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## Old Brooklyn CDC announces business contest winner

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The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) announces Autos Direct Online (ADO) as the winner of the Business Plan Competition awarding a \$25,000 grant. They will be utilizing the grant to develop a new retail service department to open this August.

"We are very pleased with the growth of Autos Direct Online in general since they

in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, leasing the old RTA building at 4371 Pearl Rd.

OBCDC narrowed the field of submissions down to four businesses who were interviewed by community and local business representatives as well as a staff member from the City of Cleveland's Economic Development Department (the co-sponsor of this contest) and OBCDC. The three other finalists were Chiro Cleveland, an existing business in Old Brooklyn wishing to expand; Rooms Outlet Today, also an exist-



Photo by Robyn Sandys

Pictured Left - Right Victor Hugo, owner, President and CFO, Shawn Payne, owner, Vice President; Greg Barrett, Vehicle Services Director, and Natalie Hamilton, Community Relations Manager.

opened here in February and are excited about their continued expansion through the new service department," stated Robyn Sandys, the executive director of OBCDC. Twenty businesses submitted proposals for the contest including new business start-ups (businesses less than a year old), or expansions. Autos Direct Online has been in business for five years but only for five months

ing business in Old Brooklyn with a desire to expand; and Emy Baker's Originals, a new business currently located in Brooklyn Centre. "Old Brooklyn CDC plans to provide technical assistance to the three runner ups by providing them as many tools as possible to assist them with their business goals," said Tom Collins the CDC's commercial manager.

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## Pop UP Pearl to pop up Saturday, July 13th

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Old Brooklyn's historic downtown district will get a boost on Saturday, July 13th, when *Pop UP Pearl* returns for its third year. The event will feature nearly 100 street vendors plus live musical entertainment and lots of food. It will start at noon and run until 6 p.m.

*Pop UP Pearl* will feature local artists and entertainers, craft vendors and temporary bike lanes on parts of Pearl Rd. Confirmed musicians include Backtrax, Victor Samalot, Next Best Thing, RAW Dynamix, John Arlis and the Cleveland Männerchor.

In addition to the great music, over 40 high quality arts and crafts vendors will be in attendance, as well as informational booths from local non-profits.

Families should be sure to check out the Kid's Zone which will have games as well as arts & crafts.

Students from local schools also participated in the *Wild About Old Brooklyn Art Contest*, the winner of which will receive a family pass to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Come hungry because a wide range of food will be available via some of Cleveland's favorite food trucks and vendors. Local skaters will be pleased to hear that the Pop UP Skate Park will be back again, thanks to our partners at Public Square Group.

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

*Pop UP Pearl* is modeled on the *Better Block* project, first undertaken in Dallas in 2010. It will create a temporary "complete street" with vibrant street life and a clear vision of what downtown Old Brooklyn could be.

It should be noted that the City of Cleveland passed a Complete & Green

Streets Ordinance in 2011, making it one of only a few cities which has such a law. *Pop UP Pearl* celebrates this achievement, and shows how it can potentially be implemented.

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

Anyone who would like to be a part of the day, either as a volunteer or as a participant, should contact Christopher Lohr or Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000. Be sure to go to [www.popuppearl.com](http://www.popuppearl.com) for updates and more information!

*Pop UP Pearl* is made possible by a grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture as well as by sponsors MetroHealth, Autos Direct Online, Dollar Bank, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Northcoast Promotions, Third Federal Savings & Loan, Honey Hut Ice Cream, Constellation Schools, Key Bank, Church of St. Leo the Great, Cleveland Housing Network, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, Pearl Academy, Kehoe Brothers Printing, M & M Wintergreens, and Gabe's Family Restaurant.

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation would also like to thank Councilman Kevin Kelley, Councilman Tony Brancatelli, and Councilman Joe Cimperman for their ongoing support.

Other local businesses and organizations participating in *Pop UP Pearl* include — Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland; Speed Exterminating Company; Ameriflag, Inc.; the Deaconess Community Foundation; Cleveland Metroparks Zoo; Art House; Grace Church; Mary Queen of Peace School; and Public Square Group.

See *Pop UP Pearl* page 6

## 3rd Annual Riverside Cemetery Jazz Festival

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## Tom’s Barber Shop

Tom’s Barber Shop, 4352 Pearl Rd. , has been an area institution for 90 years. With its roots in Brooklyn Centre near Riverside Cemetery, the current location just south of Brooklyn Ave., has been its home since 1964. The current owner, Steve Antonaklas, loves to talk about the history of the shop. (He obviously also loves cutting hair, because he was doing so throughout this interview.)

Steve, a former Old Brooklyn resident, purchased the business in 1970 and carried on a long family tradition of barbers and hair stylists. Steve’s father was a barber, his sister was a beautician, and even his son Elias, owner of Gyro Guys, has a barber’s license and was a barber for 12 years.

When asked why he kept the original name, Steve said that it was because everyone knew the name. He’s not exaggerating either. Long time customers like Bruce Witzke are a mainstay at Tom’s Barber Shop, where some count their allegiance in decades, in Bruce’s case, 36 years. Bruce cites the great haircuts, great company and the right price as a

few of the reasons why he keeps coming back. Steve also said that he has two customers, both pilots, who live in New York and Florida, respectively. Both heard about Tom’s Barber Shop through word of mouth. Other customers have included former Cleveland City Councilman Joe Cannon and Super Bowl



Barber Steve Antonaklas

Champion Tom Andrews, formerly of the Chicago Bears.

Tom’s Barber Shop 216-749-5105 features \$8 men’s haircuts. It is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m.to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. for walk-ins only.

## BCN has thoughts about reducing ‘stuff’

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

*Reduce. Reuse. Recycle.* We hear the most about *Recycle*, and yet, one statistic states that only 10% of the materials in our neighborhood which could be recycled actually reach a recycling bin.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists believes it’s time to look beyond recycling to solve our trash woes. Each person in our area creates over 2000 pounds of trash every year. Even if we were to recycle every bit of trash possible it would still not be enough.

Any discussion about trash should include the reduction of trash. There are things which individuals can do to reduce the amount of trash produced:

**Avoid making garbage.** If you do not create rubbish in the first place, you don’t have to dispose of it or recycle it later. Changing your habits is the key. Think about how you can reduce waste when you shop, work and play. You can save time and money and be good to our planet at the same time. When grocery shopping, buy in bulk; choose products with the least packaging rather than individually wrapped; bring your own shopping bags. Buy a reusable water container or mug to carry with you everywhere you go; also buy a thermal lunch bag and bag your lunch to work, school or play; use reusable containers to individualize portions;

**Consider these questions before buying new** - How often you will use the item? Is it possible to borrow the equipment from a neighbor who might also like to borrow a piece of equipment from you? If you won’t need it again in the near future, would it be more economical to rent it? Would buying a used product be a wiser choice?

**Buy new, buy once.** Well-designed and constructed products that are repairable will last longer and usually save you money, even if they cost more in the first place.

**Sell, give away or donate usable clothing and household goods.** Sort every spring and fall. Have a garage sale with neighbors; cluster garage sales are especially profitable; Donate to local churches or charitable groups.

**Give green gifts.** Avoid gifts with a lot of packaging and/or which use batteries or electricity. Consider making a gift, sharing an experience or giving an environmentally-friendly product. Start now so that “green” will be a habit by the holidays.

**Green your celebrations.** From Thanksgiving to New Years, household waste increases 25%. The additional food waste, packaging, wrapping paper and decorations adds up to one million tons of garbage a week nationwide.

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## From the desk of the executive director

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We hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. Here at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) we are very busy preparing for Pop UP Pearl ([www.popuppearl.com](http://www.popuppearl.com)) coming up on Saturday, July 13th from noon until 6 p.m. There is a lot to learn about this fantastic event on the web site plus there is a full article in this issue of the newspaper. Last year we had almost 5,000 people, let’s double that this year. There will be more art vendors, more great food trucks; it will be the West side’s happening place on that day.

We hope those that attended *Wings and Things* had a great time. For a not very nice weather night, we had a wonderful turnout with about 200 attending. Bella Pizza was the winner and their wings were great! I want to thank our incredible major sponsors this year for supporting our community events including **MetroHealth , Autos Direct Online, Dollar Bank, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center** and our area **Councilmen, Kelley, Brancatelli and Cimperman.**

A special thank you to **Cuyahoga Arts and Culture** for their generous grant for *Pop UP Pearl*. Other local businesses that also support our events include **Third Federal Bank, Honey Hut Ice Cream, Constellation Schools, Northcoast Promotions, Key Bank, Church of St. Leo the Great, Cleveland Housing Network, Northeast Ohio Sewer District;** others who provide support are **Kehoe Brothers Printing, M & M Wintergreen’s and Gabe’s Family Restaurant.**

As many of you may know, OBCDC sponsored a local Business Plan Contest that included providing the winner with a \$25,000 grant in cooperation with the City of Cleveland’s Economic Development Department. The contest was open to new or existing businesses in Old Brooklyn. OBCDC received 18 applications; four of those were elevated to the finalist stage and were interviewed in late June. The committee included OBCDC staff as well as well as local small businesses and representatives from both COSE (Council of Small Enterprises) and the Hispanic Business Association. They selected Autos Direct Online, a new business in Old Brooklyn that took over the former RTA site in February. (Read the details in the article on the front page of this month’s paper.)

Old Brooklyn was blessed to have North Coast Mission Connection, an amazing group of youth and adults, come to our community in late June to repair homes for very low-income people, especially seniors. OB CDC assisted them in providing repair assistance for 40 homes in Old Brooklyn.

