

## Plans for transforming MetroHealth underway; community invited to planning meeting

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Earlier this spring, Akram Boutros, M.D., CEO of MetroHealth, announced bold plans to transform the institution's W. 25th St. campus and the Old Brooklyn Health Center. The effort is intended to both modernize their healthcare facilities and better serve their patients.

As has been stressed repeatedly by Dr. Boutros, this change is more than just the

delivery of health care; it is about efforts to improve the local economy through the power of this major employer in Cleveland.

In order to best serve its community, MetroHealth is proposing significant changes to how it delivers health care and interacts with its neighbors. This change is in part due to the evolution of the healthcare system in America, but primarily due to facilities which are continuing to be used past their intended useful life.

According to Dr. Boutros, the upgrades to these facilities are both financially prudent and medically imperative for providing potentially life-saving care to patients. The campus makeover will take at least six years and cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Specific plans for building, financing and phasing have not yet been determined, and MetroHealth is seeking feedback for this critical task.

To that end, MetroHealth will be kicking off a series of community meetings to gather input from residents, employees and nearby businesses. The first meeting is planned for Saturday, October 11th, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Family Ministry Center (formerly Blessed Sacrament Church), 3389 Fulton Rd. at Trowbridge Ave. MetroHealth will provide lunch and childcare with games and crafts.

(Future community meetings are

expected to take place in Old Brooklyn and will be advertised in the *Old Brooklyn News*.)

"At the meeting on October 11th, we want to hear ideas about a new hospital campus from patients, residents, and those who work along the W. 25th Street corridor and Pearl Road," said Anne Hill, Manager of Local Government & Community Relations at MetroHealth. This will include opportunities for recreation on or near the hospital campuses, needs for healthy lifestyles and campus building options.

To RSVP for the October 11th meeting call 216-778-8118 or email [metromeeting@metrohealth.org](mailto:metromeeting@metrohealth.org). RSVPs are requested by Thursday, October 9th. For further information about the MetroHealth Campus Transformation plan, visit: [www.metrohealthtransformation.org](http://www.metrohealthtransformation.org).

The MetroHealth System was founded as City Hospital in 1837. MetroHealth, which employs more than 6300 people, saw its busiest year on record in 2013, serving over one million patients throughout the county. Although the health-



care provider operates out of seventeen locations, it is at the Medical Center on W. 25th Street and the Old Brooklyn Campus that the majority of the patients interact with them. (Lynette Filips and Jason Powers contributed to this article.)

### Transforming MetroHealth

**Saturday**  
October 11, 2014  
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Family Ministry Center**  
3389 Fulton Rd. near Trowbridge

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## H SOB and Arcadia Publishing pair up to produce *Old Brooklyn* book of vintage photos

Vintage photographs have a seemingly universal appeal, and so it was a good business decision in 1993 when Arcadia Publishing was established in Charleston, South Carolina to market books with captioned vintage photos about little niches of American life. Now just twenty-one years later, they've published more than 8500 such local history books, almost one hundred of which are about towns, neighborhoods, institutions, landmarks, colleges, cemeteries, transportation, sports and ethnic groups in the

Northeast Ohio/Greater Cleveland area.

Before last month, however, none of those books was devoted to our neighborhood. That changed on September 8th when the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn's (HSOB) *Old Brooklyn* book was released. It's part of Arcadia's Images of America series, and as stated in the book's acknowledgments, the HSOB believes that "it will be a valuable resource for former, current, and future residents of Old Brooklyn and the surrounding areas."

Old Brooklyn was published as one of the Historical Society's activities for the bicentennial year of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood's settlement by people of European descent. The Society will hold a book signing from 12:30 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 12th, at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's office, 2339 Broadview Rd.

"The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn does not have a museum yet, so we felt it was important as a part of our mission to educate the public to publish this book and share our collection of photos," said HSOB president Connie Ewazen.

The 127-page *Old Brooklyn* book contains 200 black and white photos, organized by category. It retails for \$21.99. The eight chapter headings are: 'Neighbors', 'Buildings', 'Houses of Worship', 'Recreation', 'Deaconess Hospital', 'Greenhouse Industry and Ben Franklin Gardens', 'Producers Milk', and 'Pearl Street Savings and Trust Company'.

The photographs came from a number of sources — Special Collections, the Michael Schwartz Library, at Cleveland State University; the Cleveland Public Library's Photography Collection; a published-in-1903 book titled *South Brooklyn*; the archives of numerous area churches; the Deaconess Foundation; the Deaconess Foundation's Senior Housing Administrator Steve Shroka; OBCDC's former Commercial Manager Tom Collins; professional photographer Frank Libal (deceased); amateur photographer Carol Lade (deceased); and members and friends of the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn.

It took the Historical Society of Old Brooklyn approximately one year to gather the photographs, arrange them by chapter, and write the accompanying captions and chapter introductions. Then it took Arcadia about six months to print it and to schedule the publication date.

See HSOB & Arcadia page 8



### Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

Come see what we've got planned...

Please join us at our Annual Meeting event at the Cleveland Maennerchor. Our program includes addresses from Councilmen Kelley and Brancatelli, our Board Chair and new Executive Director.

We will be proudly serving a local favorite Black Drum Barbecue and one complimentary drink. (Cash bar provided)

Register at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/OBCDC>  
or call: 216.459.1000

Tuesday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m.  
4515 State Rd. Cleveland, Ohio

### HAPPY HALLOWEEN

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## Charlotte N. Toledo

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Each year the Girl Scouts of America honor a select few young women with the Gold Award, their highest decoration. Recently Old Brooklyn resident Charlotte N. Toledo was added to their ranks. This prestigious award requires the individual to reach beyond their work in Girl Scouts and make a lasting impact on their home community.

To this end, Charlotte created an Outdoor Learning Garden in an unused courtyard at Parma Community High School, a Constellation School. The Outdoor Learning Garden is made up of two components: an outdoor classroom and a science garden where students in science classes can complete hands-on experiments. The space is complete with a 23-foot-long chalkboard and three picnic tables at which classes are held.

The Outdoor Learning Garden gives teachers and students a safe and quiet environment in which to enjoy the great outdoors while at school. It is a terrific way to observe the science in nature. By partnering with her school Charlotte's learning garden will be able to provide the community a sustainable space for science education.

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio CEO, Jane Christyson explained, "The Gold Award journey requires time management, critical thinking, project management, marketing, budgeting, hard work and commitment."

All girls spend a significant amount of time completing their Gold Award projects. Attaining the Girl Scout Gold Award requires a suggested 80 hours of planning and implementing a challenging, large-scale project that is innovative, engages others and has a lasting impact on its targeted community with an emphasis on sustainability.

Charlotte's Girl Scout Gold advisor remarked that she had never seen the amount



Charlotte N. Toledo

of support she saw in Charlotte's team of school staff members, who worked along with friends and family to bring the Outdoor Learning Garden to life.

Earning the Girl Scout Gold Award puts girls among an exceptional group of women who have used their knowledge and leadership skills to make a difference in the world. Less than one percent of all Girl Scouts earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. With talent, passion, commitment and determination, they can make changes in their communities and impact people around the world.

Charlotte is currently attending Cleveland State University and plans to become a High School history teacher.

She is one of four Ambassador Girl Scouts to recently "graduate" from Girl Scout Troop 4013, which she joined in 2001 as a Brownie Scout. Troop 4013 is made up of about fourteen girls and is led by Debra Robertson, who inspires all her girls to "Go for the Gold!" They meet at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Memphis Ave.

