

## Pop UP Pearl returns as complete street festival on May 17th

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Old Brooklyn's historic downtown district will get a boost on Saturday, May 17th, when *Pop UP Pearl* returns for its fourth year. The event will be even bigger this year with many more shops and street vendors plus live musical entertainment and lots of food.

*Pop UP Pearl* will start at 3 p.m. and run until 8 p.m. and will feature local artists and entertainers, craft vendors and temporary bike lanes on parts of Pearl Rd. and Devonshire Rd.

There will be three stages with live music; confirmed musicians include Joe Rollin' Porter, John Arlis and The Cleveland Songwriters, Backtrax, Victor Samalot, The Cleveland Männerchor, St. Ed's Trash Talkers, Next Best Thing and more.

The stages will be located at the small parking lot in front of the MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center (4229 Pearl Rd.) and the front lawn of Pearl Road United Methodist Church (4200 Pearl Rd.); Grace Church is hosting "Blues & BBQ" at the lot next to Mr. E's Inn (4256 Pearl Rd.)

In addition to the music, over 75 high-quality arts and crafts vendors will be in attendance, as well as local non-profits with informational booths. Families should be sure to check out the Kids' Zone which will have games, arts & crafts, and the historic Thriller Car from Euclid Beach Park.

This year we are trying new hours in hopes of engaging *Pedal for Prizes* participants as well our families and young professionals. We are also trying a new configuration; the festival will take place on Pearl Rd. between Broadview Rd. to just past Altoona Rd. We will also utilize Devonshire Rd. for activities and vendors.

Be sure to come hungry because a wide range of food will be available from some of Cleveland's favorite food trucks and vendors.

Local skaters will be pleased to hear that the Pop UP Skate Park is back again for 2014, thanks to our partners at Public Square Group. The skate park will be on Stanford Ave. at Pearl Rd.

Students from local schools are also participating in the *Old Brooklyn Bicentennial Art Contest*, the winner of which will receive a family pass to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. The children's art will also be displayed at Art House, Inc. after *Pop UP Pearl*.

Old Brooklyn's Bicentennial is this year and we will be celebrating it at *Pop UP Pearl*, as well as other events throughout the year. The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn will have a display of old photographs and newspaper clippings at The Old Brooklyn Cravery, 3430 Memphis Ave.

The Old Brooklyn Bicentennial Committee, a collaborative of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, Old Brooklyn

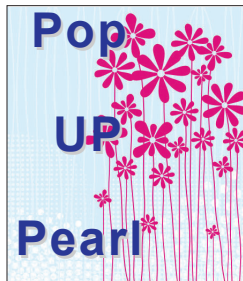
Community Development Corporation and interested residents are launching an *Old Brooklyn Bicentennial Photo Contest*. Everyone is encouraged to participate; more information about the contest can be found at [www.oldbrooklynbicentennial.com](http://www.oldbrooklynbicentennial.com).

Winning photos will be included in a 2015 calendar which will be for sale throughout the neighborhood; proceeds will benefit the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn.

Anyone who would like to be a part of the day, either as a volunteer or as a participant, should contact Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000.

Readers can also visit [www.oldbrooklynconnected.com](http://www.oldbrooklynconnected.com) for updates and more information.

*Pop UP Pearl* is made possible by grants from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture as well as by sponsors United Area Citizens Agency, MetroHealth, Autos Direct Online, Hudec



Dental, Memphis Fulton Shopping Center, Dollar Bank, Recovery Resources, Cleveland Housing Network, Honey Hut Ice Cream, Constellation Schools, Third Federal Savings & Loan, Key Bank, Northcoast Promotions, M & M Wintergreens, and Gabe's Family Restaurant.

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation would also like to thank Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley and Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli for their ongoing support.

Other local businesses and organizations — The Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland, MetroHealth Old Brooklyn Health Center, Kehoe Brothers Printing, Speed Exterminating, Ameriflag, Inc., Deaconess Community Foundation, The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, Art House, Grace Church, Old Brooklyn Youth Art Collaborative, Historical Society of Old Brooklyn, and Public Square Group — have pledged additional support for the event.

## NEORSD to begin Henniger sewer project

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The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORSD) hired Triad Engineering & Contracting, Inc. to begin construction on the CSO 049 and 050 Relocation Project. It was scheduled to begin in late April and be completed by September 2015.

The purpose of the project is to replace two collapsed combined sewer outfalls with one new outfall. The new outfall structure discharging to Big Creek will be constructed north of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo's east parking lot.

"Most of the work will occur underground, but there will be some work above ground," stated James Jones, NEORSD Construction Supervisor. "As a result, there will be changes to traffic patterns as well as road closures."

The work will include open-cut construction on W. 23rd St. (Open-cut is a trench excavation in the ground which can be seen by the general public.) A tunnel will be constructed underground beneath Henninger Rd. and Pearl Rd. between W. 23rd St. and the Zoo.

Two shafts will be excavated, one at the intersection of Henninger Rd. and W. 23rd St. and one on vacant property along Pearl Rd., north of the Burger King restaurant. The shaft on Henninger Rd. will be approximately 30 feet deep, while the one near Pearl Rd. will be 100 feet deep.

Henninger Rd. will be open to traffic throughout the project duration. However,

there will be no access from W. 23rd St. to Henninger or Henninger to W. 23rd St. Traffic modifications were expected to begin last month and to run through September 2015.

In order to ensure a safe work environment, NEORSD's James Jones urges residents, pedestrians and drivers to observe all traffic barricades, signs and flag personnel as well as the 'No Parking' signs. He also encourages everyone to keep a safe distance from all equipment and excavations. These devices and personnel are there for everyone's safety.

### Pre-construction work will also include:

- Contractor field office set-up north of Burger King;
- Relocation of overhead utilities on W. 23rd St.;
- Pre-construction home inspections.

(If your home is in proximity to the work site and requires a pre-construction inspection, a request letter will be delivered to your residence.)

For additional information about the project, please call the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District Customer Service Department at 216-881-8247.

See *Sewer Meeting* on page 2

## Old Brooklyn looking to bicentennial - IV

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Moses Cleaveland and his surveyors began to lay out the townships of Connecticut's Western Reserve in 1796, and thus 1996 was the year that all of today's Cleveland neighborhoods celebrated that bicentennial, even though what ultimately became Cleveland was just a small settlement on the east bank of the Cuyahoga River in 1796.

As I mentioned in the first article in this series (in the February, 2014 issue), the surveying of townships west of the Cuyahoga River couldn't begin until territorial issues with the Indians were resolved. Brooklyn Township wasn't surveyed until 1809, and the township was settled gradually.

Since the first settlers arrived here via Lake Erie, it's logical that the area closer to the Lake developed first (e.g., the City of Ohio, aka Ohio City). And then people moved farther out along the major arteries.

Thus, while we in Old Brooklyn are celebrating 200 years of settlement by people with European backgrounds in 2014, areas north of here had settlers before we in the southernmost area of the township did.



Brooklyn Centre, our neighbor to the north, celebrated its bicentennial in 2012.

Interestingly, though, its first settlers, James and Moses (and later Ebenezer) Fish, didn't get here via the Indian trail which

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## Community Outreach Meeting

Meet the New Executive Director of Old Brooklyn CDC

Tuesday, May 20 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



The Cleveland Maennerchor, 4515 State Road

- A robust discussion about programs and resources available to Old Brooklyn residents and business owners.
- Meet & greet Old Brooklyn CDC staff and your neighbors!
- Question and answer period for a variety of topics including code enforcement, free Wi-Fi in Ward 13, housing assistance programs, and more.

For more information contact: [jeffv@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:jeffv@oldbrooklyn.com)

SATURDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>

Community Cleanup  
Pop UP Pearl!  
9 am to Noon

Volunteers meet at Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd.



