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Pop UP Pearl Popping Up on May 19th

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Old Brooklyn's historic downtown district will get a boost on Saturday. May 19th. when Pop UP Pearl returns for its second year. The event will be even bigger this year with many more shops and street vendors plus live musical entertainment and lots of food! It will start at noon and run until dusk. Pop UP Pearl will feature local artists and entertainers, craft vendors and temporary bike lanes on parts of Pearl Rd. Confirmed musicians include Frankie Starr, Rick McKinney, Backtrax, Victor Samalot, Cleveland Männerchor, St. Ed's Trash Talkers, Next Best Thing and more!

In addition to the music, over 40 highquality arts and crafts vendors will be in attendance, as well as local non-profits with informational booths. Families should be sure to check out the Kids' Zone which will have games, arts & crafts, and a rock-climbing wall. Students from local schools are also participating in the Wild about Old Brooklyn Art Contest, the winner of which will receive a family pass to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Be sure to come hungry because a wide range of food will be available thanks to some of Cleveland's favorite food trucks and vendors. Finally, local skaters will be pleased to hear that the Pop UP Skate Park

A new component of the streetscape design for 2012 is the DIY Urbanism Design-Build Competition. Inspired by the Rebar Group's Park(ing) Day and Niehoff Studio's DIY competition, the DIY Urbanism Design-Build Competition asks design teams to rethink how the public should see an on-street parking space by transforming it into a small park, a piece of public art, or some other amenity. Come see the designs, question how public space is used, and interact with it in new and exciting

Although temporary, the Pop UP Pearl event's complete street component is tied to the in-progress redesign of the street and sidewalks on Pearl Rd. between Wildlife Way and State Rd. As such, it acts as a catalyst for the project and a demonstration of what it might look like upon completion three to five years from now.

Anyone who would like to be a part of the day, either as a volunteer or as a participant, should contact Christopher Lohr or Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000. Readers can also visit www.popuppearl.com for updates and more information.

Pop UP Pearl is made possible by grants from Neighborhood Connections and Cuyahoga Arts & Culture as well as by sponsors Key Bank, Dollar Bank, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Chiro Cleveland,

Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes to take place on May 19th

by Jeffrey Sugalski

Cyclists will have the opportunity to win thousands of dollars in prizes, including four brand new bikes, simply by exploring Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood by bicycle this month. Old Brooklyn Pedal for

Prizes, free event, will take place on Saturday, May 19th from noon to 3:30 p.m. It will

begin and end at Loew Park, 3121 Oak Park Ave.

After day of the

event, cyclists of all ages and skill levels will receive a map of twenty-two points of interest in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. They will ride their bikes to as many of these locations as they wish, having a punch card stamped at each location they visit.

Participants will return later in the afternoon to redeem their cards for tickets which they will enter into a Chinese-style raffle for a wide array of prizes. All raffle items have been donated by businesses in Old Brooklyn and throughout northeast Ohio.

Prizes raffled at last year's Pedal for

Prizes included new bikes, one-year membership to the downtown branch of the YMCA, Cleveland Indians tickets, \$50 gift cards to Steelyard

Commons, sories and tune-ups, certificates.

and restaurant gift Approximately 400 cyclists attended the event last year.

In 2010, a small, grassroots group of Old Brooklyn residents and merchants first See Pedal for Prizes page 4



registering May 21st, 2011 was a beautiful day for bicycling and there was a at Loew large turnout at last year's Pedal for Prizes. Here a group of bike acces-Park on the cyclists head south on Pearl Rd.

Old Brooklyn artist paints rockin' guitar

by David Waldman

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Guitarmania is an annual competition sponsored by the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame and the United Way. It consists of ten-foot tall Fender Stratocaster guitar replicas which artists have transformed with creative and eye catching designs. Old Brooklyn resident Dan Loy is one of the artists selected in the

2012 Guitarmania competition.

Photo courtesy of Dan Loy

Dan has lived in Old Brooklyn for over twenty years. He started his career as an engineer, but then went back to school to become an art teacher, and has since taught art all over the Cleveland area as well as in Brooklyn, Parma and Independence.

Artists vying for a guitar to paint submitted their designs, which were then narrowed down to 180 finalists. The final designs were displayed in a gallery where sponsors selected which guitar designs they wanted to have produced. Dan's design was one of them.

Having played guitar for years himself, Dan's inspiration came from his own love of music, as well as the artists associated with the Fender Stratocaster guitar. His design is called "Six Decades of Stratocaster", and features guitarists from the 1950s to present day. The design is both visually appealing and a historical journey for the Stratocaster

In chronological order, the guitarists Dan chose to depict are Buddy Holly, Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, Stevie Ray Vaughn, John Frusciante of the Red Hot Chili Peppers and John Mayer. Each of these guitarists are deeply associated with the Stratocaster guitar, the most famous probably being Eric Clapton's black Stratocaster.

See Guitarmania back page



is back again for 2012, thanks to our partners at Public Square Group.

An integral part of Pop UP Pearl is the creation of a demonstration "complete street". (Complete streets are those which accommodate all users -- old, young, disabled, transit users, automobile drivers, cyclists and/or pedestrians.) When an area commits to completing its streets, it makes a commitment to the safety and security of its residents, while also creating a street ideal for storefront retail.

Pop UP Pearl is modeled on the Better Block project, first undertaken in Dallas in 2010. It will create a temporary "complete street" with pop-up shops, vibrant street life and a clear vision of what downtown Old Brooklyn could be. It should be noted that the City of Cleveland passed a Complete & Green Streets Ordinance in 2011, making it one of only a few cities that has such a law. Pop UP Pearl celebrates this achievement, and shows how it can potentially be implemented.

Hudec Dental, Healthy Start, Constellation Schools, Honey Hut Ice Cream Shoppe, M & M Wintergreens, Gabe's Family Restaurant, Fred's Breads, Pat Catan's and Third Federal Savings & Loan. The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation would also like to thank Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley, Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli, and Ward 3 Councilman Joe Cimperman for their ongoing support.

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OBALL - 2012

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Summer in Old Brooklyn means homeruns, grass stains, and families cheering little league teams to victory!

The Old Brooklyn Area Little League (OBALL) has been serving the community for nineteen years; it is the biggest independent league not affiliated with the Cleveland Baseball Federation in the City. (It was also an independent league before it became OBALL). It has 32 teams in the league and all teams under the age of 15 are co-ed. Teams over the age of 15 are boys only. There is softball league which girls over 15 can join (Old Brooklyn Youth League: http://www.obyl.org/).

Children are also taught to give back to the community. Each child who participates in the homerun derby at the All Star game brings a nonperishable food item which is donated to the Brookside Center food pantry.

Tee-ball coaches clearly love teaching the little ones how to play baseball and several shared funny stories. "One of my kids literally started to run to his house when we told him to run to home base. Yes, just like in the movies..." League Co-Director Brian Trimble quipped.

Coach TJ Taylor added, "Last year one of our 3 year old players wasn't able to catch the ball because his hands were too full of dandelions. When he tried, dandelions flew all over the field!"

When asked why they got involved with OBALL, the coaches and co-directors all agreed that it's about the kids and the community. League Co-Director Brandy Taylor added, "Some of my best friends I've made in this league." Laurie said, "OBALL makes our ties to Old Brooklyn even stronger."



Back, left to right -- Brian Trimble, TJ Taylor, Nick Vah, Jim Konczos, Tony Latessa; front, left to right -- Becky Derwis, Brandy Taylor, Laurie Konczos.