Recently the Lowe’s in the City of Brooklyn on our border called about helping out a few seniors who are also in deep need of home repairs. They will be assisting several families that OBCDC identified as well.

Don’t forget if you are a runner or walker to sign up for our fourth annual *Bridging the Distance Run and Walk* that goes through the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. It will be held on Sunday, August 4th. More information about that is inside the paper.

Have a great July 4th holiday and be safe!



## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation** board meeting, 6 pm, fourth Tues. of 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., July 9th (& 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 Republican** meeting, Thurs., July 11th (& every second Thurs.), 7 pm, Calvary Chapel Church, 6770 Brookpark Rd.

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

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Thursdays, Now thru Sept. 10th  
**The Sparx Summer Concert Series**  
Thursday nights, 5 - 9 pm.  
Four locations. **East 4th St.** - live music & ‘specials’ on ‘patios along street.  
**PlayhouseSquare** - bars & restaurants offering happy hour specials, 5 - 7:30 pm on first Thurs. of every month -- Now - Sept.  
**West 6th St.** - every other Thurs., 5 - 7 pm. Featuring Sparx performances, happy hour specials & live music.  
**West 9th St.** - Tues., Jul. 23rd, & 30th & Aug. 6th & 13th, a block party, 5 - 9 pm. Street closed to car traffic to allow for \$4 mixed drinks, \$3 wine & \$2 beer at bars & restaurants on the street, a cornhole tournament, live music & free movie projected onto large, inflatable screen. Bring lawn chairs! Find complete list of dates & musical performers at Sparx Concert Series webpage.

Now - September 12th  
**Historical Guided Walking Tours**  
Take A Hike! **6 pm Tuesdays:** Playhouse Square -- meet at the State Theatre Lobby, 1519 Euclid Ave.; **6 pm Thursdays:** Historic Gateway Neighborhood, meet at the Arcade, 401 Euclid Ave. **10 am Saturdays:** Historic Warehouse District -- meet at Constantino’s Market, 1278 W. 9th St. **10 am Sundays:** Canal Basin park, meet at Settler’s Landing RTA Station, 1025 W. Superior Ave. **6 pm Wednesdays:** Civic Center Tour -- meet at Old Stone Church, 91 Public Square. Call 216-771-1994 or visit www.historicgateway.org. for more info. Sponsored by Dollar Bank.

Tuesdays, Now - October 1st  
**Tremont Farmer’s Market**  
Lincoln Park, 4 - 7 pm. Fruits, vegetables, eggs, cheese, honey, bread & more. Music, chef demos, nutrition information, local artisans, community groups, family fun. Call 216-575-0920 or visit www.tremontfarmersmarket.com for more info.

Sundays, Now thru October  
**Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**  
Now thru Oct. Municipal lot behind Walgreens. Call Jenny Kelley, 216-252-6559, ext. 1400, or visit www.kamscornersfarmersmarket.com.

Now - Sunday, January 5th, 2014  
**The Last Days of Pompeii**  
The Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd. Special ticketed exhibition in conjunction with J. Paul Getty Museum about how eruption of Mt. Vesuvius & destruction of Pompeii inspired artists. Includes items on international loan. Admission: adults - \$15; college students (with valid student ID) & seniors (65+) - \$13; children (6–17 years) - \$7; children 5 & under - free; members - free. Museum hours -- Tues., Thurs., Sat. & Sun., 10 am–5 pm; Wed. & Fri., 10 am–9 pm. Closed Mon. Can reserve timed tickets online. Call 216-216-421-7350 or 888-CMA-0033 for more info.

**CALLING ALL PARENTS!**

**We need help with setting up the Old Brooklyn Art Display at Pop UP Pearl**

**July 13th**

**8:30 am - noon**

Call Jayme at OBCDC

**216-459-1000**

Now - Sunday, January 5th, 2014  
**Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition**  
Great Lakes Science Center, 601 Erieside Ave. 250 authentic artifacts recovered from ocean floor & room re-creations & personal stories, each highlighting different chapter in story of Titanic's maiden voyage. Two ticket options -- **Option 1:** Buy advance tickets online, www.greatscience.com/nasa. All tickets are timed; limited space. **Option 2:** Buy same-day tickets at box office. Includes admission to Titanic plus general admission to Great Lakes Science Center & NASA Glenn Visitor Center. Non-members: adults - \$24; youth - \$22 (2 - 12 years); Members: adults - \$10; youth - \$10 (2 - 12 years). Call 216-621-2400 for more info.

Monday, July 1st  
**Cleveland Orchestra Free Concert**  
Public Square, 9 pm; fireworks afterwards. Features patriotic favorites, music from *Toy Story* & *Superman* & symphonic classics, ending with Tchaikovsky's *1812 Overture*.

Tuesdays, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th  
**U.S. Bank Summer Garden Music Series**  
A variety of instrumental music performed by talented Cleveland musicians; 12 - 1:30 pm.

Saturday, July 6th  
**Free Veterans Memorial Bridge & Subway Self-guided Tour**  
Tour’s main entrance located at northeast corner of W.25th St. & Detroit Ave., Dept. of Public Works Bridge Garage, 2433 Superior Viaduct. Gates open, 9 am; event ends, 3 pm. Free parking in lot at this address. Experience original streetcar station & tracks, unique views of river, lake & downtown; view various exhibits & films. Volunteers assisting with traffic & parking. Cameras encouraged. For questions or concerns -- prior to tour, visit www.publicworks.cuyahogacounty.us or (Mon. - Fri., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm) call 216-348-3824; on day of tour, call 216-348-3900/3901.

Thursday, July 11th  
**Antique Collectors Club**  
Busch Community Meeting Rm. 7501 Ridge Rd.; 7 pm. Program: *Mystery writer Agatha Christie* presented by Colleen Abramowski. Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Friday, July 12th  
Deadline extended to comment about Draft Air Permit for Gasification Plant at Ridge Road Transfer Station. Send letters to: Cleveland Division of Air Quality, Attn: David Hearne, 75 Erieview Plaza, Suite 200, Cleveland, 44114. OhioEPA had conducted a public hearing June 12th at Estabrook to discuss a modification of the plan first introduced by Cleveland Public Power in January, 2012. Over thirty residents testified at the hearing citing air quality, economics, environmental justice & inadequacies in the Draft Air Permit. Apparently this area is not compliant with Federal Air Quality standards.

Friday, July 12th & Friday, July 26th  
**Cuyahoga County Fair Entry Deadlines**  
Early entry deadline, **Jul. 12th**, \$10; entry deadline, **Jul. 26th**, \$12.; no exceptions for late entries. Entry fee includes two admission tickets to the

Fair, Aug. 5th - 11th; or pay \$35 entry fee for 7 admissions tickets. Call Fair office, 440-243-0090, re: where to get booklet with entry form.

Friday, July 13th & August 10th  
**CanalWay Sunset Concert Series**  
CanalWay Center E. 49th St. between Grant Ave. & Canal Rd.; 7:30 pm. 90-minute concerts; bring lawnchairs.  
*Friday, July 13th -- Haywire.* Northeast Ohio group plays Buddy Holly, Carl Perkins & Johnny Cash & own original tunes.  
*Friday, August 10th -- Logan Wells.* Cleveland artist does Patsy Cline songs & country tunes. Call 216-206-1000 or visit cleveland-metroparks.com for more info.

Friday, July 19th - Sunday, July 21st  
**31st Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival**  
Berea Fairgrounds, Bagley Rd., Berea; Fri., 4:30 - 11:30 pm; Sat., 1 - 11:30 pm; Sun., 1 - 10:30 pm. Sun. Mass, 11:30 am. General admission, \$10; children under 10, free. Parking also free. Irish bands, step dancers, children's activities, plays, food & Irish exhibits. Tir Na nOg children's area. Call 440-331-4233 for more info.

Saturday, July 20th  
**Brookstock - A Celebration of Music & Nature**  
Cleveland Metroparks Brookside Reservation, Brookside Valley Event Site, John Nagy Blvd, off Ridge Rd. entrance; 4- 8 pm; free. Bring lawn chairs & blankets. Music from Latin Cultures as well as some dancers. Also several vendors, food & a beer tent. Stop by to enjoy music, food & fun. **Featured Bands -- 4 - 5 pm., Julia De Burgos Dancers; 5 - 6 pm., Grupo Knon; 6:30 - 8 pm, Son Gitano.**

Sunday, July 21st  
**3rd Annual Jazz Festival**  
Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd., 1 - 4 pm. Featuring: J. Blues Quartet, Joe Miller, Mary Beth Ions. Free & open to the public. Food & dessert trucks onsite. Call 216-351-4800 or visit www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org for more info.

Sunday, July 21st  
**11th Annual Taste of Tremont Street Festival**  
Professor Ave. between Starkweather Ave. & Fairfield Ave., 12 - 8 pm. Free admission. Food vendors, live music, kids’ activities, shopping & sampling cuisines of Tremont’s famous restaurants. Pay each food vendor as you go. Beer in Beer Garden, \$5 per beer; water, \$2. For maps, participant list & directions visit www.tasteoftremont.com.

Sunday, July 21st  
**Cleveland Polka Association's Summer Picnic**  
St. Sava's Picnic Grove, 2300 W. Ridgewood Dr. Gate opens 2 pm. Live polka music by BADINOV from Toledo, 3 - 7 pm. Donation \$11; 18 & under free. NO byob; food & beverages available. Public welcome. Call Jo, 216-587-2725, for large table reservations or more info.