If you have garden tools, gloves, shovels or rakes, please bring them with you. For more information contact,

Alicia at 216-398-2223 or email your questions to [nlcleclass30@gmail.com](mailto:nlcleclass30@gmail.com).



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## Don Workman

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Ameriflag, Inc. owner Don Workman has been an active member of our community since he purchased the former Arena Grand United Flag Company in 1985. Don had been in the auto wrecking business and was looking for employment when the Arena Grand United Flag Company went up for sale. He purchased the business and has been selling flags ever since, having incorporated as Ameriflag in 1990.

The company's original location was 4364 Pearl Rd., next to Star Calendar. Don moved the business briefly to Parma, then returned to Old Brooklyn, between the former Theo's and Glenn restaurants. He was at this location for twelve years until the building was demolished to develop the CVS store in 2000. He has been at his current location, 3307 Broadview Rd., since that time.

All of the many contributions which Don has made to the Old Brooklyn neighborhood are too numerous to list, but here are a few examples –

Don and Michael Briola of *Something Different* (now on West 25<sup>th</sup> St. in Ohio City) began walking tours of Old Brooklyn in 1989 to showcase local businesses. Most of the tourists were from the Medina/Brunswick area.

Don provided free "I love Old Brooklyn" bumper stickers to those who attended Old Brooklyn Pride Day at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo on August 20th, 1989.

Don teamed up with Michael Briola and Michael Loizos (former owner of Glenn Restaurant) to make light-up Christmas trees and candles which they displayed at Memphis and Pearl during the holidays in the early 1990's.

Don has been on Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's board of directors as well as the board of the former St. Luke's United Church of Christ. He has also been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Brooklyn-Cleveland since 1990.

In partnership with artist and Old Brooklyn resident Jim Ptacek, Don created

*Old Brooklyn Alive with Civic Pride* flags, coffee mugs and t-shirts which were sold throughout the community.

Don provided flags and bunting for the dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge.

One of Don's wackier endeavors was donating 50 flags and poles to John Lanigan for a "flagathon", an event at which people

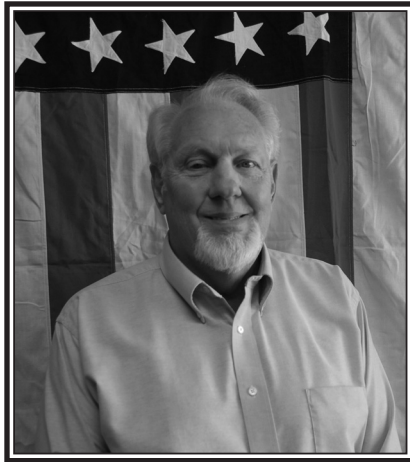


Photo by: Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
**Don Workman, three decades of service to Old Brooklyn**

competed to see who could hold a flag the longest. Don provided patriotic questions as a tie breaker and the winner won a trip to the Bahamas.

Don's involvement with Parmadale's "wraparound" program has provided him with some of his proudest moments. The wrap-around provides before- and after-school programming for at-risk youth at selected schools. He's helped a number of young people through the wraparound program, including Kenneth Johnson, who's now been in the Navy for seven years.

Ken started working for Don when he was thirteen years old, on probation, and in trouble. He quit cutting classes, was the first in his family to graduate from high school, and ended up working at Ameriflag for five years. Kenneth's mother gives Don credit for keeping him on the straight and narrow. They still keep in contact.

When asked why he has remained in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood, Don said, "I like the location, I like the small town feel this neighborhood has, and I like the people. And how it all got started is that people would ask me to get involved and I said 'yes'."

In his non-business life, Don is an antique car and boat collector; he's owned a Model A Ford since 1959. He has sponsored the vintage car show at Mary Queen of Peace Church (known as Our Lady of Good Counsel

## From the desk of the executive director

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Having recently begun my role as the Executive Director of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation, the importance of 'anchor institutions' in urban neighborhoods has never been more obvious to me. As the revitalization of cities continues to build momentum, neighborhoods with these important entities are seeing unprecedented revitalization through new human capital and financial investments.

Locally this is most easily seen in the ever-inspiring level of construction around University Circle as well as in west side communities such as Gordon Square, Kamm's Corners, and Ohio City. Anchored by the arts, hospitals, schools and regional attractions, each neighborhood is collaborating to not simply stabilize, but to grow through the attraction of new business and residents.

Old Brooklyn is fortunate to have two anchor institutions which are innovative, supportive and critical to the region's future. **The Cleveland Metroparks** was honored in April by the Cleveland Foundation Day at the Zoo. One of only twelve gifts given by the Cleveland Foundation to celebrate its centennial, the day that brought over thirty five thousand visitors to Old Brooklyn truly highlights the important role that the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo plays both in our neighborhood and in the entire region. The Zoo's legacy of education, research and customer service is why it is the most popular family attraction in northeast Ohio.

Sitting at the opposite end of our Downtown is the **MetroHealth Old Brooklyn campus**. Having recently celebrated 175 years of critical healthcare, MetroHealth is embarking on a campus master plan which will have a dramatic impact on how care is provided for all in Cuyahoga County. In addition, as a critical employer along the W. 25th St./Pearl Rd. corridor, campus improvements can act as transformational agents for business development, healthy

living and residential investments.

These partners are just two of the many reasons I am excited for our neighborhood's future. Three more reasons will all occur on Saturday,

May 17th, a day which should bring the entire community together for celebration.

From 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., *Pop UP Pearl* will transform Pearl Rd. from Broadview Rd. to Stanford Rd. into a sensory extravaganza: a free kids activity zone, vendors selling crafts, food trucks and carts, three different live music venues, a skate park, and of course, the popular Thriller rides around Old Brooklyn.

Earlier in the day, hundreds of cyclists will explore the neighborhood on wheels as *Pedal for Prizes* celebrates its fifth year of discovering Old Brooklyn treasures. As one of the premiere cycling events in the state of Ohio, it's a great opportunity for getting some exercise while at the same time visiting unique business and neighborhood assets. The registration will begin at 11 a.m. at Loew Field.

The same morning of both *Pedal for Prizes* and *Pop UP Pearl* celebrates the opening of another season of youth baseball in Old Brooklyn. OBALL and OBYL have been serving our families for decades and OBALL will kick off the 2014 season at Loew Fields. Call Mark Shapiro! We might have a future professional baseball player taking their first swing.

This is an exciting time for all stakeholders in the community. Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation looks forward to opportunities for collaborations and partnerships with the residents, business, and institutions that make this Cleveland's most livable neighborhood.



Church when the show started) since its inception fourteen years ago. Joe Cannon helped launch the car show. Held on the third weekend in September, it is now a fundraiser for Mary Queen of Peace's Boy Scout troop(s). There were 75 'antique' cars at the show last year.

Visit Don at Ameriflag, Inc. for flags for Memorial Day and Independence Day. All the United States flags, state flags and other national flags he carries are made in the USA. Ameriflag is open Tuesday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. They can be found online at [www.ameriflag.com](http://www.ameriflag.com) and can be reached by phone at 216-661-2608.



### Sewer Meeting from page

Residents will have the opportunity to have any questions answered at an informational meeting at **Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd. on Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 p.m.**

A project manager from the Sewer District will be in attendance to answer any specific questions in relation to traffic modification, road closures, time frame, and the scope of the project.

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# NEWS & EVENTS

**Rising Harvest Farms**

**2014 Market Basket Share Sign-Ups**  
4103 Memphis Ave. Sign-up for 22 weeks of continuous local flavors starting May 31st. Go to "Market Basket" section of website rising-harvestfarms.org/marketplace/market-basket-shares for details. **Brown free-ranged eggs for sale** from Farm's free-range hens. Winter hours: Mon. - Fri., 8 am - 3 pm & 1st Sat. of month, 10 am - 1 pm.

