

Brooklyn Centre's Reed Park closed for now

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Approximately 75 people who live close by the 12.5 acre W.C. Reed Park at W. 15th St. and Denison Ave. attended a com-

need to be raised. The City will be using a portion of the \$375,000 held for redevelopment of the park for this purpose. In addition, funds will be sought from the Ohio EPA. The total cost for remediation is approximately \$1.5 million.



Photo by Robyn Sandys

Officials attending the WC Reed community meeting at St. Barbara's Church on Monday, December 17th from right to left are: Councilman Joe Cimperman at the table; Karen Butler, City Director of Public Health; David Ebersole, Brownfield's Manager with the City's Economic Development Department; John Garbey, consultant with Partners Environmental; Michael Cox, City Director of Public Works; and Don Kasych, Capital Projects Office with the Public Works Department.

munity meeting at St. Barbara's Catholic Church on Monday, December 17th. City of Cleveland officials, including the Councilman for that area of Brooklyn Centre, Joe Cimperman, initiated the meeting.

As noted in the photograph accompanying this article, representatives from various departments in the City were also represented. Councilman Brian Cummins also attended the meeting.

Many of the residents who spoke had lived in the area for over 50 years. They knew some of the history of the site (i.e., when there was some dumping of industrial debris possibly as far back as the 1930s to the 1950s). The area had also been a ravine. To the best of everyone's knowledge who was at the meeting, the City acquired the land for the Park sometime in the late 1950s.

Michael Cox the Director of Public Works, stated that their "major intention is to return the park back to being a park after mediation issues are completed. The ball field is the area of concern because a low level of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAH's (a probable carcinogen) was found.

The levels were slightly elevated above EPA standards for a recreational area. This byproduct was found after some testing of the soil was conducted at the Park before redevelopment of the Park was started.

Before full remediation of the contaminated parts of the Park can take place funds

Mr. David Ebersole from the City's Economic Development Department stated that they will seek Brownfield remediation funds from both the State of Ohio and the federal government for this purpose.

Mr. John Garbey, a consultant with Partners Environmental, the firm hired to do the initial testing, stated that the "clean-up will include the capping of the contaminated material" in areas that are not already naturally capped by being covered by hard surfaces.

During the meeting it was stated that the baseball field with clay on the mound was a kind of cap as well. The main areas of concern as discussed at the meeting were the grassy fields. However one would have to ingest or inhale dust from the contaminated dirt in order for it to be an issue.

Even though just walking by would not create exposure, fencing is up at the site, because they want to ensure that no one enters the site until after it has been remediated.

A specific timeline to alleviate the problem and redevelop the Park was not given. However, Councilman Cimperman is hopeful that it will be within a year and that the City has every intention to fix this issue.

In the near future, information about the PAH's and the process and updates regarding remediation will be posted on the City's Public Health web page, www.cleveland-health.org. Or also check the home page for the City of Cleveland.

Southfield Ave. wins holiday lighting contest



Photo by Christopher Lohr

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The results are in and the winner of the 2012 Winter Lighting Contest is Southfield Ave. Located between Ridge Rd. and W. 63rd St., just north of Memphis Ave., Southfield Ave. residents demonstrated the holiday spirit by having the most houses lit up; they received additional points for the quality of their decorations.

Cleveland Carriage had offered to pro-

vide a free carriage or sled ride (depending on conditions) to the residents of the winning street. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) will be working with residents and Cleveland Carriage to come up with the best time for the ride. Questions can be directed to Old Brooklyn staff at 216-459-1000.

OBCDC thanks the Cleveland Police Auxiliary and Second District officers who reviewed the Old Brooklyn streets over the past couple of weeks to determine a winner.

New Old Brooklyn welcome signs installed

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At the end of December, the first of seven new Old Brooklyn neighborhood welcome signs was installed on Memphis Ave.; it replaced an old existing damaged sign. Upon completion, the signs will provide identification for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists as they make their way into the neighborhood at seven important locations.



Photo by Christopher Lohr

The first new Old Brooklyn neighborhood welcome sign was installed on Memphis.

Two signs are to be located on Pearl Rd., one at the neighborhood's southern boundary and one at its northern boundary. Signs will also be located on Fulton Rd., Memphis Ave., Broadview Rd., State Rd. and Valley Rd.

Funding for the signs was secured from the City of Cleveland's Cityworks program and Steelyard Commons Tax Increment Financing funds. Both funding sources are distributed on a competitive basis; Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) submitted proposals and was approved for funding.

The new signs, in keeping with the recent Old Brooklyn neighborhood branding, will feature the blue diamond with white text. Beneath the text for "Old Brooklyn" is "Est. 1814", a tribute to the first settlement in the area nearly 200 years ago.

After the signs are up we encourage anyone in the neighborhood who might notice that a sign has been damaged or vandalized to call OBCDC at 216-459-1000.



New Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation sign at 2339 Broadview Rd.

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West Side Beverage & Deli services Old Brooklyn 30 years

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West Side Beverage & Deli, 4400 State Rd., has been an Old Brooklyn institution for almost 30 years. When Gary and Debbie Tulk opened it in 1983, they started with, "just a couple of coolers and big dreams". They added the deli in 1992, when their son Michael graduated and started learning the business; their daughter Rachel Tulk has also been in the business since 1992. Mike has been the owner since 1999, after Gary passed away in a tragic car accident.

Gary and Debbie located their business in Old Brooklyn because they were born and raised in the neighborhood. Gary grew up on Hood Ave., Debbie grew up on Brooklyn Ave. and they raised their family at their former home on W. 61st St. and Memphis Ave.

According to Mike, their first employee, whose name was Paul Spidle, "rode his bike here every day asking for a job. My parents finally hired him and he worked here for many years." He added with a smile, "We now have four great employees." Mike pointed out that employee Paul Braine has been working at some capacity for West Side Beverage & Deli since it opened.

Mike is proud that West Side Beverage & Deli is becoming a third generation family business; his son and stepchildren have all worked there, and his mom (Debbie) still makes the lasagna, potato salad, macaroni salad and ham salad from scratch. He stated, "This business has great sentimental value and I hope to keep it in the family for years to come."

When asked for a funny or interesting story about the West Side Beverage & Deli, Mike recalled, "We sold a 10 million dollar lottery ticket which was really exciting. The young man only had enough cash to buy one lottery ticket. How lucky is that!"

Many of Mike's childhood friends still live in Old Brooklyn and are West Side Beverage & Deli regulars. Mike also appreci-



ates the Cleveland Police officers who stop in for lunch and check on things. "Thank you Old Brooklyn," he exclaims. "I really love this neighborhood and appreciate the 30 years of loyalty."



Photo by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
 Tamra Giguere, Mike Tulk and Phillip Braine

West Side Beverage & Deli supports several Old Brooklyn Youth League teams and assists with events at Mary Queen of Peace Church. They also work with as many locally owned businesses as possible; they supply party trays for Y's Guys Bar & Grill and have worked with M & W Meats for years.

Mike attributes their business's success to his parents, "My parents taught me to always do my best and be good to our customer no matter what. I guess their advice was right; maybe that's why we have been here for 30 years."

Every month West Side Beverage & Deli has daily specials. In January, they are \$1.00 off any sandwich (except corned beef) on Mondays; buy one sandwich, get one half-off on Tuesdays; \$1 off any pizza on Wednesdays; a free can of pop with any sandwich purchase on Thursdays; a free 2-liter bottle of Coke with the purchase of two pizzas on Fridays; \$.50 off a pound or more of deli cheese on Saturdays; and \$.50 off a pound or more of lunch meat on Sundays. Party trays are also available.

West Side Beverage & Deli's phone number is 216-741-2560. The business is open seven days a week, from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

From the desk of the executive director

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday with family and friends. My teen boys and I once again visited with my family in Southern California.

I want to start the article this year with a hearty and loving thank you to those who are the bread and butter, the heart and soul of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) -- the staff. They are the backbone of this organization which has been in existence for just over 37 years. They help to keep this area safe and to build prosperity.

The *Old Brooklyn News* has been providing news and information about Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre for almost 35 years. It's an incredible resource that is professionally produced and designed by Sandy Worona, one of our full-time staff members who also is involved in many other aspects of the CDC, and edited as well as partially written by Lynette Filips, a consultant. Both have been involved with the newspaper for over 20 years!

