place two sided easel or "sandwich boards" on the sidewalk advertising the business or products. Enforcement of the prohibiting ordinance is the responsibility of the Cleveland Bureau of Sidewalks. Generally an inspector will inform the business of the ordinance allowing the business to immediately remove it. A repeat offense will result in a violation notice and a fine.

Sidewalk inspectors are not on the prowl looking for the signs but they do respond to citizens who call the bureau or the Mayor's hotline. That has prompted the inspectors to visit the commercial corridors of Old Brooklyn.

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## Housewarming program can help with energy efficiency concerns in winter

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Many homes are not as energy efficient as they should be and/or need to be insulated. Dominion East Ohio and Cleveland Housing Network (CHN) provide a Housewarming program to help consumers reduce utility usage and help make their homes become more energy-efficient and go green, free of charge.

The Housewarming program is available to Dominion customers who meet the income qualifications and can greatly help to make a home more energy-efficient at no cost to the resident. The program is available to both home owners and tenants.

The Housewarming Program provides energy conservation measures that make the home more energy-efficient. A safety inspection is done at the beginning and end of the program to identify areas which need to be fixed and then measure the effectiveness of the improvements. Improvements which may be made are: furnace tune-up/repair, water heater tune-up/repair, insu-

lation measures and installation of a carbon monoxide (CO) detector.

Individuals who do not qualify for the program, but are still interested in making their homes more energy-efficient will find that the Cleveland Energy Saver program can help. It is a new program sponsored by the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH) and Cleveland Housing Network (CHN).

There are no income limits for the Cleveland Energy Saver program; the only qualifications are to be a resident of the City of Cleveland. The program provides an extremely low-cost energy assessment to determine what upgrades a home needs. The resident needs to hire an approved contractor to complete the work, either self-financed or with a low cost loan through CASH. After the work has been completed, rebates are available from the City of Cleveland and Dominion.

To apply for either of these programs or receive more information, contact David at [davidw@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:davidw@oldbrooklyn.com) or 216-459-1000.

## Free tax return preparation help available at South Brooklyn Library

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A free tax preparation service & Earned Income Tax Credits for low and moderate income families exists.

Through the Cuyahoga EITC Coalition volunteers (Earned Income Tax Credit), low-income taxpayers can receive quality tax preparation, wealth building opportunities and other services.

EITC is a refundable tax credit available to working adults without children earning up to \$15,880 through families with at least two children earning as much as \$41,646. The credit can be as large as \$4,824 and the average EITC credit for Cuyahoga County in 2006 was \$1,918. In highly urban areas, it is estimated that between 15 and 20 percent of those eligible for this credit do not claim it. These are dollars that do not go to the hard working families that earned them and therefore not into the Cuyahoga County economy.

The Cuyahoga EITC Coalition promotes free tax preparation services for middle and low-income filers. Many filers are subject to filing fees and refund anticipation loans (RALs) sold to them by private for-profit businesses. These fees and loans are avoided by using the Coalition's free tax sites throughout the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. The sites are free, quick, and an efficient alternative to paid preparers.

### Other Tax Saving Tips

- Install energy-saving improvements such as insulation, doors, and windows in your home to qualify for a tax credit of up to \$500. ([www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov))

- The Recovery Act Tax Savings Tool is an online application that can help taxpayers determine their potential eligibility for various tax benefits available under American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Taxpayers who use this tool are still responsible for determining their eligibility under applicable laws for any claimed tax benefits. (<http://www.whitehouse.gov/recovery/tax-saving-tool>)

- Teachers can take up to \$250 in tax deductions for classroom supplies purchased in 2011 and business owners can take a number of tax deductions for investing in their businesses. (<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/index.html>)

- There are also tax savings available to people who make maximum retirement plan contributions. The maximum contribution for an IRA is \$5,000 (\$6,000 if 50 years or older), \$11,500 for a Simple IRA (\$14,000 if 50 years or older), or \$16,500 for a 401 (k) plan (\$22,000 if 50 years or older). (<http://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/index.html>)

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## More resident tips for surviving Cleveland's winter season

courtesy of Old Brooklyn resident  
**Brenda Theurer**

Clevelanders are finally experiencing some of winter's fury -- though a relatively mild fury, this year -- and the *Old Brooklyn News* continues the suggestions for making winter more manageable which we began last month:

Snow tires should go on a vehicle's drive axle (meaning on the front for front wheel drives and on the rear for rear wheel drives).

