

## Jim Ptacek donates praying mantis sculpture

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The Benjamin Franklin Community Garden (BFCG), located behind the school at 1906 Spring Rd. with the same name, is the happy recipient of an original metal sculpture fashioned by Old Brooklyn artist Jim Ptacek and one of his sons. As seen in the photo accompanying this article, it is of a praying mantis.

The "UPCYCLED ART" (the line of Jim and his sons' art which they create from scrap metal) arrived at the Garden on June 13th. Garden Committee member John Jenkins and Jim placed it near the east end of the Garden, three or four yards south of BFCG's landmark sign, and between the two black park benches. Gardeners and visitors should easily spot it as they enter the Garden.

"Praying Mantis" stands on legs fashioned from rebar with its front legs together in the pose which gives the insect its name. Jim said that he and his wife, Therese, felt that he should create and donate it to Ben Franklin Garden since they live in Old Brooklyn.

Jim and his son, Joe, who now resides in Elyria, have been fashioning recycled 'objects of art' for several years. They weld together a variety of carefully chosen discarded scrap metal pieces to create the metal sculptures. His other two sons, Jim (who works for Larsen Architects) and Dave (who lives in Nashville, Tennessee), are involved in some of their larger architectural projects.

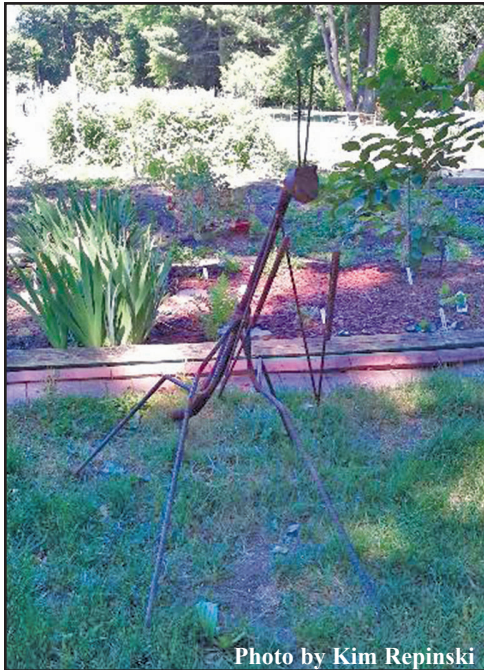


Photo by Kim Repinski

This new praying mantis sculpture was given to Ben Franklin Garden by Jim Ptacek & Sons.

To view more of Jim's recycled works, visit the Lorain County Metro Parks, which has several of the outdoor pieces on display -- at French Creek Nature Center in Sheffield Village and Miller Nature Preserve on Route 83 in Avon. They include a six by eight foot praying mantis, a six foot spider, a 250 pound dog and various smaller dogs, mantises and spiders.

Facebook users can find photos at: Upcycled Art by Jim Ptacek & Sons.

## Riverside Cemetery invites community to fourth annual free jazz festival

by Linda Spiros

Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd, will host its 2014 free annual jazz festival on Sunday, July 20th, from 1 to 4 p.m. The afternoon will feature Dennis Chandler and the Stratophonics; the Sammy DeLeón Latin Jazz Project; and violinist Mary Beth Ions. Food and dessert trucks will be parked onsite. In case of rain, the concert will be rescheduled to the same time on Sunday, July 27th.

Dennis Chandler and the Stratophonics are deeply rooted in the Blues style of music. Mr. Chandler's first guitar instructor was Bo Diddley. Mr. Chandler would watch, listen and observe Bo Diddley in the evenings while he performed at a night club in Hamilton, Ohio. After one of the many performances, Bo invited Dennis backstage, to review what he observed that evening; on occasion, Bo even loaned his guitar to Dennis so that Dennis could practice.

The best way to learn the Blues is in the oral tradition, "come, sit and learn," especially sitting and learning with the masters of the art, in the way Dennis Chandler learned from Bo Diddley. During the course

of his career, Dennis also had the opportunity to work with/learn from artists like Jerry Lee Lewis, Bobby Vee, Fabian, The Cadillacs, The Coasters, B. B. King, Muddy Waters and Robert Lockwood, Jr.

Sammy DeLeón is a well-known Latin bandleader in northeast Ohio. He plays the timbales, a twin set of metal-encased, single-headed drums with a cow-bell and a cymbal on the side. Mr. DeLeón's music encompasses and adapts Latin jazz, mambo and salsa. Mr. DeLeón has the distinction of having recorded with the late Latin jazz pianist Roberto Ocasio.

Mary Beth Ions is a first-call solo and strolling performer violinist. She has performed with Cleveland arts organizations like the Cleveland Ballet, Cleveland Opera, Cleveland Pops, Lyric Opera Cleveland and Ohio Chamber Orchestra. She has also been part of Broadway tours at Playhouse Square which featured artists like Josh Groban, Barry Manilow and Rod Stewart. In 2013, Ms. Ions received a warm welcome at the third annual Jazz Festival at Riverside, and the Festival is pleased to welcome her back this year.

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## Old Brooklyn celebrating bicentennial this summer

oldbrooklynbicentennial.com

In honor of Old Brooklyn's being settled by people of European descent for 200 years (1814-2014), the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) is sponsoring a photo contest.

Snap photos of your moments to remember from 2014, pictures taken anytime during this bicentennial year, and email

your best shots to photos@oldbrooklyn.org. The HSOB will post the most memorable ones, which will ultimately be posted in the appropriate gallery for others to view and "like" them. The photos will then become part of the Historical Society's archives of printed and photographic images.

Winning submissions, as decided by Old Brooklyn judges and the viewers, will be published in a 2015 calendar "Old

Brooklyn Bicentennial Remembered" and listed in the *Old Brooklyn News*.

Winners will also receive a certificate. There will be a total of 36 photos recognized, three each month.

There are twelve categories in which to enter photos:

1. PARKS PLANTS, & PEOPLE: For locations see <http://oldbrooklynconnected.com/community/recreation-parks/>
2. CELEBRATE THE FOOD: For listing of food celebrations click on Bicentennial Events.
3. GOING, GOING, GONE: pictures of decaying, falling apart, rundown things. Show how the old can co-exist with the new.
4. GENERATIONS APART: Show how the old can co-exist with the new
5. STREETSCAPES, WINDOW DISPLAYS, & SIGNS:
6. ZOO & BROOKSIDE PARK
7. ARCHITECTURE: (inside or out)
8. EVENTS: Pictures of groups of people doing things together today.
10. AT PLAY
11. WEATHER
12. THEN AND NOW: an old picture of anything in Old Brooklyn and a recent one

### Cleveland 4th of July Fireworks

Friday, July 4th, 2014

Time: Dusk

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

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Anyone who has questions should email the Historical Society thru the "Contact" link.

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## Don Kasych

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Lifelong resident Don Kasych, in his career as a landscape architect with the City of Cleveland, has touched every Cleveland park and recreation facility in Old Brooklyn — Archmere Park, Goudreau Park, Loew Park, Harmody Park (including the Treadway Creek Trail) and Estabrook Recreation Center.

Don worked for the City of Cleveland for 26 years, starting as a Landscape Architect and moving up to the Assistant Director of Capital Projects. He recently accepted the position of Planning Supervisor for the Lorain County Metro Parks.

One of Don's favorite projects was the restoration of Historic League Park, the original home of the Cleveland Indians. This stadium was where Babe Ruth hit his 500th home run; the Cleveland Indians won the 1920 World Series; and the only unassisted triple play in World Series in history occurred.

League Park's restoration is nearly complete and a grand opening is being scheduled for August. "You will be able to stand in the exact spots where Babe Ruth stood at the plate and where Cy Young pitched. It's an incredibly exciting project for the City and the whole region," Don stated.

When asked about his time with the City of Cleveland, Don said, "The City gave me the opportunity to raise three great kids and work on great parks. I'm especially proud that I was able to work on every park in my neighborhood, Old Brooklyn."

Don was born and raised in Old Brooklyn; he went to Benjamin Franklin Elementary, Charles A. Mooney Junior High, and James Ford Rhodes High School. He has been a gardener at Benjamin Franklin Community garden for the past six years and remembers gardening there when he was in the second grade as part of Benjamin Franklin's curriculum.

Aside from college, Don has only lived in four homes. He grew up on Hood Ave. and Canova Ave., lived on Cook Ave. with his grandmother right after college, and shortly thereafter purchased his current home on W. 14th St.



Photo by: Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
Don Kasych

Don fell in love with working with plants and the earth when he started working with Skip Cook at the former Cook's Greenhouse at 701 W. Schaaf Rd. when he was thirteen years old. The greenhouse was torn down when I-480 was built.