You will also notice that many CDC staff members contribute articles to the newspaper, as well as some neighborhood folks.

Plus the business directory has been a mainstay of this community for approximately 23 years. Now known as the *Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre & City of Brooklyn Business Directory & Service Guide*, it is an incredible resource that would not be what it is today without the help of our ad salesman, Tom Sargent.

In addition to Sandy, half the full-time staff members have been with OBCDC for over five years and have made a strong and unique contribution. They are, in order of tenure -- Barb Spaan, Community Outreach and Crime Watch Manager (almost six years with OBCDC and sixteen years with Neighborhood Housing Services -- and its predecessors -- before NHS and OBCDC merged); Tom Collins, Commercial Manager (check out his article on page 6 describing his job for the past eleven years);

and Cynthia Cejka, Office Manager for six years). The full-time employees, in order of tenure, who have been with the CDC less than five years are: Sheila Walter, Building Code Compliance Manager; Christopher Lohr, Program Services Coordinator; and Jayme Lucas-Bukszar, Residential/Marketing Manager.

We also have three part-time staff members -- David Waldman, Program Services Assistant; Ed Zubek, Wireless Assistant; and TJ Oryshkewych, Garden Coordinator. (TJ works part of the year at the Ben Franklin Community Garden.) I will be reaching my sixth year as the Executive Director this coming April.

Besides our amazing staff we do have a very strong Board of Directors, fifteen in all with all but three living in Old Brooklyn. The three non-residents run businesses in the neighborhood. Thank you to all for their hard work and dedication to both the CDC and our service area.

And of course there are all of you are readers and residents of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre who provide volunteer support in a variety of ways from being a member of a block group, the *Old Brooklyn Buzz*, the *Old Brooklyn Community Collaborators* or simply a concerned resident who cares about the neighborhood.

I invite all of you to stop by our office anytime to meet with our staff to learn more about what we do and also to see our brand new redesigned conference room that will be a "sales center" for our neighborhood.

Remember to always check out our Facebook page and Twitter to stay up to date with what we are planning in Old Brooklyn. Also learn more about all our programs and activities by looking at our web site, www.oldbrooklynconnected.com.

If you want to stay as up to date as possible, sign up for our E-Newsletter along with 3,500 other folks in the area by contacting Jayme at jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com.

Have a wonderful New Year and a peaceful 2013!

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

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NEWS & EVENTS

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, January 7th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society
Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. CVGS member Wally Huskonen speaking about "Secrets for Success in Searching the SSDI" (Social Security Death Index). Also brief history of Social Security Administration/SSA, how to obtain/use Social Security applications for genealogical research, delayed birth certificates, studies of given names & SSA on the internet. Contact president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via www.cuyahogagenealogy.org for more info.

Wednesday, January 9th

Westside Basket Guild

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs Gathering Room, 5 pm. Group had great start in 2012; goal for 2013 is to double in size. Weave baskets from beginners to advanced; new basket each month. This month's basket -- double-walled red & natural basket, 4" at base, then widens to c. 6" at top. Red inside & natural outside; perfect for Valentines Day. Cost - \$13, due night of class. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, or sign up on bulletin board, by Jan. 5th. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors..

Friday, January 11th

Tremont ArtWalk

6 - 10 pm. Visit www.tremontartwalk.org for complete list of locations.

Saturday, January 12th

The Near West Family Network

Group of moms committed to raising families in the City have created networking opportunity for families as well as some programming & advocacy. Have recently launched a website, http://nearwestfamilynetwork.org. Some activities already planned for early 2013. Events include: **Sat., Jan. 12th**, 10 am, scavenger hunt at Rockefeller Greenhouse & **Sat., Feb. 2nd**, 10 am, grade school fair at St. Ignatius High School. 25+ public & private schools, that near west families could send their kids to invited.

Sunday, January 13th

"Pink Smoke Over the Vatican"

Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Blvd. Independence. Award-winning documentary relates stories of women seeking priestly ordination in Roman Catholic Church, despite controversy & threats of excommunication. Call WOC Board member, Alan Klonowski, 216-334-4021 or email adklonowski@hotmail.com for more info.

Monday, January 21st

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Events

University Circle, Inc. will provide free shuttle buses 11 am - 4 pm to take guests to University Circle attractions.

The Rink at Wade Oval - Open skate hours Mon, Jan. 21, noon - 5 pm; free.

The Children's Museum of Cleveland - Children's Museum, 10 am - 4:45 pm.

Church of the Covenant - A Tribute to the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr., 10 am; free.
Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Open House, noon - 5 pm; free.

Cleveland Public Library, Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch - 28th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Celebration, 11:30 am; free.

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage - 11am - 5 pm; free.

Western Reserve Historical Society - 10 am - 5 pm; free.

Monday, January 28th

Monday Night at the Movies "Forks Over Knives"

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

Tax Volunteer Help Wanted

Become a volunteer tax preparer & donate your time to actively participate to improve our local neighborhoods. An hour of your time could be worth \$5,600 to a low-income family & bring millions back to the local economy. Call 216-631-0280 x4124. Kathy Matthews, Program Director, kmatthews@enterprisecomunity.org. www.refundohio.org

Free Preparation of Your 2012 Income Tax Return

Cuyahoga County Free Tax Preparation Sites: For an appointment call 211. **Westshore Neighborhood Family Service Center**, 9830 Lorain Ave., Career Center. Tues. & Fri. 5:30 - 7 pm. & Sat. 9 am - 12 noon.

Southgate Neighborhood Family Service Center, 5398 1/2 Northfield Rd. Maple Heights, Career Center. Wed. 5:30 - 8 pm & Sat. 9:30 am - 1pm. **Bring with you:**

- 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

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.

Adult Programs this month -- (Unless otherwise noted, registration required.)

Medicare Made Easy - Mon., Jan. 7th, 2 pm.

Estate Planning for Everyone - Tues. Jan. 8th, 7 pm.

Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club, Mon., Jan. 14th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm; 2nd Mon. each month.

Karaoke Night With Wii™ - Tues., Jan. 15th, 7 pm. Family.

Living a Heart Healthy Lifestyle - Thurs., Jan. 17th, 2 pm.

Book Discussions - Mon., Jan. 21st, 7 pm -- *Faithful Place* by Tanya French; **Thurs., Jan. 31st, 11 am** -- Room by Emma Donoghue.

Woman's Guide to Money - Mon., Jan. 28th, 7 pm..

Music of the Civil Rights Movement - Tues., Jan. 29th, 7 pm.

Free GED Preparatory Classes
Adults ages 18 & over. Students must attend orientation to register.

Cleveland Public Library Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd. Orientation: **Mon., Jan. 7th**; 1 pm. Class: Mon. & Wed., 1 - 3:30 pm.

Cleveland Public Library Fulton Branch, 3545 Fulton Rd. Orientation: **Tues., Jan. 8th**, 10 am. Class: Tues. & Thurs., 10 am - 12:30 pm.
Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd. Orientation: **Tues., Jan. 8th**, 1 pm. Class: Tues. & Thurs., 1 - 4 pm.

Cleveland Public Library South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. Orientation: **Mon., Jan. 14th**, 10 am. Class: Mon. & Wed., 10 am - 12:30 pm.

Cuyahoga County Public Library-Brooklyn Branch, 4480 Ridge Rd. Orientation: **Tues., Jan. 15th**, 9:30 am. Class: Tues. & Thurs., 9:30 am - noon. GED Technology Class: Wed., 9:30 am - noon.

Mon., Jan. 7th, ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) sessions. Mon. & Fri., 9 - 11:30 am; adult.

Stop the Hate: Youth Speak Out! Annual Essay Contest

\$100,000 in total scholarships & prizes. Essays for 6th - 10th graders due Jan. 15th, 2013. Deadline for 11th & 12th graders due Feb. 23rd. Students encouraged to submit essays electronically through official *Stop the Hate* website. Complete info, current guidelines & copies of all past winning essays available at www.maltzmuseum.org/stop-the-hate/contest.

