

Reopened Treadway Creek Trail tops list of recent recreation rehabs

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Old Brooklyn's quality selection of recreation and green space received another boost on Friday, May 23rd, when the Treadway Creek Trail at Harmody Park (1700 Mayview Ave.) officially reopened. Ward 12 Council member Tony Brancatelli hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony; Ward 13 Council member Kevin Kelley and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation executive director Jeffrey Verespej had scissors on the ribbon, too. The trail had been closed to repair a fissure on the path which was caused by erosion.

The Treadway Creek Trail is a neighborhood connector path, part of the Ohio & Erie Canalway which provides direct access for Old Brooklyn residents to the Towpath Trail. The Trail is now almost completely

continuous between Cuyahoga Valley National Park and Lake Erie.

The Treadway Trail reopening is not the only piece of good news for recreation in our area. Additional improvements are being made to Estabrook Recreation Center and the baseball fields at Loew Park.

This past autumn, winter and spring saw Estabrook receive a new parking lot, roof and boiler system; improvements are well underway on the swimming pool, which needed a new heater.

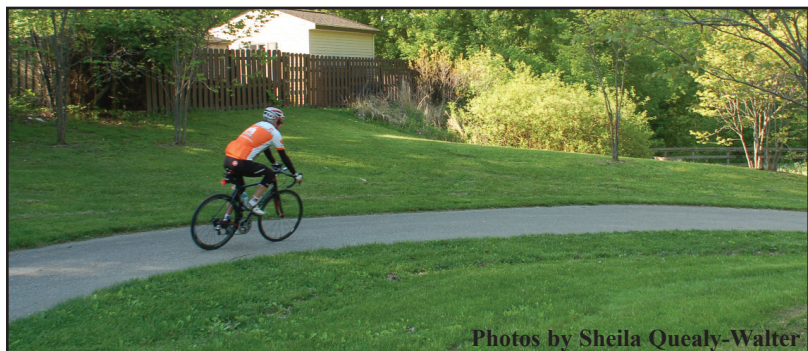
Just in time for summer, baseball games at Loew Park this year will enjoy a new and improved field. The drainage was corrected, wood on the bleachers was replaced, new fencing was added, and the ball fields were regraded. Also, there will be a new rubber composite surface on Loew Park's playground.

Cyclists should be equally excited about riding in the neighborhood.

Bike lanes are a major part of the City's



Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli, along with Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's executive director Jeffrey Verespej and neighborhood kids, hosted the ribbon-cutting ceremony at Harmody Park.



Photos by Sheila Quealy-Walter

The first cyclist to head down the reopened Treadway Creek Trail was also the first cyclist to head down it when it originally opened.

Capital Improvements Plan, with Denison Ave. receiving bike lanes as part of its resurfacing this summer and Pearl Rd. slated to receive bike lanes in the near future as well. Other all purpose trails in place include over two miles of paved paths at Brookside Reservation.

So whether it is taking an excursion down the Treadway Creek Trail to the Towpath, watching your child's tee ball game at Loew Park, or enjoying a leisurely picnic and stroll through Brookside Reservation, there are recreational opportunities awaiting every Old Brooklyn resident this summer.

Old Brooklyn finally celebrating bicentennial - V

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I changed the headline from 'looking to' the bicentennial to 'celebrating' the bicentennial in my Brooklyn Township history article this month. No longer are we looking to the bicentennial; we are right in the middle of it.

In case anyone was wondering, the publishing of the Arcadia book of vintage Old Brooklyn photos from past decades has been delayed. Although it didn't get printed in time for the Pop UP Pearl event on Saturday, May 17th (as we had reported that it would be), the majority of the summer -- and half the bicentennial year -- are still ahead of us.

So more history-related displays and/or activities could follow, including the release of the book.

In re-reading what I've already written about the original Brooklyn Township, it occurred to me that the names of the earliest settlers in the vicinity of the Big Creek Valley -- Foote, Fish, Hinckley, Brainerd, Gates, Busch, Schaaf -- are repeatedly mentioned, but so many other names just slip by.

An easy way to come up with the names of others is to walk through our oldest cemeteries and look at the names on the headstones, and/or read the street name signs,



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Lisa Nemeth

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If you have been to *Pop UP Pearl*, *Wings & Things Cookoff*, *Third Fridays* at W. 78th Street Studios, the Warehouse District Festival, and/or local craft shows you have witnessed Lisa Nemeth at work. Through her company, Northcoast Promotions, Inc. (celebrating its 10th anniversary this year), she manages vendors for all of these events and more. Lisa has also been a homeowner in Old Brooklyn for the past 22 years.

Lisa moved to her Old Brooklyn home in 1992; her brother lived on W. 36th St. at the time and she fell in love with the neighborhood during frequent visits with him. Before moving to Old Brooklyn Lisa owned a home in the W. 130th St. area. She married her husband Greg Nemeth in 1993 and they raised two children at their Pensacola home. Their children attended St. Mary Byzantine School and Lisa and Greg continue to be members there. Lisa got her start organizing events by being involved at craft shows and fundraisers for the church and school — Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc.

Before launching Northcoast Promotions, Lisa worked at NASA as a Tool Crib Attendant, which is a gatekeeper to tools and supplies. She was the first woman to run a Tool Crib in the country. Lisa said, "I learned so much from working at NASA that helped me be a successful business owner. The organizational skills were especially critical to my success". She helped support the Old Rocket Lab, Zero Gravity Chamber, New Rocket Lab and South 40 at NASA. She worked there from 1988-1996, then left to raise their children.

In 1997, Lisa started attending craft shows as a vendor; she made tie dye t-shirts, handmade chocolates, and her 'hit' custom switch plate covers. Lisa then started helping to organize the craft shows and got involved in an Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation-sponsored event called *Music on Main Street*.