The only time Don was away from Old Brooklyn was when he studied Landscape Architecture at Ohio State University. He put himself through college raising and selling zucchini; he sold them for twenty five cents a piece on an honor system with his partner, Skip. He earned \$2,000 this way every summer.

After college, Skip Cook started a manufacturing plant and Don worked there for five years. He started his 26 years of service for the City after he saw — and applied for — a City of Cleveland job posting for a Landscape Architect.

Don said that he learned many life lessons working at the greenhouse as a teenager and young adult — "I learned that hard work pays off and that there is no such thing as a free lunch. I love working with the ground and watching the seasons change." He and his wife tend two-and-a-half plots at Benjamin Franklin Community Garden; they specialize in growing kohlrabi.

"We have over 100 kohlrabi plants; I just eat them like apples", Don stated. They

## From the desk of the executive director

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In many neighborhoods around Cleveland, historical emphasis has been prioritized on addressing problems; a high proportion of community efforts were intended to "stop bad things from happening." This was and still is an understandable and necessary approach.

It is a natural response for a community to galvanize when a crisis occurs to stop the next one from happening; examples around the world and locally range from issues of national defense to public health epidemics to a rash of break-ins in a shopping plaza. This response is critical, but must be met with an equal level of emphasis on incurring positive activity and new demand.

To accomplish this, the collective efforts of stakeholders in a neighborhood need to focus on demand induction. Traditionally, this concept has been one associated with congestion. For every lane of traffic that is added to a highway, additional traffic is induced to fill that lane therefore necessitating another lane.

Based off the supply and demand modeling of economics, this theory has its limits but should be used as a sound tool for evaluating infrastructure investments. It can also be used for multi-modal transportation planning: as the historic adage explains, a bridge is not built over a river based off the number of people commuting via a swim. The same should be considered for neighborhood development.

Applying the principles of demand induction to a neighborhood, however, does not mean building more lanes of traffic! Simply, it is a mindset that places considerable emphasis on attracting new investments compared to efforts to stop resources from leaving the community. It utilizes the positions of strength a neighborhood has — the Cleveland Metroparks and Zoo,

MetroHealth, strong recreational amenities, good neighborhood schools, tremendous housing stock, affordability, walkability, and historic buildings — to attempt to meet that latent demand using the variety of tools available to the neighborhood and the City of Cleveland.



That latent demand can be viewed through a few lenses —

The first is simply the desires of the two largest populations in United States history: baby boomers and millennials. Each of these generations (approximately 80 million people) prefer a lifestyle which Old Brooklyn offers — healthier, more local, and more rooted in place.

Second, Cleveland is benefitting from this demand and Old Brooklyn must position itself and present itself as a neighborhood of opportunities for small businesses, families, young professionals and empty nesters. This combined efforts builds momentum over time as one success story breeds another for neglected buildings or homes.

Lastly, by focusing on attracting new investment, Old Brooklyn can remain healthy through reinvigorated ideas and people. Just as the Berlin Wall failed to prevent the migration of people and ideas, efforts solely dedicated to prevention of negative activities cannot eradicate them.

A holistic approach which places at least equal emphasis on creating positive momentum and solutions, as well as responding to and addressing harmful behaviors, will be far more impactful. And when that approach is repeated at every layer of a community — schools, block clubs, churches, businesses and institutions — truly transformational change will occur.

also grow tomatoes, lettuce, green beans and other vegetables. His wife Linda cans tomatoes using Don's grandmother's recipes.

Don's grandparents on his mother's side have always lived in the neighborhood on Cook Ave. His father's family owned what is now Larry's Tavern at State Rd. and Archmere Ave. It was called "Kasych's" when his grandfather and father owned it. Both of Don's parents are Rhodes graduates, but they actually met at Kasych's.

Linda M. Rooks Kasych also grew up in Old Brooklyn. The "urban legend" is that while Don was playing poker with Linda's brother, he "won a date" with Linda. She agreed to go out and they have been together ever since, and married for 28 years.

Through the years, Don and Linda have been involved in a variety of neighborhood activities. Don coached OBALL and OBYL teams for almost ten years. He and

Linda taught Sunday school at St. Leo's, helped with St. Leo's Capital Campaign and were Game Room chairmen for St. Leo's fall festivals.

All three of the Kasych children attended St. Leo School (where Don chaperoned eighth grade class trips to Washington DC). Now they are all successful, very well-educated who live in various parts of the country.

Empty nesters, Don and Linda love to travel. They have been on cruises to Hawaii, the Panama Canal, and this fall will be going on their second transatlantic cruise. Don's next goal is an Alaskan cruise.

When asked why he chose to stay in Old Brooklyn, Don said, "We live on a great street with great neighbors in the middle of everything. We can be just about anywhere in Northeast Ohio in less than 30 minutes. Why would anyone want to live anywhere else?"

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Now - September 16th

**Historical Guided Walking Tours**  
Take a hike! **6 pm Tuesdays:** Playhouse Square -- meet at State Theatre Lobby, 1519 Euclid Ave.; **6 pm Thursdays:** Historic Gateway Neighborhood -- meet at 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. Sponsored by Dollar Bank. Call 216-771-1994 or visit [www.historicgateway.org](http://www.historicgateway.org) for more info.

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](http://www.tremontfarmersmarket.com) for more info.

Sundays, Now thru October

**Kamm's Corners Farmers Market**  
Now thru Oct. In the Municipal Lot at W.168th St. & Albers. Every Sun., Now - Oct.; 10 am - 1 pm. Call Jenny Kelley, 216-252-6559, ext. 1400, or visit [www.kamscornersfarmersmarket.org](http://www.kamscornersfarmersmarket.org).

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Wednesday, July 2nd

**Cleveland Orchestra 25th Annual Free Concert**  
Public Square, 9 pm; fireworks & sing-alongs. Cleveland Orchestra's Loras John Schissel, conductor. Patriotic program of Sousa, Superman & more.

Saturday, July 5th

**4th Annual Parma Run/Walk for Pierogies**  
Tri-C Western Campus, 11000 Pleasant Valley Rd. 8:30 am. Sponsored by University Hospital Parma Medical Center. All pre-registered runners will receive a t-shirt, post race pierogies, drinks & snacks. Pre-registration \$20, Day of registration

\$25, ages 11 & under \$10. registration check in 7 - 8:15 am. For more info call Sean Brennan 440-884-0489 or register at [hermesleveland.com](http://hermesleveland.com).

Thursday, July 10th & 17th

**Ben Franklin Master Gardeners Talks**  
Ben Franklin Demonstration Gardens, 1905 Spring Rd. **July 10th;** Join the Cuyahoga County OSU Horticulture Educator, Jacqueline Kowalski, on a diagnostic walk through the vegetable & flower gardens identifying common garden pests & diseases & answering gardening questions. **July 17th,** Join Amy Roskilly from the Cuyahoga County Soil & Water Conservation District, learn about Rain Gardens. Both talks 10 - 11 am.

Thursday, July 10th

**Antique Collectors Club Meeting**  
Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Tim Daley speaking about the Cuyahoga County Soldiers & Sailors Monument. Call Publicity Chairman Robert Murdoch, 440-845-7046, for more info.

Wednesday, July 11th

**Westside Basket Guild**  
St. James Lutheran Church, 4771 Broadview Rd., upstairs hall. Class starts at 5 pm; come any time up to 6:30 to start weaving. Meets on second Wed. every month. **Jul. 9th, Pitcher;** \$20. **Aug. 13th, Napkin Basket.** Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

Friday, July 11th & Friday, July 25th

**Cuyahoga County Fair Entry Deadlines**  
Early entry deadline, **Jul. 11th,** \$10; entry deadline, **Jul. 25th,** \$12.; no exceptions for late entries. Entry fee includes two admission tickets to the Fair, Aug. 4th - 10th; or pay \$35 entry fee for 7 admissions tickets. Call Fair office, 440-243-0090, re: where to get booklet with entry form.

Saturday, July 12th & Sunday, July 13th

**GardenWalk Cleveland**  
Free, self-guided tour of gardens, urban farms, vineyards & orchards in several neighborhoods of Cleveland; 11 am - 5 pm. Tour at own pace in each of designated Cleveland neighborhoods -- Detroit Shoreway, Glenville, Larchmere, Slavic Village & Tremont. Visit [www.gardenwalkcleveland.org](http://www.gardenwalkcleveland.org) for more info.

