

Up to \$25,000 grant to soon be available to new or expanding business in Old Brooklyn

by James Kopniske & Robyn Sandys

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), in cooperation with Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Kelley and the City of Cleveland, announces a small business grant competition for new or existing businesses which are ready to relocate, open or expand into the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland.

The winning business will earn a grant of up to \$25,000 toward opening a proposed new business, business relocation or business expansion in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. The funds can be used to pay for costs such as inventory or other expenses like the renovation of the space necessary to launch or expand their business.

WHAT: Announcement of a \$25,000 small business grant competition in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood of Cleveland. Remarks by Cleveland City Councilman Kevin Kelley; OBCDC executive director Robyn Sandys; OBCDC board members Jeff Kipp and John Young; and *Drink, bar & grill* owner Brian Ochs.

WHEN: 10:30 a.m., Thursday, April 11th

WHERE: *Drink, bar & grill*, 4250 Pearl Rd. (www.drinkbarandgrill.com), where considerable investment was made to rehab this new establishment using private funds.

General Business Plan

Eligibility and Requirements:

•The business plan contest is open to any type of business. An effort will be made to encourage professional services, the trades and industrial arts/design entrepreneurs, technology entrepreneurs and retail options.

•Grants must be spent within one year of the award. The total amount of the funds to be provided is up to \$25,000 for 2013. Other funding programs may be applicable.

•Business must be a startup or be an existing business wishing to expand in terms of space, products/services, employees or revenue.

•The owner(s) or principal(s) of the business must be engaged on a full-time basis in the daily operations of the business.

•Business must use a commercial building within the boundaries of Old Brooklyn and remain in Old Brooklyn for the duration of the grant.

The full list of guidelines and application for the competition are available at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. The last day to submit applications is May 6, 2013, and the winner will be announced on June 7. Questions should be directed to Robyn Sandys or Tom Collins at OBCDC, 216-459-1000, or robysn@oldbrooklyn.com, or tomc@oldbrooklyn.com

The Old Brooklyn Neighborhood

Old Brooklyn is a nearly 200 year-old solidly middle class, family-oriented community with good housing, excellent schools and world-class recreational attractions. People live here because of its central location and easy access to points north, south, east and west. It is known for its comfortable and safe neighborhoods that have suburban style single-family homes, neighborhood parks, and many local businesses.

Old Brooklyn is home to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo and Brookside Reservation, the Treadway Trail connection to the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail, Benjamin Franklin Community Garden and the Old Brooklyn campus of MetroHealth Medical Center.

Earth Day 2013 - Cleveland Metroparks Zoo to Party for the Planet on Sunday, April 21st

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Since 1970, Monday, April 22nd, has been designated as Earth Day, but Northeast Ohio's observance of the event has traditionally taken place at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, on the Sunday before it.

This year, the Earth Day Coalition decided to break with part of that tradition and move their celebration to the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. Details about that event – their twenty-fourth annual – can be found in this month's *Family Fun* section on page 9.

But the Coalition's decision to move their event hasn't put a damper on the day at the Zoo; the Zoo has planned a *Party for the Planet* from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 21, and everyone will receive \$2 off the regular price of admission.

The Zoo's event will feature environmental education and family fun and celebrate the Zoo's sustainability initiatives, biodiversity and how conservation efforts affect wildlife and wild places. There'll be animal enrichment demonstrations with larger ani-

mals like lions, and get close opportunities with smaller animals like the armadillo. Radio Disney, local music groups and crafters are on the program, too.

Those in attendance will have the opportunity to visit with local exhibitors, meet some of the Zoo's curators and animal keepers, see a special off-season performance of Professor Wylde's Animal Show, and do some planting with the Zoo's horticulturists.

An Educator's Open House will offer local teachers the chance to learn about the variety of programs offered by the Zoo's Conservation Education Division. Registration is required for the Open House. Teachers can register online at clemetzoo.com or by calling 216-635-3391.

The Zoo also will be collecting aluminum cans and cell phones for recycling at *Party for the Planet*.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Parking is free, and it is easily accessible from I-71, I-90 and I-480.

Party for the Planet is supported by Jakprints. For more information, visit clemetzoo.com or call 216-661-6500.



Saturday, April 27th - Rising Harvest Farm to sponsor first annual farm open house

Rising Harvest Farms, 4103 Memphis Ave., will be putting on an Earth Day farm experience from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 27th. It will include tours and information about how to become part of the Old Brooklyn farm community. The open house will be at the Old Brooklyn farm site.

Twenty-three community garden plots are now available. Rising Harvest Farm will supply the dirt, water and a 4 ft x 20 ft bed and the gardeners supply the tools and seeds and ultimately enjoy the fruits of their labors.

It's also time to sign up for the Market Basket Share program. The CSA (Community-

Supported Agriculture) is a co-operative, with each 'share' including a portion of vegetables, fruits, herbs, flowers and free-range eggs from the farms.

Also included are items such as meats, dairy, honey, sauces, bread and pasta made by other local farms and producers.

This year a weekly subscription to a bag of produce is for 22 weeks (starting Saturday, May 18th, and running to Tuesday, October 22nd). Sixty baskets are planned.

The Farm is also looking for volunteers, whose schedules could be flexible. Find out everything on the new Rising Harvest Farms website, www.risingharvestfarms.org.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN COMMUNITY GARDEN 4TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

April 13TH, 6 - 8 pm

Cleats Club Seat Grille
3995 Jennings Road, Cleveland, Ohio

Tickets - \$20.00 in advance
\$25.00 at the door

- Wings, pizza, pasta & cupcakes
- Beer, well drinks, & soft drinks
- Chinese raffle, side boards, 50/50 raffle, door prizes

Join your friends and fellow gardeners and have a great time, and help support Old Brooklyn's "community" garden.

For tickets or to donate to the raffle, contact Jeff Kostura - 216.218.4095

Last Chance Deadline is April 15th

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Old Brooklyn - Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn BUSINESS DIRECTORY & Service Guide

If you're a business owner and would like to be listed or run an ad in the OBCDC 2013/14 Business Directory, please call Sandy at 216-459-1000.

Directories will be distributed **FREE** to all area residences and businesses in late Spring.

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Shawn Priore new Eagle Scout

On March 10th, a Court of Honor celebrated Shawn Priore's attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Shawn is a member of Boy Scout Troop 88 at Mary Queen of Peace Church.

The rigorous requirements for becoming an Eagle Scout include earning 21 merit badges, demonstrating good character, and taking on leadership roles within the Boy Scouts. (Source for Eagle Scout requirements: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/eagle.aspx>)

A young man also has to develop, and give leadership to others in a service project helpful to any religious institution or school or to the community. (The project must benefit an organization other than Boy Scouting.)

A project proposal must be approved by the organization benefiting from the effort, the Unit leader and Unit committee, and the Boy Scout Council or District before it's started.

After the service project is completed, the application to become an Eagle Scout must be approved by an Eagle Scout Board of Review. In most cases, the Scout must complete the process within three months of turning eighteen years old.

Shawn's Eagle service project was refinishing the stage in the Parish Center at Mary Queen of Peace. He also added handrails to the stairs near the stage for safety. It took 15 volunteers over 250 hours to restore the stage to its former beauty.



Some of Shawn's favorite parts of Scouting are the camping (he's been to the yearly camping trip to Beaumont in Ashtabula County, and to the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia), the shooting and archery ranges at camp, and the yearly Klondike.

Shawn has been a resident of Old Brooklyn his entire life, and has been involved in Scouts since 1st grade when he joined Cub Scout Pack 45. In addition to the 21 merit badges he's earned, he's also held many leadership positions within the troop.

After several older Scouts in the troop, as well as two of his cousins, became Eagle Scouts, it was Shawn's goal to become an Eagle Scout and join the ranks of the boys who attain Scouting's highest rank.

Shawn is a senior at James F. Rhodes High School. He also attends Cuyahoga Community College through a program with the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD), and will graduate from high school with a high school diploma as well as an Associate Degree in Business Management (with a concentration in International Business.)