When putting on last year's studded snow

tires, remember that they should go in the same vehicle position that they were in when taken off: driver side front, passenger side front, driver side rear and/or passenger side rear.

Snow tires can still be purchased and, for a fee, new snow tires can be studded. Most places only put snow studs on new tires, and there's often a one-day wait to get them, because this is usually done by hand. However, a dealer may be able to order pre-studded tires.

Cars with studded snow tires are permitted in Ohio from November 1st through April 15th. To check out Ohio's snow tire code, see <http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/5589.081> Ohiotirechaincode

[http://www.ehow.com/list\\_6900331\\_ohio-dot-tire-chain-laws.html](http://www.ehow.com/list_6900331_ohio-dot-tire-chain-laws.html).

Drivers with newer vehicles may already have a Roadside Assistance Plan. If not, consider getting a AAA membership, <http://www.aaa.com>. Allstate, too, has Roadside Assistance Program. It is a free-to-

join, pay-per-use, plan which can be accessed at <http://carinsurancequotesspot.com/allstate-introduces-first-freetojoin-roadside-service/>

With either plan, program the phone number in your cell phone.

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# Catholic Czechs establish more congregations on east side of Cleveland

by Lynette Filips  
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As I continue the story of the Bohemian/Czech immigrants to Cleveland, there is one thing of which I have become most certain - a decent percentage of their descendants read the *Old Brooklyn News (OBN)*! And going beyond that, they also answer my requests for information and let me know when I didn't get something quite right.

In January's history article, the sixth month in which I've discussed the Bohemian influence in Cleveland, I began writing about the Roman Catholic parishes which were established for Czechs. I started with the first one, St. Wenceslaus, but didn't get very far into its history because St. Procop was founded so soon afterwards; since St. Procop was located in an area of the original Brooklyn Township which is so geographically close to today's Old Brooklyn, I finished its story first.



(original) St. Wenceslaus  
Arch St. & Burwell St.

I subsequently received a succession of emails from John Sabol, one of the co-authors of Arcadia Publishing's book, *Cleveland Czechs* (2009). John pointed out that the photo in the January *OBN* of St. Wenceslaus was actually a photo of St. Wenceslaus' second church building and that it was located at a different "Little Bohemia" address (Broadway Ave. and E. 37th St.) than the first church was.

But even if St. Wenceslaus hadn't moved "down the street", our address in the photo caption would still have been incorrect, because we didn't catch a "typo" which stated that it was located at Arch St. and E. 35th St.; the first church building according to the Diocese of Cleveland history book I'd consulted -- and as stated in the article itself -- was at Arch St. and Burwell Ave./E. 35th Place.

However, the online Rootsweb Cleveland street names source lists E. 35th Place as the new name of Arch St., not Burwell St./Ave. Historical research is wrought with the possibility of error and wondering which source to believe! The bottom line is that I regret publishing something which wasn't accurate and hope that no one will rely on my incorrect

information when writing about the same topic.

John Sabol also sent me two articles about St. Procop Church from the *Plain Dealer*, one from January 28, 1884, and the other from January 5, 1885. Both describe in much greater detail what I summed up in last month's article with the simple statement, "When Father Koudelka was transferred to St. Louis in 1882... the people at St. Procop would not accept any new priest as their pastor. As a result, the bishop of Cleveland closed St. Procop from February, 1884 until July, 1885."

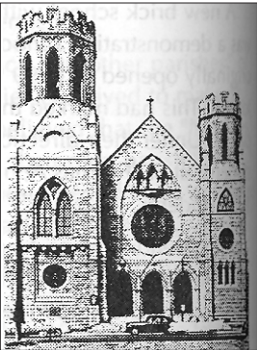
The occurrences recounted in those two *Plain Dealer* articles are like tales from the "Wild West", and make any current-day protests over church closings seem very tame by comparison. It is also interesting to note that the parish's name was spelled Prokop in those days.

Now getting back to the history of St. Wenceslaus, the "mother church" of all Bohemian/Czech parishes in Cleveland --

In addition to the frame church which had been erected in 1867, between 1870 and 1872 a house next to the church was purchased for use as a rectory, and a two-grade parochial school opened. As mentioned last month, in 1875, Father Antonin (Anthony) Hynek, who had been the pastor of both St. Procop and St. Wenceslaus for two years, was relieved of his duties at St. Procop. He then served solely as the pastor of St. Wenceslaus until his death in 1917.

