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Former Memphis School site to become urban farm in middle of Old Brooklyn

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The former Memphis School site is to become an urban farm in the middle of Old Brooklyn. It will be developed and operated by Koinonia (coin-o-NEE-yah) a Greek word that translates to the word "fellowship." Koinonia is a Cuyahoga County based non-profit corporation whose mission is "Partnering with people who have developmental disabilities to achieve healthy, fulfilling enriched lives".

Cleveland is a nationally recognized leader in the emerging urban farming industry and now Old Brooklyn, which once was a major center for green house produce, will be a leading neighborhood in this renewed market.

The former Memphis School site is 2.3 acres with dimensions of 400 feet by 250 feet on the east end of the block bordered by Memphis Ave, W. 41st St. and Henritze Ave. The western border adjoins a home on Memphis Ave. and a home on Henritze Ave.

The school was demolished in 2008 after the building was empty for many years and no other use was economically feasible. Previous plans for residential development were not fulfilled when the property was in private ownership.

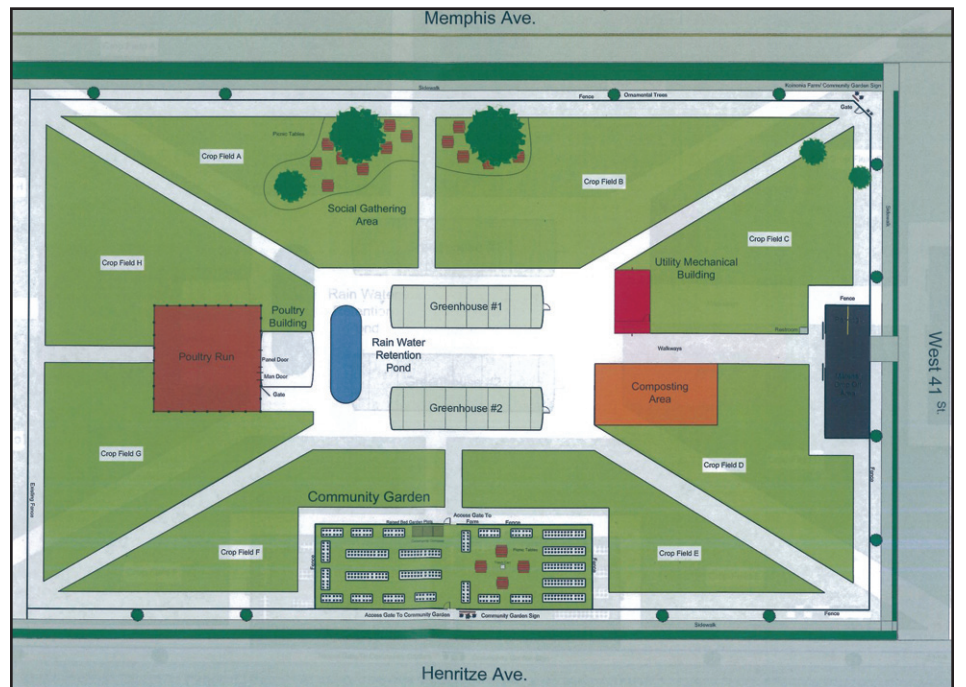
The Koinonia plan calls for creating a large rectangle space in the center of the site which will accommodate two greenhouses (also known as hoop houses because of their Quonset-style shape with roll up sides for ventilation). They will be 72 feet by 20 feet with a height of 10 feet in the center and will be used throughout the year to take plants from seedlings to outdoor transplant.

Also in this center area will be a small utility building which will look like a miniature barn. There will be an aerated rain water retention pond that will be used for irrigation and a composting area for processing spent crops.

A poultry building with a poultry run will have egg-producing chickens. Because there will not be any roosters, the low level noise will just be clucking which will be absorbed by the crops. The chickens will be indoors during dark hours. Waste matter will be removed daily (and more often if necessary).

The site will be surrounded on three sides by a decorative six-foot high metal fence. The western border will retain the existing ten-foot fence and vegetation to provide the home residents privacy.

Koinonia will monitor the effectiveness of the screening with the two homeowners. If more privacy is needed they will work



Koinonia site plan for the former Memphis School site

with the homeowners to determine what is best.

Koinonia will construct a community garden for public use on the Henritze Ave. side in the center of the parcel. It will contain twenty-four raised gardens in a secure

area of approximately 135 feet by 40 feet. Bike racks will be installed for gardeners.

After the project is underway Koinonia will provide information about how people can apply for a community garden bed.

See *Memphis School* site page 8

OBCDC's second annual Pop UP Pearl deemed to be another successful event

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Residents from throughout Old Brooklyn and the greater Cleveland region converged on Downtown Old Brooklyn on May 19th for a day of live music, great food, arts & crafts vendors, and a street that better accommodated pedestrians and cyclists. An estimated 3,000 people took in the sunny day, browsing through the handmade crafts, and enjoying food from, among others, returning local food truck Jibaro and Old Brooklyn's own Gyro Guys.

As part of the celebration of our neighborhood downtown over 70 arts & crafts, non-profit, and food vendors setup in the curb parking lane along Pearl Rd. Two main stages hosted local musicians that provided a backdrop of music on the warm spring day.

At the green space in front of Pearl Road United Methodist an eclectic mix ranged from German choral to classic rock provided entertainment for anyone. Over at the space next to Mr. E's, Grace Church had their second Blues and BBQ which featured an informal rib cook-off and headline Blues artist Frankie Starr.



The weather was perfect for sidewalk shopping at Pop UP Pearl on May 19th.

Photo by Robyn Sandys

Pop UP Pearl, inspired by the Better Block Project from Dallas, TX, attempts to create lasting change through temporary alterations to the built environment while encouraging neighborhood pride. In the case of Pop UP Pearl this included reducing the number of travel lanes, temporary crosswalks, a protected cycle track, and creating bump-outs to reduce the distance a pedestrian has to travel while crossing the street.

"Pop UP Pearl showed us what Pearl Rd. could and should be: fresh, vibrant and teaming with pedestrian traffic. The day was a perfect combination of great weather, great vendors and bands, but most importantly, great people just having a good time. Thank to all who made this possible," said Councilman Kevin Kelley.

See *Pop UP Pearl* page 7

City Fresh to return to our neighborhood with fresh garden produce this month

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City Fresh, a program of the New Agrarian Center (NAC) which provides locally grown food to urban areas not normally having access to fresh produce will be returning to Old Brooklyn on Thursday, June 14th.



City Fresh
...GET FRESH!

City Fresh is a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program in which individuals prepay to reserve a share of locally grown produce from area farmers.

City Fresh has two share sizes – "family" for three to four individuals and "single" for one to two individuals. The costs are \$28 for a family and \$15 for a single. (Low-income prices are available for qualifying individuals.) Participants don't know what will be in a share each week, but a share will include such things as apples, corn, potatoes, kale and peppers.

After paying for a share participants pick up their shares at one of the local distribution centers. The *Fresh Stop* location in Old Brooklyn is at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., on Thursdays from 5-7 pm.

With *City Fresh*, there is no commitment for the entire season (unlike other CSAs); participants simply pay for a share the week ahead of time, and then pick up the produce the following week with this week-to-week arrangement. To order a share, contact David at 216-459-1000 or davidw@oldbrooklyn.com for an order form.

This year patrons can also reserve their shares online at www.cityfresh.org. Under *City Fresh* click on "Reserve a *City Fresh* Share". Order shares for as many weeks as desired – just one, for the entire season, or any number in between. Having a PayPal account is required to pay online, so persons who don't already have one will need to register before ordering.

Fresh Stop should contact David or Christopher at the phone number or email address listed earlier in the article.

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Jack Amburgey

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Jack Amburgey

Many Old Brooklyn residents have probably seen Jack Amburgey in his straw cowboy hat watering flowers or sweeping sidewalks in front of Name Brand Paints or one his other buildings in the vicinity of Broadview and Pearl roads.

In fact, Jack's been tending to a business or building, neighborhood beautification and enhancement in our community since 1965 when he opened his first business, Cleveland Office Equipment & Supply at 2140 Broadview Rd., just south of Valley Rd. (in the former Valley West Hair Salon).

Jack became an entrepreneur in Old Brooklyn because he "liked the area, saw the potential in the buildings and community, and saw the potential to improve this great neighborhood."

Jack purchased his first commercial properties in 1971 (current tenants include Brooklyn Animal Hospital, Name Brand Paints and the El Dorado gold exchange store) and moved Cleveland Office Equipment & Supply to where Name Brand Paints is currently located. Since then he has brought several commercial properties back to life and saved a few from demolition.

Jack is very proud of having saved the buildings at the southeast corner of Broadview and Pearl. A national drug store chain wanted to purchase and demolish the buildings but Jack prevented it, "We would have lost eleven businesses and seventy-seven employees. I stood my ground and told them, 'No'."

Jack still owns these properties and his business, Name Brand Paints, which he started two and a half years ago. Name Brand Paints started as a flea market; Jack didn't like how the overall market went, but nurtured the successful paint section. "People are coming from as far away as Ashtabula to Name Brand Paints! It's worked great."

All of Jack's endeavors are a family affair. His son, Ron, and daughter-in-law, Mabelle, work at Name Brand Paints as well as with other aspects of the business.

A & K Investments, the umbrella company for Jack's properties, Name Brand Paints, even supplies twelve charter schools in Cleveland, including one in Old Brooklyn, with their office furniture. Ron manages this aspect of the business.

Jack feels very strongly about the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. "I believe in giving full community support to Old Brooklyn. It's a great neighborhood for residents and businesses and I strive to create something that we all could be proud to live and work in."

Jack -- along with John Young, Sr., Michael Loizos and a few other business owners -- was one of the founding members of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC). Over the years he has been president of the OBCDC Board a few times. Jack also sold ads for the *Old Brooklyn News* and held numerous fundraisers and even a parade to help OBCDC get established.

John Young, Jr. of Speed Exterminating said of Jack Amburgey, "Jack is truly someone who cares about Old Brooklyn. He goes out of his way to improve and enhance our neighborhood."

Don Workman, owner of Ameriflag, Inc. and one of Jack's tenants, added, "Jack Amburgey is one of the most community-minded people I know. He is also very family-oriented and he's been a good landlord over the years."