Lisa observed that the church and school shows were very inconsistent because they

were run by volunteers. So Northcoast Promotions was born on April 15, 2004. Lisa started with six shows a year, and this year she is managing 54 shows! She developed a formula for all of her events, big and small, and manages vendors in an organized and consistent manner.



Photo by: Jayme Lucas-Bukszar
Lisa Nemeth, Northcoast Promotions

Lisa was afraid to pay herself for the first five years, but now pays herself and has three staff on payroll. She notes, "The support companies we work with, such as our payroll company, tech support, accounting firm and other consultants, are all female-owned businesses. I didn't intend for that to happen; it just worked out that way. It's wonderful to have Cleveland women supporting each other."

Lisa's goal of having the shows be self sufficient not only to run themselves but also to pay company expenses has been achieved. She advertises in the *Plain Dealer*, *Scene Magazine*, *Facebook* and their website. She said she loves working with the City of Cleveland and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) and feels very connected to the neighborhood through our events. She added, "I'm excited about being involved in Old Brooklyn's Bicentennial; it's important to be part of this milestone."

In addition to OBCDC's events, (i.e., *Wings & Things Cookoff* on June 26th; *Pierogi Fest* on July 1st, and *Burger Fest* on August 14th, be sure to check out *Third Fridays* at West 78th Street Studios, the *Warehouse District Festival* and Cleveland's *Octoberfest*. More information about Northcoast Promotions can be found online at www.northcoastpromo.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/northcoastpromo.

From the desk of the executive director

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Cleveland neighborhoods face a new normal, and one that needs to be served by an evolved community development model. This new normal relates to the economic changes in the 21st Century; the former geo-community structure of "City-State-Country" no longer represents how economies grow, populations migrate or communities compete.

The new way we think and move is via "Neighborhood-Region-Globe" which means that Old Brooklyn, like every other neighborhood and community, must become competitive and complementary to both the Northeast Ohio economy and the global market. While information and the flow of goods become more international every day, communities are also transforming into hyper-local, social and economic hubs.

This juxtaposition requires both a look back and a look forward. The demand for walkable, mixed-use districts is in great demand; a recent conversation with a real estate agent active in Old Brooklyn explained that Walk Scores are required on all of his listings now.

That sense of place desired by residents and visitors recalls a time of mom-and-pop shops before refrigerated shipping and globalized manufacturing were in our lexicon. The upcoming Pearl Rd. streetscape improvements will bring increased opportunities for pedestrian and cycling activities which assist in creating a vibrant, mixed-use, multi-modal environment.

While the demand for goods, services and food becomes more local, the flow of information has never been more global. The existing initiative to provide free wireless in Ward 13 has a tremendous impact for our community to connect for education, employment and entertainment. Layering that initiative with partnerships between neighborhood schools, service

providers and families will continue to allow Old Brooklyn to compete both within Northeast Ohio and beyond.

Fortunately, Old Brooklyn is well-positioned to meet those complex challenges due to historical neighborhood assets and community leadership. However, the work is not simple and requires innovation at a time when existing resources — both financial and human capital — are stretched thin.

To meet these needs, we must build strong and comprehensive partnerships with shared initiatives and visions. In addition, the opportunities must be met with services that place equal emphasis on business and residential development *and* marketing and community engagement. Innovative examples, both from within Old Brooklyn and beyond our neighborhood, prove that a balanced approach building off existing assets can lead to future investments and a safer, healthier and better-connected community.

Over the past two months of my being Executive Director, every conversation in which I've engaged has revolved around these same themes — vitality, partnerships and engagement. Our residents, businesses and institutions believe in the future of Old Brooklyn as an even stronger community than exists today.

It is only through partnerships that we can leverage our strengths to create more demand for our storefronts and homes. The power of that desire combined with our strong assets of quality schools, world-class parks and attractions, health care facilities and intergenerational businesses can help Old Brooklyn become the global neighborhood it can and must become.



Black Drum Barbeque is Cleveland made

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Lifelong residents Joseph Dooley and Robert Curtis made quite the splash at Pop UP Pearl with their new company "Black Drum Barbeque". They heated up their smoker at 8:00am and cooked over 150 pounds of meat; a combination of brisket and pulled pork. Black Drum Barbeque was sold at by 6:00pm, selling over 260 sandwiches. Joe and Rob want to give a special thanks to their better halves Cassie Seiter and Amanda Curtis for their help at the event. And their most popular seller, a sandwich with one half brisket and

the community. Joe grew up on Spokane and purchased his family home; Rob grew up on Muriel and currently lives on Burger Avenue. Rob currently works for an architectural firm and Joe does H/VAC repairs for the Cleveland Clinic.

About Old Brooklyn, Joe said, "We are honored to be part of Old Brooklyn's Bicentennial celebration. The community has given us such great feedback. I was walking down Spokane the other day and a neighbor stopped her car, rolled down the window and yelled that our barbeque was the best she ever had and drove off! How amazing".



one half pulled pork was the brainchild of a volunteer, C.J. who works at the Memphis Avenue Dairy Queen.

Joe and Rob have been certified "Kansas City Barbeque Society" judges since 2010, and together they have judged in over 10 competitions across the country. Their dream is a storefront in Old Brooklyn; with their ingredients purchased locally. The buns served at Pop UP Pearl were German hard rolls from Michael's Bakery (4478 Broadview Rd), the cole slaw was handmade onsite with ingredients from The Basketeria at the West Side Market. Joe said of Michael's Bakery, "They were so accommodating and wonderful to work with! They made the buns the day before Pop UP Pearl so they were super fresh. The buns were perfect".