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and click on



## From the desk of the executive director

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After almost six months as the Executive Director of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), I invite you to join the OBCDC staff and the rest of the community at our annual meeting on Tuesday, October 28th. It will take place at 6 p.m. at the Cleveland Maennerchor, 4515 State Rd.

We enthusiastically extend this invitation to all members of the Old Brooklyn community – institutions, businesses, residents, employees and even visitors. This once-a-year gathering give us the opportunity to reconnect with other committed members of our neighborhood both to discuss our accomplishments of the past year and look forward to the future of Old Brooklyn.

Our Board of Directors and staff have deliberately chosen a new venue and format for the annual meeting to symbolize the direction in which we expect Old Brooklyn to evolve.

With roots going back 140 years, The Cleveland Maennerchor (Men's Choir) is a cultural gem in the heart of our neighborhood. Although the German club is open to the public on Friday for their famous fish fries and German dishes, we're providing this opportunity to step inside with the thought that there will be numerous first-time visitors. Thanks to the attractive exterior mural which was completed in 2013 in partnership with OBCDC, it will be easy for newcomers to find the building.

In addition to a new venue, OBCDC will be proudly serving sandwiches from Old Brooklyn's Black Drum BBQ. Many guests at the 2014 *Pop UP Pearl* and *Wings & Things* Cookoff stood in long lines to sample some of their unique barbecue. Although not a traditional pairing, barbecue and German brew sounds like a great combination for a cool evening in October.

At the 2014 annual meeting, we will present a new tradition — the Founders Award, given to an individual or organiza-

tion whose efforts have made a profound impact on the Old Brooklyn community through collaboration between residents, businesses and institutions.



Three recipients will receive the award each year. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of the first three recipients.

Of course an annual gathering would not be complete without proceedings of the corporation – OBCDC members in good standing will vote on candidates for the new Board of Directors and any other matters brought to the membership. We will also briefly recount successes over the past year.

Most importantly, we look forward to sharing our ideas and expectations for Old Brooklyn's future. As I have often repeated in this space, our neighborhood is poised for growth with the opportunity to leverage regionally significant assets. That investment must be shaped to benefit all members of our community through the creation of jobs, redevelopment of property, creation of vibrancy along our main streets, and embracing our future through superior educational choices. We will discuss our strategies for achieving those goals and hope that you will join us; it is only through coordination and collaboration that we will reach out potential.

### Old Brooklyn Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 28th at 6 p.m.

Cleveland Maennerchor

4515 State Rd.

Street parking available

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Admission includes

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Black Drum BBQ & one drink ticket.

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## Social Media and your Business!

Diane Helbig from Seize this Day Coaching will be speaking on how your business can benefit from Social Media strategies and campaigns.

Thursday, October 9th  
The Deaconess-Zane Center, 3105 Devonshire Rd.  
Registration 8 am; program at 8:30 am

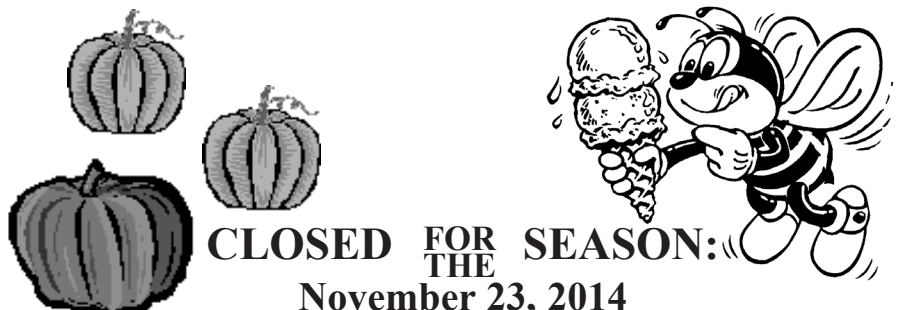
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#### Old Brooklyn News

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# NEWS & EVENTS

**Meeting Every Tuesday**

**Cleveland-Old Brooklyn Chapter of IRN**  
Dina's Pizza, 5701 Memphis Ave; 11:30 am - 1:15 pm. (IRN) International Referral Network, is a networking meeting open to all interested business owners. Get to know other local businesses & support each other in business & in other community-wide programs & events. Bring business cards. RSVP to Susan Lange, 440-669-4875.

**Now - Sunday, October 19th**

**Yael Bartana film: *Inferno***

Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, 2929 Richmond Rd., Beachwood. Eighteen-minute film about hypothetical rebuilding of Solomon's Temple in Sao Paulo, Brazil; foreign film screened at only one other US location. Included with regular museum admission. Also special programs with reduced admission. Check website, www.maltzmuseum.org, for details.

**Sundays, now thru October**

**Kamm's Corners Farmers' Market**

In municipal parking lot at W.168th St. & Albers; 10 am - 1 pm. Call Jenny Kelley, 216-252-6559, ext. 1400, or visit www.kamscornersfarmers-market.org.

**Now Thru November**

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**Monday, October 6th**

**Cuyahoga Valley Genealogy Society**

Independence Civic Center, Willow Room, 6363 Selig Blvd., 7:30 pm. CVS member & retired Professional Land Surveyor John E. Dailey speaking about "The Rise and Fall of the Interurban Railways". Contact CVGS president Mary Boehlein, 440-736 7180, or visit www.cuyahogagenealogy.org, for more info.

**Wednesday, October 8th**

**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. **Oct. 8th - Halloween Surprise**; \$15. **Nov. 12th - Southwestern Work Basket**; \$21. Supplies to bring when weaving -- old towel, bucket, clothes pins, ruler, pencil, scissors. Call Connie, 216-749-7912, to RSVP.

**Thursday, October 9th**

**Antique Collectors Club**

Busch Community Meeting Rm., 7501 Ridge Rd., 7 pm. Powerpoint presentation by Western Reserve Historical Society about Euclid Beach Park, early aviation, Great Lakes Expo & early automobile industry. Call Robert Murdoch, Publicity Chairman, 440-845-7046, for more info.

**Saturday, October 11th**

**Tremont ArtWalk Openhouse**

The Byzantine Catholic Cultural Center, 2420 W. 14th St. across from Lincoln Park in Tremont, 6 - 10 pm. Presentation about icons (history, symbolism, etc.) by iconographer Nina Kouznetzov, 7 pm.

**Saturday, October 11th**

**Cleveland Miniaturia Society**

**43rd Dollhouse & Miniature Show**

Don Umerly Civic Center, 21016 Hillard Blvd., Rocky River; 10 am - 4 pm. Club display, food, dollhouse raffle, door prize drawings. Will benefit Cleveland Animal Protective League. Adults - \$5; children - \$2; 5 & under, free. Call Barbara Murray 440-449-3038 or email Zaknclve@aol.com for more info.

**Saturday, October 11th**

**Northeast Care Center Job Fair**

Cleveland Airport Marriott, 4277 W. 150th St., 10 am - 1 pm. Recruiting for all shifts, full & part time, at multiple locations in Cleveland area. Seeking dependable applicants who enjoy helping others by providing direct support for individuals with developmental disabilities. Need to fill these positions: **Direct Support Professional (DSP)**, no experience necessary; **Driver**; **Qualified Intellectual Disability Professional (QIDP)**; **RN Supervisor**; **RN**; **LPN**; **House Supervisor**. Flexibility, benefits, paid training & opportunity for growth. On-site interviews for interested candidates age 18 & older. Bring 2 forms of identification & copy of high school diploma or GED. Contact Human Resources Dept., 440-582-3300; email www.necare.org/hrdept@necare.org; visit www.facebook.com/NortheastCareCenter for more info.