When asked about his years of community involvement, Jack replied, "Being active in Old Brooklyn has been very satisfying. I've made my living in this neighborhood and I owe it to the neighborhood to make a difference. I've met a lot of people and made a lot of good friends. Old Brooklyn has been good to me."

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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First I want to congratulate the teams of people that transformed downtown Old Brooklyn on Saturday, May 19th into an amazing and fun downtown during the second annual Pop UP Pearl event. Over 3,000 people strolled along Pearl Rd. between Wildlife Way and Altoona with ease because the road was reduced down to two lanes by a special streetscape plan designed for the event.

Over 70 vendors representing artisans, nonprofit organizations, face painters, stilt walkers and lots of food from local food trucks and vendors lined the street. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation spearheaded Pop UP Pearl but residents, business owners, vendors, schools, institutions and local businesses came together to make the event a great success. See the article on the front page along with a special thank you box to the sponsors for more information about this event.

I want to mention specifically a few business owners in Old Brooklyn who always step up to the plate and hit a home run for all events we either spearhead or work on with partners over the past several years.

There are others and I promise I will mention them in future issues of the newspaper. They are John Young, the owner of Speed Exterminating located at 4141 Pearl Road and Bruce Page, owner of Honey Hut Ice Cream located at 4674 State Road. John and Bruce are also current board members of the CDC. Don Workman, the owner of Ameriflag located at 3307 Broadview, and Tom Kehoe, owner of Kehoe Brothers Printing at 910 West Schaff Road.

For Pop Up Pearl this year a shout out to Joe Gigante owner of Joe Gigante & Sons located at 4138 Pearl Road.

Also the CDC's Business Directory a mainstay in the community for 23 years will be at your doorstep in mid to late June. You can look up all of the above owners in this publication as well several hundred others who are located in and around Old Brooklyn.

We have a lot more in store for everyone with a new event this year called Wings

and Things wing cook off plus music and other fun activities. This event will be on Thursday, July 12th, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the grass area next to Mr. E's at 4256 Pearl Rd. We are searching out vendors for the wing cook off. If you are interested in participating as a wing master, please call Northcoast Promotions at 216-570-8201. We will be offering a People's Choice Award for the winner of the best wings.

In August we have the 3rd annual Bridging the Distance run through the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo. We give out awards for top runners in various age categories. See the ad in the newspaper for more information. You can register now by going to www.hermescleveland.com or calling 216-623-9933.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation does have a potential buyer for the home we have been promoting to sell in the newspaper over the past few months on Altoona.

We have other homes available for purchase that we are currently working on. See ad on page 11 for more on our home at 2506 Roanoke Ave. Over this summer and fall we will be working on two more properties in Old Brooklyn -- at 4224 Ridgeview Rd. and 4107 W. 48th St.

For further information please call Robyn Sandys or Jayme Lucas Bukszar at 216-459-1000

Watch for a new logo the one below that will be used throughout Old Brooklyn starting with the cover of the Business Directory and then on tee shirts and stickers at retailers this summer. Old Brooklyn



Cleveland Made is the theme and it symbolizes our long heritage (since 1814), our strong work ethic and commitment to this neighborhood.

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation Board Meetings, are every fourth Tues. of the month, 6 - 7:30 pm. OBCDC office (2339 Broadview Rd.). Meetings open to the public but the board reserves the right to close portions of the meetings. To confirm call 216-459-1000.

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This summer's Master Gardener schedule at Ben Franklin demo gardens

Free programs are offered to the public by the Master Gardeners on scheduled days in the demonstration gardens behind Ben Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd., weather permitting. Ben Franklin School is located at 1905 Spring Rd. Park in front of the school and walk back to the garden area. You may want to bring a folding chair. All persons attending any of the Thursday OSU Extension Demonstrations at Ben Franklin are welcome to visit and ask the Master Gardeners questions at any of the other demonstration gardens (Herb, Perennial and Vegetable).

Thursdays in the Garden

Master Gardeners work throughout the growing season on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. in the demonstration gardens (Herb, Perennial and Vegetable) behind Ben Franklin School, weather permitting. The public is free to visit, observe the demonstrations gardens and ask the Master Gardeners questions.

In the PERENNIAL GARDEN this year *Brunnera macrophylla* 'Jack Frost' is the 2012 Perennial of the Year.

Perennial Garden Demonstrations

Common Perennial Plant Pests & Diseases - Thursday, June 21st, at 11 a.m.

Welcoming Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Other Friends - Thursday, July 12th, at 11 a.m.

In the VEGETABLE GARDEN this year The 2012 theme will be "Growing Vegetables from Seed." The demonstration garden will feature examples of growing vegetables from seed, and in early September, the harvest will be tasted.

Vegetable Garden Demonstrations

Tasting the Harvest - Thursday, September 6th, at 11 a.m.

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Tuesdays now thru October 30th

Tremont Farmers Market

Lincoln Park; parking on both sides of W. 14th St. between Starkweather & Kenilworth; 4 - 7 pm. Enjoy dinner from food vendors & shopping from farmers, vendors & artists.

Free Classes in Microsoft Word 2007

South Brooklyn Branch of Cleveland Public Library, 4303 Pearl Rd.; Saturdays, 11 am - 1 pm. Microsoft Word I - Jun. 9th; Microsoft Word II - Jun. 16th; Microsoft Word III - Jun. 23rd; Microsoft Word IV - Jun. 30th. To register call 216-623-7067 or stop in.

**Saturday, June 2nd
Plants in the Park**

Master Gardener Plant Sale & Garden Day
Kiwans Pavilion behind Independence Civic Center, off Selig Dr., 9 am - 3 pm. Rain or shine; free admission. Sponsored by Master Gardeners of Cuyahoga County & Ohio State University Extension. Visit www.cuyahogamg.org for more info.

**Saturday, June 2nd
Cleveland Polka Association
\$2 Buck Blast Picnic**

St. Sava Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr., 4 - 8 pm; gate opens 3 pm. Donation: \$2, members; \$10, non-members. (includes a 1 year membership) No byob; food & beverages available. Call Sylvia or Paul, 216-228-1134, for large table reservations or more info.

Monday, June 4th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, White Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 6 pm; indoor potluck picnic. Bring side dishes & desserts; CVGS supplies meat & beverages. No speaker afterwards; help with online research instead. Contact president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

**Saturday, June 9th
Strawberry Festival**

Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ, 8720 Memphis Ave; 5 - 7 pm. Strawberry shortcake with ice cream, hotdogs, chips & pop or coffee. Tickets: \$2.50 at the door. Call 216 661-0227 for more info.

Sunday, June 10th

**Cuyahoga County Court House
Centennial Celebration**

1 Lakeside Ave., (Intersection of Lakeside Ave. & Ontario St.) 1 - 4 pm. Talks about Cleveland history, art, architecture & high profile legal cases. Presented by Berj Shakarian, Dr. Judith Cetina, Judge Sean Gallagher. Tours of the Court House & its hidden gems. Light refreshments, free parking available on the surface lot behind Court House.

Sunday, June 10th

55th Annual Spring Rose Show

Parmatown Mall; hosted by Western Reserve Rose Society. Enter blooming roses in show 7 - 11 am; show opens for public viewing, 1 pm. Email rahilfer@roadrunner.com or call Lori Hilfer, 440-582-4310, for more info.

Sunday, June 10th

Kamm's Corners Farmers Market

Opening Day Festivities 10 am. - 2 pm & ever Sun. Jun. - Oct.

Wednesday, June 13th

Free Lunch and Informational Session

ADAMHS Board Building/United Bank Building, 2012 W. 25th St., 6th floor, noon - 1 pm. **Topics** : "How conflict resolution training can benefit you, your organization or business"; "How you can utilize mediation in your personal & professional life"; "Information about CMC's trainings"; & "What type of trainings may benefit you". Anyone interested in learning more about Cleveland Mediation Center's offerings & training opportunities may attend. Free, but RSVPs strongly encouraged because of limited space. Sign up at <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/3523592159> Contact Lizzie with questions: 216-621-1919, xt. 106, or lackerman@clevelandmediation.org

Thursday, June 14th

Tax Presentation for all Homeowners

OLA/St. Joseph Center, 2346 W. 14th St, 6 - 7:30 pm. Hosted by Cuyahoga County Councilwoman Yvonne M. Conwell. Guest Speaker: Fiscal Officer Wade Steen will address status of sexennial reappraisal, where it is in process & what time line is through preparation of tax bills with new values. He can also talk about BOR process if time or interest.

Thursday, June 14th

Laurel Garden Club Plant Sale

City of Brooklyn Grande Pavilion, 7619 Memphis Ave. (behind Brooklyn City Hall), 4 - 7 pm., rain or shine. Perennials, herbs, whatever unusual plants members bring in from their gardens. Plants from anyone who wishes to share their overgrown perennials also welcome. Call Barb Paulitzky, 216-671-6777, or Barb Stepic, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Thursday, June 14th

Antique Collectors Club

Busch Funeral Community Meeting Rm., 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: The Golden Age of Air Racing. Speaker: Mr. Bill Meixner, Air Racing Historian. Guests welcome to attend. First time guests no charge. Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Monday, June 18th

Spring/Summer 2012 Rain Barrel Workshops

Grand Pavilion behind Brooklyn City Hall, 7619 Memphis Ave; 6 - 7:30 pm. Learn to harvest rainwater for garden needs & to combat stormwater pollution. Each participant will construct rain barrel to take home. Barrel, downspout diverter & all materials included. Cost - \$60; \$20 for extra barrel (diverter not included). To register contact Amy Roskill, 216-524-6580, ext. 22.

Monday June 18th - Friday, August 10th

The Salvation Army Ohio City Summer Camp

The Salvation Army, 4402 Clark Ave. Pre-K through 6th grade. Camp hrs. Mon. - Fri.; 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Extended hrs. 8 am - 5 pm. Applications & a \$20 registration fee. \$85 a week for camp, \$120 for extended camp. Discounts for additional family members. Call 216-631-1515 for more info.

Monday, June 25th

Western Reserve Rose Soc. Garden Tour

Instead of regular meeting this month; home of Patti Jacko, 306 Brookshire Oval, Hinckley; 7 - 9 pm. Call 330-220-2213, email webmaster@westernreservesociety.org, or check website, www.westernreservesociety.org for more info.