The Catholic Bohemian population in Cleveland was growing so quickly, however, that by 1886 it was obvious that the **St. Wenceslaus** congregation needed a bigger church. Therefore, land was purchased at Broadway Ave. and E. 37th St. for the second St. Wenceslaus church (building). The cornerstone was laid in June, 1892, and twenty-four Bohemian societies, led by twelve bands from various parishes, paraded through the neighboring streets in celebration of the event. The new church started being used the same year, though it wasn't actually finished until 1899.

In the early 1920s, the smoke and smog from the steel mills in the industrial valley below Broadway was causing many of the Bohemians/Czechs to move to Maple Heights. A "mission church" of St. Wenceslaus was



(second) St. Wenceslaus  
Broadway & E. 37th St.

founded on Libby Rd. there in 1923.

At first services were conducted at both the mission church in Maple Heights and the second church on Broadway Ave. In 1924 a decision was made to establish the Maple Heights church as a separate parish. It, too, was called St. Wenceslaus; I will talk more about it next month.

Attendance at the Broadway St. Wenceslaus continued to dwindle, though, and Ohio's plan to construct I-77 was the city parish's final blow. The last Mass was celebrated on June 9, 1963 and the church buildings were demolished the following month in anticipation of the freeway construction.

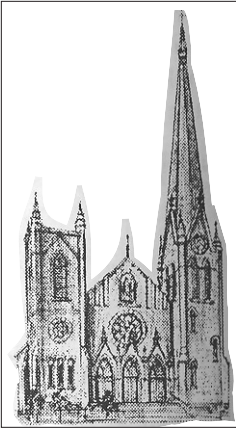
When the Broadway St. Wenceslaus closed, though, the Czech people still in that neighborhood weren't left without a nationality parish to attend. In 1882, Father Hynek had purchased property for another Bohemian church at the corner of Hamm Ave. (just south of Broadway Ave.) and Randolph St. (E. 54th St.) The man who was to be its first pastor, Father Stefan/Stephan (Stephen) Furdek, had been recruited in Prague to serve Cleveland's Slovak and Bohemian Catholics while he was still in the seminary. He came to Cleveland, finished his studies and was ordained here.

Father Furdek's first assignment was at St. Wenceslaus, but in May, 1883, after less than a year there, he was given the responsibility of founding the new parish. Having visited Lourdes, France, on the way to America, he named it **Our Lady of Lourdes**. The church faces E. 55th St., which was called Willson Ave. prior to 1906. (The mailing address is on E. 53rd St., though, which is what the front of the rectory faces).

Our Lady of Lourdes' first church and school, administered by the Sisters of Notre Dame, opened that same year. But the large number of new immigrants settling in the area necessitated breaking ground for the current church in the spring of 1891.

That same year, Our Lady of Lourdes School, with 525 students, had the notoriety of being the sixth largest parochial school in the Diocese of Cleveland.

The construction of the current Our Lady of Lourdes church building was completed in 1902. The structure was designed by the same architect who drew up the plans for St. Michael the Archangel Church on Scranton Ave.



Our Lady of Lourdes  
E. 55th & Hamm

The Lourdes campus expanded again in 1906, when a new 16-room school was built.

For a short time Father Furdek was assigned to St. Procop Church, one of the Czech parishes discussed last month. But the parishioners at Lourdes demanded his return! He subsequently returned to be the pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes until his death in January, 1915. The fact that an estimated 10,000-plus people came to his funeral -- obviously far more standing outside in the cold than could be accommodated in the church -- is testimony to the peoples' high regard for this man.

Father Joseph Koudelka, mentioned last month in the segment about St. Procop's, by this point in time had become Bishop Koudelka of Wisconsin, and he was among the mourners at Father Furdek's funeral.

Although Father Furdek was the pastor of a Bohemian/Czech parish, he was also deeply involved with the Slovak community, both in Cleveland and across the nation. In 1890, in Cleveland, he founded the First Catholic Slovak Union (FCSU), a fraternal insurance organization which provided for the widows, children and orphans of American and Canadian laborers in the steel mills, salt mines and coal mines who were killed in the line of work. It was the second Slovak fraternal insurance organization in America, and currently is the largest Slovak insurance company in the world.