**Monday, October 13th**

**Monday Night at the Movies**

**The Next American Revolution: "Beyond Corporate Capitalism & State Socialism"**

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

**Wed., Oct. 15th, Thurs., Oct. 16th & Sat., Oct. 18th**

**CityMusic Cleveland Chamber Orchestra**

*Aner Dorman conductor; Timothy McAllister saxophone. MOZART Symphony No.35 (Haffner) DORMAN Saxophone Concerto DVO?AK Wind Serenade HAYDN Symphony No.45 (Farewell)*

**Fri., Oct. 15th**, Lakewood Congregational Church, 1375 W Clifton; 7:30 pm.

**Thurs., Oct. 16th**, Slovenian National Home, 6409 St Clair Ave; 7:30 pm.

**Sat., Oct. 18th**; Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus, 3649 E. 65th St.; 8 pm.

For additional concerts visit www.citymusic-cleveland.org/Concerts.

**Saturday, October 18th**

**Utilities Resource Fair**

West Side Community House, 9300 Lorain Ave.; 10 am - 2 pm; free. Get resource information re: applying for utilities assistance programs -- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Program (PIPP Plus) & Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Also apply for county benefits programs -- Medicaid, Child Care & Food assistance. Free utilities assistance programs training workshop; noon. Register online for the workshop at www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us. Call 216-987-7010 or visit www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us for more info.

**Sunday, October 19th**

**Arts Renaissance Tremont Concert**

**Jinwoo Cho, violin & HyunSoo Kim, piano with Yu Jin, viola / Keith Robinson, cello.** Pilgrim Congregational Church, 2592 W. 14th St.; 3 pm. Freewill donations.

**Tuesday, October 21st**

**Global Cleveland Town Hall Meeting**

Lutheran Hospital, Cantele Learning Center, 1730 W. 25th St.; 6 - 8 pm. Opportunity to share how good ideas develop, ways to welcome newcomers into our neighborhoods. Fun, food, prizes, refreshments. Free parking in parking lot off Franklin. Call Angela Woodson, 216-472-3282, or Yvonne Pointer, 216-644-4889, for more info. RSVP globalcleveland.org/welcoming.

**Monday, October 27th**

**Western Reserve Rose Society Meeting**

North Royalton Public Library, 5071 Wallings Rd; 7 pm. Panel Discussion about fall/winter rose care. Refreshments; all welcome.

**Cuyahoga County Public Library**

**Snow Branch - 2121 Snow Rd.**

**Understanding Medicare - Sat. Oct. 4th; 11 am.**

**The Best of Broadway - Mon., Oct. 6th; 7 pm. Zentangle® Inspirations Club - Thurs., Oct. 9th; 7 pm.** (for everyone -- from "newbies" to advanced Tanglers)

**Discover Careers That Fit Your Personality - Mon., Oct. 13th; 6:30 pm.**

**Adult Book Discussions - Mon., Oct. 20th, 7 pm - On Such a Full Sea by Chang-rae Lee; Thurs., Oct. 30th, 11 am - The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson.**

**Email Essentials - Mon., Oct. 20th; 10 am.**

**National Novel Writing Month Kickoff - Sat., Oct. 25th; 2 - 4 pm.**

**Word Essentials - Wed., Oct. 29th; 1 pm.**

**Saturday, November 1st Night at the Races**

Theodore Roosevelt American Legion Post 469, 4910 Memphis Ave. Hot dinner buffet, 5:30 - 7:30 pm; post time, 8 pm. Draft beer, wash & snacks included; BYOB. Music & dancing following races. Donation - \$15. Call 216-741-1880 for more info. No minors.

**Saturday, November 8th**

**Cleveland Grays GI Jive Swing Dance**

Grays Armory Museum, 1234 Bolivar Rd, near Playhouse Square. Swing Dance with Dan Zola Orchestra. Doors open 7 pm, free dance lesson 7:30 pm. Band plays 8 - 11 pm. Cash bar, raffle, prizes, armory tours. WWII era military & civilian attire encouraged but not required. Admission: \$25. Call 216-621-5938 or www.graysarmory.com for more info.

## OBCDC chooses Jason Powers as new Director of Marketing and Development

Last month Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) welcomed its newest staff member, Jason Powers, as Director of Marketing and Development. A native of Beachwood, Jason moved back to Cleveland from Washington, D.C. where he lived for the last six years. We asked Jason:

**What did you do before coming to OBCDC?**

After finishing my degree in Economics and Public Policy at Indiana University I moved to Washington, D.C. to work for Congressman John Olver of Massachusetts. I'm passionate about public service and was eager to see how policy officials at the national level work together to impact our lives. During that time I was able to work with communities across the country on projects ranging from affordable housing and business development to transit construction and main street revitalization. As I followed their programs I became curious about development in Cleveland and found myself reading the PD more often than the Washington Post; it was clear to me that my future was in Cleveland.

Just over two years ago I moved away from politics to work at a non-profit called NeighborWorks America. At NeighborWorks I managed a team of public affairs and communications specialists in our regional offices around the country. We worked together to support communities with grants, technical assistance, marketing and outreach. Again I was able to learn from the successes and challenges which other communities faced.

**Why Old Brooklyn?**

Born and raised an east-sider, I have to admit that I did not know much about Old Brooklyn growing up. Short of visits to the Zoo and Memphis Kiddie Park, I spent little time on this side of the river. As a professional living on the east coast for the last six years I found myself returning for holidays and seeing Cleveland in a new light. Living in a dense urban neighborhood in D.C. whet my appetite for cities and vibrant communities and I sought out Cleveland's equivalents. After no time at all I identified the Near West Side as the kind of environment in which I was interested.

When I began looking for work I had one major goal in mind: pursue a path of strengthening and improving Cleveland's neighborhoods. Upon learning of the job at OBCDC I researched the neighborhood and was excited by the potential and opportunities here. The community is already the safest in Cleveland, filled with active and friendly residents, and has historic and new businesses to build on. Admittedly there are a variety of challenges facing our community but as a whole the opportunities are greater.

**What do you hope to accomplish here?**

First and foremost I want to tell our neighborhood's story. I want to make sure that nobody in Greater Cleveland is at a loss when



asked, "What do you know about Old Brooklyn?" As Director of Marketing and Development I will work with residents and business owners to share who we are with the region. Though I will take on many projects and responsibilities here at OBCDC it is my primary role to learn Old Brooklyn's past, experience its present and promote its future. Families living in and around Cleveland should know about our community and consider it as a place to live and businesses should understand the opportunities which come from locating here. That we're a short drive to nearly every community in Northeast Ohio and yet located only minutes from downtown is just one example of the assets we already have and which can be showcased to potential investors.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I'm sort of all over the place with hobbies and interests. I enjoy running, have recently finished my third marathon and am currently looking for the next challenge. I'm a fan of our Indians, Browns and Cavs and a Buckeye since birth! Recently, I've begun tackling more home improvement projects and will be starting my first garden in the spring (and looking forward to advice from local experts!). I also come from a musical family and play piano, guitar and cello. If only I had more time!