Saturday, July 27th  
**Cleveland Polka Association's 5th Annual Golf Outing & Split Raffle**  
Valleaire Golf Club 6968, Boston Rd. Hinckley. Open to all golfers. Portion of proceeds to be donated to: Alzheimer's

Association Cleveland Area Chapter \*Hole Sponsorship ~ \$75.00\* Total cost of outing is \$85 includes: 18 holes of golf w/cart, lunch, Polish style dinner, beer, pop, water, live Polka music. **Shotgun start** Noon - 4 person scramble. skins game, side boards, Chinese raffle. 1st Hole-In-One on Hole #9 wins a New Ganley Hyundai Sonata. Don't Golf? Dinner only \$25 includes: Polish style dinner, beer, pop, water, live Polka music. Deadline July16th. For more info. call: Ron Witkiewicz 216- 642-0390, Steve Kubit 216-375-1208 or Don Maringo 216-524-5225.

Monday, July 29th  
**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**  
The Home of Patti Jacko, 306 Brookshire Oval, Hinckley, 7 pm. Program: "Gardening for the Mature Gardener". Call Patti, 330-220-2213, or email her at webmaster@westernreserverosesociety.org for more info.

Wednesday, August 14th  
**Westside Basket Guild**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., downstairs in the fellowship hall. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **Aug. 14th, door knob basket;** cost - \$13. The basket measurement is 6" x 4" x 8" high, There is color in it; choose color night of class. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912 by Aug. 10th for reservation.

Sunday, August 18th  
**The Fifth Annual Jake's Invitational Golf Classic & Dinner**  
Springvale Golf Course, 5871 Canterbury Rd North Olmsted. **Golf registration:** 7 am; **Shotgun start:** 8 am; **Dinner registration:** 2:30 pm; **Dinner** 3 pm. **Golf Classic & Dinner** - \$50 per person; dinner only, \$10 per golfer for Specialty Package. **Golf Classic includes:** 18 holes of golf with cart, complimentary continental breakfast, unlimited draft beer, lunch. **Specialty package includes:** Two longest drive holes: Prize - \$50 each. Two closest to the pin holes: Prize - \$50 each. One Mulligan, Hole-in-one with chance to win a car. For more info or to register visit www.jakesinvitational.com or on facebook at The Jacob Harasyn Feichtner Fund page. *The Jacob Harasyn Feichtner Fund provides academic security for Lawrence School families who may encounter financial hardship. All proceeds from the event will benefit Lawrence School.*

**50th Class Reunion Rhodes High**  
The classes of Jan. & June 1963 will be celebrating their reunion on the Nautica & at Crowne Plaza, in Sept. Contact Carol Lucak Wagner, 440-570-1740, cwagner7481@sbc-global.net or Erika Schaffranek Heitzman, 440-582-8110, or escheitzman@aol.com.

Sunday, October 27th  
**St. Mary Byzantine 75th Anniversary**  
St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 4600 State Rd, Cleveland: liturgy & dinner. Looking for current & previous parishioners to join in celebration. Also looking for pictures & memories to be part of commemorative book. Call JoAnn Hardony, 440-845-4392, or email jhardony@gmail.com, for more info.

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## Ben Franklin Garden humming with activity

by Kim Repinski  
BFG Operating Committee Chairman

The 2013 growing season has officially begun at the Ben Franklin Garden. This year 146 gardeners and 103 co-gardeners are working the 212 garden plots. The Garden is happy to welcome the 30 new gardeners who have joined the community this year.

Two of the plots have been dedicated as Hunger Center plots. All produce harvested from these plots will go to area hunger centers, churches and senior centers. Once again a goal of 6,000 pounds of donated produce has been set. Produce grown in these two plots will be added to the produce from individual gardeners to help attain that goal.

The 2013 Season Kickoff meeting was held on May 2nd. About 90 gardeners and co-gardeners attended the meeting. Councilman Brancatelli was able to attend the meeting. He spoke for a few minutes, welcoming the gardeners and praising how the Garden operates. He also provided some Indians tickets which were raffled off at the end of the meeting. A lot of useful information about composting, volunteering, weed management, etc. was passed along. Gardeners were also given the opportunity to take a share of the seeds which several greenhouses and the Summer Sprout program donated to the Garden.

The Garden was once again one of twenty stops on the Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes tour. An estimated 350 cyclists made their way into the Garden. The Garden sold grilled hot dogs during the event and both cyclists and gardeners took advantage of them and the cold beverages which were also on hand. Seven gardeners helped serve food and drinks, direct traffic and ensure that everyone was taken care of.

Twenty KeyBank employees volunteered at the Garden. It was one of over 150 Greater Cleveland non-profit organizations which welcomed volunteers as part of KeyBank's *Neighbors Make the Difference* day. The program encourages KeyBank



employees to volunteer their time and talents in the community. Volunteers spent the afternoon at the Garden painting picnic tables, weeding, spreading compost and cleaning the grounds.

The Garden was happy to assist the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) with the *Salads for Seniors* program on May 31st and June 1st. With assistance from a few of the gardeners, OBCDC staff and volunteers from several neighborhood organizations, the tomato, pepper and lettuce pots were assembled at the Garden. Then the ninety sets of pots were delivered to the seniors who'd signed up for the program.

For the second year the Garden was one of the stops on the Cleveland Garden Walk on June 22nd and 23rd. The Garden was open to visitors at that time, and attendees were welcome to wander the grounds.

Ben Franklin gardeners have been selling their *Recipes from the Garden* cookbook. It contains 104 recipes for appetizers, soups and salads, side dishes, casseroles, main dishes, desserts and canning. The recipes were submitted by gardeners and feature either fruits or vegetables – many of which are grown in the Garden plots. The cook books cost \$10 each and can be purchased at the OBCDC office. All proceeds are going toward the operation of the Garden. To date fifty books have been sold.

The gardeners welcome the arrival of the warmer weather. If Mother Nature co-operates and continues to provide light, heat and rain, they can look forward to a bountiful harvest in a few months.

## HSOB needs photos of significant people for upcoming Arcadia Old Brooklyn book

by Lorene Bowles  
Secretary of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) was awarded a grant by the Cuyahoga Arts & Culture organization, and a portion of the money is being used for a pictorial book about Old Brooklyn by Arcadia Publishing Company. The book will contain 180-220 pictures about the people, places, churches, schools, organizations, activities, etc. of this area.

The HSOB has been encouraging the community to be involved in this project by contributing pictures to be considered for the book. This month they are focusing on pictures of significant people in Old Brooklyn's history — a store owner, a politician, a teacher, a doctor, a community volunteer, an organization leader or any other person deemed to be

significant.

Each picture must be an original, not a copy, and must be in black and white and at least 50 years old. Submit with the picture a few sentences describing who the person(s) is/are, what they did in the community, the setting and what particular activity was taking place in the picture.

Pictures in the other categories may be submitted at any time during the collection process.

Call Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, or Lorene Bowles, 216-749-7416, to make arrangements to have your original picture(s) scanned and returned to you.

The Cuyahoga Arts & Culture grant money was also used to digitize the 1944-1949 Rhodes Review newspapers which were donated to the Society last year. View the completed project online at [www.oldbrooklynhistory.org](http://www.oldbrooklynhistory.org).

## City of Cleveland has open burning regulations

by Cleveland Division of Air Quality

Smoke from open burning harms your health, your family's health and the health of your neighbors. It also harms the environment and can be a serious nuisance. Protect yourself, your family, your neighbors and your wallet by knowing and following Cleveland's open burning rules.

### What is open burning?

Open burning is any time you light an outdoor fire -- bonfires, campfires, chimineas, fire pits, and outdoor fireplaces or other similar devices. Under the Cleveland Air Pollution Control Code, all of these practices are prohibited within the City of Cleveland.

### Why does Cleveland prohibit open burning?

Open fires cause toxic fumes and smoke. Many people have difficulty breathing because of the concentration of smoke and chemicals from open burning, or from the millions of spores sent aloft when leaves and plant materials are burned. Open burning also makes it more difficult to meet healthbased air quality standards, especially in urban areas such as Cleveland. The smoke and gases released by open burning can also damage neighboring buildings and vehicles, corrode metal, and damage paint. The smoke and chemicals from open burning harm your health, hurt the environment, and damage property.

### What material can never be open burned?

Some material may not be open burned anywhere at any time. These are:

- Leaves and other yard waste
- Materials containing rubber, grease, fiberglass, paint, or asphalt, or made from petroleum, such as tires, cars and auto parts, plastics, resins, or plastic-coated wire
- Pressure treated or painted lumber
- Garbage - any wastes created in the process of handling, preparing, cooking, or consumption of food
- Dead animals

### Where is burning illegal?

With very few exceptions, open burning is prohibited within the City of Cleveland without first obtaining a permit from CDAQ.

### What types of open burning are allowed?

A few types of open burning are allowed without a permit. These fires must be kept to a **minimum size and duration for their intended purpose**, must be in contained devices designed for the intended purpose, and shall not be used for waste disposal purposes. Allowed burning includes:

- Cooking for human consumption.
- Heating tar, welding and acetylene torches, and highway flares.
- Heating for warmth of outdoor workers by use of clean and non-contaminated smokeless fuels, with the size of the fire to be contained within a 55-gallon drum.
- Fires for which a permit has been obtained from CDAQ.

### What open burning requires a permit?

Ceremonial fires can be set for limited periods of time by first obtaining an open burning permit from CDAQ. These fires must be limited in size to 5 feet by 5 feet by 5 feet and may not burn for more than three hours.

Fires for the prevention or control of disease or pests, fires set to train firefighters, or fires for emergency or other extraordinary circumstances may be allowed by first obtaining a permit from CDAQ.