Black Drum Barbeque is planning to be at *Wings & Things Cookoff* on June 26, 2014 and to sell sandwiches at the corner of Memphis and Pearl once a month. Check their facebook page for updates. Joe and Rob also do community oriented events including cooking turkeys for Thanksgiving and Father's Day at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church. They are lifelong Old Brooklyn residents who want to give back to

Rob said that fresh ingredients are the key to a good barbeque and noted, "Successful small business owners love what they do, are happy at work, and take pride in their products. We can't wait to launch a restaurant in Old Brooklyn". Joe adds, "It feels like it's getting ready to boom in Old Brooklyn. All of our friends have moved back and we see so much potential for growth".

Black Drum Barbeque specializes in chicken, turkey, pulled pork, brisket, and shoulder clod (shoulder cut with the front quarter). They do dry rubs, a mustard sauce with Bertman's mustard, a whiskey sauce with Cleveland Whiskey, and a smokey Memphis style sauce. They have smoked over a ton and a half of meat in the past three years and look forward to smoking even more in Old Brooklyn. They smoke with apple wood and charcoal and cook beef and pork on average for 12-15 hours. They look forward to more feedback and hope everyone will check out their facebook page to see where they will be popping up.

Joe and Rob would like to give a special thanks to Old Brooklyn residents Mike Gali and Melanie Hudson Gali for creating their logo and for their branding assistance.

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Ben Franklin Garden 'open for the season'

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Chairman, BFG Committee

While not actually in the Garden, the last few months have seen a great deal of activity for the Garden.

The Garden held its annual fundraiser on Saturday, April 26th. The event was well attended by gardeners, co-gardeners, friends and family. It featured a Chinese basket raffle, a 50/50 raffle and sideboards. Once again local merchants and businesses went 'above and beyond' donating goods and services for the event. Over 70 prizes were available. Barbara Boyd became the big winner of the night when she claimed the 50/50 raffle.

The real big winner, though was the Garden. The fundraiser was the result of many volunteer hours put in by committee members. Among other things, members solicited donations, sold tickets, collected donations and baked desserts. The success that was achieved was a testament to the hard work and the planning that was involved.

Just a few days later, on Wednesday, April 30th, the Gardeners gathered for the annual kickoff meeting. At it they were introduced to OBCDC's new Executive Director, Jeff Vurespy, who had a few words of greeting for the gardeners.

Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli also attended the meeting. The Councilman spoke of the good work done at the Garden and promised to fix the potholes.

KeyBank volunteers descended on the Garden May 14th for the 24th annual *Neighbors Make the Difference Day*. The event encourages KeyBank employees to go out into their neighborhoods and volunteer for non-profit organizations.

Intermittent showers kept many volunteers away this year but the sixteen who did come helped clean up the Garden, move compost and spread straw, etc. Their help was very much appreciated.

The Ben Franklin Garden was one of twenty stops on the 2014 *Pedal for Prizes*



event on May 17th. Free drinks were provided and hot dogs were sold to the cyclists who were happy to grab a dog and "run".

Perhaps the most exciting news coming out of the Garden is the hiring of two Garden Co-ordinators. This year Steve Sass and Greg Noeth will share the duties.

Greg has been gardening at Ben Franklin for 18 years. Gardening is his hobby along with his chosen profession of architecture. He has been serving on the operating committee since October but will resign his position to avoid conflict.

Steve is new to Ben Franklin but is a long-time gardener. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science along with a Teaching Certification. He has been the owner/operator of a landscape service for the past 38 years.

Both men bring skill and drive to the position and BFGC is happy to have them on staff.

In the last few weeks of May the attention has been on readying the Garden for planting. Extensive rain delayed the tilling of the Garden, but the soil dried out sufficiently to ensure the tractor would not get mired in the mud.

After the tilling was complete two crews of volunteer gardeners staked out the garden plots. After the raising of the flag onto the flagpole the Garden was open.

Whether you garden at Ben Franklin, in the backyard, or have a potted tomato plant on your porch, you know the feeling of anticipation. The label on the tomato plant says "Matures in 75 days". Time will tell.



Photo by Sandy Worona

Once again local merchants and businesses went 'above and beyond' donating goods and services for the event. There were three tables of Chinese basket raffles.

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City of Cleveland has open burning regulations

by Cleveland Division of Air Quality

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

What is open burning?

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

Why does Cleveland prohibit open burning?

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

What material can never be open burned?

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

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

Where is burning illegal?

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

What types of open burning are allowed?

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



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

What open burning requires a permit?

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

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

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

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

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

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As I work on putting this June issue together over Memorial Day weekend, it's looking like spring has finally arrived, and feeling as though summer will arrive in reality (not just on the calendar) later this month.

A big bunny has been nibbling the grass in my — and neighbors' — yards; the trees are filled with the sounds of birds, some of which I've never heard before; and a pair of mallard ducks have been intermittently perching on the edge of another neighbor's swimming pool, and 'honking'.

After reading that it might sound like the Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods have already achieved National Wildlife Federation status as a *Certified National Wildlife Community*. But I checked with **Gloria Ferris of Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** which spearheaded the drive, and they still need twelve 'backyard habitats' to push them to the top.

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 for more information.

And since I'm on the topic of the great outdoors, I very much regret that we didn't publish the reopening date of the Treadway Creek Trail in last month's newspaper. The decision to hold it on the Friday evening of Memorial Day weekend came up quickly, and OBCDC had to get the news out on its website and by word-of-mouth and emails.

(Especially now that the warm weather is here, it's a good time to mention regularly checking www.oldbrooklyn.com for updates about community activities.)

If you haven't already done so, read the article on the first page for a summary of the reopening. While it was just a small event, two of our partners, **Honey Hut Ice Cream and Friends of Big Creek (FOBC)**, made it extra-special by handing out treats — chocolate and vanilla ice cream from Honey Hut and little bags of trail mix from FOBC. We thank them for being there; just seeing the Honey Hut

truck at **Harmody Park** put everyone in a festive mood!

