

## Cleveland Summer Cinema coming to Lowe Park for ten weeks this summer

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Starting on Tuesday, June 9th, and continuing every Tuesday night at dusk for ten weeks this summer, Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC) will host a summer movie series which will include such classic hits as *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Raiders of the Lost Ark*, *Jurassic Park* and *The Incredibles*.

Presented by MetroHealth Systems, the movies, which will be free to residents and guests alike, will be screened at the City of Cleveland's Loew Park, located at the corner of W. 32nd St. and Oak Park Ave.


Food trucks and local businesses from Old Brooklyn will be there each week to provide guests with food and snacks. The assortment of trucks and options will change throughout the season.

In partnership with Platform Brewery, Cleveland Summer Cinema will host a beer garden selling Platform's unique offerings and a chance to watch the movies while enjoying a cold brew.


Loew Park is the home of the Old Brooklyn Area Little League (OBALL) and Old Brooklyn Youth League (OBYL) baseball and softball programs. With games ending at dusk and the movies starting just after, Loew Park will be buzzing all evening on Tuesdays this summer.

Cleveland Summer Cinema, local little league and the Loew outdoor pool surround William Cullen Bryant Elementary School.

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### Cleveland Summer Cinema: *Under the Stars in Old Brooklyn*

Presented by:  **MetroHealth**

**The Incredibles**  
June 9th

**Goonies**  
June 16th

**Spider Man**  
June 23rd

**Raiders of the Lost Ark**  
June 30th

**Ghostbusters**  
July 7th

**Jurassic Park**  
July 14th

**Ferris Bueller's Day Off**  
July 21st


**Space Jam**  
July 28th

**Mighty Ducks**  
August 4th


**A League of Their Own**  
August 11th


**Loew Park**  
3121 Oak Park Ave.  
(near State Rd. I 480 exit)

**Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m. Movies start at dusk**



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Beer Garden courtesy of 

## Old Brooklyn Business Competition finalists selected & undergoing entrepreneur training

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After receiving nearly thirty applications for the Old Brooklyn Entrepreneur Training and Business Competition, a selection committee chose ten finalists to participate in the Economic and Community Development Institute's (ECDI) entrepreneur training program. The finalists will also compete for \$10,000 in grant funds.

In addition to ECDI's class, last month the finalists attended a "meet-and-greet" social to mingle, learn more about the neighborhood, and build momentum. Beginning last month and continuing through early June, finalists have been meeting one-on-one with OBCDC staff to discuss their proposal, tour the neighborhood, and assess available spaces.

The finalists' efforts will culminate in mid-June with the submission of a complete business plan along with an oral pitch to a selection committee. OBCDC will work with grant recipients and the other finalists to ensure that they find space in the neighborhood and have the support they need to open their businesses.

In the application process, OBCDC asked each finalist why they love Cleveland and to give a brief overview of their business concept. Here is what each of the finalists submitted —

**Black Drum BBQ**  
Joe Dooley

**Why Cleveland?** What I am passionate about in Cleveland is the rebirth of the "neighborhood" and as a resident of Old Brooklyn I am very excited to see its trans-

formation from the Pearl Rd. street project to the ever expanding economic opportunity.

**Concept:** The beauty of Black Drum Barbecue is its simplicity: a very real and raw atmosphere with huge authentic barbecue flavor in a simple menu. Black Drum aims to build a larger local brand by partnering with other local vendors to complete the products we wish to deliver to the consumer. Local products starting from the meats used to the buns they are delivered on with homemade rubs and sauces.

**Blue Plate Café and Treasures**  
Dwight Kaczmarek & Tim Yanko

**Why Cleveland?** We love working in Cleveland because we're part of a growing and passionate community of people and businesses who truly care for their city.

**Concept:** With hard-to-find antiques, an array of reimagined vintage finds and a tasty menu of locally-sourced food and beverages, we are committed to providing a unique retail and dining destination that's the first of its kind in Old Brooklyn and like no other in Northeast Ohio. Blue Plate Café & Treasures will offer sought-after quality merchandise that is artfully displayed and backed by great customer service.

**Cleveland Jam**  
James Conti

**Why Cleveland?** I love Cleveland and Old Brooklyn because it's where I grew up, we have a fabulous restaurant scene, Metroparks and the best sports fans around! **Concept:** We are a wine jelly and beer jam company looking to expand our operations into a storefront and continue to acquire vacant lots for additional urban vineyards.