The permit may take two weeks to obtain. For additional information or to obtain a permit, please contact CDAQ at (216) 664-2297. Permit application forms are also available from our web site at: [www.clevelandhealth.org](http://www.clevelandhealth.org)

### What will happen to me if I am caught illegally open burning?

CDAQ has the legal authority to enforce the open burning laws in the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County. Violations of the Cleveland Air Pollution Control Code can result in substantial penalties. If you have any questions, or need to report a suspected open burning incident, contact us on our air pollution hotline: **216-664-7442**.

*Violations of the open burning ordinance Chapter 277.09, or nuisance ordinance Chapter 277.08 of the Cleveland Air Pollution control Code are enforceable under Chapter 287. OJ of the Code, and Chapter 630 of the Criminal Activity Nuisance code.*



CRIME WATCH



## Shooting off fireworks still “against the law”

by Barbara Spaan  
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It was only June 15th, but the calls had already started. (Some folks have to begin this illegal act early.) This is the one holiday of the year I'm embarrassed to say that I live in Cleveland and Old Brooklyn. So many people are out of work, have lost their homes, can't afford to pay their bills, and even live out of their cars, but they have money to buy fireworks

Our streets are being turned into war-torn Bagdad — bombs blaring, sky filled with smoke, the smell of chemicals in the air. To make things more dangerous, this year we have not had enough rain and things are dry.

The mess the day after is even worse — pieces of fireworks are on roof tops, there are

and the damage done to neighbors' property because of the falling fireworks.

Shooting off home fireworks is against the law; Old Brooklyn has had more than its share of headlines due to this continued disrespect for the law and neighbors. People have lost fingers and limbs and have been burned, and lives have been lost. Why does the City have to outshine the suburbs with fireworks? What will it take to stop this activity?

Start the change today. Don't buy fireworks, and report the illegal activity to the police by phone at 216-621-1234 or to Second District Commander Keith Sulzer by email — [ksulzer@city.cleveland.oh.us](mailto:ksulzer@city.cleveland.oh.us).

On July 4th, enjoy the evening with a professional display. Save your money and join Clevelanders on the lakefront, or take neighbors to watch some other professional display. If you were planning a backyard park display, don't do it, even if you have done it for years. You will be fined.

Have a safe 4th, enjoy your holiday and display your Old Brooklyn pride. Fly your flags!



CRIME WATCH

scorch spots in lawns, and piles and boxes of burned debris are left right where the fireworks were set off.

That doesn't even take into account that not everyone enjoys this illegal display and noise which nearly scare our pets to death,

### Cleveland 4th of July Fireworks

Thursday, July 4th, 2013

Time: Dusk

*Shot from where Lake Erie meets the Cuyahoga River in the Flats.*

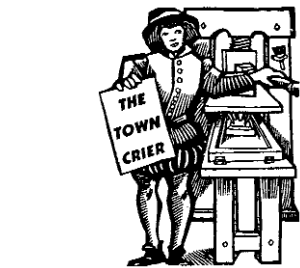
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Thanks to more ads than usual and a plethora of community activities to talk about both before and after they occur, we're putting out a 16-page newspaper this month. Too bad that there's no longer a Neighborhood and Community Press Association because a bigger-than-average issue always had a better chance of winning the "best community coverage" category in the annual contest.

The weekend before going to the printer (June 22nd and 23rd) was definitely overloaded with possible activities. The City of Cleveland's *GardenWalk* took place in both Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn (and seven other Cleveland neighborhoods) on Saturday and Sunday; the first *Hidden Treasures* event spotlighting the northwestern quadrant of Old Brooklyn took place on Saturday; and *Mary Queen of Peace's Party on the Piazza* took place in Old Brooklyn on Saturday evening.

The weather was very warm, especially during the day, but there wasn't any rain to put a damper on the weekend. Some of the folks involved with *GardenWalk* thought that less people attended than last year, but others (who had visitors sign in), claimed that they had more people stop by this year. There were definitely had less gardens to visit, but it's difficult to visit every place, so that wasn't a problem.

This was actually the third year for *GardenWalk* as far as the City is concerned, but only the second year that Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn were a part of it. (The Brooklyn Centre Naturalists spearheaded our involvement after they saw what a positive thing it was in the neighborhoods which participated the first year.)

What's particularly interesting is where the people who visited live -- not necessarily in our neighborhood, **Greg Cznadel** told me, and not necessarily within the city limits of Cleveland, either. He had a number of visitors from northwestern suburbs.

I myself spent a big chunk of my *GardenWalk* time chatting with Anglican priest **Rev. Bob Andrew** and his wife **Ellie**. The live on W. 33rd St. just north of Denison Ave., and their homes and gardens have long been a popular destination starting from the years when Brooklyn Centre first organized house and/or garden tours.

Fr. Bob updated me about numerous changes in our neighborhood church scene, and without planning to do so, gave me some ideas for future articles.

If you missed the official *Garden Walk* weekend, you can still visit some of the

sites which are public rather than private gardens. In Brooklyn Centre, those sites are the butterfly, herb and native dye garden behind Art House, 3119 Denison Ave.; the community orchard/park at 3333 Louisiana Ave.; and two vacant lots at 3848 W. 36th Ave. and 3789 W. 39th St. which have been reconfigured.

In Old Brooklyn, the Community Garden and the Ohio State University's (OSU) demonstration gardens behind Benjamin Franklin Elementary School were the public gardens on the tour.

The OSU Master Gardeners' next program at the Ben Franklin demo garden will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 11th. The topic will be *Welcoming Birds, Bees, Butterflies and Other Friends to the Garden*.

Old Brooklyn resident **Linda Sevcik** has been my contact person for *Old Brooklyn West - The Hidden Treasure*, and she has been the motivating force behind that event. Linda is grateful to everyone who participated -- **Kim Vitko of Kim's Catering; Foster Brown of Cleveland Metroparks; Galaxie Deluxe Band; the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn; Friends of Big Creek; Bob's Automotive; neighborhood Girl Scouts; Gloria Dei Lutheran Church; and a wildlife group** -- many of whom spent an extremely hot afternoon at tables in Gloria Dei's parking lot.

Before *Mary Queen of Peace's* second *Party on the Piazza* last June, I'd written in this column that it "just might become the premiere 'Society Event' of Old Brooklyn". Now there is no doubt in my mind that it has achieved that status. Guests came from as far-away as Toledo, Ohio... and Texas!

The event sold out for the third year in a row, even though the committee has increased the number of tickets sold. There were 175 guests, with 60 workers. Approximately a dozen of the guests paid a surcharge to be in VIP quarters (something new this year) --more varieties of hors d'oeuvres in the air-conditioned comfort of the lower level of Mary Queen of Peace's rectory. (Personally, I preferred the 'energy of the crowd' outside, and listening to the sounds of the strolling violinist and the string trio which performed later in the evening.)

Tours of Our Lady of Good Counsel/Mary Queen of Peace Church were another new feature this year.

Proceeds from the admission tickets, along with the Chinese basket raffles, silent auctions, 50-50 drawings and wine pull added over \$6,400 to the parish's Preservation Fund (as in preserving the historic structure which, because of its bell tower, is a neighborhood landmark).

These were, indeed, great days in the neighborhood.

Email me your ideas for future columns to [lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or by snail mail at 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

Gelato now being served in Old Brooklyn

by Robyn Sandys  
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Gelato is an Italian word which means frozen. It is often compared to ice cream, but unlike regular ice cream which contains between 10% - 20% butterfat, gelato contains only 5%- 8%, depending on the flavor.

When Luis Egozcue came to this country from Uruguay about ten years ago, he brought with him a family history of making gelato for many generations. His Italian grandfather and father, as well as his brothers, had gelato stores in Uruguay.

Luis said he started making gelato when he was 17 years old in his father's shop. Now 35 years later, his master expertise has expanded to two retail shops, one in Mentor (at Mentor Mall) and the other in Old Brooklyn at 2133 Broadview Rd.

In addition, Luis' wholesale operation behind the retail store on Broadview Rd. delivers his products to over 35 local businesses and restaurants, including — through an ice cream distributor— the Horseshoe Casino in Cleveland.

Luis came to the United States in 2003 because of a friend he knew in the Cleveland area. He immediately started working as the gelato chef at a store on Cedar Rd. in Cleveland Heights. When that closed two years ago, he opened his wholesale gelato business at the 2133 Broadview Rd. location.

A little over a year ago Luis opened his first gelato retail outlet as a stand at the Mentor Mall. He decided within the past few months to open a retail counter in front of his wholesale operation on Broadview.

Luis runs the business with his family including his wife Liliana Cordona and their son, Jonathan, who drives the truck for their wholesale operation. They make over 40 flavors with about 10-15 a day offered at their shop, plus they also have at least two flavors of sorbet which are dairy-free.

In July they anticipate starting to have Vegan, sugar-free and fat-free gelato available. All their gelato is very fresh and made daily.

The United States Department of Agriculture has designated that any product under 10% butterfat cannot be called "ice cream". Gelatostar can keep their low per-



Photo by Robyn Sandys  
Luis Egozcue, owner of Gelatostar

centages of butterfat because their products are milk-based instead of cream-based.

Regular American style ice cream incorporates between 75% and 150% of air into their products, whereas gelato incorporates a maximum of 20%. As a result, the flavors in gelato are intensified.

Gelato is also held at a higher temperature, never allowing it to freeze hard. This higher temperature enhances the flavor for an instant burst of flavor in your mouth.

Luis stated, "We are very happy to have opened up our retail location in Old Brooklyn and we will offer to all readers of the *Old Brooklyn News* who bring in this article with them a special one-time offer of a free gelato of equal or lesser value when one is purchased."