The Sunday of Memorial Day weekend, too, turned out to be special for the neighborhood, but in a different way. **Mary Queen of Peace Church (MQP)** blessed and dedicated the 'new-to-them' **pipe organ** from Georgetown University (details of which appeared on page 1 of the March issue of the Old Brooklyn News).

Noted musician James David Christie, head of the organ department at Oberlin College and organist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, played a variety of pieces which demonstrated the instrument's amazing range of capabilities.

Sunday, May 25th was also the day on which **Fr. Scott Goodfellow**, the deacon who'd been assigned to Mary Queen of Peace on weekends during the past school year, celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with the parishioners who'd helped him with his last year of training for the Catholic priesthood.

Fr. Scott was ordained on Saturday, May 17th, at St. John Cathedral and celebrated his first Mass the following day at his home parish, St. Joseph's, Avon Lake. This past Sunday was the first time he offered Mass at MQP. Fr. Scott's first assignment as a priest will begin later this month at Saints Robert & William Church, 367 E. 260th St. in Euclid (formed from the merger of the two individual parishes which bore those names).

Among other things, Mary Queen of Peace parishioners are now looking forward to their next big event, the fourth **Party on the Piazza**, starting at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 21st. Among the evening's events are 'small plates', wine tasting, a silent auction and a wine pull. What a way to usher in the vernal equinox!

Tickets to *Party on the Piazza* cost \$45 each, and only a limited number will be sold. The event has traditionally been a sell-out, so if you want to attend, call the church, 216-747-2323, to reserve yours.

Cleveland's third Mass Mob also took place on Sunday, May 25th, at St. Adalbert Church, 2349 E. 83rd St.; like the two Mass Mobs which preceded it, it was well-attended.

The **next Mass Mob** will be on Sunday, June 8th, (Pentecost) at 11 a.m. at **St. Colman Church**, 2027 W. 65th St.

Mass Mobs for upcoming months have also been scheduled. Visit <http://cleveland-massmob.blogspot.com> or www.facebook.com/cleveland.massmob for details.

And please notify us if you have information to share in this column.

In memoriam -- Carol J. Lade

In today's mobile society, it is virtually unheard of for someone to live his/her entire life within the same few blocks, much less in the same house. But for 90 years, that is what Carol Lade of Broadale Ave. did.

Except for two years when she lived around the corner with one of her grandmothers, and the last couple months of her life spent in three different nursing homes, the 1941 graduate of James Ford Rhodes High School lived in her childhood home on Broadale Ave.

Carol unexpectedly passed from this life on Saturday, May 17th. The cause of death was a sudden onset of kidney failure. Almost till the very end, Carol maintained the active lifestyle for which her family and friends knew her.

The subject of our March, 2010 *Community Spotlight* (available to read online at www.oldbrooklyn.com), Carol was also indirectly featured in the *Old Brooklyn News* through her watercolor painting Christmas cards; painting was a hobby she took up in her later years. We pictured the most recent one on the cover of our December, 2013 issue.

Retired from job as a clerk at Cleveland City Hall since 1980, during her long life Carol also enjoyed photography, travel and research-

ing her family's roots. She was a member of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn and the South Hills Association and had photographed many of our neighborhood's old structures in past decades. Carol also volunteered as a docent at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Perhaps the involvement for which Carol was best known, however, was her zeal for helping (former Cleveland Mayor and former United States Congressman) Dennis Kucinich with his political campaigns. She was a volunteer extraordinaire, and Dennis Kucinich took a break from his busy Washington schedule to deliver a beautiful eulogy at her funeral service.

Carol was also good friends with former OBCDC executive director and current Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins and his family. Brian arranged for Cleveland City Council to issue a proclamation to mark Carol's passing.

An only child, Carol was never married, but she does leave behind a few cousins, their children and their spouses, as well as the friends with whom she filled her life.

Till we meet again, rest in peace, Carol. And thanks for all you did to make our neighborhood a better place.



COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Brooklyn Genealogy Club meeting, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. (at Roadoan), Sun., Jun. 1st; 2 pm. Program: Amanda Epperson speaking about *Maps and Family History*. For information about group, email Ann Wojtowicz at wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com.

Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn, Tues., Jun. 10th; plant sale in lieu of meeting. See details in *News & Events* listings, or call Barb, 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.

Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meeting - Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd, Mon., Jun. 2nd, 7 pm. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

Second District Police Community Relations meeting, Tues., Jun. 10th (& 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., Jun. 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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MetroHealth Transformation

MetroHealth Transformation is far, far more than the name of a new web site hosted by the MetroHealth System (MetroHealth). It is the process by which MetroHealth will reconstitute itself as a health provider, a physical campus and an economic development stimulator. After many years of piecemeal plans and visionary talk, Dr. Akram Boutros, MetroHealth Medical Center CEO, has given the direct order to commence comprehensive planning and begin demolition of failing buildings.

Dr. Boutros has noted that the structural failure of several buildings and the cam-

pus heating system in this past January's subzero weather threatened hospital patient evacuation on two occasions. He concluded that repairing antiquated buildings is a bad investment and does not keep pace with the technological advancement in health care delivery.

The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees and Dr. Boutros are launching a three-part process which will define the new MetroHealth campus.

First, experts will be engaged to outline the health services and delivery methods for those services. The emphasis will be on building state-of-the-art health care while bringing that care to the consumers wherever possible, rather than making consumers come to the main campus. This will include medical house calls when that is the best option for patients. MetroHealth's primary mission is healthcare and that focus will not change.

The second part of the process is making a campus that is open and welcoming to the community. That will result in a campus with green spaces and park-like amenities which will be open to neighborhood and visitor use beyond immediate health care services.

That could include indoor and outdoor exercise facilities, public cafes and entertainment venues. The vision here is that good health care is not limited to treating illness but must foster healthy living; therefore the campus must be open and useable.