**Friday - Sunday, May 2nd - 4th**

**66th Annual Polish Constitution Day**  
**Parma** - Festivities include parade, post-parade party, Mass, wreath-laying ceremony, Miss Polonia & Junior Miss Polonia contests, Polonia Ball & happy hour. **Fri., May 2nd, Happy hour**, Ridgewood Inn, 5759 Ridge Rd., 6 - 12 pm; **Sat., May 3rd, Polonia Ball**, American Ballroom Centre, 5673 Ridge Rd., 6 - 11 pm; **Sun., May 4th, Parade**, Ridge Rd., 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

**Saturday, May 3rd**

**Kentucky Derby Party**

Great Lakes Brewing Company, Tasting Room, 2516 Market Ave., 4 - 8 pm. Valet parking, hors d'oeuvres, Great Lakes beer, wine, one mint julep. Race, raffles, hat contest. Tickets: \$65. All proceeds benefit WSEM Food Centers. Call 216-325-9350 or TheCentersOhio.org for more info or to RSVP.

**Sunday, May 4th**

**Polish Constitution Day Annual Parade Slavic Village** - Starts at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Lansing Ave.; 1:30 pm.

**Monday, May 5th**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. Jane Gramlich's presentation of "As It So Happened; The Naturalization of John J. Hanson". Contact CVGS president Mary Boehlein, 440-736 7180, or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org, for more info.

**Starting Wednesday, May 7th**

**Rape Aggression Defense Systems Training (R.A.D.)** Program of realistic self-defense tactics & techniques for women high school age & above. Begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction & avoidance; progresses to basics of hands-on-defensive training. Led by Cleveland Division of Police officers certified R.A.D. instructors. Lecture, discussion & self defense technique for women of all abilities.  
**Stella Walsh Recreation Center**, 7345 Broadway Ave., *Wed., May 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th.* **Gunning Recreation Center**, 16700 Puritas Ave., *Sat., May 10th, 17th, 24th.* **Estabrook Recreation Center**, 4125 Fulton Rd., *Tues., Jun. 3rd, 10th, 24th.* Class limited to 30 participants. Must attend 3 classes to complete program; fitness-type clothing recommended. Call 216-623-5080 to sign-up or for more info.

**Thursday, May 8th**

**Antique Collectors Club Meeting**

Busch Community Meeting Room, 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Powerpoint presentation by Rebecca McFarland "Shopping in early Cleveland" Call Publicity Chairman Robert Murdoch, 440-845-7046, for more info.

**Saturday, May 10th**

**River Sweep**

9 am - noon. Many locations near Cuyahoga River. To help clean up around Old Brooklyn section, meet at Iron City Cafe, 4002 Jennings Rd. Visit ohio canal.org or call 216-520-1825 for other locations & more info.

**Saturday, May 10th**

**Polka Event**

Durty Nelly's Pub, 1151 W. Pleasant Valley Rd. (in the shopping plaza @ Broadview & Pleasant Valley Rds.) Music, fun, food, dancing, listening. Honky Express, 7 - 11 pm. Call 440-845-1275 for more info.

**Saturday, May 10th**

**National Foster Care Awareness Month**

Brooklyn Library, 4480 Ridge Rd., large meeting room; 2 - 3 pm. Applewood Center staff on-hand to talk about history of foster care & need for foster parents here. Attendees learn how to become involved with foster care program & advocate in their communities. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Events/Event-Results to register.

**Monday, May 12th**

**Monday Night at the Movies "The Way"**

River's Edge, 3430 Rocky River Dr.; 7 pm. Optional discussion following. Free but free will offerings accepted. Register at www.riversedgecleveland.com.

**Wednesday, May 14th**

**Senior Day / Free Event**

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

**Wednesday, May 14th**

**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. **May 14th, Drilled Base** - two small baskets with bead embellishments, \$13; deadline May 7th. **Jun. 11th, Flag Wall Basket** - basket that looks like a flag- red, natural & blue, \$18; deadline Jun. 1st. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

**Saturday, May 17th**

**Lupus Day Event**

ATIKA Styles Beauty Salon, 4488 Pearl Rd, 12 - 5 pm. Call 216-459-8874 for more info.

**Saturday, May 17th**

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

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

**Saturday, May 24th**

**St. Francis de Sales Grand School Reunion**  
State Rd Building & the "new" school building Snow Rd. Buildings open for visitors to walk through. Mass, 4:30 pm; buffet, 5:30 - 6:30 pm in gym. Snacks throughout day. Prizes for oldest grad, one who came farthest, closest, & other categories. Cost: \$10 per person to help defray expenses. Registration due Wed., May 14th. Send name & money to: Grand Reunion, 3434 George Ave. Parma, OH 44134

**Monday, May 26th**

**Memorial Day Service**

William R. Halley Chapel at Riverside Cemetery, 9:30 am. Flag ceremony, procession, memorial service & military honors. With assistance from Walter Martens & Sons Funeral Home. Open to all. Call 216-351-4800 for more info.

**Tuesday, May 27th**

**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**

North Royalton Public Library, 7051 Wallings Rd., 7 pm. Corky Thacker discussing research study about disease resistant roses for NE Ohio. Email webmaster@westernreserrosesociety.org or call Patti, 330-220-2213, for more info.

**Monday, June 2nd**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society 35th Anniversary Celebration**

Independence Civic Center, Oak Room, 6363 Selig Blvd. Potluck dinner, 6 pm; presentation, 7 pm -- Bill Rudman, host of *Footlight Parade* nationally syndicated weekly program on WCLV for 30 years, "Jewish Songwriters United! The Impact of their Immigrant Experience". Contact CVGS president Mary

Boehnlein, 440-736 7180, or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org, for more info about the club in general, or Suzanne, 440-884-3372, to RSVP for dinner.

**Saturday, September 20th**

**James Ford Rhodes Class of 79 Reunion**

For information contact Joe 440-829-8360 or jfrhodes\_79@yahoo.com

**Now Thru November**

**Have A Heart Spay/Neuter Program**

Valley Save-A-Pet, in cooperation with more than 25 veterinarians is offering low-cost spay/neuter services. Call 440-232-2287 - Mon., Wed., Thurs or Fri. between 11 am & 2 pm to obtain a form or for more info. Feral cat caretaker call Mon. only.

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**Volunteer Drivers & Runners needed for Meals on Wheels**

Senior Citizen Resources need volunteer one day a week Mon. thru Fri. to Old Brooklyn residents. Call Kim at 216-749-5367 with any questions.

## New date set for computer distribution; recycling of old computers also available

by David Goldense  
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Refurbished laptops and computers will be available for purchase on Saturday, May 31st, inside Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd. The program is made possible by a partnership with RET3 and Ward 13 Councilman Kevin Kelley, and is administered by the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC).

Anyone interested in purchasing a discounted computer or laptop that day simply needs to fill out an order form ahead of time. Payment will be due on the day of the distribution. Interested residents should stop by the OBCDC office, 2339 Broadview Rd., to pick up an order form. Contact Dave at 216-459-1000, ext. 204, for further details.

Please note that this is a new date and reflects a change from what was stated in the April edition of the *Old Brooklyn News*. The distribution date was changed to avoid scheduling conflicts created by the Memorial Day weekend.

In addition to selling computers and laptops on this date, OBCDC will be offering a new opportunity for residents to recycle their unwanted computer equipment. On May 31st, in the parking lot of Estabrook, RET3

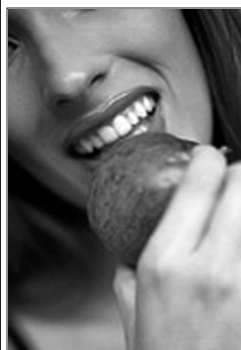
will also be accepting any computer and laptop materials which residents would like to discard.