**Friday, June 22nd - February 14th
Tying the Knot:**

Cleveland Wedding Fashions, 1830-1980
Western Reserve Historical Society History Center, 10825 East Blvd. Wedding gowns & trousseaus of those who wore them. Exhibit draws exclusively from extensive WRHS Costume & Textile Collection & highlights wedding attire worn by Cleveland brides over 150 years, and other wardrobe items ("trousseau") of dresses & lingerie brides traditionally brought to marriages.

**Friday & Saturday, June 15th & 16th
Rummage Sale**

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2928 Scranton Rd., Fri., 9 am - 5 pm; Sat., 9 am - 3 pm.

Saturday, June 16th

2nd Annual Party on the Piazza

Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd., (rain or shine). Wine tasting, small plates, wine pull, silent auction, raffles & concert by MQP choir at sunset. \$40/person or \$75/couple; only 150 tickets sold. Reservations necessary; mail check to rectory.

**June 18th - 22nd & June 25th - 29th
Summer Theater Camp**

Great Lakes Theater summer drama camp at Berea High School for students ages 4-18.

Students can sign up for one or both weeks of camp. Daily classes Mon. - Fri.; different material covered each week. Program designed for students of all levels of experience/ability; no audition required. Classes divided by students' respective ages. Classes in acting, Shakespeare, movement, improvisation, stage combat, mask making & more. Visit <http://www.greatlakestheater.org/education/camp-theatre> or contact Great Lakes Theater's Director of Education, Daniel Hahn, 216-241-5490, ext. 307, or via email at dhahn@greatlakestheater.org for complete info including downloadable registration form.

Saturday, June 23rd

Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity Homeowner Application Session

Administrative offices, 2110 West 110th St., Door A; 11 am. Orientation session will last approximately one hour; be prompt; those arriving late will be asked to attend a future session. Applicant must attend entire session to receive application. Applications only given during homeowner application session - *How Do I Become a Habitat Partner Family?* Must attend an introductory Homeowner application session, complete a full, signed application with description of current living situation, be willing to live in City of Cleveland. (Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity builds in neighborhoods of Cleveland within city limits.) Call 216-429-1299 or www.clevelandhabitat.org for more info.

Saturday & Sunday, June 23rd & 24th

American Cancer Society Relay For Life

Brooklyn Stadium, 4500 Ridge Rd; beginning Sat., 1 pm & ending 10 am Sun. Free family-friendly event open to the public. This year's theme - Cartoon Characters. Can come dressed as favorite cartoon character & "Toon" out cancer! Live entertainment, kids' crafts, games & food throughout Sat. & community pancake breakfast, Sun., 7:30 - 9:30 am. Visit www.RelayForLife.org/BrooklynOh for more details or contact Shian Harper at the American Cancer Society, 1-888-227-6446, ext. 1210, or Shian.Harper@cancer.org.

Sunday, July 1st

Applications & completed references due date

**Wed., August 29th - Wed., November 7th
actual dates for**

Basic Training Classes

for Prospective New Master Gardeners

Class of 2012 series -- 11 weekly Wed. classes, 9 am - 4 pm, with 1-hour lunch break. Visit cuyahogamg.org/MGHowToJoin/MGHowToJoin.html for application &/or more info. Next planned Basic Training classes won't be for two years (Class of 2014).

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd.

216-398-4600 or cuyahogalibrary.org

Cuyahoga County Public Library

Parma-Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Rd.

216-661-4240 or cuyahogalibrary.org

9 am - 9 pm Mon - Thur, 9 am - 5:30 pm Fri & Sat, 1 - 5 pm Sun. Unless otherwise noted, registration is required.

ESOL (English as a Second Language) Sessions. Mon & Fri, 9 - 11 am; adult. Call 440-885-8797 for more info.

It's Time for the County Fair. Tues., Jun. 5th, 7 pm; adult.

Ethical Wills: Create a Legacy. Mon., Jun. 11th, 2 pm; adult.

Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club. Mon., Jun. 11th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm; (2nd Mon. each month); adult.

Mission is Possible: What Goes Up, Must Come Down. Tues., Jun. 12th, 7 pm; grades K-5.

Pajama Time Stories - Thurs., Jun. 14th, 28th, July 12th, 26th, 6:45 pm; ages birth - 5 with caregiver.

Mystery Bracelet - Wed., Jun. 20th, 7 pm; grades 2 & up.

Teen Programs - Fri., Jun. 22nd, TAG Team 1:30 - 2:15 pm; grades 6 - 12. followed by Game Day & Chess Play, 2:30 - 3:30 pm; ages 10-18.

Year of the Dragon - Sat., Jun. 23rd, 2 pm; adult.

Off to Work - Tues., Jun. 26th, 7 pm; ages 4 & 5 with caregiver.

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 home-based program to meet 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

Preschool - Grade 8. Register current or new student for 2012-13 school year before Mar. 15th & get 1/2 off registration & ticket (one for each child registered) for chance to win XBOX 360 Kinect Bundle. Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted; county vouchers OK for preschool. Stop by for a tour or call 216-741-3685, Mon. - Fri., 7:30 am - 3:30 pm. Visit mqpschool.com or Facebook page for more info.

**St. Leo the Great Preschool Registration
2012-2013**

Preschool located at 4940 Broadview Rd. on second floor of St. Leo's Community Center. Licensed by the Ohio Department of Education & operated according to mandated rules & regulations. Part-time am & pm classes & full-day program with option for extended care for 3 & 4 year olds. To be eligible for enrollment, child must be 3 by September 30th. Bring child's birth certificate & \$50 registration fee; registration continues till all classes fill. Contact school's director Lisa Mersek, 216-661-5330, to schedule appointment or 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 years of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for all-day kindergarten. \$50 non-refundable registration fee required along with birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from school or rectory office. For new students grades 1-8, copy of most recent report card also required. Applications for Cleveland Scholarship Voucher Program available. Call 216-661-2120 with questions or to schedule tour of 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; Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted. Updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics & more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit www.smbyz.org for more info.

Ready, Set, Grow Preschool

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


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Observe caution on our streets this summer

by Barbara Spaan
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It's June and the streets in Old Brooklyn have become busier than ever. Schools let out and children are everywhere. So my reminder starts with everyone who reads this article - slow down, use your seat belts, and give special attention every time you drive your car.



The #1 complaint at every safety meeting I conduct is the speeding on our streets and the number of cars that don't stop at the stop signs. Our streets have become race ways; the speed is 25 or 35, not 40 or 50. And the speed limit on the bridges is 25mph.

Stop at stop signs; that's why there they are there. The police are ticketing out there because of your complaints; they don't have any ticketing "quotas".

Don't play the radio so loud that you can't hear emergency vehicles. Plus no one really wants to hear your music three cars back; it is a ticket-able offense.

It's hard to not drive and talk on the phone, but it's against the law in Cleveland, too, not just in Brooklyn. I admit that when I get to Brooklyn I get off the phone because they give tickets. Try harder to stop somewhere and make ... or answer that call. DON'T TEXT! It takes two hands and all your attention.

The warmer weather brings back motorcycles and bicycles to the streets here. We need to respect each other and use more caution around these bikes. If you see someone operating a bike dangerously, call the police. Let them handle it; don't yell or try to force an offender to do something. This will just put you in harm's way. Most small electrical and gas powered motor scooters and mini-

motorcycles cannot legally operate on Ohio's roadways.

The street is not a private playground for anyone. All games and toys are to be used in your driveway or yard. Have respect for neighbors' yards!! If the kids want to play baseball, go to the park or playground and parents go with them. Try to have an adult with the kids when they are not in your yard.

Again this year, as of June 1st, Ward 13 parks are being patrolled by Tenable Security. All City parks close at dark and if you're in the park after this time, you could receive a ticket.

With summer we need parents to know where their children are. Cleveland Police will continue curfew sweeps --

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Children are our future; help keep them safe.

Do your part to keep Old Brooklyn street safe this summer! If you have a concern, feel free to call me at 216-459-1000. And enjoy the summer!

KeyBank volunteers work at BF Garden

by Hallie Forcinio

More than twenty participants in KeyBank's *Neighbors Make a Difference* program spent the afternoon of May 24th working at the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden. It was at least the fifth year that Key employees had helped at the Garden in this way.

Center, had been donated to Pop UP Pearl by Green Ideas Landscaping, Inc. It was repositioned in two separate areas of the Garden, one near the entrance, and the other near the garlic patch.

Other folks from KeyBank distributed matured compost from last season's compost pile and prepped "green waste" to launch this season's composting effort. A particu-



Key Bank volunteers help out at Ben Franklin Garden on Thursday, May 24th

Photos by Sandy Worona

Activities included planting three Norway Spruce trees, removing trash and debris from the woods, grounds and gate areas, lubricating the gates, removing garbage bags full of the invasive weed, garlic mustard, and laying wood chips on some of the garden paths.

Some members of the group planted a hunger garden, which will be harvested to provide food for several local organizations which provide food to those in need.

The KeyBank volunteers also laid sod recycled from OBCDC's Pop UP Pearl event on May 19th. The sod, the base of a little "Pop Up Park" in front of the northern end of MetroHealth's Senior Health & Wellness

largely adventurous group of Key volunteers cleaned the gutters of the freestanding garden classroom building.

Special thanks go to KeyBank, its *Neighbors Make a Difference* program and the employee volunteers who gave up their afternoons and worked hard to beautify, maintain and improve the Garden.

Big thank-you also go out to OBCDC staffer Christopher Lohr, Garden Coordinator T.J. Oryshkewych, Garden Committee Chair John Jenkins and Garden Committee member Dave Kuebler who transported the Norway Spruce trees and/or picked up the sod in preparation for the arrival of the KeyBank volunteers.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists no meeting this month.

second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., Jun.26th, 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.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., Jun. 7th (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Jun. 19th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., Jun. 12th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

"Wild about Old Brooklyn" contest highlights local students' artistic talent

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
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"Wild About Old Brooklyn" art contest and art show, initiated this past year, was displayed at Pop UP Pearl on May 19th. The children's art show was a great addition to the live music, vendors and other entertainment showcased at Pop UP Pearl.

In keeping with the "Wild about Old Brooklyn" theme, the children had been asked to illustrate the things they love about Old Brooklyn. Seventy-five pieces of art were submitted from nine Old Brooklyn elementary schools and home schooled children.

The grand prize winner was Kylie Roulet, a seventh grader at St. Mary Byzantine Elementary School. Her piece highlighted more than a dozen Old Brooklyn gems such as the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, the Sausage Shoppe, Art House, the Mary Queen of Peace (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel) steeple and the Brooklyn Brighton Bridge, in a hand-drawn montage.