Our storefront would serve as a wine and beer making supply store with hands-on demonstrations both in store and out in the vineyard.

**Collective Self-Care Studio**  
Jackie Sliva

**Why Cleveland?** Cleveland is home. I love the underground, grit, creativity and diversity of our city.

**Concept:** I would like to open up a studio for wellness that includes the art and community aspect of whole health that seems to be lacking in recent ideas of health. Not only will fitness, yoga, education and bodywork be available, I would like it to be used as a creative event space that will increase the social capital of the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

**Connie's Affogato**  
Jason Minter

**Why Cleveland?** I love this city because Cleveland represents innovation, personal growth, and rebirth.

**Concept:** Connie's Affogato is like an ice cream truck for adults. This off-the-grid coffee and ice cream shop is propane heated, dry ice cooled, and pedal propelled! Our mission is to introduce Clevelanders to the affogato — the beautiful marriage of two things we already love.

**JAC Creative**  
Mike Caparanis,  
Gabriel Johnson, Andrew Sobotka

**Why Cleveland?** JAC Creative loves Cleveland's colorful history, its proud, hard-working people, and the city's continued growth.

**Concept:** JAC Creative is a start-up, creative services agency that specializes in branding, website design and development, print design, marketing, photography, videography and creative consulting. Our purpose is to help our clients engage with

their customers and communities in creative ways that help grow their businesses by combining thoughtful ideas, effective design and a collaborative approach. We have a special place in our hearts for serving small, local businesses — after all, we are one!

**Modern Good**  
Sara Misconish

**Why Cleveland?** Partnering with a neighborhood like Old Brooklyn allow us to deepen our commitment to the community while providing economic development to the City of Cleveland.

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## Hulen Wilson

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Born in Crossville, Tennessee Hulen Wilson's love for bluegrass and talent on the banjo has taken him all over and made for an incredible story.

In 1956, at the age of 19, Hulen was working in the saw mills of Tennessee when the economy began to slow and he knew he had to look elsewhere. His uncle was the boss at a Youngstown steel mill and invited him to come up and work there. During his first weeks in the area Hulen met a man who worked on the railroad and insisted that he apply for a job. Reluctant, Wilson applied anyway and ended up working for the rail company (now CSX) for the next 38 years.

After five years in Youngstown, Hulen's job moved him to Cleveland where he was able to spend his weekends playing banjo for audiences at the Denison Theater on W. 25th St. Hulen played with guests and stars from all over the country for eight years. He recalls playing with bands such as Jim and Jesse and The Virginia Boys out of Nashville, Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs of Beverly Hillbillies fame, Ray Price and Kitty Wells.

Hulen made lifelong friends with some including Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs who come by to have dinner at his house whenever they are in Ohio.

Over the years Hulen has produced fourteen albums with hits including one about President Jimmy Carter's brother, Billy. The tune, *Peanut Man*, poked fun at him and hit the charts strong for two full weeks.

Then, out of nowhere, the song was pulled from the radio. For years Hulen did not know what happened to his hit song. Recently, however, a colleague explained that they had received a call from the White House strongly requesting that they stop playing the song which was embarrassing the First Family.



Hulen Wilson

Hulen's band, North Coast Bluegrass, has toured dozens of states around the country. When they weren't in trailers driving down the highway, Wilson himself piloted a small plane to take the band around the country. After learning how to fly at Lost Nation Airport and getting in the requisite hours, Hulen was certified and became the band's official pilot.

Hulen's career as a bluegrass musician, however, is not the complete picture. One of his most famous songs is the Tennessee Chick about a rooster. "The song gets requested just 10 minutes into my set normally," Hulen said. At one festival he left the stage between songs claiming to need to fix a broken string. When he reappeared, he was in a full chicken costume cracking up the band and the audience as he started to play.

Hulen's whole family has turned out to be musical. His son, Rick, and daughter-in-law, Diane, sing Gospel and play piano in New York; another son, Jerry, plays and sings in Tennessee, as does his daughter, Cynthia, in Indiana.

Through his comedy and his music, Hulen has made others happy for decades.

Google Hulen Wilson for more information including songs and pictures.



## From the desk of the executive director

by Old Brooklyn News staff

*Executive Director's note: It has been brought to this organization's attention that the Old Brooklyn News unintentionally published an uncorrected version of the Community Spotlight article in its May issue. We regret that the version which appeared contained multiple errors; the corrected article is printed below:*

Sitting in the dining room on Merl Ave., surrounded by pictures and mementos, it becomes clear that Bill Rieter is a man dedicated to his family. His parents moved to Old Brooklyn from the Tremont area in the early '60s and settled on Woburn Ave. near Our Lady of Good Counsel Church (OLGC). Growing up just a few hundred feet from OLGC, Bill fondly remembers the neighborhood full of kids and a feeling of community.

