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## Old Brooklyn selected to participate in sustainability initiatives in 2015

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The City of Cleveland, Western Reserve Land Conservancy (WRLC) and the Cleveland Climate Action Fund (CCAF) have each chosen Old Brooklyn for their 2015 sustainability initiatives. Old Brooklyn will receive 200 trees through the City's street tree grant, offer WRLC's Tree Steward Volunteer Training Program, and participate in CCAF's workshop and micro loan program to reduce carbon emissions.

### City of Cleveland Street Tree Grant

Old Brooklyn, along with several other Cleveland neighborhoods, will receive a combined total of 1,000 street trees in addition to the City of Cleveland's usual plantings thanks to a grant of \$250,000 from the federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Old Brooklyn will receive roughly 200 of the 1,000 trees that the city is able to plant.

The addition of street trees will make Old Brooklyn both visually greener and have a lasting positive environmental impact. The program will help increase the biological diversity of Cleveland's tree stock and help mitigate the impacts of the Emerald Ash Borer on the urban forest.

The environmental impact, though, extends far beyond increasing biodiversity. Each street tree planted will soak up and naturally clean roughly 2,000 gallons of storm water annually, diverting water from storm sewers and reducing pollution of Lake Erie

and local streams. In addition, in its first year alone, a 2.5 inch sapling raises property values by nine dollars, saves homeowners eight kilowatt hours of electricity and reduces carbon pollution by 35 pounds according to the iTree Calculator. As the tree matures and the canopy grows, these advantages increase. To calculate the dollar benefits of the trees in your yard, visit: <http://www.holdenarb.org/home/calculatingtreevalue.asp>.



Photo by Tom Sargent

City has partnered with Western Reserve Land Conservancy's (WRLC) Thriving Communities Institute by creating tree canopy maps of the neighborhood to evaluate where the addition of street trees may have the greatest impact. The group has also provided technical support in the neighborhood working with Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation

(OBCDC) to survey streets and catalog sites that meet the city's criteria for plantings.

Once possible sites have been narrowed down residents will receive notice that their tree lawn has been selected to receive a tree. Education on tree care and the benefits of trees will accompany these notices to encourage residents to accept the trees and help ensure their survival.

### Tree Steward Training Program

Residents that are particularly interested in the neighborhood's reforestation efforts can participate in a newly launched effort, Tree Steward Training, put together by WRLC and Holden Arboretum and hosted by OBCDC. This training workshop aims to educate volunteers on tree biology and pruning as well as planting, root and soil care, and community planning needs. Block

clubs, church groups and community development corporations with certified trained volunteers will eventually have the opportunity to apply for grants to plant additional trees in the neighborhood.

Developed from nationally successful models for tree stewardship and community engagement, this new tree program is tailored specifically to Cleveland's needs. It recognizes that the most successful models of urban reforestation are born from public and private partnerships. WRLC and Holden Arboretum hope that this effort will help shift the focus on trees away from care as a chore and instead toward their desirability as promoting community, health and wellness.

The first set of trainings will take place this February. To complete the training, residents can choose to attend two weeknight sessions or one longer Saturday session (see below for dates). Interested residents should RSVP to Kate Hydock at 216-515-8300 or [khydock@wrlandconservancy.org](mailto:khydock@wrlandconservancy.org).

### Weeknight Training

OBCDC, 2339 Broadview Rd

Part I – Tuesday, February 17th; 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Part II – Friday, February 20th; 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. *Light snacks provided at both.*

### Saturday Training

St. James Lutheran Church,  
4771 Broadview Rd.

Parts I and II – Saturday, February 28th;  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. *Lunch provided.*

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## New leadership joins 2015 OBCDC Board, bringing vision to 2015 and beyond

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New faces and new leadership compose a significant portion of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) Board of Directors. Of the eleven Directors who were on the Board at the beginning of April, only five remain. They have been joined by four new members to create the current roster of nine Directors.

### Christina Kovach

Christina Kovach joined the Board of Directors in April 2014 and was confirmed via election by OBCDC membership last October. She is the branch manager at the Dollar Bank on Fulton Rd. (north of Memphis Ave.) She has been with Dollar Bank for seven years, having spent the last two years as the branch manager in Old Brooklyn. Christina has been an active participant in neighborhood events, such as a sponsor, volunteer and organizer with *Pedal for Prizes*, the Old Brooklyn Commercial Committee, and more.

### Richey Piiparinen

Richey Piiparinen joined the Board of Directors in June 2014 and was confirmed via election by OBCDC membership last October. He is a nationally recognized researcher and demographer as the Lead of the Center for Population Dynamics at Cleveland State University (CSU). He manages and directs a line of research that centers on migration and economic development. Prior to his work at CSU, Richey worked at CWRU, the Benjamin Rose Institute, and Strategic Urban Solutions. He holds degrees from Ohio University, Roosevelt University and CSU. Richey lives in Old Brooklyn with his wife and daughter.

### Sean McGrane

Sean McGrane was elected to the Board of Directors by OBCDC membership at the October 2014 annual meeting. He is a litiga-

tion associate at Squire Patton Boggs LLP. Sean grew up on South Hills Blvd. where his mother still lives in their family home. He attended St. Leo the Great Elementary School and Saint Ignatius High School. Sean received his B.A. from Georgetown University and his J.D. from the University of Michigan. He has lived in Washington D.C., Ann Arbor and New York City before relocating his family to Cleveland in 2013. Although Sean currently resides in Tremont with his wife, he considers Old Brooklyn to be his home.

### Tiffany Sedlacek

Tiffany Sedlacek joined the Board of Directors in January 2015. She is a Cleveland-area native and Old Brooklyn resident who considers herself an unofficial cheerleader for the city for many years. Her work history includes over 10 years with McMaster-Carr Supply Company and Abanaki Corporation, primarily in outside industrial sales as well as industrial marketing and operations. She just completed a Master of Economics degree from Cleveland State University; it complements her Executive Master of Business Administration degree from Kent State and Bachelor of History degree from Baldwin Wallace College. She is a member of the Cleveland Bridge Builders Class of 2015, which is a civic leadership and networking development program. She joined the *Old Brooklyn Buzz* last year, and has been a mentor and tutor with Minds Matter for the past four years.

At the November 2014 OBCDC Board of Directors meeting, a new leadership team was elected. John Young is the President of the Board, and Kathleen Jackson is the Vice-President. Bohdan Chrobak remains the Treasurer and Christina Kovach was elected the Secretary.

In addition to welcoming these new Directors and leadership, OBCDC thanks its former Directors for their service to the community. **John Jenkins**, residential mem-

ber; **Bruce Page**, commercial member and owner of Honey Hut; and **Greg Huth**, residential member. Each completed two consecutive three-year terms in addition to leadership roles within the organization.

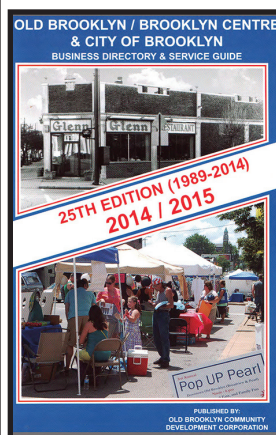
**Charlie Collier**, institutional member and pastor of Grace Church, completed one three-year term. **Jeff Kipp**, residential member, was in the middle of a second three-year term but resigned from the Board of Directors due to a conflict of interest. (OBCDC was a finalist for the Neighborhood Solutions Award — ultimately awarded in November 2014 — and Jeff is employed by Cleveland Neighborhood Progress, the grantor of the award.)

**Vince Hugo**, commercial member and former owner of Autos Direct Online, resigned from the Board of Directors in the fall of 2014 citing personal reasons.

OBCDC continually seeks community involvement from neighborhood stakeholders. Opportunities to get involved include volunteerism with community groups such as block clubs, the Old Brooklyn Crime Watch, Old Brooklyn Buzz, and the Old Brooklyn Families Group. OBCDC has standing committees that assist the organization in building community. These committees include Greenspace and Natural Resources, Commercial, Real Estate, and Marketing. For further information, community members should call 216-459-1000.

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**Lilly Handmade Chocolates**

by Sam Winward  
Oberlin College Intern

The Montagues are owners of Tremont's cutting edge, 'artisanal chocolatier', Lilly Handmade Chocolates at 761 Starkweather Ave., Cleveland. But more importantly, they are proud Old Brooklyn residents.