**This offer will expire on August 2nd, 2013.**

For more information about all of their flavors, as well as specialty cakes that they can make, visit their web site at [www.gelatostar.com](http://www.gelatostar.com).



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# OBCDC answers WiFi Question of the month

Question: (Chris via email.)

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Answer:

Thank you for the question, Chris. Your concern is a valid one which several residents have. Many people today connect their laptop to public networks. It doesn't matter if it is Old Brooklyn, McDonalds, Starbucks, etc.; keeping your information secure is a valid concern. Here are a few simple things to help protect your computer:

Here are a few simple things to help protect your computer:

- Turn off file sharing on your laptop/computer.
- Install an antivirus software and keep it up to date.
- Keep your Microsoft Security updates current.
- Turn on the computer's firewall.
- When you go to sites with sensitive information, such as banking, make sure that the site you go to has a URL/address which begins with HTTPS. Most regular sites such as yahoo.com and cnn.com, for example, do not have the "S". The "S" means that it is secure site, and you should be comfortable with browsing there.

While the above items are not a complete solution, they are very good steps for a secure experience. Residents can contact or Ed on the support line, 440-941-3705, for more details.

Pop UP Pearl from front page

R.A.W. Dynamix is ecstatic to be returning for the 3rd annual POP UP PEARL. The grassroots multimedia collective will be presenting their interactive exhibit "Groundwork: Laying the Foundation" curated by Chester Hopkins Bey aka Bro Chet.

As it has been in previous POP UP PEARL presentations, R.A.W. Dynamix continues to create ways via stimulating concepts to provoke thought & entertain the everyday ever progressing community which is Old Brooklyn.

This year's concept includes an area where everyone is encouraged to explore their artistic side via the "Groundworks Chalk Experience". It wouldn't be a R.A.W. Dynamix show without the awesome performances provided by the vast homegrown talents!

This year's featured acts will include newcomers FRESH PRODUCE (Tony Starkks, Jerm The Prognosis, TJ & DJ Gentleman Ghost) a talented hip hop/lifestyle collective, Johnny Beats(9010 Entertainment) and also return performances by Singer/Songwriter Wes Washington & Poet Keyo KonFuZion.

Pop UP Pearl  
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In addition to a few more special guests, there will be an Open Mic Poetry Hour and to end it all off, there will be a "Jam Session" led by Cleveland Ave Band. Can't wait to see you all there!



## Bridging the Distance

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- 5K Run / 1 Mile Walk - 8:30 am

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I hereby acknowledge that by entering the 2013 Bridging the Distance 5k/1mile Run/Walk, I waive any and all claims for damages that I may have against Hermes Sports and Events, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, promoters, sponsors and all others involved in the production of this race, in connection with any and all injuries suffered by me while running, traveling to and/or from, or by participating in this event. This waiver shall be binding on my heirs executors and/or assignees.



Old Brooklyn Junior at Cornell spends fall 2012 semester travelling the world – part IV

by Ken Kalynchuk

The final leg of my journey took me to the other side of the world, Vietnam. After a full day of flying from South Africa, we landed in one of the fastest-developing countries in the world. We spent our five weeks in Hanoi, the capital of the country, amongst the nucleus of the communist government and growth which benefits only the few connected to government and government-owned businesses.

Hanoi was under Chinese rule for millennia and also under French rule for a while, until after World War II when the French pulled out and America fought for the capitalist south to retain influence.

Surprisingly, although the Vietnam War set the stage for the timeline of late growth for this nation, the War did not overshadow our time, being American students. The Vietnamese are extremely friendly and eager to see outsiders and sell their goods.

As characterized by a Vietnamese man himself, the Vietnamese are happy because finally, after thousands of years under foreign oppressors, they have their rice and their peace. A little surprisingly, the Vietnamese were generally happy to see Americans, because they are more used to seeing Australian, German and Chinese tourists. The Vietnamese government has made learning English mandatory for all school children recently, making trying to speak basic English with us a hot commodity.

Imagine a place — where daytime and nighttime temperature is the same; where the air is so humid, and the wind is so minimal, that smog from thousands of motorbikes fills the air and stagnates; where streets have no real signals or rules, but the waves of slow-moving motorbikes hit intersections and weave through each other seamlessly to get across; where, as a pedestrian, to cross the street you simply walk slowly across, watching for cars, but trusting the motorbikes will go around you and not hit you (unless you step backwards!). These are the Hanoi streets – an endless dance of traffic in smoggy air, the streets lined with people selling their wares and food.

The city itself is great. It has a historic

center that is laid out in a grid, with 36 streets, each one known for selling a particular good or service. A village from outside Hanoi would be



Ken rowing along this rural waterway in Vietnam, past the rice paddies and other Asian scenery, was a much more pleasant experience for a college-age young man in 2012 than it was in the 1960s and 1970s.

responsible for said product – silk, copper, hats, etc., and bring it in to the city to sell to other villagers.

Within the city are a series of small lakes which are surrounded by trails. Rings of larger roads and highways circle the historic center, a planning scheme emulating large cities around Asia and the world. The city developed along the Red River, a large brown river that connects the city to the rest of the north of the country.

Our main area of study while in Hanoi was their urban plan for the next 30 years. They planned to preserve the old historic center instead of replacing it, as dozens of other large historic Asian cities have done, and to build a new downtown on the periphery, like the ‘La Defense’ area of Paris.

We visited this new downtown, which was connected to the city along one of the rings of new highways. It had few amenities around it, beyond the convention center, the largest skyscraper in Vietnam, a new Marriott hotel and a museum dedicated to the urban plan.

In our classes we researched this plan and

looked into other growth issues related to the city (which was expected to double in population in the next 30 years) and debated themes from the course of our semester related to top-down urban planning vs. grass roots efforts.

Other neat/memorable things about Hanoi included: the food; the winter coats being worn even when it was 70 degrees out; riding taxis (costing only \$5 to get across town); and hopping on the occasional motorbike to get from my host family’s home to school.

For perspective, the currency in Vietnam is called ‘dong’. \$1 is worth approximately 20,000 dong, with the dollar seeming five

times stronger there than here. It costs a lot to get to Vietnam, but once you’re there, goods and services are quite affordable.

The four-month program wrapped up with two solid weeks of paper writing, a retreat in a rural rice village outside Hanoi, and a few days for goodbyes. My uncle, a Vietnam War veteran, flew over with my cousin, and we toured the country for a week, visiting other cities like Hoi An, Da Nang, Hue and Ho Chi Minh City, stopping at a few battlefields from the War along the way, but they were unrecognizable; weather and plants had reclaimed the land and remnants from the war.

Fall 2012 semester was one of the greatest blessings in my life. Beyond the traveling in itself, I learned invaluable lessons about the world and about myself. I expanded my horizons and the food I eat, the people I know, the languages I can recognize, the religions I’m familiar with, and how I understand our capitalist world — where many have more needs than wants, but the few who have more wants than needs hold the power.

In spite of how great the semester was, I was looking forward to being home for ten days for Christmas break, before departing on my next adventure in Europe.

40th class reunion held at James Ford Rhodes

by Constance M. Ewazen  
member of the class of 1973 and  
organizer of the reunion

On June 8th the James Ford Rhodes High School Class of 1973 held its 40th class reunion at the school. To their knowledge, this was the first class reunion held there since the school opened on February 1st, 1932.

Out of a class of approximately 452 students, 140 alumni attended. They came from as far away as Italy. Most were curious about the condition of their alma mater and the rumors about the condition of the Cleveland Public

and the auto shop now closed.

The former students said the restored auditorium and reminisced about the awards they received there. The Jesse Owens tree was still standing behind the school. The track and football stadium, as well as the underground track (which is now closed) were all still there. The most comments were about the metal detectors, that were not present in 1973, and there is now handicap accessibility to the school.

It seems that the James Ford Rhodes High School song still rings true today for its alumni:



Photo by Dan Smith of Familyography

On Saturday, June 8th, James Ford Rhodes High School Class of 1973 held its 40th class reunion at the school.

Schools. They were pleasantly surprised.

Of course, rooms were changed when the school was updated around 2006, with the cafeteria now the library, the boy’s gym now the cafeteria, the library now the music room

Dear Old Rhodes High, thy wisdom lights our path. Thy friendships true, stay with us to the last. We stand united in our purpose true. Loyal and faithful to the white and blue.

Autos Direct Online from front page

John Young the chair of the commercial committee of the OBCDC board was one of the reviewers. He said “The review committee was very impressed with the four finalists; it was a difficult decision selecting the winner because they all had great business plans and they were very prepared for the interviews.”

All of the review committee members believed Autos Direct Online was a thriving and growing business in Old Brooklyn and they were particularly excited about how many new jobs they have added in Old Brooklyn (50) since they opened here and how many more they will be adding once the new service department opens (9).

Councilman Kevin Kelley, representing Ward 13 and a major supporter of the contest, stated, “Autos Direct Online is a solid good business in Old Brooklyn who has great ownership and strong interest in supporting Old Brooklyn. They have done so through jobs created and commitment to the community as demonstrated by the support they have provided OBCDC for community events.”

“Of course, we are thrilled to be selected for the grant,” said Shawn Payne owner and vice president. We are excited that the funds will expedite the process for the expansion of our service department so that we can offer our mechanical services to the residents of Old Brooklyn and the areas surrounding Cleveland.”

“We have seen it proven over and over again that our move to Old Brooklyn was the right decision for our business and we are more than blessed with our experience in this

community thus far,” said Victor Hugo, owner and president/CFO. He went on the say, “We hope to prove ourselves to be an asset to the community and sincerely thank the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for selecting our business as the recipient of the grant funds.”