Kylie received a year-long family membership to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo (a generous donation by the Zoo) and a gaggle of goodies from Pat Catan's, Honey Hut Ice Cream, Art House and Rick's Doll Houses & Art Supplies.

When asked about her inspiration for the piece Kylie said, "My mom and I drove all over Old Brooklyn and took photos and sketched our favorite places." She added, "I love making art and draw people and things as realistically as possible." Kylie is also active in the St. Mary Byzantine Elementary theater program and was just accepted into the children's choir, "The Singing Angels".

Kylie spent most of her life in Old Brooklyn but now lives in a nearby suburb.

"My mom and I are anxious to move back to Old Brooklyn," Kylie said. "We knew everyone on our street and had lots of friends." Her mom Sharon added, "Old Brooklyn is such a convenient location. You are close to schools, shopping, parks and highways. It's a warm, friendly, real community."

Rita Basalla, principal of St. Mary Byzantine Elementary School, was extremely proud of Kylie and all the St. Mary children who submitted artwork.

"Many of our parents call us 'the best kept secret in Old Brooklyn' and having the grand prize winner be one of our students just demonstrates this again. It was a real boost for our school community."

St. Mary's principal added, "We strongly value creativity and encourage kids to work together on art projects. It is a great team-building activity and the spirit of working together is critical." St. Mary's has an annual art show, as well as music and drama programs.

Rita was also pleased with the spirit of cooperation displayed between Old Brooklyn schools through Pop UP Pearl. "We all shared information with each other and kept each other in the loop," she stated. "We want to work together and see each other be successful because we are all part of the same community." She also said that she would love to see kids working together on art projects regardless of what schools they go to because it helps build a sense of community, much like playing sports, participating in Boy/Girl Scouts, etc.

On a final note, Rita stated, "It was marvelous to see everyone out and having fun at Pop UP Pearl. One of the vendors next to St. Mary's booth was from Medina, and they were thrilled. I think we all appreciate Old Brooklyn making such a strong effort to promote the community".



Photo by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
Kylie Roulet

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It seems as though every year I'm working on the June issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* over the Memorial Day holiday weekend, and sometimes on the May 30th date of the traditional "Decoration Day" -- as is the case this year -- as well.

While today's version of the holiday doesn't have the "Decoration Day" parade to an old cemetery to "decorate" the graves of deceased soldiers which I remember from my childhood years in Parma, a number of patriotic events did take place in the Brooklyn, Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods. They keep us reminded of the reason for the three-day weekend (and that it's not just the unofficial beginning of summer).

Gloria Ferris has graciously written an article and supplied us with photos of the ceremony at **Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground** on the Monday of Memorial Day weekend. The cemetery, located north of Aldi's and south of Riverside Cemetery, is on a little "street" off Pearl Rd. Gloria's article is on page 8.

Another Memorial Day observance in the same neighborhood is conducted every year on the traditional May 30th date of Memorial/Decoration Day. **Ted Sliwa, Chairman of the St. Barbara's Memorial Day Committee**, conducted the parish's annual Memorial Day observance at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30th, in front of the church, 1905 Denison Ave.

This was the fifty-eighth year that St. Barbara's Veterans and parishioners have conducted the ceremonies on the traditional date, obviously continuing to do so even during the time when their parish has been closed and under appeal to Rome to reopen.

St. Barbara's commemoration started with the U. S. Marines (3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Division) posting the colors and then placing a wreath at the base of St. Barbara's World

War II monument honoring the twelve members of the parish who were killed in action. The rifle squad then paid homage.

According to Ted Sliwa, out of a total of 389 families, during the War years, 238 members of St. Barbara's served their country.

The ceremony also recognized all veterans of the U. S. Military, as well as those currently engaged in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The program concluded with the playing of taps. Afterwards, Ted, members of VFW Post 2850, American Legion Post 469 and PLAV Lincoln Post 13 invited everyone to Post 2850 for a luncheon and refreshments.

There was a Memorial Day observance south of the "Valley", too -- the second year that the **South Hills Neighborhood Association** has organized such an event. It was conducted on Saturday, May 26th, at the Circle on South Hills Dr. at Landchester. The parcel of land was decorated for the event, and the patriotic colors nicely complemented the red roses which were already in bloom there.

The South Hills memorial service was attended by a small gathering of neighbors. It was mostly hosted by WCLV radio host and Broadale resident John Simna and Association president Mary Ann Janazzo. Those in attendance were asked to say some words about their experiences as veterans or about family members who've served in the military. Afterwards there was socializing with cookies and bakery.

Last year, the July, 2011, *Old Brooklyn News* ran photos of both the St. Barbara and South Hills commemorations, which is one of the reasons why we're featuring the Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground ceremony this year.

My history series has finally moved on to something other than Cleveland Czechs, but nonetheless, I feel compelled to share something regarding the series in this month's *OBN*.

A while back I received an email from **Gerri Romanelli, the Fraternal Director of CSA (Czechoslovak) Fraternal Life** in Oak Brook, Illinois, asking me if she could reprint my article about the 1919 Bohemian wedding certificate which had appeared in the August, 2011, *Old Brooklyn News*. That was the article which had gotten the whole Czech series rolling.

Joe Kocob, host of the *Czech Voice of*

Cleveland radio show, had sent her a copy of the article. (I later learned the Joe has been copying my Czech articles fifty at a time and mailing them both near and far (i.e., from Cleveland to across the country!))

Last month I received a packet in the mail with two copies of *the Journal* enclosed. It's a lovely, 35-page publication, and my original article, an update I'd subsequently written to the original article, and the photo of the certificate which had appeared with the original article were attractively placed on page 13.

Gerri wrote that CSA members were already saying good things about it and, since both our newspaper and community development corporation were acknowledged, we think that running it was a great idea, too. It is a buzz to think that our little newspaper is receiving some national coverage!

And speaking of publications, anyone who has had any connection with **James Ford Rhodes High School** no doubt knows that their school newspaper is called the *Rhodes Review*. Within the last month, **James Vavrek**, owner of the new vintage shop *Blast from the Past* (on Broadview Rd. at Colburn Ave.), called me about a big purchase he had made which included a stack of *Rhodes Reviews* from the 1940s. He was wondering what he should do with them.

I connected him with the president of the **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn**, and as a result of James' generosity in donating the newspapers to them the Society has now significantly increased the number of *Rhodes Reviews* in its archives.

While I'm on the topic of **James Ford Rhodes**, it's a good time to mention another communication I received about them. **Brenda Theurer** wrote to tell me that there's a big interest in golf among Rhodes students, but there's not enough equipment to go around. The family of her late brother-in-law (and Old Brooklyn resident) **Gary Theurer**, as well as 1981 Rhodes grad **Paul Amoroso** recently donated a variety of golf items -- two complete sets of golf clubs, bags, accessories and one pair of shoes -- to the school's golf club.

I subsequently spoke with **William Meisinger**, who coaches the Rhodes golf club, as well as being the First Sergeant of the NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps) program at Rhodes. He confirmed the situation regarding the shortage of

equipment, and said that he'd be pleased to accept donations of anything related to golf -- even knit golf shirts (with collars).

Contact Mr. Meisinger, 216-459-4209, if you have items you're willing to donate, to be sure that someone will be there to accept them. Classes will be out for the summer on Wednesday, June 6th, but someone will still be at the school until July 1st.

The office will be closed for the month of July, but personnel will be there again starting August 1st, the day on which "the golf season" will reopen.

Given the article about the **Jesse Owens tree** on page 13, we definitely have more than usual about Rhodes in this month's issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*. And when I was writing about Jesse Owens, although I didn't include it in the article, I was thinking about the exhibit about him and the 1936 Berlin Olympics which I saw more than a year ago at the **Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage** in Beachwood.

That facility hosts the most mind-expanding, thought-provoking touring exhibits, many of which are only indirectly related to Judaism. The one at the time of the 75th anniversary of the Berlin Olympics, for instance, expanded on the topic of prejudice against the black and Jewish athletes. The one about American nuns spotlighted the similarities between them and Jewish humanitarian organizations, both of which endured opposition themselves while working to improve the plight of the disadvantaged and underdog.

Another amazing exhibit opened at the Maltz on May 18th. Entitled *Blessing to One Another: Pope John Paul II and the Jewish People*, it beautifully chronicles Pope John Paul's life, beginning with his youngest years growing up in a village in Poland in which Catholics and Jews peacefully co-existed. Details about it, which run through August 5th, are in *Church Notes* on page 12.

Church Notes also has the details for **Mary Queen of Peace's** event on Saturday, June 16th, which just might become the premiere "Society Event" of Old Brooklyn -- their second annual *Party on the Piazza*.

Summer is traditionally the time for lots of student news, but whatever you have to share, I'll be happy to have it. Email it to lynnetef@oldbrooklyn.com, call 216-459-1000, or write to Lynette Filips c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

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by **Pastor Jerry**

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Psalm 13, Paraphrased Portion

The psalmist boldly confronts God. This is a prayer of desperation and trust that may seem contradictory, yet they coexist in this prayer. The psalmist has lost hope, feeling God has forgotten him. He feels God has gone into hiding. But God isn't hiding from anyone.

Like the prayer's composer, there are times we may feel alone and in need of divine guidance, but guidance does not come. It appears our prayers aren't heard. Surely this is a prayer that might be raised by anyone who feels they have been abandoned. Yet this is when trust is essential.

Prayer is not the same as calling God on the telephone and letting it ring until someone answers. Prayer is our response to the promise of God's mercy. Because we know God is merciful, we pray. When it appears God cannot or will not hear us, it is then people of faith trust in God's mercy.

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There will be more cash mobs in the future. If you want to help plan the next one, please join us at the next Old Brooklyn Buzz meeting. The group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. at various restaurants/locations. June 12th at Wexlers.



Photo by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

The Cash Mob at Old Brooklyn Greenhouse on Thursday, May 24th, was well attended.



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Pop UP Pearl from front page

Meanwhile, a DJ and musicians played at the Pop UP Skatepark entertaining the active crowd. As with last year, additional vendors were located in Pop UP Shops in the Cavana and Krather Buildings, complete with their own local acoustic musicians.

New for 2012, and a crowd favorite, were the St. Edward High School Trash Talkers. The group, with its roots in Stomp and The Blue Man Group, entertained and amazed at multiple locations throughout Pop UP Pearl with their percussion performances.