Shawn is one of the CMSD's "Top 50" students in the Cleveland schools, and is currently applying to colleges where he'll complete work for a Bachelor's Degree in International Business.

Shawn is active in Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) at Rhodes and has participated in several drill meets locally and out of town, and Basic Leadership Training at Camp Perry near Toledo. He is also current President of the Alpha Zeta Delta chapter of Tri-C's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

(Lynette Filips reworked information Shawn's mother had sent to the Old Brooklyn News for this article.)

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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I am writing this on March 25th when winter is refusing to stop. I thought this photo would provide a chuckle!

We are all very excited about sponsoring our first annual Business Plan Contest with the winner receiving up to \$25,000 in grant funds. All of the details are on the front page. We want to thank Councilman Kevin Kelley for really advocating for this idea as well as help from Tracey Nichols, the director of the City's Economic Development Department and an Old Brooklyn resident.



We all had a blast at our second annual fundraiser where we raced snails instead of ducks. It was so much fun seeing those who attended stand up to yell and cheer for their favorite goofy snail. We were able to raise about \$3,500 from this event which will help the CDC provide services to the community. Thank you so much to our sponsors and those that provided free gifts for the wonderful gift baskets.

We are all also very excited about the new restaurant that opened in Old Brooklyn called *Drink, bar & grill* on Pearl Rd. where the old Theo's was located. They had their grand opening on March 23rd. Many of us attended the event. It was great to see neighbors and friends having a wonderful time listening to the live jazz band they had that night. The owner Brian Ochs did an amazing job remodeling the space. It is very cool and sophisticated, yet warm and inviting too.

Another new business in Old Brooklyn is Auto Direct Online. They moved into the old RTA bus garage on State and Pearl. They sell quality used cars mostly on-line as one of the nation's largest on line retailers. Learn more about them in this issue and check out their web site at www.autodirectonline.com.

The Rising Harvest Farm owned by Koinonia and located on Memphis Ave. is having a community open house on April 27th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. They have so much going on at their Farm it will be fun to learn more about their progress and plans.

I hope you all enjoy the beginning of spring once it bestows its beautiful flowers upon us. Remember feel free to call me or email anytime if you have questions or would like more information about our programs and services; 216-459-1000 or robyns@oldbrooklyn.com.

OBCDC looking to fill VISTA-funded position

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) is seeking a VISTA Member to work with the CDC staff to research and implement a Community Health & Nutrition Assessment for the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

AmeriCorps VISTA is the national service program designed specifically to fight poverty. Authorized in 1964 and founded as Volunteers in Service to America in 1965, VISTA was incorporated into the AmeriCorps network of programs in 1993.

The VISTA Member will research best practices for completing a Community Health & Nutrition Assessment, build a coalition of community stakeholders (health professionals, schools, block clubs, religious groups, health facilities) to assist with project design, assessing findings, and developing short and long term action plans.

OBCDC will use the findings to help make decisions about expanding existing programs and developing new health and nutrition programming such as: at home/community gardens, *Salads for Seniors*, cooking/gardening workshops.

The VISTA Member will also assist with

an action plan to making the project sustainable after the Vista Member's time at OBCDC.

A Bachelor's degree is required; a degree in Planning, Urban Design, Community Development, Public Administration, or related field is desirable. Candidates currently in a relevant Master's program are highly encouraged to apply. All interested persons should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com or by mail to OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland OH 44109.

This position is funded for one calendar year starting June 28, 2013. The Vista Member will receive a monthly stipend of \$946 and there are end of year service awards. A criminal background check will be conducted before hiring. Persons with murder convictions and/or on the National Sex Offender registry list will be disqualified.

More information about the VISTA program can be found at www.americorps.org. For more information about the opportunity at OBCDC, contact Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com or 216-459-1000. OBCDC is an equal opportunity employer.

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Old Brooklyn News

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NEWS & EVENTS

**Deadline for Scholarships Friday, April 5th
2013 Scholarship Award**

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce is again offering 3 scholarships. Completed packets must be postmarked by Apr. 5th. The Taste of Brooklyn was so successful this year, that amount of each scholarship is increased to \$1,000. First scholarship awarded to graduating Brooklyn High School senior who currently resides in City of Brooklyn & attending a recognized college/university full time in fall. Second awarded to graduating Rhodes High School senior attending a recognized college/university full time in fall. Third available to any Brooklyn or Old Brooklyn resident attending a recognized college/university full-time in fall. Criteria for all scholarships & application is at www.brooklynchamber.org (listed under special programs).

**Monday, May 13th - Friday, May 17th
28th Annual Senior Olympics**

Senior Citizen Resource's active adults 55 & older. Registration now till Wed., May 1st. Registration fee: \$25. Includes all game fees, T-shirt & victory luncheon. Call 216-749-5367 for more info. Register at: Deaconess-Krafft Center 3100 Devonshire Rd. Mon. - Fri., 9 am -2 pm.

Monday, April 1st

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Speaker: Cynthia Turk; topic: *1940 Census Revisited a Year After Its Release* (including how 1940 census was indexed). Contact president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Tuesday, April 2nd

Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleve.
St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd., 7:30 pm. Topic: *Digging for our Family Roots in Poland*. Presenters: Sonia Chapnick, Lucia Dominak & Georgene Jasinski. Three society members discuss what records they found on their recent trips to Poland, how they did it & also how they found living relatives there. Contact John Szuch, 330-769-4603, for more info.

Saturday, April 6th

10th Annual Flea Market of Collectibles & Nice Things
Ridgewood United Methodist Church, 6330 Ridge Rd., 9 am - 2 pm. Sponsored by Parma Animal Shelter. Over 40 tables of cool stuff, old, new & in-between. Vintage, retro, linens, famous Hungarian bakery, Cleveland memorabilia, glassware, jewelry & more. Lunch available: Sloppy joes, taco salad, cabbage & noodles & more. Donations accepted for their pets. Free admission. No tables available. See parmashelter.org for complete listing or like them on Facebook.

Wednesday, April 10th

Westside Basket Guild
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs Gathering Room. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **April 10th**, weave a small **Jelly Jar Basket**. It can fit two jars of jelly & has a wire handle. Cost - \$14; sign up by April 6th. **May** - weave a **clothes pin basket**. Choose from blue, green or orange. Cost - \$18. Approx measurements are 10" wide x 3" deep x 11" high with a wire hanger & braided top. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-

7912, or sign up on bulletin board.

Wednesday, April 10th

Cuyahoga County Spring Arthritis Expo
Corporate College East, 4400 Richmond Rd., Warrensville Hts.; 1- 4:30 pm. Free event, co-sponsored by Arthritis Foundation, Great Lakes Region, Northeastern Ohio & Cleveland Clinic. Speakers & topics: Bijal Jayakar, MD, "Rheumatoid Arthritis"; Christine Spiroch, Ph.D, PA-C, "Nutrition for Arthritis"; Steven Maschke, MD, "Arthritis of the Thumb Base: Causes & Treatment"; Johnny Su, MD, "What You Need to Know About Osteoporosis." Also Arthritis Foundation Tai Chi Program demonstration, exhibits, door prizes & light refreshments. Pre-registration required by Apr. 3rd; online at <http://cuyahogaexpo.kintera.org/> or call the Arthritis Foundation at 216-831-7000, ext. 6432, or 1-800-245-2275, ext. 6432.

Thursday, April 11th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting
Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd.; 7 pm. Program: Antique Toy Trains Speaker: Joe Pesch, 20 year member of Train Collectors Association. Bring favorite toy train to share. Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Wednesday, April 17th & Friday, April 19th

CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra
Rossini *The Thieving Magpie Overture*; Dorman *Uzu and Muzu from Kakaruzu*; Schumann *Symphony No. 4*.
Wed., Apr. 17th, Mary Queen of Peace Church, 4423 Pearl Rd., 10 am;
Fri., Apr. 19th; Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St., 10 am & 7:30 pm.