Friday, July 18th - Sunday, July 20th

**32nd 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, \$12; 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 19th

**12th Annual Charity Golf Outing & Dinner**  
Emerald Woods Golf Course, 12501 N. Boone Rd, Columbia Station; 8:30 am. to golf. Or just come for dinner. \$80 includes golf, cart, lunch & dinner. Side boards, raffle, door prizes. Contact Sue @ [sasakzoo@hotmail.com](mailto:sasakzoo@hotmail.com). Payment needed by July 14th. Send check to Animals Disaster Team, PO Box 609205, Cleve., 44109; PayPal - go to website - [animalsdisasterteam.org](http://animalsdisasterteam.org).

Sunday, July 20th

**4th Annual Jazz Festival**  
Riverside Cemetery, 3607 Pearl Rd., 1 - 4 pm. Free & open to public. Food & dessert trucks onsite. See article on page 1 of this issue, call 216-351-4800, or visit [www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org](http://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 from Tremont's famous restaurants. Pay each food vendor as you go. Beer in Beer Garden, \$5 per beer; wine \$4 per glass, & new this year we will feature a signature rum drink \$5, water, \$2. Stages: **Beer Garden:** SLAP 12 noon, Old Boy 3 pm. Big Ship 5:30 pm. **Tremont Farmers Market Stage:** Zach Freidhof 12 pm. Rob Duskey 2 pm. Nate Jones 4 pm. Top Hat Black 6 pm. For maps, participant list & directions visit [www.tasteoftremont.com](http://www.tasteoftremont.com).

Friday, July 25th & Saturday, July 26th

**Great Lakes Burning River Fest**  
Historic Coast Guard Station on Whiskey Island. Get off Ohio Rte 2 at Edgewater Park/Whiskey Island Exit, head north towards Lake Erie. Parking & shuttles located at Edgewater Park; look for signs.) Locally produced, sustainable goods. Area businesses race boats built from their plastic waste. Commemoration of fire on the water. Pre-sale tickets: \$12 per day, available online: now - Sun., Jul. 20th at midnight. Regular admission \$15 per day available online: Mon., Jul. 21st - Thurs, Jul. 24th at noon & at gate). Bike discount: bike to Burning River Fest & pay \$8 ticket per day. Rain or shine.

Tuesday, July 29th

**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**  
No meeting at North Royalton Public Library this month. Instead, meet at Zoo by 5:15 for tram garden tour, 5:30 - 7 pm. Cost: \$10. members; \$17, non-members. Must reserve place and pay by Tuesday, Jul. 29th. Email event coordinator, Lori Hilfer, or call her at 440-for more info.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library**

**Snow Branch - 2121 Snow Rd.**  
**Archiving Personal Memories -** Mon., Jul. 7th; 7 pm.

**Fraud Against Seniors -** Thurs., Jul. 10th; 2 pm.  
**Digital Photography -** Tues., Jul. 15th; 7pm.  
**Monthly Pensions from the VA -** Thurs., Jul. 17th; 2 pm.  
**Who Makes Decisions for Me if I Can't? -** Thurs., Jul. 24th; 2 pm.  
**Hockey in Cleveland -** Tues., Jul. 29th; 7 pm.  
**Estate Planning -** Thurs., Jul. 31st; 2 pm.

**South Brooklyn Branch Library**  
4303 Pearl Rd, 216-62-7067

**Poetry Club -** Join the Poetry Club to write, discuss, study & share what our hearts/desire. Bring your poetry & ideas about what you'd like Poetry Club to be. **Thurs., Jul. 17th & Aug. 14th; 4 pm.**

**MakerKit Mania! -** Thurs., Jul. 24th; 3 pm. Learn to build circuits, create synthesized music, construct towering structures, & more Space limited. Call 216-623-7067 or 216-623-2980 to register.

**South Brooklyn Book Discussion** Walter Mosley's Little Green. Easy Rawlins is alive and well. Thurs, July 24th; 4 pm.

Sunday, August 3rd  
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28700 Euclid Avenue, Wickliffe, noon - 10 pm. Annual free family festival for all ages. Entertainment, games, BMX shows, kids' areas, opportunities for inspiring prayer, tents with vendors from all over this area, giveaways & favorite festival foods. Grounds open noon, local Christian bands; 1:30 pm, For King & Country; 3 pm, Colton Dixon; 4:30 pm, Mandisa; 6 pm, Third Day; 8 pm, outdoor Mass; 10 pm, American Fireworks.

Saturday, September 20th

**James Ford Rhodes Class of 79 Reunion**  
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## Ben Franklin Garden coming back to life

by Kim Repinski  
Chairman, BFG Committee

After a somewhat rocky start the Ben Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) is open and the gardeners have spent the last month planting. Wet weather delayed the opening of the Garden, and then the tilling contractor decided to go on vacation for a week. The Garden subsequently hired its own contractor to do the tilling.

This year two hundred and eleven plots were available. They are being tended by one hundred and thirty-six gardeners and eighty-nine co-gardeners. Ben Franklin is happy to welcome twenty new gardeners this season.

There are six dedicated hunger plots this year. They have been planted with potatoes, sweet potatoes, winter squashes, tomatoes, peppers and green beans; volunteers will help maintain them. All produce har-

vested from these plots will go to hunger centers.

Among other tasks, Garden coordinators Greg and Steve have been busy clearing overgrown shrubbery, fallen branches and leaves from last autumn. The five-acre Garden requires a lot of work and thus far the guys appear to be up for the job.

The biggest news from BFCG, though, is that Jim Ptacek & Sons donated a metal sculpture of a Praying Mantis to the Garden. We thank Jim and his sons for thinking of us and gifting us with this beautiful piece of original art. (See photo and article on page 1.)

Next up for the Garden will be the Ice Cream Social on July 10th. Gardeners, co-gardeners and families can sup on grilled hot dogs and ice cream with toppings. It should be a time of tasty food and good company... and not having to worry about working in the Garden for a few hours.

## South Hills recognized as "Great Place"

by Jeffrey T. Verespej  
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The South Hills Town Circle, an oasis in the middle of the picturesque streets surrounding it, was recently recognized as one of the "8 Great Little Places" in Cleveland by former City Planning Director Robert "Bob" Brown.

To cement his legacy, Brown authored a report entitled "Great Places! Cleveland and Its Neighborhoods" that brings to the forefront the importance of community gathering locations big and small. While many locations are local and national -- treasures such as Wade Oval and the West Side Market -- a few are equally impressive small gems.

As quoted in the Cleveland *Plain Dealer*, Brown said "At the smaller scale, creating gathering places and focal points in neighborhoods can be more achievable [than big projects that can take years] and feasible, and can create a spark in revitalizing the neighborhood."

This recognition for the South Hills neighborhood of Old Brooklyn is a tremendous honor and testament to the residents and stakeholders who envisioned, funded, and care for great spaces such as the South Hills Town Circle today.

The green space can be found at the intersection of South Hills Dr, Cypress Ave., and Landchester Rd. It is maintained and programmed by the members of the South Hills Neighborhood Association.

## City of Cleveland has animal rules, control services

Lynette Filips adapted this article from a City of Cleveland pamphlet

### ANIMAL CONTROL REGULATIONS

The State of Ohio and the City of Cleveland require that dogs be licensed, leashed on public property and in City parks, and under control at all times.

A dog license can be purchased at numerous locations. Visit [www.auditor.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.auditor.cuyahogacounty.us) for more information and locations.

City ordinance requires that pet owners pick up animal waste and dispose of it properly and in a timely manner.

### ADOPTIONS

An adoption fee of \$30.00 includes sterilization of the animal at the Cleveland Kennel. It is required by City ordinance that all animals adopted from the kennel be spayed or neutered. If the animal cannot be altered due to its current health, a \$20.00 returnable deposit must be left with kennel until the animal is altered.

### MICRO-CHIPPING

The Division of Animal Control Services offers microchipping for a fee of \$25. Call 216-664-3069 for details.

### NUISANCE/BITES COMPLAINTS

All stray dog complaints in Cleveland should be directed to the City of Cleveland Kennel at 216-664-3069.

Tickets will be issued to pet owners if their dog is witnessed running loose or barks uncontrollably.

The fines start at \$50.00 plus costs and/or a court appearance.

### ANIMAL BITES

Any person bitten by an animal should be treated immediately by his/her family doctor or the nearest hospital. The animal owner's correct address should be included in the report.

Under City ordinance all dogs and cats which bite a person are required to be quarantined for a period of ten days and examined by a veterinarian. Results of the examination must be submitted to the City Animal Control Officer before the animal is released from quarantine.

### DOGS WHICH POSE A THREAT TO PUBLIC SAFETY

A "Level-Two Threat Dog" is a dog which, without provocation, has killed or caused serious injury to any person, or has killed or caused serious injury to another domestic animal.