One of the great components from last year's Pop UP Pearl was the inclusion of a Pop UP Skatepark thanks to Public Square Group, the local Cleveland-area Skateboarding advocacy organization. The

skate park returned once again this year, with even more skaters from Old Brooklyn and nearby communities taking part. Also in the "active" area with the Pop UP Skatepark was a rock climbing wall, sponsored by local chiropractor Chiro Cleveland (4269 Pearl Rd. #200), that had a line of eager, adventurous youth throughout the day waiting for a chance to climb the 25 foot high wall.

Outside the MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center, the Old Brooklyn Collaborators, a group of local merchants, institutions, non-profits, and residents, setup a "Kid Zone" offering free popcorn, arts and crafts, rides on the Euclid Beach Thriller Ride, and more. On the same campus, but around the corner Pop UP Pearl attendees would find a Pop UP Park, thanks to MetroHealth's Senior Health and Wellness

Center and sponsored by Green Ideas Landscaping, that included a vision of what an underutilized parking lot could become if it were "greened". Nearby, local non-profit animal rescue and service animal organizations gave people a chance to get to know about their programs and meet their animals.

Throughout the day there were 550 cyclists who participated in the Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes event and made their way along the Pop UP Pearl corridor, using the protected cycle tracks to move about through the area. See a separate article in the OBN for more on Pedal for Prizes.

"Pop Up Pearl was a great experience! I have lived in this neighborhood for 20 years and it warms my heart when I see the community come together like this," said Lisa Nemeth an Old Brooklyn resident and

she was also involved in helping to plan the event.

Pop UP Pearl was made possible by grants from Neighborhood Connections and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture. See a list of all of sponsors for this event elsewhere in the newspaper. Other local businesses and organizations that provided in-kind support and a wealth of assistance included: The Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland, MetroHealth Senior Health & Wellness Center, Kehoe Brothers Printing, Speed Exterminating, Ameriflag, Inc. the Deaconess Community Foundation, The Cleveland MetroParks Zoo, Art House, Grace Church, Mary Queen of Peace School and Public Square Group, Lowe's, Old Brooklyn Greenhouse, and Beverly Cavana and Mike Cottrell.

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Scenes from Pop UP Pearl

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Brooklyn Centre observes Memorial Day

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Since 1979, Brooklyn Centre residents and friends have been celebrating Memorial Day in the old fashioned way at Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground. For a time in its history, the cemetery was known as the Denison Burying Ground. Ruth Ketteringham, a member of the Early Settlers organization and the founder of the Brooklyn Centre Historical Society, with the help of her fellow compatriots, successfully returned the cemetery to its original name in the 1980s.



The Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground cemetery gates Photo by Gloria Ferris.

Each year, the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood gathers at the cemetery for a Memorial Day Service for those who served our country. Rick Nicholson, a member of the Cleveland Grays and one of the founders of the Historical Society, acts as the leader of the always timely and very moving tribute to those who gave the ultimate sacrifice of their lives so that we can be free.

This year, the day began sunny and bright. The only detriment to the beautiful day was the forecast of record temperatures. The people who gathered early to prepare for the ceremony wondered if that forecast would make for a small gathering. But soon, people began to arrive on foot, by bicycle and in cars from as far away as Parma. Soon there were more than forty people visiting with each other, reminis-

ing about services of years past, and waiting for this year's service to begin.

Tradition is a big part of any Memorial Day Service, and this one is no different. Each year, the agenda remains the same and some of the speakers are well known to the attendees. But there is always flexibility so that the addition of new speakers, memorials and traditions are welcome. A new tradition started this year is a memory board on which attendees can place names of loved ones whom they would like remembered for their duty to our country.

An old tradition is the placing of flags on

the graves of veterans. Sadly, over the years the metal stakes to hold flags have disappeared from the cemetery, making it more difficult to recognize the graves of veterans. Some of the tombstones do mention the service record. In addition, Rick suggested that a flag be placed at every family plot since, undoubtedly, at least one member of that family at some time would have served our country in the armed forces.

This cemetery contains graves of soldiers from the Revolutionary War to World War II. Rev. Bob Andrew in his speech to the assembly mentioned that not only do the soldiers and sailors pay the price with their own lives, but the families left behind also pay a price. He said a recent article in the *Plain Dealer* listed the wars and conflicts that the United States has been involved in throughout history giving

Memphis School site from front page

Parking for the employees on site will not be a problem because the employees, most of whom are enrolled in Koinonia programs, will be transported to and from the site daily. There will be some off-street parking for deliveries, pick up and supervisors. The farm will not require overnight parking.

The crops and produce raised on the farm will be used for the residential units and program kitchens operated by agencies (not on this site) serving people with developmental disabilities.

Longer range plans will consider operating a small produce stand on site if there is a surplus of produce after the farm is in full operation. The impact of short term parking needs will be assessed if a produce stand is desired.

The city is finalizing the lease terms with Koinonia will then secure the necessary building permits. Site work is expected to be underway by mid July.

This Memphis School site has long been a financial drain to the City. It had to be repurchased with public funds from the private owner. The school building had to be demol-

ished, the site cleaned and maintained while the neighbors had to be vigilant in watching for security problems. Although it was a nice place to walk a dog or play a pick-up game of baseball or football, it was a cost center to the City.

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the number of lives lost in each one including Afghanistan and Iraq. He added them together and the total was over six million lives given so that we could be free -- a very large toll.

Rev. Neal Wilds related that the cemetery where we stood was where the first meeting house was built so that Sunday services could be held for the village's various congregations. Rick Jaworski, also a Historical Society founder, read General Logan's Order #11 which designated May 30th as Memorial Day in 1868.

The music of Joy Parrish and Arthur "Doc" Zimmerman interspersed with the speeches gave a solemn, patriotic air to the ceremony. As always, after "Taps" was played, the participants gathered the flags to be saved for next year's ceremony. And to paraphrase the words Joy sang earlier, we all "dreamed of the day when war will be only a memory, and future generations will not need to save the flags to adorn another generation's dead soldiers."

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Fix up your home

by David Waldman
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Now that summer's here, a lot of people are looking to do repairs around the home. There are several programs available to help residents fix up their homes at a low cost or for free. Old Brooklyn, the Cleveland Housing Network and Dominion offer the Housewarming program which will insulate a home, clean and tune the water heater and furnace as well as provide a carbon monoxide detector for free.

To qualify a person needs to be a Dominion customer and meet the income guidelines. This program goes on all year and now is a good time to take advantage of it before winter comes around again. To apply or for more information call David at 216-459-1000 or davidw@oldbrooklyn.com.

Those who don't meet the income guidelines can still make their homes more energy efficient with the Cleveland Energy Saver program. This program is offered by the City of Cleveland, Cleveland Housing Network and CASH Cleveland. There are no income guidelines and any homeowner can participate in the city of Cleveland. An inspector will give an energy assessment of the home at a low cost and then provide a detailed report with recommendations.

Discounts and rebates as well as low interest loans and financing are available through the CASH Cleveland program for people who choose to implement these

upgrades. The Energy Saver program has a list of pre-approved contractors to choose from to do the work. For more information about this program call 216-672-3535.

Summer is a great time to spruce up the outside of the home with a fresh coat of paint. Unfortunately, the City of Cleveland will no longer be financially backing a paint program, but Old Brooklyn and local stores will try to help fill this need. Old Brooklyn and local stores will be able to offer house paint and lower costs for individuals who would have qualified for the paint program. For more details on how to qualify contact David at the same phone number and email address as listed above.

Last, is you are seeking to make general repairs around the home and need a low-cost loan, CASH Cleveland and the Housing Enhancement Loan Program (HELP) can provide assistance. CASH Cleveland provides low interest home improvement loans. Currently their rate is 2.3%. They have specialists on staff to help people get from the application to the construction process. For more information or to apply call 216-621-7350 or visit www.cashcleveland.org.

The HELP program also provides low interest home repair loans through local banks. Fifth Third Bank, KeyBank, Huntington, PNC and US Bank are all participating organizations. To apply, go to any of their branches and mention you are interested in the HELP program.

Programs available to City of Cleveland residents

All of the services listed below are available to you through contacting Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation. They will match your needs with the best program. Call 216-459-1000 and ask for Jayme or Christopher. For more information go to www.oldbrooklynconnected.com.

Home Repair Programs

- Ward 13 Home Repair Grant Program
- Repair-A-Home (RAH) Loans
- Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) Loans ~ Home Enhancement Loan Program (HELP)
- Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH) low-interest home repair loans
- Cleveland Restoration Society, low-interest home repair loans

Senior Citizens Resources

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Foreclosure Prevention

NEVER pay a third party to intervene to prevent foreclosure. The following agencies provide free programs to prevent foreclosure.

211 - First Call for Help

Visit 211cleveland.org or call 211 to find foreclosure assistance & credit counseling.

- ESPO works with homeowners and their lenders to obtain affordable resolutions that preserve homeownership
- Cleveland Housing Network provides foreclosure counseling services to residents
- Neighborhood Housing Services offers foreclosure prevention, housing counseling services, and provide mortgage assistance.
- Westside Housing Center provides foreclosure prevention, home repair loans, financial literacy, and homeowner education.
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Villa Mia restaurant family serves Old Brooklyn families for over 25 years

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Villa Mia, located at 4890 Pearl Rd., has been a family affair since Debbie Petitti-Latak took over in 1986. But it has evolved over the years. She originally opened it as a pizza shop and later expanded the menu and hours to include lunch and breakfast. Debbie's husband, Ron Latak, joined her in the kitchen in 1996 when Villa Mia officially became a breakfast and lunch diner. Ron serves as the head cook and Debbie takes care of the customers.

Debbie has been working in restaurants since she was 15 years old and owning a restaurant was always her dream. Ron said, "She was putting in so many hours for other people. I kept encouraging her to buy her own place and in 1986 it finally happened." He added, "Within weeks of her taking over Villa Mia you could physically see how much happier she was. You could tell that she belongs here." To that, Debbie just smiled and nodded her head.

Debbie and Ron originally chose Villa Mia because they liked the Old Brooklyn neighborhood and it was a nice, small restaurant to start with. It is also close to home, since they live in the Bellaire-Puritas area, "on the fringe of Old Brooklyn," Ron quips.

