

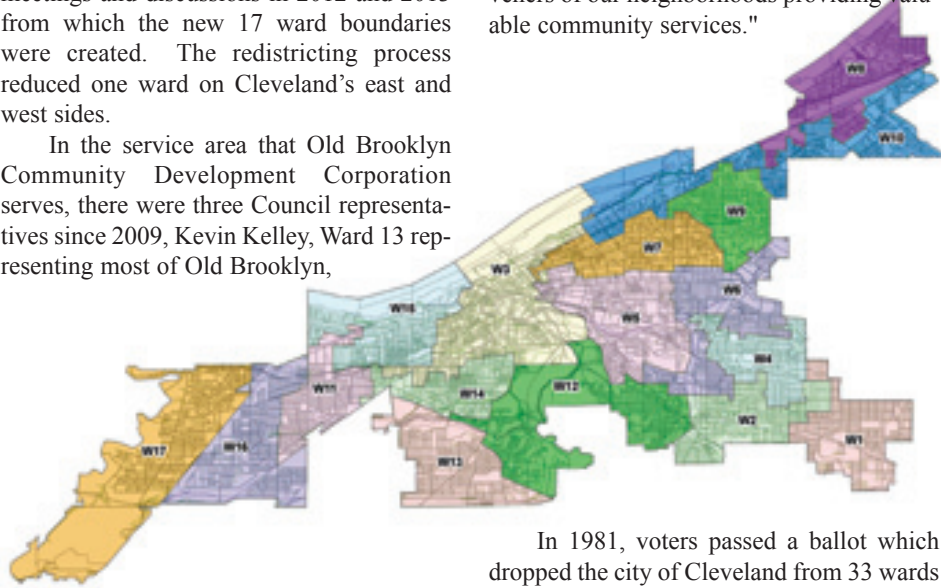
Cleveland City Council approves new ward boundaries, effective January 2014

by James Kopniske & Robyn Sandys

Cleveland City Council recently approved new ward boundaries for the city of Cleveland to take effect on January 6, 2014. The city will see a reduction in the number of wards and seats on Council from 19 to 17 as a part of the voter approved redistricting process.

The redistricting process began in 2012 and consisted of more than 60 meetings and phone conferences. The process, managed by Triad Research, involved a series of meetings and discussions in 2012 and 2013 from which the new 17 ward boundaries were created. The redistricting process reduced one ward on Cleveland's east and west sides.

In the service area that Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation serves, there were three Council representatives since 2009, Kevin Kelley, Ward 13 representing most of Old Brooklyn,



Councilman Joe Cimperman, Ward 3 representing a portion of Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre on the east side of Pearl Road, and Councilman Tony Brancatelli, Ward 12 representing another portion of Old Brooklyn, mainly the South Hills neighborhood. The new council boundaries for the CDC's service area will now include two council members with Councilman Kelley maintaining the same Old Brooklyn area with only some small changes and Councilman Brancatelli taking more of the east side of Old Brooklyn as well as a portion of Brooklyn Centre. A map delineating all of the ward boundaries can be seen at the web site at <http://www.clevelandcitycouncil.org/find-my-ward/>.

Councilman Kevin Kelley has served the Old Brooklyn community since 2005. He stated that, "I am proud of the progress this community has made during this time. In the past eight years we have seen exciting bricks and mortar projects completed, such as the spray basin at Loew Park, as well as community building activities such as movie nights, Bridging the Distance Run, and Pop Up Pearl to name a few. Our schools are highly rated and we have the best public broadband project in the nation. In short, Old Brooklyn remains one of the best places

in Northeast Ohio to live. I look forward to the continued progress of our community."

Councilman Brancatelli has been representing Old Brooklyn for the past 3 plus years. He commented on his enthusiasm "to have the opportunity to continue to represent parts of the Old Brooklyn, South Hills and if elected the Brooklyn Center neighborhood. The strength of our city starts from our wonderful communities with engaged residents and businesses. We have outstanding community development corporations like Old Brooklyn CDC which are wonderful conveners of our neighborhoods providing valuable community services."

In 1981, voters passed a ballot which dropped the city of Cleveland from 33 wards to 21 wards. Voters again approved a charter change in 2008 which ties the number of wards to the population of Cleveland, with each ward representing roughly 25,000 people. This charter change reduced Council from 21 to 19 wards in 2009.

This year, per charter requirements for decennial redistricting, the city had to once again redraw ward boundaries based on recent census numbers. With a population of about 396,000 the number of wards drops from 19 to 17. The residents of Cleveland will vote for Council representatives of the new 17 wards during the general election on November 5, 2013.

"The redistricting process has been fair and transparent, bringing many parties together at the table to create 17 wards within the city of Cleveland," said Cleveland City Council President Martin J. Sweeney.

See **Ward Boundaries** page 12

Autos Direct Online moves into former car barn/bus barn/GCRTA garage

On February 2, 2013, Autos Direct Online, the Midwest's largest independent used vehicle dealership, relocated from 5330 Smith Rd. in Brook Park to the former Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority (GCRTA) Garage at 4371 Pearl Rd. Owners Shawn Payne and Vince Hugo like being in Old Brooklyn location because of the easy access to highways.

In addition, Shawn has a personal connection to the neighborhood. He lived on W. 47th St. off Memphis Ave., and his family owned the former Crossroads Christian Academy (on Memphis Ave. between Fulton Rd. and Ridge Rd.)

Autos Direct Online started in June of 2008 as Cars Direct Online. The initial staff numbered less than five, from the owners and accountants to sales and technicians; they sold sixteen vehicles their first month in business.

The company now has 50 employees and sell 250 cars per month. They are still growing and encourage anyone interested in a career opportunity to check their website regularly (www.autosdirectonline.com).

Individuals interested in purchasing a car can also look at available vehicles on their website and then make an appointment to preview them in person by calling the sales staff at 440-305-7360.

Autos Direct Online also has full service and detailing departments. They can help with financing, including customers

with credit challenges. Limited warranties are available for cars with fewer than 100,000 miles.

Since the opening, several former RTA employees have stopped in, curious as to what business has finally moved into the old bus barn. They've been impressed with the building's transformation. It had been vacant for ten years.

"It's been an unexpected surprise how many former RTA employees we've met since we moved in," said Shawn. "We are proud to be associated with such honest, hardworking people."



Since February, Autos Direct Online cars, rather than GCRTA buses, have been housed in this huge garage at 4371 Pearl Rd.

Autos Direct Online is open Monday through Thursday, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They can be reached by phone at 216-393-4590 and online at www.autosdirectonline.com. They are also on facebook.

As for owning a business in his old neighborhood, Shawn said, "I've always loved it here. People are down to earth, very caring and honest. I feel very connected and vested in this neighborhood."

Jayme Lucas-Bukszar and Lynette Filips used data in an Autos Direct Online news release to compose this article.



These are some of the approximately 350 - 360 vehicles stored in Autos Direct Online's climate-controlled, secure, 118,000 square-foot warehouse.

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Thanks to Mr. Es Inn for hosting the event!