City ordinance states that any person owning such an animal must:

- Confine the dog within a locked six-foot fence or pen with a roof on it.
- Maintain liability insurance for no less than one hundred thousand dollars.
- Have the dog muzzled and on a leash and collar of substantial strength when off the property.

○ Be in control or walked by a person of at least 18 years of age when off the property.

○ Be tattooed or micro chipped for positive identification.

○ Be spayed / neutered.

○ Wear a valid dog license.

○ Post signs stating that there is a "LEVEL TWO THREAT DOG" on the property at each point of entrance.

○ Contact the Division of Animal Control for other details of owning or harboring a "Level One Threat" or Level Two Threat" dog. (Call the number at the end of this article to talk with someone who can help you determine if you have a Level One Threat dog.)

### NUISANCE WILDLIFE TRAPPING SERVICE

Residents have several service options nuisance wildlife. Whichever of the following options you choose, the City will pick up and dispose any trapped wildlife except skunks. A contracted trapper will pick up skunks.

○ You can use your own trap. After the animal is picked up, you can retrieve your trap at the City Kennel or it will be returned to you.

○ You can borrow a trap from Animal Control Services for a \$20.00 deposit. The deposit will be returned when the trap is returned.

○ You can be put on the contracted Wildlife Trapper list. The timeframe for service is unknown and it is difficult to estimate how long it will take the trapper to handle each assigned call for service. You must provide your name, complete address, phone number, and the type of nuisance animal in order to be placed on the list.

The City of Cleveland contracts with a Wildlife Trapper to trap nuisance wildlife. The service includes trapping nuisance skunks, raccoons, groundhogs, and opossums that are outside of a house/dwelling within the city. Contact the Division of Animal Control Services at 216-664-3069 to request service.

The trapper is not contracted to trap animals inside the home. (That is the resident's responsibility.)

Animal Control Services responds to all calls for services or complaints concerning City animal ordinances. Animal complaints include stray dogs, dog bites, vicious dogs, barking dogs and quality of life issues regarding dogs.

Animal Control Officers are on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The City Kennel is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, except for legal holidays.

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## Platinum Pooch Grooming opens on Pearl Rd.

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
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Anita Kinser has been grooming pets for over six years. She launched Platinum Pooch Grooming in Brooklyn in 2011. Anita expanded her business by opening "Platinum Pooch Grooming" at 4196 Pearl Rd. on Saturday, May 17, 2014 to coincide with this year's *Pop UP Pearl Complete Street Festival and Bicentennial Celebration*.

A certified groomer, Anita received her grooming certification through Petco. She said one of the issues with the pet grooming industry is that there are no state or national standards for training and exams, and she wishes it were more regulated. Anita continues to study pet grooming trends and American Kennel Club (AKC) breed standards.

Having always been an animal lover, Anita was able to follow her dream of opening her own pet grooming business after she left her career as an Executive Assistant. "Pet grooming allows me to care for pets and gives me a creative outlet," Anita explained.

When asked about finding a good, reputable groomer, Anita said, "Try to find someone you like and stick with him/her. Dogs and cats get used to a groomer. And if you have a puppy, don't wait too long to get them groomed. Keep up on vaccines and flea/tick prevention, and heart worm prevention. Since the rise in the flea population the last couple of years, I strongly encourage all pet owners to keep their pets on the topical flea and tick product that their vet recommends."

Anita located her business to Old Brooklyn because, in her words, "We live in the neighborhood and we love Old Brooklyn. There aren't a lot of groomers in the area and I want to help pet owners here. Prices always vary, but I try to be affordable for neighborhood families. This is a great location, there's good traffic and we're across the street from Brooklyn Animal Hospital."

Platinum Pooch Grooming offers a variety of services, and all bath and groom services include nail clipping and ear care.



Photo by: Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
Anita Kinser

For dogs, a bath and brush out starts at \$25 for small dogs. A full service groom which includes bathing, nail clipping, ear cleaning, a haircut, conditioning treatment, bows or bandana, and cologne starts at \$40 for a small dog. Pricing depends on the breed, coat condition and temperament of the pet.

"Many groomers will charge extra for specialized shampoo for different skin types, conditioning and cologne and bandanas. All of those services are already included in the groom price at Platinum Pooch."

Additional services include tooth brushing and dental care, paw pad treatments for rough or dry paws, nail grinding, anal glands, and de-shedding which is a three-step process.

For cats, a bath and brush start at \$40 and Anita also does a bath and lion cut starting at about \$55. Prices vary according to temperament and coat condition.

Anita encourages pet owners to make an appointment and she will happily provide potential clients with a customized quote.

Platinum Pooch Grooming is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are preferred; their phone number is 440-521-9515.

There will be a grand opening on Saturday, July 19th. Check their face book page, [www.facebook.com/platinum.pooch](http://www.facebook.com/platinum.pooch), or website, [www.platinumpoochcle.com/](http://www.platinumpoochcle.com/), for grand opening specials.



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One after another, warm-weather activities have been filling our calendars, starting with May's *Pedal for Prizes* and *PopUP Pearl*. Two mega pieces of poster board from those events line two of the walls in the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's (OBCDC's) conference room. They are titled, "I wish we had in Old Brooklyn."

Under that heading, participants at *PopUP... and Pedal...* were invited to state their preferences on stickers and attach them to the poster board.

The brainchild of OBCDC Board member (and former Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. executive director) Kathleen Jackson, the posters reveal some repeated themes. Residents want a coffee shop, a cool grocery store and farm market, bike lanes, a micro-brewery, a variety of even more parks, and no more potholes! (among lots of other things)

No doubt if people had time to think about it in advance, they would have come up with even better ideas. And the suggestions are only representative of a small part of the community. That's why we're offering everyone the opportunity to stop by the OBCDC office, 2339 Broadview Rd., during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) to voice their opinions, and read what the other folks wrote, too.

It doesn't hurt to dream big. I left the office for a few hours Tuesday afternoon to attend the memorial service (even though the memorial took place on the day before this issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* will be going to the printer) for Ray Shepardson, a man who dreamed big in terms of the renovation of Playhouse Square.

I'd mentioned Ray in this column in May when I talked about the new chandelier, signage and lighting at Playhouse Square. Who would have thought then that he would be gone less than two months later?

Originally a farm boy from near Seattle, Washington, Ray came to Cleveland to work for the Board of Education and after Cleveland moved on to save a total of forty theaters across the United States.

Ray had more of a connection to our neighborhood than just his brilliant plan for re-energizing Downtown Cleveland by revitalizing Playhouse Square, however. Ray was married to Cecilia Hartman (Brooklyn High School, class of 1965), whose mother, Jeanne, still lives on Biddulph Rd.

I have known Jeanne for years through our mutual interest in genealogy and local history, though only in recent years did I learn that she had been Ray Shepardson's mother-in-law. That also makes Jeanne the grandmother of Ray's only child, Bill Shepardson.

Bill was one of the people who delivered tributes to his dad at the memorial. Understandably, his was the most emotionally-charged, but all were wonderful trips down memory lane, as well as 'reality checks' of the Playhouse Square we'd no longer have if Ray Shepardson hadn't moved to Cleveland, seen the decaying theaters and had a dream.

(While listening to everyone speak, I was actually regretting that we hadn't thought to contact him when we were trying, against impossible odds, to save our own Broadvue Theater. The corner of Pearl Rd. and Broadview Rd. would be quite different had we succeeded the way that Downtown did.)

And speaking of the days when theater was alive in Old Brooklyn -- that is, when the Old Brooklyn Community Theater (OBCT) was alive and well -- I had a flashback to that era on Sunday evening when I was attending the *Cleveland Shakespeare Festival's* free production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at CCC-Western Campus. While paging through the program, the name Darryl Starnik jumped out at me. Darryl was OBCT's artistic director in its early years (the early 1980s). In his bio he wrote that one of his favorite roles was in the play *The Old Lady Shows Her Medals*. If my memory serves me correctly, that was one of the shows which OBCT put on.

Darryl didn't appear in last weekend's performance, though. The Shakespeare Festival is actually putting on two shows this summer, and he'll be in the second one, *Romeo and Juliet*, playing the role of Lord Capulet. Details about the show are in this month's *Theater Notes* on page nine. (I regret that we didn't promote *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, but we didn't find out about it in time.)

Another potentially very neat outdoor event will be coming up on *Mary Queen of Peace's (MQP) back property* at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 2nd. The concert will feature John Todd, a son of the parish and gradu-

ate of *Our Lady of Good Counsel School* who has done well for himself in Country-Western music circles.