This is a great way to dispose of these electronics, because if they are still functioning, RET3 is capable of refurbishing and reusing the equipment. Recycling old desktop and laptop computers and their parts is now more convenient and more important than ever.

According to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, refurbishing agencies like RET3 are able to reuse almost every single part of an old computer in the dismantling process. These parts can then be used in innovative ways to make new desktop or laptop computers. The Ohio EPA's website explains that when computer parts end up in land mines, they create e-waste, an especially toxic form of waste that could release hazardous metals like lead and barium into the environment.

(http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/p2/recyc/comprc.a.spx)

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 31st and join OBCDC in being an environmentally-conscious, technologically-advanced community. We hope to see you at Estabrook.



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## Landscaping should take security into account

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A well-planned landscape is an excellent first line of defense when it comes to keeping your home and family secure. Proper plant selection, pruning maintenance, and landscape lighting are all effective layers in providing a good home defense. In planning or renovating your landscape consider the following guidelines for a safer, more secure home and yard:

1. Establish **clear sight lines** across your property-

a. Make sure that your home is visible from the street so neighbors can clearly see that no one is lurking or hiding around your home.

b. Do not block windows with tall shrubs and hedges; this blocks your view out, but provides cover for intruders and enables them to hide and see inside, perhaps an easy entry point where they can break the window.

c. Use sturdy trellises and hardy vines away from windows where they can be used for climbing access.

2. **Proper plant selection** is important -

a. Compact or dwarf plants (no one can hide behind them) should be used as foundation plants, near walkways and entry points.

b. Thorny, sharp or spikey plants (all good deterrents) are used as foundation plants, but also as an impenetrable property line hedges, or in dark, blind corners near the house

c. Thorny vines such as climbing roses and bougainvillea can be trained to grow around windows to discourage that entry point.

3. Yearly **pruning to maintain** your secure landscape and regular mowing -

a. Foundation shrubs should be maintained at a three feet or less height to have good visibility.

b. Trees near the home should be limbed up to eight feet or higher and thinned; limbs should also be cut back at least eight feet away from the roof or windows. If not they can provide an easy access ladder to the roof or upper story of your home.

c. Try to keep two feet tall or lower plants near the end of your driveway and sidewalks to see oncoming traffic. This is a perfect place for

an annual/perennial garden.

d. Mow your lawn regularly; when it is unkempt this is a quick indicator for intruders that no one is home.

4. Install a path of small sized gravel near the foundation where it's difficult to grow plants (under the roof overhang); it's noisy when walked on, easy to maintain, and keeps your windows clear.

5. Try adding landscape lighting; it not only highlights your yard, but it also provides enough light during the night to deter unwanted guests. Motion activated lights are also a great security tool.

### Security Plant Suggestions

- barberry-thorny
- dwarf shrubs in crimson and gold
- blackberries & raspberries - thornier the better
- bougainvillea - tropical flowering vine (can be a houseplant in winter)
- cleome - reseeding annual for beds & borders
- low-maintenance, low-growing groundcovers
- hawthorne - thorny shade trees
- holly - evergreen types, thornier the better
- panicum or switch grass - sharp edges
- prickly pear - hardy cactus groundcover (for hot, dry spots)
- pyracantha/firethorn - extremely thorny vine
- quince - beautiful flowers; thornless varieties
- roses - thornier the better;
- use climbers around window entry points
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## Former CPD Commander looks back at seven-year assignment in Old Brooklyn

by **Captain Keith Sulzer  
Cleveland Police Department**

It is with a very heavy heart that I leave the Second District and the Old Brooklyn neighborhood. I have spent the last seven years deeply ingrained in the Second District and Old Brooklyn communities, and I will truly miss everything about my experience there.



Captain Keith Sulzer and Barb Spaan

Seven years ago I came to the Second District as a Captain, with no experience as a Commander, but with a slew of ideas that I wanted to put into action; I believed that they would improve the relationship between the police and the community. I wanted to use my position as Commander to put these ideas into reality, and with your help we did just that.

I was successful as the Commander because of you, because you demanded action and refused to take 'no' for an answer when it came to safety. It was in my time as Commander of this District that I realized police officers are more than civil servants; we are also social workers, and what I now consider "social servants".

There is more to safety than arrests and tickets; safety comes from a caring police department and a committed community. You can't fake caring and you can't fake commitment, and we had both here in Old Brooklyn. The last seven years have been the most rewarding years of my career and I thank you for being part of my life.

Currently I am a captain in the Community Policing Unit, and am the liaison to the Cleveland Police Foundation, the charitable arm of the Cleveland Police Department. The Foundation funds programs such as the Police Athletic League, the Greater Cleveland Peace Officer Memorial Society (supporting the Police Memorial and Families of Fallen Officers), Cops and Kids, the Cleveland Police Mounted Unit, the Cleveland Police Museum, the Cleveland Police Pipes and Drums, and the Cleveland Police Honor Guard.

Many people don't realize that the Mounted Unit and the care of the horses, along with these other programs, are supported by private donations and the Cleveland Police Foundation. My job as the CPD liaison to the Foundation is to garner support at the grass roots level.

My goals are: to make the Cleveland Police Foundation known to all Clevelanders; for everyone to understand that our mission is safety; and for people to realize that when they donate to the Cleveland Police Foundation they are investing in a safe community. The Foundation's mission is to: be ingrained in the community, improve police/community relations, and show the community that Cleveland Police officers are, in fact, "social servants".

The week of May 12th to 18th is Police Memorial Week. The Police Memorial Parade will be on Friday, May 16th, at 10:30 a.m., on Lakeside Ave. from E. 12th St. to W. 3rd St. It will be followed by the Police Memorial Service at Huntington Park.

The National Police collectors show at Public Auditorium on Lakeside Ave. will be on Saturday, May 17th, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sunday, May 18th, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Cleveland international tattoo will be held on Saturday, May 17th, at 7 pm at the Palace Theatre, 1615 Euclid Ave. (For tickets call the box office at 216-241-6000).

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Wow, we had a rough winter, but so did plenty of other cities, especially those farther north of ours. Why do those people live there? I doubt if any of them have all the amenities Cleveland has, or have had all the amazing turnarounds which I've witnessed in our hometown during my adult life.

Local activities last weekend and throughout this coming month support my view that Cleveland is a great place to live.

For instance, not only is Cleveland's **Playhouse Square** complex totally awesome, it is the second largest performing arts center in the country (after New York City) and the largest theater restoration project in the world.

Those glorious downtown theaters -- the **Palace**, the **State**, the **Ohio**, the **Allen** and the **Hanna** -- would have all been demolished for parking lots in the 1970s were it not for the vision of **Ray Shepardson**, the editorial support of **Plain Dealer** journalist **William Miller** and the financial support of groups like Cleveland's **Junior Women's League**.

The possibilities which Clevelanders have for viewing first class theatrical, vocal and dance performances are so numerous that probably most locals take them for granted. I have repeatedly marveled at the tour buses I see at Playhouse Square as well as the individuals with whom I've chatted who come from out-of-town -- as well as out-of-state -- to view performances here.

Well, no matter where you fall on the frequency of attendance scale, this weekend there's another chance to be part of Playhouse Square's history. The four massive arched **Theater District 'Gateways'** have been going up since March 3rd (first at the Huron Rd. entrance to the District, followed by entrances at E. 14th St. & Prospect Ave., then the east entrance across Euclid Ave., and finally the west entrance across Euclid Ave.)

The 'piece de resistance', however, will be the **largest outdoor chandelier in the world**, and the switch to light it will be pulled sometime between 9:30 and 10:45 p.m. on Friday, May 2nd. Manufactured by GE, the chandelier has a metal frame with 4200 crystals strung on stainless steel cables.