Saturday, April 20th

MedWorks Free Women's Health Clinic Cancer Screening
Neighborhood Family Practice, 6412 Franklin Blvd., 8 am - 4 pm. Clinical breast exams, mammogram, pelvic exams, pap tests, physicals, HIV testing & more. Appointments recommended; walk-ins welcome. Appt. line - 216-201-9325.

Saturday, April 20th

Cleveland Polka Association Dance
'Spring is in the Air' dance - St. John Byzantine lower hall, 1900 Carlton Rd. (off Broadview Rd., just south of Snow Rd.) Doors open 7 pm. Music by The Boys, 8 pm - midnight. Donation - \$13; 18 & under free. NO BYOB; food & beverages available. Public welcome! Call Sylvia or Paul @ 216-228-1134 for large table reservations or more info.

Fri., Sat., Sun., April 26th, 27th & 28th

28th Annual Swim for Diabetes
For swim schedule for Cuyahoga County pools or to register call 216-591-0800 or visit www.DiabetesPartnership.org.

Monday, April 29th

Monday Night at the Movies "I Am"
River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr. This year's second movie of a thought-provoking series, 7 pm. No specific charge, but free will offerings accepted. Optional discussion following. Register at www.riversedgecleveland.com.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library
Parma-Snow Branch
Temporary location 1700 Snow Rd.
(in Midtown Shopping Center, next to Marc's)
216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org**

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

I Love Jazz - Mon., April 1st, 7 pm. Greater Cleveland area musicians perform live jazz music.

Know Your Numbers - Tues., April 2nd, 7-8 pm. Informative presentation about what health screenings are. Various adult health screenings offered.

Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club - Mon., April 8th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm; second Mon. each month.

Get Involved - Wed., April 10th, 3 - 7 pm. Meet nonprofit organizations, share talents, enjoy new experiences, meet new people & learn new skills.

Book Discussions - Mon., April 15th, 7 pm; *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson; **Thurs., April 25th**, 11 am; *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

Is Manufacturing the Career for you? Tues., April 16th, 7 pm. Information about manufacturing companies, careers available & how to access knowledge & experience to get one of these positions in Northeast Ohio.

Have a Laugh, for the Health of It - Thurs., April 25th, 2 pm. History of therapeutic humor & how it can benefit daily life.

Resume & Cover Letter Tips & Trends - Mon., April 29th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Workshop offers latest tips & trends to help resumé & cover letter stand out.

Songs of Bob Dylan - Tues., April 30th, 7 pm. Concert of familiar favorites & lesser known gems; vocal harmonies with guitar, bass & harmonica by "Muscle & Bone".

Saturday, May 18th

Senior Citizen Resources Flapjack Fundraiser
Applebee's, Ridgepark Square; 8 - 10 am. Advance tickets only; \$8 - adults; \$7 - kids 12 & under. Includes pancakes, bacon, breakfast potatoes, coffee, juice or soda. Purchase tickets at Senior Citizen Resources, 3100 Devonshire Rd. or www.seniorcitizenresources.org/upcoming-events. Call 216-749-5367 for more info.

Saturday, June 22nd

Old Brooklyn-West, The Hidden Treasure
Plans being made to showcase Memphis-Fulton

area with participation & activities sponsored by merchants, local artisans, restaurants. Will also have information tables for the area, entertainment, hikes, etc. Organizers currently looking for participants in area. Assistants/planners, graphic designer, neighborhood cleaning also welcome. (OBCDC will be helping with the day.) Final agenda available on website & as handouts. If interested, contact Linda at lmsevck@webtv.net or 216-749-7639.

40th Class Reunion for Class of 1973

Possibly first class to hold reunion at the high school! See James Ford Rhodes High School Alumni website, www.jamesfordrhodes.org, for details. Contact: **Connie Ewazen**, Ecmew@aol.com; **Dolores Truman**, truman10@cox.net; **Debbie Joyce**, joyced@ccf.org; **Francie Meuer**, fmeuer@modsystem.com, if interested in attending and/or giving time/talent.

Free Preparation of 2012 Income Tax Returns

Cuyahoga County Free Tax Preparation Sites: For appointment call 211. **Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center**, 9830 Lorain Ave., Career Center; Tues. & Fri., 5:30 -7 pm; Sat., 9 am - noon.

- Bring:**
- IRS 2012 W2s & 1099s
 - Social Security cards for all family members;
 - Government-issued photo of each person signing the return;
 - Child Care expense statement including provider Tax I.D. number;
 - Bank account & routing numbers for direct deposit of refund;
 - Form 1099-INT for any checking or savings interest;
- www.employment.cuyahogacounty.us

Pedal for Prizes committee looking for...

...destinations for *Pedal 2013*. If you are a merchant or know of a point of interest which would be a good destination for this bicycling event, please send your ideas to john@speedexterminating.com. Help make *Pedal 2013* an outstanding event.

Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels Senior Citizen Resources. Deliver Mon. - Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. One hour of time between 10:45 & 11:45 am. All routes originate from 3100 Devonshire Ave. Call Rosemary, 216-749-5367, to help or for more info.

OBCDC answers WiFi Question of the month

Question: (from Carl on W. 47th.)

I have one of the Ubiquiti Nanostations installed and I am wondering what the lights mean. Sometimes I have six, and other times only two. What do the different lights indicate?
Answer:

Thanks for the question, Carl. The Nano station you have is one of the more popular ones being used in the Ward. It provides a good connection, and is the same brand as the antennas we use on the light poles (meaning that the compatibility is even better). As for the lights (reading them from left to right)

Light number one indicates that the power is on. Light number two indicates that there is a connection to the computer. (It will blink as it is 'talking' to the computer.)

The first two lights are the critical ones; without both of them on, you will not be able to connect.

Lights three through six are related to the strength of the signal, so these may vary. More lights mean a stronger signal.

Signal strength is based on many factors, including proximity to the antenna on the light pole. We have residents getting good performance with a total of only four of the lights on. (That means that you do not need all six lights lit for your computer to work correctly.)

For more details residents can contact Christopher at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation office, 216-459-1000, or Ed on the support line, 440-941-3705.

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5178 Pearl Rd. North West corner of Pearl & Brookpark Rds.

Gus's Family Restaurant: Food fast, not fast food

by Jayme Lucas Bukszar

Gus's Family Restaurant, 4377 State Rd., has been in Old Brooklyn for over 30 years, making it one of the oldest family-run restaurants in the neighborhood. It is currently owned and operated by Niko Semertsidis. The original "Gus" sold the business to Niko's father-in-law, also named Gus, fifteen years ago.

When Gus and Kiki Pagonis purchased Gus's Family Restaurant, Niko owned a 1950s diner in Columbus. Soon after Niko became engaged to his wife Despina, he decided to make the move to Cleveland. He purchased Gus's Family Restaurant, and he and his family have been running it ever since.

(Despina is a second grade teacher with the Parma City Board of Education.)

Niko is constantly updating the menu and will be renovating Gus's Family Restaurant in the near future. He is especially proud of their online reviews; they have a 95% like rating on urbanspoon.com and a high rating on yelp.com.

When asked why they have kept Gus's in Old Brooklyn for so many years, Niko replied "Old Brooklyn is a great neighborhood with wonderful and diverse people. It's so gratifying to see generations of customers. We are serving the grandchildren of Gus's first customers."

In his spare time, Niko is in charge of organizing the Tremont Greek Fest hosted at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. He lives with Despina and their two children, four-year-old Angelo and six-year-old Sophia in a nearby suburb.

Gus's Family Restaurant is open for breakfast and lunch, with a diverse menu which includes various omelets, homemade corned beef hash, Gyros and burgers. (Niko urges everyone to try the Old Brooklyn Burger.)

The restaurant is open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday; from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sundays.



Niko Semertsidis

Photo by Jayme Lucas Bukszar

Niko's Homemade Corned Beef Hash

Making homemade corned beef hash is easy and tastes much better than the canned version. Adjust the seasoning to taste and add other ingredients to make it "yours". This recipe is slightly modified from restaurant recipe.