The third part is the economic development piece. MetroHealth believes that the millions of dollars that will be invested in the demolition and new construction of the main campus must generate private investment in the neighborhood. The planning process will include public input and coordination with the area community development corporations.

Much like the emerging model for campus developments of universities, the goal is to include commercial and residential development both on the campus and adjacent to the campus. This should result in the underutilized and vacant buildings near the campus being restored or replaced by new development.

This will give credence to plans to develop a Hispanic Village which has been a goal of several of the Hispanic-American organizations/Hispanic-Americans who populate the Near West Side.

The Old Brooklyn MetroHealth campus will benefit from this transformation. Over the past eight years, over \$60 million has been invested in the Old Brooklyn campus. While demolition and new construction is

not anticipated on this campus, it is likely that additional health care services will be located in Old Brooklyn. The vacant professional building fronting the parking garage on Pearl Rd. could be retrofitted for medical or administrative services. And the conversion of the surface parking lot on Pearl to a park could be part of the campus welcoming initiative which MetroHealth supports.

The overall planning process is expected to be complete by the end of this year. MetroHealth has pledged to do this without seeking any additional Cuyahoga County tax payer support. Funds will be generated from revenue sources and traditional loans and/or bonds. The overall plan will prioritize the specific demolition and construction schedule and that will trigger the preparation of specific building construction blueprints.

MetroHealth is 175 years old this year. The founders could not have imagined that it would grow to this size and the complexity of health care service delivery which has evolved. This comprehensive master plan will serve the people of Cuyahoga County and succeeding generations for many, many years.

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Worried you’ve got bed bugs

by Jayme Lucas Bukszar
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Source: interview with John Young

John Young, the owner of Speed Exterminating, said that their company handles many bed bug issues every week but does not see the problem as an epidemic. He added, “When you see a bug, don’t panic. Get it properly identified before spending lots of money or time. You can bring a bug to us or to any other reputable exterminating company and they can tell you whether or not it’s a bed bug. If you do have bed bugs, deal with a reputable company and check reviews on Angie’s List and Better Business Bureau ratings. Don’t just go for the lowest price”.

There are effective “do it yourself” products, but the key is to be very thorough and hot wash and hot dry everything which can be washed (i.e., bedding, clothes, toys, pillows, etc.) And whether you’re doing it yourself or using a professional exterminating company, it will likely take a couple of applications to eliminate the problem.

According to John, when bed bugs reemerged, they were resistant to commonly sold insecticides. However, environmentally-friendly products which work have been developed. One of the more effective over-the-counter products is Pyrethrin, which is a natural product refined from chrysanthemums. Diatomaceous earth is a dust that kills bed bugs, fleas and cock roaches. However, being a dust it can be messy. Diatomaceous earth is made from the remains of diatoms, which are tiny organisms that lived in rivers, streams, lakes and oceans. Whichever product you choose, be sure to get proper advice and thoroughly apply the product.

Bed bugs are “hitch hikers”; they are attracted to people by carbon dioxide (what exhale) and heat. They are nocturnal and they only crawl, meaning that they don’t jump or

fly. They tend to be transported on fabrics so if you stay in a hotel, hot wash and hot dry your clothes before putting them away. Heat kills bed bugs and eggs. Also, if someone stays at your house, hot wash and hot dry the bedding shortly after they leave.

Bed bugs can be anywhere (e.g., restaurants, movie theaters, etc.), but it is not likely that they will be active in these environments because they are too noisy and bright. Bed bugs are active in quiet and dark spaces. And, because they can only crawl, they tend to live near where people sleep.

Insecticides often don’t kill eggs, making multiple applications necessary. Speed Exterminating does three treatments; the second treatment after seven days and the third two weeks after the second treatment. Because treatments can be costly, be sure to have bed bugs positively identified before exterminating.



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(b) The following constitutes a Dog Nuisance:
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(2) A dog which scratches or digs in or urinates upon any lawn, tree, shrub, plant, building or any other public or private property other than the property of the dog's owner.

(c) On complaint of any person to the police that a dog nuisance has occurred or is continuing, a police officer or dog warden shall issue notice of such complaint to the owner.

(d) Any person who fails to abate a dog nuisance after having received a notice shall be guilty of creating a dog nuisance. Each day constitutes a separate offense.

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Section 209.01 - Nuisance Plants, Refuse & Surface Water

Nuisance Plants, Refuse and Surface Water
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- (1) Grass over 8 inches in height.
- (2) Noxious weeds.
- (3) Refuse including trash, junk, garbage, food waste, animal waste and tires.
- (4) Stagnant surface water.

Call Cleveland’s Health Dept., 216-664-2300.



Garden Walk 2014 update



The GardenWalk committee again asked Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre to participate in GardenWalk 2014 on Saturday, July 12th, and Sunday, July 13th; only Old Brooklyn has accepted the invitation this year. Approximately 15 gardeners and their gardens will participate. Contact Tamara Sims, Old Brooklyn Coordinator, by email at tmrsm5@gmail.com or by phone at 216-394-4318 if you would like to enter your garden.

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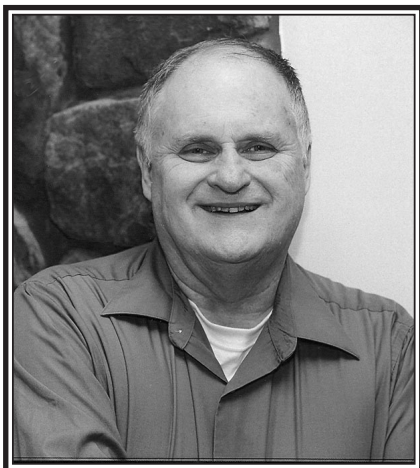


The City of Cleveland's 25th annual Senior Day

The information below has been adapted from the City of Cleveland's Department of Aging publication for the 2014 Senior Day. The booklet is titled *25th Annual Senior Day "Recognizing Outstanding Cleveland Seniors"*.