The couple met in 2001, when they were co-workers at LockKeepers, a fine-dining restaurant in Valley View. As their relationship moved beyond the kitchen, the budding chefs needed a place to settle into, and looked no further than Old Brooklyn's South Hills area. Joshua was drawn to the area with fond memories of visiting his grandparents at the house they built on Spring Rd. and Starlight Dr. in 1968.

Years later, Joshua proposed to Amanda in front of New York's Romeo and Juliet statue. Amanda giggled, "I'm officially a Montague now."

But the trip had implications beyond the romantic. Joshua dragged Amanda to every chocolate shop in Manhattan, and after returning to the comfort of Old Brooklyn, they dreamed of opening their own luxury chocolate house. Their aspirations were realized only a year later.

Two thousand and nine marked Lilly Handmade Chocolate's grand opening. Joshua and Amanda took a chance, pairing fine wine and craft beer with handmade



chocolates — an innovative business idea.

Now, seven years later, the business has stood the test of time. Yet, only two truffles have been fortunate enough to remain with them since day one. The Montague's willingness to change and adapt to consumer preferences is foundational to their success.



Photo courtesy of the Montagues  
Amanda & Joshua Montague

(Amanda admires Old Brooklyn's Coney Company for operating under a similar set of values. The locally-owned, specialty hot dog shop initially opened last year as a 24-hour restaurant. However, they quickly pulled back their hours to align with customer demand. With an eye on the customer, The Coney Company continues to thrive.)

The Montague's would like to see all locally-owned businesses excel. Amanda acknowledged this as a shared sentiment in Old Brooklyn, "People in the community really rally behind each other. Those who are involved are very involved."

In fact, she would love to open a shop in Old Brooklyn, believing that "there are opportunities for growth all the way down Broadview." But Joshua is my "bubble-popper," she joked, keeping her focused on the immediate reality of preparing for the Valentine's holiday rush.

A special mouth-watering bark with milk chocolate, graham cracker cookies, mini marshmallows, mini chocolate chips and vanilla flaked sea salt will be offered this Valentine's Day season. The cleverly named *I Love You S'more* will not be subtle on flavor.

"It's our philosophy," explained Joshua, "that while we buy great chocolate, we want you to taste our added flavors. For example, when pairing a *Shweetie Pie Truffle* (made of salty caramel, white chocolate and an almond) with a sip of Apple Lambic, you taste a third, unique flavor."

**From the desk of the executive director**

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On Sunday, January 25th, Mr. Angelo Gaudino was honored with the 2015 Diocese of Cleveland CYO Recognition Award. Per the Diocese of Cleveland, the award honors an individual who "has demonstrated a deep commitment to the mission and values of the Diocese of Cleveland CYO over an extended period of time." We could extend that commitment beyond CYO into Old Brooklyn, and four decades of youth in Cleveland.

Old Brooklyn Youth League (OBYL) was founded in 1978 to serve neighborhood children through recreation opportunities, specifically summer softball. Beyond the rules and play of the game, though, it has taught fair play, competition and camaraderie, and become an important avenue in childhood development and education.

Mr. Gaudino has been there since the beginning, and his longevity and commitment to this neighborhood's youth is astounding. Other coaches and leaders of OBYL have literally and figuratively moved on, but Mr. Gaudino's presence has been a consistent rudder guiding the league for nearly forty years.

In 2009, a field at Loew Park was renamed to recognize Angelo Gaudino, and now he is being honored by CYO for his commitment to Mary Queen of Peace Church (formerly Our Lady of Good Counsel). Nearly matching his involvement at OBYL, he has been serving as a coach and athletic director there for thirty years.

Although he may know the exact number, it is simple to estimate that over 1,000 children have been coached and influenced directly by Mr. Gaudino. If their experiences with him were anything like my interactions, it can be guessed as to what were the teaching priorities: learning and getting an education, working hard, playing fair and by the rules, having fun, and understanding that there are winners and losers.

And one additional lesson for me: respect.

Mr. Gaudino was a part of my earliest memories and lexicon of figures within the Old Brooklyn community. He and my father coached in OBYL and his name often came up

in the car and around the table. It didn't come up as "Mr. Gaudino," however. As a friend and peer my father referred to him mostly as Angelo or sometimes "Ang."

It was that nickname that taught me a great lesson as a boy, which lumps me into the category of thousands of young men and women whom he impacted. My learning experience was simply less direct.

While at our house - presumably for a summer barbecue, although the time and date are not clear due to how young I was at the time - my parents were speaking with Mr. Gaudino. In my perpetual effort to grow up faster than needed, I wanted to join the conversation. Considering myself one of the men and imitating my father, I blurted out "Hey, Ang!"

Faster than you can say Old Brooklyn, my mother whisked me to the side and reminded me of some lessons in respect and manners. He is still to this day, and will always now remain Mr. Gaudino to me.

As silly as that lesson may seem, let it stand in for the uncountable lessons that would undoubtedly pour in from youth in Old Brooklyn over the years. Angelo Gaudino has guided and held together a critical component of our community for decades, and for that we are all thankful.



Congratulations, Mr. Gaudino.

The Montagues came up as well-rounded chefs, also doing desserts. They credit this background for their ability to layer sweet and savory "in-your-face" flavors in their confections.

While they both attended culinary school, Joshua also carries a Bachelor in Business Management degree from

Cleveland State University. We are happy to have these savvy business owners as Old Brooklyn residents.

Open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Lilly Handmade Chocolates is worth the short drive to Tremont! Find out more online at [www.lillytremont.com](http://www.lillytremont.com).

**Sustainability initiatives from front-page**

**Cleveland Climate Action Fund**

The CCAF, formerly the Cleveland Carbon Fun, empowers neighborhoods to create local projects that both address local challenges and issues around climate change.

The group has chosen Old Brooklyn along with five other neighborhoods to receive workshops and grants in 2015. CCAF will conduct a workshop in Old Brooklyn in the upcoming months to engage residents and neighborhood stakeholders to learn about climate change and

identify neighborhood environmental strengths and needs.

The workshop will also walk residents through the application process for the micro grant program, which will award one to three grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to project ideas submitted by neighborhood residents and stakeholders.

Questions about any of the above programs can be directed to:

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## Neighborhood supports "It's with HONOR"

by Barbara Spaan  
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For the past 44 years I have worked in Public Service. I have been formally trained as a Cleveland Police Auxiliary (volunteer) so I have working knowledge of proper police procedures and have had the honor to work right next to some of Cleveland's finest.

Our culture has drastically changed and I have had more life experiences working with the Old Brooklyn Crime Watch. This past year of conflict between some of the public and Law Enforcement officials has inspired me to write this article and begin a Blue Ribbon Campaign.

If your house has been broken into, a family member is beating you or someone is threatening your life with a gun, it's the worst times in your life. Whom do you call?

In most cases you call 911. Cleveland police officers show up at your door and in a matter of minutes the threat is resolved. What would happen if no one showed up? What would your life be like then?

The police you called did their job, but in some cases the outcome was not what you thought would happen. The law, their training, and the sequence of events at the time are unclear to us.

Now the conflict starts... This is not a racial issue and this is not anyone's freedom being denied. I call it 'arm chair justice' - too many police shows on TV, and lack of knowledge of police procedures. The media is quick to jump to conclusions and make the big story. That is the real crime.

Blaming the police officers is wrong. What makes this the real crime is using an isolated case to judge the entire police community. This is the only job, other than the military, in which it is legal to take another's life.

The training and qualification for this job are of the highest standards. The men and women in blue are asked to work with insufficient equipment, understaffed personnel and lack of updated training. There is never enough money to provide for the most important job we can't do without. This makes no sense! This country spends billions of dollars on keeping the United States

safe with the best military in the world, but they can never find the dollars to keep its US citizen safe on our streets.

The real problem is at home under our own roofs - family, respect, and education values some have forgotten long ago. We need to take hard looks at ourselves and get help if we need it. Talk with friends, join support groups; churches and professional are ready to assist. The lack of values affects everyone; age, gender, color and health don't matter. The fallout has affected our neighbors, our community and even our country.

These are issues I will continue to talk about during Crime Watch meetings over the next year. Once again Old Brooklyn will show our support to our Cleveland Police by displaying blue ribbons everywhere in the police's honor. If you don't have one, you can purchase a ribbon at Flowerama at 5401 Memphis Ave. Please help send a clear message to the officers in blue that we support them! Let me finish this article with an officer's thought —

### Tears of a Cop

I have been where you fear to be;  
I have seen what you fear to see;  
I have done what you fear to do;  
All these things I've done for YOU.