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Ryan Michael Gajdos

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
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The three fingers held up by a Boy Scout during the Boy Scout pledge symbolize Duty to God, Duty to Country and Duty to Self. This is what Ryan Gajdos demonstrated by completing his "flagpole" Eagle Scout Project at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, 4308 Pearl Rd., last summer. The seventeen-year-old belongs to Boy Scout Troop 221 at Saint Charles Church in Parma, but He and his family are active members of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church.

Ryan earned the rank of Eagle Scout on Monday, February 11th, after he passed his final Board of Review. His Court of Honor was held on Sunday, April 28th, at Mary Queen of Peace Church.

Ryan lives in Old Brooklyn; he attended Mary Queen of Peace Elementary School and will be graduating from Benedictine High School (2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.) on June 4th.

Ryan's father, Mike Gajdos, has been a Boy Scout leader for many years, and he gave Ryan the motivation to become an Eagle Scout. Ryan's grandfather, Ken Wulff, gave him the idea to do his Eagle Scout project at Brooklyn Presbyterian. Ryan's Scoutmaster suggested installing a flag pole because of Ryan's respect for the American flag.

The project began on one of the 'record hottest days' of last summer, June 28th. Boy Scouts from Troop 221 and the National Youth Leadership Training, along with Ryan's family and friends, removed forty bushes in front of the church building.

On September 16, 2012 the members of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church, Boy Scouts from Troop 221 and family gathered on the front lawn of Brooklyn Presbyterian Church for a flag raising dedication ceremony. The Rev. James Smucker, an Eagle Scout, conducted the dedication. To conclude the ceremony, Brooklyn Presbyterian Church trumpeter Vincent Monaco played *Taps*.

Ryan called out the ceremony and dedicated the raising of the American flag to all of the men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and for those who have lost their lives fighting for this country. The dedication included a remembrance of September 11th; Rev. Smucker included all the men and women who



were first response rescue workers. After the flags were raised, 'The Star Spangled Banner' was played by trumpet.

The last step of the installation was completed on Friday, October 5, 2012 when the collar was placed over the flagpole and put in its place at the base. (The collar had not been shipped prior to the pole's placement.)

Tom Weinrich of Parma donated the flag pole; Joe Gigante of Joe Gigante & Sons (4138 Pearl Rd.) donated three yards of concrete for the flagpole's sidewalk path; and Joe DiFranco of Adelmo's Electrical Sewer Cleaning, Inc. (4917 Van Epps Rd.), donated 14 bags of concrete to attach the flagpole sleeve.

Reflecting on the project Ryan said, "The installation of this flagpole at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church has a deep sense of reverence for me. I thank my Grandpa for his guidance and help as I have worked to see my vision become a reality. This has been a wonderful opportunity for me to be able to demonstrate my Boy Scout leadership skills and serve God in my community. I have learned so much during this process!"

A total of 37 volunteers came to assist Ryan during his project. The total time given in service calculated by the volunteers was 682 hours.

Ryan also participates in the National Youth Leadership Council Training, where he trains younger Scouts leadership and scouting skills. He will be attending Baldwin Wallace College in the fall to study Athletic Training.

(If the Gajdos name sounds familiar, it may be because of an article the *Old Brooklyn News* ran when Ryan's older brother Tyler completed his Eagle Scout project in 2007. Tyler built the resale shop at Brooklyn Presbyterian Church. Now in its sixth year, the Resale Shop serves the Old Brooklyn community on the third Saturday of each month.)

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

From the desk of the executive director

by Robyn Sandys
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April showers have subsided at least as I write this article the last day of April. It looks like early May will be a great time to catch up on spring outside chores and getting your garden ready.

All gardeners at Ben Franklin Community Garden are probably anxious to get started in mid-May. The Garden held a very successful fund raising event in April where they raised \$3,800 to help improve the Garden as they do each year. Congratulations to all who worked very hard to put on another great event at Cleats.

Hopefully many of you can participate in this year's Old Brooklyn *Pedal for Prizes* to be held on Saturday, May 18th. Everyone will gather at Loew Park to start at 11 a.m. with the raffle drawing at 3:30 p.m., also at the park. This is a really fun event where visitors get to explore all kinds of cool points of interest in Old Brooklyn. For more information go to pedalforprizes.org.

We want to give a special shout out to MetroHealth for agreeing to be a major sponsor of our community events this coming year. They have always been very supportive, but this year they are being extra supportive providing a wealth of resources.

We also want to thank our other major sponsor, Autos Direct Online, a new business in Old Brooklyn that recently took over the RTA bus barn on State and Pearl. Learn more about them on the front page of the paper.

Many of us are glad that the redistricting of City Council wards is completed. Our serv-

ice area of Old Brooklyn and parts of Brooklyn Centre will be serviced by Councilman Kelley for Old Brooklyn and Councilman Brancatelli for the eastern side of Old Brooklyn and portions of Brooklyn Centre. They are both wonderful contributors and supporters of both this community development corporation and the neighborhoods they serve. For more information about the redistricting, see the article on page 1.

Finally most of the new *Welcome to Old Brooklyn* signs are up. Let us know if you like them. Also don't forget to complete the survey about shopping in our neighborhood that is located at www.oldbrooklynconnected.com. We want your input on where you shop and also a new group purchasing program OBCDC is exploring.

Last year we had an amazing first time *Wings and Things* event at which Dina's Pizza & Pub won best wings. And if you didn't know, they also recently won the *Plain Dealer's* best wings in all of Northeast Ohio contest. It is really something to talk about that two of Old Brooklyn's favorites won *Plain Dealer* contests this year -- *Honey Hut* for best ice cream and now *Dina's*.

Please save the date of June 7th for our second annual *Wings and Things* event to be held on Pearl Rd. in-between Mr. E's and Drink. bar & grill. There will be live music, lots of great wings and other food plus some vendors selling fun stuff.

Happy Spring and hope to see you at some Old Brooklyn events coming up in May and June.

H SOB needs old photos for local history book

by Lorene Bowles

As reported last month, the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) has contracted with Arcadia Publishing Co. to prepare a book of 180-220 pictures of Old Brooklyn in its earlier days.

In April the HSOB asked for pictures of churches which were here 50 years ago, and the group is still open to receiving them.

This month the HSOB is asking for pictures of Old Brooklyn's forms of entertainment from 50 years ago or earlier. These could be pictures of bowling alleys, the-

aters, Brookside Park, dance halls, parades, plays, sporting events, concerts, fairs, school events, and anything else which shows places of entertainment or people attending those places.

The pictures must be original photos (not copies), black and white, and at least 50 years old. The HSOB will scan the pictures while the donors wait and immediately return them.

Anyone who has pictures they would like to be considered for inclusion in the book should call Constance Ewazen at 216-398-8969 or Lorene Bowles at 216-749-7416.



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NEWS & EVENTS

Saturday, May 4th

The Memphis Ave. Crawl

Starts at McG's, 3 pm. 1/2 hr. at each of 8 bars -- Memphis Station, Alcove Lounge, Kenny's Tavern, Murphy's Law, Memphis Tavern, Cinema Lounge, Dina's Pizza & Pub. Also Poker run, raffles & specials.

Monday, May 6th

Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Arcadia author John Sabol sharing stories, photos & insights re: Cleveland's "Little Budapest" neighborhood (largest Hungarian population outside Hungary). Q&A session follows. Contact CVGS president Ron Kraine, 440-838-5743, or via www.cuyahogagealogy.org, for more info.