John's group's name is *Shameless* and they're noted for being a Garth Brooks tribute band. Their performance on a flat-bed trailer will be just a stone's throw from where John grew up on Mobile Court. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from MQP's Parish Office.

*Mary Queen of Peace Church and the Brooklyn-Parma Knights of Columbus* are co-sponsoring this evening which they're calling *Music under the Stars*.

Before I leave the topic of MQP, I want to clarify some information about two other Our Lady of Good Counsel grads, *Joseph Dooley and Robert Curtis, the owners of Black Drum Barbecue*. They are the 'foodie' duo we featured in last month's *paper*.

Our article stated that they cooked *turkeys* for Thanksgiving and Father's Day at the church, but the reality is that they smoked *pork* for the *Father's Day Community Meal*. In each instance, the meat was provided to them and they provided the in-kind cooking service.

Also related to something which appeared in last month's *paper*, *Gloria Ferris of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists* emailed to tell me that thanks to my mentioning their association with the *National Wildlife Federation* in

this column, they now only need **ten 'backyard habitats'** to push them to the required number. Call Gloria at 216-351-0254 if you need an application or to see if your backyard qualifies to be one of them.

It will need shelter, a place for wildlife to raise their young, food and water. Or visit [www.nwf.org/certify](http://www.nwf.org/certify) for more information.

Cleveland's **fourth Mass Mob** went off, as scheduled, at *St. Colman's* on June 8th. I hadn't realized when I advertised it last month that two Mass Mobs had been scheduled for June. The **fifth one** will be at 4 p.m. this Saturday, June 28th, at *St. Vitus Church*, 6019 Lausche Ave., just south of St. Clair.

Since our July issue will come out on June 27th, interested readers who get the paper right away may be able to attend it. St. Vitus is the largest Slovenian church in the United States.

Cleveland's **sixth Mass Mob** will take place at *Saint Michael the Archangel Church*, 3114 Scranton Ave., at 9:30 a.m. (15 minutes earlier than usual) on Sunday, July 20th.

Maybe next month we'll get to some student news. But still send me *whatever* you want to share: (email) [Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) or (USPS mail) Lynette Filips, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

## Recycling do's and dont's have changed

by: **Cristie Cook Snyder, CCSWD Program and Communications Officer**

Recycling is not hard. You simply put your recyclable items in a bin and take it out to the curb. Or you put your recycling in a bag and take it to a drop-off. But wait; what items are supposed to go into the bin? Should you include the aluminum foil pans, milk cartons, and the old rubber hose? Maybe it's not so easy after all.

First, where does the trash go? There are no active landfills in Cuyahoga County. The trash generated in our homes, businesses, and schools is collected at the curb or site and taken to one of the waste transfer stations in the county. From the transfer facility, the trash is moved over the road to landfills located throughout Ohio and beyond.

Cuyahoga County has material recovery facilities (MRFs), or recycling facilities throughout the region. Owned and operated by

private companies, each MRF accepts, sorts, and processes tons of recyclables every day. All recyclable items should be commingled, or mixed together. Items should be placed loose in your bin or toter before being taken to the curb.

At the MRF, large objects and contamination is removed first. Then the recyclables travel through an automated sorting system which uses a disk screen, magnets, optical sorters, and workers on the line to separate the materials. The sorted materials are baled and sold.

*(Editor's note: I attended a program about recycling at the Parma Snow branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library last month. Later I called the CCSWD media contact (who grew up in our neighborhood) to see if she could summarize the important points. It may take a few months to have space for all of them, but we want to share this important recycling information with people who weren't there.)*

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by Tom Collins  
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**What's New?**

There are quite a number of things that are new. Without much fanfare new businesses have opened in Old Brooklyn and a few are soon to open.

**Craving Something Sweet?**

Let's start with the world's biggest candy store. **b.a. Sweetie** will soon be closing operations at 7480 Brookpark Rd. in Brooklyn and moving to 6770 Brookpark Rd. in Old Brooklyn. Tom Scheiman, owner of this family enterprise, has purchased the former indoor/outdoor family play center. Adding on to the existing building will yield 39,000 square feet of which about half will be dedicated to retail shopping.

When he purchased the building Mr. Scheiman first thought the unkempt miniature golf courses should be removed. After some Internet research and business reflection he restored the two 18-hole courses which are now open for business even though the retail/wholesale store will not open until early October.

Tom Scheiman also plans to add a third 18-hole miniature golf course later this year.

b.a. Sweetie is already a regional and visitor destination point. Seventy-two holes of miniature golf fronting the biggest candy store in the world will make it even more so. For more information key in www.sweetiescandy.com.

Kathleen Stachowiak, of Old Brooklyn, quietly opened the **Old Brooklyn Cravery** at 3430 Memphis Ave. Her line of home-made baked goods includes breads, scones, cakes, cupcakes, cookies and more. In the few months she has been open, her inventory sells

out quickly. Kathleen will bake custom orders. Stop by or call her at 216-337-8200; it is also found on Facebook.

**Gateau Royal**, aka **Cake Royal**, is the well-known desert baker found at the Westside Market. It is also a major wholesale provider to better restaurants and private clubs in Greater Cleveland. They recently moved to 4276 Pearl Rd. In the near future the space for retail sales will be complete and the doors open for walk-in trade. Denise and Michel Kahwagi are the proprietors and also longtime Old Brooklyn residents.

**Saddle Up**

While thinking about family-welcoming attractions, there is a brand new **Circle of Wildlife Carousel** located just inside the main entrance to the **Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**. Each hand-carved animal is an original and depicts an animal, reptile, amphibian, bird or insect found at the Zoo. There are over 70 characteristic mounts to ride and several theme benches for those not seeking the up and down movement. Made in Mansfield, Ohio this is a one-of-a-kind carousel found only in Old Brooklyn.

**More Than a Hot Dog**

Bekim Sylja and his family have opened **The Coney Company** in the former Arby's at 3330 Broadview Rd. Coney is the term favored in Michigan for diner. Each meal is freshly prepared as ordered so don't confuse this with a fast food franchise. The menu has a wide range of casual food items ordered at the counter and enjoyed at a table. Drive through service is also available. Watch for an outdoor patio to be constructed later this summer. Carry-out orders can be called in to 216-563-1894.

**Health and Day Care**

**Recovery Resources** is the addiction behavior clinic relocating from Ohio City to 4269 Pearl Rd, the former Deaconess Professional Building. The clients are working upon life style choices and behavior. Those who have substance or chemical abuse addiction have completed detoxification at a medical

facility located elsewhere. No detoxification is provided at this facility. The facility will open the week of July 7 with 100 employees new to Old Brooklyn.

Downtown Old Brooklyn is a growing employment center with approximately 700 employees and the Metro Health System on the Old Brooklyn Campus next door to Recovery Resources. All of these employees are within walking distance to the two new bakery shops and The Coney Company.

**Loving Cup Kids Academy** of Old Brooklyn is our new day care facility. This is in the architecturally attractive modern building at 4650 State Rd. which was formerly occupied by MK2 Technologies.

Mukesh Agarwal is the owner of four Loving Cup Academies. This is his third day care center in Cleveland. More information can be found by calling 216-351-2100.

Dr. Yazan Madani, long associated with dentistry at Metro Health System, has opened **Buckeye Family Dental** at 4163 Pearl Rd. in the former GilDor Furniture Store. Currently

there are five examining rooms and associated lab and x-ray rooms fully staffed. This will grow to ten examining rooms and support staff over the course of this year. For additional information key [www.buckeyefamilydental.us](http://www.buckeyefamilydental.us).

**Apparel**

Returning to Memphis Ave. at 3426, two doors from the Old Brooklyn Cravery, is **Ale's Fashion**. The window displays serve to invite you inside where you'll find contemporary casual clothing for men and women. Krissia Sola is the proprietress. Find it on facebook at ale's fashion.

**Community Value**

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“Reverse mortgage scams are engineered by unscrupulous professionals in a multitude of real estate, financial services and related companies to steal the equity from the property of unsuspecting senior citizens or to use these seniors to unwittingly aid the fraudsters in stealing equity...” (www.fbi.gov)

The Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs advises seniors to avoid accessing reverse mortgages through or on the advice of home repair or home improvement contractors. If you are considering a reverse mortgage, seek out a qualified reverse mortgage counselor from a legitimate agency such as Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland.

Do not seek or listen to advice from anyone who is connected to the mortgage company such as a “steerer” at your church or a contractor or his/her “steerers”. [A “steerer” is a person who testifies and endorses a product or service and who may or may not be compensated for providing leads to a products or service provider such as a contractor or mortgage company.]