Pedal for Prizes

The *Pedal for Prizes* committee is looking for destinations for *Pedal 2013*. If you are a merchant or know of a point of interest which would make a good destination for our bicycling event, please let us know. Send your ideas to john@speedexterminating.com. Let me know and together we can make *Pedal 2013* an outstanding event!

Report Air Quality Complaints

Call anytime to report odors, smoke, open burning, or fumes from anywhere in Cuyahoga County. To report facility malfunctions, obtain information regarding air quality index, or take part in citizens air monitoring program (CAMP), call 216-664-7442 or visit www.clevelandhealth.org. City of Cleveland Division of Air Quality has worked to protect Greater Cleveland's air since 1882.

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.

Mary Queen of Peace School

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

Ready, Set, Grow Preschool

Located in Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5.

Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$25. Class times, 9:20 - 11:20 am. Call 216-741-2280 for more info.

St. Leo the Great Preschool Registration 2012-2013

Preschool located at 4940 Broadview Rd. on second floor of St. Leo's Community Center. Licensed by the Ohio Department of Education & operated according to mandated rules & regulations. Part-time am & pm classes & full-day program with option for extended care for 3 & 4 year olds. To be eligible for enrollment, child must be 3 by September 30th. Bring child's birth certificate & \$50 registration fee; registration continues till all classes fill. Contact school's director Lisa Mersek, 216-661-5330, to schedule appointment or for more info.

St. Leo the Great School Registration 2012-2013


St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd, grades K - 8. Children must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for all-day kindergarten. \$50 non-refundable registration fee required along with birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from school or rectory office. For new students grades 1-8, copy of most recent report card also required. Applications for Cleveland Scholarship Voucher Program available. Call 216-661-2120 with questions or to schedule tour of school.

St. Mary Byzantine School Registration



St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., accepting applications for preschool - grade 8. Before & after school services available. Local tuition assistance available to all families; Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted. Updated computer lab, interactive Smart Boards in all classroom, instrumental music & art instructor, athletics & more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit www.smbyz.org for more info.

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.



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OBCDC answers WiFi Question of the Month

Question: (from Patricia on W. 52nd St.)

If I already have a wireless router that I use to connect to my current internet provider, can I still use it to connect to OldBrooklyn?

Answer:

The answer is yes. You will need a wireless antenna/access point that has an Ethernet network cable. The wireless antenna/access point would be configured to connect to the OldBrooklyn wireless network.

You would then plug the antenna/access point into the port on your current wireless router that your current internet provider plugs into. The port is sometimes labeled as WAN, or Network or Internet.

You will then be using OldBrooklyn as your wireless provider for all of your home computers.

As always, if you need help setting this up, we offer free phone support. Call Ed Zubeck at 440-941-3705.

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Not Valid With Another Offer

Candace Carmichael, the bundle of positive energy who has been heading the MetroHealth Senior Advantage program for twenty-two years retired at the end of last month. MetroHealth held a reception for her at its Old Brooklyn Health Center on December 13th.

In addition to being greeted by hundreds of friends and asso-



Candace Carmichael

ciates she's come to know over her years at Metro, Candace also received congratulatory messages from Cuyahoga County Executive Edward Fitzgerald, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson and the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. Some of her many accomplishments, including starting the Advantage program, are detailed in the proclamation to the right.



Edward FitzGerald

The County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio,

takes profound pride and deep personal pleasure in congratulating

Candace Carmichael

on the occasion of her Retirement

WHEREAS, Candace Carmichael a tireless advocate for the aging founded the MetroHealth Advantage Program to assist the elderly in accessing health services at MetroHealth Hospital over twenty-two years ago. Today this program has grown to 23,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Candace Carmichael continued to expand the MetroHealth Advantage Program by providing an educational program called "Mornings at Metro" where the elderly were given the opportunity to learn first-hand about the different illnesses and treatments available to them from the MetroHealth doctors; and

WHEREAS, Candace Carmichael and her staff became better able to assist the elderly with their medical bills through the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIIP). This program provides training to volunteers on Medicare and Medicaid so they can assist the elderly with their medical bills. The MetroHealth Advantage Program was promptly granted approval to be one of OSHIIIP's sites. Candace quickly learned that partnering with other organizations could help her better serve the elderly people that walked into her office every day; and

WHEREAS, Candace Carmichael who recognized that the lack of transportation was preventing many seniors from coming to MetroHealth for medical appointments, collaborated with Metro Auxiliary who provided the first van to transport the seniors. Candace also developed a strong partnership with the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services almost twenty years ago where she served on the first Cuyahoga County Advisory Council on Senior and Adult Services. Candace has served as the Co-Chair of the full Council as well as the Chair of its Conference Committee; and

WHEREAS, Candace Carmichael in conjunction with MetroHealth Hospital partnered with the Division of Senior and Adult Services for the past eighteen years to conduct the very successful County Conference on Aging. Candace Carmichael's support and commitment to the Department of Senior and Adult Services has been immeasurable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Executive of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, hereby commends the exemplary life and service of **Candace Carmichael** whose work with the elderly has been exceptional. I sincerely thank her for her hard work and dedication to the citizens of our community. I wish her continued success, good health, good luck, and a Happy & Prosperous Future and Retirement. May God Bless **Candace Carmichael** and her family for many years to come!

Edward FitzGerald
Cuyahoga County Executive

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The Shack restores life to building north of Zoo

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar & Christopher Lohr

Old Brooklynites got a new dining option when The Shack, 4100 Pearl Rd., opened on November 20, 2012. The Shack features broasted chicken, pizza, homemade ice cream, Italian ice and other monthly specials.

Owner Jan Taylor and her father Joe Taylor have been in the ice cream/restaurant business for 35 years. All 32 flavors of their ice cream and 16 flavors of their Italian ice are homemade from a family recipe which came from Italy to the United States with Joe's grandfather during the 1940s. The family moved to the Kamm's Corner neighborhood from Canton shortly thereafter and opened Maddiette's (1946-1965) which specialized in Italian ice and where Joe worked as a young boy.

Continuing the family tradition as restaurateurs, in 1967 Joe opened his first restaurant, the White Horse Tavern on Harvard Rd. For the past six years, the family has owned Dairyland Ice Cream on W. 117th St., open seasonally.

Jan and Joe hope that The Shack, with its highly visible location and convenient access to the Zoo, will be a great asset to the community. Jan handpicked the colors on the building's exterior; she wanted something bright and cheerful that neighborhood children would like.

During the winter months, The Shack is offering stick-to-the-belly fare, including their made-to-order broasted chicken; a two piece order with Jo Jo fries and a side of cole slaw or beans costs \$3.50. January specials include a big helping of chicken paprikash for \$4.50, a

large slice of pizza with as many items as a customer want for \$3.50, pasta bowls (served in bread bowls) for \$4.00, and Sloppy Joe's for \$1.75.

During winter The Shack is open every day from 11:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. For more information call 216-749-4100.



Photo by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

The Shack's Sloppy Joe's

Ingredients:

- 1 tsp. olive oil
- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 1 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 2 Tbsp. tomato paste

Directions:

Heat oil and ground beef in large pan, add brown sugar, and after the meat has browned add onion and pepper, red wine vinegar and Worcestershire sauce. Reduce heat and cook 5 minutes. Add tomato sauce and tomato paste and cook 5 minutes longer. Serves: 7-8

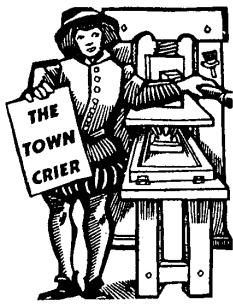
The Year in Review -- Crime Watch 2012



Holiday message from Barb

You are the best gift I have received this year -- and the past 22 years! The holidays are over for some, but not for me. Those of you who really know me know that I celebrate from November 24th until just before Easter, when I take the Christmas down and put the last decorations away. As I reflect on the past year, I think about how lucky I am to live and work in Old Brooklyn with people who care every day, work together to create a safer community, and support the Crime Watch program. Thank you to all! And if you're not involved, it's a new year -- Enjoy the gift! -- and you have another chance to work with us.