From hanging out at Bader Drugstore (now Gyro Guys) at Pearl Rd. and Brooklyn Ave., to venturing out to the woods (known ominously as "Snakey") above the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, where older kids goaded younger ones that danger lurked in the woods, Bill reminisced that "those are the kinds of things that make up a community, those stories and memories."

A life-long Old Brooklyn resident, Bill and his wife Sue bought their first home on Wetzel Ave. Our Lady of Good Counsel/Mary Queen of Peace Parish (renamed after OLGC merged with Corpus Christi) has long been the center of their lives. Their children attended school there and Sue has worked there as an educational aide for over 10 years.

(Their son, Niko, just graduated from Holy Name High School and their daughter, Emily, just graduated from St. Bridget of Kildare Elementary School.)

Growing up Bill remembers the church and signature bell tower as a beacon in the community, literally and figuratively — a massive institution which brought together thousands of households.

Bill loved growing up in Old Brooklyn. He explained that there were always pickup football or baseball games; kids would get together at the Rhodes High School "Dust Bowl" practice field and play football after school. Full of stories, Bill remembers that the place where the Amphitheater at the Zoo now stands was once a huge public pool where the whole neighborhood seemed to show up in summer. "It was extremely fun growing up here," Bill recalled.

Bill's parents instilled in him a strong work ethic and he often worked two to three jobs at a time. His first such employment as a youngster was working on the campaign for Councilman Joe P. Cannon (another life-long

resident of Old Brooklyn). After spending long days canvassing the neighborhood, the Councilman would take his group of volunteers out for dinner at Lord Burger on Memphis Ave.



"For a kid, that was a big deal; we had a fun meal and sat with a local community leader."

In college Bill refined his skills, taking to fine art photography as a personal interest. After graduating and earning his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Photography degree, Bill began working as a photographer at a local institution of higher education. During this time he worked as a senior marketing photographer, but he caught a big break when he met a band about to shoot a video for MTV.

"Some friends were doing an interview with this band that I liked and I went up to meet them," Bill said. "We talked about photography and I was invited to do video and photos for their production. I earned enough from that one gig to buy new equipment and start to establish my name out there."

Soon thereafter, Bill began shooting concerts at a major local venue, becoming the de facto house photographer. He has photographed such legends as Elton John, Aerosmith and Prince.

After Bill was at his former job for twenty-two years, the City of Cleveland hired him to be its Chief Photographer, and that is where he has been excited to work for the past three years. "It was great birthday gift," Bill commented, referring to his hiring notice.

Working for the City, Bill photographs a wide variety of subjects, from media, marketing and communication announcements; event and award ceremonies; to simply showcasing just how great our city is. It's in this diversity that he finds satisfaction from work.

"No two days are alike," Bill said. "I get to go in everyday and experience a new event, meet a new person or simply hear everything exciting that's going on with Cleveland."

Bill and his colleague currently have a large-scale fine art exhibit in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Art Gallery at Hopkins International Airport. Their installation focuses on twenty women from throughout Greater Cleveland whose lives were impacted by the late Congresswoman. Meeting them and hearing their stories was just another interesting part of his career. "I would have never met those women or heard their stories were it not for my job. It's moments like those that I realize why I love this city."

## CPL to sponsor Summer Reading Club

by South Brooklyn and Brooklyn Branches of Cleveland Public Library

The Cleveland Public Library's Summer Reading Club is part of the collaborative effort called *Make Your Summer Count*. A partnership between seven northeast Ohio library systems and the Baldwin Wallace University Community Research Institute, it will run from Monday, June 8th, to Friday, August 7th.

The program is focused primarily on young people in grades K through 12; its goal is to help prevent summer learning loss through programs and activities (e.g., such as summer reading clubs, math activities, volunteer activities, and the exploration of local cultural organizations).

To participate students need only to read at least sixteen hours, record their time on an activity log, complete at least ten activities, and have them stamped in the library. They can win prizes for every four hours they read.

Students who complete the Summer Reading challenge of sixteen hours of reading and ten activities will be entered for a drawing to win free passes and one-year

family memberships to cool Cleveland destinations. There is even the possibility of winning tickets to a private, July 30th meet-and-greet with LeVar Burton (actor, author and long-time host of *Reading Rainbow*).