Tuesday, May 7th

Polish Genealogical Society of Greater Cleve.

St. Mary's Polish National Catholic Church, 5375 Broadview Rd., 7:30 pm. Ron Marec speaking about The Polish Constitution & What it Means to Poles Worldwide. Q&A session follows. Contact John Szuch, 330-769-4603, for more info.

Wednesday, May 8th

Westside Basket Guild

St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs Gathering Room. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **May 8th, clothes pin basket.** Choose from blue, green or orange; cost - \$18. Approx measurements: 10" wide x 3" deep x 11" high with wire hanger & braided top. **June 12th, tea bag basket;** cost - \$11. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, or sign up on bulletin board.

Thursday, May 9th

Antique Collectors Club Meeting

Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd.; 7 pm. Program: Funeral Memorabilia of Famous People. Speaker, John Herzig sharing stories about his collection of over 1200 funeral programs (largest known collection of its kind). Call Robert L. Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046 for more info.

Friday & Saturday, May 10th & 11th

Rummage & Bake Sale

Gospel Christian Church, 4780 W. 11th St., at corner of Schaaf Rd.; 9 am - 5 pm. Household & baby items, books, clothing & much misc.

Saturday, May 11th

River Sweep

9 am - noon. Many locations near Cuyahoga River. To help clean up around Old Brooklyn section, meet at corner of Harvard and Jennings. Visit ohiocanal.org or call 216-520-1825 for other locations & more info.

Saturday, May 18th

23rd annual RiverDay

Theme -- *From Burning River to Earning River*; 26 events at 16 locations, inc. Kent, Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, Akron, Peninsula, Cleveland & Old Brooklyn/Brooklyn Centre (see listing immediately beneath this one.) Sponsored by Friends

of the Crooked River and its partners. Visit www.cuyahogariver.net for complete details.

Saturday, May 18th

Historic Lower Big Creek Valley Tour (this neighborhood's River Day event)

Meet in parking lot behind Sal's Restaurant, 3850 Pearl Rd., 1 - 2:30 pm. Discover Big Creek's history hidden under Pearl Rd. (Brooklyn-Brighton) Bridge. Learn about two of Cleveland's earliest settlements & adjoining industry. View historic bridge remnants; examine architecture; review historic, full-color maps. Learn about Greenway Plan for the Valley. Contact Bob Gardin, bgardin@friendsofbigcreek.org or 216-269-6472 or www.friendsofbigcreek.org for more info. Sponsored by Friends of Big Creek & Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

Saturday, May 18th

Lupus Day Event

ATIKA Styles Beauty Salon, 4488 Pearl Rd, 12 - 5 pm. Fundraiser for Lupus Foundation of America Greater Ohio Chapter. Fundraiser will be held entire month of May. Make checks payable to the LFAGOC & mail to Pearl Rd. address. Call 216-459-8874 for more info.

Saturday, May 18th

Senior Citizen Resources Flapjack Fundraiser

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

Monday, May 20th

Monday Night at the Movies "Happy"

River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr. 7 pm. No specific charge, but free will offerings accepted. Optional discussion following. Register at www.riversedgecleveland.com.

Tuesday, May 21st

Senior Day

Cleveland Public Hall, 500 Lakeside Ave.; free. Information fair, 10 am; program, 11 am; lunch, noon; entertainment, 12:30. Call 216-664-2833 or visit www.cleveland-oh.gov for more info.

Wednesday, May 29th

Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting

North Royalton branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 14600 State Rd., 7 pm. Speakers - Dr. Monica Valentovic & Dr. Gary Rankin, Bri. "Growing Roses: Tools of the Trade". Visit www.westernreserrosociety.org for more info.

Thursday, May 30th

Planting Warm Season Big and/or Colorful Vegetables

Master Gardeners in vegetable demo garden behind Ben Franklin School, 1905 Spring Rd. talk about big & colorful varieties of warm season vegetables; 10 am.

Saturday, June 1st

Tour of 4 Churches in Tremont

Greek Orthodox Church of the Annunciation

12:30 - 1:15 pm; Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center (formerly Holy Ghost Church) 1:30 - 2:15 pm; Pilgrim United Church of Christ 2:30 - 3:15 pm; Zion United Church of Christ 3:30 - 4:15 pm. Arrive at Annunciation (corner of Fairfield & W. 14th) at 12:15 p.m. Park in church lot; walk or drive to other churches. Must be at least 12 years old; costs \$20 per person. Includes snacks & soft drinks at Prosperity Social Club, 1109 Starkweather. Tickets limited; RSVP by May 24th. Call Marge Sheridan, 216-252-2514. Sponsored by Tremont History Project.

Saturday, June 22nd

Old Brooklyn-West, The Hidden Treasure

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

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Unless otherwise noted, registration required. **Parma Snow Saves Coupon Club - Mon., May 13th.** 6:30 - 8:30 pm; second Mon. each month.

The Art of Marketing - Wed., May 15th. 7 pm. Topics: competition, hiring, essential business forms, workplace concerns & making a three-year business plan.

Book Discussions - Mon., May 20th. 7 pm; *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson; **Thurs., May**

30th. 11 am; *A Cup of Friendship* by Deborah Rodriguez.

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.

40th Class Reunion for Class of 1973

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

Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting

Monday, May 13th, 9:30 a.m.

Cleveland City Hall, 601 Lakeside Ave., rm. 514

Re: Hearing regarding 4300 Bradley Rd. landfill surface mining

Citizens welcome to attend hearing to support or oppose request. Anyone unable to attend may send letter to Board of Zoning Appeals, 601 Lakeside Ave., Rm. 510, Cleveland, Ohio 44114 or fax letter to 216-664-2631. E-mail may be sent to jhuber@city.cleveland.oh.us.

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Ben Franklin Garden fundraiser

by Kim Repinski
BFG Operating Committee Chairman

The Ben Franklin Community Garden annual fundraiser was held Saturday, April 13th, at Cleats Club Seat Grille at 3995 Jennings Rd. The 160 gardeners and friends of the Garden who attended were treated to good food, good drinks, homemade desserts and plenty of camaraderie.

This year the Chinese Basket Raffle featured over 50 prizes. The baskets spanned a wide range of interest from gardening to grilling to shopping to laser tag. Councilman Anthony Brancatelli and his family stopped by and donated an Indians themed basket to the event. Assorted door prizes were awarded during the night. Attendees also tried their luck with \$1 and \$2 sideboards. Evelyn Dibello was the winner of the 50/50 raffle and walked away with \$472.00.

It was a success because of many people, and so the Garden Committee thanks:

- all of the merchants and individuals who donated prizes or services to the event, (and encourages members of the community to patronize the local businesses which support the Garden);

- everyone who volunteered time and talent in the planning and execution of the event;

- Cleats for being a great host; and
- everyone who showed their support by coming to the fundraiser.

All money earned went directly to the operation of the five-acre Garden. It will help purchase the tools, equipment and services necessary to keep it running well. In that respect, the big winner of the night was really the Ben Franklin Garden!

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Drink. bar & grill

by Jayme Lucas Bukszar
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Drink. bar & grill has opened in the former Theo's Restaurant at 4250 Pearl Rd. The soft opening was on Thursday, February 14th, and the grand opening celebration was on Saturday, March 23rd.