Ingredients

3 lbs. boiled corned beef brisket
2 lbs. boiled potatoes peeled and cooled in refrigerator
1 tbsp. black pepper
1 tbsp. granulated garlic
bacon fat or vegetable oil, as needed
½ cup reserved liquid from boiled corned beef

Boil brisket in water for up to 3 hours, until meat is fork-tender. Boil whole potatoes in separate pan; remove from water when knife can easily go through potato. Do not overcook potatoes or they will fall apart.

Peel potatoes and allow to cool. The colder the potato, the better it will shred. When cooled, shred potatoes into large mixing bowl.

Place cooked brisket on cutting board and chop as fine as possible; add to shredded potatoes. Season with salt, pepper, garlic and as much bacon fat or vegetable oil as needed to coat the mixture. (Add other items such as diced onion, cayenne pepper, green peppers, if desired.)

Mix hash by squeezing it between hands to combine all ingredients. Add cooking liquid to lighten it. Cover and refrigerate until ready to fry.

To complete the hash, preheat a nonstick skillet; then carefully add combined ingredients and cook till crispy and golden.

New LED street lights come to Old Brooklyn

by Barbara Spaan
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Cleveland Public Power has chosen Old Brooklyn as one of three Cleveland neighborhoods to receive the new LED (light emitting diode) street lights. The new lighting is on Pearl Rd. starting at the Zoo and heading toward State Rd.; Memphis Ave. at Pearl Rd.; and Broadview Rd. to Valley Rd. The upper ends of Spokane Ave., Brooklyn Ave., Bucyrus Ave. and Ardmore Ave. have already been changed.

The light is white, not pink or yellow, so the color seen by the eye is truer. There are three new fixture styles which direct the light down, with no glare and no shadows. Right now the lighting seems extremely bright due to the lack of leaves on the trees and our eyes just getting used to something new.

LED lighting has been around since the 1970s, with many new applications, including traffic lights and street lights, during that time. The advantages of LED lights are that they light instantly; have a low-voltage power supply; are highly rugged; and last longer before needing to be serviced.

Some of the businesses in our area using LED lighting in their drive thru's, parking lots, wall lights on the buildings and entrance lights.



This is helpful to local businesses, because dark areas in parking lots store fronts are well lit and inviting at any time.

This should all increase property values and bring new families and businesses to Old Brooklyn.

HSOB needs old photos for local history book

by Lorene Bowles

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) has been awarded a \$2,502 grant by the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture organization.

One of the projects the grant money will be used for is the publication by Arcadia Publishing of a book in its series of over 6,000 community books. This book would contain 180-220 pictures about the people, places, churches, schools, organizations, activities, etc. of Old Brooklyn.

Each picture will have several sentences below it describing the picture. Each black and white picture must be at least 50 years old and must be an original picture, not a copy. Each picture will be scanned locally and then returned to its owner.

The HSOB would like to get the community involved in gathering the pictures to be

submitted. Each month they will ask for a specific type of picture to be donated (although other pictures may be donated at any time). This first month they are looking for original pictures of **Old Brooklyn's churches** that were here at least 50 years ago.



Call Constance Ewazen (216-398-8969) or Lorene Bowles (216-749-7416) to submit a picture to be considered for inclusion in the book.

The grant has also been used for the following now-completed project -- A vintage store donated original copies of the *Rhodes Review* (Rhodes High School's newspaper) from 1944 through 1949, with only a few missing copies, to the HSOB. These papers were digitized and put onto a flash drive, on two discs for each year's papers, and in hard print. They will soon be available for the public to read on the HSOB website, oldbrooklynhistory.org.

Ben Franklin gardeners look forward to season

by Kim Repinski
BFG Operating Committee Chairman

Spring has officially sprung and assignment of garden plots has begun at the Ben Franklin Community Garden. Participants from the 2012 season are invited back for another year and given first choice of plot location. If any plots are still open, individuals on the waiting list will be notified. Anyone else who's interested in gardening at Ben Franklin should contact Sandy Worona at 216-459-1000 to be added to the waiting list.

To help familiarize new gardeners with the Garden rules, amenities and procedures, the operating committee will be holding a meeting for first-timers on Saturday, April 27th from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ. All new gardeners are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to mix with other gardeners and share growing tips.

The season Kickoff Meeting will be Thursday, May 2nd from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Brooklyn Senior Center. All gardeners are encouraged to attend the meeting. Attendees will be introduced to each other, the operating committee, and Garden Coordinator, TJ Oryshkewych.

The committee will review highlights of the past season and also the rules for the current season. The Garden has procured seed packets for cucumbers, lettuce, beans, melons and more. At the close of the meeting, attendees will be given the chance to take home some seeds from the selection available.

To help defray the cost of operating the



Garden, all gardeners are encouraged to volunteer at least five hours during the season with one of the eleven volunteer crews. The jobs include ground maintenance, equipment maintenance, hunger center deliveries, composting and assisting with social events.

Gardeners were asked to choose the crew they wished to join during the application process. TJ and members of the operating committee direct the crews throughout the year. Last year the operating committee and gardeners volunteered over 1,700 hours and the Board is hoping to receive the same level of support this year.

The Garden Fundraiser will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th, at Cleats Club Seat Grille, 3995 Jennings Rd. Local merchants have once again been donating goods, materials and event tickets for the Chinese Basket Raffle. A 50/50 raffle, sideboards and door prizes are also planned.

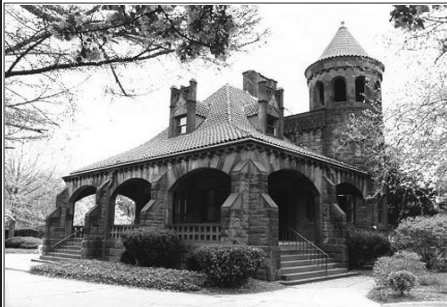
Advance tickets to the fundraiser are still available for \$20. (Admission is \$25 at the door). To purchase tickets, contact Jeff Kostura at 216-218-4095. Join the gardeners for pizza, pasta, wings and dessert and help keep the Garden growing.

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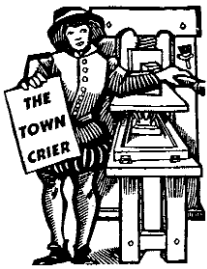
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Our April issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* will be 'on the news stands' on Good Friday, so there's a chance that you'll be picking up your copy on Easter Sunday. Given the weather outside, it looks more like Thanksgiving than Easter, but at least winter (aka, the *long winter*, like one of Laura Ingles Wilder's books in the *Little House* series) is behind us.

Holy Week and Easter are being especially significant for members of **St. Barbara Church** this year, because it's their first paschal celebration since reopening last July. I do need to update something I wrote about them in a church reopening wrap-up article in January, however --

I knew that their new pastor, **Fr. Joseph Hilinski**, hadn't yet moved into the rectory at the time of the reopening, but I didn't realize that he has been settled in there since September. So what I wrote in January about his not having moved in yet wasn't correct.

Last month's election of **Pope Francis** has generated lots of excitement among the wider Catholic community, too. And thanks to an Old Brooklyn resident (and **St. Thomas More** parishioner), anyone who visits the Diocese of Cleveland's website can get a feel for the excitement which pervaded St. Peter's Square when the pope made his first appearance/speech/prayer.

Ken Kalynchuk is studying in Rome this semester, and in addition to capturing the moment for himself, Ken thought to send it to

the Catholic Diocese. Visit www.dioceseof-cleveland.org and you'll find it there -- though now that it's Holy Week, you'll have to wade through some other news to find it.

(The second article in Ken's series about his international studies *last* semester appears on page 8 of this issue of the *OBN*.)

While there's an abundance of Easter hope and joy at St. Barbara's and at many other Catholic churches, the situation at **St. Luke's United Church of Christ**, 4216 Pearl Rd., is not so celebratory. The banner on the fence outside may say "Celebrating 158 years, 1853- 2011/2012" but the reality is that this Easter will be their last.