OBALL has played an important role in the lives of Old Brooklyn children and families over the years. League Treasurer Laurie Konczos said, "Participating in OBALL is very rewarding; as you get to know everyone it become more like family. OBALL adds value to the community and the kids and adults get a lot by participating. And our strict rule on behavior for kids, parents and fans helps make our neighborhood a more civil place, which is a good thing."

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League Directors include TJ Taylor, Louis Kelbacher, Jim Konczos, Brian Trimble, and Brandy Taylor. Board members include Laura Vargo, Laurie Konczos, Alex Sanders, Nick Vah, Tony Latessa, Becky Derwis, and Isabel Olmeda.

The official sign up period for the 2012 season is over; however, if a child still wants to play, OBALL encourages the parent or guardian to contact them at oballhelp@gmail.com. They have a waiting

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From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys robyns@oldbrooklyn.com

May is Pop UP Pearl month. We are all excited about the second annual event which was such as great success last year. Make sure you keep May 19th open for a fun-filled day in Old Brooklyn. Our staff have worked really hard to make this event much bigger and better than last year with many more "shops" both inside and outside storefronts on Pearl Rd., two stages with all kinds of great music, and twice as much food. It all starts at noon so bring your favorite buddy (dog or human), kids, cousins, neighbors and have a Cleveland made good time in Old Brooklyn.

And if bike riding is your thing, stop by Pedal for Prizes also on May 19th and then ride on through Pop UP while on your tour of Old Brooklyn. For more information go to www.pedalforprizes.org.

Check out the Tool Box section of the newspaper on page 7 to learn more about the many types of residential services Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation can provide. Each month we will be featuring our programs and services. We are here to help you live a better life so please take advantage of what we have to offer. You can also go to our web site at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com and click on Old Brooklyn CDC for more information.

We are also pleased that the Wi-Fi system in Old Brooklyn is working much better, plus the Old Brooklyn Connected web site is now getting between 2,500 and 3,000 hits a day! Check out the article below on this page

about all that you can do to interact with that site and to also learn about what is going on in Old Brooklyn. And if you

Brooklyn. And if you are not receiving our E-Newsletter twice a month, sign up by emailing Jayme at Jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com.

Finally remember you will receive the Old Brooklyn News for free if you become a member for just \$15 a year. Membership forms are available on our web site or by calling OBCDC at 216-459-1000. Happy Spring!



2506 Roanoke Ave.

This Old Brooklyn bungalow (picture before rehab) is a perfect starter home on a quiet street with three bedrooms with one bath upstairs and half bath on first floor. It has a separate dining room and good size kitchen. There is a one car garage. The asking price after complete rehab will be in the high \$60,000s.

list and some teams are in need of additional players. The fee is \$55 (\$45 for tee-ball); there is a \$10 discount for more than one child in the same family. The fee covers the uniform, which the children keep, and a trophy. There are also opening and closing ceremonies and an All-Star game each year.

Opening day for the season is May 19 at Loew Park and the last game is July 28, also at Loew Park. The league plays as several fields but the majority of the games are played at Harmody Park, Loew Park, Brookside Reservation, and Harper field (grass field at the former William Rainey Harper School).

OBALL is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductable. In November, it sponsors a Nautica Charity Poker fundraiser (date TBD). Dealers are always needed. Anyone interested in volunteering should e-mail oballhelp@gmail.com.

Old Brooklyn Connected website -- unique resource for neighborhood

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The Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi has been active for just over one year, with ongoing testing and tuning of the network occurring during that time. Early adopters of the Wi-Fi network may recall that the Old Brooklyn Connected website was the first stop before accessing the Internet, providing news, events and information about the Wi-Fi network.

In order to perform certain tests on the network, the construction team made the decision to temporarily disable that functionality a few months ago. In the past few weeks, however, the redirect to the Old Brooklyn Connected website was restored and residents, businesses and visitors accessing the Internet via the Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi are once again seeing the Old Brooklyn neighborhood homepage before surfing the web.

The Old Brooklyn Connected website is an amazing resource for the community. With over 2,500 hits per day, it is a great way to get hyper-local news out to others in the neighborhood. Residents who have news articles they

would like to see on the website can fill out the form under the "News" Tab and click "Submit a News Story". Regular contributors can even become authorized users, submitting articles directly onto the website and going live within minutes. An additional useful feature of the site is the Events Calendar. As with news stories, any resident who has an event to promote can submit the event directly on the web.

The Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi is more than a technology project; it is a community development project designed to empower residents and small businesses. The website is an integral part of this vision, providing a onestop shop for local news and events. The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation encourages residents to get involved and stay active in the community by submitting events and news stories and spreading the word about this unique Old Brooklyn resource.

For more information about the Old Brooklyn Connected website or the Old Brooklyn Connected Wi-Fi, contact Christopher Lohr at christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com or at 216-459-1000.

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Wednesday, May 2nd Spring Salad Bingo

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic School, 4600 State Rd. Doors open 5:30 pm. Admission -\$10 per player; includes 2 bingo cards, 20 games of merchandise bingo & one trip to salad bar. Door prizes, specials, raffles & split boards also available. Additional bingo cards available at \$1 per card. To purchase tickets in advance call school office, 216-749-7980.

<u>Saturday, May 5th</u> **Cleveland Arthritis Walk** for National Arthritis Month

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 9 am. Registration opens 7:30 am. Non-competitive 5K/3.1 miles walk (with 1-mile option) raises funds for arthritis research & local Arthritis Foundation programs & services. Zoo & Rainforest admission included with walk registration & donation. Walkers who raise \$100 receive official 2012 Arthritis Walk T-shirt.

Monday, May 7th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Speaker: Diane Kawolics; topic: "All About Preservation". Tips on preserving family documents, photos, heirlooms & memorabilia. Members invited to bring an example for preliminary review. Contact president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Tuesday, May 8th **Laurel Garden Club Meeting**

Brooklyn Fire Station Community Room, 8400 Memphis Ave.; 7 pm; use rear entrance. All welcome; refreshments afterwards. Call Barb, 216-671-677,7 for more info.

Thursday, May 10th **Antique Collectors Club**

Busch Funeral Community Meeting Rm., 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Topic: Topic: Collecting Books. Speaker: Mr. Michael Zubal of Zubal Books. Guests welcome to attend. First time guests no charge. Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Friday & Saturday, May 11th & 12th

52nd Annual African Violet Show & Sale Parmatown Mall, 7899 West Ridgewood Dr., Fri., 12:30 - 9 pm & Sat., 9 am - 5 pm. Sponsored by The Parmatown African Violet Club. Plant sale begins Fri., 9 am & runs during show hours. Call 440-821-2967 for more info. Free & open to the public.

Saturday, May 12th Riversweep 2012

Big Creek/Lower Harvard, 9 am - noon; location to be decided. Volunteers who sign up receive gloves, bags & commemorative Riversweep T-shirt. Call Jayme at 216-459-1000 to sign up or for more info.

Saturday, May 12th Rummage Sale

St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd., 8 am - 4 pm. Tables available to rent -- \$15 for one or 2/\$25. Free admission. All proceeds to go towards a new Science Lab. Call Tammy 330-225-7854, Sparks, or email tams06@msn.com for table registration or more info.

Saturday, May 12th **Cleveland Mannerchor Raffle**

Cleveland Mannerchor Club House, 4515 State Rd., 6 pm. \$30 per person for a chance to win \$1000. Door prizes awarded every 10th number drawn. Side boards, food & beverages included. Call Bill Krailo 216-741-7728 or Bill Trivison 440-477-0419 for more info.