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Another holiday season will be behind us by the time this article is published, and as I write it, I'm thinking about all the neighborhood people and organizations whom Tom Collins thanked in his December column. (He wrote it over Thanksgiving weekend.) Tom only wrote about the community groups with whom he works, but it got me to thinking about some additional folks to thank who are directly involved with this newspaper.

And so, borrowing Tom's idea, I'll begin this month by sharing the names of some of the people for whom Sandy Worona and I are grateful as we put the *Old Brooklyn News* together every month -

First and foremost, we - as well as all our readers -- are indebted to **our advertisers**, because we depend upon the income from their ads to keep this paper going. Please patronize them, and all small neighborhood businesses. We want to keep our storefronts filled with viable businesses, and business owners need customers in order to survive. Last year, too many businesses opened and closed in less than twelve months, and some long-time businesses closed in 2012, too.

(A perfect example of not enough advertising resulting in no more publications is what happened to the short-lived *Old Brooklyn Quarterly*. The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) published it in conjunction with *The Plain Dealer (PD)*. There wasn't an autumn edition because when the *PD* didn't get enough advertising, they felt the need to cancel the issue for financial reasons.)

I also very much appreciate the time and talent a number of representatives from some of our neighborhood organizations and institutions put into writing articles for this newspaper. Some like **Gloria Ferris** from **Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** and **Hallie Forcinio** from the **Benjamin Franklin Community Garden** have been contributing something almost every month for years, while others have just written once or from time-to-time. Often our volunteer writers also submit photos to accompany their articles. None of them are compensated for their effort, yet we are dependent on their contributions to make the paper happen.

I'm grateful to **the people who**, though they aren't writers themselves, **pitch ideas to us** - whether it's for entire stories, or newsy little tidbits for *The Town Crier*. I'm grateful for the organizations which send us items for *News & Events*, *Senior Notes* and *Church Notes*.

While it is true that we are promoting their activities for free, that is what a community newspaper is all about, and those columns couldn't exist without them.

Sandy and I also appreciate what retired librarian **Mary Ellen Stasek** does for the paper each month. After Sandy sends the 'pdf' to the printer, she also sends it to Mary Ellen, who faithfully posts it on OBCDC's web site.

Now getting on with some news -- In both the November and December *Town Crier* columns I wrote about a number of church-related happenings, but there are still a few more things to relate.

A sixth-grader from **St. Leo the Great School** was featured in the November 23rd issue of the *Catholic Universe Bulletin*. The reason that **Maddison Ozanich** merited an article was her volunteer work at the **West Side Catholic Center**, 3135 Lorain Ave. The 11-year old has been volunteering there since spring of 2011.

One of Maddison's grandfathers has been volunteering at the Center for longer than that, which is how Maddison became familiar with the service organization. She tried it, she liked it, and now it's become a habit. Maddison helps out wherever she's needed, doing things like assisting in the childcare room, folding clothes in the clothing room, and making sure the kids have something to eat.

In addition to clothing and hospitality, the Center also offers gently used house wares and toys to the people who come there asking for assistance. And it provides the needy with meals, writing skills, art therapy, job training, legal aid and other services, too.

Besides the hard copy, the article about Maddison is also available on St. Leo's web site at www.stleoschurch.org/school/documents/Ozanich.pdf. Thanks to St. Leo parishioner/*Old Brooklyn News* reader **Chris Rath** for making me aware of it.

Mary Queen of Peace (formerly **Our Lady of Good Counsel**) is the other big Roman Catholic congregation in Old Brooklyn, and Brooklyn Ave. octogenarian **Joe Cannon** has belonged there his entire life. Joe has been involved in many pursuits over his lifetime -- including being a Cleveland City Councilman for fourteen years -- but for twenty years, one of his major interests has been promoting the Divine Mercy movement.

You've probably seen billboards with an

image of Jesus with the message, "Jesus, I trust in you". About fifteen years ago the *Old Brooklyn News* ran a feature article about Joe and his involvement with the movement, which includes carrying a huge banner in parades. But to get the whole story, you must read the book which Joe wrote with Margee Jacobs. It's called *The Son Reigns on My*

Parade... and can be purchased from Joe for \$20 (plus \$5 shipping and handling if you don't want to pick it up from him). Call Joe at 1-888-479-3030 to see about getting a copy.

I'm out of room again, but if you have something you'd like to share through this column, send it to lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or c/o OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

Last two closed RC churches now open

by Lynette Filips
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The "troops" (that is, the militant Roman Catholic "troops" from previously closed parishes) were all "home for Christmas" last month, increasing the number of parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland to 174. The eleven reopenings/projected reopenings reported in the September, 2012 issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* began last July with St. Casimir's on Cleveland's east side and ended with St. Emeric's in November.

Our September article was divided by subtitles into short reports about each appealing parish's reopening, and this month's article will follow the same format. All but two were "open for business" before Labor Day weekend, and another, St. Margaret Mary in South Euclid, didn't know why its appeal to reopen wasn't granted.

Now, four months later, there are two additional reopenings to talk about -

Historic St. Peter Church, Superior Ave. at 1533 E. 17th St., in downtown Cleveland -- Historic St. Peter's, housed in the oldest Roman Catholic church edifice in Cleveland, celebrated its reopening Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9th. A reception in the outdoor courtyard next to the church followed the Mass.

Fr. Robert Kropac is the new pastor of Historic St. Peter's. Fr. Kropac is also the new pastor of St. Wendelin's on Columbus Rd.; he has chosen to reside in the rectory at St. Peter's, and has to concentrate on staying on schedule Sunday mornings -- a 10 a.m. Mass at St. Wendelin's followed by an 11:30 Mass at St. Peter's.

The reopening Mass at St. Peter's was not filled to overflowing as many of the other reopened churches were because after it closed in April, 2010, the majority of the former members migrated east to 7100 Euclid Ave. (They

rented and refurbished a former commercial space and hired their previous pastor to be the pastor of their new congregation, the Community of St. Peter.)

Although the current membership at Historic St. Peter's is small, the congregation still exhibits good momentum as it formulates its plans for renewal and growth. The previous congregation was known to have had some of the Diocese's most intense thinkers among its ranks, and a number of them are still at the original building, including key people at John Carroll University (e.g., the head of the Theology Department and the head of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute) and the founders of a local lay advocate group, *Code Purple*. Displaced Catholics from other parishes might want to visit Historic St. Peter's to see if they'd like to join the effort to rebuild it.

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

The church was filled to overflowing when St. Emeric's finally celebrated its reopening Mass at noon on Sunday, November 4th. The Hungarian ethnicity of the parish was evident even before the service began -- Hungarian Scouts in the processional and recessional; other parishioners in native dress; vestments with European trim; the Mass, homily and hymns in Hungarian; the return of former pastor Fr. Sandor Siklodi from his interim position at a parish in Chicago; and an abundance of Hungarian pastry in the hall beneath the church afterwards.

Fr. Bob Begin, pastor of St. Colman Church, concelebrated the reopening Mass because he had forged a relationship with a remnant of the St. Emeric parishioners, celebrating a monthly Mass for them in Hungarian at St. Colman's while St. Emeric's was closed.

St. Emeric's was probably the biggest church reopening challenge, because the parishioners were so adamant about having

See *Church reopenings*, page 8

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by Tom Collins
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To develop and revitalize the community by uniting and empowering residents, business leaders and government around plans and initiatives and achieve social, economic and civic improvement. Thus reads the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC) mission statement. So just what does the OBCDC commercial manager do to fulfill that mission?

The service area of Old Brooklyn and the eastern portion of Brooklyn Centre has approximately 32,000 residents. An accurate count of businesses is hard to come by because home-based businesses and business which share office space are often not listed in business directories. It is reasonable to project that there are at least eight hundred businesses in the service area.

The commercial manager works to retain, expand and recruit businesses in the service area. Within that assignment comes business problem solving.

There is no operator's manual or easy to follow instructions when it comes to problem solving, retention, expansion and recruitment. In fact many businesses do not think of community development corporations (CDCs) as being a community resource for managing their businesses.

Those which do know that a CDC can help them navigate City code compliance issues, identify financial aid programs, mediate problems with neighbors, find properties for lease or sale, help obtain certificates of occupancy, correct building code violations, promote "buy local" campaigns, and facilitate business-to-business networking.