Debbie stated, "We have four generations of families who come to have breakfast on the weekend with us. And we think of them all as our family." To add to the family feel, their daughter and grandsons are often at Villa Mia on the weekends helping out. "The weekends are truly a family affair at Villa Mia," Ron said with a smile.

"Our customers keep us here because they are our friends. It has been very satisfying to see so many people create deep friendships with us and each other here at Villa Mia. We have seen couples re-unite!", Ron replied when asked about staying at their current location for over 25 years. Debbie added, "If you haven't been by Villa Mia yet, we're always looking for new friends."



Debbie Petitti-Latak and Ron Latak

At Villa Mia, food is made to order and most items are made from scratch. Ron emphasized that there is no steam table at the restaurant, that burgers are made from fresh ground meat and that he makes fresh cut fries at the restaurant daily. The recipe below is for the meatloaf Ron makes for Villa Mia from scratch.

Villa Mia's Meatloaf

Ingredients:

- 5 lbs ground beef
- 6 eggs
- 1 Tbsp parsley
- 1 Tbsp minced garlic
- 1 cup chopped green peppers
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 4 oz oatmeal
- 1 cup Italian seasoned bread crumbs
- 1 packet onion soup mix
- 1 tsp beef seasoning

Serves: 10

Instructions:

Preheat oven 375°

- Mix all ingredients together in a large bowl.
- Spray nonstick cooking spray on 9 X 12 pan.
- Form mixture into a loaf and place in pan.
- Bake covered for approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes.
- Bake uncovered for 15-30 minutes to brown the top.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists support kids' summer programs at local libraries

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Each year the Cleveland Public Library has a summer reading club with a series of activities for youngsters. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) is proud to promote this year's program, Feed Your Mind, because many of the activities at local library branches fit right in with BCN's goals.

This summer the Brooklyn Branch will be featuring a series of programs geared to preschool, school age and teens on Fridays at 2 p.m., while South Brooklyn's series of similar programs will happen on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Preschool

A Very Hungry Caterpillar Celebration -- Stories, activities and crafts celebrating Eric Carle's perennial favorite. Who doesn't enjoy this book?

Get Popping with Corn -- Pop in for fun stories, songs and activities all about corn, and then enjoy corny crafts and a popcorn snack.

School Age

Grow a Garden Buddy -- Kids learn about indoor gardening by decorating and planting their own garden buddy.

****We All Scream for Ice Cream!** -- Homemade food is the best. Try your hand at making ice cream, followed by the best part -- eating it!

***Worms Eat Our Garbage** -- Worms help humans grow food and get rid of garbage. Wiggle into the library to find out more.

Veggie Patch Bingo -- Kids will meet a few local vegetable superstars as they try their luck in Veggie Patch Bingo.

***Great Grub, Gross Grub Contest** -- Find or create a recipe for the best or worst food imaginable. Then participate in the Great Grub/Gross Grub showdown at the end of the week.

***Plants vs. Zombies Showdown** -- Feel like a zombie after eating a lot of junk food or sugary snacks? Learn about zombie-proof foods and then take on the virtual zombies in the Plants vs. Zombies game challenge.

****Art on Wheels** -- Carolina Martin from Art on Wheels will demonstrate how to use vegetables and other plant materials to stamp designs on fabric or paper.

****Cooking Mama Wii™ Cook-Off** -- Show off virtual cooking skills on the Wii,™ then join in making and tasting a healthy snack.

Teens

Be a Food Critic for a Day -- Sample some interesting foods and, just maybe, a future career!

The Weirdest Thing I Ever Ate -- Take a weird food tour around the world and try some foods which might be a new experience. Picky eaters, beware!

Call or visit both the Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3707 Pearl Rd., 216-623-6920, and the South Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 4303 Pearl Rd., 216-623-7067, for the complete list of this summer's programming.

Each branch will feature some different events, so it's necessary to check out both libraries so as not to miss out on knowing about any of them.

Rhodes class of 1947 organizing 65th reunion

by June Rahlfs Hartzell
Rhodes '47

The January and June 1947 classes of James Ford Rhodes High School are holding their Grand Finale to 25 years of great reunions. Although it's been 65 years since they graduated from that stately old yellow brick lady on Biddulph, the story of how the Class of '47 managed to create 25 years of reunions still amazes.

No reunions had been held after the 10th reunion, when a motley group of energetic and determined classmates met, resolving they would try to stage a 40th class reunion.

The first task of finding 287 classmates, scattered across the U.S. and with different married names was a daunting detective task. The committee set to work, scouring graduating lists, phone books, city directories, the marriage bureau, and then making hundreds of phone calls.

Slowly their efforts yielded results, flyers were sent, the ballroom was booked,

and the 40th reunion was held in October, 1987 with an enthusiastic 215 classmates and their spouses attending.

Encouraged by that success, reunions have been held every 5 years since, with mini-reunions being held every year since 2001. On Wednesday, June 13 at Carrie Cerino's the Class of '47 will hold its last reunion, celebrating 65 years since they graduated from Rhodes.

Though the hair may be gray, the speech a bit slower, they will celebrate, reminisce about Rhodes and rejoice in friendships, many that have been re-kindled or created because of the reunions.

The Reunion Committee has been led for over 25 years by June (Rahlfs) Hartzell, ably assisted by treasurer Katy (Donley) Reynolds and supported by Joe Roth, original class president. The entire committee, along with their spouses have helped produce 15 reunions since 1987, that have been attended by well over 1000 people, 1947 Rhodes graduates and their spouses.

2012 Old Brooklyn Community Events

Summer Fun
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Starting at dusk
June 22 at Loew Park
August 17 at
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July 12

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Wing Cook -Off,
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6:00 – 9:00 by Mr. E's Inn
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August 12

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Five hundred and fifty bicyclists participate in *Pedal for Prizes* 2012

by Jacqueline Sliva

Pedal for Prizes is quickly becoming a major highlight of the summer for cyclists from Old Brooklyn and beyond. The third annual event, held on Saturday, May 19th, attracted 550 cyclists, a sizeable increase from 75 participants just two years earlier. Riders came not only from all over Ohio this year, but there were also even a few from out of state! They were lured by the promise of more than \$6,000 worth of prizes, in addition to the attractive entry fee (free!).

Since its inception, *Pedal for Prizes*

has been a grassroots initiative dedicated to promoting local business, community and bicycling in Old Brooklyn. The organizers, Jeffrey Sugalski, John Young, Bruce Page, Jacqueline Sliva and Becky Derwis, a group of Old Brooklyn residents and business owners, could not be more pleased about the event's success. Although the official start time was 12 p.m. at Loew Park, enthusiastic cyclists began arriving at approximately 11 a.m. After registering, each received a punch card and a map of twenty-two destinations in Old Brooklyn. An open event, friendly to cyclists of all experience levels and ages, participants were free to stop at any number of destinations (from only one to all twenty-two). With each stop they made, they earned a hole punch in their cards, increasing their odds of winning one of the over 75 prizes. After exploring and visiting Old Brooklyn merchants and points of interest, riders returned to Loew Park at 3 p.m. They turned in their punch cards, and each hole punch was counted and exchanged for a raffle ticket. While waiting for the raffle to begin, riders could snack on fruit donated by the West Side Market, pizza and granola bars.

Thanks to the cooperation of both the volunteers and the riders, the Chinese-style raffle went smoothly and winners went home

with a smile and a great memory of Old Brooklyn. Even riders who left without a prize expressed gratitude and enjoyment for the opportunity to have participated in such a fun and unique event. This year's prizes included gift certificates from big names at Steelyard Commons, yoga classes from the Studio Cleveland, tickets to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, gift certificates to mer-



Photo by Robyn Sandys

Pedal for Prizes participants stop at Pop UP Pearl

chants in Old Brooklyn, bike tune ups from Century Cycles, and unexpected gifts along the way. In addition, riders were pleasantly surprised that destination stops Honey Hut and Jack Frost Doughnuts included a complimentary treat with their hole punch.

At the Memphis Fulton Plaza stop, 300 riders were given a backpack and a few more were further gifted with \$25 certificates, randomly placed in the backpacks, to any shop in the Plaza. Organizers John Young, owner of Speed Exterminating, Bruce Page, owner of Honey Hut, Becky Derwis, owner of Knot Your Yarn, and Jacqueline Sliva, Massage Practitioner at Lava Massage Studio, all donated prizes from their businesses as well.

Jeffrey Sugalski's years of involvement promoting bicycling in Cleveland helped the group procure the additional finances to purchase the most popular prizes - two bicycles from Joy Machine's Bike Shop and two from Eddy's Bicycle Shop, all at cost. New destinations this year included specialty shops Something Fishy, Trading Post train shop, and the Jesse Owens tree behind Rhodes High School. Actual photos from the 1938 Olympics were available for viewing, compliments of Tyrell Owens, a local relative of Jesse Owens. Don Workman of Ameriflag, Inc. donated an Olympic flag to mark the stop.

Favorite repeat destinations included Wexler's Tavern and Eatery, the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden, and Pop UP

Pearl, an annual street fair put on by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation which also promotes the neighborhood.

Pedal for Prizes would like to thank all of this year's destinations, donors, sponsors and volunteers. Without their combined support this event would not have been possible.

Feel free to share your experiences on *Pedal for Prizes*' Facebook page or send an email with any questions or comments to pedalforprizes@gmail.com. Keep up to date on all activities and plans by visiting the website, www.pedalforprizes.org.

The word has gotten out that *Pedal for Prizes* was quite an event, and now the organizers are even being sought as consultants to other Cleveland neighborhoods wishing to host bicycling events! Coming up, the group



Photo by Frank J. Lanza

will be organizing the Tubular Tremont Ride with Crank-Set Rides and other events this summer, as well as discussing new possibilities for *Pedal for Prizes* 2013. Look for details in future issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*.

Beware of false hopes raised by foreclosure prevention road show

Cleveland, OH - Non-profit housing counseling agencies across northeast Ohio are warning homeowners to beware of a traveling foreclosure prevention and mortgage fair coming to Cleveland in June.

The Neighborhood Assistance Corporation of America (NACA) claims to have the best homeownership and foreclosure prevention program in the nation. But that is no consolation to the hundreds of homeowners who were jilted by the organization the last time they came to Cleveland.

Thousands of homeowners stood in line for hours with the hope of getting help modifying their mortgage. However many would end up closer to losing their homes after working with NACA. Hundreds of desperate and angry homeowners tell the same stories of unanswered phone calls, destroyed credit, foreclosure filings and broken promises. Many of them turned to local housing counseling agencies which had to clean up the mess and try to save people's homes.