Saturday, May 12th Wild Ride at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo

All ages; after Zoo closes, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, rain or shine. A safari on two wheels: first chance ever to bring a bicycle to the Zoo! Pathways marked to keep traffic flowing; Wild Ride maps point out areas of the Zoo for beginning, intermediate & experienced riders. Many animals on exhibit; also opportunities to meet keepers, check out exhibitors on Welcome Plaza & more. Tickets: \$12 per person; \$2 discount for Zoo members. Helmet & signed release form required for each rider. Advance sale tickets & printable release forms available online at clemetzoo.com. To be admitted riders under the age of 18 must have parent or legal guardian sign & deliver waiver. Limited number of bikes available to rent; will be ready & waiting; call 216-771-7120 to reserve.

Sunday, May 13th Mother's Day Brunch

The Crystal Chalet, St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 3600 Biddulph Ave. Special champagne brunch seatings -- 10:30 am, noon & 1:30 pm; cost: \$19.95, adults; \$16.95, seniors; \$10.95, children 6 - 12; free, children age 5 & under. A prize awarded every 15 minutes. Buffet style menu includes French toast, pancakes, sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs, kielbasa, cabbage & noodles, chicken, beef, mashed potatoes, pasta, garden vegetables & Danish pastry Reservations recommended; call 216-749-4504 or 216-749-7980. Visa, Mastercard & Discover accepted (small processing fee).

Fri., May 18th - Fri., May 25th **27th Senior Citizen Resources Senior Olympics**

Adults 55 & older. Registration now thru Fri. May 25th; \$25 fee includes all game fees, Tshirt & victory luncheon. Call 216-749-5367 for registration info. or register at Deaconess-Krafft Center, 3100 Devonshire Rd., Mon. -Fri., 9 am - 2 pm.

Monday, May 21st

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting North Royalton Public Library, 14600 State Rd., 6:30 pm. Held in conjunction with Forest City Rose Society. Speaker: Paul Zimmerman. Topic: Knockout Roses - Roses in the Future. Everyone welcome, no admission. Refreshments served. Call for more info 330-220-2213 or email at webmaster@westernreservesociety.org.

Saturday, June 2nd Plants in the Park

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

<u>June 18th - 22nd & June 25th - 29th</u> **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/ca mp-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.

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Book Signing -- The Worship Room by Denise Dalton, Wed., May 2nd, 7 - 8:45 pm. Old Brooklyn author talking about how she came to have this book published.

Housing Alternatives for Seniors - Mon., May 7th, 2 - 3 pm. Independent living; assisted living; nursing homes; continuing care retirement communities; & adult & residential care facilities; also affordable housing options funded by U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development /HUD (e.g., Section 202). Registration required.

Sho-jo-ji Japanese Dancers - Tues., May 15th, 7 - 8 pm. Dancers will share history of Japanese dance & then perform a Japanese classical dance in traditional Japanese costume. Afterwards, everyone is welcome to learn a Japanese dance. Registration required.

The Over Forty Jobseeker - Thurs., May 24th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Career Center Counselor will discuss how to increase marketability in today's job market. Registration required.

Behind the Music, Cleveland Style - Thurs... May 31st, 7 pm. In honor of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductions, Deanna Adams will recount history of music pioneers & colorful personalities responsible for making Cleveland the "Rock and Roll Capital of the World". Registration required.

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 pm -5 pm Sun. Unless otherwise noted, registration is required.

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Famous American Women: Dorothy Fuldheim presented by Women in History theatrical troupe; Tues., May 1st, 2 - 3 pm.

Behind the Music, Cleveland Style. Thurs... May 3rd, 7 - 8 pm. In honor of Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductions, Deanna Adams will recount history of music pioneers & colorful personalities responsible for making Cleveland the "Rock and Roll Capital of the World". Registration required.

Book Signing -- Cleveland's Buckeye Neighborhood by John Sabol, Tues., May 8th, 7 - 8 pm. Seven Hills author sharing vintage images & memories of the area. Books will be available for purchase.

Lesser-Known Effects of Back Pain. Sat., May 12th, 2 - 3 pm. Dr. Adam Friedman discussing back pain & its role in health maintenance; also addressing several other current health issues.

Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club. Mon., May 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. (2nd Monday each month) Monthly coupon swap club. Bring unwanted coupons & swap with other coupon clippers.

Book Signing -- Lyon's Bride, first of the Chattan Curse series, by New York Times bestselling author Cathy Maxwell, Tues., May 15th, 7 - 8:30 pm. Books will be available for

Adult Book Discussions - Mon., May 21st. 7-8:30 pm -- Doc by Doria Russell; Thurs.

May 31st, 10:30 am - noon -- My Antonia by Willa Cather.

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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

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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Police Memorial week offers opportunity to salute men, women from Second District

by Barbara Spaan barbaras@oldbrooklyn.com

This year, Police Memorial Week will be observed from Saturday, May 12th through Sunday, May 20th. Activities at the beginning of the week are just for officers; residents, family and friends can participate in the events beginning on Thursday, May 17th. Do an online search of "Cleveland Peace Officers Memorial Society" to see what's happening on

The reason for my article this month, therefore, is that I want readers to look at the heroes/dedicated professionals trained to protect our streets and our very lives. They are our neighbors, business partners and moms and dads, working every day at a career and raising a family here in our neighborhood. They have the same everyday problems the rest of us have (but unfortunately sometimes die in the line of

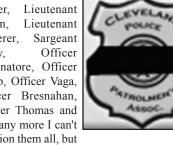
Spend a few minute to take a closer look at these people. Every day they respond to the worst -- gun shots, beatings, carjacking, burglaries and even death. They respond to our calls for help -- to mediate the neighbor dispute or to stop the cars racing down the street -- not to the celebrations, graduation parties, weddings and baby showers.

In too many of our eyes police are the bad guys -- the Officer who gave you a traffic ticket, who took your family member to jail, who responded too late or not at all, and who you tell your kids "will take you to jail if you don't behave."

Take off the biased glasses; the truth of the matter is that police officers are what some people have made them be. Because society has become so disrespectful, violent and inhuman, officers must wear bullet-proof vests and carry guns, teasers and night sticks. And on their worst days, they have to kill someone. If that's not bad enough, the media and the uneducated public judge their every move.

I know that not everyone views our officers this way and that many of us have taken time to get to know our outstanding officers

like Commander Sulzer, Lieutenant Lieutenant Bolon, Ketterer, Sargeant Daily, Officer Seminatore, Officer Lamb, Officer Vaga, Officer Bresnahan, Officer Thomas and so many more I can't mention them all, but they know who they are.



The Old Brooklyn area is so lucky to be served by the best of the best. Our police officers are the #2 reason we live in the second

safest place in the city. The residents, businesses and institutions which get involved are So the next time you see a police officer,

smile, wave, say "Hello" or even "Thank you"

or buy him/her a cup of coffee or a meal.

Tears of a COP - author unknown

I have been where you fear to go... I have seen what you fear to see... I have done what you fear to do... All these things I've done for you.

I am the one you lean upon... The one you cast your scorn upon... The one you bring your troubles to... All these people I've been for you.

The one you ask to stand apart... The one you feel should have no heart. The one you call the man in blue... But I am human just like YOU.

And through the years I've come to see. That I'm not what you ask of me... So take this badge and take this gun... Will you take it? Will anyone?