Contact the Department of Community Development, Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs, 601 Lakeside Ave., Room 320, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, Phone: 216-664-4529, for more information.

Reverse Mortgages (Home Equity Conversion Mortgages - HECM) are equity loans against a borrower’s home (for people aged 62 or older). Reverse Mortgages allow seniors to borrow the equity out of their homes with loans that are paid back normally when the borrower dies (called a maturity event). Reverse Mortgage maturity events include:

- when all borrowers have died;
- when all borrowers have sold or conveyed the title of the property to somebody else;
- when the property is no longer the principal residence of at least one borrower for reasons other than death;
- when the borrower does not maintain the property as principal residence for a period exceeding 12 months [because of physical or mental illness];
- when the borrower fails to pay property

Lynette Filips adapted this article from a City of Cleveland news release

The City of Cleveland’s Office of Fair Housing & Consumer Affairs, Department of Community Development, has issued a consumer alert regarding remodeling contractors who convince seniors that their homes can be repaired and/or remodeled for free without a loan or mortgage.

The Office has received complaints from seniors who were unaware that they had signed reverse mortgages after being solicited by remodeling contractors to do work on their homes. In some cases, the contractors have taken all the proceeds from the senior homeowner and performed little or no work.

From the cases it has examined, The Office has concluded that there is an inherent conflict of interest when contractors and/or mortgage brokers (and their representatives) steer homeowners into reverse mortgages.

These contractors have told seniors that there is a FHA (Federal Housing Administration) program which will provide funds to repair their homes with no monthly payments, no credit required, no income required and no payback.

This leaves vulnerable seniors with the false conclusion that they are receiving the remodeling work for free or that it is being paid for by the ‘Government’ when, in fact, the repairs are being paid for by the senior with a reverse mortgage, aka Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM).

“The FBI and the U.S. Department of Housing and the Urban Development Office of Inspector General (HUD-OIG) urge consumers, especially senior citizens, to be vigilant when seeking reverse mortgage products.”

Reverse mortgages have increased more than 1300% between 1999 and 2008, creating significant opportunities for fraud perpetrators.

taxes and/or insurance and all attempts to rectify the situation have been exhausted;

- when the property is in disrepair and the borrower is unable or refuses to repair the property.

The borrower(s)’ responsibility to pay taxes and insurance, to maintain residency and to make needed repairs will continue long after the money/payments have been exhausted. Future equity and sale of the property are tied up. If the borrowers refinance or sell the property, the mortgage is paid first and the considerable fees which were paid upfront. The costs associated with the sale make it unlikely that the owners will see any equity gain or even break even.

The amount that an eligible applicant can borrow with a reverse mortgage depends on a variety of factors, including the age of the youngest borrower. If the spouse of an eligible applicant is considerably younger than the applicant, the applicant would under normal circumstances qualify for get less money with a reverse mortgage if the younger spouse is included on the loan.

Some mortgage brokers have sometimes advised homeowners to quit-claim the property to the older spouse and leave the younger spouse off the mortgage to increase the amount of the loan. In some cases, some brokers have misled younger spouses that they would be able to remain in the home after the borrowing spouse died.

However, after the borrower dies, the surviving spouse (who was not named on the loan) has been often shocked to learn that the loan

has to be repaid immediately or else the lender will foreclose on the property.

(Under the terms of the HECM mortgage, the lender can demand immediate payment on the loan if the “borrower dies and the property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving borrower.”)

In the recent case of *Bennett et al. v. Donovan*, 2013 WL 5442154 (D.D.C. Sept. 30, 2013), the court ruled that a Housing and Urban Development (HUD) regulation which allows lenders to demand surviving spouses to immediately repay reverse mortgage loans upon the death of their spouses violates federal law.

The court determined that HUD violated the statute when it insured the reverse mortgages of the plaintiffs’ spouses pursuant to agency regulation, which permitted the loan obligations to come due upon the borrower’s death, even if the plaintiffs’ spouses were still alive. The court also found, however, that it did not have the authority to require HUD to take any particular action to remedy its error and sent the problem back to HUD.

On April 25, 2014, HUD published a letter to its mortgagees which maintained that its original interpretation and practice was correct (giving no immediate relief to existing HECM borrowers except those options that already exists in the mortgagor’s loan documents which allows a surviving non-borrower to purchase, refinance or sell the property), HUD instructed its mortgagees that it intends to require protection of non-borrowing in the future.



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## OBCDC bids farewell to VISTA's Dave Goldense

Twelve months is a very short time for one to make a transformational impact; many individuals spend an entire lifetime chipping away at pet projects and community solutions. Dave Goldense has spent the last year at Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) as an Americorps VISTA volunteer and in that time made a lasting impact on this neighborhood.

Dave began the year as a recent graduate of DePauw University focusing on community health: gardens, recreation, access to healthy food and great public spaces. As we look back on his body of work, that significant project was just one of many major contributions to Old Brooklyn which Dave made.

From the first day he proved himself as an outstanding team player, willing to contribute to every task that makes a community move. Jumping in to situations which ranged from the logistics of community events to walking around Old Brooklyn for flyer deliver, Dave proved himself a diligent, passionate and selfless contributing member to OBCDC.

Most importantly, Dave forged strong relationships in the neighborhood. Described as an "old soul," he easily connected with members of the Old Brooklyn community at neighborhood events, while canvassing the streets, and/or in the distribution of discounted computers from RET3 – a project which he organized, led and coordinated.



Dave Goldense

Photo by Sheila Quealy-Walter

After meeting Dave, it is impossible not to feel at ease due to his outgoing nature and old-fashioned kindness. His bilingual ability to converse in both Spanish and English helped connect OBCDC to all residents in the neighborhood, but his personality cemented that relationship.

Dave has a strong commitment to Cleveland, its neighborhood and its people. As his term with Americorps VISTA is completed, we know that his future will be bright. OBCDC as well as many individuals in the neighborhood are grateful for his hard work and impact. We will miss his spirit in Old Brooklyn and wish him the best in his future endeavors.

## BCN -- spread the word to plant more trees

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

A group of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) have been in conversation with Cleveland officials and private citizens concerning the Clean Air Act and the importance of trees to our economy, health and wellbeing.

To understand the relationship between trees and people, it's necessary to understand the oxygen cycle. Plants begin the cycle via a process called photosynthesis which uses the energy of sunlight to convert carbon dioxide into carbohydrates and oxygen. Trees breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen.

Animals then breathe in oxygen to break down carbohydrates -- a process called respiration -- and breathe out carbon dioxide.

Cleveland played a significant part in the formation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) forty years ago. The Supreme Court upheld the majority of the tougher Clean Air standards the EPA proposed, and it is imperative for both government officials and residents to know just how important trees are to the future of our community.

Too many people have lost their connection to nature and don't understand that humankind is interrelated, interconnected and interdependent with the air, land and water.

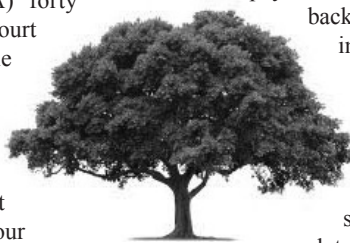
From conversations with City officials, it seems that the City views trees as an expense item, not as the investment which they truly are. An urban forest can be the solution to many ecological problems facing us today.

Two medium-sized trees on a residential lot can provide the oxygen one person needs for a year. On the other hand, cutting down a tree, removing it and replanting it with another tree takes away that benefit for five years, until the new tree reaches the maturity level to begin the process again.

Our urban tree canopy (the area covered by leaves, stems/branches) has been reduced from circa 50% in the 1970s to 20% in 2011.

A recent American Lung Association study listed Cleveland as one of the worst cities for air quality. Poor air quality costs Cleveland economically and the quality of life for its citizens is compromised.

One of the most economical ways to combat air pollution is to plant trees. The USEPA recognizes trees as an acceptable method for reducing concentrations of ozone and particulate matter. Soon, carbon credits will be introduced and cities will be allowed to leverage the asset of their urban tree canopy.



There are several reasons the USEPA sees the planting of trees and an existing urban tree canopy as acceptable ways to combat poor air quality.

- Trees absorb gaseous pollutants such as ozone, nitrogen dioxide and sulfur dioxide.
- Trees help prevent smog formation
- Trees produce oxygen.
- Trees sequester carbon dioxide.
- Trees may assist in reducing the formation of ozone.

Urban forests are being seen as a way to improve air quality efficiently and economically. State and federal air quality standards demand that Cleveland reach a certain level of air quality. This takes significant monetary resources.