Ultimately I hope to write an article detailing the congregation's major milestones during their long history in our community, but for now I'll just say that they're trying to focus on the Easter symbolism of death introducing new birth. Changing demographics in the congregation as well as in the neighborhood contributed to their decision to close.

In the *Church Notes* as well as the *News and Events* section of this issue you'll see announcements for a **City Music** concert at **Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) Church** at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 17th. The free performance, *Uzu and Muzu*, is a world premiere, based on a book by Ephraim Sidon, and is geared to school groups, though the concert is open to everyone.

This is the second time that City Music has performed at MQP with a concert especially for children. When they were at the parish two years ago, they also played at a different evening performance for adults.

Our *Community Spotlight* this month is about a new **Eagle Scout** who belongs to and did his service project at **Mary Queen of Peace**. But it so happens that MQP was also the recipient of volunteer labor from another Eagle Scout who does not belong to the parish.

Christopher Hudak is from Brecksville, and knows MQP's pastor, Fr. Doug Brown, from Fr. Brown's previous assignment at St. Basil the Great. Christopher is a student at Brecksville High School.

Since Christopher doesn't live in Old Brooklyn or belong to the Boy Scout troop at MQP, we can't make him a *Community Spotlight*, but we do want to publicize what he did for one of our churches -- He painted MQP's Marian Lounge (a space below half the upper church) and assisted with the 'sound issues' there by hanging acoustical panels.

You may have heard/seen on the news

the March 18th story about a passenger transport vehicle sliding on the ice and crashing into a garage on the front of the house at **744 W. Schaaf Rd.** It so happens that that address is the same as the auction photo which accompanies this month's history article on page 8. The house was built by my mother's cousins, Jim and Betty Kaul, which is why I had the auction flyer to use with the article.

Although I still have items in the queue, I appreciate any leads you send me -- Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109 or email them to lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com.

Just-A-Buck benefits employees & shoppers

article courtesy of Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities

In today's economy, more and more shoppers are turning to bargain retail outlets like dollar stores to extend their budgets. The Just-A-Buck stores, a joint venture of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) and its nonprofit division, SAW, Inc. (Solutions at Work, Inc.), offer shoppers the opportunity to save money and do good.

The first Just-A-Buck store has been located at 1844 Snow Rd. in the Midtown Plaza in Parma since 2009. It employs 15 workers with developmental disabilities.

Late in 2011, a second Just-A-Buck store opened near the intersection of Mayfield and Green roads in the Maymore Plaza in South Euclid.

Later this spring, a third Just-A-Buck store will open on Center Ridge Rd. in Rocky River (near Giant Eagle).

Each store has two assistant managers. Store hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

According to Kim Pritchard, who oversees all three of the Just-A-Buck locations, their 5,500-square-foot retail space in Parma is well-situated in the fully-occupied strip center and is convenient for foot traffic.

Kim further stated, "We have hired 12-15 individuals with developmental disabilities at each store to handle stocking and receiving merchandise, check-out and bagging, and

cleaning. They are each trained to do everything. Our goal is to train them in a retail environment to be able to go out and get a job with another retailer."

Just-A-Buck's merchandise, all of it no more than a dollar, includes balloons, cards and party supplies, health and beauty aids, baby products, housewares, hardware, candles, stationery, cleaning supplies, seasonal items, food, candy and many more items. The store is clean and orderly, with wide aisles which making shopping easy.

"We're very excited about the operation," said Joe DeCapite, CCBDD's director of employment services, "because we are able to create job opportunities for many of the adults we serve."

Before making the commitment to the dollar store concept, SAW spent more than two years researching various franchise opportunities and investigating Just-A-Buck.

Consumer studies showed that more than one-third of all U.S. households shop at dollar stores on a monthly basis. The study further showed that dollar stores, once patronized primarily by low-income households, hold growing appeal for moderate and upper-income households, older consumers and ethnic groups.

The CCBDD serves more than 9,000 children and adults throughout the county. It is supported primarily by a local property tax last approved by voters in 2005.

BC Naturalists plan spring activities

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

The snow is falling outside our windows, but the calendar says its spring. Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) have some suggestions about how to celebrate the season, get some exercise, and benefit the surrounding environment.

Planting a tree to welcome birds to the garden is a great way to add dimension and color to the landscape. Even just one tree cleans the air, slows down storm water runoff, and provides shelter and cover for birds. In addition to offsetting the carbon footprint, trees provide shade, wind breaks and curb appeal for homes.

Any time of year is a great time to take a hike or ride a bike through Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn, but in springtime hikers can observe the life in vernal pools, listen to the rushing waters in Big Creek, and see some fantastic views of the Cuyahoga River not possible after the trees leaf out.

Footpaths and bicycle trails are there as guides, but veering off the beaten path and exploring streets adjacent to city green spaces

provides the chance to enjoy some of the neighborhoods' beautiful tree-lined streets.

Riverside Cemetery is a great venue for bird-watching. The trees along the south boundary offer a resting place for warblers, finches and other species on their way north. South of the Big Creek valley, Brookmere Cemetery is another place to sit quietly and wait for the birds to come by.

Registering a private property to be one of the National Wildlife Federation's (NWF) backyard habitats will provide some of the necessary 'knowhow' for attracting more birds and butterflies; nature can be right outside the backdoor! It will also make this area one step closer to becoming certified as a National Wildlife Community. Visit www.nwf.org/create.

Gardeners wanting to invite other people to enjoy their yards during 2013 GardenWalk Cleveland (Saturday, June 22nd, and Sunday, June 23rd, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.) can sign up at www.gardenwalkcleveland.org/apply.

And anyone who doesn't have easy access to a computer but would like to join the NWF, GardenWalkCleveland or BCN, should call Gloria at 216-351-0254 and she will assist you.





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Almost Official

For six months a small committee has been drafting a plan to attract new business (or expand an existing business) in Old Brooklyn. In two weeks the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and Ward 13 Cleveland City Council Member Kevin Kelley will officially announce the Old Brooklyn Business Plan Contest.

Interested people will be encouraged to submit a business plan to OBCDC which will be evaluated by a team consisting of OBCDC staff and board member, a representative from the Council of Smaller Enterprise, the Hispanic Business Center and a real estate specialist.

The winning applicant will be awarded up to \$25,000 to launch or expand a business in Old Brooklyn.

Details will be posted on the OBCDC web site, www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. Any type of business may apply. The purpose is to grow jobs and fill vacant commercial space in Old Brooklyn. The business can be a start up or it can be an existing business which is expanding service, products, employees or space. The only conditions are that the business must locate in Old Brooklyn and the applicant is a full time owner/operator of the business.

The funds can be used to purchase inventory, lease or purchase equipment and/or renovate building space to meet the business needs. It cannot be used to pay debt, pay salaries or rent.

The money will be allocated as a draw down through a contract with the City of Cleveland Economic Development Department. Funds can be requested with proof of need over the course of one year. Examples of proof of need can be a purchase

order, a sales contract with a customer or invoices documenting actual expenses.

OBCDC is using money that has been allocated to it from the Tax Incremental Financing funds generated by Steelyard Commons. A portion of these funds were designated for neighborhoods near Steelyard Commons to help offset possible negative impact the big box stores have on older commercial sections of Cleveland.

OBCDC and Council Member Kelley believe this is a valuable incentive to grow business in Old Brooklyn.

New Business

Over the last six months seven new businesses have opened in downtown Old Brooklyn. Each one is bringing a product or service that is welcome.

Next to Foote Park is **The Shack**. Chicken, pizza, sausage sandwiches and homemade ice cream are the items for sale. All the food is, as they say in England, 'take-away'. There are a couple of picnic benches for nice weather dining.

The **Cleveland Shaolin Kung Fu Academy** (<https://www.facebook.com/kung-fucleveland?ref=stream>)

now occupies the former Cavana Ballroom at 4189 Pearl Rd. A range of martial arts disciplines are taught and perfected.

In the storefront below at 4193 Pearl Rd. **My Familyography** ([http://www.myfami-](http://www.myfami-lyography.com)

[lyography.com](http://www.myfami-lyography.com)) is preserving family photos, tapes, old 8 millimeter movies, letters and other memorabilia on DVD or CD. They also track emerging technology for future preservation needs.