The following year, Father Furdek became the founder and publisher of the FCSU's weekly bi-lingual newspaper, *Jednota* (Union/Fraternity).

One year later, also in Cleveland, Father Furdek helped the Slovak women organize their own fraternal insurance organization, the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Union/now called the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. This group publishes a monthly magazine called *Zenska Jednota* (Faternally Yours).

In 1907, Father Furdek became the first president of the Slovak League of America, which was also founded in Cleveland.

Father (later Monsignor) Oldrich Zlamal was assigned to be the second pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church. During his tenure, the school gymnasium (1922), the convent (1926) and the rectory (1927) were built. Ninth grade classes were added to the school in 1939. In the spring of 1948, the first class graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School.

Our Lady of Lourdes High School was merged into the multi-campus Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 1961. Due to the demographic changes in the area and the resultant dwindling parish census, the Lourdes segment of the high school campus closed in the mid-1980s.

In 1995, Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School closed. Today the building is leased to a charter school called Hope Academy. The parish still enjoys use of the facility for certain activities, and the Lourdes alums from both the grade school and the high school sponsor an annual Christmas party (though not on the grounds of their former school).

For several years, Our Lady of Lourdes Church was kept together (similar to how St. Procop was) by co-parish life coordinators and the priests who came there to offer the weekend liturgies. Then, during the Vibrant Parish Life initiative and subsequent clustering process, the Diocese of Cleveland determined that the parish would remain open and minister to the Czech (and neighborhood) as well as to the Hispanic communities.

In July, 2009, Our Lady of Lourdes regained "resident pastor status" when Father Joseph Callahan, a former Diocesan missionary in El Salvador -- and therefore a priest fluent in Spanish -- was appointed there.

In addition to the new St. Wenceslaus in Maple Heights, there were still three other parishes established for Catholic Bohemians in Cleveland - St. Adalbert on E. 83rd St., St. John Nepomucene on Fleet Ave., and Holy Family on E. 131st St. And Broadway Methodist Church was established in the same neighborhood. We'll conclude this series next month by talking about each of them.

(Acknowledgments: I am grateful to Joe Kocab for the graphic of the original St. Wenceslaus Church, and to the priests who read the text of this article -- and suggested additions -- before it went to the printer.)

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by  
Pastor Jerry

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**Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at  
St. Luke's United Church of Christ,  
4216 Pearl Rd. (corner of Pearl & Memphis)**



# FAMILY FUN!

**Art House**  
**3119 Denison Ave., 216-398-8556**  
**www.arthouseinc.org**

**All Ages Family Open Studios - 3rd Sat. of every month;** 1- 3 pm. Make individual pieces of family art works. Each month has different theme; Art House provides materials. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Visit website for other programs or more info.

**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.

**Pirate Family Workshops** - Every Sun. in Feb., 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Fee - \$5 per person. Non-members must pay additional Museum admission of \$7 person if they wish to play in the Museum exhibits. Recommended for families with children ages 3 & older. Pre-registration (in person at Museum or by calling) & payment strongly recommended.

**"Sweetheart Waffles" Family Cooking Workshop** - Sat., Feb. 11th, 10 - 11:30 am. Fee - \$5 per person. Non-members must pay additional museum admission of \$7 per person if they wish to play in the Museum exhibits. Whip up a batch of creamy waffle batter, cook in a waffle iron, top with whipped cream, fruit, sprinkles & chocolate chips. RSVP required, in person, by calling 216-791-7114, or online.

**Dr. Seuss’s Birthday Celebration** - Fri. & Sat., Mar. 2nd & 3rd, 11 am - 4 pm. Fee.

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

**Drop In Discovery - Survival Bracelets** - Sun., Feb. 5th, 10 am - noon. Stop by anytime in the morning to make a functional and trendy survival bracelets. Fee - \$2 fee per bracelet. Program suitable for ages 7 - adult.

**Hand Feed a Chickadee - Sat. & Sun.,** Feb. 4th, 5th, 11th, 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th, 26th; 10 am - noon. Experience thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand to eat. A handful of sunflower seeds & instruction provided.