**Since you're a recent boomeranger and a neighborhood marketer: Why Cleveland?**

In my last job I worked in New Orleans, New York, Portland, L.A., Memphis, Louisville, St. Louis, Seattle and many others. Each of these cities have unique landmarks which serve as testaments to their greatness, but while these icons find their way onto book covers and postcards, they do little to improve their surrounding neighborhoods. A city is not its skyline but its citizens. A great city provides opportunities for all people to live in safe and healthy communities, inspires its citizens to engage in civic discussion and promotes the common welfare while commending individual achievement. No city has achieved this yet, but I believe Cleveland is on path toward it and I am excited to be a part of our greater tomorrow.

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## Stay safe on Halloween night!

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### Un-haunting your house and neighborhood for Halloween

- Welcome trick-or-treaters by turning on exterior lights.
- Sit outside to hand out candy, so kids don't have to climb your stairs and you have extra eyes on your street.
- Have a phone and flashlight at hand in case of trouble or emergency.
- Remove objects in the yard which might present a hazard to visitors.
- Involve older students as "witch's helpers" to help trick-or-treaters cross streets and watch out for ghoulish behavior.
- Drive slowly all evening; you never know what creature may suddenly cross your path.
- Report any suspicious or criminal activity to the police-- 216-621-1234.

### Trick-or-treating alternatives

Parents and kids can avoid trick-or-treating troubles entirely by organizing a Halloween costume party with treats, games, contests, music, scary stories, etc. Many schools, fire stations, libraries, city recreation centers and malls also organize "haunted houses" and other family-friendly festivities.



### Wearing safe costumes

To minimize the danger of candle-lit jack-o-lanterns and other fire hazards, check that costumes are flame-retardant. Keep costumes short to prevent trips, falls and other bumps in the night.

- Encourage kids to wear comfortable shoes.
- Try make-up instead of a mask. Masks can be hot and uncomfortable and obstruct vision  
-- a dangerous thing when kids are crossing streets and going up and down steps.

- Make sure kids wear light colors or put reflective tape on their costumes.

### Dressed-up and dangerous?

Halloween blood and gore are usually harmless, but sometimes dressing up as a superhero, scary monster or slimy alien from outer space - coupled with the excitement of Halloween - brings out aggressive behavior.

Even fake knives, swords, guns and other accessories can accidentally hurt people. If these objects are part of a costume, make sure they are made from cardboard or other flexible materials. Better yet, challenge kids to create costumes which don't need "weapons".

### Preparing ghosts and goblins for trick or treating

- Make sure kids go out with friends and an adult & set a time limit.
- Map out a safe route together so everyone knows the area where they'll be. Remind them not to take shortcuts through backyards, alleys or playing fields.
- Tell them not to enter a strange house or approach any cars on the street.
- Younger children should be accompanied by an adult.
- Get kids to trick-or-treat while it is still light outside. If it is dark, make sure that a couple of them carry working flashlights.

### Pranks which can be a little tricky

Halloween is notoriously a night of pranks, so get a handle on your children's plans before they go out. Explain to them that while you want them to have a good time, some tricks could hurt other children or vandalize property. Emphasize that you disapprove of vandalism.

### Eating the treats

- Kids need to know not to eat their treats until they get home. Feed them a meal or substantial snack before they go out.
- After they return, check out all treats in a well-lighted place. Eat only Unopened candies and treats which are in their original wrappers. Inspect fruit and homemade goodies for anything suspicious.
- To keep kids from feeling ill, remind them not to eat too many treats at once.

*I'll see you on the streets; have a safe Halloween!*

## Grace Brothers Nursery = sustainable options

by Nicholle Dixon, Manager  
(North Royalton) &  
Kevin Kubovcik, Manager (Cleveland)

(Editor's note: Readers who are familiar with the Ben Franklin Community Garden (BFCG) and Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's Green Space and Natural Resources Committee might recognize the name of Grace Brothers Nursery and Supply. They donated gift cards for the Garden's annual ice cream social and the native Ohio Joe Pye Weed and Superbells Calibrachoa plants -- and the organic fertilizer for them -- in the large planters at the bus stop at Pearl Rd. and Broadview Rd. They were also the source for the tree pictured on page 12 of this issue which the Green Space and Natural Resources Committee planted at Estabrook this past summer. When the BFCG decided to forego writing an article this month, I asked Grace Brothers if they would like to be a guest author, and they happily accepted.)

Kevin and Don Grace opened Grace Brothers at 12905 Ridge Rd. in North Royalton in the spring of 2002. Ten years later, in March of 2012, they saw the need for a store selling farm, garden and pet supplies and opened a second location at 1907 W. 65th St. in the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood. Both stores specialize in supplying the community with services and products which help those wanting to live in a more sustainable manner.

The City of Cleveland allows residents to raise six hens per city lot via an ordinance passed in 2009. Each spring Grace Brothers offers classes in conjunction with the kick-off of Chick Tuesdays at which they sell live chicks and ducklings to individuals wishing to raise them to maturity for fresh eggs.



In addition, Grace Brothers has full size hens available year-round to those who wish to bypass chicken-rearing efforts and buy hens which are already laying eggs. Many different varieties are offered and all are well-suited for living in our Northeast Ohio climate. Along with chicks and chickens, Grace Brothers sells both all-natural and organic chicken feeds, feeders, water fountains and other items required to keep hens happy and healthy.

The stores also sell dog and cat foods and treats and specialize in grain-free and holistic offerings. Each variety is carefully selected for its nutritional value. For their feline friends, Grace has a 40 lb. bag of scoopable cat litter with baking soda for \$9.99.

For folks who have larger domesticated animals Grace Brothers carries all-natural rab-



bit, goat and horse feed.

Domestic and wild bird seed in combinations which provide optimum health for our feathered friends are also available. Grace Brothers has two mixes they developed in the harsh winter of 2013 to provide a higher protein content to sustain the backyard bird population. One of their employees, Nicholle, began mixing seeds in her backyard and observing which combinations provided the best nutrition for the birds which remain in Ohio year-round. The result is Grace Brothers Ohio Blend and Wild Bird Delight.

Grace Brothers also supplies seasonal plants and seeds for gardening -- annuals, vegetables, fruiting trees and bushes, perennials, shrubs and trees. They can order in anything customers can't find if they ask for it. Now that autumn is here they're selling local pumpkins, cornstalks and mums, and in December, they will be selling Ohio-grown cut Christmas trees and decorations for lavish displays.

Grace Brothers also offer full-service landscaping for customers who need help. Call for a free quote. The store offers delivery of bulk items such as topsoil, leaf humus, mulch and stone.

In 2012, Grace Brothers began offering fresh, local produce at their stores. It went so well that they began offering shares in their Community Supported Agriculture program in 2013. They carry local foods year-round: farm fresh eggs, Hartzler butter and Greenfield raw-milk cheeses, chevre goat cheeses, a selection of salsas, jams, pickles and mustards, and fresh whole chickens and chicken sausages. Frostie and Sioux City pure cane sugar sodas and Charles Chips are also available. (Older customers remember their home-delivery back in the day.)

This year Grace Brothers is offering three Thanksgiving packages -- a cheese platter, a harvest meal and a fresh, never frozen, turkey. They are priced separately for people who want to try one, but not the other. Sign up is available online or in-store, and although it might seem early to think of Thanksgiving, a reservation must be placed to hold an order. More information is available at [www.grace-brosnursery.com](http://www.grace-brosnursery.com).