Across the street at 4196 Pearl Rd., **Certified Laptop Repair** (www.certifiedlaptoprepair.com) is fixing all kinds of problems with computers. Walk-ins are welcome.

For those who ask, "Why do we have to go to Tremont or Ohio City for upscale drinks and light dining", the answer is, "Not any longer." **Drink, bar & grill** (www.drinkbarandgrill.com) has refurbished the former Theo's restaurant at 4250 Pearl Rd. It will become a destination point in terms of bringing people to Old Brooklyn.

Mr. Green Thumb at 4262 Pearl Rd. may be the smallest shop in Old Brooklyn. This new business sells hydroponic supplies for water-based gardening and farming.

The long-vacant RTA garage, aka the bus barn/Brooklyn Station, is the new home of the rapidly growing **Auto Direct Online** (www.autodirectonline.com). It's an Internet-based sales company for used automobiles and trucks. This, too, is a destination point, bringing people within a 300 mile radius to Old Brooklyn.

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At low concentrations, carbon monoxide causes fatigue in healthy people and chest pain in people with heart disease. At higher concentrations, it can cause impaired vision and coordination; headaches; dizziness; confusion; nausea. Carbon monoxide is fatal at very high concentrations. Acute effects are due to the formation of carboxyhemoglobin in the blood, which inhibits oxygen intake.

Sources of carbon monoxide include unvented kerosene and gas space heaters; leaking chimneys and furnaces; back-drafting from furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves, and fireplaces; gas stoves; generators and other gasoline powered equipment; automobile exhaust from attached garages; and tobacco smoke. Incomplete oxidation during combustion in gas ranges and unvented gas or kerosene heaters

may cause high concentrations of CO in indoor air.

Worn or poorly adjusted and maintained combustion devices (e.g., boilers, furnaces) can be significant sources, or if the flue is improperly sized, blocked, disconnected, or is leaking. Auto, truck, or bus exhaust from attached garages, nearby roads, or parking areas can also be a source.

Average levels in homes without gas stoves vary from 0.5 to 5 parts per million (ppm). Levels near properly adjusted gas stoves are often 5 to 15 ppm and those near poorly adjusted stoves may be 30 ppm or higher. 35 ppm can cause headaches and dizziness within six to eight hours. Because carbon monoxide is slightly lighter than air and also because it may be found with warm, rising air, detectors should be placed on a wall about 5 feet above the floor.

The detector may be placed on the ceiling. Do not place the detector right next to or over a fireplace or flame-producing appliance. Keep the detector out of the way of pets and children. Each floor needs a separate detector. If you are getting a single carbon monoxide detector, place

it near the sleeping area and make certain the alarm is loud enough to wake you up.

If there is a carbon monoxide reading between 7 ppm and 39 ppm open your windows and contact your HVAC service. If there is a reading of 40 ppm or higher, exit the home immediately, call 911 and your HVAC service and do not reenter until professionals say the home is safe.

Carbon monoxide detectors can be purchased at hardware stores (e.g., South Hills Hardware at the corner of Tuxedo Ave. and W. Schaaf Rd.) and big box stores (e.g., Home Depot at Steelyard Commons and Lowes at Ridge Park Square). Prices vary, starting with the least expensive battery-operated models, to models which plug directly into an electrical outlet and display digital readings of CO levels, to the most expensive plug-in models which feature both carbon monoxide detection with smoke detection. On average, carbon monoxide detectors last for about five years.

Sources: <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/co.html>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carbon_monoxide_poisoning

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Old Brooklyn Junior at Cornell spends fall 2012 semester traveling the world - part II

by Ken Kalynchuk

(Editor's note -- This semester Ken Kalynchuk is studying in Rome, but last semester he was circling the globe with 'Cities in the 21st Century', a comparative study abroad program. He began to chronicle insights from his study-related journeys for Old Brooklyn News readers when he wrote about his two weeks in New Orleans in the February edition. This month he talks about the five weeks he and the group spent south of the equator in Brazil.)

We left New Orleans on schedule right after Hurricane Isaac swept through the city and knocked out its power grid. We struggled with our program's ability to place us in a hotel the last two nights, but felt privileged that we were to be able to leave the storm-damaged city and head to Sao Paulo.

Sao Paulo is a global city in Brazil which is a six-hour bus ride from Rio de Janeiro. Twenty million people reside there; it's as big as New York City and by far the largest city in South America.

Driving in from the airport, I was struck by the hundreds of 20-story residential buildings we passed, the grey polluted river running alongside the road, and the numerous 'favelas' (the Brazilian term for slums) along the highway.

Sao Paulo has an international reputation for its immense size and massive inequality. Inequality was the main theme of our four weeks in the city, where we visited a dozen favelas and informal housing settlements, both in the suburbs and inside abandoned urban buildings.

The most striking realization during our Sao Paulo leg happened in Heliopolis, a favela of 100,000 people. I approached the visit expecting terrible living conditions, a dangerous environment and a lot of unkempt buildings. What I found instead was a tight-knit community with all utilities in place, colorful houses, and a strong desire to rise above the label of favela to that of a community like any neighborhood in the city.

Granted, we needed local guides from the community group UNAS to navigate and stay out of trouble, but it was a far cry from favelas I learned about in school in which thousands of people lived in inhumane conditions. There are dozens of other favelas in the city which aren't connected properly to water, electricity and sewers, but Heliopolis taught me the power of struggling people to improve their lives, and not to judge a place because of its reputation or label.

In Sao Paulo I lived in the heart of Republica, the first of the three 'downtowns' the city has had in its history. The neighborhood is still home to thousands of jobs, but is also turning into the city's civic center, with a lot of turnover in its residential buildings.

Luckily, it was just a fifteen minute walk to McKenzie, a private university where our classes were held, and a Metro station was outside the door to my host family's apartment; the neighborhood was quite dangerous after dark, especially for a blond-haired, white man who spoke only minimal Portuguese.

Sao Paulo's second 'downtown' was on Paulista Ave., the main boulevard in the city. It resembles a street in New York and was where the only tourist attraction in the city, the Art Museum (MASP) as well as numerous office buildings were located. Surrounding this town center, the city spread out for dozens of miles with no conceivable urban plan or grid system.

The newest 'downtown', Berrini, was the most interesting to me. Berrini is an avenue near one of Sao Paulo's rivers, and corporations are rapidly building new projects along the boulevard. It has a very global feel.

Across train line, bike path, black-water river and a highway was the Cidade Tiradentes development. We met with the developers of the most elegant and grandiose mall/residential complex in the city. It was completely cut off from sidewalks and public transit, featured the most luxurious brands in the world, and had eight residential towers. We visited the top of one of the office buildings in the complex and were able to gaze down at the favela on the other side of a wall from the wall. The contrast was stark and stirred questions of wealth, privilege and power in such proximity to poverty.

In Sao Paulo we met with planners, political movements, activist movements and seasoned professors who explained the city's growth, development and current problems to us. Besides the delicious food and hospital people, I was most impressed by the Metro System. I often went out of my way to ride the congested system, which had a hundred destinations and was expanding with high-tech driverless lines to reach the greatest expanses of the city.

Overall, I have amicable feelings towards Sao Paulo, even though it has little to do for tourists, and most people live in fear of violence and chaos on the streets and hurry home to their triple-gated high rises to spend time with their families indoors. The traffic was a spectacle to behold, with it taking some residents three hours to get home from work in one of the city's business centers.

I left with a greater understanding of the rough life the other half lives, and am now able to reflect on similar problems in the United States and Cleveland which were demonstrated so starkly in Brazil - from race and inequality to safety, education and politics.

Halfway through our stay in Sao Paulo, we visited Curitiba, a city roughly the size of Cleveland, six hours south of Sao Paulo. This city is known for being the premier urban planning example for the world. (Its bus rapid transit system was the basis for Cleveland's Healthline.) The city's population is mostly European immigrants, with demographics similar to those in white cultural neighborhoods in Greater Cleveland.