I am the one you lean upon,  
The one you cast your scorn upon,  
The one you bring your trouble to,  
All these people I've been for YOU.

The one you ask to stand apart,  
The one you feel should have no heart,  
The one you call the man in blue,  
But I am human just like YOU.

And through the years I've come to see,  
That I'm not what you ask of me,  
So take this badge and take this gun;  
Will you take it? Will anyone?

And when you watch a person die,  
And hear a battered baby cry,  
Do you think that you can be  
All those things you ask of me?



## CCBDD's SWAAC helps SCR with Meals on Wheels

by Bethany Hicks

Senior Citizen Resources (SCR's) Volunteers of the Month for February are the participants in the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities' Southwest Adult Activities Center (SWAAC). SWAAC has volunteered with SCR since autumn of 2013 and is also a member of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation.

SWAAC was looking for ways to serve the community and decided that delivering Meals on Wheels every week would help fulfill that mission.

"It is so cool that this service is available. It brings peace to me to be able to deliver the meals and let the seniors know that we care," stated Sharita Roberts, a SWAAC Volunteer.

Southwest Adult Activities Center opened its doors in 1984, and currently serves 170 people with developmental disabilities. The Center provides work areas and classrooms where participants receive training, personal care services and activities.

Not only are individuals given the opportunity to volunteer in the community and perform paid contract work, but they have the option to engage in activities such as Zumba classes, music and art therapy, yoga and tai chi on a weekly basis.

Other services include assistance with employment in the community; physical, occupational and speech therapy; and support with daily living needs.

"I like the fact that our individuals, who normally receive volunteer services, are giving volunteer services. They really enjoy



Senior Citizen Resources Meals on Wheels volunteers from SWAAC are (from left to right) Jill Riegelmayr (staff), Jodi Mitchell (participant), Brian Mansfield (participant) and Mike Simons (staff).

delivering and the seniors enjoy them, too. Many of the seniors ask about Jodi and Brian if they are not there," SWAAC staff member Mike Simmons revealed.

Each week enthusiasm radiates from SWAAC's volunteers as they prepare to leave on their routes. They work efficiently to ensure that Old Brooklyn's homebound seniors have received their daily meals. "I like doing the work -- the bags, going to the houses. It's good work," Brian Mansfield, SWAAC participant concluded.

Senior Citizen Resources is thankful for its volunteers. Ask any member of the staff or a current volunteer about their opportunities to make a difference for SCR and the community. SCR's volunteers are a vital component to this organization and organizations like SWAAC are very much appreciated for their support.

## Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Over one hundred years ago, Luther Standing Bear, speaking about the Native Americans' relationship to nature, stated, "We did not think of the great open plains, the beautiful rolling hills, the winding streams with tangled growth, as "wild". Only to the white man was nature a "wilderness" and only to him was it "infested" with "wild" animals and "savage" people. To us, it was tame. Earth was bountiful as we were surrounded with the blessings of the Great Mystery."

Today even more so, an increasing number of Americans are disconnected from nature and the concept of the interconnectedness of life. Many young people, mostly children, have expressed being uncomfortable in wide open spaces or the "wilderness". Much of this discomfort could be put at television's overwhelming interest in "nature attack" shows, or simply the reality that the great outdoors is not 'techy'.

In Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn we have a great opportunity to get unplugged from technology and reconnect with our adventurous side. Parents, teachers and other adults can teach their children about the wide open spaces in their midst. By showing their children what they learned as children, adults can relieve their own childhoods while they roam the woods and streams in our neighborhoods.

Big Creek bisects our neighborhoods into north and south but if we follow it east or west we have a chance to explore much of the Cleveland Metroparks. We can also use the many trails to walk and bike to explore a different part of our neighborhoods each weekend. Picking up a trail map at Canalway Center, at 4524 E. 49th St., is a great place to start your exploration.

Eventually Big Creek empties into the Cuyahoga River where we can now follow trails north and south along the Towpath. There are observation points for bird-watching as well as observing beavers and muskrats. Deer can be seen early in the morn-

ing or at dusk. The www.ohioandiericanalway.com website will show you all the options available; to get there quickly just find your way to Steelyard Commons for a 1.2 mile place holder trail or the one located along Old Harvard Rd.

Soon we will be able to bike all of the way to the mouth of Lake Erie where we can watch birds and other wildlife on Whiskey Island or venture east to Dike 14 which is now called The Cleveland Lakefront Nature Preserve. A trail there winds in and out, at times very close to the water. Both places have picnic tables for eating a packed lunch.

Our three local Cleveland Public Library branches - Brooklyn, South Brooklyn and Fulton - have a wealth of information about the birds, salamanders, frogs and toads which may be found in and near the vernal ponds along Fulton Pkwy. (or anywhere in our area). The Brooklyn library branch has a reading list which provides a wealth of information. It was compiled by Brooklyn Centre Naturalist Daryl Davis with the help of our local librarians.

The National Wildlife Federation has started an on-line community, www.wildlifefederation.org, to connect kids to the outdoors and to offer adults suggestions for things to do when there. Closer to home, Metroparks offers the Adventure Club, <http://www.clevelandmetroparks.com/Main/Adventure-Club.aspx>, plus many other opportunities at the Zoo and the nature centers throughout the Emerald Necklace.

If your children express an interest in learning more about nature, having them join a local Girl Scout or Boy Scout troop is a great place to experience some in-depth learning about nature. Contact the Girl Scouts of America at 216-481-1313 or the Boy Scouts of America at 216-861-6060 to find a troop near you.

We truly live in a great area where connecting with nature is the natural thing to do. Who doesn't want to spend quality time with family and friends, get exercise by walking and biking, and explore all there is to do right outside his/her own back door?



## BROOKLYN HEIGHTS CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUMS

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This is one of our 'five-weeks-between-issues' months, but none-the-less, we're still scrambling at deadline time. The older I get, the more I realize the truth in the law in physics about time being relative. Except for the fact that I want winter to be over, January has whizzed by far too quickly!

I ended last month's column by mentioning an ecumenical exchange between the former **St. Luke's United Church of Christ**, 4216 Pearl Rd., and **Mary Queen of Peace Church**, 4423 Pearl Rd. Too bad that Old Brooklyn churches no longer have any formal, joint Christian Unity Week (January 18th to January 25th this year) observances, because the following story would be a great one to share at a combined worship service.

As we've reported in previous articles, due to declining membership, St. Luke's closed on Easter Sunday in 2012, and has been vacant ever since. The very large complex has been on the market since shortly after that, and from time-to-time, someone from the United Church of Christ, which owns the building, was stopping by to go through the many items used there since 1903 when that church building was constructed. Unfortunately, an unknown number of those items have ended up in the dumpster.

That's a distressing situation for many people, and especially for individuals who belonged to the congregation. The issue came to light when one of them, **Sharon Miller Workman**, wife of **Don Workman**, owner of Ameriflag, was driving by and saw things on the esplanade across the front of the church building. They did some conferring with Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC), and the bottom line is that **OBCDC Code Enforcer Sheila Quealy-Walter** was able effect a happy ending for a few of the pieces.

Acting as the intermediary, Sheila delivered a half dozen Confirmation class pictures and two large (33" wide x 44" high) religious

pictures to Don. He found two of his relatives in the photographs and a home for the beautiful artwork.

Both pictures have plaques on the front, indicating that the donors were Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Green. Jesus in the *Garden of Gethsemane* was donated to St. Luke's in memory of Mrs. Charles Dentzer, who lived from 1856 to 1935. In 1941 Jesus the *Good Shepherd* was donated to St. Luke's in memory of Mr. Charles Dentzer and his daughter Louise.

In looking for a proper home for the pictures, Don thought of **Fr. Doug Brown** at Mary Queen of Peace Church. Fr. Brown liked them, found an appropriate place for them at the northwest, lower-level, side entrance, across from the school, and now the Dentzers are being remembered just a short distance down Pearl Rd. from their original home.

In addition to two new pictures, Fr. Brown also has some new help at **Mary Queen of Peace**, at least on Saturdays and Sundays. **Deacon Jeff Barnish** started working there the weekend of October 25th, right after he was ordained a temporary deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Jeff is a senior at St. Mary's Major Seminary in Wickliffe, and his ordination to the priesthood is scheduled for May 16th of this year. Before that he was at Borromeo College, having entered the seminary right out of high school (Hudson, Class of 2007). Before the seminary, all of Jeff's formal education was in public schools.

