

## St. Barbara's, 10 other Catholic churches reopen or in process of reopening

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The challenge of finding a parking place for people who didn't arrive early enough; gloriously peeling church bells; freshly cleaned windows, floors and pews; and palpable, positive energy are among the common denominators of eleven Catholic church reopenings; the dream which seemed impossible a few years ago is now becoming a reality, mostly in churches with standing room only.

While what's happening with St. Barbara's, our neighborhood portion of the picture, is of greater importance to most *Old Brooklyn News* readers, this month we'll also continue the coverage we've given to all the parishes which appealed their closings. And so, in chronological order, Greater Cleveland first and then Akron —

St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Ave, in the St. Clair-Superior neighborhood of Cleveland

Because a dedicated contingent of parishioners conducted a prayer service outside their locked church every Sunday morning from the time of its closing in November, 2009, it seems fitting that St. Casimir was the first church in the Diocese to reopen. The newly appointed pastor, Fr. Eric Orzech, offered the reopening Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th.

There was standing room only, with 1000 (more or less) estimated to be in attendance. Even representatives from out-of-state Polish organizations came to it. A dessert reception in the parish hall followed the Mass.

Since its reopening, bi-lingual (Polish and English) weekly Masses have been offered every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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## Ben Franklin Garden wins blue ribbon at last month's Cuyahoga County Fair

by Hallie Forcinio

A nutrition-themed display earned the Benjamin Franklin Community Garden its fifth consecutive blue ribbon at the 2012 Cuyahoga County Fair in August. Benji's Got Veggies? Display, which tied with a community garden in North Royalton for first place, featured more than 25 vegetables plus recipes for Fair visitors to take home.

More than a dozen gardeners supplied produce for the display including Linda Dole, Greg Noeth, Sharon Golias, Evelyn Protiva, Kim Hageman, Kim Repinski, Joe Heiskell, Judy Routzon, John Jenkins, Tom Sargent, Ken Keckler, Mike Theus, Jeff Kostura, Bill Wallace, Rob Nash, Tracey Nichols, Hallie Forcinio, and Lisa Young.

The Fair Sub-committee, Jeff Kostura, Mike Theus, Kim Hageman and co-chairs Lisa Young and Kim Repinski, planned, organized, set up, maintained and dismantled the display.

As in years past, Benji was well-represented at the Fair by gardeners submitting individual entries in a variety of vegetable and canned goods categories.

Competitors included Barbara Boyd, Linda Dole, Josh Henry, Kim Hageman, James and Ken Lewandowski, and Bill Wallace. In fact, Ken Lewandowski took home honors for the largest pumpkin. The 300-pound scale-breaker was turning heads even before it was harvested and displayed at the Fair. In July several Garden Walk Cleveland visitors were so impressed by the size of the giant pumpkin they posed for pictures with it.

As the 2012 growing season winds down and gardeners prepare for the Harvest Picnic, noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 8th, the Garden Committee is collecting favorite recipes from gardeners for a cookbook. The recipes must include at least one ingredient grown in the Garden and will be organized in sections: appetizers, soup/salads, vegetables/side dishes, main dishes, desserts, canning and kids' recipes. The kids' section also will include artwork drawn by children from gardeners' families.

The *Recipes from the Garden* cookbook is expected to be printed early in 2013, in time to be sold at the garden's annual spring fundraiser (usually in March) and the season kick-off meeting in May. Proceeds from the cookbook, which will sell for approximately \$10, will help support Garden operations.

## Koinonia, Cleveland and Cuyahoga Land Bank work together to create urban farm here

Press release from the City of Cleveland

Koinonia Homes, Inc., the Cuyahoga Land Bank, Cleveland City Council and the City of Cleveland celebrated the ground breaking for a new urban agriculture farm at W. 41st St. and Memphis Ave. on Wednesday, August 22nd, at 10 a.m.

Koinonia, the largest private provider of services for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Cuyahoga County, started with a vision --

The organization wanted to expand a

In May 2012, Cleveland City Council passed legislation leasing a 2.3 acre parcel of land that formally housed Memphis School until it was demolished in 2008. The property is being leased to Koinonia for twenty-five years, with four options to renew for additional five year periods.

"This project is a win-win for everyone," said Cleveland Councilman Kevin Kelley, in whose ward the farm will be situated. "Koinonia will have the ability to provide its clients with job skills training; the City of Cleveland sees this land going back into productive use, and Old Brooklyn residents have the opportunity to experience community gardening as well."

The farm will include two greenhouses that will be used year-round, a poultry building for fresh eggs, a rainwater

retention pool, a mechanical/utility building, eight crop fields and a community garden, with 24 plots for public use. The Cuyahoga Land Bank will continue to provide technical assistance to the project and is contributing \$14,000 for the irrigation of the site.

"We are elated to have partners that have made it possible for us to fulfill this vision," said Diane Beastron, President and CEO of Koinonia. "This project allows us to both provide some of our clients with a meaningful work experience and supply our day programs and residences with nutritional produce."

Tom Collins, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) Commercial Manager and John Jenkins a member of OBCDC's Board, assisted Koinonia with the development of this parcel of land for this purpose. Tom Collins and Robyn Sandys, OBCDC's executive director, were asked to participate in the ground breaking ceremony.

"The CDC is very excited to share resources and assist with this unique project in our community," stated Sandys.

The first crop yield is expected during next year's growing season.



The ground was broken for the Urban Farm on Wednesday, August 22nd.

small farm they had on one of their properties and use it as a multi-faceted resource based on the creation of a work program where they could teach individuals about farming; provide meaningful work opportunities; produce food for their residential services and provide a community garden.

Koinonia approached the Cuyahoga Land Bank with this vision and the quest for the appropriate parcel of vacant land for this urban farm began. After exploring multiple options, the Cuyahoga Land Bank determined that the best possible property on which to situate the farm was not in their inventory, but rather in the City of Cleveland Land Bank. As such, the Cuyahoga Land Bank guided Koinonia through the process of approaching the City to make this vision a reality.

"When I learned about Koinonia's vision, I was determined to help this social service agency find a way to make it happen," said Cuyahoga Land Bank President Gus Frangos.



Photo by Lisa Young  
The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden won its fifth consecutive blue ribbon at the 2012 Cuyahoga County Fair with its Got Veggies? display.