(That switch will also bathe the entire neighborhood in new light: a giant roof-top "Playhouse Square" sign, digital marquees, tickers, signs, Star Plaza lighting and up-lighting on buildings.)

As is the case on the first Saturday of every month, on Saturday, May 3rd, there will be free behind-the-scenes tours of Playhouse Square. The tours commence in the State Theatre Lobby at 10 am, and leave from that location at 15-minute intervals until 11:30 am.

If you can think it, you can do it could very well be the motto of the performing arts community in Cleveland. Last Saturday evening, for instance, **Cleveland Public Theater**, in conjunction with **Ohio City Incorporated** (that neighborhood's community development corporation), Cleveland

Ward 3 **Councilman Joe Cimperman**, the **Episcopal Diocese of Cleveland**, and a host of other performers and supporters of the arts put together a 4-1/2 hour free extravaganza at **Historic St. John's Church** at W. 26th St. and Church St. in Ohio City.

The event was called **Station Hope** and I so regret that we didn't hear about it until after the April edition of this newspaper went to the printer, because we would surely have promoted it in **News & Events** had we known about it.

As some **OBN** readers know, St. John's is the oldest, still-standing church building in Greater Cleveland. Completed in 1838, it was built for a congregation which traces its origins to 1816, just two years after the first New Englanders arrived in our part of Brooklyn Township. It is hard to comprehend all the history those church walls have witnessed during their 176 years of supporting the structure, but no doubt the most famous was the congregation's participation in the **Underground Railroad**; they hid escaping slaves on the last leg of their journey to freedom in Canada.

And that's what Saturday's **Station Hope** was all about -- celebrating the parish's role in helping runaway slaves by opening its sanctuary doors -- as well as its basements and the front lawn in front of its parish hall -- to the community for an evening of living history and visual and performing art.

The Episcopal Diocese has been trying to revive the parish but the inside of the architecturally charming church does need a lot of restoration work. They hope that events such as this one will raise awareness about their presence in the community, and their 'no exceptions', welcoming attitude in terms of inviting newcomers to worship with them.

Estimated attendance at the event was 2100, though an unseasonably chilly evening no doubt caused some people to head home before the grand finale dance and drum performance in the church sanctuary.

Nonetheless, the organizers were overwhelmed at Clevelanders' (both the performers and the spectators) response to the event and viewed last weekend's festivities as just the first of what they expect to become an annual event.

April 26th was also the night of the **Ben Franklin Community Garden's annual fundraiser**. This year it was held at a new-for-them venue, Wing Warehouse on Broadview Rd. Attendance was the best ever; they'll have a full report for us next month.

Last weekend was also the day on which the Roman Catholic Church canonized two of its previous popes, Pope John XXIII (1958-1963) and Pope John Paul II (1978-2005) in Rome. Because John Paul II was a native of Poland (Krakow), our **neighborhood Polish parish, St. Barbara's**, at 1505 Denison Ave., put together a special celebration, and 500-550 people came to it, almost filling the church.

It included a bilingual (but mostly Polish) liturgy concelebrated by St. Barbara's pastor, Father Joseph Hilinski, the priest who St. Barbara's weekend Polish Masses, Father Andrzej Panek, and two other Polish priests. There were lots of Polish hymns, too.

A number of parishioners (young and old, men and women) dressed in Polish folk costumes which added to the ambience. A dessert reception in the hall beneath the church fol-

lowed the liturgy.

The Mass honoring Pope John Paul was advertised ahead of time as Cleveland's second **Mass Mob**. (The first Cleveland **Mass Mob**, a takeoff on the **Cash Mob** concept, took place in March at St. Casimir Church, an east-side Polish parish.)

**Cleveland's third Mass Mob** will be at 11 a.m. on Sunday, May 25th, at **St. Adalbert Church**, 2347 E. 83rd St., a mostly black parish between Quincy Ave. and Central Ave.

May is also the month for Old Brooklyn's fifth **Pedal for Prizes** event on Saturday, May 17th. Six hundred people attended last year's **Pedal**; I wonder how many will come this year.

**Pedal for Prizes** embraces bike riding as well as our Old Brooklyn community, showcasing points of interest and locally-owned businesses. Riders can stop at up to twenty (mostly new this year) destinations around Old Brooklyn to get tickets to enter into drawings for prizes such as adult bikes (the four grand

prizes), kids' bikes (a total of two), art, gift cards, kids' toys and more. The value of all the prizes is \$5,000-plus, and what's more amazing is that the entire event is free.

Loew Park, 3121 Oak Park Ave., is the starting and ending point for **Pedal**. Registration begins at 11 a.m., and the raffle drawing is at 3:30 p.m. Read more about the event in the ad on page 12 of this issue or online at [www.pedalforprizes.org](http://www.pedalforprizes.org).

**Pedal for Prizes** is the brainchild of Bruce Page (Honey Hut Ice Cream), John Young (Speed Exterminating) and residents Becky Derwis, Jackie Sliva and Jeff Sugalski. Though just a small group, they are very committed individuals who volunteer their time so that extraordinary things can happen in Old Brooklyn.

Send your ideas for people or events for me to talk about in this column to: Lynette Filipis, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109, or email [Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com).

## COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** meeting, Sat., May 3rd, 10:30 am till noon, Brooklyn Branch of Cleveland Public Library, 3706 Pearl Rd. Program: Craig Limpach speaking about *Genius Loci*. He will be bringing native plants-meadow species. Also discussion re: outcomes BCN hopes to achieve with project.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Roadoan) May meeting changed from usual day to Sun., Jun. 1st. For information about group in general email Ann Wojtowicz, [wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com](mailto:wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com).

**Brooklyn Historical Society** meeting, Wed., May 28th, 7 pm; museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Program: Kevin Magee speaking about the shipwreck of "The Sultan", Cleveland's Grindstone Wreck & a sailing vessel which came to rest off Euclid's shore in 1864. Also BHS's Spring Quilt Raffle. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

**Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** meeting, Fri., May 9th, 7 pm, Pearl Road United Methodist Church, 4200 Pearl Rd. (Use rear entrance off parking lot.) Program: Jim Busch of Busch Funeral and Crematory Services speaking about funerals. Call Constance Ewazen, 216-398-8969, for more info.

**Laurel Garden Club of Brooklyn** meeting, Tues., May 13th; 7 pm, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave., rear door. Planning session for planting flowers in Brooklyn Memorial Garden. All welcome. 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, Thurs., May 8th, 7 pm. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., May 13th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St. **Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, every first Thurs., 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

**Ward 13 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., May 20th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

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**Downtown Old Brooklyn  
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In July the under-occupied Pearl Road Professional Center, 4269 Pearl Rd., will become the newest health service center of Recovery Resources. If you are not familiar with this behavioral health provider you are likely to understand their mission:

*“Recovery Resources is a nonprofit community-based behavioral healthcare organization that helps people triumph over mental illness, alcoholism, drug and other addictions.”*

Behavioral health focuses on problems rooted in addiction and/or diagnosed mental health issues where healing requires changing one’s behavior.

This new facility is a relocation of the Recovery Resources facility at 2900 Detroit Ave. in Ohio City. Old Brooklyn became a preferred location because of easy multiple interstate highway access, it is well serviced by public transportation, and it had a building with 40,000 square feet and parking for employees and clients.

The building was once occupied by doctors and diverse medical support practices affiliated with the former Deaconess Hospital. When Deaconess closed, those support practices were not needed by the MetroHealth System services now offered in the former hospital building.