Unlike many seminarians these days, Jeff didn't spend any time in the business world before Borromeo, but he has worked for a general contractor in the summers in between school years. His home parish is St. Mary's in Hudson.

Jeff has been assisting at weekend Masses at Mary Queen of Peace since autumn, and just this past weekend, he started preaching, a practice which will continue once a month. In spring, he'll be teaching at the school every Monday and assisting with other things around the parish, like visiting the sick, attending meetings, and possibly preparing couples for marriage. He's especially interested in youth ministry because of the importance St. Mary's youth group played in his own faith formation.

Moving from the topic of religion to history, in my December column I wrote about a 2015 calendar which the Tremont History

Project was marketing. At press time I received an email from Greg Cznadel of the **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** apprising me of two 2015 calendars which the HSOB is selling commemorating Old Brooklyn's bicentennial in 2014. One calendar is selling for \$3 and the other for \$10. See them at the Old

Brooklyn Cravery, 3430 Memphis Ave., near Pearl Rd., (216-337-8200), or call for information about online and mail orders.

And, as always, mail your submissions for this column to: Lynette Filips, 2339 Broadview Rd., Cleveland, 44109 or email LynetteF@oldbrooklyn.com.

## Art House shares information upcoming classes

by Amy Craft

Two months into the new year, Art House is thrilled to acknowledge its fifteen-year anniversary. Established in 1999, Art House incorporated in 2000 and a year later started programming out of its current space on Denison Ave. Throughout those fifteen years, Art House has served approximately 40,000 people.

With a mission focused on making art accessible to Brooklyn Centre and the Greater Cleveland community, Art House offers a myriad of programs, events and classes. The purpose of this programming is to provide quality visual arts experiences for people of all ages and skill levels. Art House hopes to enrich the lives of those who live in the community, to encourage and strengthen the careers of local artists, and to promote learning through the arts.

With a small staff of four, Art House provides art experiences to over 3200 children and adults a year. Free and low-cost programs include Urban Bright, a 10 week artist residency program at CMSD partner schools; afterschool experiences for children at schools; and programming for seniors. Several onsite programs include Family Open Studio, Family Clay Day, Sippin in the Studio, and its newest program, DIY Workshops on Friday evenings.

The most popular programs are family-friendly. Family Open Studio is held the third Saturday of the month from 1-3 pm and offers families the opportunity to create

together for *free!* This well-received program often brings between thirty to seventy children and adults to the studio.

Family Clay Day is another way to make art together, as this program provides the opportunity for a family of four to come to the studio to work with clay for the low cost of \$15. All materials are included along with instruction from a local artist. Each session is held from 10 to 12:30 pm.

New class sessions begin this month. On February 6th, join artist Jessica Kayse at the studio to kick off the new First Friday

Workshop. During this session, intended for both adults and teens, participants will create a one-of-a-kind calendar using color paint chips to make a dry-erase display.

On February 14th, Art House will hold its second Mardi Gras

Celebration at the studio from 7-10 p.m. The event will include dinner, cake and candy walks, raffles, and a DJ. Ticket prices are \$25 per ticket or two tickets for \$40, or \$35 at the door.

Ward 12 Councilman Tony Brancatelli will be King of the Carnival and will announce raffle winners.

Visit the website, [www.arthouseinc.org](http://www.arthouseinc.org), to learn more about Art House programs, to discover ways to support Art House, or to purchase tickets to the upcoming Mardi Gras event. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday during programs. Call 216-398-8556 for more information.



## THEATER NOTES



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

**Studio Theater**  
"Dogfight"

Fri., Feb. 6th - Sun., Mar. 15th. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$25.

**Mackey Main Stage**  
"Chicago"

Fri., Feb. 20th - Sun., Mar. 1st. Tickets: \$10 - \$12. Fri. & Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm.

**Cassidy Theatre of Greenbriar Commons**  
6200 Pearl Rd 440-842-4600  
[cassidytheatre.com](http://cassidytheatre.com)

"9 To 5 The Musical"

Fri., Feb. 6th - Sun., Feb. 22nd. Fri. & Sat, 8 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$20 adult; \$15 students/seniors.

**Cleveland Public Theatre (CPT)**  
**Gordon Square Theatre**

6415 Detroit Ave. 216-631-2727 ext. 205

"Fire on the Water"

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**Week #6 - "Rouge Etude or how Sherlock Holmes became a Mysogynist"**. Thurs., Feb. 12th - Sat., Feb. 14th; 7 pm.

**Week #7 - "The Lives of a Poet"**. Thurs., Feb. 19th - Sat., Feb. 21st, 7 pm. Tickets: \$12 - \$15.

**Playhouse Square Center**  
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[www.playhousesquare.org](http://www.playhousesquare.org)

**Kennedy's Theatre**  
"Flanagan's Wake"

Now - Sat., May 2nd. Fri. & Sat., 8 pm. Tickets: \$25.

**Star Performance Series at the Connor Palace**  
"Stomp"

Now - Sun., Feb. 18th. Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 4 & 8 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$10 - \$60.

**Cleveland Play House at the Allen Theatre**

"Five Guys Named Moe"

Now - Sun., Feb. 15th. Tues., 7 pm; Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat. & Sun., 2:30 & 7:30 pm. Tickets: \$49 - 89.

**The Allen's Outcalt Theatre**  
"Defending the Caveman"

Wed., Feb. 4th - Sun., Feb. 15th. Wed., Thurs., Fri., 8 pm; Sat., 5 & 8 pm; Sun., 4 pm.

"Angels in America Part 1: Millennium Approaches"

Thurs., Feb. 26th - Sun., Mar. 8th. Thurs., Fri., Sat., 7:30 pm; Sun., 2 pm. Tickets: \$10.

**Great Lakes Theater at the Hanna**  
"Dial 'M' for Murder"

Fri., Feb. 27th - Sun., Mar 22nd. Wed., Thurs., Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat.; 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 3 pm. Tickets: \$15 - \$70.

**KeyBank Broadway Series at the State Theatre**  
"Pippin"

Tues., Feb. 3rd - Sun., Feb., 15th. Tues. - Fri., 7:30 pm; Sat., 1:30 & 7:30 pm; Sun., 1 & 6:30 pm. Tickets: \$30 - \$100.

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# Longtime vacant property becomes daycare with emphasis on education

by Sam Winward  
Oberlin College Intern

Equipped with PhDs in toxicology and microbiology, husband-wife duo **Dr. Mukesh and Dr. Anju Agarwal** have committed themselves to providing the highest quality child care services. In June 2014, they expanded their business to Old Brooklyn, opening the fourth branch at 4650 State Rd.

Loving Cup Kids Academy is occupying the minimalist, angular building which was originally designed by Architect John Rakauskas (with help from former intern Chris Lobas) in 1997 for Federal Graphics. It was left vacant when the owner moved to Florida some years ago.

Rakauskas' favorite aspect of the building is its entrance canopy, which was designed to look like a folded piece of paper for the graphics business. Interestingly, its playful quality is now a perfect fit for the entrance of a building populated by children.

Loving Cup Kids Academy is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., allowing for convenient drop-off and pick-up times for the working parent. The Academy is open to a wide range of children aged six weeks to twelve years old. While the younger children spend the entire day under the Academy's care, school-aged children are only housed pre- and post- school hours. The center boasts its own transportation service which will carry these children to and from school. Also, an on-site kitchen and chef prepare all USDA-approved meals in house.

After raising two children of her own, Dr. Anju Agarwal was inspired to establish a childcare service which went beyond babysitting. She explains, "We provide a happy and safe environment where children can grow and learn at the same time."

With a ratio of just over six 'students' to one staff member, the trained team offers dedicated individual instruction, yet they

balance this by coordinating and supervising group activities. In fact, occasional group excursions outside the classroom provide an additional avenue for learning.

To accommodate varied stages of development, the children are divided into four groups: infants, toddlers, preschoolers/pre-kindergardeners and school age. The building itself contains separate distinguishable areas tailored to the educational needs of each age group.

The infants are encouraged to explore and discover their surrounding (safe) environment. Among other things, the staff exposes them to books, music, art and most importantly, language.

Teachers repeatedly immerse the toddlers in academic concepts to foster their ability for mastery later in development. Basic motor skills are practiced first, and then more complex motor skills are introduced. The toddlers are presented with tools for self-independence as they move into pre-school age.