While the commercial manager does not know everything that goes on in the business community, the manager is knowledgeable

about many of those behind-the-scenes issues, things like: what properties may have had underground storage tanks (or had them properly removed) or why a site is unbuildable or what buildings are eligible for special tax credits.

The manager also knows the history of some business relationships and why they are productive or why there may be some stress associated in the relationship. Just like a block club captain knows the "climate" of the block, a commercial manager learns to listen to the concerns of the business community



Photo by Robyn Sandys

"Downtown" Old Brooklyn, the area surrounding the intersection of Pearl & Broadview Rds., is the oldest part of our community and has always been the business district.

and develops a sense of the community business "climate".

There are a variety of programs and resources that a commercial manager can introduce to a business. The manager serves as the area coordinator for the Cleveland Storefront Renovation Program and the Storefront Renovation Loan Program.

Both programs have requirements which might appear overwhelming to the applicants, but are made manageable by the coordinator. This program can provide a \$25,000 rebate for exterior renovation of commercial buildings.

The Cleveland Department of Economic Development offers several types of business loans, some with forgivable terms, for busi-

ness which are creating or retaining jobs in the city. The commercial manager can outline these programs and bring the development specialist to the business for on-site assistance.

If business credit is an obstacle to traditional bank financing, the commercial manager knows what banks and agencies will work with businesses to secure financing for start-ups and expanding businesses. If the need is to overcome a temporary problem like seasonal inventory purchases, the commercial manager can match the need to the lender.

means that any changes to the exterior of a building or the outside property must be submitted for local review. The commercial manager guides the business through that process and can often be an advocate for approving changes which improve the community.

The most contentious issues a commercial manager and a City Council member deal with are zoning variance appeals. Often a business needs a zoning variance to relocate, expand or operate in a city where homes are adjacent to commercial property.

The Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) always asks the appealing business if they have worked out the details with the local community development corporation (CDC) and the local member of City Council. If not, then most likely the Board will reschedule the hearing until the business and CDC have met.

The commercial manager and other CDC staff work with the business and business neighbors to craft a plan which brings benefits to the community. When an acceptable solution cannot be reached, all the parties know exactly why and can present their testimony to the Board for an impartial hearing. Most often the CDC can work out a solution that is acceptable to the business, the community and Council member which is presented jointly to BZA.

The Zoning Board is more disposed to approving a variance when all the parties are in agreement; engaging the commercial manager early on can save a business time and expense.

The commercial manager functions like a consultant to businesses, at no charge. He or she can help define opportunities or problems, know the "go to" people who can help, and introduce the resources a business needs to be successful. At the end of the day, all business decisions remain with the business owner.

If the commercial manager can provide information to a business owner which helps the owner make an informed decision, then the mission stated above is being fulfilled.

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Cleveland Dept. of Aging launches economic security project for seniors

The goal of the Cleveland Department of Aging’s Economic Security Project is to enhance economic security for senior citizens in need. It’s designed to help older adults improve their economic security by providing one-on-one case management assistance.

The Department of Aging conducts a comprehensive financial assessment either in the office, over the telephone or, if needed, at the senior’s home. This program does not offer monetary assistance to seniors. Rather, a trusted group of partner agencies called an “Economic Security Team” assists older adults with financial counseling, health issues, legal services, employment, housing and other aging network services.

Participants must be residents of the City of Cleveland, 55 years of age or older, have a monthly income of \$2,327 or less and have the desire and determination to resolve their financial difficulties.

To participate, call 216-664-2833 and ask for the Economic Security Project.
Source: City of Cleveland Department of Aging

NHS and CHN offer financial literacy classes

Several area nonprofits and institutions are offering free financial literacy and credit counseling services, as well as help with credit repair and homebuyer assistance. Neighborhood Housing Services and Cleveland Housing Network are two of the groups which offer these services.

Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Greater Cleveland

Neighborhood Housing Services’ program is a ten-hour course which covers the basics of buying a house. The classes cover budget-

Money Matters

ing, credit reports, how to shop for a house, and how to apply and shop for a mortgage, and maintaining a home.

While this course is designed for families or individuals who are short-term or nearly mortgage ready, long-term clients can attend as many of the classes as they want in their route to mortgage readiness.

More information is available online at www.nhscleveland.org or contact them by phone at 216-458-4663.

Source: <http://www.nhscleveland.org/buy-a-home/home-buyer-education/>

Cleveland Housing Network (CHN)

CHN works with individuals to manage and grow personal finances, enhance employment skills, and prepare families to purchase, manage and build equity in their homes. They are a HUD-approved counseling center operating with seven housing counselors (including a social worker) certified in homeownership and foreclosure prevention counseling.

Each year, CHN provides counseling and education free of charge to more than 2,000 individuals in the areas of:

- homeownership (pre- and post-)
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- digital literacy & broadband access
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CHN’s Community Training Center, 2999 Payne Ave. is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; offers weekend hours, a computer lab, classroom and private counseling areas. Counseling is offered in English, Spanish and Thai. All services are free of charge. Call 216-574-7100 for more information.
Source: www.chnnet.com

Organizations or businesses wanting to host financial literacy courses

In addition to courses available to individuals, there are organizations which will make presentations to small groups (usually 25 or more). This could include churches, businesses, block groups, etc. Listed next are two organizations which will provide presentations to groups free of charge.

Free tax return preparation help offered at South Brooklyn branch of public library

by **Jayne Lucas-Bukszar**
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AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will be offering FREE federal and state tax preparation services at the South Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 4303 Pearl Rd. (corner of State Rd. & Pearl Rd.), on Thursdays from Feb 7th, 2013 through April 11th, 2012; the times are noon to 3 p.m. Appointments are required and can be

made by calling the Library at 216-623-7067. South Brooklyn is also offering free municipal tax preparation help on four Tuesdays -- March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd and April 9th -- from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The municipal tax preparation services are walk-in only (no appointments).

Everyone can receive free tax return preparation regardless of age. Seniors do not need to be members of AARP to qualify. For more information, call the Library at 216-623-7067.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland’s speakers can give presentations on a variety of topics. Their goal is to foster discussion and encourage audience involvement. This free service is available to groups of twenty-five or more.

Topics they can address include:

- Breaking the Housing Crisis Cycle
- Demystifying the Federal Reserve
- Regional Economic Outlook
- Bank Regulatory Issues
- Community Development

For more information or to schedule a presentation, contact the Speakers Bureau Public Information Coordinator at 216-579-3015.

Source: <http://www.clevelandfed.org>

Key Bank

Learn and Earn is KeyBank’s financial education and awareness program, designed to address the growing need and desire of consumers to improve their financial management skills. Their goal is to provide access to resources which create a strong foundation for economic stability and growth in the communities they serve (e.g., Cleveland).

Classes offered include managing credit, budgeting, money management, and home buying classes. Key teaches these classes for organizations whether or not they have a relationship with Key; they are free of charge.

For more information, visit key.com/financial or contact Eradin Berrios, the branch manager for the Steelyard Commons branch at 216-635-5241 or via email at Eradin_Berrios@keybank.com.
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New Year's traditions evolve then to now

by Lynette Filips
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The article about the history of Thanksgiving in the November issue of the Old Brooklyn News, followed by the article about the increasing commercialization of Christmas in the December issue make the logical choice for this month's history article to be New Year's Eve/Day. The American celebration is not as big as some other countries' (e.g., China or Japan), and like all holidays, its traditions vary.

The date of December 31st for New Year's Eve is observed in countries using the Gregorian calendar. The United States, Australia, the British Isles, North and South America, Europe, Scandinavia and (former) Soviet Union are the main regions in the world which welcome in the new year on that date.

Immigrants from those areas were among the first people (other than the Native Americans) to settle in America, and they brought their New Year's traditions with them, one of which is the food served on New Year's Day. For as long as I can remember reading grocery ads, that has meant serving some variety of pork and some variety of cabbage.

That custom, however, may just be because we live in an area of the country which was heavily settled by Germans and Eastern Europeans — Czechs, Slovaks, Ruthenians, Serbians, Ukrainians, Poles, Hungarians, etc.