As leases expired the building vacancy rate increased. Local real estate investors/developers Tom and Patrick Finley purchased the building and secured Recovery Resources as the anchor tenant. An additional health-related business, Anchor Medical Staffing, is already a tenant in the building:

Health provision is a business. This new business brings approximately one hundred employees to Old Brooklyn. Deborah Rodriguez, President and Chief Operating Officer of Recovery Resources, expects daily client visits to average over two hundred people. This is a substantial increase in people visiting downtown Old Brooklyn. All clients are out-patients and no on-site detoxification is offered. No overnight accommodations are offered as part of the rehabilitation therapy.

More detailed information regarding Recovery Resources can be found at [www.recovery-resources.org](http://www.recovery-resources.org).

The Commercial Committee of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is preparing a welcoming package for the employees and an information package for the daily visitors. Area businesses are being contacted to make them

aware of the new business and participate in the welcoming package.

The former Deaconess Hospital once helped define the character of downtown Old Brooklyn. The MetroHealth System Old Brooklyn campus, with the addition of Recovery Resources, will again serve to help identify downtown Old Brooklyn as a health care center.

**Clean and Safe Program Returns**

The Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation is again contracting with the Downtown Cleveland Alliance to bring back the highly visible and productive *Clean and Safe Program*. Businesses, employees, shoppers and visitors to downtown Old Brooklyn should remember the friendly yellow-shirted ambassadors who cleaned the right of way along Pearl, State and Broadview Roads the last two summers.

While this does not excuse property owners or tenants from keeping their portion of the sidewalks clean, it does supply that consistent presence which reduces vandalism and graffiti. The *Clean and Safe* employee will also serve as the Old

Brooklyn goodwill ambassador with information about community events, shops and restaurants, RTA schedules and social service assistance for those appearing to be in need.

This seasonal program is paid for by funds allocated to Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation from the Steel Yard Commons Tax Incremental Financing fund. The fund was established in cooperation with Ohio Canal Corridor when Steel Yard Commons was constructed to help finance the completion of the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail and to support common business promotions in neighborhoods adjacent to the ‘big box’ shopping district.

Please greet the Old Brooklyn ambassador when he returns on May 27th.

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**Bradley Landfill operating license in court**

As reported in the April *Old Brooklyn News*, the City of Cleveland denied William Baumann and his agent Landsong Environmental, Inc. the renewal of the annual operator’s license. Landsong Environmental, Inc believes that the City cannot legally deny the renewal.

Attorneys on behalf of Landsong Environmental, Inc. have filed for a “MOTION FOR AN ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY DEFENDANTS THE CITY OF CLEVELAND AND THE CITY’S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHOULD NOT BE HELD IN CONTEMPT FOR VIOLATING THE COURT’S FINAL JUDGMENT ENTRY AND CONSENT

DECREE OF JULY 13, 2006.”

The case number 1; 04 CV 1757 is before the Honorable Federal Judge Benita Y. Pearson in the United States District Court Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division. The City of Cleveland has filed a motion for extension of time to prepare its response. The request was granted. The City has until May 23rd to respond. No hearing date is scheduled as this edition of the *Old Brooklyn News* goes to print.

For a complete reading of the “Motion” please refer to the Bradley Rd. Landfill information page on the Old Brooklyn CDC web site: [www.oldbrooklyn.com](http://www.oldbrooklyn.com).

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**Sustainability projects offer local solutions to global issues; 2014 is Year of Zero Waste**

by David Goldense  
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Although *sustainability* is a popular buzzword associated with many “green” trends, the definition of *sustainability* is rather unclear. A broad term, sustainability is being used in our area in a variety of contexts.

Sustainability is an approach which prioritizes efficient use of resources to progress towards a future with more renewable resources and less environmental damage. Simply put, being sustainable means carefully using the resources we have, reducing waste, and find long-term solutions for energy related issues.

Although sustainability is a global issue, there are an unlimited number of ways to be a part of the solution at a local level. *The Sustainable Cleveland 2019* initiative is in its fourth year of a decade-long plan to add more sustainable practices across our city. Each year has a different theme, and the focus for 2014 is *Zero Waste*.

Sustainable Cleveland’s website ([www.sustainablecleveland.org](http://www.sustainablecleveland.org)) contains a wealth of information which can provide residents with a long list of ways to get involved in sustainability efforts in their neighborhoods and at home. This includes recycling, composting and waste reduction. Minimal adjustments like bringing reusable bags to the grocery store can make a significant difference in the long run.

To promote this year’s theme of Zero Waste, the City’s Department of Sustainability is reminding residents that metal cans, glass, paper, cardboard and plastic bottles and containers can all go into recycling containers.

However, recyclables should not be put in plastic bags and then tossed into the blue recycling containers. When bags are placed with the rest of the recycling, it makes it impossible to recycle everything else in the container.

Reducing the use of plastic grocery bags has been listed as a priority for this

Year of Zero Waste, and additionally, there is a broader campaign to make residents better aware of sustainable decisions that can be made around their homes.

Other celebration topics from previous years have included *Energy Efficiency*, *Local Foods*, and *Advanced and Renewable Energy*. These themes will continue to be topics of discussion and part of the Department of Sustainability’s broader strategy.

Interested residents should visit Sustainable Cleveland’s web site to become involved in whichever topic is most interesting to them through a working group. Whether it is collaborating with neighbors to turn a vacant lot or empty field into a garden or starting a neighborhood composting program, there are many ways that a few small ideas can make a big difference in the community.

In addition to bringing neighbors together for projects with community ownership, sustainability’s best attribute may be its cost effectiveness. The Department of Sustainability states that neighborhood programs like improved recycling and small scale composting will help divert thousands of tons of waste from landfills and save the City of Cleveland over \$1 million.

In its best form, sustainable techniques help cities and their residents save money while also saving the planet. On a simpler level, being sustainable can be making a few small adjustments every day that recycles more and wastes less.



**Spring landscape tips**

By Chris Kobal, Green Ideas  
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**Turf Tips:**

In order to get your lawn ready for the growing season here are some simple things you can do.

- Aerate the lawn to relieve compaction.
- Power rake the lawn areas where damage is severe and re-seed if necessary.
- Clean debris and fertilize with a product that contains crabgrass prevention if necessary.
- Cut lawn between 2-3 inches in the spring and 3-4 inches during the summer months.
- Selectively control weeds with liquid weed control as they begin to grow in order to control populations.
- Keep turf mown regularly (i.e., every 7-10 days) and make sure the grass receives at least one inch of water per week during the growing season.

**Flower Bed Tips:**

Here are some tips to freshen up your landscape beds:

- Clean up leaves and debris as they can harbor insects.
- Apply a natural fertilizer for plant materials.
- Prune dead material from shrubs.
- Remove unwanted branches from plant material, as you can see the plant’s architecture better in the spring.

- Amend beds with leaf humus or other organic material.
- Apply a two inch layer of organic bark mulch to suppress weeds and dress up your beds. The following are some of my favorite perennials for early season color and interest.
- Phlox Subulata* (creeping phlox) grows 2-6 inches tall with flowers in a variety of colors and the foliage is evergreen. The name “phlox” comes from the Greek word for “flame” referring to its colorful flowers.
- Salvia x sylvestris* (perennial salvia) is a type of sage that grows 24-30 inches tall with purple flowers and scented foliage. The plant is deer resistant. The genus name “salvia” comes from the Latin word “salvus” or to save, referring to its supposed medicinal properties. Its cousin *Salvia Nemorosa* (woodland sage) has been shown to help stop bleeding.
- Paeonia lactiflora* (common garden peony) grows 24-30 inches tall with flowers in a variety of colors. Peonies can live quite a long time, with plants documented to having lived 50-75 years. Peonies are named after “Paeon”, the physician to the Greek gods.
- Pulmonaria* (lungwort) grows 10-18 inches with blue flowers. The foliage is deer resistant and the plant grows well in the shade. These plants are traditional culinary and medicinal herbs.