## SAVE THE DATE

2012 Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation  
Annual Meeting to be held on **Tuesday, October 16th**,  
at Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., **6 p.m.**

**Only CDC Members in good standing of at least 45 days  
(Sept. 1st) before Oct. 16th can vote.**

*All community members are welcome to attend.*

### HAPPY LABOR DAY!

<p><b>Cleveland Navy Week and the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812</b>, now - Tues., Sept. 4th. Visit <a href="http://www.navyweek.org">www.navyweek.org</a> for details.</p> <p><b>Cleveland National Air Show</b> - Sat., Sept. 1st - Mon., Sept. 3rd; Burke Lakefront Airport, downtown.</p> <p><b>55th Annual Hungarian Scout Festival</b> - Sun., Sept. 2nd, 11 am - 11 pm; German Central Park, 7863 York Rd., Parma.</p> <p><b>Slovak Festival</b> - Sun., Sept. 2nd, 12 - 8 pm; St. Anthony of Padua Church Hall, State Rd., Parma.</p> <p><b>Kamm's Corners Greek Festival</b> - Sat. &amp; Sun., Sept 2nd &amp; 3rd; 3853 W. 168th St.</p>	<p><b>Octoberfest</b> - Fri., Aug. 31st - Mon., Sept. 3rd; Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds, Berea.</p> <p><b>Polish Cultural Festival</b> - Fri., Aug. 31st - Sun., Sept. 4th; St. John Cantius Church, Tremont.</p> <p><b>St. Elias Festival</b> - Fri., Aug. 31st - Mon., Sept. 3rd; <b>St. Elias Church</b>, 8023 Memphis Ave., Brooklyn.</p> <p><b>St. Rocco Festival</b> - Thur., Aug. 30th - Mon., Sept. 3rd; St. Rocco Church, 3205 Fulton Rd., near westside.</p> <p><b>Taste of Cleveland</b> - Fri., Aug. 31st - Mon., Sept. 3rd; Time Warner Cable Amphitheater, Tower City.</p>
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Labor Day

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## Jeffrey G. Lazar receives Purple Heart from Marine Corps

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Staff Sergeant Jeffrey G. Lazar, formerly of Oakpark Ave., has received a Purple Heart for wounds received in 2010 in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. He sustained a concussion after being struck by an improvised explosive device (IED) while conducting combat operations against enemy forces.

Jeff was formally awarded the Purple Heart on July 6, 2012. (The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration awarded in the name of the President to those who have been wounded or killed while serving on or after April 5, 1917 with the U.S. military.)

Jeff joined the Marine Corps in 2001. He served two tours of duty in Iraq and two in Afghanistan. Since then he has received 25 awards for his military service.

When asked what was the most surprising about either place, he replied, "Iraq. It was surprising how much people want democracy and believe in the dream. No matter where you are, if you treat people like human beings, they will react as humans."

As for how his experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan changed him, Jeff stated, "I am more thankful for what I have and try to live life to the fullest."

One of Jeff's duties was to work with dogs that are trained to detect mines and IEDs. There were thirteen Marine dogs while he was deployed and he is very proud that "all thirteen dogs came back to the United States."

Jeff said that dogs are especially effective in hot, dry weather because the scent from the explosive materials stays strong (although the heat is not kind to humans or dogs). His favorite dogs were "Bullet" and "Lucky"; he named his family pet, a handsome Weimaraner, "Bullet" in the Marine dog's honor.



Staff Sergeant E-6 Jeffrey G. Lazar  
Photo by Sheila Quealy-Walter

"Some Marine dogs do get post traumatic stress syndrome and they are retired and live out their lives as beloved family pets," Jeff added.

Jeff attended elementary school at the former Corpus Christi and St. Leo the Great and went on to graduate from Trinity High School in Garfield Heights in 1993. He is currently stationed stateside at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He lives with his wife, Danielle, a Parma native who is a nurse at the naval hospital at Camp Lejeune, and their four year old son Dylan.

Jeff and Danielle were married in 2005 in Brooklyn Heights but have lived in North Carolina since 2007 (other than his deployments). Jeff also has two stepdaughters, Brianna and Julianna.

While he misses Old Brooklyn, Jeff is happy that he has been able to see so much of the world including Hawaii, Korea, Japan and the Philippines (in addition to Iraq and Afghanistan). He is currently working toward a Bachelor's Degree in Homeland Security from American Military University and hopes to work for the Department of Defense when he retires from the Marines after 20 years of service.

Reflecting on those years so far, Jeff stated, "The Marines are like family and you have a connection to people all over the world. It's an honor to serve with them and to serve this great country."

Jeff also wants to thank his family, friends, and the community for their overwhelming support."

Old Brooklyn thanks Jeff and all who are in or have been in the military for their service to our country.

## From the desk of the executive director

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tographed on the front page of this month's paper.

Another milestone in Old Brooklyn is the ground-breaking for Koinonia's Rising Harvest Farms which will be located on Memphis Ave. where the old 2.3 acre Memphis School once stood. Old Brooklyn CDC looks forward to continuing to work with this wonderful venture in our neighborhood.

Also inside this edition on page 7 is information about the Cleveland Municipal School levy that will be on the ballot in November. For more information please go to www.right-planrightnow.com.

Check out this month's Cash Mob, a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Get something beautiful and practical at the Sept 15th Cash Mob (starting at noon) at "All Things for You" boutique (2020 W. Schaaf Rd.) and South Hills Hardware (Schaaf and Tuxedo). News about raffles and discounts will be out soon! Check the CDC's Facebook page at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for updates.

August was a fun-filled month for Old Brooklyn that started with the third annual *Bridging the Distance* walk and run through the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo. There were 304 people who participated on a beautiful Sunday morning. The up and down hills are a killer, my legs hurt for days afterwards, but it is a rewarding experience. This event is a fund raiser for the CDC and we were able to net about \$1,500. Thanks to all who sponsored the event and who participated.

The CDC also sponsored our Community Picnic a free event for members and residents of the service area the CDC serves. After the picnic we also had one of our Movie Nights. There were about 80 people who participated this year and enjoyed neighborly company along with CDC staff and board members.

A huge congratulations to Ben Franklin Community Garden for winning the Blue Ribbon first place award for best community garden at the Cuyahoga Community Fair. The gardeners who participate are experts and they spend hours setting up the display pho-



Photo by Sheila Quealy-Walter

This year's *Bridging the Distance* event was a fundraiser for Old Brooklyn CDC and had over 300 people running or walking through the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo. Thanks to all sponsors especially Key Bank, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Dollar Bank, and Hudec Dental.

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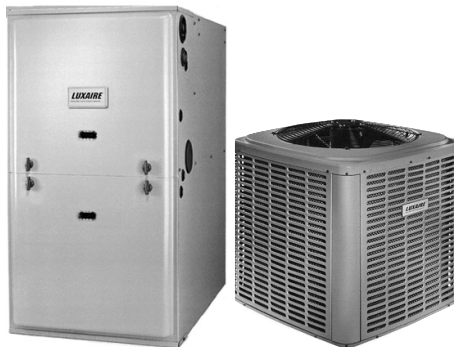
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**Saturday & Sunday, September 1st & 2nd Archwood Avenue Street Fair & Sale**  
Archwood Ave. between Fulton Rd. & W. 25th St. in Brooklyn Centre. Yard sales; food & live music. Sat., 9 am - 6 pm & Sun., 10 am - 5 pm.

**Now thru September 16th Downtown Guided Walking Tours**  
**Gateway District Tour** - every Thurs; 6 pm.  
**Historic Warehouse District Tour** - every Sat; 10 am.  
**PlayhouseSquare Tour** - every Tues; 6 pm.  
**Canal Basin Park in the Flats Tour** - every Sun, 10 am. Visit [www.clevelandgatewaydistrict.com](http://www.clevelandgatewaydistrict.com) for more info.

**Tuesdays now thru October 30th Tremont Farmers Market**  
Lincoln Park; parking on both sides of W. 14th St.. between Starkweather & Kenilworth; 4 - 7 pm. Dinner from food vendors & shopping from farmers, vendors & artists.

**Sundays now to October Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**  
16906 Albers Ave.; 10 am - 2 pm. Call 216-252-6559 ext. 1400 or visit [www.kammscornersfarmersmarket.org](http://www.kammscornersfarmersmarket.org) for more info.

**Now - February 14th, 2013 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 & other wardrobe items ("trousseau") of dresses & lingerie brides brought to marriages.