The **South Brooklyn Branch, 4303 Pearl Rd.**, will host programs relating to the Club on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., beginning on June 10th. This kick-off will be a live music event from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10th, with folk/pop performers Eve 'n' Stephen — a popular husband/wife duo from Northeast Ohio. Call the Library at 216-623-7067 for more information.

The **Brooklyn Branch Library, 3706 Pearl Rd.**, will also host programs relating to the Club on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., beginning on June 10th. Their kick-off program will be a **Read to the Rhythm Dance Party** on Monday, June 8th, from 2 to 3:30 pm. Enjoy a variety of dance styles and learn about each type of dance, its music styles, origins and more. Call the Library at 216-623-6920 for more information.

To participate, register online at [readingclub.cpl.org](http://readingclub.cpl.org), then visit the neighborhood library to pick up a reading log.



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## Oil and gas reserves have history -- Conclusion

by George Mychkovsky  
Guest Writer

*The final section of the history of oil and gas in Brooklyn Township continued from the April and May Old Brooklyn News.*

### Brine Production and Disposal

An inevitable aspect, and almost always controversial issue, of oil and gas production is the disposal of associated brine. "In the day" brine was allowed to be disposed in pits, under the assumption that evaporation would result in crystallization of rock salt that could be gathered for productive and environmentally safe use. Obviously, that was a flawed assumption, and is no longer permitted in Ohio. Having said that, it should be pointed out that brine pit disposal was preferable to the wanton disregard of surface water, groundwater, and the flora and fauna of the area resulting from uncontrolled brine disposal "wherever" by irresponsible operators, including runoff into streams and ponds.

In 2013, a total of one-thousand seven-hundred seventy-six barrels were produced from the afore-mentioned Duck Creek wells. The current leader in brine disposal is Dave Mansbery, owner of Duck Creek Energy Corporation in Brecksville. Their patented AquaSalina© operation recycles produced well brine from northeast Ohio oil and gas wells. The brine is processed to Clean Water standards, with the exception of chlorides, and is annually tested and certified by the ODNR. The resulting product is then spread on roads for ice control in the winter and dust control in the summer.

### State of Ohio Laws and Regulations

The law governing oil and gas well drilling and production operations within the State is Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 1509. The rules that implement the law are contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 1501.9. The regulatory agency with enforcement powers is the afore-mentioned Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, which is a division of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). The Division's headquarters are located in Columbus, and the Northeast Region Office in Uniontown has jurisdiction over Cuyahoga County. It is important to note that the Urban Drilling Laws implemented by House Bill 278 in 2004 have significantly elevated requirements to ensure the safety and health concerns of residents in urban areas. As a word of caution, should one encounter what appears to be an unplugged, abandoned well (one without any plumbing and/or wiring to suggest imminent operation) or a pipeline leaking gas, oil, and/or brine, particularly if it is located in an area of high human traffic and/or occupancy, then contact the Division's regional office in Uniontown at 330-896-0616.

### Summary

Most articles present facts so as to offer a viewpoint with a high level of certainty and reasonable predictions with a broad consensus. In effect they leave the reader in a "comfort zone", as there is an assurance that things are well-understood and under control. There is nothing wrong with this, and certainly those types of articles have their place. However, that is NOT the case with this article. There are rather high levels of uncertainty for the following items: 1) whether additional drilling is economically feasible in Brooklyn Township for the historical reservoirs, the Clinton and the Newburg/Lockport, given the urbanized nature of the area, the currently very low prices for crude oil and natural gas, and environmental and safety concerns, particularly the schools, hospital, churches, the Cuyahoga River, and Brookside Park; 2)

whether the historical reservoirs exist beyond their currently developed limits, as Brooklyn Township is near the outer limits of production for both these reservoirs. If not, drilling will cease after a few dry holes; 3) whether economically viable reserves are present in the deeper Trenton Limestone and Trempealeau Dolomite, which are productive in nearby counties; 4) whether technological advances, the industry, the citizens, future product-purchasers, and politicians find a way to allow for additional drilling from historic reservoirs and potentially productive deeper reservoirs; and 5) whether there is an awareness of unplugged and/or improperly plugged very old wells in the area (mapped, poorly located, or unknown), and whether appropriate precautionary measures are implemented prior to future construction and development.