(Source: Perennials for Ohio by Debra Knapke and Alison Beck)

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**Garden Walk 2014 update**

The GardenWalk committee again asked Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn GardenWalk 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 [trmsms@gmail.com](mailto:trmsms@gmail.com) or by phone at 216-394-4318 if you would like to enter your garden.

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## Former OBCDC executive director Jerry Preseren passes from this life on March 31st, 2014

by Lynette Filips  
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In the April edition of the *Old Brooklyn News*, we decided to print a 'sidebar' to the article about our new executive director which would list all our former executive directors and the years they served.

As two of us long-term employees worked on that issue and reminisced about the old days, in no way could we have imagined that before we even turned the page from March to April on our calendar that one of them, Jerry Preseren, would have passed away.

But on March 31st, that is exactly what happened. Jerry had turned 70 years old earlier that month, was still happily employed, and was not aware of having any potentially deadly medical condition.

Jerry Preseren served as executive director of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) from November, 1987 through April, 2001. During those 13-1/2 years, he earned the distinction of being OBCDC's longest-serving executive director, and probably the distinction of being the most overworked and underpaid executive director, too.

Some of the years during which Jerry led this organization were plagued with financial problems -- withdrawal of monetary support from the City for the CDC in general and the Broadvue Theater (which the CDC had purchased) in particular. At times it was close to a one-man office, with Jerry somehow keeping the organization and the *Old Brooklyn News* going with funds from ads in the newspaper and the *Old Brooklyn Business Directory*.

Jerry never took a vacation, and rarely took any time off. He'd often come into the office on weekends and/or take the computer (which wasn't a laptop) home with him to work on the newspaper there, too. Health insurance and benefits were unknown to him; for extended periods of time, he didn't even get a paycheck.

The office was so under-equipped that when the copy machine broke we felt lucky



Photo courtesy of Constellation Schools  
Jerry Preseren

that we were able to use the one in the office next door. But Jerry didn't let any of that get him down; he just pressed on with the support of OBCDC's Board, some of whom became very close friends.

Jerry left OBCDC to become the executive director of Constellation Schools, a charter school organization which he and two other individuals founded. Jerry had plenty of experience working in academia, having helped to found Old Brooklyn Montessori School (the forerunner of Old Brooklyn Community Elementary School and Old Brooklyn Community Middle School) during his tenure as OBCDC executive director.

And prior to coming to OBCDC Jerry had worked for both Gilmour Academy and the Cleveland Municipal School District as a Business Manager.

We would like to publish an article next month full of tributes to Jerry from residents and business owners who remember his dedication to this organization. Please contact us if you are one of those people so that we can share your memories with the community and, we hope, help to ease the pain of loss at this difficult time for Jerry's family (his wife, Judy; children, Brian, Leanne and Jennifer; and seven granddaughters).

## The Old Brooklyn Cravery opens

by Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
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Kathleen Stachowiak launched The Old Brooklyn Cravery, a new bakery at 3430 Memphis Ave., (near Pearl Rd.) on March 22nd. She specializes in custom cookies, cakes, muffins, pies, scones and breads. She will create sugar-free items and is working with protein to make more health-conscious products. Her most recent creation was an oatmeal and peanut butter protein cookie.

Kate is working on a menu, but can take custom orders at her store or online at [www.facebook.com/TheOldBrooklynCravery](http://www.facebook.com/TheOldBrooklynCravery). She describes a "Cravery" as a shop with things you crave (i.e., homemade baked goods and local arts and crafts).

Kate grew up in Old Brooklyn and in May 2013 graduated from the University of Akron as a Certified Chef. For a couple of years she worked at Slices Fabulous Pastries, an Old Brooklyn bakery which supplies cakes and desserts to restaurants throughout Northeast Ohio. Kate described Slices' owner Efty R. Simakis as an inspiring role model and wonderful mentor.

When asked about her passion for baking, Kate said, "Baking comes naturally for me and I have a passion for it. I knew that's what I wanted to do".

Kate has also been inspired to get involved with the community by her mother, Constance Ewazen, who is President of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn. Kate is working on "get to know your neighbor" events and will be selling baked goods at Senior Citizen Resources, Inc. She posts events and specials on The Old Brooklyn Cravery's facebook page. There are often specials before closing on Saturday nights and she encourages everyone to check online every Saturday.



Photo by: Jayme Lucas-Bukszar

Kate Stachowiak  
in front of The Old Brooklyn Cravery

In addition to bakery, The Old Brooklyn Cravery sells crocheted items, pottery, candles and paintings from Old Brooklyn artisans, as well as items for the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn. "I want to support our local artists and crafts people. And they help make my store even more beautiful. Supporting the Historical Society is so important. Knowing where you come from is critical and I want to help them to further their research."

Kate is also selling her baked goods at local sandwich shops and working to expand her wholesale business. Her goal is to have a fully-equipped bakery with refrigerators so that she can have a more comprehensive offering. She is operating The Old Brooklyn Cravery without a loan and is saving money to meet her goals for the business.

The Old Brooklyn Cravery is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. It is closed on Sunday and Monday. Kate can be reached at 216-337-8200 or online on facebook.

## Planting native wildflowers attracts birds, insects

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists



When people design gardens for human enjoyment they usually choose plants based on fragrance, color and beauty. When they also add a water feature in a secluded garden nook, there will be sound which enhances the feelings of serenity and relaxation.

If they were to plan a garden from a bird's point of view, that garden design would include edible seeds, nesting material, shelter

and safety. Combining what people want in a garden with what birds want will add sights, sounds and fragrance, making that garden a place where neighbors and friends love to spend time.

A yard full of flowers will attract many insects which in turn will attract many migrating birds. Migrating birds looking for a place to build a nest on the way to their northern homes will choose a place where edible seeds and insects are readily available.

Perennials such as yarrow, daisies, coneflowers and black-eyed Susans provide a good base for a flower garden, but are stingy when it comes to seeds. When purchasing garden plants it is better to buy native species and not hybrid cultivators.

Annuals such as salvias, marigolds, zinnias and sunflowers add color and provide the seeds which attract migrating birds. Zinnias should be planted with shorter varieties in front of taller, leggier ones so that ragged foliage is hidden. Planting goldenrods and asters will add late summer interest and color.

Choosing flowers with stiff, slim and twiggy stems will provide nesting material for many different kinds of birds. Allowing these stems to remain over winter and into early spring will provide needed nesting materials when birds begin building their nests. Begin a new tradition this autumn and allow the stems to remain throughout the winter until late April or May!

Flower borders which are deeper than usual are inviting to insects and therefore are inviting to birds, providing food for them and their offspring. Bird song will be heard April through early July in such gardens. Making gardens attractive to birds adds dimension and depth to outdoor living.

When the birds go silent during the heat of late summer afternoons, a garden can still be humming with the sounds of insects. Late summer nights can be filled with the flicker of fireflies, the croaks of frogs and the songs of katydids.

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists continue to inch closer to the goal of becoming a certified National Wildlife Community. Ten more points (ten more backyard habitats) are needed to reach the goal. Consider joining the quest for certification at [www.nwf.org/create](http://www.nwf.org/create), call Gloria at 216-351-0254 or email [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com).

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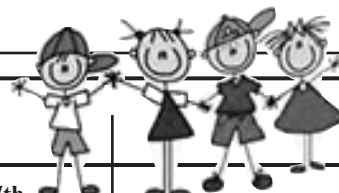
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**Children's Museum of Cleveland**  
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www.clevelandchildrensmuseum.org  
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**Cleveland Botanical Garden**  
11030 East Blvd.  
216-721-1600 www.cb garden.org  
**Nature Connects** - A LEGO experience. *Discover the extraordinary building blocks of nature.* Sat., May 24th - Sun. Aug. 24th; Tues., Thurs. - Sat.; 10 am - 5 pm. Wed.; 10 am - 9 pm. Sun. Noon - 5 pm. Tickets: \$11/non-member adult, \$6/non-member child. Free for garden members.