**Monday, September 3rd "C.P.A." Annual Bring Your Own Everything Picnic**  
St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr. old fashioned last picnic of summer event. Bring coolers & picnic baskets, whatever you want to eat, drink, share. Gate opens 2 pm., live polka music by Jimmy "K" & Ethnic Jazz. 3 - 7 pm. Donation - \$10; 18 & under free. Call 216-228-1134, Sylvia or Paul, For large table reservations or more info. All welcome.

**Friday, September 7th "10th Annual Dance Showcase"**  
Palace Theatre, Playhouse Square Center, 1501 Euclid Ave. 7 pm. Featuring seven of Northeast Ohio's finest professional dance companies, the performance highlights a wide array of dance styles from ballet to contemporary to classical Indian dance. Free admission, no tickets required. Call 216-241-6000 or [www.playhousesquare.org](http://www.playhousesquare.org) for more info.

**Friday, September 7th Church Street Ministries/CSM Benefit Fair**  
CSM's headquarters, 398 W. Bagley Rd, Suite #10 (next to McDonald's, across the street from Marc's) 2 - 5 pm. CSM partners with Cleveland Foodbank for its monthly benefit fair. Lauren Thomas, Foodbank benefit outreach counselor available to assist clients with applications for 21 Ohio Benefit Bank programs. SNAP(food stamps), medical coverage & HEAP(home energy assistance). Food pantry also on site; available to clients at benefit fair. Call 440-826-4603 for more info.

**Saturday September 8th Walk to Help Build Koinonia's Farm**  
Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 8:30 - 11:30 am Registration opens 7:30 am. All ages welcome. This year's walk for dreams helps raise funds for Koinonia's new vocational urban agricultural farm on former Memphis School site. (Will provide paid work & training for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.) Farm will have, among other things, poultry building for fresh egg sales, rain water retention pool, 2 greenhouses & 8 crop fields.

Register at [Koinoniahomes.org](http://Koinoniahomes.org) or call Linda Moskus, 216-588-8777, ext. 119. Live entertainment & all day admission to Zoo & Rainforest before & after walk.

**Monday, September 10th Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**  
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Stephen J. Sebesta, presenting "The Conflicts, Imprints & Legacy of the Czechs in Cleveland, Ohio". Speaker grew up in Cleveland's Mount Pleasant neighborhood; maternal g.parents emigrated from SW Bohemia through Ellis Island; paternal from Silesia through Galveston. He is Director of Sokol Greater Cleveland's Czech Library & author of "The Wartime Experiences of a Cleveland Czechoslovak Legionnaire". Contact Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via [www.cuyahogagenealogy.org](http://www.cuyahogagenealogy.org) for more info.

**Tuesday, September 11th "Summer Harvest Show & Tell"**  
Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave., 7 pm.; use back door. Sponsored by The Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn. Members display produce & flowers from their gardens. All welcome; refreshments afterwards. Sign up for 2013 if interested. Call Barb Paulitzky, 216-671-6777, for more info.

**Wednesday September 12th Westside Basket Guild**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs Fellowship Hall off parking lot; 5 pm. Weave baskets from beginners to advanced. New basket each month. This month's -- wood bottom casserole basket with handles; 10" in diameter at base & approx 14" at top. Cost - \$14, due night of class. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP by Sept. 9th. Supplies to bring to every class -- bucket, old towel, clothes pins, scissors, tape measure, pencil & awl or screw driver.

**Friday & Saturday, September 14th & 15th IngenuityFest**  
Downtown; in new location for 2012 -- Docks 32 & 30 which sit on the lakefront, north of Browns Stadium & Great Lakes Science Center. Annual festival combines beauty of art & technology. Visit [www.ingenuitycleveland.com](http://www.ingenuitycleveland.com) for more info.

**Saturday & Sunday, September 15th & 16th 14th Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival**  
Lincoln Park; Sat., 11 am - 6 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm; free. 130 vendors, fine arts, community, culture, health & wellness & Children's Village. Visit [www.merrickhouse.org/tacf](http://www.merrickhouse.org/tacf) or call 216-575-0920, ext. 106., for more info.

**Monday, September 24th Western Reserve Rose Society**  
North Royalton branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 14600 State Rd.; 7 pm. **Wackiest Rose Show night** -- Bring crummiest roses in different categories. Visit [www.westernreserverosesociety.org](http://www.westernreserverosesociety.org) for more info.

**Monday, September 24th Troop 151 Open House**  
Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd., 7 - 8:30 pm. Find out about Boy Scouting -- camping, white water rafting, rock climbing, staving off the zombie hordes, archery, cooking over a fire, carving, leather projects, theater, horseback riding, swimming. Email AJ Hopkins at [jerhpk@yahoo.com](mailto:jerhpk@yahoo.com) or call 216-326-8585 for more info.

**Thursday, Sept 27th ¡A Bailar! Latin Fiesta**  
Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd., 4:30 p.m. Celebrate Latin music & culture in the New World by mastering basic salsa & merengue dance moves. Call 216-623-6920 for more info.

**Saturday & Sunday, September 29th & 30th Annual "Shunpike Shoppe" Sale**  
Brooklyn Historical Society annual sale at museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Sat., 10 am - 3 pm & Sun., noon - 3 - pm (also day of quilt raffle drawing). Hand-Quilted patchwork "Blue Skies" quilt is in shades of blue prints ranging from royal to misty blue. Other items, herb & specialty breads,

homemade bakery, Amish jams & jellies, hand-loomed rugs, potholder towels, potholders, plastic bag holders, new "lace ruffle" scarves, reusable cloth gift bags, dog kerchiefs, houseplants, perennials, dried lavender sachets & bouquets, catnip & sweet Annie bags, dried herbs & lots of white elephants. Ongoing quilting & rug loom demos, tours & continuous power point presentation of old area pictures. Call 216-941-0160 for more info.

**Saturday, September 29th Tremont History Project presents First Class Mouliak (1961)**  
Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center, lower level (former Holy Ghost Church) on SW corner of W. 14th St. & Kenilworth Ave., side entrance; 2pm. Freewill donation, please, to help support Tremont History Project. Popcorn & soft drinks. Story line --Tod & Buz working for Jack & Mike at steel mill. Mike's daughter is found dead & Jack's son was with her when she died. Guest star: Robert Redford. Call Eileen, 440-785-6315, for reservations; seating extremely limited.

**Saturday, September 29th Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland First Annual Friends of the Poor Walk**  
Cleveland Metroparks' Brookside Reservation, adjacent to Cleveland Metroparks Zoo; 10:30 am - noon. Fundraiser for community members to participate in simultaneous, nationwide event to increase awareness of challenges faced by the poor in our region & generate significant funds earmarked for direct assistance to them. No administrative fees; all monies raised locally utilized to help Northeast Ohio low-income residents. Free parking. To participate, register online at <http://www.svdpsusa.net/pledgathon/public/index.php>. Contact Society of St. Vincent de Paul Cleveland, 216-696-6525, ext. 3150, for more info.

**Ozanam Food Pantry**  
2145 Broadview Rd. (Broadview Rd. & Searsdale Ave.), Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am - 1 pm. Bring photo ID & current piece of mail with correct address. Food & clothing available; no charge for either.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch Temporary location 1700 Snow Rd. (in the Midtown Shopping Center, next to Marcs) 216-661-4240 or [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org)**  
9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.  
**Upcoming September Programs:** Unless otherwise noted, registration is required.