**Horse-Drawn Valentine's Day Carriage Rides** - Sat., Feb. 13th. Mile-and-a-half ride from Brecksville Stables through the woods to Ottawa Point Picnic Area & back. Hot chocolate & cookies plus barn tours to meet the horses. Reservations required; \$35 per couple; \$50 for family of four.

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

**Vintage Valentines** - Sun, Feb. 5th; 1 - 2 pm; ages 5 - adult. Learn about history of exchanging Valentine cards & then create original Valentines using old-fashioned pictures & prose. Materials provided; registration required.

**Cleveland Metroparks Chalet**  
**Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run**  
**Strongsville 440-572-9990**

**Tobogganing** runs thru first weekend in March; Thurs., 6 - 10 pm; 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.  
**Thursdays: School & college ID night,** \$5 with ID.  
**Sun, Feb 5th - Superbowl Sunday;** wear a team jersey/shirt & save \$2;  
**Fri., Feb 10th - Lake Erie Monsters Street Team activities** - 6 - 8 pm. Drawing to race ‘Sully’ the Mascot at 8 pm & receive discount ticket to Feb, 12th Monsters game.

**Sun., Feb. 12th - Sweetheart Deal** - \$20 for 2 toboggan passes, 2 hot dogs, 2 hot chocolates, & 1 fleece blanket.  
**Sun., Feb. 19th - Military ID Day** - all military with a valid ID pay \$5;  
**Mon., Feb. 20th - Presidents’ Day** - noon - 5 pm.  
**Fri., Feb. 24th - Dollar Day** - \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas;  
**Sun., Feb. 26th - FamilyFour-pack Day;** \$30 for 4 toboggan passes, 4 hot dogs & 4 sodas. Chalet facility features 2 fireplaces (indoor & outdoor), main gathering area with large-screen TV, snack bar, loft area with video games & indoor restrooms.

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

**Friday Nights with Nature** - Fri., Feb. 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th. Spend your Fri. nights with nature. Take an armchair journey to a variety of world locations & explore the delicate yet sometimes harsh beauty of nature, or discover the culture & heritage of our cousins around the globe. Call for more info.

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

**Sat. Feb. 4th, 11 am - 4:30 pm.**  
**Birds of Prey Hike,** 11-noon, Ice carving demo.  
**The Ancient Art of Falconry,** 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
**Hunters of the Air Puppet Show** 1:30 - 2 pm.  
**“Hawks: Sun-loving Killers”,** 2 - 3 pm.  
**“Owls: Hunters of the Night”,** 3:30 - 4 pm.

**Sun., Feb. 5th, 12 - 4 pm**  
**Birds of Prey Hike,** 12- 1 pm, Cottonwood Picnic Area.  
**Hunters of the Air Puppet Show,** 1:30 - 2 pm.  
**Peregrine Falcons: City Cliff Dwellers,** 2 - 3 pm.  
**Raptor Rehab,** 3 - 4 pm.

**History of Maple Sugaring - Maple Grove Picnic Area** - Sat. & Sun., Feb. 25th & 26th, Mar. 3rd & 4th, 10th & 11th. Sunflower seed provided. Terrain: may be snow; 1 mile.

**Cleveland Metroparks**  
**Winter Recreation Fun**  
Sledding, cross-country skiing, ice fishing & ice skating at various locations. Use caution & proper equipment; use area only when proper weather/snow-ice conditions exist. Call any park district facility, 216-635-3200, or visit [www.clevelandmetroparks.com](http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com) for more info.

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

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

**Sweetheart Day,** Sun., Feb. 12th, 10 am - 5 pm. Learn fun facts about Zoo’s animal “sweethearts” & get sweet deal on admission - receive one free adult or junior admission with purchase of adult admission.

**Fairytales & Frogs** - The RainForest, Mon. Feb. 20th (Presidents’ Day), 10 am - 1 pm. Kids 12 & younger get free admission to Zoo & Rainforest. Everyone encouraged to dress as a princess, prince or frog. Meet Zoo’s frog mascots & princess. Crafts, stories & interactive life-size “Frogger” game illustrating dangers frogs face from pollution, climate change & habitat loss.

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

**Family Sleepovers - Reach for the Stars,**

Fri., Feb. 10th, 6 pm. Learn about stars, meteors, comets, black holes & more. Build & launch a rocket, view real moon rock, train to become an astronaut, sample soil from Mars & experience STARLAB Planetarium. Explore space while watching OMNIMAX movie, *Hubble*. Call 216-621-2400, Mon - Fri, 9 am – 5:30 pm to reserve a place.