Pork is a symbol of wealth and prosperity and certain ethnic groups considered eating it on New Year's day (either roasted or ground/stuffed into sausage) to be a way to ensure both in the year ahead. Cabbage most often accompanies the pork because cabbage is green and symbolizes money. (Cabbage is even slang terminology for paper money.)

In the "Old Country", most cabbage was

preserved as sauerkraut. Thus pork and sauerkraut became the natural combination to serve at German and Slavic New Year's Day meals. Sometimes the pork is also cooked with lentils, another symbol of good luck

Looking farther back in history than our "immigrant ancestors", some historians have concluded that the celebration of New Year's Eve, as well as Christmas, can be traced back to the Roman observance of the Winter Solstice, "Saturnalia." This pagan holiday was renowned for folks totally letting go of all discipline and rules in terms of their behavior.

In the 18th century, before Cleveland was populated, New Year's Eve revelry in some Eastern U. S. cities often included excessive noise, violence and vandalism perpetrated by groups of men and boys. To help curb the problem and protect those wanting to bring in the New Year quietly, some cities in the United States started "The First Night" celebrations. They replace boisterous partying with cultural events, performances, non-alcoholic beverages and food, usually in an outdoor setting.

While it hasn't caught on in Cleveland, Akron has had such celebration since 1996. First Night Akron is a family-friendly, alcohol-free New Year's Eve celebration featuring music, art, dance and fireworks at various indoor and outdoor venues in downtown Akron. Adult admission in 2012 was \$10.

Along the same lines, but happening twelve hours earlier, the Cleveland Metroparks came up with its own family-friendly version of New Year's Eve at the Zoo. They call it Noon Year's Eve, and it takes place from 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. In addition to all the other kid-oriented activities, the "ball" drops at noon and the toasts are non-alcoholic. Regular Zoo admission applies.

More could be written about New Year's Eve/Day, but there's no more room. Next year!

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists look back at 2012 feats

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Before looking forward to the New Year, Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) took the time to reflect on 2012 and all of the wonderful events in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn in which they took part.

When talking about an organization or group such as BCN, it is natural to talk of partnerships, but BCN members speak about friendships and familiar faces, always putting the emphasis on the relationships forged throughout the year when the projects were undertaken.

Two thousand and twelve was a banner year for accomplishments for BCN, its volunteers and its collaborators. The year started with a Western Cuyahoga Audubon Society bird walk through Riverside Cemetery. Then, BCN again participated in the annual mini-symposium with Friends of Big Creek at the Zoo. Over 80 attendees listened to three speakers talk about the quality of soil, the necessity of trees, and how storm water management is crucial to the health of our region.

Summer was a busy time with the once-in-a-lifetime experience of joining the parade celebrating Brooklyn Centre's Bicentennial. It also was the first time that BCN joined Art House, Ben Franklin Garden and individual Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre gardeners to participate in GardenWalk Cleveland.

In September, BCN held its yearly strategic planning meeting to map out 2013. We decided to focus on finishing our Cookbook in time for holiday sales and to forge ahead with the 25 backyard habitats we need to be certified as a National Wildlife Community through NWF.

The year ended with the highly successful *Short and Sweet Holiday Shop*, held two week-

ends in December. Seventeen local artists sold their wares at Art House. A highly successful artist reception was held on opening night. Sales were brisk for BCN's cookbook *A Taste of All Seasons*. All collaborators were greatly pleased with the outcomes, and more 'shops' are seen as having a future here in Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

Case Western Reserve University and Baldwin Wallace students continued their ongoing community service projects in the spring and fall by collaborating with Brooklyn Centre Naturalists to maintain the ReImagining Cleveland Gardens as well as the Dye and Herb Garden at Art House. BCN greatly appreciates the students' commitment to these projects because it adds energy and an on-going enthusiasm to the projects.

BCN will continue to sell *A Taste for All Seasons* in 2013, as well as sign up backyards as habitats for certification. BCN members will be available to speak at block clubs, church groups and committees interested in learning more about why Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn are natural places for backyard habitats. They will again collaborate on a mini-symposium in the spring with Friends of Big Creek and will begin a new collaboration with Art House to begin fundraising for an Art House scholarship fund. Details will follow. They will wrap up 2013 with a second *Short and Sweet Holiday Shop*. It should be a year of old friends, new friends and lots of fun.

If you would like to be added to the mailing list, join a committee for one of the projects, or find out more of what and who they are, email bcnaturlists@gmail.com or call Gloria at 216-351-0254. If you would like to order a cookbook or become a backyard habitat, the same email and phone number work.

Church reopenings from page 5

their former Hungarian pastor return. But their persistence paid off, because St. Emeric's is the only reopened parish which had their original pastor reassigned as the 'new' pastor.

The churches which previously reopened, in chronological order, Greater Cleveland first and then Akron, are —

St. Casimir Church, 8223 Sowinski Ave., in Cleveland's St. Clair-Superior neighborhood -- The new pastor, Fr. Eric Orzech, offered the reopening Mass at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th.

St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave., in Cleveland's Brooklyn Centre neighborhood -- The new pastor, Fr. Joseph Hilinski, offered the reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 22nd. (Fr. Hilinski has three other responsibilities within the Diocese. He is the Director of the Continuing Education and

Formation of Ministers at the Center for Pastoral Leadership; the Delegate for Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs; and the Secretariat for Parish Life. At this point in time, he is still living in his former quarters in the rectory of St. Justin Martyr Church in Eastlake, but he does plan to reside at St. Barbara's eventually.)

Since St. Barbara's is in our neighborhood, I'll also repeat that three weekend Masses are now offered at St. Barbara's. Fr. Hilinski is the celebrant of the 4:30 Saturday Vigil Mass and the 9 a.m. Sunday morning Mass, both of which are in English; Fr. Andrew Knapik is the celebrant of the 11:30 a.m. Sunday morning Mass which is in Polish. (Fr. Knapik is stationed at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Lansing Ave.)

St. Patrick Church, 4427 Rocky River Dr., in Cleveland's West Park neighborhood

-- The new pastor, Fr. James Ols, offered the reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 22nd.

St. Mary Church, 340 Union St., Bedford -- The new pastor, Fr. Daniel Begin, offered the reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 22nd.

St. Wendelin Church, 2281 Columbus Rd., in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood -- The new pastor, Fr. Robert Kropac, offered the reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, July 29th. (As previously stated, Fr. Kropac is also the pastor of Historic St. Peter's.)

St. James Church, 17514 Detroit Ave., Lakewood -- The new pastor, Fr. Joseph Workman, offered the reopening Mass at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25th. (Fr. Workman is also the pastor of St. Clement Church at 14401 Madison Ave. in Lakewood.)

St. Adalbert Church, 2347 E. 83rd St.,

in Cleveland's Fairfax neighborhood -- The new pastor, Fr. Gary Chmura, offered the reopening Mass at 11 a.m. on Sunday, August 12th. (Fr. Chmura is also a Tribunal Judge in the Diocese's court system and the pastor of Our Lady of Peace Church on Shaker Blvd. at E. 126th St.)

St. John the Baptist Church, 1034 Brown St., Akron -- The new pastor, Fr. Jonathan Zingales, offered the reopening Mass at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 15th. (Fr. Zingales is also the pastor of Visitation of Mary Parish at Annunciation Church at Broad and Kent Streets in Akron.)

St. Mary Church, 750 S. Main St., Akron -- The new pastor, Fr. Daniel Reed, offered the reopening Mass at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, August 15th. (Fr. Reed is also the pastor of St. Bernard Church on Broadway at East State St. in Akron.)

St. Margaret Mary Church, 4217 Bluestone Rd., South Euclid -- St. Margaret Mary parishioners do not know why all the appeals to reopen of the other parishes were granted, but theirs was not. They have retained legal counsel and are again pursuing their case with Rome.

Except for St. Margaret Mary (and obviously, for those parishes which did not initiate an appeal), the dream of their parish reopening, which seemed impossible a few years ago, has become a reality. Christmas truly was a time for rejoicing.

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As I see it...

by
Pastor Jerry



Every time a new year rolls around I have mixed emotions. I'm excited about the prospects of new beginnings, but am apprehensive of what may be "just around the corner" as well.