In the 1960s under Brazil's Communist government, Curitiba, thanks to the guidance of visionary Jamie Lerner, planned for growth by setting aside green space; building public structures and attractions in parks; preserving colonial-era architecture and streets

in the city center; closing roads for pedestrian use; and opting for the bus rapid transit system instead of a subway.

The bus rapid transit system relies on a main artery zoned for high rises and with only two lanes for cars. The next roads over were one-way boulevards which helped traffic flow in and out of the city center. The buildings' high limits decreased in size the further a per-

son got from the bus line.

Despite a frightening incident with a favela resident threatening me with a gun, I loved Curitiba. It was great seeing positive themes of urban planning at work. Among the many lessons to learn from Curitiba --

Positives included the urban planning tools listed out; putting on cultural events; celebrating immigrant nationalities; and running a tour line between parks and monuments across the city, which included their famous greenhouse park and glass opera house.

By riding the famous transit system we also learned that it was overcrowded and inefficient, with frequent stops and no free transfers between lines, and that it did not keep the terrible car congestion in the city from increasing.

It also seemed that the attraction of a strong planning mindset in the city brought in a population that was complacent with the status quo of city life because it had full faith in government. The population wasn't active in civic life because of this, and the vibrancy of the city seemed to suffer.

My last weekend before we left Brazil was spent in Rio de Janeiro with a few friends in the program. In thirty-six hours we toured the city, took the tram up to the statue of Christ the Redeemer, and took the cable cars up Sugar Loaf Mountain across town. The views from both places were stunning, worth the cost and wait times. The sun came out for both excursions and we witnessed a sunset over the mountains from the top of Sugar Loaf.

On Sunday we stayed up to watch the sunrise, then hit the city's famous beaches of Copacabana and Ipanema. After a rogue wave soaked our bags on the beach, we hurried to the airport to make it back to Sao Paulo for the next leg of our semester in South Africa.



The statue of Christ the Redeemer, Ken, and oodles of other tourists enjoy the view of Rio de Janeiro from the top of Corcovado mountain.

More historical details surface re: Schaaf Rd.

by Lynette Filips
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The March article about Schaaf Rd. precipitated a number of comments about what has long been one of the major thoroughfares of our community. Perhaps part of the reason that it became a segment of one of Ohio's *Scenic Byways* is that it is an interesting -- and in some places, even beautiful -- road to travel.

The article was a trip down memory lane for some of the older *Old Brooklyn News* readers, but they also wanted to be reminded of the names of the more recent prominent individuals who lived there, not just the pioneers I'd mostly mentioned last month.

Not surprisingly, there were questions about the growers who helped northeast Ohio earn the moniker "Greenhouse Capital of America". Greenhouses were definitely a neighborhood institution in bygone decades.

A good percentage of the boys who grew up in and around today's Old Brooklyn (and even on the other side of the Cuyahoga River in Newburgh Hts. and today's Slavic Village) worked in the greenhouses and truck farms along Schaaf Rd. A nickel or a dime an hour were the wages mentioned.

Some of the family names have already been chronicled in the last article -- Chester, Cook, Fish, Foote, Hinckley, Reutenik, Richardson and Wutrick. But there were also numerous others whose involvement with glass houses lasted for generations, even as recently as the 1990s.

The Brainards were also major landowners along Schaaf Rd. They sold off their property when the area was majorly built up in the Teens and Twenties of the 1900s.

Florist Frederick/Fred Witthuhn built his greenhouses on W. Schaaf Rd. just west of W. 11th St. (formerly Jennings Rd./Ave.) circa 1896. The reason was to provide flowers for his shop on W. 25th St. and Dover Ave. (I believe that Dover Ave. met its demise when I-71 cut the neighborhood in half.) His descendants (e.g., grandson Ralph and wife Jean and their daughter Joyce) kept Witthuhns' in business for more than 100 years.

Their barn behind the huge house west of the greenhouse and former retail store is one two old barns still standing on W. Schaaf Rd.

Just down the street, Walter Zurovski had a greenhouse on the northwest corner of W. Schaaf Rd., and W. 11th St. At one period in his life he'd grown so much celery that he was known as the "Celery King".

Martin Reutenik of E. Schaaf Rd. was also a "Celery King" in the greenhouse heyday.

Seemingly every one of the truck farmers/greenhouse growers grew tomatoes. By the mid-1960s, there were over 100 greenhouses in the Schaaf Rd. area and they produced three-quarters of the hot-house tomatoes eaten in the United States.

But tomatoes were generally not their only crop. William Kaul (my great uncle, actually) of 740 W. Schaaf Rd., was the "Onion King". His son, Jim Kaul, of 744 W. Schaaf Rd., who followed in Uncle Bill's footsteps, grew lettuce. He can recall years when they cut a ton of leaf lettuce every single day.

In October, 1992, I wrote an article about a *Canalabration* celebration which was taking place in communities bordering the Ohio and Erie Canal. The event was planned to celebrate the Canal's 160th anniversary. At the time of that article, both flowers and vegetables were still being grown in greenhouses on Schaaf Rd.

Not all the greenhouses which participated were located on Schaaf Rd., but here are the ones which were on Schaaf --

Rosby Bros. Greenhouse & Berry Farm at 42 E. Schaaf Rd.; **A.J. Boyert and Sons, Inc.**, also at 42 E. Schaaf Rd.; **Richardson's Farm Market and Greenhouse** at W. Schaaf Rd. and Tuxedo Rd.; **Martin Greenhouses, Inc.**, at 270 E. Schaaf Rd.; and **R. Foote Greenhouses and Farm**, at 298 E. Schaaf Rd.

Due to space constraints, I will have to talk about them and other growers next month. (Additional names are welcome.)

I also have a list of the medical doctors, dentists and a number of other interesting individuals who lived on the street. If you'd like to add to it, feel free to contact me with that, too.

When the price of the natural gas used to heat the greenhouses soared in the 1970s, many properties, like this one at 744 W. Schaaf, went to auction.

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Children's Museum of Cleveland
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www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

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3rd Annual Royal Ball - Sat, Apr. 13th, 5:30 - 8 pm. Dinner served 5:30 - 6:30 pm. \$20 per person for members; \$25 per person for non-members. Dress as favorite prince or princess for medieval style dinner & dance party. Free play in the Museum & assorted craft opportunities inc. jeweled scepters & rings, royal crowns, autograph books & shields. Pose for photos during Meet & Greet with Snow White, Belle, Princess Tiana, Rapunzel & Cinderella. Pre-registration required; choose dinner time of either 5:30 or 6:15 pm when registering. Purchase tickets - \$20, members; \$25, non-members - 216-791-7114.

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Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org

Big Spring - Now thru Sun., Apr. 28th; Mon., Tues., Thurs. & Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed. & Fri. 10 am - 9 pm; Sun., 12 - 5 pm. Tickets - \$12/non-member adult; \$8/non-member child, 3 - 12; free/ children under 3 & Garden members. Imaginative tea party in enchanting woodland garden. Explore fanciful indoor garden hedge maze. Dress up as bugs at Toadstool Theater. Enjoy Hershey Children's Garden.

S-HORT Course for Kids: Bug Terrarium Workshop - Sat., Apr. 13th, 12:30 - 1:30 pm. Make indoor insect landscape for bug pet. Ages 5 & up. Member child: \$25; non-member child: \$35. All materials, garden admission & discounted parking included. Register in advance online or call 216-721-1600, ext. 100.

Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
Bike Prep and Ride - Sun. Apr. 21st; 1- 4 pm. Start with a spring inspection of our bicycles. Then head out for a bike ride along Towpath Trail. Register beginning April 1st.

Hunt of the Month: Caterpillar - through Apr. 30th; 9 am - 5 pm. Find 20 hidden caterpillars; can also visit butterfly garden throughout the season.

UnNatural Trail - Tues. Apr. 2nd, 2 - 4 pm. Test 'I spy' skills on trail with camouflaged items along it. Center will have a list of what to look for.