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It looks like I'm beginning another Town Crier column raving about more of the extraordinary, free events which took place in Cleveland the preceding month. Although I didn't make it downtown this past weekend for the **Ingenuity Fest** (on the waterfront west of E. 9th St.), I did make it to the **Sparx City Hop** on Saturday of the weekend before Ingenuity.

As for Sparx, one of the Lolly the Trolley stops was Tremont. The pickup site was conveniently located near the **Tremont Arts & Cultural Festival** which was taking place both days of the same weekend. After a whirl around Tremont, the trolley headed downtown to 'the hub' at Playhouse Square. There we were able to pick up trolleys to the two other neighborhoods on the tour — Ohio City to the west and Asia Town/and the Art Quarter in the St. Clair/Superior District to the east.

It was a gorgeous day in terms of the weather, I learned some things about the new life being infused into a number of old buildings in our city, and enjoyed some prime family time in the process. Thanks to all the merchants and funders, especially the Downtown Cleveland Alliance, who made it happen. I'm looking forward to the day when the revitalization in Old Brooklyn will be to the point that we could be one of the neighborhoods featured on the tours, too.

I didn't get too far with reporting student news this past summer, so I'll start with the information I received from **Mary Queen of Peace (MQP) School** about the awards they gave out at their graduation ceremony last spring. As in past years, the recognitions fall into several categories.

**MQP's Parent Teacher Unit** has traditionally given stipends of varying amounts to exemplary graduates who are going on to Catholic high schools. The staff chooses the recipients based on their academic achievement, overall effort and how they embody Christian values in their lives. And the scholarship winners from the Class of 2014 are —

**Mason Kapluck**, now a freshman at St. Ignatius High School, who received \$1000; **Mario Bucio**, now a freshman at St. Martin de

Porres High School, who received \$750; **Josip Perkovic**, now a freshman at St. Martin de Porres High School, who received \$750; **Tatyjana Henry**, now a freshman at St. Joseph Academy, who received \$500; **Jexter Paredes-Vizcaino**, now a freshman at St. Martin de Porres High School, who received \$500; **Luis Kozma**, now a freshman at Trinity High School, who received \$300; and **Allen Thomas**, now a freshman at Benedictine High School, who received \$200.

Every year the **Ladies Auxiliary of the Polish Legion of American Veterans** also offers eighth graders the opportunity to win United States savings bonds based on an essay on a given topic. This year's topic was *My Salute to a Veteran*, and the ladies chose **Mario Bucio's** essay as the best one from Mary Queen of Peace. Second place went to **Tatyjana Henry** and third place to **Luis Kozma**.

Because Mario Bucio's essay was first in his school, it was then submitted to the State level, where it was deemed to be the second best of all the entries statewide. We haven't heard whether or not it received a national award.

The families and friends of three deceased individuals also offer MQP eighth-graders scholarships in memory of their loved ones.

The **Brian Himes Scholarship** is awarded in memory of a student who graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel School. The determination of the two students who each received \$500 is based on the way they treat others, their portrayal of how a Catholic student should live, and their extra-curricular activities. In 2014, those students were **Mason Kapluck** and **Jexter Paredes-Vizcaino**.

The student who was awarded the \$500 **Darlene Brezovsky Memorial Scholarship** was chosen based on an essay on the topic "What career I would like to go into and why". **Mason Kapluck's** essay was deemed to be the best.

The **Paul Armbruster Memorial Scholarship** is given to an eighth grader continuing his/her education at a Catholic high school to honor an OLG/MQP parishioner who was an educator in the Diocese of Cleveland for thirty-eight years. In 2014 the \$500 was awarded to **Mario Bucio**. It's only the second year for this scholarship.

We also received word from the **Joseph Shinoda Memorial Scholarship Foundation** in San Luis Obispo, California that one of the

\$2000 horticulture scholarships they award annually has gone to Old Brooklyn resident **Joshua Henry**. A senior at the Ohio State University and a Ben Franklin Community Garden employee a few years ago, the Foundation regards Josh and the other seven

recipients as "horticulture's best and brightest".

There's still more student and other news in *The Town Crier* queue, but don't let that keep you from sending yours in to: Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com or mailing it to me c/o OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Rd., 44109.

## BCN close to quota with "Wildlife Habitats"

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

The other day someone asked one of our Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) members, "What benefits do I get for registering my home as a National Wildlife Backyard retreat?" When you join the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) by registering your property as a backyard retreat, you will receive a subscription to their award-winning magazine and if you want, you can sign up for specific newsletters that will provide tips on what to plant to attract birds, pollinators or butterflies as well as tips on organic gardening. You will keep up with environmental issues affecting wetlands, prairies and other wildlife habitats.

When you sign up to become a backyard retreat, you will become a member of a group of your neighbors who are striving to become A National Wildlife Community in zip code 44109. You will make them one step closer to their goal of becoming a National Wildlife Community. The records show we need six more backyards to reach the number of residences to qualify. They are waiting for verification of that number from NWF.

Every backyard retreat certification BCN collects in their quest to achieve National Wildlife status for Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre means that there are residents in our community who understand the need to create habitat for wildlife. If birds, bees, and butterflies pick our community for nesting, raising young and living, then we know that we live in an environmentally conscious community of choice.

Being a National Wildlife Community will raise our community's profile as a greener community for residents, businesses and organizations seeking a new place to locate.

Together, we will improve the health of our community by taking action steps to

improve water and air quality one backyard at a time.

Supporting organic gardening and reducing our use of chemicals and pesticides will make our community healthier places for our children and pets.

Together, we can reduce heat island impacts by actively supporting adding more native green spaces through creating wildlife habitat corridors throughout our community.

How proud will our community be when we reach our goal and we can celebrate crossing the finish line together?

In Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre, we have the advantage of living in neighborhoods with many parks and natural amenities which give us an advantage in terms of being a community that understands the relationship between our natural environment and our built environment.

If you already provide food, water, cover and a place to raise young for wildlife, you are a backyard retreat. You are a good steward of the natural world. You already know the benefits of being a backyard habitat.

So you decide. Do you want to make it official? Do you want to be one of the neighbors who joins in BCN's quest to become nationally certified by the National Wildlife Federation?

If you do, you can sign up to become a wildlife retreat by using the NWF website <http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify-Your-Wildlife-Garden.aspx> or call Gloria Ferris at 216-351-0254 or email [bcnaturalistsATmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalistsATmail.com) to obtain an application.

If you join now, you will be entered in a drawing to receive the "A Taste of All Seasons" cookbook presented by Brooklyn Centre Naturalists and a sun catcher created by local artist, Sharon Martyn, owner of "A Pane in the Glass".



## THEATER NOTES



**Beck Center**  
17801 Detroit Ave.  
216-521-2540 [www.beckcenter.org](http://www.beckcenter.org)  
**Mackey Main Stage**  
"title of show"

Fri., Oct. 10th - Sun., Nov. 16th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$29.

### "Something Dada"

Sat., Oct. 25th. Pre-show reception, bands & cash bar, 7 pm. Performance, 8 pm. Tickets: \$20.

### Cassidy Theatre

6200 Pearl Rd. 440-842-4600  
[cassidytheatre.com](http://cassidytheatre.com)  
"The Boy Friend"

Fri., Oct. 10th - Sun., Oct. 25th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: adults, \$20; students/senior citizens, \$15.

### Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)

6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext 205  
"She's Wearing White"

Thurs., Oct. 9th - Sun., Oct. 26th. Thurs. & Fri., 7, 8 & 9 pm; Sat., 4, 5, 6, 8, 9 & 10 pm; Sun., 3, 4 & 5 pm. Tickets: \$15 Fri. & Sat.; \$12, Thurs. & Sun.