Hugo and Payne believed a new service department would be a great addition to their business and seemed to be needed in the community. They hired Greg Barrett as the Service Director. Barrett offered 40 years of experience in the automotive service industry, providing a wealth of knowledge and a solid foundation for a retail service department.

The expansion includes nine new positions, including automotive technicians and service writers. ADO will be doubling the amount of lifts in their current service department, painting the entire service bay, installing additional lighting and renovating a service reception center to better serve the customers.

Within the first year of opening the service department, Payne, Hugo and Barrett are hoping to service 100 vehicles per month. In the second year of business, their goal is to service 150 vehicles each month. “The service department will be built on the same philosophy as Autos Direct Online – we want to offer a quality product to the public for the lowest possible price,” said Barrett. “Instead of vehicles as the product, we are offering automotive services at a fraction of the cost of other shops or dealerships.”

See Autos Direct Online page 8

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**Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (commonly referred to as the Affordable Care Act)**

Most of the provisions of the Affordable Care Act will be implemented in 2014. The requirements and range of options are numerous. Unless someone is well-versed in health care insurance, the transition to the new administrative practices can be confusing to both the businesses and the individuals who purchase health care insurance.

This column will provide some very general information for small businesses. It is best to contact a current health care insurance broker or agent to learn how the Affordable Care Act applies to a particular business. Members of the Council of Smaller Enterprises (COSE) should contact their health insurance division for information. COSE has a team of people who know health insurance, the new law and the marketplace.

For purposes of the "Act", a small business is a business with fifty or fewer employees. This definition will change in 2016 when the number of employees will rise to one hundred. It is not mandatory that the business offer health care insurance. But before a small business decides not to offer health insurance it should check with a lawyer or accountant to learn if such a decision would have any financial consequences.

If a business does offer health insurance to full-time employees, the insurance must be offered to all full-time employees. An employee does not have to accept coverage; he/she may purchase his/her own health care insurance on the private market, through the state marketplace plan or be eligible for coverage through someone else's plan.

Businesses which do offer health care insurance are not mandated to offer it to part-time employees or dependents. The "Act" defines a full-time employee as someone who works thirty hours a week or more.

The federal government has an excellent and easy to understand website where small businesses can compare and calculate costs of health care insurance plans. The site is [www.healthcare.gov](http://www.healthcare.gov). For small businesses select the menu option which reads "Small Business". This option is called SHOP (Small Business Health Options Program). SHOP allows business owners to look at a range of insurance options and the costs of the options. This allows for comparisons prior to making any decisions. SHOP is basically a portal to the insurance marketplace. Individual consumers can visit the same site but should select the menu option which reads "Individuals and Families". A word of caution: website inquiries are no substitute for speaking directly with a licensed insurance professional.

The same site will provide for the on-line submission of applications beginning October 1st of this year. If applying online, the business will create an account with password protection. The application will require company information similar to what is now asked by insurance providers. After Jan 1st, 2014, insurance companies will not be allowed to deny individual coverage for pre-existing conditions.

If a company has a plan, the provider cannot charge higher premiums to an employee because of existing conditions or the individual's family health history. Women cannot be charged higher premiums than men are charged. Again, small businesses do not have to provide health insurance and if health insurance is offered, the employee is not required to take the plan. Individuals can also visit "Marketplace" via the same website.

A company may qualify for a federal tax credit by using SHOP. If a company has twenty-five or fewer employees and the average employee annual salary/wage is \$50,000 or less, then 50% of the premiums paid by the

company can be submitted to the IRS for a company tax credit. While still in the planning stage, it would be wise to check with an accountant or tax adviser before selecting a plan in order to factor in any tax advantages or liabilities.

Health insurance coverage commences January 1st, 2014. The open enrollment period for next year ends March 31st, 2014. The website referenced in this article has much more information for individuals, small busi-

nesses and large companies regarding the new health care requirements. Start by just seeing what information is available before getting into specific details.

Look at the current plan and what the premium is. Make a list of items to keep and items to change and what to delete or add. Then get into the details of a plan. Before committing to a plan on-line, speak to an insurance professional, or if are a COSE member, speak to the COSE health insurance experts.

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**Autos Direct Online from page 7**

Autos Direct Online was founded 'Cars Direct Online' in June 2008 by owners Shawn Payne and Vince Hugo in North Ridgeville, Ohio, on the premise of selling large numbers of used vehicles on smaller profit margins than a typical dealership. The initial staff numbered less than five. After outgrowing the first location (and changing the company title to 'Autos Direct Online'), Payne and Hugo opted for a 10,000 square-foot warehouse in Brook Park, Ohio in Dec. 2009.

In a few years they needed an even larger location. While actively looking in 2012, Payne and Hugo found the vacant Greater Cleveland RTA 117,000 square-foot space which had closed in 2003. They believed this

was an ideal location for storing their inventory of 250 – 300 vehicles.

On February 2, 2013, Autos Direct Online officially opened for business at this new site. Payne and Hugo are enthusiastic about the increased growth potential that comes with the larger space and advantageous location. The first several months of ADO's lease of the building have more than proven their worth – the staff has broken sales records each month and Payne and Hugo increased the size of their inventory to include over 450 vehicles.

Autos Direct Online is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Their web site is [www.autosdirectonline.com](http://www.autosdirectonline.com). They also have a Facebook page.

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**Community Housing Solutions  
Tool Loan Program**

Community Housing Solutions has a tool loan program. Any income can qualify and the tools can be used for up to three days. Garden tools, home repair tools, and ladders are available. To borrow tools, you must apply in person; you will need your most current electric and gas bills, identification, and proof of income.

Community Housing Solutions is located at 1967 W. 45th Street; their hours of operation are Mondays-Fridays from 8:30a.m - 5:00p.m. They can be contacted by phone at 216-651-0077 or online at [commhousingsolutions.org/](http://commhousingsolutions.org/).

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**Help available to fix  
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can definitely benefit from having a few repair classes. Luckily, female residents of Cleveland can now enroll in a series of classes at the Home Repair Resource Center in Cleveland Heights.

The classes will cover everything from an introduction to hand tools and power tools, to installing ceramic tile, to replacing switches and outlets. The classes that fall under "Home How-To 101?" will include Exterior Home Systems, Interior Home Systems, Scheduling Home Maintenance, Reducing Energy Consumption, Dealing with Contractors, Intro to Hand Tools, and Intro to Power Tools Part.

Those are followed by the second module of eight classes, which will cover carpentry. The third module of eight classes will cover electrical work, and the fourth plumbing and heating. The modules can be taken in sequence or individually.

Home Repair Resource Center, 2520 Noble Road, Cleveland Heights, OH, 44121. Payment will be due upon acceptance into the class. For further information, call Becky Stager at 216-381-6100, Ext. 16. <http://www.hrrc-ch.org/programs/home-how-to-for-women/>

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**Volunteers repair homes in Old Brooklyn**

Over 400 teenagers and adults from across the country stayed at Parma Senior High School in Parma the week of June 23rd. The volunteers paid over \$400 each to cover travel expenses, meals, programming and partial materials costs so that they could help others in need here.

The volunteers received a rock 'n' roll welcome when they arrived at the high school Sunday to check-in. The high school was their home away from home during the work camp.

From Monday, June 24th through Friday, June 28th, elderly, handicapped and lower income residents in Old Brooklyn



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received free home repairs. Volunteers painted, built wheelchair ramps, and repaired or replaced porches and porch steps at over 30 houses.

The work camp was part of Group Cares, a non-profit, interdenominational Christian volunteer home repair organization headquartered in Colorado. It was sponsored locally by North Coast Mission Connection.

This was the third time cousins Jillian McCardell and Shannon Ryan of Michigan took part in a work camp. "You feel like you've done something for someone else," said Jillian. "It gives you a warm, fuzzy feeling that you've done something good for someone."

*(This article was adapted from an article by Bob Fenner which appeared online at [newsnet.com](http://newsnet.com) on 6/23/13.)*



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# Old Brooklyn's *Wings & Things* was a delicious success

by Christopher Lohr  
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Old Brooklyn's second annual *Wings & Things* Cookoff was another successful event, with 200-300 in attendance and fierce competition for the "Best Wings People's Choice" Award. The local vendors competing for best wings included Dina's Pizza & Pub, Pizza Joe's Pizza & Deli, and Bella Pizza.

The event was held in the gated lot beside Mr. E's Inn and OBCDC would like to thank the owners of Mr. E's Inn for the use of the lot and electricity for the band. Non-wing vendors and organizations that were at the event included "Sauced" (brick oven pizza truck), "Celestial Treats", "The Rolling Stove", House of Glory church, Pearl Academy, and several other local vendors.



Photo by Lisa Nemeth

On Friday June 7th, Bella Pizza won first place for best wings at Old Brooklyn's second annual *Wings & Things* Cookoff. At the end of the evening votes were counted and the people chose Bella Pizza. Throughout the event, there was a lot of buzz about Bella Pizza's "Garlic Parmesan" wings. The award, a large trophy, was given to Dennis Bellasario and his family by OBCDC staff. Pat Daley's *Backtrax* band played classic rock throughout the event and lots of people danced and sang along.

The people and the vendors who attended all had a great time and OBCDC plans to hold a third annual *Wings & Things* Cookoff next year. Congratulations to Bella Pizza for their accomplishment and thank you to everyone who participated. OBCDC would also like to thank its sponsors and partners for helping to make the event so successful.