As with virtually everything in life, the decisions will be made on a basis of weighing the potential rewards versus potential risks. Proponents and opponents of drilling will inevitably present severely-biased arguments to support their respective positions. Proper decisions depend on all parties being well-informed. It is the author's hope that this article helped to inform the readers and to spur further interest, research, and discussion in this matter. This article won't leave you in a comfort zone; but then again, all of us need to get out of our comfort zone at times to grow as individuals and as a community.

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### Ten Key Facts

1. Earliest recorded well drilled (note that there were many shallow shale wells drilled in the area, for which there are NO records): Permit #60016, The East Ohio Gas Co. #431 Harshaw Chemical Company, located in Lot 82, completed on 9/4/1914 as a producing Newburg/Lockport well with TD at 2,393 feet; note that after a hiatus this well was deepened to the Clinton with TD at 2,890 feet and is currently producing
2. Earliest recorded well plugged: P #20237, #1 River Smelting & Refining Company, located in Lot 82, Newburg/Lockport well with TD at 2,375 feet
3. Depth range for shale wells: 600 feet - 1,200 feet
4. Depth range for Newburg wells: 2,350 feet - 2,400 feet
5. Depth range for Clinton wells: 2,750 feet - 3,000 feet
6. well with continuous production: Permit #21721, Duck Creek Energy, Inc. #1 River Recycling Industries, Inc., located in Lot 82, completed on 4/9/2001 as a Clinton well
7. Last well drilled: Permit #22197, Green Energy Inc. #1 Scott well, located in Lot 1, completed on 6/9/2012; plugged and abandoned as a dry Clinton well
8. Total number of wells drilled: 120
9. Number of actively producing wells: 5
10. Notable properties on which wells have been plugged: Cleveland Plain Dealer Publishing Co.; Cleveland Metroparks Zoo; LTV Steel; James F. Rhodes High School; ro Health Clinic

## Observe caution on our streets this summer

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It's June and the streets in Old Brooklyn have become busier than ever. Schools let out and children are everywhere. So my reminder starts with everyone who reads this article – slow down, use your seat belts, and give special attention every time you drive your car. The #1 complaint at every safety meeting I conduct is the speeding on our streets and the number of cars that don't stop at the stop signs. Our streets have become race ways; the speed is 25 or 35, not 40 or 50. And the speed limit on the bridges is 25mph.

Stop at stop signs; that's why there they are there. The police are ticketing out there because of your complaints; they don't have any ticketing "quotas".

Don't play the radio so loud that you can't hear emergency vehicles. Plus no one really wants to hear your music three cars back; it is a ticket-able offense.

It's hard to not drive and talk on the phone, but it's against the law in Cleveland, too, not just in Brooklyn. I admit that when I get to Brooklyn I get off the phone because they give tickets. Try harder to stop somewhere and make ... or answer that call. DON'T TEXT! It takes two hands and all your attention.

The warmer weather brings back motorcycles and bicycles to the streets here. We need to respect each other and use more caution around these bikes. If you see someone operating a bike dangerously, call the police. Let them handle it; don't yell or try to force an offender to do something. This will just put you in harm's way. Most small electrical and gas powered motor scooters and mini-motorcycles cannot legally operate on Ohio's roadways.

The street is not a private playground for anyone. All games and toys are to be used in your driveway or yard. Have respect for neighbors' yards!! If the kids want to play

baseball, go to the park or playground and parents go with them. Try to have an adult with the kids when they are not in your yard.

Again this year, as of June 1st, Ward 13 parks are being patrolled by Tenable Security. All City parks close at dark and if you're in the park after this time, you could receive a ticket.

With summer we need parents to know where their children are. Cleveland Police will continue curfew sweeps —

*No child 12 years of age or under shall be upon the streets or sidewalks or in a park or any public place during the period from darkness to dawn, nor shall any child between the ages of 13*

*and 14 inclusive be upon the streets or sidewalks or in any park or other public place between 9:30 pm and 6:00 am, nor shall any child between the ages of 15 and 16 inclusive be upon the street or sidewalks or in any park or other public place between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am, nor shall any child 17 years of age be upon the streets or sidewalks between the hours of midnight and 6:00 am, unless the child is accompanied by a parent or legal guardian or a responsible adult selected by the parent or legal guardian to supervise the child.*

Children are our future; help keep them safe. Do your part to keep Old Brooklyn streets safe this summer! If you have a concern, feel free to call me at 216-459-1000. And enjoy the summer!