Brian Ochs is the General Manager of the beautifully remodeled gathering place. Brian's vision was to create a great place for dates, small groups and singles, a comfortable spot for everyone. He believes that there is demand for a more upscale lounge in Old Brooklyn.

Brian, his mother Kamio Kim, and best friend David Bidinost worked together to create the eclectic, upscale tapas style menu served at Drink. Their goal was to serve high quality, savory fare that would complement the classic cocktails. In other words Brian said, "We want to serve food that we want to eat."

Dave has a culinary degree from the Art Institute of Phoenix and over 15 years of experience. Kamio Kim owned a bar on Brookpark Rd. and was in the restaurant industry for years. Brian worked with her at the bar and gained invaluable hands-on training;

Brian graduated from Brooklyn High School and has also lived in Phoenix and Los Angeles. He worked as an actor in L A before returning to Cleveland two and a half years ago. For the past year he's lived in Old Brooklyn on Bucyrus.

Brian thinks that Old Brooklyn is an amazing community with lots of potential in the Pearl/State/Broadview area. He's convinced that he has one of the greatest storefronts in the neighborhood. He added, "Pearl Rd. has a fascinating history and connects to almost everywhere on the west side".

Drink. bar & grill has lunch and dinner offerings, and will have lunch specials that can also be ordered for carryout for dinner starting this month. Their cocktail menu features prohibition era drinks such as "Old Fashioned", "Manhattan", and "Sidecar" to reflect the age and architecture of the building and the history of Pearl Rd. as a former streetcar line.

Happy Hour is Monday through Saturday from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. During that time select cocktails are specially priced at \$6 and select small plates start at \$5. Brian noted that their pork belly lettuce wraps, a happy hour special, is one of their biggest sellers, and a "must try".

Drink. bar & grill is open Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to midnight and Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. They can be reached at 216-661-7543; their website is www.drinkbarandgrill.com.



Pork Belly Lettuce Wraps

TAI CHICKEN SATAY

Ingredients:

Chicken & Marinade:

½ cup coconut milk
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. yellow curry powder
1-½ tsp. dark brown sugar
½ tsp. sea salt
½ tsp. fresh coarsely ground black pepper
1 lb. skinless, boneless chicken breast halves cut into 1 inch strips

Warm Peanut Sauce:

1 cup coconut milk
½ cup creamy peanut butter
¾ cup chicken broth
¼ cup brown sugar
1 tbsp. yellow curry powder
2 tbsp. lime or lemon juice
1 tsp. soy sauce

Instructions:

Stir together the ½ cup coconut milk, garlic, 1 tsp. curry powder, brown sugar, salt and pepper until the sugar has dissolved. Toss the marinade with the chicken. Cover and marinate for at least 3 hours.

Bring the 1 cup coconut milk, 1 tbsp. curry powder, creamy peanut butter, chicken broth, and ¼ cup brown sugar to the boiling point in a sauce pan over medium heat. Simmer for approximately 5 minutes, stirring constantly, until smooth. Sauce will thicken slightly. Remove sauce from the heat and stir in lime juice and soy salt; season to taste with salt.

Preheat a grill to medium-high heat. Place marinated chicken onto skewers, then grill for 4 or 5 minutes per side, or until cooked thoroughly. Yield: 8 - 10 skewers. Serve with warm peanut sauce.

OBCDC answers WiFi Question of the month

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Answer:


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We are committed to keeping the network running and we are looking for ways to make the project sustainable for many years into the future.

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

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Let me introduce you to A.L.I.C.E.

by Barbara Spaan
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Another evening newscast with breaking news -- a gunman enters a school and KILLS. Once again I get the same sick feeling I had as I watched the report of the Sandy Hook shooting. The tears run down my face and I think, Why and how can this happen again? We have had twenty years of shootings; what is being done to keep our kids safe and you & me from not being the next victims?

I work with the Cleveland Police Department's finest, so I go to them for answers. They can tell me what their approach is now and how it has changed over the years. I teach crime prevention and tell you to call the police and give good descriptions of what is happening and what you see, but I still don't have my answer. So I search out training to find out what's out there to help me get my answer.

On a Sunday afternoon I travel to Middleburg Hts. to Fight Fitness where Sarah Fox talks about a program which was going to be trained in the schools there. I found out that since the 90's, SWAT officers had begun asking the same questions I had. (As first responders, they have seen the worst.)

The creation of Response Options, a group of officers, came up with strategies for "Active Shooters" and began training anyone who would listen. I have found my answer, so I go home, get on the computer, and find

training...

At Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus, I sat with 68 other officers, CEO's, administrators and teachers. This program has one primary focus: survival of those who find themselves under attack.

For two days, Officer Chad Cunningham was our trainer in the Active Shooter program. And I met A.L.I.C.E. A.L.I.C.E. is not a person but an abbreviation -- A is alert; Lis lockdown; I is inform; C is counter; E is

evacuate. A.L.I.C.E. is common sense, but it is not common knowledge.

The program is to enhance the lockdown training which is occurring now in our schools etc. This program gets people talking about options for school, businesses, hospital and even the common person on the street.

We watched what had really happened inside the tragedies. We discussed action plans to increase the chances of survival, increase confidence and reduce fear.

If you are ready to meet A.L.I.C.E., call me at 216-459-1000 and I will set up training for your group. The introduction takes about one hour, and then there's additional hour to break down A.L.I.C.E. and answer questions.

It's my hope you will never have to use this training, but the recent bombing tells me to prepare. I believe that there is no reason to continue to let the bad guys win! Together we win.





We've certainly had some lovely weather leading up to the day when we have to get this May issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* to the printer. That was especially appreciated on Saturday, April 27th, when our new **Rising Harvest Farms** (on the grounds of the former Memphis School) conducted an open house for the community from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In spite of the challenge of finding a nearby parking space, lots of people stopped by and were impressed with the environmentally-correct initiatives which are being put into place there. A walk around the major buildings revealed features like a water retention pond and a major composting system which are not visible from the street.

The hoop houses (quonset hut-shaped greenhouses) had healthy-looking seedlings growing in them and some of the cool-weather crops had just been transplanted to a freshly tilled section of the massive garden area.

Apparently children consider the Farm to be a good place, too, because as I was walking up the entrance drive, I heard a little girl loudly protesting, "I don't want to go home!" My guess is that it was the flock of free range chickens running around the chicken yard which made her want to stay.

I've been told that the *Plain Dealer* ran a nice feature about the Farm the day after the open house. Unfortunately, space constraints in this issue of the *OBN* prevent us from running another separate article about them right now, but we will continue to print updates as we are able. And even though the official

open house is over, the public can stop to buy eggs (\$3 a dozen, as available) any time the 'Farm is open' sign is on the gate.

Although Old Brooklyn does have its share of vacant storefronts, it's actually being a rather exciting time lately in terms of the new Farm, the former GCRTA garage being occupied again (see our article about that on page one of this issue), and having **Drink. bar & grill** open in the former Theo's building.

We've featured Drink. on page 4 of this month's *Old Brooklyn News*; *Scene Magazine* also reviewed them on page 39 of their April 17th - 23rd issue.