**Cleveland Metroparks**  
**Brookside Valley Event Site**  
**Flowers & Flies** - Sat., May 10th; 1-3 pm. See May flowers & discover dazzling butterflies on hike around Reservation. Naturalist Mark Warman will lead identification exploration of fascinating spring butterflies.

**Cleveland Metroparks - Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation's CanalWay Center**  
E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd.  
216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com  
**Make & Take: Fish Craft & Movie** - Sat., May 17th; 11 am - 1 pm. Make fish craft & watch *The Little Mermaid* playing in theater room.

**Family Sunset Hike** - Fri., May 30th; 7:30 - 8:30 pm. Look for tadpoles & learn to identify calls of most common frogs & toads.

**Children's Fishing Derbies** - Sat., May 17th, Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15; fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g., how to cast). Loaner fishing equipment available. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Compete for prizes. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Call 216-206-1010 for more info.

**Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center** 11350 Broadway Ave.  
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**Flowers for Mom** - Sun., May 11th; 3 - 4:15 pm. Moms can relax with refreshments as kids make surprise gift. Afterwards, head to gardens in search of bugs & butterflies. Ages: 5 years & over with adult.

**Cleveland Metroparks Mill Stream Run Reservation - Strongsville Park Operations**  
9485 Eastland Rd, off Valley Parkway, west of Pearl Rd/Rte. 42 440-526-1012  
**Pond Dipping** - Sun. May, 25th; 2 - 4 pm. Learn about animals in ponds & unique adaptations. Use nets to catch & release animals.

**Children's Fishing Derbies** - Sun., May 18th, Wallace Lake, Ages 4 - 8 fish 9 am - noon; ages 9 - 15; fish 1 - 4 pm. Free fishing while learning fishing basics (e.g., how to cast). Loaner fishing equipment available. Water specially stocked with rainbow trout & channel catfish. Compete for prizes. Bring tackle, coolers & ice for day's catch. Call 216-206-1010 for more info.

**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River**  
Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660  
**Backyard Chickens** - Sat., May 10th; 1 - 2:30 pm. Learn how easy it is to raise chickens in backyards; Naturalist Kathy Schmidt.

**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.

**Wild Ride at the Zoo** - Fri., May 9th & Fri., Jul. 25th; 5:30 - 8:30 pm. Tickets: \$12 per person. Signed release form required; helmet recommended; under 18 must have parent or legal guardian sign & deliver waiver. Advance sale tickets available online at clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo. Rain or shine.

**Mother's Day at the Zoo** - Sun., May 11th; all moms receive free admission. Sponsored by UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital

**Professor Wyld's Animal Show** - Sat., May 24th - Mon., Sept. 1st; daily 11:30 am, 1:30 & 3:30 pm. at Savanna Theater. Free with regular Zoo admission.

**Circle of Wildlife Carousel** - A cheetah, baby gorilla & trumpeter swan will be just a few of the beautiful, hand-carved animals visitors can choose to ride. Carousel is scheduled to open May 30th. Sixty-four animals have been carved & installed in new pavilion in former Savanna Ridge area. New restroom facilities, food concessions area & two new picnic shelters. Future plans include building rentable events center adjacent to carousel for birthday parties, corporate team-building events, meetings or weddings. Call or visit clevelandmetroparks.com/zoo for more info.

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**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.

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**Teen Programs** - TAG Team (Sat., May 31st, 1:30 - 2:15 pm. Grades 6 - 12) & Board Game Day & Wii Play (Sat., May 31st, 2:30 - 4:30 pm. ages 10 - 18)

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**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
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**Family Fishing Day** - Sun., May 11th; 9 am. - noon. Fee: \$7/person; \$35/families of 5 or more. Learn about basic fishing equipment, how to cast, where to fish & what kind of fish to catch in different locations. Start at Nature Center, then do real fishing in Lake Erie. All equipment provided. Adults & teens (ages 16 & up) wanting to fish must have valid fishing license. Pre-registration required.

**Lake Erie Family Fest! Sunday** - Sun., Jun. 1st; noon - 4 pm. Live animal encounters, crafts, snacks, refreshments & more for every age group. The Great Duck Race. Sponsor a rubber duck to race down Porter Creek & maybe win prize package from the Center. For families with children of all ages. Tickets: \$5 per person; includes all activities exceptions include duck sponsorship, snacks & refreshments Duck sponsorship is \$5/duck or 5/\$20.

**The You-niverse** - For families with 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 the universe in your own backyard. Fee: \$3/person.

**Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**  
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216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org  
**Mother's Day: Brunch, Scenes & Mama-logues** - Sun., May 11th; 11 am; \$18 per person Advance registration required by May 7th. Kosher brunch & dessert of three short mother & child themed performances co-produced by Interplay Jewish Theatre & Maltz Museum.

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**Studio Theater**  
**"Night, Mother"**  
Now - Sun., May 4th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm; student matinee, Tickets: \$12 - \$29.

**Cleveland Public Theater (CPT)**  
6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext 205  
www.cptonline.org  
**James Levin Theater**  
**"This Is Not the Play"**  
Thurs., May 15th - Sat., May 31st. Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$28. Mon. & Thurs.- \$12. Free beer Friday.

**Storefront Studio**  
**"Left in Ink"**  
Thurs., May 15th - Sat., May 31st. Thurs, Fri. & Sat., 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$18. Mon. & Thurs.- \$12. Free beer Friday.

**Playhouse Square Center**  
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www.playhousesquare.org

**Helen Rosenfeld Lewis Bialosky Lab Theater**  
**"Grounded"**  
Wed., May 7th - Sat. May 17th. Wed., Thurs. Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 5 pm; Tickets: \$20 - \$30.

**OhioTheater**  
**"Pinocchio"**  
Fri. & Sat., May 9th & 10th. Fri., 7 pm; Sat., 11 am & 2 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$15.

**"Rent"**  
Fri. & Sat., May 30th & 31st & Sun., Jun. 1st. Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm; Tickets: \$15.

**Allen Theater's Second Stage Theater**  
**"Informed Consent"**  
Now - Sun., May 18th. Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 2:30 - 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$45 - \$72.. Check website for times..

**State Theater**  
**"Jersey Boys"**  
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**St. Leo the Great School Registration**  
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**Bicentennial - IV** from front page became Pearl Rd., the route via which much of the later migration to this part of Brooklyn Township occurred; they came here from Newburg Township (on the other side of the

Cuyahoga River!) via the trail which became Harvard Rd. and Denison Rd. The reason has to do with altitude.

The original settlement of Cleveland on the east side of the Cuyahoga River was on very low land. That was not a good situation for the settlers healthwise. "Fever and ague", a sickness mentioned in early Cleveland histories, is what today is termed malaria. It is transmitted by mosquitoes which breed in swampy areas.

After a while the early settlers realized that, and to escape getting sick, they moved to higher grounds, away from the mouth of the River and Lake Erie. Many of them settled in Newburg Township (which included present day Newburg Heights).

When cousins James and Moses Fish came to the Western Reserve in 1811, they spent the winter of 1811-1812 in Newburg Township before settling in 1812 in what would become Brooklyn Centre.

The Harvard-Denison trail would be important for early settlers in 'south of the Big Creek Valley' Brooklyn Township, too. It's probably the route which Jeremiah Gates (builder of the oldest house in Old Brooklyn) took to get here in 1816 because, after initially working for another miller, the first mills he built were on the Cuyahoga River near today's Harvard Ave. (and followed by his mills near Memphis Ave., formerly known as Mill St.)

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