**ESOL (English as a Second Language)** Begins Mon., Sept. 10th; Mon. & Fri., 9 - 11:30 am; adult.

**Social Media for Profit**, Tues., Sept. 4th, 7 - 8:30 pm; adult. Kelly Pavlovic will discuss best practices & methods for effectively using social media for business. Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn & Pinterest.

**Teen Programs, TAG Team** (a helpful teen group) - Sat., Sept. 8th, grades 6 - 12, 1:30 - 2:15 pm. **Game Day & Chess Play** (board games, chess, & WiiTM). - Sat. Sept. 8th, ages 10 - 18, 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

**Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club**, Mon., Sept. 10th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. 2nd Mon. each month; adult.

**Database Power for Homeschoolers**, Tues., Sept. 11th, 2 pm; homeschooling families. Hands-on training in how to use the Library's databases for homeschool learning & teaching.

**A Nutritionist's View**, Sat. Sept.15th, 2 pm; adult. MetroHealth nutritionist talks about importance of nutrition & gives easy tips about how to make better meal choices. Take home healthy recipes.

**Facebook for Beginners**, Tues., Sept. 18th, 2 - 3:30 pm.; adult. Learn the basics of Facebook.

**Accounting for Small Business** - Tues., Sept. 25th, 7 pm; adult. For entrepreneurs or small business owners.

**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](http://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.

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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](http://www.smbyz.org) for more info.

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# Old Brooklyn's Crime Watch update

by Barbara Spaan  
 barbaras@oldbrooklyn.com

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

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

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

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

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

Kids, always check in with your parents or a trusted adult. Always take a friend with you when you are out and about. Don't get in or approach any car without your parent's OK (or if they are with you).

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

Stay away from unchained dogs or any animal you don't know.

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

dads, too, and are only here to help everyone.

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

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

**Helpful Phone Numbers:**

**Cleveland Police:** 216-621-1234

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

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

**Cleveland Municipal School District Ombudsman:** 216-574-8462

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



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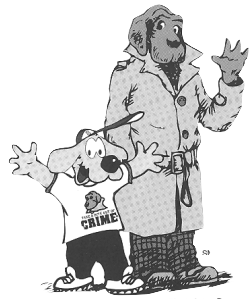
## LITE and EZ exercise classes

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

Class size averages 15 to 20 folks who meet at Estabrook Rec. Center on Mon., Wed. and Fri. mornings, 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. There is a \$2 fee per class or \$20 pass for 15 classes.

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

A doctors release form can be picked up at MetroHealth Wellness Center or by stopping by the class at Estabrook. Observe a class at the same time.



# Second annual Bikequinox ready for take-off

by Jacqueline Sliva

Just as *Pedal for Prizes* kicked off the 2012 bicycling season, Becky, Bruce, Jackie, Jeff and John will be winding it down with another enjoyable ride on Saturday, September 8th. *Bikequinox* is a fun and free event, friendly to all experience levels, to showcase the Old Brooklyn neighborhood by bicycle.

Meet your neighbors and friends at a *Pedal for Prizes'* favorite destination, Wexler's Tavern & Eatery, 4555 State Rd., to begin your *Bikequinox* adventure at 6 pm on Sept 8th. Upon registration, riders will be given a list of fun trivia questions that can be answered by taking an informal ride through Old Brooklyn.

Correctly answering enough questions puts you in the running to win one of many bicycle-related prizes. Upon completion of the ride, *Bikequinox* participants are also invited to chow down on local eats; those 21 and over are invited to drink and be merry at the after-party, graciously hosted by Wexler's.

Fueled by the success of *Pedal for Prizes*, *Bikequinox* was conceived to continue supporting local business and encourage bicycling and

community growth in Old Brooklyn. The first annual *Bikequinox*, in September 2011, was held at Mr. Peabody's Pub and featured over 60 prizes, pizza from Carmino's, and a karaoke after-party.

Because Wexler's Tavern & Eatery is such an advocate of the *Pedal for Prizes* event, and has terrific food and drink specials, the group wanted to thank them by having the second *Bikequinox* at their establishment.

This year's after-party will feature food provided by Wexler's, short street films, a cash bar and music. The after-party gives adult community members the opportunity to make new friends and neighborhood connections in a more relaxed environment. Even folks who can't make it to the ride can stop in and hang out at the party at Wexler's!

For more information about *Pedal for Prizes* and *Bikequinox*, visit the website <http://pedalforprizes.org>, like us on Facebook, or follow us on Twitter. Or email any questions [pedalforprizes@gmail.com](mailto:pedalforprizes@gmail.com).

Thank you for another great year of bicycling in Old Brooklyn!

# Brooklyn Centre Naturalists reflect and plan

by Gloria Ferris  
 Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) participated in Brooklyn Centre's Bicentennial parade on Sunday, August 12th. "Iris", accompanied by her people -- a group of *GardenWalk Cleveland* committee members waving silk banners and a group of *Denison Ave.* residents who pulled her down Pearl Rd. -- led the way for the BCN "bugs".



Brooklyn Centre Naturalists had one of the floats in the parade.

This was the second appearance of the 13 foot flower. If you missed seeing the giant flower, she will be participating in the West Side Market's Centennial parade on October 7th.

The BCN "bugs" consisted of area children and adults dressed in costumes designed and crafted by Sharon Martyn aided by her model, Christine Stuckey, and her sidekick, Gloria Ferris. The lady bug, dragonfly, bumblebee and butterfly strolled down Pearl Rd. with Mother Nature who was none other than the aforementioned Sharon Martyn.

Bringing up the rear was a 1950 Pontiac driven by Wayne Margo. This car was undoubtedly one of the spectators' favorites.

Now that the Bicentennial is a memory of summer fun, BCN is looking forward to their strategic planning meeting facilitated by neighbor Tom Romito. Four years ago, a group of residents in and around Brooklyn Centre held their first meeting at Cleveland Public Library-Brooklyn Branch. At that meeting, Brooklyn

Centre Naturalists was created.

Now each year in September, BCN members meet to assess their goals and decide what projects will be the focus of the coming year. They welcome new people who want to carry

forward their mission which is to educate and involve the community in creating a wildlife and people-friendly habitat in an urban setting.

The goals of

the group include developing public workshops, establishing educational programs for schools and the community, promoting the use of Ohio native species when possible, eradicating invasive species, preserving the unique ecosystem here, implementing organic gardening principles and maintaining a resource library. If this mission and these goals sound interesting, consider attending the September 22nd meeting. Look in *Community Meetings* for details.

This year, BCN added *GardenWalk Cleveland* as a new project. Since it was such a successful first year for the Brooklyn Centre/Old Brooklyn committee that took over the planning and implementation of the event, it will again be a project for 2013. If anyone has an interest in brainstorming, planning or participating in next year's event, attending the annual strategic meeting and lending support to the project would be a great place to start.

Anyone who wishes to be notified about events, projects and other news from BCN should email [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com) or call Gloria Ferris at 216-351-0254.