But at the same time new businesses are coming in, there are others which are leaving. For instance, **Gentile's Bakery, Deli & Catering**, which has been located at 4464 Broadview Rd. for over eighteen years, will be moving to Parma soon. According to an email I received from the Gentile family, it's very hard for them "to leave a community we know and love so well but we have outgrown the size of our building and parking."

Gentile's new location will be at 5626 Broadview Rd. That's not too far away, and of course they are hoping that their former customers will still consider their Italian food to be worth a bit longer of a drive. (And they very much appreciate the support they got while they've been in this neighborhood.)

While it's not exactly a business, a change is underway at another long-time institution in the Brooklyn Centre portion of our neighborhood, and part of it involves their retail operation.

Brookside Center, which has been run by the Centers for Families and Children for the past few years, will soon be moving to a more structurally sound building. The exact date is not yet determined, but it will be sometime after July 1st. And part of that move includes closing their Resale Shoppe at the end of this month.

Brookside is currently located at 3784

Pearl Rd., across from Aldi's. Its new home will be just a bit south, at 3802 Pearl Rd., between Garden Ave. and McDonald's. Depending upon how attached a person was to the Resale Shoppe, that could be either good news or bad news.

The final piece in *Town Crier* this month is definitely good news -- The **Cleveland Orchestra** is taking up residence in the Gordon Square area of the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood for a week (Saturday, May 11th to Friday, May 17th), and part of their immersion-in-the-city experience will be a free concert at St. Colman Church, 2027 W. 65th St., on Thursday, May 16th, at 7:30 p.m.

General admission tickets to the concert have been available since Saturday, April 27th

during regular business hours at: Battery Park Wine Bar, 7524 Father Frascati Ave.; Detroit Shoreway Community Development Organization, 6516 Detroit Ave.; Gypsy Beans & Baking Co., 6425 Detroit Ave.; Happy Dog, 5801 Detroit Ave.; Michael J. Zone Recreation Center, 6301 Lorain Ave.; Spice Kitchen + Bar, 5800 Detroit Ave.; Stockyard Meats, 6105 Detroit Ave.; and Sweet Moses, 6800 Detroit Ave. Tickets are first-come, first-served, and limited to four per person.

I'd like to talk about more new businesses next month. Please contact me at lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or Lynette Filips, *The Town Crier*, c/o the *Old Brooklyn News*, 2339 Pearl Rd., 44109 if you are one of them.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists - no meeting this month.

Brooklyn Genealogy Club, Sun., May 19th, 2 pm, Fairview Park branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, 21255 Lorain Rd. No speaker at usual location due to some members attending annual Cuyahoga County Lineage Society induction banquet (at Independence Civic Center this year). Library meeting will be for personal research using resources at library branch which specializes in genealogy. Members who need a ride call Karen or John Booth, 440-842-7964; call Cindy, 440-887-0543, with other questions.

Brooklyn Historical Society, Wed., May 29th, 7 pm, museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Program: Walker/Bedford China collector Chris Sweet discussing this hometown china manufacturer from Bedford (Ohio) who made dishes for Howard Johnson, Krispy Kreme, Kenny Kings & Dairy Dell, to name a few. Guests welcome; refreshments will follow. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Fri., May 10th, 7 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Program: Renee Heinle Close, Marketing Director of The Sausage Shoppe, talking about their family business; refreshments; business meeting.

The Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn, Tues., May 14th, 7 pm. Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. Program: Scott Terranova from Kurtz Bros., Inc., explaining the benefits of worm-enriched compost for soil. Refreshments follow; all welcome. Call Barb Paulitzky, 216-671-6777 for more info.

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., May 14th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

Ward 13 Democratic Club meeting, Tues., May 21st (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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by Tom Collins
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“Show Me the Money”

That well-repeated line from the 1996 movie *Jerry Maguire* can be heard around Old Brooklyn. On April 11th Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) officially launched a business plan competition to attract new business or support an expanding business within Old Brooklyn.

Applications are due by the end of Monday, May 6th. An evaluation team of seven people who either own a small business or work in economic development will make up the judging panel.

The award of \$25,000 will be administered by the City of Cleveland Department of Economic Development. The grant can be used to purchase property, renovate a property for the business purpose or purchase equipment necessary for the business. Of course the business must locate in Old Brooklyn and agree to remain here for the one year duration of the grant.

While there will only be one grant recipient it is anticipated that several submissions will be winners, winners in the sense that the business plan is strong and supports a business that is likely to be successful.

The evaluation team will not just say thank you and good luck to “winning” applicants. OBCDC will offer support and mentoring assistance to any applicant who is competitive with their business plan. After all, the goal is to grow business and jobs in Old Brooklyn and this competition will yield more

than one worthy business.

OBCDC will work with several regional agencies whose main focus is to attract investment, grow business and create jobs throughout North East Ohio. The competitive applicants will be introduced to additional resources.

Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses

This is a program administered by Cuyahoga County Community College and sponsored by the national Goldman Sachs Foundation. It is focused on assisting small businesses develop and implement a tailor-made growth plan. This is for established businesses at least two years old, five or more employees and sales between \$150,000 and \$4,000,000. It is an intense program of approximately three months with one day a week devoted to a classes and workshops on specific topics essential to growing a business. It allows the business owner to work on his or her business rather than in the business for that day. Additional information can be found at [www.tri-c.edu/workforce/Goldman Sachs.edu](http://www.tri-c.edu/workforce/Goldman%20Sachs.edu)

Council of Smaller Enterprises

More commonly known as COSE this is the chamber of commerce for North East Ohio. COSE is a membership based organization that works on the large issues impacting business vitality. It offers a range of services for human resources, State and federal mandatory insurance requirements, licensing, copyrighting and patenting, export/import regulations and buying locally. COSE staff members are hands-on and in the field every day working to grow business. The COSE web site www.cose.org provides detailed information about their range of services.

Bad Girl Venture Capital

Founded in Cincinnati this non-profit agency is focused on preparing women to make a profit in small business. A Cleveland division opened last year. This is where you take that good idea that you do not know how

to launch. This agency specializes in getting start-ups off the ground through a program spread over nine weeks that makes the business owner bankable. And they stay with you after the course work to help navigate the rough spots and chart the course for where the business is headed. Their web site has the program application and welcomes the most novice of business entrepreneurs; www.badgirlventures.com.

Hispanic Business Center

Open to all people who are starting or growing a business, this local agency works at the ground level with start-up businesses and those ready to expand. If you are up and running they will work with you to analyze the details of the business.

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Graduates receive follow up consultation that continues to build success. Detail information can be found at www.hbcenter.org.

Economic and Community Development Institute (ECDI)

ECDI arrived last year as the Cleveland division of this Columbus, Ohio non-profit bank. In that short time they have loaned approximately \$1,000,000. to small businesses. They work with both start-up businesses and existing businesses needing financial assistance. Businesses that are stable but not eligible for traditional bank loans find this micro-lender to be a good fit.

See *Commercial News* page 8

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How to start a backyard garden

by David Kuebler
Ben Franklin Garden Committee

Nothing beats a juicy, homegrown tomato or crunchy hot pepper on a warm summer evening. If you have always wanted a garden but were afraid that it would be too much work or overly complicated to start, then there is good news. Starting a small backyard garden is easier than you think.