Children aged three to five represent the preschool/pre-kindergardener group. Careful attention went into the planning of a well-rounded program which stimulates both the left and right sides of the brain.

While the school-age children spend the majority of their day at school, the Academy provides strong academic support and supplemental learning. This group encompasses the largest age span (six to twelve years old), which facilitates peer learning and social development.

The Loving Cup Kids Academy is a licensed learning and development affiliate of the *Ohio Step Up To Quality* program.

They are open for admissions and can be contacted at 216-351-2100. For more information about the Loving Cup Kids Academy visit [www.lovingcupkidsacademy.com](http://www.lovingcupkidsacademy.com).



Photo by Sam Winward

Toddler group at Loving Cup Kids Academy eavesdrop on their teacher's imaginary phone call.

## Understand meaning of 'Snow Emergency' to avoid expense of ticket or tow this winter

from the City of Cleveland's 1996 Codified Ordinances (traffic code)

451.17 (a) Whenever, during any period of twenty-four hours or less, snow falls in the City or in a section thereof to a depth of two inches or more, an emergency is declared to exist in that such a heavy snow storm constitutes a serious public hazard impairing transportation, the movement of food and fuel supplies, medical care, fire, health and police protection and other vital facilities of the City. The emergency shall continue until an announcement by the Director of Public Safety that snow plowing operations have been completed, which announcement shall be made in the same manner as outlined in subsection (b) hereof.

(b) Whenever such an emergency exists the Director shall request the cooperation of the local press and radio and television stations to announce the emergency and the time that emergency parking regulations will become effective, which

time shall be no sooner than one hour after the first announcement. Such announcement by two local radio stations or two local television stations or in a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City shall constitute notice to the general public of the existence of the emergency. However the owners and operators of motor vehicles shall have full responsibility to determine existing weather conditions and to comply with the emergency parking regulations.

(c) During the period of the emergency, the Director may prohibit the parking of any vehicles upon any or all of the City streets designated as a through street or highway by Section 413.02, or as a snow emergency street in the regulations adopted pursuant to the authority of section 403.03. During the emergency, no person shall park or cause or permit to be parked or permit to remain parked or nance restricting parking as to place or time is violated thereby.

(d) Any motor vehicle parked in violation of this prohibition may be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 405 at the cost and expense of the owner thereof. If the Director of Public Safety authorizes additional emergency equipment to be used, the fees to be charged for towing and storage by such authorized agents shall conform to the fees assessed by the City for the same service. (Ord. No. 1684-76. Passed 6-29-76, eff. -676 76)

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## Big and small improvements that make a difference

By Jayme Lucas-Bukszar  
jaymel@oldbrooklyn.com

Sources:  
<http://realtormag.realtor.org/home-and-design/cost-vs-value/article/2015/01/2015-remodeling-cost-vs-value-less-more>

### This Old House

<http://www.hgtv.com/design/decorating/clean-and-organize/which-home-improvements-pay-off>

<http://www.houselogic.com/photos/home-improvement/best-home-improvement/slide/>

<http://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/articles/2014/03/06/which-home-remodeling-projects-are-worth-your-money>

There are a number of small and large improvements that homeowners can undertake that can add value and curb appeal to their homes. According to “This Old House” the following improvements have good returns on investment and can be done in most cases for less than \$500:

Painting interior rooms, adding crown molding, installing interior shutters to windows, refinishing wood doors, reviving decks/porches, installing a new back splash in the kitchen, and cost saving measures include installing a programmable thermostat, water conserving dishwasher, and cork insulation under wood floors.

Moderately priced improvements that can recoup more than 100% of their costs according to realtors include new doors and new garage doors.

Realtors and other online sources all emphasize that routine maintenance is critical to the marketability of your home. No matter how great your kitchen is, your home won't sell if the roof leaks and windows are broken.

And, don't invest more in your home than the market can bear i.e. \$40,000 kitchen upgrade for a \$100,000, etc. As a general rule, you probably don't want to exceed 25 percent of the home's value for a new kitchen and 12 percent to 15 percent for an updated bathroom, according to market experts.

Also, make sure the remodel you are going to undertake will be consistent with the rest of the house's architectural style and

character. For example, an ultramodern kitchen in a 100 year old Victorian home would detract from the home rather than adding value.

That said, there are larger home improvement projects that can improve quality of life and your bottom line. Not surprisingly, the two upgrades that consistently improve the bottom line are kitchen and bathroom remodels. One finding that may be unanticipated is that real estate professionals recommend not spending money remodeling a bathroom if you only have one.

Your money will be better spent adding a second bath, even if you don't have room for a second bath with a full tub. A National Association of Realtors study by Florida State University professors G. Stacy Sirmans and David Macpherson found that adding a bathroom increased the sale price of a home by 8.7 percent, more than twice the rate for adding a bedroom.

Houselogic.com calculated what improvements they thought would get the biggest return on investment in 2015 based on discussions with realtors and contractors:

- Wood Deck. A new wood deck costs approximately \$30 per square foot and offers affordable entertainment and dining space. The National average cost is \$10,000 and Return on Investment (ROI) is 80.5%.

- Fiber-Cement Siding or Vinyl Siding. Fiber Cement siding is resistant to pests, moisture, rot, and fire and requires less frequent repairs than wood siding. The National average cost is \$14,000 and ROI is 84.3%. Vinyl siding is light weight and low cost and if insulated it can help make your home more energy efficient. The National average cost is \$12,000 and ROI is 80.7%.

- Kitchen Update. A kitchen update that includes new cabinet doors and drawer fronts, new appliances, countertop, and flooring has the highest average returns over the past ten years. The National average cost for what is described above is \$19,000 and ROI is 79.3%.

Conversely, there are home improvements that do not add significant monetary value to a home. According to Houselogic.com, the following renovations yield the smallest return:

- Home office remodel: 48.9 percent
- Sunroom addition: 51.7 percent
- Bathroom addition: 60.1 percent
- Backup power generation: 67.5 percent
- Master suite addition: 67.5 percent

Source:  
<http://www.houselogic.com/photos/home-improvement/best-home-improvement/slide/steel-entry-door/#ixzz3Pfw0c01i>  
We would always recommend consulting with a highly qualified contractor and even a real estate professional before undertaking substantial home improvements if your goal is to maximize your investment.

### Energy Efficient Home Improvements

Sources:  
<http://money.usnews.com/money/personal-finance/slideshows/10-energy-efficient-home-improvements>

Before you can make your home more energy efficient, you need to know where you currently stand. An energy audit, in which an energy professional inspects your home to determine where efficiency can be improved, is a great way for homeowners to figure out which parts of their property need attention. Almost every home will require air sealing and this is one of the easiest most cost effective ways to reduce heating and cooling costs.

Another low cost measure is sealing your duct work. In forced-air heating and cooling systems, ducts carry hot or cold air to different parts of home. The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that roughly a fifth of this air escapes through leaks. To address this headache, homeowners can use duct sealant to repair leaks in exposed ducts. In addition, installing a programmable thermostat can save approximately 10% on heating and cooling costs.

Installing a new exterior door can provide a great return on investment from a resale standpoint and increase energy efficiency. Adding storm doors and/or windows is another affordable way to save on utility costs. Investing in highly efficient furnaces and hot water tanks can result in savings too, but consult with a professional before replacing a furnace or hot water tank that works. Often times if your system is operable, you will not see savings to pay for the cost of the new equipment in a timely manner.

There are many programs available to help homeowners and in some case renters make their homes more energy efficient and comfortable. One such program, Dominion East Ohio's GoodCents program is outlined below.

### Dominion East Ohio's GoodCents Program

Dominion East Ohio's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program through GoodCents has been designed to help residential customers improve their homes' energy efficiency. A home performance assessment, or energy audit, is the first step in improving a home's efficiency and reducing energy consumption through this program. The subsidized cost for the home performance assessment is \$50 (retail value \$500).

During the assessment, which can last up to 4 hours, a GoodCents BPI certified auditor will use advanced diagnostic equipment to conduct a comprehensive assessment of your home's energy efficiency. The auditor will explain what improvements can be made and present you with a report containing the results of the assessment. The auditor can also provide you with information on how to select a participating contractor in your area should you choose to complete the recommended improvements and take advantage of up to \$1,250 in rebates offered through this program.

To participate in the program, you must be an individually-metered residential Dominion East Ohio customer with an active account, not on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus), and/or not eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP).