And when you watch a person die... And hear a battered baby cry... Then so you think that you can be... All those things you ask of me...?

Pedal for Prizes from front page

organized Pedal for Prizes in celebration of Cleveland Bicycle Month. The event allowed people from throughout the Cleveland area to experience the Old Brooklyn community and discover its many amenities and favorite locally-owned businesses.

In addition to Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes, the all-volunteer team of the same namesake has since organized neighborhood bicycle tours, hosted other events, and advocated for bicycle infrastructure improvements both in their community and Cleveland. Its work has been recognized by Cleveland City Council, and LiveCLEVELAND! awarded the group a 2011 Excellence in Cleveland Neighborhood Marketing Award.

For more information about Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes and additional details about the event, visit pedalforprizes.org, like Pedal for Prizes on Facebook, and/or follow on Twitter @pedalforprizes.

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Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation strengthens the neighborhood by helping homeowners, businesses, and supporting community activists.



Ben Franklin Garden welcomes coordinator

by Hallie Forcinio

The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) Operating Committee welcomes Taras Oryshkewych (orish KEV itch) as Garden Coordinator for the 2012 season.

The Old Brooklyn resident, whom everyone calls TJ, has gardened at BFCG for ten years with his dad, George; he is especially proficient at growing heirloom toma-

toes from seed. He's looking forward to the upcoming season because "the weather has to be better than last year."

Garden As Coordinator, TJ has become a part-time member of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation staff. His duties include providing advice to Garden gardeners planting, watering, ing new and returning gardeners to the Memphis Ave. weed control and Benjamin Franklin Community Garden when harvesting and over- it opens for the season in mid-May. seeing the mainte-

nance of the grounds, shed and storage container. He will also open and close the garden each day and will coordinate delivery of the thousands of pounds of produce Benji gardeners donate each year to local hunger centers. "I'd like to set a new donation record this season!" TJ said. Another of his goals is

maintaining the composting program piloted last summer.

TJ worked for more than a decade in a variety of capacities at the Ohio Lottery Commission and currently operates a catering business, Guga's Grills, which specializes in barbeque events and smoked meats.

He grew up in Parma and graduated from Padua High School. He and his wife,

Lynn, have lived in Old Brooklyn for several years in a house that once belonged to grandmother. devotes most of his time to gardening and cooking.

Gardeners will have a chance to meet TJ at the pregardeners meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 3rd, at the City of "TJ" Brooklyn's about Oryshkewych is looking forward to welcom- Center,

> A few plots for the 2012 growing season are still avail-

able. (For those unfamiliar with the community garden, it is located behind Benjamin Franklin School, between Spring Rd. and Tampa Ave.) Contact Sandy Worona at the OBCDC office, 216-459-1000, for an application. The annual fee per plot is \$40.00.



Coordinator

Taras

Connect Your Community

bids farewell to Old Brooklyn

by Ania Siuda

After almost two years of offering free computer training in Old Brooklyn, the Connect Your Community (CYC) program has reached the end of its grant period and will no longer be sponsoring computer classes in the neighborhood. The program was a success and its impact will continue to live on. So while CYC will no longer sponsor new class sessions, there may still be training available through computer labs that CYC leaves behind.

The CYC program began in the fall of 2010, sponsored by One Community and the Cleveland Housing Network. The goal of CYC is to help Cleveland residents learn the advantages of using broadband Internet and how to get access to it in their homes.

these classes have been very valuable to the neighborhood. We are living in a highly digital age and people of all ages need to learn how to benefit from this technology. Gaining computer skills is an investment in oneself and one's future, and it is fun.

The classes were held at three different training centers in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood -- Estabrook Recreation Center, the South Brooklyn branch of the Cleveland Public Library and Grace Church.

In addition to training, participants were also eligible to either receive free basic computers or purchase discounted newer computers after completing the classes. Over 162 participants acquired desktop computers to help them continue practicing their new-found digital skills.

Another success of the program was the

creation of a computer lab inside Grace Church last July. With the help of the Grace staff, CYC was able to donate sixteen computers to create a classroom space. Classes have been held there since its creation and will finish next month.

The classes were so helpful that the church is going to continue offering classes which may include advanced training in Microsoft Office. Schedules and contact information can be found in next month's edition of the Old Brooklyn News. Anyone interested in classes now should contact me via phone or email and I will forward your information to the church.

Participants or those who have me at the Cleveland Housing Network. I can be reached at 216or via email

774-2347 cyc.siuda@gmail.com. Finally I would like to thank the follow-

ing organizations for their help in making these classes possible: One Community, Cleveland Housing Network, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, RET3, Grace Church, Estabrook Recreation Center and the Cleveland Public Library.

Thank you also to the residents of Old Brooklyn and those who participated in the program. It has been a pleasure working here and I will miss it dearly.



Photo by Christopher Lohr

Ania Siuda assists three of her senior students in the questions can still contact CYC or computer classes at Grace Church.

Through training, residents were able to learn how to use the computer and Internet with a focus on continuing education, advancing careers, accessing healthcare and government services, and connecting with the world around them.

By partnering with the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, the program was also able to help Old Brooklyn residents learn how to connect to Ward 13's public wireless network. Participants learned about the equipment they'd need to connect to the Wi-Fi and how to access it.

As one of the instructors, I feel that



It looks like we're going to have two "springs" this year -- the first one which we already experienced during the entire month of March, and, I hope, the second one in May. (We're obviously not experiencing it in April!)

If taking spring flowers to the graves of deceased loved ones in Brooklyn Heights Cemetery will be part of your Mother's Day activities, here's something to keep in mind --From March 1st until November 14th, no artificial flowers or arrangements are permitted on graves there

I learned this the hard way with a bouquet of artificial Easter flowers I took there. By the Friday of the week after Easter, the artificial flowers/arrangements, as well as "spent" cut flowers, had all been removed.

Potted plants, however, will be allowed on graves on Mother's Day (and also on Memorial Day, Father's Day, Veterans Day and

Visit www.brooklynheightscemetery.com for details about the floral tributes allowed in the mausoleums.

One of the topics I wrote about in last month's column was the new Corky & Lenny's Express which replaced Goodman's in the Pearlbrook Shopping Center (Pearl Rd. just north of Brookpark Rd.) Since that time there's been another change.

Perhaps you've noticed a new sign which reads The Cleveland Corned Beef Company instead of Corky & Lenny's. That's because the ownership has changed and the new owner renamed the deli.

So far the major change is just that the menu has expanded to include more American food, too. So whether that or Jewish deli food -- matzoh ball soup, Reuben sandwiches, hot brisket of beef, homemade potato salad, kosher hot dogs, pastrami, big dill pickles, etc., in addition to corned beef -- is your preference,

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you'll have a hard time choosing what to choose off the menu.

Actually, quite a number of new businesses have been opening in Old Brooklyn. Two very large new operations are in one of the buildings which Jack Amburgey owns on Broadview Rd. in "downtown" Old Brooklyn.

Detroit Auto Parts, 3301 Broadview Rd., opened in late November in the retail space which formerly housed Wholesale Business Furniture. This is actually Detroit's third location in Cleveland. In the auto parts business for fifty years, their other retail locations are at 4750 Lorain Ave. in Ohio City and 480 E. 200th St. in Euclid.

Owners Gene Kerfoot and Jeff Tippie had been wanting to expand, and were scouting around for an additional location. They'd known Jack for years, and the bottom line is that they chose Old Brooklyn.