For those who have similar apprehensions, I recently discovered something that alleviates those feelings. It is the Serenity Prayer recited by members of Alcoholics Anonymous. While I've always liked the prayer, I never knew there was more to it than the familiar part that begins,

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference."

But here is the rest of it:

"Living one day at a time;
enjoying one moment at a time;
accepting hardship as the pathway to peace.

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is.

Not as I would have it.
Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His will.

That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him forever in the next."

--Professor Reinhold Niebuhr

Let us praise God and be thankful as we begin a new year, living one day at a time.

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Beck Center for the Arts
17801 Detroit Avenue
216-521-2540, ext. 10 www.beckcenter.org
"Annie" - Sat. & Sun., Jan. 5th & 6th, Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$13 - \$31. Students, \$15 with valid I.D. Seniors, \$28 (65 years & older).

Canal Explorer (Railroad)
Peninsula Depot Visitor Center
1630 Mill Street, Peninsula
800-468-4070 visit www.CVSR.com
CVSR - Jan. 5th - Feb. 24th. Experience adventure, romance & nostalgia of vintage train ride through Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Days, times & fares vary. For details & to register call or visit www.CVSR.com.

Children's Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-5437
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org
Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit hours close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd. 216-721-1600
www.cb garden.org
Recycled Bird Feeders - Sat., Jan. 12th, 13th, 21st, 28th; 1 - 3 pm. Use recycled items to make feeder to hang outside. No registration required. Free with Garden admission.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Children's craft - Mon, Jan. 21st, 1 - 4 pm. Using seeds & plants important to African-American agriculture, make a children's craft to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day. No registration required. Free with Garden admission.

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

Cleveland Metroparks - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com
Happy Birthday Birds - Sat., Jan., 29th, 9:30 - noon. In bird banding terms, every bird becomes a year older on Jan. 1st. Join the birthday celebration & get a close look at the guests of honor. Cake cutting at 10 am. Canceled if raining.

Pop-Up Program - Sat., Jan., 26th, 1 - 3 pm. Stop at the Center to find where in the reservation Jill (the naturalist) will Pop-Up. Also a warm fire to gather around as folks learn about local fauna.

Brecksville Nature Center / Reservation
(off Chippewa Creek Dr, off Route 82)
440-526-1012

Hand Feed a Chickadee - Sat. & Sun., Jan. 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 20th, 26th, 27th; 10 am - noon. Experience thrill of feeding a free-flying bird that lands in your hand. A handful of sunflower seeds & instructions provided.

Drop In Discovery - Pine Cone Birdfeeders
Sun., Jan. 13th; 10 am - noon. Take a few minutes, after hand feeding chickadees, to make pine cone birdfeeder to take home.

Drop In Discovery - Survival Bracelets, Sat., Jan. 19th; 10 am - noon. Cost: \$3 per bracelet. Find out how functional this trendy bracelet can be.

A Day of Fun, Naturally - Mon., Jan. 21st; 10 am - 2 pm; ages: 9 - 11; free. Phone registration required beg. Jan. 2nd. Hike, play games & make a craft. Mostly outside, so dress for the weather & bring a lunch.

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

Winterrific - Sun., Jan. 6th; noon - 5 pm. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing or ice fishing; watch dog sled demonstrations, see ice carvings, take a winter hike, build a snow shelter; music, refreshments & more. Call 440-734-0660 for more info.

Tobogganing - Open thru mid-March. Thurs., 6 - 10 pm; Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. **Sat., Jan. 11th -- Aloha;** wear a Hawaiian shirt & save \$2. **Sun., Jan. 13th -- Vikings Street Team. Fri., Jan. 18th -- Dollar Day - \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas. Mon., Jan. 21st -- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, holiday hours. Fri., Jan. 25th -- mug giveaway. Sun., Jan. 27th -- Vikings Street Team. Fri., Feb. 1st -- glove giveaway. Sun., Feb. 3rd -- wear a team jersey/shirt & save \$2. Cost - adults, \$10; children ages 11 & under, \$8. One time ride tickets, \$4. Thurs.: school & college ID night, \$5 with ID. Season passes -- adults, \$40; children 11 & under, \$30. Family pass (up to four) available.**

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

Hibernation Celebration - Thurs., Jan. 17th, 10:30 - 11:30 am; ages: 3 - 5 with an adult; free. Bring favorite stuffed animal or blanket along for this celebration of sleeping animal friends. Read stories, sing songs & make a craft while learning about hibernation. Call to register. Adults must attend, but do not need to register.

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

Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)

The Schools as Neighborhood Resource (SNR) program is at James Ford Rhodes High School, 5100 Biddulph Rd. Class days and times are - 6 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. Sign up anytime, through April. Both children and adults can participate for free.

Dinner/Snack Program offered all three evenings. Registration is required prior to receiving food.

Basketball, which is offered on all three evenings, is very popular.

Games are available all three evenings.

Computer Classes Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Walkercise / Exercise classes Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Classes in **Mixed Martial Arts** (Gung Fu, wrestling and weight-lifting) are also offered on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

If the Cleveland Municipal School District (CMSD) is closed on a Monday, Wednesday or Thursday, either for a scheduled holiday or because of inclement weather, the evening classes at Rhodes will not be in session (even though these classes are not taught by CMSD personnel).

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

Reduced Winter Admission - Now thru March 31st; both Zoo & RainForest. Adult admission, \$8.25; children 2 - 11, \$5.25; under two & Zoo members, free.

Polar Bear Days - Jan., 2nd - 31st; 10 am - 5 pm. Whenever high temperature for day is 32 degrees or below, *Polar Bear Day* declared at Zoo. Zoo visitors receive half-price admission on that day -- adults: \$4.25, children: \$2.75, kids under 2 & Zoo members: free. To confirm *Polar Bear Day* at Zoo, visit Zoo's home page or call 216-661-6500 or listen to Cleveland's New 102, WDOK from 6 - 10 am daily. Polar Bear Days also announced on Zoo's Facebook page & Twitter.

Cleveland Museum of Natural History
1 Wade Oval Dr
216-231-4600 www.cmnh.org

Whales /Tohora - Traveling exhibit Now - Jan. 27th. Mon - Sat, 10 am - 5 pm.; Sun, noon - 5 pm; Wed. nights until 10 pm; free. Interactive, immersive & featuring the latest in international cetacean research, Experience that brings adults & children eye to eye with some of world's most elusive creatures. See life-size & scale models of whales common to the South Pacific. Whale Lab is full of interactive science. Children can crawl through life-size replica of the largest living creature's heart - the blue whale.

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.
Children's programs this month -- (Unless otherwise noted, registration required.)
Children's Storytimes begin on January 8th
Baby & Me - Tues., 10:30 am; **Toddler** - Wed., 10 am; **Preschool** - Wed., 6:45 pm; **Thurs., 10 am.**

Pioneer Day - Sat., Jan. 19th, 2 pm. Grades K & up.

Finger Knitting for Beginners - Wed., Jan. 23rd, 4 pm. Grades 2 & up.

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

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

Home Depot
homeimproverclub.com/kidsworkshops
Diamond Birdhouse - Sat., Jan. 5th
Workshops offered 1st Sat. of every month, 9 am - noon. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores.

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

Owl Prowl - Thurs., Jan., 24th, 6 - 8 pm; all ages. Fee: \$7/person; \$35/family of 5 or more. Fun filled evening about owls. Learn about their special abilities & the adaptations that make them superior nighttime hunters. Head out on an owl prowling hike with Ken Gober in hopes of spotting wild owls in the forest of Huntington Reservation. After the hike, warm up with a snack while seeing Ohio's smallest & largest owls, live & up close. Get tickets early; registration closes on Jan. 22nd.

The Chinchilla - Sat., Jan. 26th; 3 pm. For all ages. Fee: \$5/person children; 1 & under

free. More than coats! Visit with a favorite classroom animal. Find out why it is the most popular animal for students & adults to touch.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Public Programs - Mon., Jan. 21st. Each day, enjoy an engaging & interactive animal encounter or planetarium program: **Twinkle Tots** - 11 am; introduction to the planetarium for children under 3 years old. Tickets: \$1/person.