To qualify for rebates through the program, you must use a GoodCents BPI certified auditor for the assessment and a participating contractor when making improvements. For more details and to sign up go to: <http://deohpwes.com/how-the-program-works/>. Representatives can also be reached by phone at 1-877-287-3416.


Source:  
<https://www.dom.com/residential/dominion-east-ohio/ways-to-save/home-performance-with-energy-star>

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# Our Brooklyn Township forebears, particularly young men, affected by U.S. Civil War

by Lynette Filips  
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Since April, 2011 historically-inclined organizations in various states have been observing the sesquicentennial of the American Civil War. That observance will conclude in April of this year, so it's more than time to begin looking at how this War affected Cleveland in general and Brooklyn Township in particular during the time it was being fought.

I have more than average interest in the topic because one of my indirect ancestors (my grandfather's grandmother's only brother) joined the fight against the Confederate States of America and ultimately died from wounds incurred at one of the battles. Prior to enlisting, he was a boot and shoe maker, and lived at 30 Brainard, presumably today's Brainard Ave., off Scranton Rd. north of MetroHealth and south of Clark Ave.

America's 150th anniversary commemoration of the Civil War began with the April 13th, 1861 Confederate defeat of Union troops at Fort Sumter in Charleston (South Carolina) harbor and will end with a commemoration of the April 9th, 1865 surrender of Confederate General Robert E. Lee to Union General Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse in Virginia.

Immediately after the Confederate army took Fort Sumter, newly installed President Abraham Lincoln issued a call to arms which included quotas for each northern state. It was then up to the governors of each State - Gov. William Dennison, in the case of Ohio - to come up with a plan of action.

On April 18th, 1861, an order was issued to establish **Camp Taylor** on the outskirts of Cleveland. Two days later, yet another order summoned all northeast Ohio militia units to go there.

At the time of the Civil War, The United States didn't have a standing military machine in place as it does today, but individual States did have some militia units. Being as it wasn't wartime, though, the units were more for socializing than for fighting; the most militaristic things the young men did was dress in uniforms and march in parades.

The Cleveland Grays/Grays Armory is a present-day remnant of Cleveland's military life 150+ years ago, and so it's not surprising that the **Cleveland Grays** were the first Cleveland Company (E) in the **First Ohio Voluntary Infantry (OVI)** regiment. And another of Cleveland's militia units, the **Irish Hibernian Guards**, became Company F in the First OVI. The Cleveland soldiers in the First Ohio never went through Camp Taylor, however. They went right to Columbus after



Cleveland Grays Armory

Abraham Lincoln asked for volunteers on April 15th, and then they were dispatched to Washington D.C., to defend the Capital.

Subsequent Ohio Civil War regiments followed by number in the chronological order in which they were organized. The companies in each unit were listed alphabetically (with the exception of some letters like 'J') and while each company was from a particular Ohio town/village, the companies within a regiment might have come from across the State.

The regiment in which my ancestor Francis J. Werz fought was the **Seventh Ohio Voluntary Infantry** (the second OVI regiment organized which included men from Cleveland/Northeast Ohio). Frank was in Company A, organized on April 18th, 1861 as a militia group called the **Cleveland Zouave Light Guards**. Frank was 23 years old, and



Zouave cadets

by reading the roster which included the age at enlistment of each member of the Company, I learned that most of the young volunteer soldiers were also in their twenties. Their range of ages, though, was as low as the upper teens and as high as the low forties. William Creighton, another patriotic Clevelander who was 24 or 25 years old, was the person responsible for organizing the Cleveland Zouave Light Guards. Before leading the Zouaves, he was a printer at the *Cleveland Herald*, a local newspaper from that era. According to the 1860 U.S. census, he lived in Ward 1 in what appears to have been a rooming house. I wonder if the other boarders were among the young men he recruited.

A second militia group of Cleveland men, the **Sprague Zouave Cadets**, was organized on April 22nd, 1861; it became the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry's Company B.

In all there were ten companies in the Seventh OVI, but most of the other companies were not from Cleveland. Company C, the Monroe Rifle Company, included college men from Oberlin; Company D was the Union Guards from Painesville; Company E was a company of infantry from Huron; Company F was the Franklin Rifles from Franklin Mills (Kent); Company G was the Tyler Guards from Ravenna; Company H was Company A, Second Brigade, Ninth Division Ohio Volunteer Militia from Warren; Company I was the Union Guards from Warren; and Company K was the National Guard unit from Cleveland. In addition, there were thirty-eight field officers and staff in the 7th OVI, and twenty-five men in the Regiment's band.



Lt. Creighton

The men in the Seventh had elected their own officers, including Erastus B. Tyler from Ravenna as the Colonel commanding the Regiment; the aforementioned William R. Creighton as Lieutenant, and Orrin J. Crane, also from Cleveland (and also associated with Company A's Cleveland Zouave Light Guards), as First Lieutenant.



Col. Tyler

The Civil War Soldiers & Sailors database states that there were 2761 men in the Seventh OVI.

According to *The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History*, "Camp Taylor was Cleveland's first and most-used Civil War camp, located at the fairgrounds of the Cuyahoga County Agricultural Society at Sterling (E. 30th St.) and Kinsman (Woodland) avenues. The camp was used by 4 regiments - the **7th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment**, **8th Ohio Volunteer Infantry Regiment**, 14th Ohio Volunteer Infantry and 21st Ohio Volunteer Infantry - between Apr.-Oct. 1861. From late Oct. to Dec. 1861, the camp was used by the **2nd Ohio Volunteer Cavalry**."

Because in the beginning no one thought

that the conflict between the North and the South would last very long, enlisting for three months of service was all that was asked. Ohio's initial requirement was to establish thirteen volunteer infantry regiments; the response from the Buckeye State's young men was initially so enthusiastic (and so naive) that twenty-three units were actually organized.

In searching for primary source material about Northeast Ohio's involvement in the Civil War, I was fortunate to come upon an article written on Monday, May 6th, 1861 and published on Thursday, May 9th in the *New York Times*. Here are some of the observations the person who wrote it made about Camp Taylor -

*This camp, which has been organized about a fortnight (fourteen days), is getting thinned out very fast by the departure of troops for the seat of war. During the whole period of the encampment everything has worked to a charm, if we take into consideration the short period of time in which this portion of the quota of 13 regiments have been called into service by the State.*



Lt. Crane

*One must bear in mind that nine-tenths of the volunteers knew nothing whatever of military duty, and came here unarmed, unequipped, yet full of loyalty to the Union. Up to Thursday morning, at 9 o'clock, there were in camp 60 companies of artillery, rifle, and infantry, numbering in all 5,040 men...*

*A walk about the camp affords considerable amusement to a man who loves fun. In one corner a group of soldiers may be seen, frolicking like boys, playing leap-frog, tossing pennies and playing hop-scotch. We saw one officer being tossed up on a blanket, in the same manner of exercise which was so popular a few months ago with a certain Order of Knights. The Germans have several leaping bars and other exercises, as they are natural gymnasts, and take to it as natural as a dog takes to water. Exercises of these kinds are worth much, not only as antidotes against sickness, but because they develop (sic) muscle and enable the soldiers to withstand fatigue.*

Camp Taylor, though, was only a very temporary gathering place; I'll continue the saga of the Seventh OVI next month.



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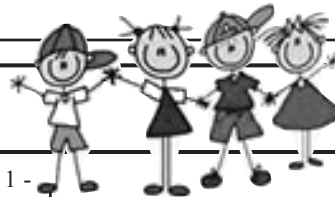
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**"Terrific Tuesdays"** - second Tues. eve. of month, 5 - 7:30 pm, through Apr., 2015. Explore interactive hand-on exhibits after normal museum hours for free.

**Cleveland Metroparks Winter Recreation Fun**  
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**Cleveland Metroparks - Brecksville Nature Center** Rt. 82 entrance 440-526-1012  
**Drop-In Discovery: Amphibians** - Sun., Feb. 22nd; 10 am - noon. Amphibians have unique lives. Learn about some of amphibians living in area. Kids make craft to take home.

**Cleveland Metroparks - CanalWay Center** E. 49th St. bet. Grant Ave & Canal Rd. 216-206-1000 or clevelandmetroparks.com  
**Hunt of the Month: Owls** - Sun., Feb. 1st - Sat., Feb. 28th. Mon. - Sat., 9 am - 5 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Winter is good time for night hike to listen for owl calls. Or stop by CanalWay during day to find 20 hidden owls.

**Family Movie Night - "Open Season"** - Fri., Feb. 6th, noon - 7 - 8:30 pm. Snacks available for purchase or bring own. Call to register.