"Our staff has gotten hundreds of calls from homeowners who are almost in tears out of desperation to save their homes because NACA gave them empty promises and left them hanging," said Mark Seifert, Executive Director of Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People.

"Please don't think this is some kind of money grab for us," said Lou Tisler, Executive Director of Neighborhood Housing services of Greater Cleveland. "If the clients want to go to any other northeast Ohio counseling agency, by all means, we

support that. But this sham of heightened expectations does not do anyone, especially the homeowner, any good."

Community Housing Solutions' Executive Director Andy Nikiforovs adds, "Foreclosures can often be successfully resolved but that requires the work of trained and experienced housing counselors able to devote the time and the sophistication required to advocate for clients. Unfortunately there is no 'quick fix' for families facing foreclosure. Thus far NACA has failed to demonstrate its ability to provide substantive and successful assistance to families desperate for help."

Homeowners having trouble paying their mortgage or at risk of foreclosure can get free help from non-profit, HUD-approved counseling agencies across the state. For more information or to find an agency nearby call 2-1-1 United Way First Call for Help or visit <http://www.hud.gov>.

Contacts:
Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland - Lou Tisler, 216-458-HOME (4663), ltisler@nhsccleveland.org
Cleveland Housing Network - Jeanne Morton, 216-912-2215, jmorton@chnnet.com
Community Housing Solutions - Andy Nikiforovs, 216-231-5815, andyn@comm-housingsolutions.org
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SENIOR NOTES

Senior Citizen Resources (SCR)
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(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.

Senior Safari - Fri., Jun. 29th, 10 am - 1 pm. Free admission for all guests age 55 & older. Event will also feature fitness demonstrations, health screenings & dozens of health & wellness exhibitors set up in the Zoo's Palava Hut Pavilion. Presented by Discount Drug Mart & Kaiser Permanente

LITE and EZ exercise classes

Metro Health Senior Advantage sponsors LITE and EZ Exercise Classes for people 55 years of age and up. They are one-hour, strengthening and balance classes, 75% sitting and 25% standing. (The entire program can be done sitting.)

We average 15 to 20 folks and meet at Estabrook Rec. Center on Mon. Wed. and Fri. mornings at 9:15 to 10:15am. There is a \$2.00 fee per class or a \$20.00 pass for 15 classes.

It is a very supportive and non-competitive group. Each participant is encouraged to work at their own pace

A doctors release form can be picked up at Metro Health Wellness Center or buy stopping by the class at Estabrook. We encourage folks to stop by and observe a class.

CHURCH NOTES

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

Fri, Jun. 1st - First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 8 pm; lower chapel.

Sat., Jun. 2nd - Respect Life Prayer Vigil - Mass, 8 am, lower chapel; prayer, 8:30 am, Cleveland Surgi-Center.

Mass of Confirmation with Bishop Richard Lennon, 4:30 pm; upper church.

Sun., Jun. 3rd - Presentations about New Directions School in the Dominican Republic by MQP member Lawrence Young, 9:30 am & noon; Marian Lounge.

Sun, Jun. 10th - Corpus Christi Procession, noon; outside.

Sat, Jun. 16th - Party on the Piazza; Wine tasting, music & food, 7 pm. Tickets: \$40/single & \$75/couple; church grounds.

Sun. Jun. 17th - Free Community Meal, 1 pm; Parish Center.

Blue Army Holy Hour - 2 pm; lower chapel.

Sat. Jun. 9th & 23rd- Men's Prayer Group; 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Wed., June 20th - Seneca Niagara Casino, senior bus trip, 7:30 am; back parking lot. Cost: \$35 per person; Casino bonus: \$25 slots plus \$10 food. Call Carl Sheha, 749-6954, or Maria, 398-4492, for more info.

Sun., June 24th - Mass for Graduates; 11 am Church.

Sun., July 1st - Mass to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of ordination of Father Joseph Rodak, C.P.P.S., 11 am; upper church.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499
Wednesdays in June - Worship services begin-

ning Jun. 6th in air-conditioned Gathering Room, 7 pm. Communion served on 1st & 3rd Wed. of month.

Wed., Jun. 6th & 20th - Fifty Plus group meeting upstairs, noon. - **Jun. 6th** - Bring brown bag lunch; group will be playing fruit bingo. **Jun. 20th** - Free lunch served; bring an unusual object for show & tell. Everyone invited.

Sat. & Sun, Jun. 16th & 17th - Rite of Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows, 8 & 10:30 am. Couples of ages will renew their vows at the services as a reminder of their marital love. Anyone who wants a certificate of reaffirmation, should contact church office by Thurs, Jun. 14th.

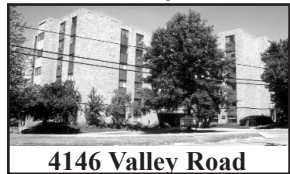
Mon., Jul. 9th - Fri., Jul. 13th - All children between 4 years & entering 6th grade invited to Vacation Bible School, downstairs in Stohs Hall. This year's theme -- "SonRise National Park". Kids' evenings start with free supper at 5:30 pm & then classes, crafts & games, 6 - 8:45 pm. Cost: \$5. Call church office to register or for more info.

St. Leo the Great Church
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Classic Car Show - Sat, Jun. 11th; 9 am - 3 pm. Rain date - Mon., Jun. 18th. \$10 entry fee & registration day of show. Call Don, 216-883-4724, for more info.

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www.maltzmuseum.org

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8235 Memphis Ave. 216-661-9818. James D. Eckert, Interim Pastor. Sun., Worship Sun: 10:15 am; Sun. Schl. 9 am. www.goodshepherdelca.org

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

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

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4170 N. Amber Dr. Phone: 216-749-0414 Pastor: Rev. William G. Bouhall. Masses: Sat., 4:30 pm. Sun., 8am, 10 am & 12 noon. Confessions: Sat. 3 - 4 pm. Weekday Masses: Mon. thru Fri; 7 & 8:15 am.

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

St. Luke's U.C.C.
4216 Pearl Rd. (corner Memphis Ave.) Phone: 216-351-4422 Pastor: Gerald Madasz Sunday Worship: 10:15 am

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4200 Pearl Rd. Phone: 216-661-5642 Pastor: Rev. Paul Wilson Sunday Worship & Sunday School: 10 am Coffee Hour: 11 am. Wed. Bible Study: 9:30 am. Free hunger meals 1st & 2nd Thurs., 6 pm & last two Sun., 5 pm. http://www.gbmg-umc.org/pearl-road-umc

Jesse Owens, 1936 U.S. Olympic gold medalist, gave English oak tree to James Ford Rhodes High School

by Lynette Filips
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Pedal for Prizes scheduling of the "Jesse Owens tree" at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Ave. as one of the destination stops on last month's tour of Old Brooklyn reminded me about another local history topic about which I have long intended to write. And so this month it seems timely to discuss how the towering English oak tree got there and tell some of the story about the man whose athletic prowess was responsible for that.

Just over seventy-five years ago, the political and interracial situations in the world were very different from how they are today. Hitler was just coming into power, and although he had visions of a world ruled by a supreme Aryan race, World War II had not yet begun, and he was still trying to present a strongly nationalistic but still pleasant view of Germany to the world. One of the ways he was building patriotic pride among people with Germanic roots was by promoting physical fitness. Hosting the 1936 World Olympics in Berlin was a way to further accomplish that.

Among the American athletes at the Olympics that year was a black Ohioan named Jesse Owens. Jesse had been born to a large family in a northern Alabama town, Oakville, in 1913. He was the son of a poor sharecropper, and was very sickly as a youth. When he was 13, his family moved north, to Cleveland.

Jesse wasn't called Jesse when he was growing up in Alabama, though. Some sources say that his name was simply two initials -- J. C. Others say that his whole name was James Cleveland, and that J. C. was just an abbreviation/nick-name. But either way, when he came to Cleveland and told his teacher at Bolton School his name, she couldn't easily understand his southern drawl and recorded his name as Jesse. And that's what he was known as from then on.

Jesse's athletic skill was first recognized by his track coach at Fairmont Junior High, after he ran the 100 yard dash in 10 seconds, setting a new junior high school record. Jesse moved on to East Technical

High School, which didn't have a track (or at least not a fine indoor, underground track like James Ford Rhodes High School in our neighborhood had). So Jesse practiced at the Rhodes track, and when he was a senior, he matched the world record of 9.4 seconds to run the 100 yard dash.

After East Tech, Jesse enrolled at Ohio State University (OSU), where, at the time, Negro athletes were not permitted to live in

the one men's college dormitory on campus. Among his many athletic accomplishments there, in May of 1935, he equaled or bettered at least four world records within one hour at a competition in Ann Arbor, the only athlete to establish new track and field world records on the same day. He became known as "the Buckeye Bullet".

But the way Jesse Owens really made history was at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, when he destroyed Adolf Hitler's myth of Aryan supremacy by winning an unprecedented four gold medals. In the 100 meter sprint, he set a record of 10.3 seconds; in the 200 meter sprint, he set a record of 20.7 seconds; in the long jump he set an Olympic record of 26' 5 5/16"; and in the 400 meter relay, Jesse, Ralph Metcalfe, Floyd Draper and Frank Wycoff set a new world record of 39.8 seconds.

(Just because they won gold medals, however, one should not assume that the Negro -- and Jewish -- participants were treated with respect at the Berlin Olympics.)

In addition to the gold medals and laurel wreaths with which they were presented, the German Olympic Committee

gave the gold medalists an English oak sapling, "a gift of the German people" for each gold medal they won. The U.S. team received twenty-four such saplings and reportedly Jesse Owens came home with four of them.

The stories/legends about what happened to three of Jesse's trees are hard to confirm. One might have died before it was planted. One might have been planted at his mother's house. One might have gone to OSU. One (or perhaps one belonging to another of the guys in the relay race) might have been planted at the University of Southern California. But one of them was definitely planted behind James Ford Rhodes High School in "South Brooklyn"



Internet photo

Jesse Owens

and is still thriving there. Jesse put it there in recognition of the school at which he trained.

There is currently no plaque marking the Jesse Owens tree at Rhodes, but teacher and track coach Tyrone Owens, a distant relative of Jesse Owens, says it has long been a source of pride to Rhodes athletes.