It took them a month and a half to load the store with their full line of auto parts (new, offmarket), paints and supplies. Now all that merchandise is available to consumers from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.

Detroit Auto Parts also offers machine shop service, and runs weekly specials; sale signs are posted in the store. The phone number of the Old Brooklyn store is 216-398-7373.

Ace Queen Beauty Supply is the other new business in that vicinity. It's located at 3315 Broadview Rd. in what was Gavin Lee Party Center at one time.

Khanh Dang is the owner of Ace Queen and his sister, Kristy Dang, is the jewelry buyer. Khanh and Kristy are Vietnamese; they used to work together at Kristy's nail salon, City Nails, at 3044 W. 25th St., in the shopping plaza a bit northwest of Clark Ave. But now Khanh has stepped out on his own business

In addition to beauty supplies and fashion jewelry, Ace Queen sells human and synthetic wigs, all manner of hair products, purses, sandles, shoes and boots for women and hats and t-shirts for men. They're open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their phone number is 216-351-2100.

City Nails (its sister store both literally and figuratively!) provides manicures, pedicures, eyebrow waxing, eyelashes and permanent makeup via a tatooing process. Each establishment is offering a 10% discount to customers who let them know that they have done business with the other one.

We would like to mention other new neighborhood businesses in this column in the

future, so if that's you, send me your contact information by mail -- Lynette Filips, The Town Crier, c/o the Old Brooklyn News, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109, email -- lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or phone -- 216-459-1000. At this time of the year, school and student news is particularly welcome, too.

Bishop OK's St. Barbara, 11 other reopenings



When the news came from the Vatican courts in March that Cleveland's appealing parishes were justified in their request to remain open, St. Barbara parishioners Michael Minich and Christine Dziedzina hung a yellow ribbon on their church's front doors. When Cleveland's Roman Catholic Bishop Richard Lennon announced on April 17th that he would honor the Vatican's directives, the duo returned to add signs in both English and Polish. The one on the top left reads: "Thanks be to God. St. Barbara Saved." The one on the top right reads: "Dziekuje" ("Thank you") "Jezu Ufam Tobie." ("We Trust in You.") The one on the bottom center reads: "Thanks be to God Alleluia."

On Wednesday, April 25th, members, friends and interested individuals from St. Barbara and St. Casimir Churches met at the former Alliance of Poles Hall, 6966 Broadway Ave., to discuss strategies for the reopening of their parishes. Since this issue of the Old Brooklyn News (OBN) was at the printer at that time, the outcome of that meeting will not be reported until next month. (St. Barbara's is located at 1505 Denison Ave. in Brooklyn Centre.) One point of confusion has arisen since the OBN's report last month about this turn of events. We reported that 14 parishes had received decrees that their churches would reopen. Apparently St. Margaret Mary in South Euclid did not, and is again appealing to Rome. In addition, the appeal to Rome by St. Martha in Akron seems to just have concerned the name.



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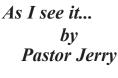
So many things of beauty begin as bits and pieces," not unlike our lives which often are like a jigsaw puzzle with thousands of scattered pieces, much like an artist's collage, a stained glass window,

Tragedy and pain can strike anyone.

A faith that is centered in God takes ment, and God hears our every prayer.

Trust God to turn your brokenness

Jerry Madasz is the Pastor at St. Luke's United Church of Christ,



Philippians 4:13 N.K.J.

or a mosaic floor design.

As a church pastor, I hear, see and share many difficult times. We need to allow the Master Craftsman to put us back together according to His design, rather than attempting to find all the pieces and glue ourselves together without Him.

our disorganized selves — our brokenness and pain, doubts and fears — and knits them together, strengthening us to endure all things. Prayer is an invaluable instru-

into something of beauty and value.

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by Tom Collins tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

Design and Review

Along the commercial corridors in Old Brooklyn are many classic buildings. Most of these buildings were constructed between 1900 and 1960. They are individually unique because no two are alike. Many have distinct features that are now considered period pieces of hand craftsmanship or dec-

By the 1960s the one-size fits all mentality had infected the design of retail and commercial buildings. Cinder block replaced masonry, brick, stone or wood facades. Buildings were set back to allow paved parking surfaces in front of the occupying business. Sidewalks leading to front doors disappeared. Automobiles obscured the view of the building. Signage had to be larger to be seen from the passing vehicles. Windows now served to display poster and pictures rather than products. replaced neighborhood shopping.

What remains in Old Brooklyn is worthy of protection. That is where "design and review" comes in. In 2001 the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation and then Council Member Merle Gordon, along with residents and business owners, created the Old Brooklyn Design and Review District. The intention of design and review is to insure that exterior changes to buildings in the targeted area respect the architectural character of the building and neighboring buildings.

The method for doing this is that all exterior changes must be presented to the local Design and Review Committee for approval. Although the Committee's findings are advisory, the review is mandatory. The Department of Building and Housing will not issue the work permits for buildings in the target area until the Design and Review Committee has reviewed the plan.

Exterior changes include signs mounted on the building, installed near the building or permanently applied to the windows. It applies to new windows and doors, changes in color or material on the building facades. It also applies to landscaping and parking surfaces proximate to the building.

The Near West Design and Review Committee is made up of local representatives who have a background in architecture, engineering or design or have a business in the community. Their purpose is to insure that changes to a building are for the long term good of the community and do not have a negative impact. For example, permanently covering a display window with plywood would not be considered an acceptable change while replacing windows with energy-efficient windows would be acceptable. Oftentimes the building owner gets suggestions which improve the building and thereby improve business.

The target area for Old Brooklyn is Pearl Rd. from Wildlife Way to Leopold Ave., Broadview Rd. from Pearl Rd. to Mayview Ave. and State Rd. from Pearl Rd. to Ruby Ave.

All new commercial building construction is subject to presentation to the Design and Review Committee regardless of where it is. There is no target area for new construction

The Near West Design and Review Committee meets the second and fourth Wednesday of the month as needed. For additional information contact the Old Brooklyn Development Community Corporation.

Demolished

For several years there was a deteriorating abandoned building deep set off Broadview Rd. at 3308. At one time it was probably a stately four-unit apartment building designed to look like a large home. It had large porches, fine woodwork and fireplaces. It fell into disrepair after the home

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next to it was destroyed by fire about eight years ago.

It became a problem site with no prospects for restoration. Now it is gone. Demolition is a slow process because owners have to be identified and notified of violations. They have to be given an opportunity to correct violations. In this case identifying the legal owners was difficult. However the process finally worked and the building came down the week of April 16th.

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by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Spring is the time of blossoming flowers, speckled robin eggs and home repairs. Fortunately, the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation has resources available to help.

Low interest loan programs include Home Enhancement Loan Program (HELP), Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH), Repair-A-Home and the Heritage Home Program.

There are also a few grant programs available to help low to moderate income homeowners and seniors. One program designed specifically for this area is the Ward 13 Home Repair Grant Program.

Much of Old Brooklyn is in Ward 13; there are also sections of the neighborhood in Ward 3 and Ward 12.

Ward 13 boundaries are complicated. Kevin Kelley is the the Ward 13 councilman. Residents who are unsure which Ward they are in should call 216-459-1000 to find out if they live in Ward 13.

Homeowners in Ward 13 who meet moderate income guidelines (\$35,700 for a one person household) may be eligible for the program. The maximum grant amount is \$2,000 and can only be used to address one repair. Housing code and health/safety violations are the highest priorities to address.