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# Plans underway for Brookside Stadium; hope to bring historic landmark back to life

**by Darren T. Hamm**  
**Member of Brookside Stadium**  
**Preservation Society**

Similar to some of the other vintage ball-parks across North America, Brookside Stadium lies in slumber as a shadow-of-its-former-glory piece of sports history. Its past grandeur is recalled only by the tales of elderly Clevelanders or by faint references in history books.

But the iconographic panoramic photo of what might have been the largest attendance in all of sports history is what begs for Brookside Stadium's story to be told, and the ballpark brought back to life.

Thanks to recent efforts by the office of Ward 14 Cleveland City Councilman Brian Cummins, the Stockyards Clark-Fulton Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office and former spectators and players, the process is in motion; plans are underway to renovate Brookside Stadium and restore it to playable (and better yet, *historic*) condition.

The natural amphitheater that makes up Brookside Stadium, and actually all of Brookside Park (originally Brooklyn Park, established in 1894), can be credited to a fortunate set of geological circumstances — ancient glaciers carving a deep bowl from the earth when they retreated. These fertile valley lands were traversed by early Native American visitors and farmed by the region's first white settlers. They were also part of the purchase which established the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District early in the last century.

In the years which followed, documentation confirms that Brookside Stadium was "enjoyed by the lovers of outdoor amusements" and had already begun hosting large audiences. Plans had begun to develop "an athletic field of several acres...which would be

ready for use during the coming season" and in June of 1898, Brookside Park hosted what was referred to as a "season-opening band concert" of the Great Western Band that found "all the West and South Side" turning out to hear it.

In October of 1908, Cleveland City Clerk Peter Witt made a presentation to the Cleveland Athletic Club suggesting that Brookside Park needed an athletic complex to take advantage of the natural terrain. In the hope of attracting the 1912 Olympic Games, Witt envisioned a 100,000 seat stadium which would be the "largest meeting place in the world".

The plan was to begin with seating for

1909 and consisted of: a 15-mile marathon originating in Gordon Park and finishing on Brookside's main field; other track and field competitions (shot put, pole vaulting, etc.) involving 152 participants representing twelve gymnasiums; a performance by Minnie (the Brookside Zoo's elephant which was purchased by Cleveland school children) between events; and a concert from Rossini's band which "sent waltzes and two steps singing through the air". The thousands who lined the hillsides were seated on a "circus-like" arrangement of wooden bench seating which outlined the field.

Though they were not widely covered, it

as the home of the largest event in amateur — and possibly in the entirety of — sports history is the absence of a formal counting of the attendance. The best historical record remains these four panoramic photographs with the dates, teams and estimated number of attendees inscribed on them.

Over the next decade, Brookside Stadium hosted a number of events, from semi-pro football games, to community gatherings and even a concert by the world famous John Philip Sousa Band in 1917. As professional baseball continued to gain popularity, and economic times changed, Brookside became a more informal place for sporting matches which would include youth league play and practice. Over the next half-century, however, the Stadium's infrastructure would erode and due to the lack of investment, the field would fall into disrepair.

In the early 1980s, a number of groups of citizens (many of whom played at Brookside during the legendary days or were descendants of those who played) lobbied Cleveland

City Council and the City of Cleveland to completely rehabilitate the Stadium and have the park accepted by the Cleveland Landmarks Commission as an Historical Site. Unfortunately, they faced great odds and Brookside Stadium, then known only as "Diamond #1", was eliminated from regular City play (and funding). Worse yet, it was being considered for conversion into an additional parking lot for the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

During the reconstruction of the Fulton Road Bridge in 2007, the Kokosing Construction Company used Brookside Stadium as a staging ground for materials and equipment, and this action caused significant damage to it. After the Bridge was completed, the field was backfilled with clay and spread with grass, leaving it with very poor drainage; it is in an unplayable state today.

To keep moving forward with the plans to restore the Stadium, collecting more of the history of the ballpark from area residents and their descendants is important. Contact Darren Hamm by phone at 216-741-7990 or email him at dandjhamm@sbcglobal.net to share family memories or to become involved in the project in some other way.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)



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25,000 and eventually expanding to encompass the entire hillside and surround a 750- by 500-foot athletic field. Expecting his grandiose vision to be embraced, at the time Peter Witt was making his appeal to the Athletic Club, the hillsides had already been graded and leveled by the City of Cleveland's Parks Department. By the end of November of 1908, Witt officially announced that the first section of concrete seating would be installed and within a year the "mammoth" stadium would be complete.

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The official dedication ceremonies of Brookside Stadium took place on May 29,

is likely that Brookside Stadium held a number of sporting events over the next several years. This would have occurred because of the popularity of amateur league baseball; the prevalence of local teams; and the reputation that Brookside had garnered as a premier field. This all culminated in 1914 and 1915, when Brookside Stadium hosted three games, all amateur championships, which branded it forever as an historical ballpark.

On Sunday, September 20, 1914, the Telling Strollers beat Hanna's Cleaners (i.e., the Hanna Street Cleaners) 8 to 3 in front of an estimated audience of 100,000 (printed attendance of 90,000 to 100,000).

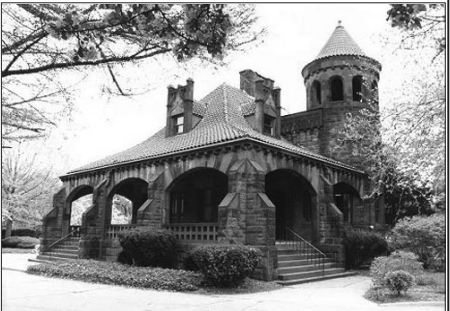
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# Darryl A. Levy, aka d.a. levy, king of counterculture, got his start as one of Schaaf Rd. guys

by William Allport  
former Old Brooklyn kid  
and retired Westlake attorney

(Editor's note: Not since I wrote about the Bohemians/Czechs - that series began in autumn, 2011 - has an article elicited as much response as the one about Schaaf Rd. which appeared in the March, 2013 Old Brooklyn News. Suggested topics for future articles included more information about the greenhouse growers, names of many of the professionals who lived on the street, and the noted 1960s king of the Cleveland underground, d.a. levy, who lived there, too.

One of people who told me that levy had lived in the South Hills neighborhood was Tim Allport (of Tarrytown, New York), the brother of William Allport who wrote the following article; another was my neighbor, Irene Pavlyshyn. Irene even knew which house -- the little yellow colonial just west of Landchester at 1711 W. Schaaf Rd. -- belonged to the Levys.

William Allport's long email recollection sent me scrambling to the internet to look for a photo of Darryl Levy and read more about him.. Unfortunately, Darryl took his own life on November 24th, 1968, less than a month after his 26th birthday. But his genius lives on in his poetry and the other deep writings which he published on his own printer.)

My parents were both native Clevelanders and my brother Tim and I were born in Cleveland. But our Dad worked for the Union Carbide Corporation, and it seemed like whenever he got promoted, we got moved. We lived in Pittsburgh from 1947 thru 1953, then moved back to Cleveland — on Morningside Dr. — in July, 1953.

It was a great time and place to be young. There were a lot of kids our age in the neighborhood. The neighborhood was culturally diverse. There were Germans, Poles, Czechs, Irish, English, Italians and Hungarians. Many of these people were "displaced persons" who had survived World War II, came to America, and were seeking a better life for their children. It was not unusual to play in friends' houses where one or both parents spoke broken English.

Virtually every boy in the neighborhood lived to play baseball in the summer and football in the winter. The area just north of Morningside, prior to becoming a housing development (circa 1960, when Galaxy Dr., etc. were cut in), the area was an open field which had been farmed at one point.

The person who owned the field (bounded by W. 11th St. on the east and a line of woods and a gulley on the west and north) would till the field in the spring, but never planted anything in it. As a result, we had a perfect play area for our baseball and football games. It was also a good place to search for Indian arrow heads. They were found only rarely, but occasionally one did surface.

We played baseball almost constantly. During the day our Class F and Little League games were played at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School or the baseball diamonds at Brookside, near the old Brookside Pool ("Brookie"). In the evenings we played baseball at the "end of Morningside."

My brother Tim could hit a baseball a country mile and was always the first to be picked for a team. He was given the name "Big Tim" for his incredible blasts, and I was

referred to as "Little Allport". (This stuck for many years, even though eventually I grew taller to be than he).

Our games generally involved anywhere from fifteen to twenty-five kids. We didn't have uniforms. In the winter we played football (tackle with no pads, uniforms, etc.) on the same field.

The baseball and football games were a lot of fun. Occasionally a disagreement would result in a fight. Tears were shed and ultimately peace was restored. The best part was that there were never any parents at the game. The kids chose the teams and played the game. Somehow the lack of structure which is present today wasn't needed. Kids worked out their differences.

I first met Darryl Levy in 1955, and even then, he was unique. Although he attended most games, he never played baseball or football. Typically he would function as "official" scorekeeper and/or umpire.

In our neighborhood, being different generally was not tolerated, and we were as guilty as any kids growing up in that era in terms of making a unique person's life miserable. It's nothing that any of us are proud of today, but it was accepted conduct back then.

Amazingly, even though Darryl chose not to play sports, he was never singled out for teasing. He presented a quality image that other kids respected. He was not a leader by any means, but he was respected.

Darryl's family lived on W. Schaaf Rd., and I believe that he led a fairly normal life as a child. (I never heard anything to cause me to think differently.) Whenever I met him on the street, he always seemed absorbed in thought. I thought of him as being very professorial — a true bookworm. If he was writing poetry back then, he didn't share it with any of us.