**“Goose Bumps” the science of fear** - thru-Apr. 29th; Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Explore popular fears in heart-pounding, laughter-filled (& totally safe) exhibition about the often-dreaded emotion.

**NASA Glenn Visitor Center** relocated to Great Lakes Science Center. Free general admission to NASA Glenn & Science Center on Tuesdays to youth 18 & under or any student up to 12th grade accompanied by adult. Regular admission, \$7.95 - \$9.95 a person. Free admission for members.

**Home Depot**  
**homeimproverclub.com/kidsworkshops**

**Build, Learn, Create, have fun with Kids Workshops** - FREE hands-on workshops designed for children ages 5 - 12 offered 1st Sat. of every month at all Home Depot stores, 9 am - 12 pm. Workshops teach children do-it-yourself skills, tool safety & instill sense of pride & accomplishment. Kids get to keep their crafts & receive free Kids Workshop apron, commemorative pin & certificate of achievement. **Feb. project is a Keepsake Box;** kids build & personalize box to hold personal treasures (Could be a gift for Valentine’s Day.)

**Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**  
**2929 Richmond Rd Beachwood**  
**216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org**  
**Presidents’ Day** - Mon., Feb. 20th, 11 am - 5 pm. Special program, free with Museum admission, featuring portrayals of Abraham Lincoln & 4 other U.S. past presidents. Pictures taken with these famous men; sampling apple pie, cherry pie & sugar cookies. Arts & crafts activities & special "Presidential" scavenger hunts throughout the afternoon. No

reservations required.  
**Family Fun Day** - Sun., Feb. 26th, 1 - 4 pm.

**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
**28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village**  
**440-871-2900 lensc.org**

**Winter Holiday Programs - Valentine’s Day** - Tues., Feb. 14th & **Presidents’ Day** - Mon, Feb. 20th. For children ages 1 - 5 with one adult; 10 - 11:30 am. Fee - \$5/child. Learn about the holiday, meet an animal, make a craft, read a story & have fun. Each program has different activities; learn through play.

**Animals a la Mode** - Fri., Feb. 24th, 6:30 pm. For families with any age children. Fee - \$5/person; children 1 & under free. Upbeat, interactive & educational show lasting about 30 minutes. Maggie Watson presents furry, feathered & scaled live animals. Program capped off with a serving of ice cream.

**Old Angle Boxing Gym**  
**3212 W. 25th St., 2nd floor 216-280-3458**  
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Free program for children ages 8 - 16 years old; all ages welcome to workout. Gym open, Mon. - Fri., 3:30 - 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 12 - 3 pm. Program offers nutritional, spiritual & scholastic values; tutor also onsite once a week to help with homework. *See article page 12*


**Parma-Snow Library**  
**2121 Snow Rd.**  
**216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.org**

Hours: Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 9 pm; Fri. & Sat., 9 am - 5:30 pm; Sun., 1 - 5 pm.

**Mathletes** - Estimation. Thurs., Feb. 9th, 7 pm. Grades K - 3. Exercise math & logic brain with other Mathletes in entertaining, hands-on program of games, activities & stories. Registration required.

**Tongue Twisters Tournament** - Tues., Feb. 21st, 4 pm. Grades K & up. Afternoon of fun & laughs with stories, riddles,& jokes. Bring joke or tongue twister to share.

# THEATER NOTES



**Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons**  
6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600  
[www.cassidytheatre.com](http://www.cassidytheatre.com)

**“Sweet Charity”**  
Fri., Feb. 10th - Sun., 26th; Fri & Sat, 8 pm; Sun, 3 pm; Main Stage.  
Tickets - \$20, adults; \$15, students/seniors.

**Cleveland Public Theatre**  
6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727  
[www.cptonline.org](http://www.cptonline.org)

**“Antebellum”**  
Thurs., Feb. 23rd - Sat., Mar. 10th; Gordon Square Theatre. Tickets - \$25.

**Playhouse Square Center**  
1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000  
[www.playhousesquare.com](http://www.playhousesquare.com)

**Allen Theatre**  
**“In Arabia We’d all be Kings”**

Wed., Feb. 1st - Sat., Feb. 11th; 7:30 pm plus 3 pm Sat. matinees. CWRU/Cleve. Playhouse MFA production. Tickets - adults, \$15; students with ID, \$7.50.