You will need a location that receives six to eight hours of full sun (less sun and your plant will grow more slowly). Placement of the garden is everything; be sure not to set it up too close to a tree because trees will shade the garden and steal nutrients. Make sure the area has good drainage. A good garden starts with good soil with lots of organic matter like leaf humus,

compost or peat moss.

Mix soil, compost, etc. into existing soil which is likely to be heavy clay. Most plants do best in a loamy* well-drained soil. You can also make a raised bed garden with non-pressure treated wood, bricks or other rocks.

All gardens need a good source of water and will need about one inch of water per week. The best time to water your garden is early morning. Basic tools needed include a shovel, garden fork, hoe, hose, hand weeder and wheelbarrow or bucket for moving soil, compost and garden waste. When purchasing plants and seeds for your garden, read the tag or seed packet regarding how much space the plant needs to grow.

Gardens should be fertilized. There are several options; one is a basic balanced fertilizer, a 10-10-10 or 12-12-12 (10 or 12% each of nitrogen, phosphate, and potash). There are

also organic fertilizers available which have ingredients such as manure, worm castings, peat, etc. More information about fertilizer options can be found at Ohio State Extension website at www.extension.osu.edu.

A soil test is highly recommended to determine pH, acidity levels and soil nutrients. Recommendations for nutrient and pH adjustments are included with test results.

You can have a soil test done at a minimum cost from the University of Massachusetts. Write to the Soil Testing Laboratory, West Experiment Station, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-8020. For more information, call the Soil Testing Lab at 413-545-2311 or visit www.umass.edu/plsoils/soiltest.

Compost is great for gardens. It enriches soil, helps retain moisture and suppresses plant diseases and pests. It also reduces the need for chemical fertilizers, encourages the production of beneficial bacteria and fungi that break down organic matter to create humus (a rich, nutrient-filled material) and lowers your carbon footprint.

To start a compost pile, you can build a 3-foot square box or purchase a composter. Then put your leaves, garden waste, fruit and vegetable scraps, egg shells and coffee grounds in it. More information can be found at <http://epa.gov/recycle/composting.html>.

As your garden grows, you will have to watch out for animals such as deer, rabbits, wood chucks, etc. which will find your garden. Whether there are vegetable or flowers, a fence or other deterrent may be needed. And don't forget to check your garden often for delectable and well deserved treats.

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St. Luke's United Church of Christ closes; gave this community 160 years of worship and ministry

by Lynette Filips
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Rev. Gerald M. Madasz, pastor of St. Luke's United Church of Christ, 4216 Pearl Rd., lead the congregation in their last worship service on Easter Sunday, March 31st, 2013.

In an historical overview insert in the bulletin which was distributed at that last service, Irene Madasz, Pastor Jerry's wife, talked about some of the factors which caused the one thriving congregation of over 600 members to dwindle to just a couple dozen attendees in the end: "...family-centered activities previously focused in churches moved to various community centers. Newer, modern churches were erected in new neighborhoods..."

"...young adults leave the inner-city; family schedules too busy for church; lack of convenient parking; no air-conditioning; too many steps; old folks dying off; the preacher's too (insert old, young, strict, liberal, boring, etc.), the music... the Sunday school teachers..."

"...Whatever the root causes impacting many churches from the 1960s to date, the 21st century found St. Luke's unable to sustain ministry in an aging building with declining membership/financial support."

Upon dissolution, in accordance with the church constitution, the title to the property transferred to the Western Reserve Association of the United Church of Christ.

The United Church of Christ, headquartered in downtown Cleveland, is a Protestant denomination formed in 1957 by the merger of the Congregational Christian Church and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Obviously, since St. Luke's was 160 years old, it wasn't a United Church of Christ when it was founded; in fact, it wasn't even Evangelical and Reformed or called St. Luke's.

The date of 1853 on the sign on the fence in front of the church is what's used to compute the 160 years for the age of the congregation. It was the year that the congregation purchased the property on the corner of Pearl Rd. and Memphis Ave. (probably known as Pearl St. and Mill St. in those days.) But actually the roots of the congregation go back farther than that.

Both the South Brooklyn book written by the James Ford Rhodes High School class of 1946, and Old Brooklyn New Book II by Kathryn Gasior Wilmer (1981) contain short sections about St. Luke's. The Rhodes' book take the history back to 1843, and Kathryn Wilmer's book to 1839.

Since Irene Madasz's history also started with the 1839 date, this article will use that one. At that time, the Methodist Episcopal (the forerunners of the also closed Brooklyn Memorial United Methodist Church and our own Pearl Road United Methodist Church) already had congregations north and south of the Big Creek Valley. Thus what became St.

Luke's was actually the second group of Protestants in this area of Brooklyn Township to officially organize into a congregation.

The histories state that the original congregation met in an old school house at the corner of today's Broadview Rd. and W. Schaaf Rd. Except for the fact that it was a school house and that forty German families were the organizers, however, the histories differ regarding the details.

One source says that they bought the old schoolhouse for \$20 and raised an additional \$60 to ready it for worship. The others say they paid \$80 to purchase it. One says that they moved the former school to the Broadview-Schaaf location, while others imply that it was already standing there. One source says that they moved to Broadview/W. Schaaf Rd. in 1841. Another says that the Rev. C. Allard came here in 1843 to organize the group.

Whatever the case, it seems that on August 11, 1839 the founders officially organized as the German United Evangelical Protestant Church of Parma.

All the sources do agree that the congregation outgrew that space. Some members wanted to stay at Broadview and Schaaf, while others wanted to move into a more central area of the community. And thus the congregation split in 1853, with about half of them moving into Brighton, at the crossroads of today's Pearl Rd. and Memphis Ave.

The transplanted German Evangelicals called the new congregation the German United Evangelical Church of Brighton. Fifty-nine families contributed the \$100 for the land at Pearl & Memphis. They built a frame church and worshipped in it until 1903.

Continued growth necessitated replacing the frame church with the current brick structure. According to Kathryn Wilmer, the old church "was removed to the corner of 33rd and Devonshire where it was used as a multi-person dwelling until Deaconess Hospital acquired the land for their expansion."

St. Luke's brick church was built in 1903 at a cost of \$23,000. Gothic Vernacular in style, it features 118 stained glass windows. They are made from opalescent glass rolled and placed in leaded frames, with no hand-painting on the glass. The church also has a pipe organ.

In 1880, confirmation classes, members and staff had begun saving money toward a lasting visual image of Christ. Twenty-four years later, in 1904, funds were available to purchase the large "Good Shepherd" window in the brick church. Dominating the balcony above the narthex, it features Christ carrying a Lamb, welcoming the lost sheep.

In 1925, the need for classroom, office and storage space led to the construction of a \$57,000 educational annex. It houses a stage, meeting hall, library and offices on the upper floor and a dining hall, two kitchens, a parlor,

primary Sunday school, nursery and basement on the lower level. When the Old Brooklyn Montessori School opened in the mid-to late 1990s, it rented classroom space from St. Luke's in this educational annex.

The Evangelical Church merged with the Reformed Church in 1934, and at that time St. Luke's denomination changed from United Evangelical to Evangelical and Reformed.

Over the past several years, St. Luke's attempts to reach out to the community (such as Pastor Jerry's regular mini-reflection 'ads' in the

Old Brooklyn News) failed to attract enough new members to sustain the congregation. And thus the painful decision was made to close.