For more information contact Christopher Lohr at christopherl@oldbrooklyn.com or 216-

There are also programs to help low income homeowners (\$15,610 for a one person household) who are over 60 years old and/or disabled. One of these programs is the Senior Homeowner Assistance Program. There is a waiting list for this program.

For more information contact Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com or

Any resident facing a housing emergency can also call the United Way First Call for Help at 2-1-1. They can refer homeowners or renters to a variety of programs ranging from homeless prevention to food assistance to health care assistance

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Earth Day offers opportunity for reflection

by Gloria Ferris **Brooklyn Centre Naturalists**

In spite of the chilly weather, the Earth Day Coalition pulled off another "filled with inspiration" Earth Day at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo on Sunday, April 22nd. Exhibits ranging from intermodal transportation, hoop houses and a 70-foot long double two snowplow intrigued the attendees with new ideas to implement in the coming year. Many solutions to some very real problems were on display.

Solid waste continues to be an issue which impacts the region, but one that residents of Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn can impact by reducing, reusing and recycling. This phrase has

been around since the first days of Earth Day celebrations.

"If you are not part of the solution, you are part of the problem."

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists have some suggestions on how everyone can be part of the solution by shrinking solid waste.

In a 2007 report the United States Environmental Protection Agency stated that this country recycles at a national rate of 33.4%. This rate includes composting. At a recent meeting, The City of Cleveland cited that the recycling rate for the city is approximately 27%.

By making small changes in how they do things in their daily lives, everyone can individually make those figures better. Control begins with what each person does.

Today, reducing now includes refusing. Say "no" to a plastic bag when purchasing only one or two items at a store. Begin carrying reusable shopping bags to further reduce plastic in landfills.

Reusing glass containers for spice jars, storage containers and vases gives new life and keeps the glass from being recycled into lower grades or the same kind of product. It is good to recycle but it is even better to reuse!

There are two types of recycling -- downstream and upstream. Downstream refers to using a recycled item to make a composition product that has the same basic make-up as the original item.

Upcycling is a term used to describe taking a product and creating a new use for it rather recycling it downward. Artisans in our area have taken this idea and found some ingenious ways to reuse old things to make new things.

Knitters and crocheters take old T-shirts,

cut them in strips and make scarves, rugs, trivets and many other wearable and useful items.

Sculptors have taken gears, nuts, bolts, hand tools and other metal objects to make garden art.

paints and decorates old One woman watering cans, transforming them, with a little bit of adaption, into bird house.

Using old silverware to create jewelry, creating trays, spoon holders and unique glassware out of recycled wine bottles are some of the ways which artists have taken "recycle and reuse" to another level.

Consider teaming up with an artist by giving him/her the raw materials being used.

Many people put their grass clippings out for collection. An alternative would be to use the clipping as a natural source of nitrogen for the lawn's root system. Set the mower to cut the top 1/3 of the shaft or cross-cut the lawn. By the end of the summer, the lawn will be lush and green.

Backyard composting cuts the amount of solid waste transported to landfills. Keeping yard waste on site and using the compost it creates as a soil amendment will enrich the soil and plants will thrive.

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Protestant Czechs establish churches on east and west sides of Cleveland

by Lynette Filips lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com

Writing these ten articles about people of Bohemian/Czech descent has certainly brought to my attention many subjects about which I had little or no previous knowledge, or wouldn't have paid attention to otherwise. For instance --

I knew that the now former country of Czechoslovakia was a creation of the Versailles Peace Treaty following World War I, but I didn't know that the name was created from Czech, Slovak and Ruthenian;

I wouldn't have noticed the name Frank Hruby, age 93, in an obituary in the *Plain Dealer* at the end of March if I hadn't written about three generations of the Hruby family's connection to the Hruby Conservatory of Music/Broadway School of Music;

I never imagined that our neighborhood Ampol (short for American Polish) Club would feature *Czech* dinners (including duck!) and dancing on Wednesday evenings. The food is served from 5 to 7 p.m.; dancing is from 7 - 10 p.m.

No doubt I could go on and on, but this month's article will be the final in the series.

At the time that I talked about St. Procop Church on W. 41st St., I stated that the area where those Czechs lived was known as Kuba. In subsequent reading of another source, it's referred to as Kubu and Cuba. Whatever the name, more than just Roman Catholics were living there.

While it was not common for Cleveland's Bohemians/Czechs to be something other than Roman Catholics (or free-thinkers), Protestants had a church home in that neighborhood, too.

Cyril Chapel was founded on July 10, 1887, on W. 43rd St., south of Clark Ave., just one block away from St. Procop's. The first street south of Clark Ave. between W. 41st and W. 43rd streets still bears the name Cyril in memory of it.

The Congregationalist Church, now part of the United Church of Christ, organized this chapel (and three others like it in other parts of Cleveland.) At the time, they were active in missionary work among the Bohemians who were either unchurched or dissident Catholics.

The Slavic Department of Oberlin College supplied the ministers who served at the Protestant Bohemian churches. The other three Congregationalist churches at which they served were **Bethlehem Chapel** on Broadway Ave.; **Mizpah Chapel** on E. 59th St. near Fleet Ave.; and **East Madison Congregational Church** on E. 79th St. and Quincy Ave.

In addition, some Czechs belonged to Protestant denominations other than the Congregationalist churches mentioned above.

Only six or seven (depending on the source consulted) congregations belonging to the Czechoslovakian Baptist Convention exist in the entire world and they are all in the United States and Canada. At different times over the course of its existence, **Scranton Road Baptist Church**, 3095 Scranton Rd., on the northeast corner of Clark Ave., has been one of them. (Scranton Road Baptist Church is sometimes referred to as Scranton Road Bible Church.)

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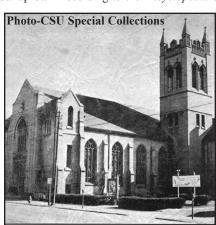
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Broadway Methodist Church is another Protestant congregation with Bohemian roots. It was founded in 1872 at Trumbull St. and Warren Alley on the east side of Cleveland. The area was still quite rural in those days, and the first worship space was a simple frame wigwam.

Broadway Methodist's original frame church was built in 1873 at Broadway Ave. and Gallup St. According to the *Encyclopedia of*



Broadway Methodist Church 5246 Broadway Ave.

Cleveland History, the church had a nationwide reputation for its outreach to the surrounding neighborhood and newly arrived immigrants.

In the 1910s, the Sunday School was educating 1,200 students every week, not all of whom were Czech. Courses were not just about religion; one included the fundamentals of American citizenship. Their health clinic became a social service center for the community and church members alike.

One year, John D. Rockefeller even recognized Broadway Methodist's contributions to the community with an award for service.

The current church at 5246 Broadway Ave. was built in 1918. Known as "Old Broadway", it is a Neo-Gothic structure with beautiful stained glass windows and a rare, actual-size copy of Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" above the altar. Some art scholars regard it as the finest copy of the painting in the United States.

Painted by Vittorio Guandalini and Armando Vandelli of Italy, Broadway Methodist's "Last Supper" was commissioned by church members Mr. and Mrs. Oliver M. Stafford. They unveiled it in 1924.

(Another source states that a benefactor saw it at the Louvre in Paris in 1924 and donated it to John Huntington's widow in his memory.)

In its heyday, Broadway United Methodist Church was another anchor of what is now the Slavic Village neighborhood. Sports; drama; music; pork, dumplings and sauerkraut dinners - in addition to worship, if it was a part of Czech culture, Broadway Methodist/Broadway United Methodist had it. One Sunday morning worship service was still being conducted in the Czech language in the late 1940s.