The cost of health care for increased asthma, heart disease and cancer caused by poor air quality should also be considered since payment for that care ultimately comes back to the taxpayer. Using trees to improve air quality makes sense economically, socially and ecologically.

As trees age, their ability to scrub and clean the air increases. The increased bark surface captures small particulate matter which is extremely problematic in this area because Cleveland is the midpoint for the interstate system between New York and Chicago. Also many hydrocarbons enter our atmosphere along with particulates which are byproducts of the steel industry and other manufacturers.

Since manufacturing, commerce, and tourism are a huge part of the economic picture in our area and contribute to bad air quality, reforesting our area should be a priority for our city and its citizens. The benefits the community receives from trees far outweigh the costs; allowing trees to die does not benefit anyone.

Be part of the solution instead of the problem; plant a tree! Make sure that when a treelawn or park tree is cut down, it is as a last resort, and that it gets replaced. Insist that City trees be pruned and maintained. Spread the word that investment in trees enhances our neighborhoods economically, socially and ecologically.

Next month I'll discuss how trees can reduce energy consumption in both summer and the winter.

Become a member of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists or certify your backyard as a National Wildlife habitat by emailing [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com) or calling Gloria at 216-351-0254.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

### Jazz Festival from front page

Jazz greats who rest eternally at Riverside Cemetery include Robert Lockwood, Jr., Roberto Ocasio and Robert "Skeets" Ross. Many of greater Cleveland's notable industrialists, land developers, political and cultural forefathers rest eternally at Riverside as well.

Located in the Brooklyn Centre neighborhood of Cleveland, Riverside Cemetery was dedicated in April, 1876. Previously a 102.5 acre farm belonging to Titus Brainard, the land was originally owned by Titus' grandfather, Asa Brainard, who purchased it when he came to the Connecticut Western Reserve from Connecticut in 1814.

The land's position on a bluff overlooking the Cuyahoga River and a valley of farms bordering it suggested the name

### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Riverside Cemetery Jazz Festival

'Riverside'. It was the first major cemetery association on the west side of the Cuyahoga. A dedication ceremony with Governor/ President-elect Rutherford B. Hayes participating took place in November 1876.

Gregory Kapcar is Riverside's current General Manager.

Riverside's Administration Building (1896) and the Stone Chapel (1876) are nationally registered buildings. Read more at [www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org](http://www.riversidecemeterycleveland.org); email [riverside.cemetery@att.net](mailto:riverside.cemetery@att.net) or call 216-351-4800 for more information about the jazz festival. Twitter: @RiversideJazz

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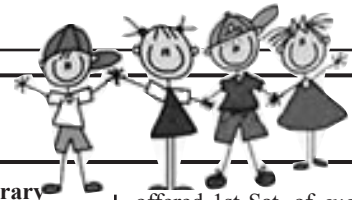
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**Children's Museum of Cleveland**  
10730 Euclid Ave. 216-791-7114  
www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org  
Hours: Mon. - Sun., 10 am - 5 pm. Exhibit areas close 15 min. prior to Museum closing. Cost - \$7, children age 1 - 12; \$6, adults & children 13 & over; free, under 11 months. **"Terrific Tuesdays"** - second Tues. eve. of the month, 5 - 7:30 pm, through 2014. Admission free during this time.

**City of Cleveland Outdoor Pool & Spray Basin Division of Recreation 216-664-2561**  
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**Cleveland Botanical Garden**  
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216-721-1600 www.cb garden.org  
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**Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Reservation - Meadows Picnic Area 440-526-1012**  
**Family Campout** - Sat, Jul. 12th, 5 pm - 11 am. Pitch a tent, make dinner, go on naturalist-led night hike & hang out by a fire. Light breakfast provided Sun. morning. Participants provide tent, sleeping gear & dinner; charcoal grills available. Fee: \$20. Registration begins Jun. 20th. clevelandmetroparks.com.

**Cleveland Metroparks - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd. 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com**  
**Craft from the Past: Toys** - Sun, Jul. 20th, 2 - 3 pm. Learn about toys kids played with in past. Play some old-fashioned games & make a fun toy to take home. Call to register. Fee: \$3.

**Sunday Funday Bike Ride** - Sun, Jul. 27th, 2 - 4 pm. Family-friendly, relaxed pace ride along Canal Towpath. Look for wildlife along the way. Helmet required. Call to register.



**Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center 11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152**  
**Bug Hunt** - Sun, Jul. 20th, 1 - 2 pm. Search for all sorts of bugs during this outdoor safari. Identify some insects & play some insect-themed games.  
**Wiggling Worms** - Sat, Jul. 26th, 10 - 11 am. Bring empty two-liter bottle to turn into mini vermicomposter. **Vermicomposting 101** - Learn how to build & set up your own worm bin from scratch.

**Cleveland Metroparks Hinckley Reservation Ledge Pool & Recreation Area 1151 Ledge Rd. between State & Kellogg Rds. 440-331-8111**

www.clevelandmetroparks.com  
**Dive-In Movie I - Despicable Me - Fri., Jul. 18th, 8 pm; free. Inner tube reservations - \$5, single tubes; \$7, double. No outside floating devices permitted in swimming area. Refreshment available. Call 330-239-2911 for inner tube reservations or more info.**

**2014 swimming season runs through Aug. 1st. Pool Hours** - 11 am - 7 pm. Daily fees to use the pool -- adults, 12 & over, \$5.50; children 6-11, \$4.50; children 5 & under, free; seniors 65 & over, free. Morning & evening parent & child swim classes available.

**Learn to swim program:** \$40 per session with season pass; \$60 all others. Call 440-331-8111 for more info.

**Pool party packages** - special reserved area with picnic tables for up to 3 hours; parties must have at least 10 people. Call 440-239-2911 to schedule party or request pricing on food packages.

**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660**  
**Stinchcomb Concerts** - Thurs., Jul. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st; Stinchcomb Memorial.

**The Watershed Stewardship Center West Creek Reservation 2277 W Ridgewood 440-887-1968**  
**Fishy Fun Drop-by** - Sat, Jul. 5th; 2 - 4:30 pm. All ages can learn some fun fish facts & make colorful fish prints to take home.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo 3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500 clemetzoo.com**  
Admission, now - Oct. 31st. Adult - age 12 & older, \$13; Junior - age 2 - 11, \$9. Open daily 10 am - 5 pm.

**Professor Wylde's Animal Show** - Now - Mon., Sept. 1st; daily 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm. at Savanna Theater. Free with regular Zoo admission.

**Cleveland Museum of Natural History 1 Wade Oval Dr. 216-231-4600 www.cmnh.org**  
Hours: Mon. - Sat., 10 am - 5 pm; Wed., 10 am - 10 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Adults 19 & up, \$12; \$6 after 5 pm on Wed.; Youth 3 - 18, \$10; College students with ID, \$10; Seniors 60 & up or with a Golden Buckeye card, \$10; toddlers 2 & under, free.

**Cleveland Public Libraries South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd. 216-623-7067**  
**Brooklyn Branch, 3706 Pearl Rd. 216-623-6920**  
**Summer Reading Club**

Youth pre-K through 18 eligible to participate; can complete club online with registration at any Cleveland Public Library branch. The theme this year is GET A CLUE - READ! Mystery & problem-solving activities for all ages each week with chance to win prizes & badges at http://readingclub.cpl.org

**South Brooklyn Branch** offers weekly activities Tues. at 2 pm; **Brooklyn Branch**, Wed. at 2 pm. Both branches providing free summer lunch program for children birth to age 18. Now - Aug. 1st; 11:30 am - 12:30 pm; Mon. through Fri. Brooklyn Branch's Youth Service staff will provide assistance for first, second & third grade students to complete the club by reading along with staff member or Y.O.U. summer volunteer. Call Laura or Cathy at 216-623-6920 for more info.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library Parma-Snow Branch 216-661-4240; www.cuyahogalibrary.org 9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.**

**READY. SET. READ.** - now - Sat., Aug. 16th. Customers of all ages welcome.

**Daring to Be Dumbo** - Mon., Jul. 14th; 7 pm.

**Teen Programs** - Wed., Jul. 16th, **TAG Team, 1:30 - 2:15 pm. Grades 6 - 12 & Board Game Day & Wii Play, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, ages 10 - 18.**

**Edgewater Beach - Lakefront Reservation off Route 2 West Shoreway; take Exit 192 Edgewater Fun** - Sat, Jul. 12th; 2 - 4 pm. Afternoon of fun in the sun for families. Play a variety of games to get moving & thinking. Lower Edgewater Shelter area.

**Edgewater Live** - now - Aug. 14th; 5:30 - 8:30 pm; free. Bring blanket or chair & enjoy sunset over Cleveland skyline. Local food trucks. Join Inner Bliss Yoga from 7 - 7:30 pm for free yoga session.