Every year since 1963, the Federal Administration on Aging has designated the month of May as "Older Americans Month" to celebrate the vitality and aspirations of older adults and their contributions to the community.

Senior Day was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th, at the Cleveland Convention Center. At it the City of Cleveland and Mayor Frank Jackson recognized nineteen seniors, one from each of the City's wards, who've contributed to the betterment of the community. They represent the thousands of local seniors who continue to devote their time and effort to making Cleveland a good place to live, work, raise a family and grow older.



Ronald Brady; Ward 12

Nominated by Council Member Anthony Brancatelli, Ward 12

Mr. Ronald Brady grew up in Lakewood and has resided in his Cleveland home for nearly forty years. He is married to Linda and has three daughters and one son.

Mr. Brady attended undergraduate school at Miami University and graduated from Case Western Reserve with a Masters in Psychology. He had a rewarding 45 year career with Cleveland Metropolitan School District. He began his career by starting the first Special Education Programs at Glenville High School

and James Ford Rhodes High School. In 1974, he implemented the Special Education program at Lincoln West. He taught students with orthopedic and developmental disabilities at Lincoln West until his retirement in 2010.

In 1991, a landfill opened in close proximity of Mr. Brady's home. While the landfill was closed in 2003, currently there are efforts to reopen the landfill and to expand the acreage. Ronald fears environmental damage could occur if the landfill is reopened. He has continuously fought for the past four years against the reopening.

Mr. Brady has completed extensive research of public records from the Cleveland Department of Health and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He has created an 80 slide power point presentation highlighting the effects and management of the Bradley landfill. He has presented this information to the Ohio EPA and various community groups including the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, Cleveland Board of Zoning Appeals, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, and the Brooklyn City Council.

In his spare time, Ronald enjoys wood-working. Examples of his fine work include blanket chests, picnic tables and salad bowls. He is a parishioner at St. Leo the Great Church on Broadview Road. Ronald is committed to the Ward 12 community.

Nominated by Council Member Kevin J. Kelley, Ward 13

Mr. George Jicha, Sr. grew up in Cleveland and has resided in the Old Brooklyn area for over 30 years. He is a graduate of West Tech High School. He is the widower of Mildred and has four children, Debora Binkley, George Jicha Jr., Paula Domzalski and Judy Lewis.

Mr. Jicha served in the United States Navy and was stationed at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Virginia. He was responsible for ensuring that the Petty Officers spent the correct time on sea and shore duty, rotating them as appropriate. Upon leaving the Navy, Mr. Jicha returned to Cleveland and became a manager at Sherwin Williams. After leaving Sherwin Williams, he helped open the Cadillac Tank Plant, retiring from this company. George then opened Jay Office Supply on Broadway and worked there until its closing in 1994.

Mr. Jicha believes that it is important to serve one's community. He joined the Kiwanis more than 15 years ago and has held several leadership roles including: President, Lieutenant Governor of the Division and Chairman of Scholarships. While serving as President, he helped raise \$15,000 for portable defibrillators that were placed in James Rhodes and Brooklyn High Schools. He also raised money for a street clock to be installed on Pearl Road. At the clock's unveiling he received a proclamation from the Mayor. Kiwanis is very



George J. Jicha, Sr.; Ward 13

active in the community and especially with causes for children. They also sponsor two events annually, the Fall-O'ween Festival and Cookies with Santa. Mr. Jicha played Santa for many years, retiring from this responsibility last year.

Mr. Jicha is very patriotic. He has a 20 foot flag pole in front of his house and flies the flag every day. George likes setting and accomplishing goals. His current goal is to make one person smile a day. In his spare time, George enjoys refinishing old furniture and gardening. While he does not travel as much as he used to, he enjoys an annual trip with his children. This year they traveled to Las Vegas.

Bicentennial -V from front page

starting from Ohio City and moving south along Pearl Rd./W. 25th St.

Barber Ave., for instance, was named in honor of Josiah Barber, one of the land agents who was responsible for the sale of parcels in the original Brooklyn Township.

In 1809, when the last division of land in the Western Reserve was made in Connecticut, Josiah; his father-in-law, Samuel Lord; and his brother-in-law, Richard Lord, purchased the portion of land along the western border of the Cuyahoga River, south from the Lake, from the Connecticut Land Company.

The trio formed the Lord & Barber Realty Company, had the land surveyed and began selling properties to new settlers.

In 1818, Josiah built a log house on the trail/Cleveland-Columbus-Cincinnati stage-

coach route which is now the corner of W. 25th St. and Franklin Ave. (Eventually he replaced it with the first brick house in Cleveland.)

Given the availability of every piece of land to him, Barber's property must have been a prime piece of real estate, overlooking the Cuyahoga Valley as it did. I believe that our Brooklyn Township settlers 'south of the Big Creek Valley' would have bought their farm land from him.

Josiah was increasingly active in the politics of Brooklyn Township; his signature was the first on the 1820 elector list in the Original Brooklyn Township Ledger which resurfaced late in 1995. (Unfortunately, the articles about it in the January and February 1995 *Old Brooklyn News* are not online. My hope is that sometime in the future every issue of the *Old Brooklyn News* will be.)

W. C. Reed remediation project moving along

by Gloria Ferris
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

On Tuesday, June 20th, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) held an informational meeting to update the neighbors and surrounding Brooklyn Centre community about what has been happening at W. C. Reed Park, 1700 Denison Ave. The Park, which is located behind Horizon Science Academy, has been closed since August 2012, due to the findings in soil samples which were taken in anticipation of the Park's renovation.

USEPA On-site Coordinator James Justice based his 45-minute power point presentation on questions received from the community over the past few months about the two-phase project —

Phase One (remediation of the Park) will begin as soon as Horizon Science Elementary School breaks for summer. It is planned for completion by September 2014.