*I found this to be inspiring and challenging. A good checklist for when opportunity knocks.*

21 Suggestions for Success..... By H. Jackson Brown

1. Marry the right person. This one decision will determine 90% your happiness or misery.
2. Work at something you enjoy and that's worthy of your time and talent.
3. Give people more than they expect and do it cheerfully.
4. Become the most positive and enthusiastic person you know.
5. Be forgiving of yourself and others.
6. Be generous.
7. Have a grateful heart.
8. Persistence, persistence, persistence.
9. Discipline yourself to save money on even the most modest salary.
10. Treat everyone you meet like you want to be treated.
11. Commit yourself to constant improvement.
12. Commit yourself to quality.
13. Understand that happiness is not based on possessions, power or prestige, but on relationships with people you love and respect.
14. Be loyal.
15. Be honest.
16. Be a self-starter
17. Be decisive even if it means you'll sometimes be wrong.
18. Stop blaming others. Take responsibility for every area of your life.
19. Be bold and courageous. When you look back on your life, you'll regret the things you didn't do more than the ones you did.
20. Take good care of those you love.
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Although it started early (in March!), from my perspective, this summer has just whizzed by. Maybe that's because there were so many things going on, or maybe it was because time is relative, and the older we get, the faster it seems to pass.

The **Brooklyn Centre Bicentennial** celebration pretty much took up one whole weekend last month. And every weekend had at least one performance at Tremont's annual **Arts in August** event (and on the Bicentennial weekend, there was something going on all three nights in Tremont, too). But first Brooklyn Centre --

The weekend started on Friday night with a bonfire, s'mores and the music of two bands at the **Brooklyn Centre Community Orchard**. The Orchard is on Louisiana Ave., (south of Denison Ave. and Pearl Rd.) overlooking the Big Creek Valley. I'm embarrassed to say that it was the first time I'd been there, and I was truly taken with the beauty and ambiance of the place.

Many Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn residents started Saturday morning with a pancake restaurant at **Sal's Menu Restaurant**. A community bike ride took place after that, and then the **historic home tour** -- on foot, by bike, or via Lolly the Trolley -- was from 2 - 5 p.m. The tour was my favorite activity, though even with being at it the whole time, I still wasn't able to see all the featured homes.

Saturday night there were **burgers at The Ugly Broad Tavern**, with the proceeds benefiting **Applewood Center**. And then a number of of the folks went off to Tremont's Lincoln Park to watch the free Verbs Ballet extravaganza there.

The scheduled time for Sunday's **Bicentennial Parade** down Pearl Rd. and Denison Ave. (**Riverside Cemetery to W.C. Reed Park**) was 1:30 to 3, but the parade concluded faster than anticipated, so the picnic (hot dogs, pizza and beverages) started sooner

than originally planned. A special feature was to have **tethered hot air balloon rides**, but the weather turned out to be too windy for that until 6 p.m., so only about 60 people got up.

Overall it was a great weekend of camaradery and community pride. One attendee commented that it reminded her of being in college and eating her meals and socializing with the same group of people!

And speaking of school, I remember that I ended last month's column with a promise to pick up with school news. So getting back to accomplishments from **St. Leo students**...

Toward the end of the last school year, **Jarret Kelley** and **Emily Reeves** learned that, based on their academic records in 7th and 8th grades, they qualified for Honors Scholarships to **Padua Franciscan High School**. The scholarships are valued at \$1,000 and may be renewed annually.

In addition, **Emily Reeves** was awarded a \$1,000 Padua Placement Test Scholarship for superior performance on the Padua Placement Test Entrance Exam.

Two St. Leo former 8th graders also placed in the **Northeast Ohio Science and Engineering Fair at Cleveland State University**. These two girls competed against more than 600 students from 99 schools in seven counties in northeast Ohio.

**Kendra Golak** received Second Place in Environmental Science for her project "Grey Water: Can the Use of Recycled Water Sustain the Health of Common House Plants?" and **Theresa Lincheck** received Third Place in Mechanical Engineering for her project "Which Bridge Design is the Strongest?"

**Theresa Lincheck** also received a Certificate of Achievement for Second Place Performance in Grades 7 and 8 from CSU's Fenn College of Engineering.

A number of 7th and 8th grade St. Leo musicians participated in the **OMEA District IV Adjudication at Tri-C West** on Saturday, April 21st. They performed memorized scales and a solo.

**Kayla Cooper, Kelsey Iverson, Nikki Johnson** and **Theresa Lincheck** earned Superior ratings of "1". **Kendra Golak** and **Sabrina Mihalik** earned Excellent "2s".

We'll print Mary Queen of Peace student awards next month. In the meantime, email your news to [Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or mail it c/o OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Rd. 44109

## In Memoriam -- Neil H. Richardson

by Lynette Filips

Although his surname was Richardson, Neil was also descended from two of the original farmers/settlers of Brooklyn Township, the Brainards and the Fishes. Agriculture was in his blood!

One of three sons born to Blanche and Ben Richardson, Neil entered this world on July 7th, 1928 at the former Evangelical Deaconess Hospital on Pearl Rd. He liked to tell people that Dr. Webster delivered him.

Neil grew up close to the earth, working the family land near where today's South Hills Hardware and Richardson's Farm Market still stand, at the corner of W. Schaaf Rd. and Tuxedo Ave. He began his education in a school operated by the Village of Brooklyn Heights on Schaaf Rd., but it closed when he was in sixth grade. After that he transferred to Cleveland City Schools, ultimately graduating from James Ford Rhodes High School in 1946.

As it happened, 1946 was also the sesquicentennial year of the founding of the city of Cleveland, and as a gift to the community, that year's senior class at Rhodes decided to put together a history book about the neighborhood. Its title was South Brooklyn, and Neil wrote the three-page section near the end of the book which is sub-titled Greenhouses.

Neil's family determined that he would one day be the son to take over the family business, but first he would attend Ohio State University. (Both his father, Ben, and his grandfather, Hamilton Richardson, had graduated from OSU.) So after high school, Neil enrolled in OSU's School of Agriculture, graduating in 1951. He met Barbara, a native of Fairview Park, at Ohio State, but they didn't marry until 1954, after she was out of college, too.

After he took over the business from his father, Neil hired many an Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Hts. youth to work in the fields. Sweet corn was a Richardson's specialty!

During his adult years, Neil was involved with many professional organizations related to agriculture, as well as with his church, Ridgewood United Methodist in Parma, and civic organizations like Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis, the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, and the Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society. When the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn put on its "historical festivals" in past years, it could always depend on Neil to bring in old quilts, farm implements, photos and record books for the display area.

Neil loved talking about history and sharing his mega-archives of family photos and business records with anyone who was interest-

ed. It was probably in the mid-to-late Eighties that Richardson's put on autumn and Christmastime festivals in their former Farm Market building; these, too, provided a great opportunity for Neil's displays and stories, as well as for interesting demonstrations about practices in the old days.

When I began writing about local history for the *Old Brooklyn News* in March of 1990, my first article was about Schaaf Rd. It wasn't too many articles later that I was talking with Neil and borrowing his photos to accompany what I'd written about greenhouses and truck gardens in the area.

Neil retired from the greenhouse business when his son-in-law, Chris Wygonski (married to Nancy), who already owned another neighborhood family business, South Hills Hardware, took over Richardson's Greenhouse and Farm Market. He had new buildings for both erected at the W. Schaaf Rd. and Tuxedo Ave. site. Since Neil lived so close by, and would have missed being able to chat with the customers who had become his friends, he was a frequent visitor!

Neil also worked part-time as a greeter for Busch Funeral Home, often at the Pearl Rd. location, and this provided him with another opportunity to connect with the people he knew. He also regularly helped out at the agricultural establishments which his other two children own in Medina County -- Richardson's Greenhouse (son Bill and wife Dora) and Boyert's (daughter Patti and husband Michael).