## SCR volunteer of the month: Marge Dobrovich

by Bethany Hicks

Marge Dobrovich is Senior Citizen Resources, Inc.'s (SCR's) Volunteer of the Month. Since 1994 Marge has been an active member and made a difference at Senior Citizen Resources in a variety of ways. She began her journey by delivering Meals on Wheels from Crestline and the Schwab Center before delivering from SCR. In recent years, her volunteer work has consisted of craft demonstrations, baking for bake sales and taking people to medical appointments.

A press operator for twenty-five years, Marge enjoyed raising her five children and ten grandchildren, as well as a few of the neighborhood kids. "My husband would teach the kids how to play chess," she remembers fondly. "I'm still in touch with a few of my children's friends." Today, she is the proud great-grandma of five great-grandchildren, calling her family life "a beautiful thing".

During the afternoons, Marge can be found creating a tasty dish in the kitchen, a favorite hobby of hers. "My mother always taught me that sharing is caring. I may not have a lot of money to give, but I have my talent of cooking and baking for others." Her most famous dishes include pierogis, stuffed cabbage and homemade wedding cakes.

"I've got eighty-four years behind me, and I've loved every single day," says the involved SCR member.

Marge's favorite memories at

the Senior Center include the Senior Olympic Parades, walking from Estabrook to the old Deaconess Hospital, waving at everyone on the sidewalks and getting cheered on. She has enjoyed years of playing Scrabble on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and welcoming others in her community to come join in the fun at SCR. "Keep busy, be happy and stay healthy," Marge reminds us.

Senior Citizen Resources is thankful for its volunteers and is in great need of Meals on Wheels deliveries. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer at SCR and making a difference in the community should contact Kim Susak at 216-749-5367, ext. 1119. Volunteers are a vital component of the organization and are greatly appreciated.



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Although Memorial Day -- the traditional date, and the day on which it's been commonly observed in recent decades -- occurs in May, and this is the June issue of the *Old Brooklyn News*, I'm always working on the paper over Memorial Day weekend. And so the holiday which honors our war dead is always very much on my mind as I write this column.

When we were getting last month's paper ready for the printer, we'd only been notified about one local service on Memorial Day -- the one which the **Historical Society of Old Brooklyn** (HSOB) would be conducting at the **Brooklyn Union Burying Ground/Broadview Cemetery** on Broadview Rd. north of Spring Rd. Since then, I've heard about a number of other observances which took place. But first, a little update to the HSOB's event --

Approximately two dozen people attended the noon service which, as in the past, was conducted by Rev. Carol Leahy. An added bonus this year was a bugler from the **VFW's Theodore Roosevelt Post** on Memphis Ave. who played taps. Don Workman of Ameriflag, Inc. made the connection which resulted in Tim Leahy's being at the ceremony.

(Last month's article reported that the Junior ROTC group from James Ford Rhodes High School would be there, too, but in the end, they chose not to be a part of the program.)

At the same time last Monday -- and right around the corner -- another rather spontaneous Memorial Day commemoration was going on at the **Ben Franklin Community Garden**. **John Jenkins**, the chairman of the Garden Committee, is a retired Army officer, and so he is very aware of flag protocol on Memorial Day. From the evening before (if the flag is artificially illuminated) or early in the morning (if in natural light) the flag is to be flown at half-mast; then at noon it is to be raised to full-mast. So that is what happened at the Garden, and anyone who was working there at the time attended the flag-raising.

Late in May I was also notified about two Memorial Day services which took place in Brooklyn Centre this year --

The first was at 9:30 a.m. at **Riverside Cemetery**, 3607 Pearl Rd. People were invited to meet at the Veterans' Flagpole at the Cemetery, where a ceremony was conducted.

The other Brooklyn Centre Memorial Day observance took place at **Brooklyn Centre Burying Ground/Denison Cemetery**. It's the little cemetery at 2300 Ellen Alley, on the east end of Garden Ave. **Rick Nicholson**, a long-time Brooklyn Centre resident and member of the Cleveland Grays, organizes it each year.

This year's service took place at 11 a.m. **Joy Parrish**, another neighborhood resident, provided the music and **Rick Jaworski**, also a resident, read Logan's Order Number 11, dated 1868, which proclaims the first Memorial Day when soldiers' graves were decorated.

While it happened a few days in advance of Memorial Day, **Lutheran Cemetery**, 4566 Pearl Rd., also sent us a news release about the fifty volunteers (members of the Lutheran Veterans Association plus family and friends of people buried at the Cemetery) who placed over 1300 American flags on the graves of the veterans buried there. The crew ranged in age from seniors to school-age children, and some of them do this every year to honor the vets.