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**Playhouse Square Center**—  
1501 Euclid Ave. 216-241-6000  
[www.playhousesquare.org](http://www.playhousesquare.org)

**Cleveland Play House at the Allen Theatre**  
"The Little Foxes"

Now - Sun., Oct 5th. Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$39 - \$79.

**Great Lakes Theater at the Hanna Theatre**  
"The Merry Wives Of Windsor"

Now - Sun., Nov. 2nd. Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$70.

**Great Lakes Theater at the Hanna Theatre**  
"Les Misérables"

Fri., Oct. 3rd - Sun., Nov. 9th. Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$70.

### Kennedy's Theatre

"Edward Albee's OCCUPANT"

Now - Sat., Oct. 25th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15.

### Outcalt Theatre

"How We Got On"

Fri., Oct. 24th - Sun., Nov. 16th. Tues., 7 pm; Wed. & Thurs., 7:30 pm; Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. 2:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 2:30 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$59.

### State Theatre

"Motown the Musical"

Fri., Oct. 3rd - Sun., Oct. 19th. Tues., Wed., Thurs. & Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 2 & 8 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$100.

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# Son of Dr. Myroslav Mychkovsky recalls former family business, Memphis Animal Hospital

by George Mychkovsky

My late father, Dr. Myroslav Mychkovsky, DVM, opened Memphis Animal Hospital at 5617 Memphis Avenue in the summer of 1963. He, his wife Anna Luba, and their son Michael had immigrated to the United States in 1949. He'd fled from Soviet-occupied Ukraine via a Displaced Person camp in Germany, where he met and married Anna and where Michael was born.

The family moved to Montana where for seven years my father was a veterinarian for the State of Montana. It was there that my older brother Ihor and I were born.

Our family moved to Port Clinton in 1956, primarily to be closer to the Ukrainian émigré community in Ohio. My father worked for the State of Ohio as a veterinary meat inspector, travelling to slaughter houses across northwestern Ohio to ensure that beef was prepared in a sanitary manner. He also operated a veterinary clinic from the basement of our house after work.

A near-fatal explosion in February 1962 at a boiler in one of the slaughter houses changed the course of family history. Shortly after recovering from the accident, my father took a forty-hour per week veterinarian job with the City of Cleveland's Health Department. We moved to a ranch home at 5617 Memphis Ave., and as he'd done in Port Clinton, my father opened a home business running a veterinary clinic.

The veterinary hospital was required to be separate from the house, so a building on

the property south of our house, which had previously been used as a window supply store, was renovated for that purpose. The entrance to the office was on the east side of the building, and the kennels (for the animals' boarding and recovery) were on the west side. At first the entrance seemed confusing, since the illuminated business sign was only about twenty feet in front of the house. But the clientele soon got used to driving past the house to the veterinary hospital in back. The far south-east corner of the hospital had a room converted to a bedroom where my father slept on nights when an animal required frequent observation.

Recognizing that the general public would struggle with his name, my father chose Memphis Animal Hospital for the name of his business. While he'd primarily treated farm animals in Ukraine and Montana, in Cleveland pet dogs and cats comprised more than 99% of his business (plus a few guinea pigs and hamsters).

My mother answered phone calls and set up appointments, and my brothers and I cleaned kennels and occasionally held down a difficult animal for a shot or tooth-cleaning treatment. (In those days there were no such professions as veterinary technicians/assistants.) Records were transcribed onto 3" x 5" index cards and filed away alphabetically in metal drawers. Appointments were hand-written onto calendars, and emergency treatment was referred to larger, appropriately staffed and equipped veterinary clinics. There were no coupons or advertising – just business

growth by word of mouth.

This low-cost approach to veterinary services was part of my father's common-sense approach to animal care. One time a young boy brought his sick dog in for treatment without his parents' knowledge because supposedly they couldn't afford even the modest fee. My father charged the young man twenty-five cents for the service and medicine, and the dog recovered nicely.

Operating an animal hospital required access to prescription medicines, and those frequently came via Butler and other suppliers. Included among those medications were powerful painkillers which would have had a significant street-value in the criminal world. Yet to the credit of the neighborhood, I recall only one time when there was an attempted — and unsuccessful — break-in.

My father was also a prominent leader in the Greater Cleveland Ukrainian Community,

involving the whole family in Ukrainian School, Youth Organizations and the Ukrainian Catholic Church. Since he lived his first thirty-plus years in Ukraine, and left his birth family behind the Iron Curtain, maintaining his Ukrainian roots and heritage were his true passion in life.

At the age of 79 (July 1988), my father underwent quadruple by-pass heart surgery. This resulted in a severe winding-down of his practice. Twelve months later, after 26 years of operating the business, my father sold Memphis Animal Hospital to another veterinarian.

My father and mother subsequently moved to a condominium in Broadview Heights; he passed away in July 1997 and she in October 2011. Their sons are still alive, but none of them became a veterinarian. For a time Memphis Animal Hospital functioned as a Veterinary Clinic of America but within the last several years the property was again sold and the house and animal hospital demolished. Now the land sits idle; apparently the plans for the property's reuse did not materialize. Although I left Old Brooklyn in 1973, after I graduated from Rhodes High School, in my mind's eye I can still see the buildings and hear the voices and sounds of yesteryear.

(Lynette Filipis contributed to this article.)



Photo courtesy of George Mychkovsky  
Dr. Myroslav Mychkovsky, DVM

## Ohio Historical Society dedicates marker at former baseball diamond at Brookside Park



Photo courtesy of Darren Hamm

This new State of Ohio Historical Marker was unveiled at Brookside Stadium on Saturday, September 6th. The Brookside Stadium Society spearheaded the initiative. The Ohio Historical Markers program began in the 1950s and includes approximately 1,500 markers.

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### Fall housing tips

By Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

The summer sun is slowly being replaced by the colors and smells of fall. Trees are changing to vibrant reds, oranges, and yellows. And school buses again grace our roadways. While no one wants to think about winter yet, it is time to get our homes ready for it. Adam Cook, vice president of sales at South Hills Hardware, provided some helpful tips.

Fall and spring are great times to change batteries and test smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. This basic practice will help keep your family safe, especially when sleeping at night.

Complete basic maintenance on your furnace. Take the panel off and vacuum out the burner with a small shop vacuum. Change the filter and then turn the furnace up to 80 degrees and let run for one cycle to make sure it's operating well.

It's important to change the furnace filter for a few reasons. First, a furnace filter that is clogged with dust, pet dander, etc. will cause your furnace to work harder because of decreased air flow. This makes the furnace have to work harder which results in more repairs, a shorter life, and reduced energy efficiency. Second, changing the furnace filter improves indoor air quality. A clean filter reduces the amount of dust and other allergens that circulate throughout your home.

Take a walk around the outside of your home and check on several items.

See if any wood siding or trim needs to be painted. Be sure to cover any bare wood to prevent rotting.

Check for holes in your foundation and door seals and apply foam insulation to prevent field mice from taking up residence in your home.

Check storm windows and switch from screens to glass, if needed. Also, check windows for loose caulking and weather stripping on doors. Re-apply as needed.

Clean your gutters, or have them professionally cleaned. Gutters are part of a system that helps move water and debris away from your roof and homes. Clogged or broken gutters can result in backed up, stagnant water that can attract unwanted pests and/or cause water damage to the home.