Neil and Barbara travelled a lot, too, now that they weren't tied to the business seven days a week.

Although he kept his weight under control and ate lots of vegetables, Neil encountered more than his share of health problems in his later years. Amazingly, he recovered from a stroke which at the onset had left half his body paralyzed, but then a form of dementia slowly set in. It never caused him to lose his congenial personality, but it did take away his short-term memory.

In the end, an infection which wouldn't clear up and renal failure did Neil in; he died on Saturday, August 4th, at Broadview Multi-Care on Broadview Rd. in Parma. He was 84.

In addition to his wife Barbara, Neil is survived by his three children, their spouses, thirteen grandchildren (some of whom have spouses), three great-grandchildren, a brother and many friends. His wake was at the same funeral home where he had worked after his retirement, and his memorial service the following day was at Ridgewood United Methodist Church.





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by Tom Collins  
tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

**What is on Broadview Rd.**

Bruce Page, who operates Honey Hut Ice Cream with other members of his family, is enthusiastic when it comes to promoting Old Brooklyn. He knows that within Old Brooklyn there are individual neighborhoods with informal identities like Edgewood, Brooklyn Acres and South Hills. He knows that there are pockets of commercial areas that also have individual identities like the Memphis Fulton shopping area, Broadview Schaaf merchants and downtown Old Brooklyn. Bruce is developing an idea to identify those retail niches in the overall effort to promote Old Brooklyn.

Bruce's idea prompted me to think about the different business centers and the diversity of retail and commercial services throughout the community. Even though I travel Broadview Rd. every day I took my time driving from Pearl Rd. to the I-480

overpass just to inventory the array of businesses that serve Old Brooklyn. Many of these businesses are destination points that bring customers from the Greater Cleveland area. While I cannot name all the businesses in this column I will highlight the range of products and services along the corridor.

There is the Custom Embroidery shop that can make that individual piece or the larger corporate or team identity needs. Janie's Sewing Center offers a range of products for the seamstress as well as classes from beginner to advanced work. Broadview Cleaners and Tailors not only can clean clothing and linens; they can repair items. Auburn Cleaners provides traditional clothes cleaning while it specializes in cleaning window blinds and draperies.

Roy's Barber Shop, Through the Looking Glass, Della's House of Beauty, Profiles Creative Hair Center, Michelle's Beauty Shop serve the never ending hair care market. Ace Queen Beauty Supply sells beauty products for home and salon use. While focused upon the head, Hudec Dental Center will keep your teeth clean and healthy.

If you are hungry for breakfast, lunch, dinner or the break time snack, there are a variety of restaurants to satisfy the appetite. Pizza and Italian dishes for dining in or taking home can be had at Don's Gi's Pizza and Anthony's Pizza and Deli. Steve's Family Restaurant and Gabe's Family Restaurant offer light and hearty meals as well as carry

out. Lighter fare can be found at Lucy's Coffee and Donuts. And coffee is offered at the Tattoo Shop which carries a line of jewelry.

Convenience stores compete vigorously for every customer. Small corner stores like D's Beverage and C's Beverage challenge the regional chains like Rite Aid and Speedway. Speedway is in the gasoline market but not in the auto repair market. Those needs are filled by Janiak Auto Repair, Ron's Auto Repair and the two gasoline and repair service stations; Broadview Schaaf Marathon and Durica's Sunoco. Detroit Auto Parts sells products to auto repair businesses and the home mechanic.

Antiques and collectibles are found all along Broadview Rd. Some do not have shop names posted but the windows display the wares. South Hills Antiques and All Things are found around the corner on Schaaf Rd. Blast from the Past has many post World War II items. Prince of Patchouli and Funky Monkey carry a wide range of collectible and contemporary things.

When it comes to specialty items, Ameriflag has dual markets. Flags and banners are the principal products rounded out by antiques and collectibles. The foremost product is good conversation.

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



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## Senior Citizen Resources

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
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Senior Citizen Resources, located at 3100 Devonshire Rd., has been providing services to seniors ages 60 and older in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood for over 40 years. They are a nonprofit organization whose mission is "to enhance continued independent living and promote the quality of life for seniors in the Old Brooklyn community". Services include free meals, free transportation, great activities and more.

There are transportation services to and from Senior Citizen Resources Center, to medical appointments, grocery shopping, the Hunger Center, hair appointments, etc. Trips need to be scheduled 48 hours in advance by calling 216-749-5367.

Senior Citizen Resources offers two types of meal programs for seniors; delivery to homebound seniors and a hot lunch at the center five days a week. To learn if you are eligible for homebound delivery, call Christine in their Social Services Department at 216-749-4477. All seniors are welcome to come to the Center on week

days for a free, nutritious lunch (a \$1.00 donation is requested but not required). To enjoy a lunch at Senior Resources, make a reservation a week in advance by calling Rosemary at 216-749-5367. Lunch is served at 11:40 a.m.

There are also a variety of free or low cost activities for seniors such as card parties, fruit bingo, line dancing, movies, crafts, etc. They also plan trips and sightseeing tours to local attractions such as Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Anyone interested can call 216-749-5367.

In addition, each May, Senior Citizen Resources hosts the Senior Olympics, a week-long event with 18 Olympic-style games geared toward seniors of all physical abilities. Past Senior Olympic events included sports such as table tennis, darts, golf, basketball throw, bowling, relay races, etc. The fee for admission to the "Senior Olympics" includes admission to all Olympic events, a full course catered meal and a Senior Olympics T-shirt.

Senior Citizen Resources also has a volunteer program. According to their website, their volunteers contribute an average of 30,000 hours per year to community and social service agencies. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to call Rosemary at 216-749-5367. Source: <http://www.seniorcitizenresources.org>

## Access your benefits

The City of Cleveland's Department of Aging will help connect eligible seniors with government benefits that can help with groceries, health care and other needs. A "Benefits Ambassador" begins with a "Benefits Check Up" to learn what programs could be beneficial and assist with enrollment. The program is confidential and free. Call 216-664-3418 for more information.

Seniors who are fluent in other languages can also receive assistance by calling 2-1-1, the United Way's First Call for Help.



## CMSD school levy to be on November ballot

Edited from a news release sent to the *Old Brooklyn News* by **Citizens for Our Children's Future**

A coalition of Mayor Jackson, parents, educators, employers and community partners has worked to develop a plan to prepare Cleveland's children for the future.

The schools have made some decisions. More than 1,000 teacher and staff cuts have been made to allow the District to operate within its budget. The District is placing a 15 mill levy on the ballot to not only protect against additional cuts but to reform the schools to prepare Cleveland's children for the future.

The levy will expire after four years and voters will decide if the schools have made enough progress to merit a renewal. With 63 cents per day (the additional cost if this levy passes for the average Cleveland homeowner), the District will be able to: develop and recruit excellent teachers, replace failing schools with

new and quality schools, increase graduation rates, make sure all graduates are ready for the post high school world, update textbooks and learning technologies, maintain disciplined classrooms where students learn every day, provide real world education in local businesses, make the school year longer for those who need it most, help fund outstanding and accountable charter schools and base teacher pay more on performance.

Mayor Jackson unequivocally supports the levy and stated, "Good jobs require excellent education. Our children, neighborhoods and economy need better schools now. We cannot afford to fail."