**“Radio Golf”**  
Wed., Feb. 15th - Sun., Mar. 4th; Tues., 7 pm; Wed.- Sat., 7:30; Sat./Sun. matinees at 2:30. Tickets - adults, \$49 - \$69; students under age 25, \$15.

**Palace Theatre**  
**“RAIN”**  
Fri. & Sat., Feb 10th & 11th; 7:30 pm; Tickets - \$22.50 - \$56.50.

**“Memphis”**  
Tues., Feb. 28th - Sun., Mar. 11th; Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets - \$10 - \$85.

# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** - No meeting this month. For info about or to get involved with the July, 2012 GardenWalk in Brooklyn Centre & Old Brooklyn, contact Gloria at 216-351-0254 or [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com).

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club,** Sun., Feb. 19th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Program -- Bill Barrow, head of the Special Collections Library at Cleveland State University and the *Cleveland Memory Project* speaking about “Cleveland Memories”. Prospective members welcome.

**GardenWalk 2012 Garden Finder Meeting,** Sat, Feb 11th, 1-3 pm. Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd. Topic: *Mapping Our Garden Clusters*. All invited. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be in the loop call Gloria, 216-351-0254 or email [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com).

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, Tues., Feb. 28th, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (2339 Broadview Rd., upstairs). Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Feb. 14th (& 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., Feb. 21st (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

**Ward 13 Republican Club** meeting, Tues., Feb. 14th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

# Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)

The Schools as Neighborhood Resource (SNR) program has started 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 up anytime, through April. Both children and adults can participate for free.

If the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) is closed on a Monday,

Wednesday or Thursday, either for a scheduled holiday or because of inclement weather, the evening classes at Rhodes will not be in session (even though these classes are not taught by CMSD personnel).

For more information call 216-812-8700 or visit the website: [www.neighborhoodleadership.org/programs/snr](http://www.neighborhoodleadership.org/programs/snr).



SENIOR NOTES

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

**Mondays:**  
Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Chair Bowling- 10 am;  
Wii -11 am; Canasta - 12:30 am.

**Tuesdays:**  
Crafts - 9:30 am, Crochet Group - 9:30 am,  
Table Bowling - 10:30 am, Pinochle - 12:15 pm,  
Bocce Ball - 12:30 pm; Line Dancing- 1 pm.

**Wednesdays:**  
Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Chair Bowling- 9:30 am;  
Chair Volleyball - 10:15 am., Fruit Bingo -  
10:30 am, Canasta - 12:30 pm.

**Thursdays:**  
Crafts - 9:30 am, Chair Volleyball - 10 am,  
Trivia - 10 am; Horse Racing - 10:30 am;  
Bingo - 12:30 pm.

**Fridays:**  
Ez-Exercise - 9 am; Crochet Group - 9:30  
am, Chair Exercise - 9:30 am; Current  
Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii -  
11 am; Pinochle - 12:30 pm.

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CHURCH NOTES

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Prayer;** 8 am, Mass, lower chapel; 8:30 am,  
prayer, Cleveland Surgi-Center.  
  
**Sat., Feb. 4th - Men's Prayer Group,** 8:30  
am; Parish Center.  
  
**Sat. & Sun., Feb. 4th & Feb. 5th, St. Blaise  
Blessings** after Mass; upper church.  
  
**Sun., Feb. 5th - Boy Scout Sunday Mass,** 11  
am; upper church.

**Tues., Feb. 7th - St. Olaf College Choir** from  
Northfield, Minn., 7:30 pm; upper church.  
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\$30; students with I.D., \$20.  
  
**Fri., Feb. 10th - Family Friday for  
Homeschool Families;** potluck, 6 pm; rosary,  
7:30 pm; Mass, 8 pm; Marian Lounge & lower  
chapel.

**Sun. Feb. 19th - Community Meal,** 1 pm;  
Parish Center cafeteria.  
  
**Sun. Feb. 19th - Blue Army Cell Holy Hour,**  
2 pm; lower chapel.

**Wed., Feb. 22nd - Ash Wednesday Masses,** 8  
am, noon & 7 pm; upper church.

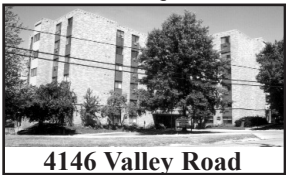
**Fri., Feb. 24th, Mar. 2nd, 9th, 23rd & 30th -  
Fish Fries,** 4:30 -7 pm; Parish Center cafete-  
ria.  
  