Members still hope to keep in touch with each other, however, and their church neighbors at Pearl Road United Methodist Church have graciously invited St. Luke's Bible Study group to continue to meet at Pearl Road.

The end of yet another church community in the neighborhood is difficult; we are grateful for St. Luke's presence here all these years.

BC Naturalists plan spring activities

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Trees give you a connection to the past, and a sense of continuity in a neighborhood.

Benjamin Swett, New York City photographer of trees, gave the above quote during an interview with Ian Frazier in the March 4th, 2013 issue of *The New Yorker*. It is a fitting beginning to Brooklyn Centre Naturalists' (BCN) annual Arbor Day article. (Arbor Day was observed on April 26th).

The history of trees in Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn is a rich one. When the neighborhoods were initially settled in the early 1800s, a forest of oak, beech and maple trees greeted the first pioneers.

In the 1850s, Cleveland became known as "The Forest City". Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn certainly are part of that heritage.

In the 1900s when these areas became bustling communities, planting trees along streets and boulevards was part of the strategic plan. The giant sycamores along South Hills Blvd. in Old Brooklyn, for instance, remain as a bastion to this time of uniting nature with communities.

Sadly, the majestic trees of Archwood Ave. were decimated by the tornado which roared down city streets in 1953. More recently (last autumn) trees in both neighborhoods were hit by Hurricane Sandy.

In 1902, William Stinchcomb planned and oversaw the building of the bathhouse, tennis courts and main building at the new zoo at Brookside Park. Stinchcomb's vision of the *Emerald Necklace* included Brooklyn north and south of the Park. Presently, our park neighborhoods are holding their own. Many 70 to 100 year old trees remain, but storms, updated street plans and age are destroying them regularly.



For years, City budget restraints have also taken a toll. Instead of the City automatically replacing a lost tree on a tree lawn, a home owner must request a replacement. When utility companies replace or make improvements to failing infrastructure, a disclaimer such as this one is often made: "Every effort to save shrubbery and trees will be made. If necessary, they will be removed. They will not be replaced."

Residents must act now or the neighborhood history of tree-lined streets will become only a memory of the past instead of a part of the future.

Today, every resident can help to solidify Cleveland's label of "the Forest City". They can replace trees which have been removed because of storm damage, age and progress, instead of waiting for the City to do so. And they can plant new trees because trees contribute to utility cost containment and storm water management. (Older homes were built with the intention of using trees for coolness in summer and warmth in winter.)

Planting a tree is a way to combine nature and progress. Join BCN in their effort to make sure that Cleveland — the Forest City — is a reality in the future and not just a memory. Plant a tree in honor of Arbor Day 2013. And when it's mature, it just might increase the value of your property by many thousands of dollars.

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The Urban League of Cleveland

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Children's Museum of Cleveland
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org

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

Sun., May 12th; Make a Candle for Mom - 12 pm. Mommy and Me Manicures - 3 pm. All activities free with paid museum admission or membership.

Cleveland Metroparks Children's Fishing Derbies

Sun., May 18th, Wallace Lake, Mill Stream Run Reservation, Berea; and
Sun., May 19th, Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation, E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd., Cleveland

Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15 fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g., how to cast). Loaner fishing equipment available. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Compete for prizes. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Call 216-635-3200 or 216-206-1010 for more info.

Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Trailside Amphitheater 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660

Campfire - 7 - 8:15 pm. Meet at the Trailside Amphitheater for a good old-fashioned campfire with stories & songs. Bring a story or song to share. When the fire dies down, gather around to roast marshmallows.

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

Admission Rate Change - Zoo has introduced new conservation effort called "Quarters for Conservation." Twenty-five cents from each admission helps support important Zoo conservation programs. Effective Apr. 1st, adult admission - \$12.25; children ages, 2 - 11 - \$8.25; children younger than 2 & Zoo Society members - free.

Dinosaurs - opens May 9th & runs daily through Sept. 15th. Admission to this special exhibit -- \$3.50 per person with regular Zoo admission; \$2 per person for Zoo Society members; free for children younger than 2.

Mother's Day at the Zoo - Sun., May 12th; all moms receive half-off admission -- \$6.25. Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital providing additional fun & activities. Sponsored by UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital & MacDonald Women's Hospital.

Camp Ballarat Animal Show - Sat., May 25th - Mon., Sept. 2nd. Daily 11 am, 1 & 3 pm. Free with Zoo admission.

Professor Wylde's Animal Show - Sat., May 25th - Mon., Sept. 2nd; daily 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm. at Savanna Theater. Free with regular Zoo admission.

Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch

Temporary location 1700 Snow Rd. (in Midtown Shopping Center, next to Marc's)
216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
Programs this month -- (Unless otherwise noted, registration required.)

Children's Summer Storytimes - will begin June 4th; call for details.

Teen Programs - TAG Team - Sat., May 18th; 1:30 - 2:15 pm; grades 6 - 12.

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

Cuyahoga Valley National Park Happy Days Lodge

500 West Streetsboro Rd (SR 303)
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Year round, daily, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Some park areas close at dusk; remaining areas open 24 hours.

Greater Cleveland Aquarium

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2000 Sycamore St. 216 862-8803
greaterclevelandaquarium.com
Open daily 10 am - 5 pm. Admission: \$19.95, adults; \$17.95, seniors (60 & older) & military; \$13.95, children ages 2-12; free, under 2. Parking - \$3, Mon. - Fri.; \$5, Sat. & Sun.

Home Depot

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Build an herb planter - Sat., May 4th.
Lawn Mower Pencil Holder - Sat. Jun. 1st. Workshops offered 1st Sat. of every month, 9 am - noon. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center

28728 Wolf Road, Bay Village
440-871-2900 lensc.org
Family Fishing Day - Sat, May 12th; 1 - 4 pm. Fee: \$7/person; \$35/families of 5 or more. Learn about basic fishing equipment, how to cast, where to fish & what kind of fish to catch in different locations. Start at Nature Center, then do some real fishing in Lake Erie! All equipment provided. Adults & teens (ages 16 & up) wanting to fish must have valid fishing license. Pre-registration required.

The Striped Skunk Sat., May 25th; 3 pm. Experience up-close meeting with this often-misunderstood animal. Fee \$5.

Memphis Kiddie Park

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memphiskiddiepark.com

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

Opening Day - Sun., May 19th, noon - 4 pm. Open to the public, Sat. & Sun., May - Oct. Free admission. Cleveland Mounted Police & Metroparks Mounted Rangers with their horses; parade at 1:30 pm. Lots to see & do.

Grace Church offers kids & adults free lunches this summer

Jayne Lucas-Bukszar
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

For the fourth year in a row, Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd., is partnering with the Cleveland Food Bank to offer free hot lunches to children and adults weekdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The program starts June 10th and runs through August 9th.

There are no income requirements; all children and adults are welcome on a first-come, first-served basis.

Adult meals will be served in Room 12 and children's meals will be served in the main community room. There will be signs and volunteers to help direct guests.

Children's meals will often be followed by games, crafts, etc., depending on the volunteers that day.

Last summer, Grace Church served an average of 60 children and 20 adults every

weekday. Vacation Bible School classes and other groups as well as families and individuals are welcome.