To learn more about the campaign, visit [www.rightplanrightnow.com](http://www.rightplanrightnow.com).



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**Catholic churches from front page**

Individuals whose other parish commitments prevent them from joining St. Casimir's but who would like to be apprised of their activities can sign up to be "friends" (and thus receive email announcements of special events) on the parish's website, [www.stcasimir.com](http://www.stcasimir.com).

Fr. Orzech is dividing his time between St. Casimir's and another Polish parish to which he was also just appointed — the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus in Slavic Village. (The Franciscans gave up St. Stan's this past summer, and so it returned to the ministry of the priests of the Diocese of Cleveland.)

**St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave., in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood of Cleveland**

Fr. Joseph Hilinski, the new pastor of St. Barbara's, celebrated the reopening Mass on Sunday, July 22nd at 11 a.m. The church was filled to capacity (estimated attendance, 600), with extra chairs down the center aisles and people standing down the side aisles and in the vestibule. A light luncheon in the hall beneath the church followed the Mass.

At this point in time, two weekend Masses are being offered at St. Barbara's. Fr. Hilinski is the celebrant of the 4:30 Saturday Vigil Mass in English; Fr. Andrew Knapik is the celebrant of the 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass in Polish. (Fr. Knapik is stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Lansing Ave. because Fr. Hilinski does not speak enough Polish to offer Mass in that language.)

Bishop Richard Lennon will officially install Fr. Hilinski as pastor of St. Barbara's this Saturday, September 1st, at the 4:30 Mass. Afterwards, a reception will again be held in the church hall; light refreshments will be served.

Unlike many of the other pastors of recently reopened parishes, Fr. Hilinski is pastor of just one parish because he also has three other responsibilities within the Diocese. He is (1) the Director of the Continuing Education and Formation of Ministers at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, (2) the Delegate for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs and (3) the Secretariat for Parish Life.

Because the St. Barbara rectory had not been occupied for a number of years, Fr. Hilinski is still living in his former quarters in the rectory of St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake. But eventually he does plan to reside at St. Barbara's.

**St. Patrick Church, 4427 Rocky River Dr., in the West Park neighborhood of Cleveland**

St. Pat's reopened on the same day at the same time as St. Barbara did — Sunday, July 22nd, at 11 a.m. (That was disappointing to people who would have liked to have attended both reopening Masses.) The new pastor, Fr.

James Ols, is actually a son of the parish, and had asked Bishop Lennon if he could be assigned there. Prior to this new assignment, he had been the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul Church in Elyria.

An estimated 1000 people attended St. Pat's reopening Mass, and afterwards a social in the hall beneath the church helped them reconnect. Officially, St. Pat's and the former Annunciation and Ascension parishes were all supposed to merge at the site of the former Ascension Church. The new parish there is called Blessed Trinity. Reportedly more than 300 families from Blessed Trinity have decided to return to St. Pat's. (Just like what happened at St. Casimir's, a group of St. Pat's parishioners who never joined Blessed Trinity had been praying outside their closed church every Sunday morning.)

As occasionally happened during the course of the closings/mergings, St. Pat's school building remained in use. West Park Catholic Academy, which was formed when the former St. Patrick and Ascension schools merged, is open on St. Pat's grounds.

St. Pat's present Mass schedule is 7:30 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday; 7 p.m. on Thursday; 4:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 8:30 and 11 a.m. on Sunday.

**St. Mary Church, 340 Union St., Bedford**

The reopening Mass at St. Mary's, too, was at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 22nd. Over 1000 people were estimated to have been in attendance. The Mass was preceded by a coffee and donuts "meet and greet" which began at 9 a.m.

Fr. Daniel Begin is the new pastor of St. Mary's. Prior to that assignment, he was a Parochial Vicar at Communion of Saints (formerly St. Ann's) in Cleveland Hts. Before the Diocesan parish downsizing, he had been the pastor of two African-American parishes which closed, St. Cecilia and Epiphany. Those parishioners remain in contact with each other through [www.scattered-seed.org](http://www.scattered-seed.org).

The current worship schedule at St. Mary's is a Vigil Mass at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning Masses at 8:30 and 11 a.m. Visit the website [www.stmarybedford.org](http://www.stmarybedford.org) to become aware of more of their activities as they get re-established.

**St. Wendelin Church, 2281 Columbus Rd., in the Tremont neighborhood of Cleveland**

St. Wendelin's, a congregation founded by Slovak Catholics, reopened on Sunday, July 29th, with an 11 a.m. Mass. Fr. Robert Kropac is the new pastor. Immediately prior to coming to the west side of town, Fr. Kropac was a Parochial Vicar at St. Gabriel Church in Concord Township. But before that, he had been pastor of the former St. Henry Church, 18200 Harvard Ave. (Even before the Diocesan downsizing officially began, St. Henry, St. Catherine and St. Timothy had

decided on their own to merge at the St. Timothy site.)

The church was packed with people at St. Wendelin's reopening, too. Afterwards a light lunch was served in the parish hall. During the years of the appeals with Rome, some of the Wendelin's people, too, had regularly met on the church steps on Sunday mornings to keep the spirit of their parish alive.

Weekend Masses at St. Wendelin's are at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. In addition, there is a weekday Mass at 11 a.m. on Friday mornings.

**St. James Church, 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood**

Wednesday evening, July 25th, at 7 p.m. was the date chosen for the opening of St. James because that is the feast day of St. James. It was so crowded that people were spilling out onto the front steps, and so hot that some people had to leave. Supposedly the church seats 1000 which would mean that well over 1100 were in attendance. (One report estimated 1400.) That number included lots of babies and children, unlike many of the other churches which had only middle age and older people in attendance.

The church is amazingly beautiful, even though there is ceiling damage from the leaks in the roof which have since been repaired. Because the reopening was during the week, a number of additional priests and deacons were able to participate in the liturgy. One of them told me afterward that because of the Moorish influences in the architecture/design, a Moslem group wanted to buy the parish complex if the appeal to reopen hadn't been granted.

The newly assigned pastor, Fr. Joseph Workman, is also the pastor of neighboring St. Clement Church on Madison Ave. Perhaps the most memorable moment of the reopening was when he climbed up on a ladder after the distribution of Communion and relit the sanctuary lamp which hangs from the ceiling above the altar. (Three men were holding the ladder!) It seemed that the congregation would never stop applauding.

Afterwards there was an outdoor dessert reception in the garden area west of the church which lasted till dark. One could see/feel the peoples' euphoria at being able to be on their church grounds and with each other again.

Weekend Masses at St. James are at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday afternoon and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday morning. Weekday Masses are at 8:15 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

**St. Adalbert Church, 2347 E. 83rd St., in the Fairfax neighborhood of Cleveland**

Gospel music added to the ambiance of St. Adalbert's reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 12th. Fr. Gary Chmura, who's been a Tribunal Judge in the Diocese's courts for 30 years and the pastor at nearby Our Lady of Peace Church for 20 years, asked for and received the pastorate at St. Adalbert's, in addition to his other duties.

The faces on all the statues at St. Adalbert's were painted black decades ago, but there were both black and white faces in the standing room only crowd. A salad and dessert luncheon followed in the school cafeteria. Sunday Mass at St. Adalbert's is at 11 a.m. on schooldays, there's a weekday Mass on Thursdays at 9 a.m.