While cleaning gutters, take a look at the roof to make sure there are no loose or missing shingles. As these tasks require climbing on a ladder; be careful and stay safe.

In addition, feed your lawn with fall fertilizer to strengthen your lawn's roots, which helps them survive the winter and thrive in the spring. Fertilizers have formulas represented by three numbers such as 5-10-5. The first number is nitrogen, the second is phosphorus (pot ash), and the third is potassium. Apply a fall fertilizer with a formula of 13-25-12 at the end of October or early November.

Also, trim bushes and shrubs, as needed. Drain old fuel from the snow blower and put fresh gas in. Then turn it on to make sure it works properly. There are several local businesses, including South Hills Hardware that will tune up snow blowers and lawn mowers.

If you burn wood in your fireplace, have the flue cleaned and checked by a professional chimney sweep.

Turn off outside faucets and insulate outside wall pipes to prevent pipes from freezing this winter.

Additional sources:  
<http://www.joplins.net/why-you-should-change-your-furnace-filter.html>  
<http://www.redbeacon.com/hg/importance-gutter-cleaning-winter/>  
<http://www.thisoldhouse.com/toh/article/0,,198603,00.html>

Interview with Adam Cook, Vice President of Sales, South Hills Hardware Corner of Tuxedo Ave & Schaaf Road, 216-749-2121.

### Fall cleaning tips to rid your home of autumn allergens

Many people think of allergies as a spring problem, but most sniffle sufferers know that fall can pose its own issues. Mold and ragweed are common fall allergy triggers, as well as dust mites, which are naturally more prevalent in the home during the drier months.

"You can turn your home into a safe haven from fall allergens with regular, strategic cleaning and a few preventive measures," says Robin Wilson, an interior design expert and an ambassador with the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America.

To help make your home more comfortable this season, Wilson is offering some fall cleaning tips to eliminate allergens and maintain a clean and healthy space:

- Wash your bedding. Mattress and pillow protectors will help control dust mites. As an added precaution, wash your bedding in warm or hot water every month and replace pillows every three years.
- Check for mold. Moisture breeds mold, so make sure to scan the inside of dishwashers, under the fridge in the water pan and in sink and bath drains. Change water dispensers and icemaker filters on a regular basis.
- Vacuum frequently. Whether you have wall-to-wall carpeting, tile or hardwood floors, it's important to eliminate dust and dirt. Vacuum, mop or steam clean flooring regularly. "Use a vacuum with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, which captures small particles such as allergens, irritants and pollutants," says Wilson.
- Wash or freeze stuffed toys. If your child sleeps with their favorite stuffed animals, you should frequently wash or freeze them in a plastic bag for 48 hours. This will lower the level of dust mites which can trigger asthma and allergies.
- Use slipcovers. Slipcovers have come a long way in the last 10 years. Since they can be cleaned regularly and more easily than upholstery, consider using them on sofas and other furniture.

• Keep ragweed outside. After spending time outside, have your child leave any clothing or sports equipment close to the entrance of the home to avoid tracking irritants throughout rooms.

"Just because the pollen count isn't through the roof doesn't mean you can't fall prey to allergies," says Wilson. "With regular cleaning, you can manage the irritants in your home and make it a more breathable place."

Source: StatePoint Media



Photo by Sandy Worona

Melvin McQueen of the Downtown Cleveland Alliance's Clean and Safe Ambassador program returned to the streets of downtown Old Brooklyn this past summer. (He had also worked here in the summer of 2012.) Reflecting on his ambassador experience, Melvin said, "As an ambassador, we represent wherever we go. It is a pleasure and honor to serve the Old Brooklyn community. I can't wait to be back next year and I am so thankful for the positive responses from residents and businesses." OBCDC also wants to say thank you to Melvin. He has truly been an asset to our community.

## Green Team Landscaping

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# OBN history series leads to recovery of original (1818-1837) Brooklyn Township ledger

by Lynette Filips  
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(Editor's note: This article, accompanied by a different photo, appeared in the January, 1995 issue of the Old Brooklyn News. Since it recounts the story of discovering the earliest record of Brooklyn Township government, it seems fitting to reprint it during 2014, the bicentennial year of the settlement of our neighborhood by people of European descent.)

"There are," the late Frederick Crawford once observed, "two kinds of people in the world, the hoarders and the get-riders." Happily, descendants of Nathaniel Gates, one of Old Brooklyn's earliest settlers, were hoarders. One of them, 92-year-old Essie Margaret Gates Daniels of Seal Beach, California, recently discovered that the original ledger of Brooklyn Township (1818 to 1837) was among her family papers.

For well over one hundred years, historians believed that this record book had been destroyed in a fire. At least, that's what Crisfield Johnson stated in his 1879 *History of Cuyahoga County, Ohio*. He regretted that he could only recount the history of Brooklyn Township from late in 1837. He didn't know that the first ledger with the earlier records was in a "barrel in Walter Gates' attic on W. 11th St. (Jennings Ave. or Skunk Lane in those days).

The rediscovery of this ledger is especially significant because in 1818 Brooklyn did not comprise just the town which bears that name today. Then Brooklyn denoted one of the original townships of The Western Reserve. And originally Brooklyn was twice the size of the other townships. Instead of being five miles square, in 1809 Brooklyn was surveyed to be ten miles wide and ten miles long. Its southern half became Parma Township in 1826, but in the beginning. Brooklyn extended south from Lake Erie to Royalton and east from Rockport and Middleburg to Newburg and Independence (on the other side of the Cuyahoga River).

Beginning with the organizational meeting of Brooklyn Township at the home of Moses Fish on June 23rd, 1818, our forebears recorded the official township proceedings in this ledger. They chose Cyrel Akins to be the moderator of that first meeting, and Elijah Young and Isaac Hinckley to be the judges of the first election.

The outcome of the first meeting was that Jonathan Fish was sworn in as Brooklyn's first clerk, and Ozias Brainerd, Jr., Silvanus Brainerd and Warren Young were sworn in as trustees. Jabish Brainerd and Isa Clark were sworn in as "fence viewers".

Aser Brainerd, Amos Brainerd, Alonzo Carter and someone with the surname of Reynolds were sworn in as supervisors of highways". (Highways in 1818? Maybe Indian trails and stage coach routes, but highways?) Cyrel Akins and Stephen Brainerd were sworn in as "listers and appraisers". Isa Brainerd was sworn in as "treasurer".

It is interesting to note that less than four years earlier, when the thirty-one person rainerd/Hinckley/Young caravan initially arrived in Cleveland from Chatham, Conn., the trustees of Cleveland were alarmed at the mass immigration. Fearing that they were without financial means, and would be a burden to the community, these trustees enlisted the aid of their constable to keep the group from settling here. But Alonzo Carter, the son of Cleveland's first permanent settler, must have known them, because he vouched for them. And so the Brainerds, Hinckleys and Youngs were allowed to settle in Brooklyn Township.

The officials who decided who was allowed to stay and who must go, incidentally, were called "overseers of the poor". (The name might imply a charitable organization, but they weren't! Surviving in the wilderness was hard enough, without having to support paupers, too.)

At their first meeting, Brooklyn Township also swore in two men as overseers of the poor - Isaac Hinckley and Elijah Young. And they swore in two constables. Michael

Decker and Moses Fish, who would the job of telling indigents to be on their way.