**Jul. 3rd - Filmstrip/Rock.**  
**Jul. 10th - Brigid's Cross/ Celtic / Rock /Irish dancers.**  
**Jul. 17th - Easy Glistening/Yacht Rock.**  
**Jul. 24th - Whiskey Kings/ Rock/Country.**  
**Jul. 31st - Blonde Scott/ Classic rock.**  
**Aug. 7th - Charles Hill, Jr./ Country.**  
**Aug. 14th - Revolution Pie/Beatles Cover Band.**

**Grand Pacific Junction Mill Street & Columbia Rd. ( Rt. 252) Bicentennial Commission Event - Cornerstone Festival:** Fri, Jul. 4th. Family entertainment, food, vendors. All day car show. Bouncy house, magician, face painting. Bands, Tom Fritchen Band, Cleveland's Breakfast Club, The Spazmatics.

**July Honey Fest** - Sat, Jul. 12th; 1 pm. Learn all about honey & honey bees. Bee Beard Sat., 1 pm; rain date -- Sun. same time. Arts & craft booths; ice cream social. Call Linda, 440-774-2710, for more info.



**Hale Farm & Village 2686 Oak Hill Rd., Bath 330-666-3711 halereservations@wrhs.org**  
**Fun on the Farm**, each one hour program consists of craft, story, rhyme or song, snack & visit to museum site. Reservations required. Programs start at 10:30 am. **Babe, the Blue Ox** Fri., Jul. 18th, **The Little Red Hen**, Fri., Jul. 25th. Members: \$8 per child, 1 adult free. Non-members: \$10 per child, 1 adult free. Additional adults: \$5 each.

**Home Depot homeimproverclub.com/kdsworkshops**  
**Build a Bug House** - Sat., Jul. 5th. Workshops

offered 1st Sat. of every month, 9 am - noon. Free hands-on workshops designed for kids ages 5 - 12 at all Home Depot stores.

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

**Animals a la mode - Hiss & Slither** - Fri, Jul. 18th, 1 - 1:30 pm. See live furry, feathery & scaly creatures; ice cream served. Fee: \$4. **"Sun"Day Funday: Family Astronomy Day** - Sun, Jul. 20th; 11 am - 3 pm. Come celebrate our favorite star, the Sun. Planetarium show & hands-on demos, explore ultraviolet light, use sunlight to create a craft & view sun through telescopes & with naked eye. For families with children of all ages. Fee: \$4/person.

**The You-niverse** - For children of all ages. Sat. & Sun., 1:30, 2 & 2:30 pm; in StarLab. Locate moon, find planets, identify constellations & find out how they got their names. Then go home & discover universe in own backyard. Fee: \$3/person.

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**Stearns Homestead Historical Farm - Parma 6975 Ridge Rd 440-845-9770**

www.stearns Homestead.com  
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**Wade Oval Wednesdays University Circle, www.universitycircle.org**

Now - Aug. 27th Free concerts, 6 - 9 pm. Wide variety of live music. Shop local artists, eat & relax in beer & wine garden. Visit www.universitycircle.org or call 216-707-5033 for more info.

**Jul. 2nd**, Carlos Jones & the PLUS Band - Reggae.  
**Jul. 9th**, Nick Tolford & Company - Rock & Roll Soul Band.  
**Movie Night:** Frozen.  
**Jul. 16th**, After Thought & The Nu Soul Band - Dance/Party Music.  
**Jul. 23rd**, Jah Messenger Reggae Band - Reggae.  
**Jul. 30th**, Son Gitano - Latin/Salsa/Rumba.



## THEATER NOTES



**The Lantern Theatre Canal Corners Farm & Market, 7243 Canal Rd. 216-401-5131 www.lanterntheatreohio.com**

**Wingstock 6** - Picnic areas open 5 pm; concerts begin 7 pm. Bring food & drink & dine al fresco in Cuyahoga Valley. Admission: \$10. **Sat., Jul. 12th, Idlewild** - Allman Brothers Tribute  
**Sat., Sept. 13th, Shadow of Doubt** - Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers Tribute  
**Sat., Oct. 4th, Martin & Marshall** - Blues

**The Goblins Will Git You, The Writings of James Whitcomb Riley, Created With Music by Bill Hoffman**, Fri., Jul. 18th - Sun., Aug. 17th; Fri, 7 pm. Sat. & Sun., 2 pm. Running time: 1 hr. Admission: \$12, adults; children 12 & under, \$8.

**Lincoln Park, Tremont Cleveland Shakespeare Festival "Romeo and Juliet"**  
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**First Friday Mass & Eucharistic Adoration** - Fri., Jul. 4th, 8 pm; upper church.

**Cleveland Minutemen for Life Prayer Vigil** - Sat., Jul. 5th, 8:30 am; Cleve. Surgi-Center.

**Legion of Mary Meeting** - Mon, Jul. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th; 7 pm. Parish Center.

**Men's Prayer Group** - Sat., Jul. 12th & 26th, 8:30 am; Parish Center.

**Seniors Monthly Meeting & Luncheon** - Wed., Jul. 9th, 11 am; Marian Lounge.

**Total Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary Sessions** - Mon., Jul. 14th, 21st, 28th; 7:30 pm. Parish office.

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### Restaurant review: Don Gi's Pizzeria/Diner

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
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Barbara and Don Gallimore have been operating Don Gi's Pizzeria at its 2159 Broadview Rd. location for 18 years. Before Don Gi's opened, Barb was a stay-at-home mom with three young children — Matthew, Lori and Mark. Don was a trucker and trainer and was only home one or two days a month.

During this time, Don started purchasing restaurant equipment. His first purchase was a small walk-in freezer and cooler, and then he found a commercial grade oven. He kept the items in storage while he and Barb started looking for locations to rent, starting on Denison Ave. and Lorain Ave. They happened to drive by 2159 Broadview and there was a "for rent" sign in the window. They were able to rent it from the owners Jim Rokakis (former Cuyahoga County Treasurer and Cleveland City Councilmember) and Chris Wygonski (one of the owners of South Hills Hardware).

Don first worked at a pizza shop as a dishwasher when he was twelve years old. The owners took Don under their wings and taught him to make pizza dough, sauce, etc. from scratch. This experience made him fall in love with the business and opening his own pizza parlor became his dream.

Barb said, "We were blessed from the beginning. Business just took off and we had to immediately hire help. It was almost overwhelming, but wonderful." When asked about the secret to their success, Barb responded, "We make our dough fresh every day, make our sauce and our own sausage, and grate our own cheese. Everything is fresh and homemade."

After Don Gi's Pizzeria was open for a year, the building went up for sale and Barb and Don purchased it. About owning a small business, Barb said, "It takes so much hard work and commitment. You have to give 100% and be willing to work long hours. But it's also very rewarding."

Of Old Brooklyn, Barb said, "This neighborhood is so great. We are so blessed; our customers have become our friends. We



Photo courtesy of BarbGallimore  
Barbara and Don Gallimore

watched their kids grow up and have kids. Our customers come from all over. We just had someone drive from Shaker Heights for our pizza. We appreciate all of the loyal customers who have been with us for so many years."

Don Gi's delivery drivers have also been with them for many years. Rick has been there for 18 years and Eddie for 15 years. Barb smiled as she said, "Our drivers go above and beyond. They've been known to go to the store for seniors, Gary has removed wasp nests, and they have genuinely become friends with their delivery customers."

Matthew, their oldest son, works at Don Gi's full-time and younger son Mark works there part-time. Their daughter Lori works for the Cleveland Clinic, on the business end. She is married and has two children; her husband is a Police Officer for Greater Cleveland RTA and they both worked at Don Gi's when they were in college. Lori started dating her husband as a junior in high school and helped get him a job at Don Gi's. Don and Barb have been married for 31 years.

Don Gi's Pizzeria can be reached at 216-739-0880. They are open on Sunday from noon to midnight, Monday through Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to midnight, and Thursday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Both delivery in the Old Brooklyn area and carry out are available.

### 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.

**Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meeting** - St. James Church, 4771 Broadview Rd, Mon., Jul 1. 1st, 7 pm. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Jul. 8th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

**Ward 13 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Jul. 15th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.



Barbara Gallimore is also a breast cancer survivor. She admonishes women, "Please get your routine mammograms. They caught my cancer when it was only Stage 1.

I would have never caught it doing a self exam. I had to go through chemo and it was scary. But March 2015 will mark three years of being cancer free." Three years is an important benchmark, the chances of the cancer returning are greatly reduced.

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