Mainly Mammals - 11:30 am - a live, 25-minute animal encounter for all ages. Tickets: \$2/person.

Noon Stellar Stars - star show that's best for kids 3 - 7 years old. Tickets: \$2/person.

Reptile Revue - 12:30 pm. Live, 25-minute animal encounter for all ages. Tickets: \$2/person.

Monthly SkyQuest - 1 pm; most in-depth star show. Adults & older children can learn about solar eclipses. Tickets: \$3/person.

Animals, Animals - 2 pm. Live, 40-minute animal encounter for all ages. Tickets: \$3/person. Tickets available on first-come, first-served basis on day of show.

Ohio Theatre
1511 Euclid Ave. 216-771-8403
www.playhousesquare.org

"Guess How Much I Love You" & "I Love My Little Storybook" - Sat., Jan. 19th; 11 am & 2 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$14.

Quicken Loans Arena, 1 Center Court
1-888-894-9424 www.theQarena.com
Disney On Ice presents "Rockin' Ever After" - Jan. 12th - 21st, 7 pm. Tickets: \$11 - \$70. Rock out with some of the most magical idols of all in musical showcase featuring hottest tunes & talent from across the Kingdom.

University Circle
216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org
The Rink at Wade Oval - Open now - Feb. 18th; Fri. & Sat., noon - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Open MLK Day, Jan. 21st & President's Day, Feb. 18th, noon - 5 pm. Rink hours subject to change. Bring own skates or rent for \$3; hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info.

THEATER NOTES

Cleveland Public Theatre
6415 Detroit Ave.
216-631-2727, x501 cptonline.org
"Big Box"
Thurs., Jan. 17th - Sat., Mar. 9th; 7 pm. Tickets: \$15.

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

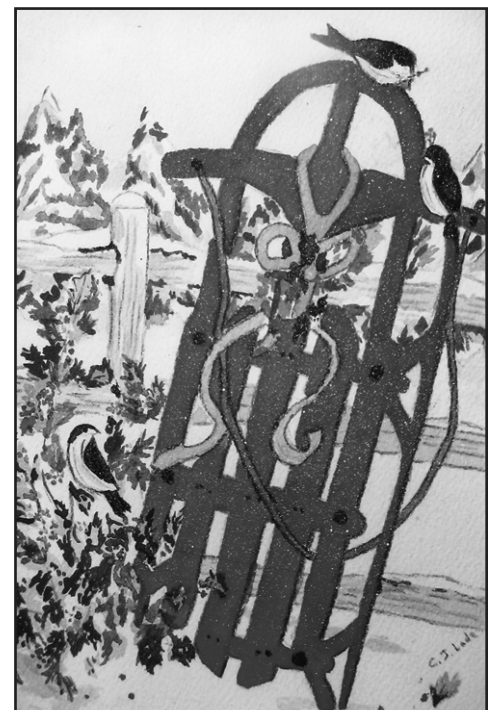
Kennedy's Theatre
"Flanagan's Wake"
Fri., Jan. 4th - Sat., Apr. 27th; 8 pm. Tickets: \$25.. Tues.

The KeyBank Broadway Series at The Palace Theater
"Priscilla Queen of the Desert"
Tues., Jan. 15th - Sun., Jan. 27th; 7:30 pm, except 6:30 pm Sun. Also many 1:30 pm Sat. & 1 pm Sun. matinees. Tickets: \$10 - \$75.

The Cleveland Play House at The Allen Theatre
"Bell, Book and Candle"
Fri., Jan. 11th - Sun., Feb. 3rd; most evening performances at 7:30 pm; also many matinees at 2:30 pm & 1:30 pm. Tickets: \$49 - \$69.

Cleveland Public Theatre at 14th Street Theatre
2037 E. 14th St. between Euclid & Prospect
"Last Call Cleveland"
Fri., Jan. 11th - Sat., Mar. 23rd; 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$18.

Hanna Theatre
"Spank! The Fifty Shades Parody"
Thurs., Jan. 17th - Sun., Jan. 20th; Thurs. & Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 4 & 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$45.



Old Brooklyn resident Carol Lade painted this winter scene with watercolors and used it as her 2012 Christmas card.

SENIOR NOTES

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

Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Ez-Exercise - 9:15 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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CHURCH NOTES

Brooklyn Hts., United Church of Christ
2005 W. Schaaf Rd. 216-741-2280
Social Rooms for Rent for Business
Meetings; rental fees negotiable depending on
group size & facilities needed. Call Mon. -
Thurs., 8:30 am - 2 pm.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
8235 Memphis Ave.
www.goodshephardelca.org
Community meal - last Tues. of each month,
beg. Jan. 29th; 6 pm. All welcome.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323
Men's Prayer Group, Sat., Jan. 5th & 9th,
8:30 am; Parish Center.

Prayer Vigil at Cleveland Surgi-Center -
Sat., Jan. 5th, 8:30 am.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd - begins
Sun. Jan. 6th, 12:30 pm; for children ages 2 -
5; 4th floor of school.

Mary Queen of Peace Seniors Meeting &
Luncheon - Wed., Jan. 9th, 11 am; Marian
Lounge.

St. Anne's Ladies Guild Meeting - Sat., Jan.
12th, 11:30 am; Marian Lounge.

Beat Cabin Fever Potluck - Sun., Jan. 13th,
noon. Bring appetizer/entree/dessert to serve 4
- 6; Parish Center.

Burgers & Beer - Sat., Jan. 19th, 8 - 11 pm;
Parish Center. Tickets: \$20.

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Free Community Meal - Sun., Jan. 20th, 1
pm; Parish Center cafeteria.

Blue Army Holy Hour - Sun., Jan. 20th, 2
pm; lower chapel & Marian Lounge.

Spaghetti Dinner - Sun., Jan. 27th, 12:30-
3:30 pm; Parish Center cafeteria. Call 216-
741-3685 for tickets.

Cathedral of St. Joseph Choir Concert -
Sun., Jan. 27th, 3 pm; upper church. Freewill
offering.

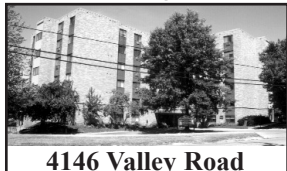
Pearl Road United Methodist Church
4200 Pearl Rd. 216-661-5642
Contemporary Worship Service - Sun., Jan.
20th; 11:45 am.
Potluck Dinner & Movie Night - Fri., Jan.
25th; 6 pm. "Waking Ned Devine". Bring a
dish to share.

St. James Lutheran Church
4771 Broadview Rd. 216-351-6499
Sundays in January - Sunday School begins
9 am, upstairs in the Gathering Room, with
free breakfast for children; adults, \$2. Classes
9:30 - 10:15 am. Children 3 years old through
8th grade invited to come & learn more about
Jesus. Call to enroll or for more info.

Wed., Jan. 2nd & 16th St. James Fifty Plus
Group, upstairs in the Gathering Room; noon.
Jan. 2nd - bring own bag lunch; soup provided;
see a video by Charlton Heston. Jan. 16th -
hot lunch served; see a travelogue; freewill
offering.

Sun., Jan. 27th - Brunch served upstairs in
the Gathering Room; 11:30 am. Eggs, toast &
more. Freewill offering taken. Everyone
invited.

Mon., Jan. 28th - Widows, Widowers &
Singles, upstairs in the Gathering Room; noon
for lunch, fellowship, encouragement & devo-
tion. Menu: cornbread, turkey casserole, salads
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4520 W. 11th St., Between Schaaf & Spring
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Sun. School: 10 am; Worship: 11am & 6 pm.
Wed. 7 pm.

Harmony Baptist Church

4020 Ridge Rd., Brooklyn, Pastor: David
Wojnarowski. Phone. 216-351-3740
Sunday Worship: 11am & 6 pm.
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The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn 7 pm, Fri., Jan. 11th, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot). HSOB member & former Glenn Restaurant owner Michael Loizos speaking about the first businesses of Old Brooklyn. Call president Connie Ewazen, 216-398-8969, with questions.

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., Jan. 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

Southwest Citizens Area Council meeting, Every first Thurs., 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., Jan. 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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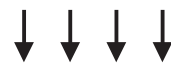
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