Scavenger Hunt - Thurs., Apr. 4th; 10 am - noon. Pick up instructions, stroll on Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath as you follow clues. Complete hunt & receive reward. Stroller - friendly.

Cleveland Metroparks Day Camp
Registration begins Tuesday, April 16th
www.clevelandmetroparks.com
Hike in woods, wade in creek, create a craft, paddle a kayak, sketch an animal or play a

game. Registration beginning at 9:30 am, required for all camps. Online registration preferred; begins Apr. 16th. Telephone registration only available for Garfield, Rocky River & North Chagrin. If paying by check or cash, or need a scholarship, call number listed. Camp fees non-refundable & non-transferable. For more detailed descriptions of each camp experience, visit Cleveland Metroparks website.

Cleveland Metroparks
South Mastick Picnic Shelter
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440-734-6660

Breakfast in the Park - Sun., Apr. 14th; 9 - 11 am. Volunteer chefs prepare breakfast from assigned food contribution.. While it's cooking, search for spring wildflowers & listen for singing birds. Terrain: 1.5 miles. Registration starts Apr. 2nd.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
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9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
Programs this month -- (Unless otherwise noted, registration required.)

Children's Storytimes - Baby & Me -Tues., 10:30 am; **Toddler** - Wed., 10 am; **Preschool** - Wed., 7 pm; Thurs., 10 am.

Happy Birthday, Amelia Bedelia - Thurs., Apr. 4th; 7 - 8 pm; ages 4 & up.

Artist detectives - Miniature Painting Workshop. Tues. Apr. 9th, 6:30-7:30 pm; ages 11-18.

Puppets With Pizazz: "Jack & the Beanstalk"- Sat., Apr. 13th, 2-2:45 pm.

Can You Survive the Titanic? Thurs., Apr. 18th, 6:30 pm. Grades K - 6. Parent/guardian must sign release form before program.

Let's Tangle - Fun With Zentangle® - Inspired Art. Sat., Apr. 20th, 10:30 - noon. Grades 4 & up. For novice & advanced Tangles; bring current Zentangle art.

Teen Programs - TAG Team - Sat., Apr. 20th; 1:30 - 2:15 pm; grades 6 - 12;

Board Game Day & Wii Play - Sat., Apr. 20th; 2:30 - 4:30 pm; ages 10 - 18.

G2P: Princess Dance - Tues., Apr. 23rd, 7 pm; ages 7-11. Games, crafts & fun based on fairy tale, "The Twelve Dancing Princesses".

Seussapalooza - Sat., Mar. 30th; 2 pm. All ages. Celebration of everything about books & reading.

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Meet an Animal - Rabbits - Sun. Apr. 28th; 3 pm. All ages. \$5/person; children 1 & under free. Hear all kinds of "bunny business". With help of live domestic rabbits learn about wild rabbits.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Genealogy Club, Sun., Apr. 21st, 2 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan. Georgia Maresh speaking about Bohemian National Home on Broadway Ave. in Slavic Village. Prospective members welcome.

Brooklyn Historical Society, Wed., April 24th., 7 pm., museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. John Gerald's will show a slide presentation on the beautiful Vizcaya Museum & Gardens in Miami, Florida. The building & grounds are a National Historic Landmark, built by James Deering in 1916. Guests welcome, refreshments will follow, Call Barb at 216-941-0160 for more info.

Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation board meeting, 6 pm. Meetings are fourth Tues. of the month; 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., Apr. 9th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Thurs., Apr. 4th & every first Thurs., 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Apr. 16th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

Ward 13 Republican Club meeting, Tues., Apr. 9th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Brooklyn Heights Church meeting room, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. (near Broadview Rd.)

Old Brooklyn children's cooking class by David Waldman

On March 16th Old Brooklyn CDC, in partnership with Helping Hands Ministry, held the first cooking class for 5-8th graders at St. James Lutheran Church in Old Brooklyn. Helping Hands Ministry has been teaching cooking classes in the Glenville area for the past four years and organized the recipes and food. The class was taught by students from the Glenville area who had participated in classes there. Students from the Old Brooklyn area were grouped with a student instructor and each cooked a different recipe.

The students made pizza, rice and beans salad, Mexican cornbread, chicken hash and a pepperoni dip. They learned how to read recipes, measure and prepare ingredients and use a stove and oven. They got to taste each others' dishes after they were done, and had a chance to socialize with each another. The class went very well; several students said that they wanted to participate again. Old Brooklyn CDC is working to organize another class and will post it in the *Old Brooklyn News*.

THEATER NOTES



Beck Center of the Arts
17801 Detroit Ave. Lakewood
216-521-2540 www.beckcenter.org

"Next to Normal"

Now - Sun. Apr., 21st; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm; Tickets: \$12 - \$28; Studio Theater.

"The House of Blue Leaves"

Now - Sun., Apr. 21st; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$28; Mackey Main Stage.

Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons

6200 Pearl Rd 440-842-4600
cassidytheatre.com
"Dearly Departed"

Fri., Apr. 12th - Sun., 28th; Fri. & Sat. 8 pm. Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$20, adults; \$15, seniors/students.

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

Great Lakes Theater at The Hanna Theatre

"Much Ado About Nothing"

Now - Apr. 14th; Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat.,

1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$70; students, \$13.

Kennedy's Theatre
"Flanagan's Wake"

Now - Sat., Apr. 27th; Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Tickets: \$25.

Palace Theatre
"War Horse"

Tues., Apr. 9th - Sun., Apr. 21st; Tues., 8 pm; Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$80.

The Cleveland Play House at The Allen Theatre
"Good People"

Now - Apr. 14th; Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$49 - \$69.

Second Stage
"Rich Girl"

Fri., Apr. 19th - Sun., May 19th. Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$49 - \$69.

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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 - 9:15 am; **Crochet Group** - 9:30
am, **Chair Exercise** - 9:30 am; **Current**
Events - 10 am, **Corn Hole** - 10:30 am, **Wii** -
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- Friday, May 17th

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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.

CHURCH NOTES

Archwood United Church of Christ
2800 Archwood Ave. 216-351-1060
Rigatoni Fundraiser - Sun., Apr. 7th; 1 - 5
pm. \$6 - adults; \$4 - kids 10 & under. Live
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Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
3354 Fulton Rd. 216-631-9199
Speaker, Edwin Hayes -Why I am a Free Will
Baptist? Apr. 14th; 11 am Worship Service.

Brooklyn Hts., United Church of Christ
2005 W. Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280
Spaghetti Dinner - Fri., Apr. 19th; 5:30 - 7
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Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
8235 Memphis Ave.
www.goodshepherdelca.org
Community meal - last Tues. of each month;
6 pm. All welcome.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323
Family Fridays for Homeschooled Families
Fri., Apr. 5th., 6 pm; Marian Lounge.

First Friday Mass & All Night Adoration -
Fri., Apr. 5th, 8 pm; lower chapel.

Cleveland Minutemen for Life Prayer Vigil
- Sat., Apr. 6th, 8:30 am; Cleveland Surgi-
Center.

Men's Prayer Group - Sat., Apr. 6th, 8:30 am;
Parish Center.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour - Sun., Apr. 7th, 3
pm; upper church. Social to follow in Marian
Lounge.

City Music Intergenerational Concert "Uzu & Muzu" - Wed., Apr. 17th, 10 am; upper church.

School Science Fair - Wed., Apr. 17th, 12:30
& 6:30 pm.; Parish Center.

Free Community Meal - Sun., Apr. 21st, 1
pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

Blue Army Holy Hour - 2 pm; lower chapel
& Marian Lounge.

Cleveland State University Choir & Choral Concert - Sun., Apr. 28th, 3 pm; upper church.

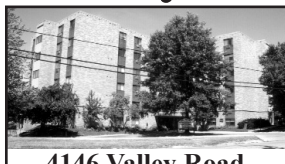
Pearl Road United Methodist Church
4200 Pearl Rd. 216-661-5642
Potluck Dinner & Movie Night - Fri. Apr.
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