Phase Two, which will address the residential properties facing the Park, will begin in July 2014, and will go on until all impacted properties are addressed.

The City hopes to have the renovation finished by the spring/summer of 2015 if possible. Weather is a large component of how long the project will take/when it will be completed.

At the meeting, several consultants, Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli and several City officials joined Coordinator Justice to assist in fielding residents' questions after the formal presentation.

Councilman Brancatelli assured the audience that he would work with the USEPA, City, and Adam Gifford of Stockyard, Clark Fulton, and Brooklyn Centre Community Development Office to create a Master Timeline which could then be adjusted according to weather conditions and other reasons for changing it. He appeared confident that together all parties would make sure that the neighborhood and impacted residents would be kept informed.

One major outcome of the meeting was learning that out of the 35 properties already tested for Poly Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) contamination, 2/3 have tested higher than the Ohio EPA accepted standard. Mr. Justice said that 36 properties still need to have their soil sampled. Anyone who lives in this area and still needs their soil sampled should call Ginny Narsete, Community Involvement Coordinator, at 312-886-4359 or email her at narsete.virginia@epa.gov for instructions.

PAHs can be transmitted through the air or be a byproduct from burning coal, oil, gas and garbage. In the case of W.C. Reed Park, it is believed to be more likely that the contamination is due to industrial debris in the landfill.



The PAHs concentrations were found to be more extensive in the below-the-surface samples rather than the surface soil samples.

Although the USEPA does not have any information on studies which show how humans react to PAHs, the Department of Health and Human Services has determined that some PAHs may cause cancer. Therefore, extreme caution will be taken when cleaning up the area. There will be five air-monitoring stations and one mobile unit maintained throughout the cleanup which will monitor pm 2.5 and PAHs daily. Water will be used to keep the dust level down. Depending on prevailing winds, work may be stopped at any time due to proximity to area homes.

Since quite a bit of conversation at other public meetings was related to drainage issues, the USEPA hired an engineer to study the Park and assess the natural drainage pattern. He identified five drainage areas and created a drainage design which takes many factors into consideration.

The Park will be re-graded to slope away from residents' yards so that it will be lower than the adjacent back yards; thus, if there is pooling of water it should happen within the Park. There also will be an underground water retention pond at the northeast corner of the Park. No water will be above ground; it will be stored in underground piping until it moves through the ground. The underground retention pond is designed for a 50-year storm.

Truck traffic will not be on residential streets during the Park phase of the project. An entrance to the Park at the southeast corner will be used and the trucks will enter the highway at Route-176. Each day the truck tires will be washed before leaving the Park property.

The permeable barrier material mentioned at other public meetings will not be used. It has been replaced by a construction material called a marking barrier. Several construction companies told Mr. Justice that a marking barrier (which appears to be an orange plastic) will be sufficient. Since PAHs historically do not rise to the surface, this marking barrier should be adequate to keep the new soil relatively separate from the contaminated soil.

Trees continue to be an issue but Councilman Brancatelli stated several times that for every tree lost at least two will replace it. It appears that the century oak at the northwest corner of the park will be saved by using a tree well. The top two-to-six inches of soil will be of an enriched composition so that vegetation will have a better chance of surviving.

For more information check out www.epa.gov/WCREED or visit the Brooklyn Branch of the Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

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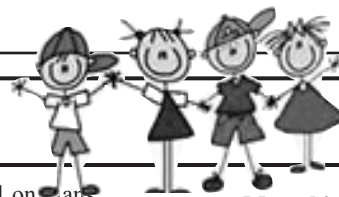
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I Feel "Happy" - Mon. Jun, 2nd, & Fri., Jun. 6th; 3 - 3:30 pm. Children listen to a story that helps them identify an emotion & learn what to do when feeling that way. Take home a craft to help them deal with anger, fear, worry, happiness & loneliness. Cost: \$1/child supply fee.

Cleveland Botanical Garden
11030 East Blvd.
216-721-1600 www.cb garden.org
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Cleveland Metroparks Brecksville Nature Center - 9000 Chippewa Creek Dr. 440-526-1012
Children's Songs & Stories of 1939 - Sat., Jun, 7th, 10 - 11 am. Read & sing songs from popular children's books which have lasting effect today.

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Cleveland Metroparks - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd. 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com

Train Day - Sat., Jun. 14th, 10 am - 4 pm; free. Young & old hike hobo trail & enjoy model train exhibits, trestle hikes, live music, crafts, movies, kids' train rides for \$2 a ride (2/\$3) & refreshments. Call for more info.

CanalWay Campout - Sat., Jun. 28th - Sun. Jun. 29th; 7 pm - 11am. Sat. -- Night hike, watch for bats & campfire; Sun. -- light breakfast, short hike & pack-up. Fee: \$25/family.

Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center 11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152
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Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660

Good Ole Summertime Festival - Frostville Museum - Sun. Jun. 29th; 11 am - 4 pm. Sponsored by Olmsted Historical Society. Antique car display, live music & visits inside Frostvilles' period houses. Games & crafts; food available for purchase. Call 216-501-3345 or visit olmstedhistoricalsociety.org for more info.

Hike & Campfire - Sun., Jun. 29th; 7:30 - 9 pm. Swap tales around campfire & roast marshmallows. Meet at Dunk Circle outside Nature Center.

Cleveland Metroparks Zoo
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500
clemet zoo.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.

Father's Day at the Zoo - Sun., Jun. 15th, 10 am - 7 pm. All dads receive free admission; special activities for whole family.