As for Jesse's life outside of the Olympics, in 1930, at a very young age, he married his high school sweetheart, Minnie Ruth Solomon, and they ultimately became the parents of three daughters - Gloria, Beverly and Marlene.

After OSU, Jesse was employed at numerous jobs, including being in the entertainment industry; being the national director of physical education for Negroes for the Office of Civilian Defense; the director of Negro personnel for the Ford Motor Company in Detroit; a sales director in Chicago; and on the Board of Directors of Up with People in Tucson, Arizona. He died in Tucson in 1980.

In addition to reading an entry about Jesse Owens in the *Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*, an internet search will yield many options for articles about him and also theories about what happened to the



Jesse Owens tree at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Avenue

oak trees he planted. The most interesting site I encountered while researching information for this article was www.jesseowens-museum.org. The Museum is located near Jesse's birthplace in Alabama, and their website seems to be the most valid, reliable

St. Barbara parishioner shares information about what transpired at meeting with Bishop

by Christine Dziedzina

(Editor's note: I asked Christine Dziedzina to write a few words about what happened when she and two additional representatives from St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave., met with Bishop Lennon about reopening their church buildings and restoring their parish. Parishes are being scheduled alphabetically, so St. Barbara's was one of the first called in.)

Michael Minich, Charles Eckman (who had also been a member of our cluster team) and I met with Bishop Richard Lennon and some members of his staff (two nuns -- Chancellor Sr. Therese Guerin Sullivan, SP, and Sr. Rita Mary Harwood, SND, and two priests) at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15th. The meeting was at the Diocesan offices across the street from the Cathedral.

We were told that our names were chosen from correspondence the Bishop had received from us about our parish being closed.

The Bishop asked us about our feelings about our church and the cluster experience.

When we asked him if there was a timeline for the reopening he said "No" and when we asked about our funds at the time we were closed, he said that they would be restored.

He told us that he will pick a priest for each church and that it may turn out that one priest will be asked to take care of two parishes. This has not been determined yet.

Bishop Lennon emphasized that things cannot be exactly as they were in March 2009 (the time stated in the decree) because of changes, like people who have died, etc.

The Bishop told us he will arrange to meet with us again. At that time we will be able to bring some additional parishioners with us to the meeting. We haven't heard from him yet.

On April 30th, prior to meeting with the Bishop, we had a meeting with parishioners -- and others who were interested -- at Gino's on Denison Ave. We began to form committees (e.g., liturgy, music, welcoming, social concerns, special events, etc.) so that they can be in place when we are assigned a pastor.

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Crafty Creations- children ages 4 - 8 yrs. Sat, June 9th; 9:30 - 11am. Crafter, teacher, grandma & local treasure, Miss Jane, is coming to Art House! Storytime, art projects & more. Parents can stay & play or drop off their children for the Saturday morning sessions. \$8 a child.

Summer Art Camp - June 12th, 13th, 14th. Pick your favorite week to sign up for or register for all three!

Under the Sea Adventures Camp for ages 6 - 8 yrs - 9:30 - 11am; 9-12 yrs - 11:30 am - 1 pm. Fee: \$30 (5 student minimum) Registration deadline: June 7th

Space Odyssey - June 19th, 20th, 21st. Camp for 6 - 8 yrs - 9:30 - 11am; 9-12 yrs - 11:30 am - 1pm. Class fee: \$30 (5 student minimum) Registration Deadline: June 15th.

Earth Explorers - June 26th, 27th, 28th. Camp ages 6 - 8 yrs - 9:30 - 11am; ages 9 - 12 yrs - 11:30 am - 1 pm. Class fee: \$30 (5 student minimum) Registration deadline: June 22nd.

Kids' Clay on the Wheel - June 23rd, 30th, July 7th, 21st; Sat, 10 - 11:30 am, ages 9 - 13 Instructor: Gina DeSantis, fee \$75. Registration deadline: June 19th.

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.

City of Cleveland Outdoor Pool & Spray Basin Division of Recreation 216-664-2561

Summer Outdoor Pools: Loew Park - 4741 W. 32nd St.; Meyer Pool - 3266 W. 30th St.; Lincoln Park - 1200 Starkweather Ave.; Halloran Park - 3550 W. 117th St. Open second weekend of June through second weekend in Aug., Wed. thru Sun., noon - 7:30 pm.

Cleveland Metroparks - Brecksville Reservation Rt. 82 entrance Plateau Picnic Area 440-526-1012

Mini Raft Race - Sun., Jun. 24th, 1 - 2:30 pm; free. Design & construct miniature raft from natural materials found in woods. Race rafts in Chippewa Creek. Be prepared to get wet. Terrain: slippery; 1 mile.

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

Train Day - Sat., Jun. 16th, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Young & old hike hobo trail & enjoy model train exhibits, trestle hikes, live music, crafts, movies, kids' train rides for \$1 a person & more. Call for more info.

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

Farm & Garden Day - Sat, Jun. 2nd, 11 am -

4 pm; free. Hay rides, sack races, milking a goat, learning how food gets from dirt to dinner tables.

In Search of Insects - Sat, Jun. 9th, 2 - 3 pm; free. Description hike through the woods & searching a field in the park for all kinds of insects. Nets & lenses available for getting a closer look. Terrain: flat, easy.

Wiggling Worms - Thurs. Jun. 28th, 3 - 4 pm; free. Learn all about worms & what they do to soil. Short hike to find evidence of worms in the woods. Terrain: moderate.

Cleveland Metroparks Hinkley Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area 1151 Ledge Rd. between State & Kellogg Rds. 440-331-8111 www.clevelandmetroparks.com

2012 swimming season runs through Aug. 19th. Pool Hours - 11 am - 7 pm. Daily fees to use the pool -- adults, 12 & over, \$5; children 6-12, \$4; children 5 & under, free; seniors 62 & over, free. Morning & evening parent & child swim classes available.

Learn to swim program: \$38 per session with season pass; \$58 all others. Call 440-331-8111 for more info.

Pool party packages - special reserved area with picnic tables for up to 3 hours; Parties must have at least 10 people. Call 440-239-2911 to schedule a party or request pricing on food packages.

Cleveland Metroparks- Huntington Beach Bay Village 440-734-6660

Firefly Frenzy - Sat., Jun. 30th; 9:30 - 10:30 pm; Huntington Beach Overflow parking lot. Join Naturalist Valerie Fetzer to learn about fireflies' unique characteristics & behaviors. Amazing light show will follow. If it rains, program will be cancelled.

Grand Pacific Junction Mill Street & Columbia Rd. (Rt. 252)

First Fridays - Jun. 1st, Jul. 6th and Aug. 3rd, 6 - 9 pm. Music, booths, merchant specials. Community social, Family entertainment, Kentucky Border Blue Grass Band.

Wallace Lake - Mill Stream Run Reservation, Berea

Cruise-In Movie - Grease - Fri., Jun. 22nd, 8 - 11 pm; free. Bring classic cars & watch a movie on the beach. Food, beverages & ice cream sundaes before movie starts. Reserved parking available for classic cars. Call 440-331-8111 for more info.

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

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

Admission Rate Change -- Admission now \$12.25 for adults, \$8.25 children ages 2 - 11;

free for children younger than 2 & Zoo Society members.

Father's Day at the Zoo - Sun., Jun. 17th, 10 am - 7 pm. All fathers admitted for half-price. (dad's ticket just \$6.25.)

Professor Wylde's Live Animal Show - Show blends humor & animal antics to deliver its conservation message & engage audience members of all ages. Show runs daily through Labor Day weekend; moves to weekends only through rest of Sept. Included with regular Zoo admission. Sponsored by Cleveland Public Power.

Family Discoveries - 9 - 10:30 am; Special Zoo experiences featuring hands-on activities & guided tours.

Jun. 9th - Zoo's a Blooming will give overview of how horticulture staff takes care of Zoo's plants, flowers & trees; will include tour of several Zoo gardens.

Jun. 24th - Amazing Marsupials will explain amazing adaptations of marsupials; will include opportunity to meet some of them.

Cleveland Metroparks Kids Club - kids ages 12 & under can sign up for new kids club to enjoy activities, exploration & fun experiences year-round at Cleveland Metroparks & Zoo. Two levels of membership - one free & one \$20 annually. Kids Club registration forms available online at www.clevelandmetroparks.com & at all Park District outdoor education facilities. Call 216-635-3200 or visit clevelandmetroparks.com for more info.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Brooklyn Branch, Ridge Rd. 216-398-4600 or cuyahogalibrary.org

Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch, 2121 Snow Rd. 216-661-4240 or cuyahogalibrary.org
Hours: 9 am - 9 pm, Mon. - Thurs.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 pm - 5 pm, Sun. Unless otherwise noted, registration required.

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Cuyahoga Valley National Park Canal Visitor Center, 7104 Canal Rd., intersection of Canal & Hillside Rds., Valley View Open year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free.

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge 500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303) Peninsula 330-657-2909 ext. 119

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Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Boston Mills Ski Resort and Boarding Station 7100 Riverview Rd., Peninsula

Summer schedule begins Sat., Jun. 2nd. 40th anniversary of CVSR providing excursion train service through Cuyahoga Valley. Themed events at Rockside Station, 11 am - 1 pm, & Akron Northside Station, 12:30 - 2:30 pm. Food at 1972 prices, raffles, prizes & music from 1972.

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•Combined ticket to Hale Farm & Village - Take train from Rockside Station to Indigo Lake. (9 am departure only) Tram will be waiting to take riders to farm & village. Tickets for train & admission to Hale Farm are \$20/adults & \$15/kids.

Father's Day Special

Sun., Jun. 17th; Select any Summer Excursion for \$10. To register call 800-468-4070 or visit www.CVSR.com.

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

Frogs - special exhibition about all aspects of frogs. Learn about their biology & natural history, role in human cultures, importance to ecosystems & perils they face in changing environment. Interactive components let you test your frog IQ, create a chorus with recorded frog calls, perform a virtual frog dissection & more. Admission included with general admission to Great Lakes Science Center; Science Center members free.

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

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

Telescope Viewing - Sat., Jun. 2nd & Jun. 16th; in field outside the Center; free. Explore night sky; telescope viewing follows evening Monthly SkyQuest program on 1st & 3rd Sat. of every month, weather permitting.

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Stearns Homestead Historical Farm - Parma 6975 Ridge Rd 440-845-9770 www.stearnsHomestead.com

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