For a while in the mid-1980s, the Broadway United Methodist congregation shared its facilities with the Korean American United Methodist Church.

Unfortunately, Broadway Methodist was hit with declining membership, too. That prompted the remaining members to vote to close the church; the last service was on



December 26th, 2010. Since last summer, a "For Sale" sign has been on the side of the building.

In the meantime, the offices of the North Coast District of the United Methodist Church are on the third floor; some of the District's outreach programs, which are managed by Enhancement Ministries, Inc., have also remained in the building.

Victory Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church has been leasing Broadway Methodist's sanctuary for its worship services since last September.

Neighborhood Leadership Institute has been renting space on the second floor since last year, too. There was a time when "Little Bohemia", the area around today's E. 55th St. and Broadway Ave., was the fourth largest Czech settlement in the world. (Prague was first, Vienna was second and Chicago was third.) Anyone who doubts that statement need only read the articles in this series to be convinced of the mega-Czech presence in Cleveland.

(Acknowledgments: Thank you to Joe Kocab who located the information about the Bohemian Congregationalist churches for me; to Rev. Yvonne Connor who told me some of the information about Broadway United Methodist Church; and to everyone who's helped me piece together this series.)

BCN takes to birding at Riverside Cemetery last month

by Gloria Ferris Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

On the morning of Saturday, April 21st, a small group of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists met with Western Cuyahoga Audubon bird watchers at Riverside Cemetery. Led by Mary Anne Romito, the birders took off on a damp, misty day to discover what they could about the diversity of the birds and other wildlife living in this beautiful garden cemetery. From actual sightings, bird calls and nests, they were able to identify 26 different bird species within its boundaries.

In addition to looking for birds, Sharon Martyn related historic tidbits about some of the Cemetery's illustrious residents and Laura McShane added some geological and topographical history. Retired Director Bill Halley ended the walk with an informative talk about the Cemetery's historic 1876 Chapel.

In two weeks, migratory warblers will fill the trees at Riverside with their songs, and many birders will again gather to scan the trees and skies in the historic Cemetery.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists no meeting this month.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club (BGC), Sun., May 20th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Program -- First a BGC member speaking about the reason for/journey in gathering her family genealogy; then archivist Martin Hauserman speaking about City of Cleveland's Archives Prospective members welcome.

Brooklyn Historical Society. Wed., May 30th, at the museum, 4442 Ridge Rd.; 7 pm. Speaker: Kevin Magee, Deputy Director of Cleveland Underwater Explorers, Inc. with a program about Lake Erie Shipwrecks. All welcome; refreshments to follow. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Fri., May 11th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.), 7 pm -- Business meeting only this month; then set-up for tomorrow's fundraiser. (See "box" on page 6.)

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, Tues., May 22nd, 6 pm, OBCDC meeting room (2339 Broadview Rd.) Meetings open to public for review & comments, but Board reserves right to close portions of meetings from public. Call 216-459-1000 to confirm.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., May 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., May 3rd (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

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

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

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

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

Cleveland Metroparks Children's Fishing Derbies - Sat., May 19th, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation; Sun., May 20th, Wallace Lake, Mill Stream Run Reservation. Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g.,how to cast, then test their skills at the casting challenge). Loaner fishing equipment available. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Compete for prizes. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Call 216-635-3200 for more info.

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

Planting a Seed - Sun. May 20th; drop in between 1 & 3 pm. With help from OSU Extension educators, make organic pots, plant seeds & decorate plant markers. Learn about growing own food & buying local. Fun for all ages.

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

Amphibian Adventure - Sat. May 19th; 10 - 11:30 am. Meet frogs, toads, & salamanders up close. Take hike into the woods to see how many amphibians can be found along the way.

Busy Bees - Sun. May 20th; between 2 - 3:30 pm. See bees work & wiggle. Enjoy interactive exhibit & ask questions about setting up own honey bee hive.

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

Admission Rate Change -This year, as part of the admission fee, the Zoo is introducing a new conservation effort called "Quarters for Conservation." Twenty-five cents from each admission will help support important Zoo conservation programs. On Apr. 1st, admission became \$12.25 for adults, \$8.25 for children ages, 2 - 11 & free for children younger than 2 & Zoo Society members.

Mother's Day at the Zoo - Sun., May 13th; all moms receive half-off admission tickets \$6.25. Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital will provide additional fun & activities. Sponsored by UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital & MacDonald Women's Hospital.

Professor Wylde's Live Animal Show returns to the Zoo's Savannah Theater, Sat., May 26th. 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.

Cleveland Metroparks Kids Club - kids, ages 12 & under, can sign up for the new Cleveland Metroparks 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. Fun, adventures & exploration galore.

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 pm - 5 pm, Sun. Unless otherwise noted, registration required.

Children's Storytimes, Baby & Me, Toddler, & Preschool. Call for details.

Exploration Station - Money Math, Wed., May 2nd, 7 pm or Thurs., May 3rd, 10 am. Ages 3 - 5 years. Stories & activities about saving & spending money. Children explore & learn through hands-on activity stations.

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

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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

Year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Some park areas close at dusk; remaining areas open 24 hours.

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

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

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

Family Fishing Day - Sat, May 19th; 1 - 4 pm. Fee: \$7/person; \$35/families of 5 or more. Learn about basic fishing equipment, how to cast, where to fish & what kind of fish to catch in different locations. Start at Nature Center, then do some real fishing in Lake Erie! All equipment provided. Adults & teens (ages 16 & up) wanting to fish must have valid fishing license. Pre-registration required.

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

Parma-Snow Library 2121 Snow Rd.

216-661-4240 cuyahogalibrary.orgHours: Mon. - Thur., 9 am - 9 pm; Fri. & Sat., 9 am - 5:30 pm; Sun., 1 - 5 pm. Children's storytimes, Baby & Me, Toddler, & Preschool. Call for details.

PlayhouseSquare District -Hanna Building, 1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000

www.playhousesquare.com 3rd Annual PNC International Children's

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

Opening Day - Sun., May 20th, noon - 4 pm. Open to the public, Sat. & Sun., May - Oct. Free admission. Usual opening day demonstration of sheep being sheared. Lots to see & do.

Gabe's restaurant shares stuffed cabbage recipe

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Old Brooklyn is home to many eateries and Gabe's Family Restaurant, at 2044 Broadview Rd., is one of them. For the last eight years, Elie Hasrouni and fiancée Nicole Smith have been co-proprietors there. Elie is also the head chef.

When asked why they chose to invest in Gabe's Family Restaurant, Nicole replied, "It was the right spot at the right time". She added, "We love the people in Old Brooklyn. Our customers are like family."

Elie owned a restaurant before purchasing Gabe's Family Restaurant and also grew up in the restaurant world. He is also from the Old Brooklyn area; he and Nicole currently live in Middleburg Heights. Nicole said, "We are dedicated to good food at a good value and our passion is making customers happy." They serve traditional American food, have a soup and salad bar, and a large breakfast selection.

One of their keys to success is also keeping their staff happy. The restaurant industry has a high average turnover rate, relative to other industries. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the annual turnover rate in the Accommodation and Food Services sector was 75 percent in 2008. That means that on average restaurants replace 75% of their staff every year. (National Restaurant Association) At Gabe's Family Restaurant all ten of their staff persons have been there for five years or more.

Reena Heer, a waitress there for seven years, explained, "I love our team. We're like family and work well together. I have also learned a lot about customer service and running a business working here. I'm 100% happy and have no plans to go anywhere".