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Summer Day Camp - Children ages 5 - 14, with special new half-day Nature Play Camp for kids ages 3 - 4. Summer Day Camp: Jun. 9th - Aug. 15th in different week-long sessions, each with new theme. Sessions available in half-day (9 am - noon) & full-day (9 am - 4 pm) increments. Campers grouped according to age to provide safe & nurturing learning environment. Campers age 11 - 12 learn about wildlife biology while exploring Zoo & Brookside Reservation; teens age 13 - 14 do "Counselor-in-training" camp to develop leadership skills, working alongside Zoo's Day Camp staff, partnering with Zoo Crew teen volunteers & participating in team-building activities. Limited space; register early to avoid being shut out. Register online at clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo or by calling 216-635-3391.

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.

Cuyahoga County Public Library
Parma-Snow Branch
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www.cuyahogalibrary.org
9 am - 9 pm, Mon - Thur.; 9 am - 5:30 pm, Fri. & Sat.; 1 - 5 pm, Sun.
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July 17th - Easy Glistening/Yacht Rock.
July 24th - Whiskey Kings/ Rock/Country.
July 31st - Blonde Scott/ Classic rock.
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Aug. 14th - Revolution Pie/Beatles Cover Band.

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Lake Erie Nature & Science Center
28728 Wolf Rd.
440-871-2900 www.lensc.org
Lake Erie Family Fest - Sun., Jun. 1st; noon - 4 pm. Live animal encounters, crafts, refreshments & more. Sponsor a rubber duck to race & win a prize. Fee: \$5/person includes activities, except duck sales & refreshments.

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memphiskiddiepark.com
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6975 Ridge Rd 440-845-9770
www.stearns homestead.com
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www.lanterntheatreohio.com
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17801 Detroit Ave. Lakewood
216-521-2540 www.beckcenter.org

Studio Theater
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Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons
6200 Pearl Rd 440-842-4600
cassidytheatre.com
"Damn Yankees"
Fri., Jun. 13th - Sun., Jun. 29th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$20 adult; CHILD?

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6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext 205
www.cptonline.org
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Now - Sat., Sat. Jun. 7th; Mon; Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm. Tickets: Mon., \$12; Thurs. Fri. & Sat., \$28. Free beer Friday.

Near West Theatre
3606 Bridge Ave. 216-961-6391
www.nearwesttheatre.org
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Fri., Jun. 13th - Sun., Jun. 29th; Fri. & Sat; 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: Star seat, \$20; adult, \$10; child, \$8.

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

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fee required along with birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from school or rectory office. For new students grades 1-8, copy of most recent report card also required. Applications for Cleveland Scholarship Voucher Program available. Call 216-661-2120 with questions or to schedule tour of school.

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Shooting off fireworks still "against the law"

by Barbara Spaan
barbaras@oldbrooklyn.com

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



Some streets on the Fourth of July look like war-torn Baghdad - bombs blaring, sky filled with smoke, the smell of chemicals in the air. In years during which we have not had enough rain and things are dry, the situation becomes even more dangerous.

The mess the day after is even worse - pieces of fireworks are on roof tops, there are scorch spots in lawns, and piles and boxes of burned debris are left right where the fireworks were set off.

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

because of the falling fireworks.

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

Start the change today. Don't buy fireworks, and report the illegal activity to the police by phone at 216-621-1234 or to Second District Commander Thomas Stacho by email tstacho@city.cleveland.oh.us.

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

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

Cleveland 4th of July Fireworks

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Historical Society plants bicentennial tree

by Greg Cznadel

The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn (HSOB) had their annual Memorial Day Service in the Brooklyn Union Burying Ground on Broadview Rd. at Spring Rd. The service combined the unveiling and planting of a Black Tupelo (nyssa sylvatica) or Sour Gum tree in honor of Old Brooklyn's Bicentennial. Historical society president Constance Ewazen gave the welcome and Rev. Carol Leahey gave the main liturgy, "What is a Vet." There were readings by the audience, songs,

Wildlife Way. The Zoo has put up a new sign and is redoing the stone structures, replacing and fixing the monuments, and cutting back and removing the overgrown shrubs and invasive species.

Green Space Committee Chairman John Jenkins and OBCDC Commercial Manager Tom Collins have led this initiative. They talked to the head Landscapers and Maintenance crew who said this was the perfect tree, and that this was the perfect time to plant it. Michael Stachowiak dug the hole.

Each tree will have a granite memorial in the ground commemorating this year and the two groups who have made this possible.

LEAP (Lake Erie Allegheny Partnership) designates a native plant, bush, and tree for each year. This year the Black Tupelo was honored. Mary Ellen Stasek, head of Friends of Big Creek, member of the HSOB and Green Space Committee suggested this.

The HSOB is selling 'leaves' for contributions to this cause. The leaf with the donor's name will be hung on a "tree" and brought to each Old Brooklyn event this year.



The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn combined the planting of a Black Tupelo tree in the Brooklyn Union Burying Ground in honor of Old Brooklyn's 200th anniversary with their annual Memorial Day celebration, Top left photo: Constance Ewazen, Michael Stachowiak, Ray Kaliszewski, Richard Bowles, Linda Sevcik and Rev. Carol Leahey.

and the Pledge of Allegiance. Gregory Cznadel told about the significance of this tree and the reason behind the decision to plant it.

HSOB and Green Space Committee member Gregory Cznadel came up with the idea to plant trees throughout Old Brooklyn to commemorate the community's Bicentennial. Similar to the tree honoring Jessie Owens at Rhodes High School, these would be planted at public sites.

The BlackTupelo tree is native, it is long living, turns scarlet in the fall and has blue berries that birds, squirrels and even bear all devour. Its history goes back to the early settlers and Indians who used every part of the tree for thins from wagon wheel hubs, to eye drops, to even soles of shoes.

A second one will be planted in the Foote Memorial Park, at the corner of Pearl Rd. and



Ray Kaliszewski, Rev. Carol Leahey, Michael Stachowiak, Shirley Lazar, Lorene Bowles, Linda Sevcik, Harriet Hanks and Gail Hanks.

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