The second Brooklyn Township meeting was held on October 13th of the same year. Twenty-nine men were listed as electors, presumably who cast ballots in the county and federal election which is recorded at that meeting.

And so the ledger continues, through most of 1837, listing those who voted, those who ran in the elections and how many votes each received, those who were sworn into office and those who were asked to leave the township.

How this treasure of Brooklyn information traveled to California, and how we now have access to it again is a most fascinating story and a real "feather in its cap" for the *Old Brooklyn News*.

After they moved to Brooklyn Township from Delhi, New York, Jeremiah. (in 1816) and Nathaniel (in 1824) Gates and their descendants became involved in the political working of our community. Since the Township lacked a repository for valuable papers, we surmise that the 1818 ledger went into the barrel in their attic for safekeeping.

The Brooklyn papers were transported to California in the early 1950s when Essie Margaret Gates Daniels and her husband moved there from the Walter Gates (Nathaniel's grandson) family homestead on W. 11th St. Her relatives had decided that she should be the guardian of these documents, but she was not aware of what was there until recently.

I became a player in this drama because, from December, 1990 through April, 1991 I wrote both a series about the Gates family and a story about W. 11th St. in the *Old Brooklyn News*. After reading them, Blanche Chester of W. 11th St. sent my articles to her old friend. Fern Gates Wadsworth, in Phoenix, Arizona. Fern, in turn, contacted us, and began corresponding with me and subscribing to the *Old Brooklyn News*.

Fern also sent my history articles to her Aunt Essie in California. In a letter to me dated December 6th, 1991. Fern wrote, "...My

Aunt Essie Margaret Gates Daniels is making up a family tree for us. Isn't that great and to think, that your articles started all this. Thanks again..."

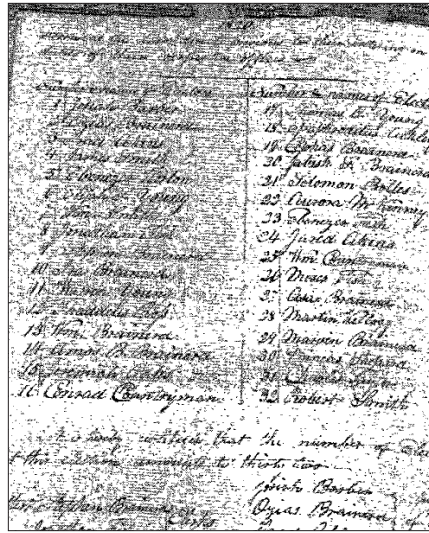
In March, 1992, when Essie turned 90, she began to pursue her genealogical research in earnest. Being a time-consuming process, she was still going through the papers this past summer, and that's when she discovered the 1818 ledger. Within a very short time, she called me and offered me the book, if I would promise never to sell it.

As dedicated to local history as some of us Historical Society of Old Brooklyn members are, I knew that our closet in the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) office was not a fitting home for a record book of this magnitude. It should be with the other Brooklyn Township ledgers in the archives of The Western Reserve Historical Society (WRHS). So I contacted John Grabowski, the curator of manuscripts at WRHS, to advise him of what was happening and of our intention to obtain the book for the WRHS.

The Brooklyn Township book was presented to me as president of The Historical Society of Old Brooklyn and history writer for the *Old Brooklyn News*, and to Gerald Preseren, executive director of OBCDC (which publishes the *Old Brooklyn News*) on Dec. 27th, 1994. It was delivered by another former W. 11th resident, Wally Gates. Wally, who now lives in Jupiter, Florida, is the brother of Fern Gates Wadsworth and the nephew of Essie Margaret Gates Daniels. He flew to California to visit his aunt and pick up the book, stopped in Arizona to show it to Fern, and then brought it to Cleveland.

Although we will soon be turning over the 1818 ledger to The Western Reserve Historical Society, one of the terms of the donation is that they give us a copy of it. After that comes to pass, we hope to have the copy available at the South Brooklyn library, the Brooklyn library and/or the Brooklyn Historical Society's Museum so that anyone who would like to will be able to look at it.

This story could have had a very different ending if the ledger had been in the hands of someone with today's throw-away mentality. We are thankful that the Gates family were savers and that they sent the Brooklyn book home to us. And we beg the rest of you not to throw away old pictures, documents and artifacts without offering them to our (or any) historical society first.



Page from the original Brooklyn Township ledger identifying the 1820 electors.

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Ms. Ewazen was the contact with Arcadia for this project and submitted the proposal outlining the history of our neighborhood; she also wrote the captions accompanying the photos. HSOB secretary Lorene Bowles wrote the introduction to the book and the chapter introductions. HSOB member Michael Stachowiak scanned the photos.

Arcadia is a 'full service trade publisher', which means that there was no cost for the Historical Society to work with them. Arcadia absorbed all the costs of marketing, production and distribution, and also pays the authors a modest royalty. Their books are printed on made-in-the United States paper, and manufac-

ured entirely in the United States. Arcadia books are available at book signings, book stores, and online at [www.arcadiapublishing.com](http://www.arcadiapublishing.com) and [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com). *Old Brooklyn* will be available at the book signing on October 12th as well as at

neighborhood businesses including the Old Brooklyn Cravery at 3430 Memphis Ave.

Arcadia feels that this book is unique from their other Cleveland titles in that it has vintage images of the greenhouse industry, the Ben Franklin Garden, the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, and the construction of the former Pearl Street Savings and Trust Company building at the corner of Pearl and Broadview Roads.

HSOB receives support from membership and grants through Neighborhood Connections and Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. The Historical Society meets the second Friday of January, March, May, September, and November at the Pearl Road United Methodist Church (4200 Pearl Rd.) The November 14th meeting will be held at 6 p.m. with a potluck/show 'n' tell.

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**Brooklyn Historical Society** meeting, Wed., Oct. 29th, 7 pm; museum, 4442 Ridge Rd. Presentation: Rebecca McFarland speaking about "Shopping in Early Cleveland". All welcome. Bring a friend; refreshments will follow. Call Barb, 216-941-0160, for more info.

**Cleveland Republican Organization** meeting, Tues., Oct. 14th (& every second Tues.); 7 pm, Brooklyn Hts., UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Call 216-832-9195 for more info.

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Community Rm, rear of Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. Nomination & election of offices. Refreshments after meeting. Horticulture report by Marge Keating.

**Old Brooklyn Crime Watch meeting,** Mon., Oct. 6th, 7 pm, Mary Queen of Peace, 4423 Pearl Rd. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

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**Southwest Citizens Area Council** meeting, Thurs., Oct. 2nd & every first Thurs., 7 pm, Gino's, 1314 Denison Ave.

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

**Green Space Committee plants bicentennial tree**



In honor of Old Brooklyn's bicentennial, on Saturday, August 30th, (left - right) Mary Ellen Stasek, Greg Cznadel and Wilfredo Crespo, members of Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation's Green Space and Natural Resources Committee, planted a baby black gum tree on the south side of Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Rd.

Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Stasek

Captain Keith Sulzer (left) and City Council President Kevin Kelley (right) competed for the top performer in lemonade sales at Destiny Rice's second lemonade stand to raise funds for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis/ALS/Lou Gehrig's Disease research. The effort was for the benefit of Officer Hank Adkins, who is battling the debilitating disease. The competition was entitled "The gavel versus the gun". Although Kevin Kelley served superior lemonade, Keith Sulzer generated more sales. This photo is of Kevin Kelley presenting Keith Sulzer an engraved gavel at the committee ...



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