Meals will be prepared by Grace Church staff. Volunteers are needed to assist with supervising children, teaching crafts, playing games, etc. as well as cleaning up after lunch. Volunteer hours will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Individuals and groups are welcome to volunteer. Contact Sue Ushek at 216-661-8210.

Grace Church also has a food pantry and can assist families throughout the year. Items they need donated include laundry detergent, soap, diapers, wipes, hand sanitizer, tooth paste, tooth brushes and peanut butter and tuna. Canned goods are not needed at this time.

Grace Church's Sunday service is at 10 a.m. Their phone number is 216-661-8210 and they are also online at www.graceoldbrooklyn.org.

Fourth-annual Pedal for Prizes is this month

Jacqueline Sliva

Cyclists of all ages and skill levels have the opportunity to win more than \$5,000 in prizes, including six brand new bikes, simply by cycling through Cleveland's Old Brooklyn neighborhood on Saturday, May 18th. Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes, a free event open to everyone, will be held at Loew Park, 3121 Oak Park Ave., starting at 11 a.m.

In celebration of Cleveland Bicycle Month, a grassroots group of five Old Brooklyn residents and merchants -- Becky Derwis, Bruce Page, Jacqueline Sliva and John Young -- has organized Pedal for Prizes every year since 2009.

The event allows people from throughout the Cleveland area to discover Old Brooklyn's many amenities and favorite businesses. Last year 550 cyclists attended the event.

After registering at Loew Park the day of the event, cyclists receive a map of twenty destinations and points of interest in Old Brooklyn They'll bike to as many of these locations as they wish, and have a punch card stamped at each location they visit.

The cyclists will return to Loew Park later in the afternoon to redeem their cards for tickets which they'll enter into a Chinese-style raffle for a wide array of prizes. All the prizes have been donated -- by local businesses from Old Brooklyn as well as from throughout Northeast Ohio.

Prizes at last year's Pedal for Prizes included four new bikes, a one-year membership to the downtown branch of the YMCA, Cleveland Indians tickets, \$50 gift cards to

Steelyard Commons, bike accessories and tune-ups, and restaurant gift certificates.

"Pedal for Prizes presents such an amazing opportunity for us merchants to bring hundreds of new people into our shops to see what we have to offer," said event organizer John Young. "The bicyclists who stop in are potential new customers."

This year, the event will feature live music and Jibaro Gourmet Food Truck while cyclists wait for the raffle to begin.

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

Organizers Jacqueline Sliva and Jeffery Sugalski are graduates of Cleveland State University, and both work on other community development projects throughout the year. Jacqueline also owns her own wellness business, Bodywork Culture. Becky Derwis, a life-long resident, is also a Girl Scout troop leader and O-Ball coach. Organizer Bruce Page is the owner of Honey Hut Ice Cream Shoppe, and John Young owns Speed Exterminating and historical property in Old Brooklyn.

Additional information about Old Brooklyn Pedal for Prizes is available on pedalforprizes.org, as well as facebook.com/pedalforprizes and @pedalforprizes on Twitter.

Memorial Day Events

Memorial Day Ceremony

Monday, May 27th, 11 a.m. Garden Ave. (next to Aldi's) at the Brooklyn Centre Burying Grounds. Anyone who wants to participate or be there is welcome. Call Rick at 216-398-1494 and he will work you into the program. All veterans are welcome. The Cemetery has Pioneers and Revolutionary War Vets buried in it and is an appropriate place to honor veterans. The first grave is from 1823; the cemetery was dedicated in 1835.

Brooklyn Hts., Memorial Day Parade; Monday, May 27th, 9 a.m.; starts at W. 8th & Tuxedo Ave.

Thursday, May 30th; St. Barbara Church, 1505 Denison Ave.; 11 a.m. Mass with program at church's Veteran's War Memorial afterwards. Ted Sliwa is chairman of the Memorial Day committee.



THEATER NOTES

Cleveland Public Theatre
6415 Detroit Avenue
216-631-2727 cptonline.org
James Levin Theatre

"There Is a Happiness That Morning Is"
Fri., May 10th - Sat., May 25th. Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 7 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$25

Near West Theater

St. Pat's Club Building, W. 38th & Bridge
216-961-6391. www.nearwesttheatre.org
"Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris"
Fri., May 3rd - Sun., May 19th; Fri., Sat. & Sun., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: Star seat ticket - \$20; reg. adult - \$8; child - \$6.

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

Hanna Theatre
"Guys & Dolls"

(Part of the KeyBank Broadway Series.)
Now - Sun., Jun., 30th. Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$67.

Cleveland Play House
The Allen Theatre's Second Stage
"Rich Girl"

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

Ohio Theatre
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Mondays:

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

Tuesdays:

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

Wednesdays:

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

Thursdays:

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

Fridays:

Ez-Exercise - 9:15 am; Crochet Group - 9:30
am, Chair Exercise - 9:30 am; Current
Events - 10 am, Corn Hole - 10:30 am, Wii -
11 am; Pinochle - 12:30 pm. *Monday, May 13th*
- Friday, May 17th

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LITE and EZ exercise classes

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CHURCH NOTES

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

Brooklyn Trinity United Church of Christ
8720 Memphis Ave. 216-667-0227
**Salad Buffet Luncheon - Sat., May 4th, 11
am - 1 pm.** Salads, beverage & dessert; \$5.

Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd
8235 Memphis Ave.
www.goodshepherdelca.org
Community meal - last Tues. of each month;
6 pm. All welcome.

Mary Queen of Peace Church
4423 Pearl Rd. 216-749-2323
**Cleveland Minutemen for Life Prayer Vigil
- Sat., May 4th, 8:30 am;** Cleveland Surgi-
Center.

**Men's Prayer Group - Sat., May 4th, 8:30
am;** Parish Center.

**Seniors Meeting & Luncheon - Wed., May
8th, 11 am;** Marian Lounge.

Spring Tea - Sat., May 11th, 12 pm; Marian
Lounge. Tickets - \$5. Sponsored by St. Anne's
Ladies Guild. Call 216-749-2323 to RSVP.

**Salem Youth Chorus Concert - Sat., May
11th, 6 pm;** upper church. Free will offering.

**Mass of Remembrance for children who've
died from illness, disease, accident, miscar-
riage or abortion. Wed., May 15th, 7 pm;** lower
chapel.

Reverse Raffle - Sat., May 18th, 6 pm; Parish
Center. Cost - \$35 ticket w/ dinner; \$25 raffle
ticket only. Call 216-269-3114 to RSVP.

**School Band & Choir Concert - Tues., May
21st, 1 & 6:30 pm;** upper church.

**Memorial Day Mass - Mon., May 27th,
9 am;** upper church.

**Free Community Meal - Sun., May 19th, 1
pm;** Parish Center cafeteria.

**Blue Army Holy Hour - Sun., May 19th, 2
pm;** lower chapel & Marian Lounge.

**Pearl Road United Methodist Church
4200 Pearl Rd. 216-661-5642**

**Potluck Dinner & Movie Night - Fri., May
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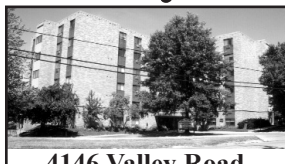
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