Nicole and Elie are especially proud of their team, "We sincerely care about each other and enjoy working together."

Pedal for Prizes

Gabe's Family Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can be reached at 216-741-4466. Their Stuffed Cabbage is a staple menu item.



Nicole Smith and Reena Heer

Stuffed Cabbage

Ingredients:

2 ½ pounds ground beef
1 cup rice
1 tablespoon chicken base
2 tablespoons tomato puree
½ teaspoon dill
1 medium head cabbage
1- 8 ounce can tomato sauce

Instructions:

•Cook ground beef; drain grease. Add rice, chicken base, dill, tomato base.

•Cover with water and cook until water evaporates; let meat mixture cool.

•In another pot cook cabbage in boiling water until tender; let cabbage cool.

•Peel cabbage leaves and roll about 1/4 to 1/3 cup of filling in each leaf (depending on the size of the leaf) and arrange in a large casserole dish.

Bake covered for 40 minutes at 350°. Cover with tomato sauce and serve. Serves 8.

THEATER NOTES

Cleveland Public Theater 6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727, ex 501 www.cptonline.org "DanceWorks '12"

Now - Sat., May 19th; Thurs., Fri., Sat.; 7pm James Levin Theatre. Various local dance companies (Verb Ballets, Inlet Dance Theatre; MorrisonDance & Travesty Dance Group; Antaeus Dance) Tickets: \$10 - \$25.

"13 Most American Dreams" Thurs., May 17th - Mon., Jun. 2nd; 7 pm; (Thurs., Fri., Sat., Mon.); Storefront Studio. Tickets: \$10 - \$25.

Near West Theatre
St. Pat's Club Building
W. 38th St. & Bridge Ave.
216-621-3242 www.nearwesttheatre.org

"Ragtime The Musical" Fri., May 4th - Sun., May 20th; 7:30 pm, plus 2 Sun. matinees at 3 pm. See website for exact dates/times. Tickets: adults -- \$8; children 12 & under, \$6; Star Seat (higher level of support) -- \$20. RSVP recommended.

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

Allen Theatre The Cleveland Play House "In the Next Room;

now - Sun., May. 13th. Most performances, 7:30 pm; check website for matinee info. Tickets: \$49 - \$69.



Hanna Theatre Great Lakes Theater "Sondheim on Sondheim"

Wed., May 16th - Sun., Jul. 8th; shows at 1 pm, 4 pm, 6:30 pm,7:30 pm or 8:30 pm, depending on date; check websiteTickets: \$10 - \$60.

Palace Theatre KeyBank Broadway Series "Come Fly Away"

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Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

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

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Sat., May 5th - Respect Life Prayer Vigil -Mass, 8 am, lower chapel; prayer, 8:30 am, Cleveland Surgi-Center.

Sat., May 5th - Reverse Raffle, 7 pm, Parish Center. Tickets: \$35. To purchase tickets call 216-749-1349.

Sun., May 6th - May Crowning, 11 am Mass.

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

Sat, May 12th - Marian Day of Reflection 9 am - 3 pm. Marian Lounge & lower chapel. Call 216-749-2323 to register.

Wed., May 16th - School Band Concert; 6:30 pm; church.

Sat, May 19th - Oberlin College Choristers Concert; 6:30 pm, church.

Sat. May 26th - Men's Prayer Group; 8:30 am; Parish Center.

Sun. May 20th - Free Community Meal; 1 pm; Parish Center.

Sun., May 20th - World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour, 2 pm; lower chapel.

Sun., May 27th - Healing Mass with Fr. J.R. Hadnagy, 4 pm; church.

Mon., May 28th - Memorial Day Mass; 9 am; church.

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

Sundays in April - Sunday School, 9 am, Free Breakfasts, downstairs, for children 3 12 years; parents welcome to attend.

Wed., May 2nd & 16th - Fifty Plus group meeting upstairs, noon. - May 2nd - Bring brown bag lunch; representative from Cleveland EMS will give FREE blood pressure checks, glucose & cholesterol readings; followed by games. May 16th - concert by Lutheran West Singers. Everyone invited.

Wed., May 9th - Westside Basket Guild, 5 pm. Anyone interested in making a planter basket invited to attend.

Fri & Sat., May 11th & 12th - Rummage Sale, downstairs in Stohs Hall, 9 am - 2 pm. Kitchen items, small appliances, linens, bedding, towels, rugs, curtains, purses, shoes, small furniture (e.g., end tables & lamps), children's clothing, toys, books, knickknacks, flowers, etc.

Sat., May 19th - Free Spaghetti Dinner for anyone in the community, 3:30 - 4:30 pm & 6 - 7 pm. Spaghetti, tossed salad, rolls & more. Call to RSVP by Wed., May 16th.

Tues. May 22nd - Widows & Widowers luncheon; noon. Menu -- chopped steak, golden potatoes & more. Cost - \$3 per person. All widows & widowers invited. Call church office, 216-351-6499, to RSVP.

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Galilean Baptist Church 4520 W. 11th St., Brooklyn, Between Schaaf & Spring Rds. Rev: Carson Hall, Pastor Phone: 216-749-7787 or 216-392-4653 Sun. School: 10 am; Worship:11am & 6 pm. Wed. 7 pm.

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

BYZANTINE CATHOLIC

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church 4600 State Rd. Phone: 216-741-7979 Pastor: Very Rev. Steven Koplinka
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CHARISMATIC

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

EVANGELICAL

Grace Church 2503 Broadview Rd. & W. 28th St.; 216-661-8210

Pastor: Charlie Collier Sunday: Bible Study 9 am. Sun. Worship 10 am. Wednesday: Dinner 6:30 pm., Kid's Church & Adult classes 7 - 8 pm. Thursday: Youth Night 7 - 8:30 pm.

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Gospel Christians Church 4780 W. 11th St.; 216 459-2855

Pastor: Will Rothenbusch Sunday School: 10 am Worship Service Sundays 11 am.

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

St. James Lutheran Church

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

St. Mark Lutheran Church

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

Unity Lutheran Church

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

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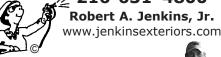
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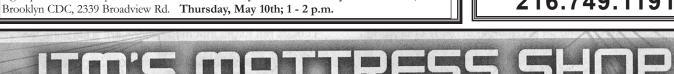
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Guitarmania from front page

(Buddy Holly's backing band, The Crickets, and John Frusciante and the Red Hot Chili Peppers were inducted into the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame this year.)

The images of the guitarists are sufficiently representative that they are identifiable, but they also feature bold colors and abstract elements which demonstrate Dan's artistic talent. Dan's artistic influences (e.g., Pablo Picasso and M.C. Escher) are evident in the composition in which the elements are arranged slightly out of order so as to make the brain work to observe the design.

Each guitar features a plaque which lists the artist's name as well as the sponsors.

Beginning over Memorial Day weekend, the guitars will be on display at the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame, and then at various locations throughout the city. But Dan's guitar will remain at the Rock-n- Roll Hall of Fame.

Sherwin Williams donated the paint for the guitars. It is weather-resistant since the guitars will ultimately be displayed outdoors. In October the guitars will be auctioned to benefit United Way programs.

more information Guitarmania and to see the locations of the other guitars visit www.cleveland.com/guitarmania.



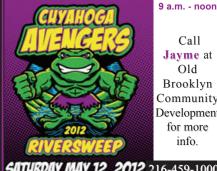
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