**Sat., Feb. 25th - Ladies Lenten Day of  
Reflection,** 8:30 am - 2 pm; Marian Lounge.  
  
**Sat., March 3rd - Men's Lenten Retreat Day,**  
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**Wed., Feb. 22nd - Ash Wednesday,** two serv-  
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Imposition of Ashes. Lenten services continue  
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Wed. 7 pm.

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# Acropolis Restaurant shares recipe for "Avgolemono" (egg & lemon chicken soup)

by Jamye Lucas-Bukszar  
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Acropolis Restaurant, 6021 Memphis Ave, is an open and updated restaurant with a nicely decorated party room/bar area. Jim K. Souris and Nicky Souris opened Acropolis on July 1, 2011.

Jim was born in Greece and most of his family still resides there. He is an electrical engineer by trade and has a passion for cooking. He and his sister owned a successful restaurant in Greece and many items served at Acropolis Restaurant -- e.g., Eggplant Moussaka, Pastichio (Greek lasagna) and Souvlaki (veal, pork or chicken shish kabobs) -- were also served there. He said that everything served at Acropolis is home-made from scratch.



Acropolis Restaurant, 6021 Memphis Ave.

Nicky is a lifelong Cleveland area resident with strong Greek heritage; she was born two weeks after her family arrived from Greece. She studied elementary education at Baldwin-Wallace College and taught school in North Olmsted. Nicky also tutored Greek children and high school students. She is especially proud that her children speak, read and write Greek fluently.

When asked why they chose Old Brooklyn to locate their new restaurant, Jim said, "We love the people here; they are friendly, down to earth, and care about each other". He added that they were considering moving to Old Brooklyn.

Acropolis Restaurant is open from 10 a.m to 8 p.m., Sunday to Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday; the lounge is open seven days a week with full liquor. Low priced appetizers are served in the lounge from 1 to 5 p.m. They can be reached by phone at 216-398-8313.

A recipe for a traditional Greek soup served at Acropolis is below; it is the "soup of the day" at the restaurant on Thursdays and Saturdays.

## "Avgolemono" (egg & lemon chicken soup)

### Ingredients:

- Whole chicken
- 3 eggs
- 8 cups chicken stock
- 1 - 2 freshly squeezed lemons
- 1/2 cup uncooked long grain rice
- salt & pepper to taste

### Directions:

- Cover whole chicken with chicken stock -- in a large soup pot. (use more if needed)
- Add salt and pepper.
- Bring to a boil and simmer for 30 minutes (or until chicken is cooked through).
- Remove chicken and let cool.
- Add rice and cook for 30 minutes (or until rice is soft).
- Beat eggs and lemon juice until very creamy.
- Pour egg mixture into soup very slowly, stirring constantly. (Take care NOT to scramble the eggs).
- Pull chicken meat off the bones and add to rice mixture. Serve hot.

# Old Angle Boxing Gym to open February 20th

courtesy Gary Horvath

Seven-time 1960s Open Golden Glove Champion Gary Horvath will be opening his new boxing gym on the second floor of 3212 W. 25th St. on Monday, February 20th. A reception will take from 2 to 4:30 pm, at which hot food and beverages will be served. Everyone is welcome; use the front entrance. (There's plenty of parking behind the building, located between Meyer and Sackett avenues.)

The gym will offer a free program emphasizing nutritional, spiritual and scholastic values for children 8 to 16 years old, but all ages are welcome to workout. A tutor will be

on site once a week to help children with their homework. Z.UMBA will open later this year.

Gary's been involved with boxing for 53 years, and his staff -- Joe Santa Maria, Dennis Sweeney, Jim Wittenberg/aka "The Destroyer"-- are all volunteers.

Gary has a long-term lease and expects the gym to grow in popularity. All equipment is new, thanks to fundraising efforts by attorney Tim Misny. Without him, his wife, Stephanie, and son, Max, this endeavor wouldn't have been possible. Local news media will be filming the grand opening.

For more information call 216-280-3458.

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