Darryl was a good student. He never had any difficulties with teachers or the administration. He was a person you could rely on, and a person people liked. The strange part is that although I knew him all those years, I was never close to him. I can't remember a single one of my friends who was. Darryl was not in Boy Scouts or the other activities in which we participated.

Darryl had a job at Schaaf Rd. Drug, a store across the street from the Congregational Church (now Brooklyn Huts. United Church of Christ) on W. Schaaf Rd. between Broadview Rd. and South Hills Dr. The owner/pharmacist was Emery Sabonya. My mother graduated from Western Reserve University (prior to its merging with Case) and had met Emery as an undergrad while he was studying to become a pharmacist. She and Emery liked to recall the "old days" (early 1930s) when they were at Western Reserve.

Emery's drug store had a small soda fountain and he gave out free coke cards if you had to wait for a prescription to be filled. When my brother or I would visit the store (circa 1957 or 1958), Darryl was often working behind the counter.

At that age it was cool for a guy to have a pack of cigarettes on your person. You didn't have to smoke them, but having a pack of Luckies rolled up in your tee shirt sleeve didn't hurt one's image. If you needed a pack (underage sales were prohibited by law), Darryl was always happy to sell you any brand you wanted. This would not have happened if Emery

were working the cash register, so before we'd go in, we quickly looked through the window to see if Darryl was working.

Schaaf Rd. Drug also had a rack of magazines, including some which were classified as "adult" in nature. Again, Emery would not sell them to a young teenager, but Darryl would. (I kept my girly magazines hidden in my West Side News bag.)

So, thanks to Darryl, we were able to purchase cigarettes and girly magazines at will. This was all *big fun* for a fourteen year old, and of course endeared Darryl even further to the kids in the neighborhood.

I would talk to Darryl whenever I went into Emery's store. Sometimes the discussions lasted for ten, twenty or even thirty minutes. Our discussions were never about the Tribe, the Browns or the good-looking girls at Rhodes—the usual subjects in my group. Darryl typically wanted to talk about important matters, like world affairs. He always seemed older than he was and didn't have time for trivial matters. Maybe "mature" is the word to describe him.

I distinctly remember discussing the draft with Darryl. Coming from a "my country, love it or leave it" family, I was surprised when he said that he disagreed with the draft. In our house no one disagreed with the military. World War II and the Korean War were still fresh in our minds. I almost thought of Darryl as being anti-American when he related his position to me.

But the draft discussions became a maturation event for me. Here was someone I liked and respected who had a different point of view on something which I thought was sacrosanct. Darryl's arguments were well-founded. It was obvious that he had spent a great deal of time thinking about this subject and formulating an opinion. Once again his incredible intelligence was at work.

My Dad got promoted in 1960 and we were off to what Union Carbide people referred to as "Mecca", 270 Park Ave. in New York City—the corporate headquarters. We lived in Stamford, Connecticut and my dad commuted to Manhattan daily. In a lot of ways, New York City was a long way from Cleveland.

I graduated from Gettysburg College in 1966, and in August came back to Cleveland with my new wife (a New Jersey girl) to attend Law School at Case Western Reserve University. We lived in Little Italy, but not too far away, the Hough Riots were in full swing. National Guard tanks and armored personnel carriers were patrolling the streets of University Circle and the adjacent neighborhoods. We walked to school in the company of armed guardsmen toting machine guns and M1s. Shots were being fired at looters and rioters. Hough was literally ablaze.

The mid-Sixties were a time of student protests, sit-ins, be-ins, love-ins, boycotts and not trusting anyone over thirty. Lyndon Baines Johnson (LBJ) was in the White House, Viet Nam was in full swing, and the nation's ghettos were mostly on fire.

Not long after I began classes I became aware that there was an underground poet with celebrity status "holding court" in local coffee houses in the University Circle area. He was known simply as d.a.levy). He was an under-

ground guru and a leader of the dissatisfied and disillusioned, so I didn't make the connection of his being the Darryl Levy whom we knew as kids.

One day at the Law School I saw an underground publication with an article about d.a.levy; a picture accompanied the article. And then I realized that he was the Darryl Levy from Schaaf Rd. whom we'd played with! The only difference now was that he had a long beard and was wearing clothes reminiscent of the Beat Generation.

I noted a coffee house where he would be reading his poetry, and my wife and I attended the reading. We stuck out like sore thumbs. Despite the prevalence of counter-culture clothing which was the uniform of the day for undergrads on most campuses, Law Students in those days were expected to wear three-piece suits, white shirts and ties. Coming from a preppy campus like Gettysburg, my wife had dressed equally inappropriately for the occasion.



d.a. levy  
in his counter-culture  
heyday in the mid-1960s

We drank coffee and watched Darryl read. He seemed more distant from what I remembered, but his talent was unquestionable. Unfortunately, I have never had the aptitude for understanding or appreciating good poetry, but that was not the case with his audience; they genuinely adored him.

After he was finished reading, I went up to him, introduced myself and shook hands. He was with a cadre of people and simply smiled and said "hello". No doubt he remembered me, but he was in a different place now.

That was the last time I saw Darryl. Time passed and I read of his problems with the obscenity charges and then the suicide. There was a brief period where several of his friends claimed it was murder but from what I remember that all quieted down fairly quickly. Darryl died in late 1968.

Amazingly, one of my best friends from Rhodes, David Theobald, was killed in action in Viet Nam about three months after Darryl's death. David lived on South Hills Dr. just north of Schaaf—a stone's throw from Emery's drug store. His dad was assistant superintendent of Cleveland Schools. David was with the 101st Airborne when his patrol was ambushed in the A Shau Valley. David and nine fellow members of Bravo Company lost their lives that day.

What a paradox — one friend, a celebrated literary genius, takes his own life, while another loses his life defending our country. Both guys contributed to America's greatness in different ways — Darryl as someone who questioned the status quo and tried to bring about change, and David as someone who gave his life in order to preserve our nation's ideals and freedom.

I think about both of those guys often.



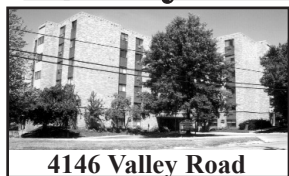
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**City of Cleveland Outdoor Pool & Spray Basin Division of Recreation** 216-664-2561  
**Summer Outdoor Pools: Loew Park** - 4741 W. 32nd St.; **Meyer Pool** - 3266 W. 30th St.; **Lincoln Park** - 1200 Starkweather Ave.; **Halloran Park** - 3550 W. 117th St. Open second weekend of June through second weekend in Aug., Wed. thru Sun., noon - 7:30 pm.

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**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River**  
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**Stinchcomb Summer Concerts** - Thursdays in July, 6 - 8 pm. Stinchcomb-Groth Memorial Scenic Overlook is located off Hogsback Lane in Rocky River Reservation, between Valley Parkway & Riverside Dr. Free; cancelled if it rains. Bring blankets, lawn chairs & friends. Refreshments available.

**Thurs., Jul. 11th - Joe Bell & The Swing Lizards**, award winning swing, jump blues, soul & funk.

**Jul. 18th - Hillbilly IDOL Trio** - town & country music.

**Jul. 25th - Brigid's Cross.** Irish blues & rock & roll.

**Cedar Valley Square Dance** - Fri., Jul. 12th; 7:30 - 9 pm. Square, Round & Line dances; fun & exercise for all ages. Frank Koenig teaches steps before each dance. Bring family & friends; on the lawn or inside if it rains.

**Summer Night Flashers** - Sun., Jul. 14th; 8:15 - 9:15. Lagoon Picnic Area. Lightning bugs, aka fireflies. Join Naturalist Gretchen Motts to discover what makes them so interesting. Bring plastic jar to catch several fireflies; ceremony when they’re released.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**  
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500  
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**Red, White & Zoo** - Thurs. , Jul. 4th, 10 am - 7 pm. Everyone invited to celebrate Independence Day with red, white & blue creatures of Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

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**Summer Lunch Program** - *Mon., Now - Fri., Aug. 9th.* Free lunches Mon - Fri 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Both kids & adults, but served in different areas. No reservations required; first come, first served each day while supplies last.

**Greater Cleveland Aquarium**  
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**The Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**  
**2929 Richmond Rd. Beachwood**  
**216-593-0575**

**The Euclid Beach Carousel Society** - Wed., Jul. 17th; 5 pm. Authentic Euclid Beach custard from Weber’s Custard, Higbee’s frozen chocolate malts, & other a la carte food items, the Euclid Beach Rocket Car (on site 5 - 6 pm). \$12; \$10 for Museum members. Purchase advance tickets & save \$2. Lecture: 7 pm. hear John Frato, the “guru” of all things Euclid Beach, discuss the history of the carousel, currently being restored & installed at Western Reserve Historical Society.

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**Port of Cleveland**  
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**216-556-8637**

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**Stearns Homestead Historical Farm - Parma**  
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www.playhousesquare.org

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**\*Baldwin Wallace Summer Garden Music Series**, Mondays, Jul. 1st through Aug. 26th; 12 - 1:30 pm.

**\*Hiking tours of Playhouse Square neighborhood**, Tuesdays, now - Sept. 11th, 6 pm; meet outside State Theatre.

**\*WCPN 90.3 live broadcasts**, Thurs., starting July 11th & alternating every other Thurs. until Aug. 22nd; noon.

**\*Blue Light Lime Out Concert Series, Mo'Mojo**, Thurs., July 11th; **One World Tribe**, Thurs., July 25th.

**\*Hatha Yoga**, Tuesdays, now - Jul. 31st, 12:15 - 1:15 pm.

**\*Tai Chi**, Wednesdays, July 10th - Aug. 28th, noon. Free; all ages.

**Cleveland Play House**  
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