In the May *Town Crier* I also wrote about **two seminarians with Mary Queen of Peace Church (MQP) connections** who were being ordained to the priesthood on May 16th. But at press time, their first assignments had not yet been announced. I've since learned that **Fr. Jeff Barnish** has been assigned to St. Bernadette Church on Clague Rd. in Westlake, and **Fr. Rob Ramser** has been assigned to St. Ambrose Church on Pearl Rd. in Brunswick.

Fr. Rob grew up on Schell Ave. and is a 2001 graduate of **St. Leo the Great** elementary/junior high school. In addition to the Mass he would be offering at MQP in celebration of his ordination which I mentioned last month, Fr. Rob also arranged to offer the 4 p.m. Saturday, May 16th, Mass at St. Leo's. One of the most touching moments was when he announced that he used a chalice belonging to former (now deceased) pastor, Fr. Bob Bielek.

Fr. Rob entered the seminary after earning a Bachelor in Religious Studies degree from John Carroll University in 2009. (He'd graduated from Trinity High School in 2005.)

Before I sign off this month, I want to explain a listing in this month's *Church Notes* -- **Taste of the Tropics** at **Mary Queen of Peace Church** on Saturday, June 13th. It will have many similarities to the popular *Party on the Piazza* of the past four years, but this year the event has taken on a Caribbean theme. The invitation promises that it will be "an evening of spicy entertainment, tasty food, refreshing drinks, delectable desserts, raffles and a wine pull." Weather permitting, it will again take place on the MQP terrace.

*Taste of the Tropics* tickets are available at the rectory, 216-749-2323. All profits will benefit MQP's "Preservation Fund".

That's all for now. Email [Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:Lynettef@oldbrooklyn.com) with news for future columns.

## Tom Sargent honored at City's annual Senior Day

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The United States government has designated May as "Older Americans Month", and for the past twenty-six years, the City of Cleveland's Department of Aging has hosted an annual Senior Day program. It includes an information fair, a boxed lunch, an awards ceremony, entertainment and door prizes for the many hundreds of the City's golden-agers who attend. The 2015 event was held on Wednesday, May 20th, at Cleveland Public Hall.

For the awards presentation, each of Cleveland's seventeen City Council persons chooses a senior in his/her Ward to recognize. Except for Ward 13, the constituents of which are served by Councilman (and City Council president) Kevin Kelley, The Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre neighborhoods are actually served by Councilmen who also represent other neighborhoods; this year, they chose to honor seniors from neighborhoods other than Old Brooklyn and Brooklyn Centre.

From Ward 13, however, the honoree could only be someone from Old Brooklyn, and it happened to be someone we at OBCDC know very well because he's worked in our office for years -- Tom Sargent.

We've reprinted what was written about Tom in the booklet distributed to everyone who attended this year's Senior Day --

*Mr. Thomas Sargent was born in 1938 to Leonard and Addie Smith Sargent in southern West Virginia and has been a proud resident of Cleveland for the past 55 years. He is married to his loving wife Pauline and together they have two children, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.*

*Tom graduated from Mark Twain High School and went on to serve in the United States Air Force. After moving to Cleveland he started a career in the health care industry. Mr. Sargent worked in the laboratory at Deaconess Hospital and Bayless Pathology Associates before retiring from Smith Kline*

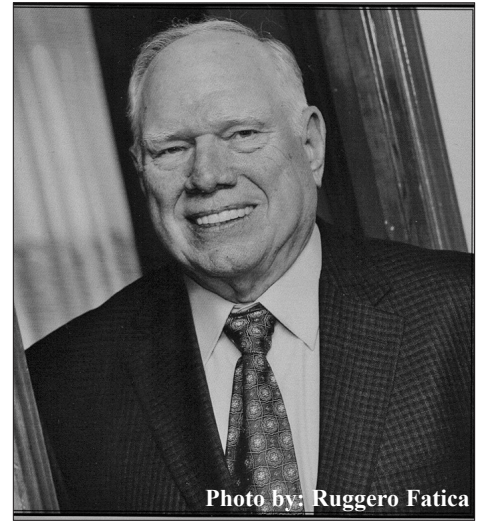


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Tom Sargent; Ward 13

*Clinical Laboratories as a Supervisor and Safety Manager.*

*Tom is extremely active in his community saying, "I enjoy being and doing, not slowing down or stopping." He is an active member of the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation (OBCDC); an organization devoted to revitalizing the community by connecting residents, business leaders and government to achieve public improvement. He was the coordinator for the OBCDC's community garden for 10 years during which he grew fresh vegetables and helped deliver them to Hunger Centers throughout the area. Tom currently helps the OBCDC produce a directory of businesses and services to help local companies maintain success. He is also a crew supervisor for Court Community Service and volunteers his time to oversee the work crews.*