Since the 1930s, priests from the Missionaries of the Precious Blood had served the African-American community, originally at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament and later at St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament. (They inherited the present church building from a dying Bohemian congregation.) The last Precious Blood brother, however, Brother Thomas Bohman, C.P.P.S., left Cleveland at the end of July. Both he and Brother Robert Reuter, C.P.P.S., had worked at St. Adalbert School through the end of this past

school year. (St. Adalbert School remained open after the parish closed two years ago.) When Bishop Richard Lennon decided to "return" the parish to the Diocese, both of them opted to move on to other C.P.P.S. ministries.

**St. John the Baptist Church, 1034 Brown St., Akron**

When St. John's, originally a Slovak parish, was forced to close and merge with Annunciation Parish to form the new Visitation of Mary Parish at the Annunciation site, Fr. Jonathan Zingales was named the pastor. Then when it was announced that St. John's would reopen, Fr. Zingales volunteered to be its pastor, too. He celebrated the reopening Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th, and Sunday Masses have been continuing at the same time since then. (The name of Visitation of Mary Parish at Annunciation Church has been retained at the other site.)

**St. Mary Church, 750 S. Main St., Akron**

Another Akron parish merger had taken place between St. Mary Church and St. Bernard Church. The school remained at the St. Mary site, however, and the merged parish at the St. Bernard site incorporated both names — St. Bernard-St. Mary. Fr. Daniel Reed had been its pastor. After St. Mary's won its appeal, each parish went back to its individual name, and Fr. Reed became the pastor of each of them. The opening Mass was at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th (the feast of the Assumption of Mary).

**Historic St. Peter Church, Superior Ave. and E. 17th St., in downtown Cleveland**

In addition to the pastorate at St. Wendelin's, Fr. Robert Kropac has also been assigned to be the pastor of Historic St. Peter's. Although his appointment was effective July 30th, the parish has not yet celebrated a reopening Mass. At presstime the *Old Brooklyn News* learned that it will be at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9th. All are welcome to attend.

Beyond that, the parish is looking forward to an active campus ministry with Cleveland State University. Founded in 1853, St. Peter's has used the Superior Ave. edifice for worship since 1857. It is the oldest Catholic church building in Cleveland. The parish has never gone out of existence; the reopening Mass will be its first public service in the church building in twenty-nine months.

St. Peter's situation is more complex than the other parishes because after it was closed, in order to stay together, a sizeable portion of the parishioners reorganized as the Community of St. Peter. They rented and refurbished a former commercial space at 7100 Euclid Ave. and hired their previous pastor to be the pastor of the congregation.

**St. Emeric Church, 1860 W. 22nd St., in the Ohio City neighborhood of Cleveland**

Perhaps the biggest challenge, though, is at St. Emeric's where no pastor has yet been appointed. The parishioners want their former pastor, who is now ministering in Chicago, to return, but reportedly Bishop Lennon has no interest in doing that. The pastor was a Hungarian priest who, obviously, speaks Hungarian and that is very important to his former congregation.

**St. Margaret Mary Church, 4217 Bluestone Rd., South Euclid**

Meanwhile, St. Margaret Mary parishioners do not know why the appeals to reopen all the other parishes were granted, but theirs was not. They have retained legal counsel and are again pursuing their case with Rome.

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Challenges which vary with the parish face each of these congregations, but as the song says, "We've Come This Far by Faith"; optimism reigns as each begins the task of reinventing itself.

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**We Built This City: Clay Handbuilding** - Sat., Oct. 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; 10:30 am - 12 pm. Cost: \$85. Ages 6 - 12. Registration deadline: Sept. 15th

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**Cleveland Metroparks Hinckley Boathouse**  
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**Teddy Bear Day** - Sat., Sept. 22nd, 10 am - 2 pm. Kids ages 2 - 11. Bring favorite stuffed friend of any species & receive free admission when accompanied by paying adult. Plush pal doctors will give exams & hand out "Beary" Good Health certificates. Meet keepers to learn more about Zoo's different bear species; also teddy bear parade, face painting & dance party

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**Hunt Farm Visitor Information Center** - 2054 Bolanz Rd, between Riverview & Akron Peninsula Rds, Peninsula.  
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**NPS Park Headquarters** - 15610 Vaughn Rd, intersection of Vaughn & Riverview Rds, Brecksville. **Year-round:** Mon. through Fri., 8 am. - 4:30 pm.

**Peninsula Depot Visitor Center** - 1630 Mill Street, off Akron Peninsula Rd, north of SR 303, Peninsula. **Mon. & Tues.**, 10 am. - 4 pm.; **Wed. - Sun.**, 9 am. - 7 pm.

**Great Lakes Science Center**  
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**Made In Ohio Craft Festival** - Sat., Sept. 1st, 10 am - 5 pm. Festival admission, \$5; includes admission to all Hale Farm & Village homes & craft demonstrations.

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

**Lincoln Campaign Train & Rally - Sat., Sept. 10th.** Celebrate 151st Anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's 1860 campaign for US Presidency; rid Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad Train departs Brecksville Station at 9:20 am. Political rally on lawn of Meetinghouse at Hale Farm & Village, Civil War picnic on Village Green & visit all the sites. Campaign & Rally tickets -- adults, \$37;

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** annual Strategic Planning meeting, Sat., Sept. 22nd, 10:30 am - noon; Cleveland Public Library, Brooklyn Branch. To remember what we did, to share thoughts, ideas & suggestions to plan a strategy & calendar for 2013; Tom Romito, facilitator.

**Brooklyn Genealogy** - Sun., Sept. 16th, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan Rd. Program: Dr. Judith Cetina, Director of the Cuyahoga County Archives.

**Brooklyn Historical Society** meeting, Wed., Sept. 26th, 7 pm, 4442 Ridge Rd. Mike Zubal of Zupal Books on West 25th St. speaking about "Antiquarian & Rare Books". Refreshments to follow; all welcome. Contact Barb Stepic, 216-941-0160, for more info.

**Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** meeting, 7 pm, Fri., Sept. 14th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) John Jenkins speak-

ing about Ben Franklin Community Garden. Call president Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

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

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**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, Tues., Sept. 25th, 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., Sept. 11th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, Thurs., Sept. 6th (& every first Thurs.), 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**Ward 13 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Sept. 18th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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● Mosquitoes are most active at dusk and dawn; wear long sleeves and pants at these times.

● To keep mosquitoes out of your home fix torn screens on your windows and doors.

### CLEAN UP!

● Get rid of mosquito breeding sites by emptying standing water from items such as flower pots, old tires, buckets and barrels.

● Change the water in pet dishes and replace the water in bird baths weekly.

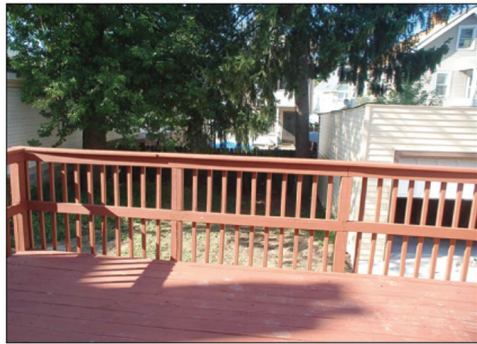
● Empty children's wading pools when they aren't being used.

### KEEP UP!

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**Saturday, September 29th**

Mary Queen of Peace Community Center  
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6 pm - 11 pm

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