**CanalWay Matinee** - Mon., Feb. 16th, noon - 2 pm. **"Surf's Up"**, animated story about surfing penguins. Purchase snacks or bring own.

**Vintage Valentines** - Sat., Feb. 7th, 10 - 11 am; Mon., Feb. 9th, 3:30 - 4:30 pm; \$3. Make old fashioned valentines for family & friends. Learn about history of holiday & enjoy candy hearts while you work. All materials provided. Register online.

**Fight the Frost Festival** - Sat., Feb. 21st, noon - 4 pm. Indoor & outside activities, plus snacks. Weather demonstrations, science with Doug, carpet skating, bird watching, storytime shows, frosty themed crafts, winter walks, snowshoeing (if enough snow), snow sculpting (if enough snow), roasted marshmallows, snow cones, hot chocolate.

**Cleveland Metroparks - Chalet**  
16200 Valley Parkway, Mill Stream Run Strongsville 440-572-9990

**Tobogganing - Special holiday hours:** Mon., Feb. 16th, noon - 5 pm. Reg. hours now - Mar. 8th - Fri., 6 - 10:30 pm; Sat., noon - 10:30 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. Cost - adults, \$12; children ages 11 & under, \$10. One time ride tickets, \$6. Season passes -- adults, \$40; children 11 & under, \$30. Family pass (up to four), \$110. All Thursdays, student I.D. night; all students with a valid I.D. - \$9. **Fri. Feb. 13th, Sweetheart Deal** - \$20 for 2 toboggan passes, 2 hot dogs & 2 hot chocolates, **Sun. Feb. 15th Military I.D. Day** - all military with valid I.D. \$5, **Sun. Feb. 22nd, Family Four Pack** - \$40 for 4 toboggan passes, 4 hot dogs & 4 sodas. **Sun., Mar. 1st, Dollar Day** - \$1 hot dogs & \$1 sodas. **Sun., Mar. 8th Family Four Pack** - \$40 for 4 toboggan passes, 4 hot dogs & 4 sodas.

**Cleveland Metroparks - Lakefront Reservation - Edgewater**  
216-635-3200

**Largest Lakefront Snowman & Winter Maze** - thru Feb. 28th, 6 am - 11 pm. Largest lakefront snowman, Mr. Sassy & only winter maze in Northeast Ohio. Test knowledge of Lake Erie to navigate through maze.

**Cleveland Metroparks Garfield Park Nature Center** 11350 Broadway Ave. 216-341-3152

**Grass Buddies** - Sat., Feb. 21st, 1 - 2 pm. Looking to bring some spring into your home? Make a grass buddy & learn what's needed to grow seeds successfully with these fun little creatures. Bring old pair of knee high stockings & creativity & we'll provide the rest. Ages: 4 years & over with adult. Register by phone or online.

**Cleveland Metroparks Watershed Stewardship Center** West Creek Reservation 2277 W. Ridgewood 440-887-1968

**Friday Film: Double Feature** - Fri., Feb. 13th, 7 - 8:45 pm. **"A Forest Returns"** is success story of Ohio's only National Forest, The Wayne, as told by Journalist Ora Anderson.

**Snowflake Soiree** - Sat., Feb. 14th, 2 - 4 pm. Learn about snowflakes -- where they come from, how they're formed, are there really no two the exact same? Gather snowflakes to examine under a microscope & then create craft snowflakes. Ages: 5 & up with adult.

**Drop-In Science: Frozen** - Sun., Feb. 22nd, 1 - 2:30 pm. Drop in for indoor exploration of how wetland-loving wildlife is well-equipped to survive Ohio's winter. Enjoy snow cone treat you create. Free.

**Snow Snake - the Game** - Sat., Feb. 28th; 1 - 3 pm. Learn about traditional Seneca game -- life & history of Seneca people while learning to play a game of skill, knowledge & luck. Dress warm for outside. Monarch Bluff Picnic area.

**Cleveland Metroparks Rocky River Nature Center/Frostville Museum, Rocky River**  
Reservation 24000 Valley Pkwy., North Olmsted 440-734-6660

**Snowshoeing** - Snowshoe rental Big Met Golf Course, Rocky River Reservation 440-331-1070. \$8/first hr., \$3/extra hr.) (junior 12 & under \$5/first hr., \$2/extra hr.)

**Snow Games** - Sun., Feb. 1st, 3 - 4 pm (if enough snow on ground) Make biggest snow person in Rocky River Reservation, plus other fun snow games. If snow is absent, go on wildlife walk, looking for signs of Beaver, Mink & more.

**Birds of Prey Weekend** - Sat., Feb. 7th & Sun., Feb. 8th, 11am - 4 pm. Discover hawks, eagles & owls. **Saturday** - Owls in the Pines, Ice carving demonstrations, Raptors Round the World, Birds of Prey 101, Adventures in Raptor Rescue.

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**Pancake Breakfast** - Sun. Mar. 1st, 8th & 15th; 9 am. - 1 pm. Events Barn, 24101 Cedar Point Rd. (at corner of Lewis Rd.) Adults - \$7; children 10 & under - \$5. Breakfast is unlimited pancakes, juice, hot beverage & sausage. Additional sausage 3 for \$1 & orange juice 50. Take-out available. Sponsored by Olmsted Historical Society. Call 216-501-3345 or www.olmstedhistoricalsociety.org for more info.

**Cleveland Metroparks Zoo**  
3900 Wildlife Way 216-661-6500  
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**Fairytales & Frogs** - The RainForest, Mon., Feb. 16th (Presidents' Day), 10 am - 1 pm. Free admission for kids under 12 to Zoo & Rainforest with paid adult admission. Dress as princess, prince or frog. Meet frog mascots & princesses, get close encounters with live frogs, meet Zoo's frog keepers & separate frog fact from fiction & listen to reading of "The Frog Prince."

**Family Discoveries - Cold Weather Animals** Sun. Feb. 8th, 9 - 10:30 am.

**Family Discoveries - Rainforest Life** - Sun., Feb. 22nd, 9 - 10:30 am. Bring family for hands-on activities & guided tours. Fee: \$15/\$10 for Zoo members. Registration required.

**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, \$14; \$7 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. **Planetarium tickets:** \$7 per ticket or \$5 with general. Members free.

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

**Teen Programs** - Sat., Feb. 7th, TAG Team, 1:30 pm. Grades 6 - 12 & Board Game Day, 2:30 pm, ages 10 - 19.

**Make Valentine's Day Sweet Surprises** - Sat., Feb. 14th, 2 pm; grades 5-12.

**Oompa-LoompBOT Challenge** - Sat., Feb. 21st, 10 am; ages 8-11.

**Cuyahoga Valley National Park**  
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**Home Depot**  
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**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center**  
28728 Wolf Rd. 440-871-2900 www.lensc.org

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**Family Astronomy Day: Galaxies** - Sun., Feb. 8th, 11 am. - 3 pm. Day of fun for whole family. Visit planetarium & take trip into universe to learn about galaxies. How many are there? Play games, make astronomical crafts & take home a galaxy of your own creation. All ages. Fee: \$4, ages 2 & up.

**Introduction to Backyard Beekeeping** - Sun., Feb. 15th, 1 - 3 pm. Scott Danniger, seasoned beekeeper & active member of Lorain County Beekeeping Association, shares his knowledge. Learn what honeybees do to support environment & how to maintain a backyard hive. For adults & families with children ages 10+. Fee: \$7/person.

**Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage**  
2929 Richmond Rd. 216-593-0575 www.maltzmuseum.org

**Presidents' Day** - Mon., Feb. 16th; 11 am - 5 pm. Be camera-ready noon - 2 pm & snap selfie with past Presidents like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin Delano Roosevelt & Harry Truman in Museum lobby. Hands-on crafts & other activities are free & open to public.

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**Monster Jam** - Sat., Feb. 15th, 2 & 7:30 pm; Sun., Feb. 16th, 1 & 6 pm. Tickets: adults, \$20, \$30, \$57; kids 2 - 12, \$12, \$57 (plus a \$3 facility fee) prices increase \$3 day of event.

**Disney Junior Live on Tour! Pirate & Princess Adventure** - Sun., Mar. 1st; noon, 3 pm. & 6 pm. Tickets: \$20 - \$55 (plus a \$3 facility fee).

**Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR)**  
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**University Circle**  
216-791-3900 www.universitycircle.org

**The Rink at Wade Oval - Open Presidents Day: noon - 7 pm.** Open now - Sun., Mar. 8th; Fri., noon - 9 pm; Sat., noon - 7 pm; Sun., noon - 5 pm. \$2 to skate, \$3 skate rentals. Hot chocolate & coffee available. Call 216-707-5033 for daily info.

**Valentine's Day Pink the Rink** - Sat., Feb. 14th; 3 - 9 pm. Bring your sweetie for romantic skate on pink ice!

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## School registration information

**Mary Queen of Peace School**  
 Preschool - grade 8. Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring vouchers accepted for K - 8. Applications in school office. Student Shadow days welcome! County vouchers OK for Preschool. Stop by for a tour or call 216-741-3685 Mon. - Fri., 7:30 - 3:30. Visit [mqp-school.com](http://mqp-school.com) or school's Facebook page for more info.

**Ready, Set, Grow Preschool**  
 Located in Brooklyn Heights United Church of Christ, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Ages 3 - 5. Learning & social skills for kindergarten readiness. Certified teachers. Registration fee, \$40. Class times, 9 - 11:15 am. Call 216-447-9145 for more info.

**St. Leo Preschool & Open House Registration 2014-2015 School Year**  
 Preschool, 4940 Broadview Rd. 2nd flr of the St. Leo Parish Community Center. Open house & open enrollment, Aug. 10th; 11 am - 1 pm. Preschool is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education & is operated according to mandated rules & regulations. 3 & 4 yr old part-time am & pm classes as well as a full-day program with an option for extended care. To be eligible for enrollment, the child must be 3 yrs old by Sept. 30th. Bring the child's birth certificate & \$50 dollar registration fee. Registration continues until all classes are filled. Call 216 661-533 for more info or to schedule an appointment.

**St. Leo the Great School Registration**  
 St. Leo the Great School, 4900 Broadview Rd, grades K - 8. Children must be 5 years of age on or before Sept. 30th to be eligible for all-day kindergarten. \$50 non-refundable registration fee required along with birth & baptismal certificate. Pick up registration forms from school or rectory office. For new students grades 1-8, copy of most recent report card also required.

**St. Mary Byzantine School Registration**  
 St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Elementary School, 4600 State Rd., accepting applications for preschool - grade 8. Before/after school services available; also daycare when school's not in session, (inc. summer). FREE tuition possible for every family through Cleveland Scholarship & Tutoring Program. School program includes technology instruction in new computer lab, enhanced learning through use of interactive Smart Boards, instrumental music & art instruction, CYO athletic options, & much more. Call 216-749-7980 or visit [www.smbyz.org](http://www.smbyz.org) for more info.

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# COMMUNITY MEETINGS

**Brooklyn Centre Naturalists** - meeting: Sat., Feb. 7th; 10:30 am. - 12:30 pm. Brooklyn Branch Cleveland Public Library 3706 Pearl Rd. To put our action plan to work. We will be filling in our calendar with dates, with all we have researched & set up.

**Brooklyn-Cleveland Kiwanis** - every Tues., 12 - 1:30 pm; Golden Corral, 8676 Brookpark Rd.

**Brooklyn Genealogy Club** meeting, Sun., Nov. 16th, Brooklyn Fire Station, 8400 Memphis Ave. at Rodoan). No word yet about speaker or topic. For information about the group contact Ann Wojtowicz, [wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com](mailto:wojtowicz6809@roadrunner.com).

**Cleveland Republican Organization** meeting, Tues., Feb. 10th (& every second Tues.); 7 pm, Brooklyn Hts., UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Call 216-832-9195 for more info.

**Old Brooklyn Crime Watch** meeting, Tues., Feb. 3rd; 7 pm, Grace Church, 2503 Broadview Rd. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

**Second District Police Community Relations** meeting, Tues., Feb. 10th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Applewood Center, 3518 W. 25th St.

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

**Ward 13 Democratic Club** meeting, Tues., Feb. 17th (& every third Tues.), 7 pm, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 5801 Memphis Ave.

## Waste collection changes for 2015

Manual Set Out Changes		
Program	Current Practices	New Recommendation
Regular Waste	Set out of a large amount of waste for collection that is greater than 2 cubic yards (6ft long x 3ft wide x 3ft high)	5 bags or cans (Request to Amend 551.111 a and b)
	Up to 10 cubic yards (12ft long X 4ft wide X 6 ft high).	
Bulk Items	Unlimited as long the set out does not violate the regular waste guidelines	3 Items, Plus 4 Tires- once per month (Request to Amend 551.05)
Yard Waste	Unlimited as long as the set out does not violate the regular waste guidelines	20 bags (Request to Amend 551.05)
Program	Current Practices	New Recommendation
Automatic Set Out Changes		
Recycling	Excess items placed in plastic bags outside of waste can	Nothing outside of cans; Place clean recycled material loose in can- No plastic bags; if a home produces consistent excessive amounts of waste, then the City recommends a second recycling receptacle
Bulk Items	Unlimited as long the set out does not violate the regular waste guidelines	3 Items, Plus 4 Tires- once per month
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# Cleveland Metroparks Zoo announces traveling Penguin exhibit for 2015

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Penguins will be on exhibit at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo this spring for the first time since 2002. Penguin Shores, a

seasonal traveling penguin exhibit, will open at the Zoo on April 3, 2015. It will be located in the Zoo's Northern Trek area near the grizzly bear exhibit.

The penguin exhibit, designed by Illinois-based Animal Interaction Design Group in partnership with Cleveland Metroparks Exhibits team, is slated to run through mid-September. The special exhibit will house six African black-footed penguins and will be free with regular Zoo admission. It will feature naturalistic rock work with nest boxes, ledges and irregular surfaces, and a pool for swimming. Guests will be able to learn about penguins in the wild and conservation efforts under way to help them.



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"We're very excited to have this opportunity to bring penguins back to Cleveland," said Executive Zoo Director Dr. Chris Kuhar. "The unique design of the Penguin Shores exhibit enables us to use existing space to showcase a popular and often-requested animal with minimal alterations to the Zoo's Northern Trek exhibit site."

African black-footed penguins are native to the rocky coastline and islands of South Africa. They are well-adapted to swimming and fishing in the cold water off the South African coast. They eat anchovies, sardines and other small fish species. They are classified as "endangered" by the International Union for Conservation of Nature, mainly due to the commercial overfishing of their primary prey species, and environmental damage from the oil industry.

The Penguin Shores exhibit will outline how pollution from plastics and destruction of habitat are affecting penguin species in the wild. The penguins will serve as ambassadors for conservation as part of the Zoo's contribution to the Cleveland Water Alliance and Sustainable Cleveland's Year of Clean Water Celebration in 2015.

The Cleveland Metroparks Zoo last exhibited penguins in a mixed-species exhibit at the Birds of the World building which included Humboldt, macaroni and king penguins. The king penguins were the last species to leave the Zoo in 2002.

Northeast Ohio's most-visited year-round attraction, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$13.25 for adults, \$9.25 for kids ages 2 to 11, and free for children younger than 2 and Zoo members. Parking is free. Located at 3900 Wildlife Way, the Zoo is easily accessible from I-71, I-90 and I-480.



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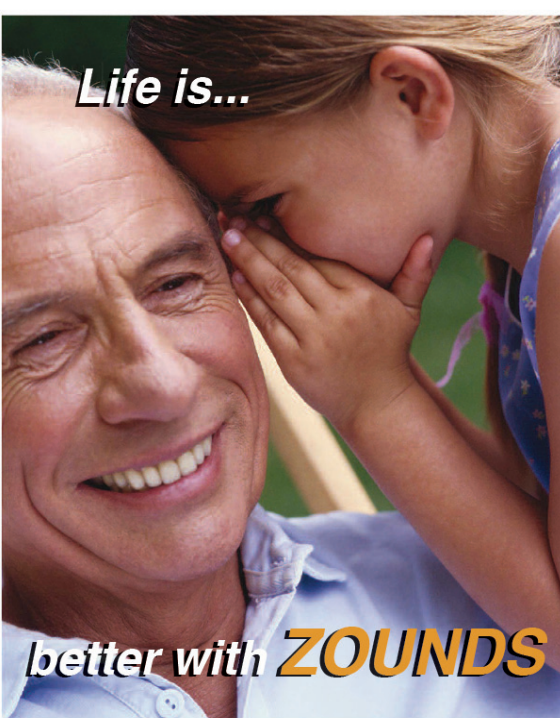
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