*In his free time he enjoys fishing, spending time with his family and simply being around people. When asked what he loves most about the city of Cleveland Tom states, "The world class medical services." He believes Cleveland is a sophisticated and accessible community that he has never thought of leaving.*

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## Girls get idea to have two “bully benches”

by Kayla Earnhart, Meghan White, Ruthie Sasso

In our mission toward our Girl Scout Silver Award, the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn, we wanted to do something to stop bullying and something that our school could benefit from. From there we started our Bully Free project. We had to begin by completing a Girl Scout “Journey”; this is a workbook program with age-appropriate themes and messages. Our journey was called “Amaze”; it discussed navigating relationships, cliques, bullies and friendships. Being three teenage girls, we are directly affected by tough social situations and relationship snags daily. When we did our “Journey”, we learned many techniques and tricks to steer through these types of difficult problems.

We have worked with the elementary students directly in their classrooms throughout the month of May, to recap, check in and see what kind of feedback they have had. They all shared a lot of opinions and we were happy to feel their enthusiasm. We also involved parents through flyers explaining our mission, and by doing that, we had a family initiate the donation of our lovely benches from the Lowe’s store in Brooklyn.

That was amazing and we saw our words were really being heard. We hope this project will continue for many years to come.

As we mentioned, we have met with many groups to share our program to end bullying. We received wonderful feedback from our school, parents, the Board, and especially the students. We have all been approached in the halls by students voicing excitement about our project. That is the best kind of reward,



Photo by Sandy Worona

On Friday, May 8th, (from left - right) Meghan White, Ruthie Sasso and Kayla Earnhart dedicated *Bully Free Benches* on the elementary’s two playgrounds.

We did not want to keep the information we learned to ourselves. In fact, we wanted to share it with as many people as possible so we could help stop cliques and bullying at our school, and everywhere we go. From there, we came up with the idea of a “safe zone” that all students could access to receive help and support, and the idea of a Bully Free Ambassador in each classroom. After those ideas formed, it all began to come together. We created a Bully Free program to be used in the elementary grades and trained the students and teachers on how to use it.

We thought this could be very beneficial in elementary school, where relationship difficulties often start, to stop them at the source before middle school, where the trouble becomes more prominent. When we told Old Brooklyn Community School about our idea, we were delighted to hear that they wanted to implement our program as soon as possible!

With this program, we hope to raise awareness and understanding about bullying and how to stop it. We are also proud to share that through this project we will be receiving our Girl Scout Silver Awards at the end of May. We used this program as our “Take action Project” to complete our awards. We certainly have “taken action”.

We have met with the principals, the elementary teachers and students, and even the Constellation School Board to share our ideas.

really seeing our ideas working.

We hope that when we leave this school at the end of the year, all being eighth graders and moving on to new schools, that our legacy will live on. There are many students willing and eager to spread our message. Teachers and other involved adults are also willing to continue the program without us. We may personally be leaving this school community, but we leave our memory and hope our ideas will live on in the students who embody it. The three of us dedicated The Bully Free Benches on May 8th on the two elementary school playgrounds.

We have been led by our Girl Scout Troop leader, Debra Robertson; she has led Troop 74013 for the last 13 years in Old Brooklyn. Our adviser, Jill Brennan, has guided us through this project and helped us to achieve our goal. We are honored to have the support of the entire Old Brooklyn community; including our school, Old Brooklyn Community Middle and Elementary, along with the principals, Ms. Cherie Kaiser and Mrs. Karil Stohman.

We are especially honored to have had the support of Second District Cleveland Police Commander Thomas Stacho, Council President Kevin Kelley’s office, our friends, fellow Girl Scouts, teachers, and families as we completed this project.

We hope that our project is as meaningful to you as it was for us. Remember to be a buddy *not* a bully!

## Euro Sweets & Treats to open on Broadview Rd.

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On Saturday, June 20th, Euro Sweets and Treats at 2531 Broadview Rd. will host its grand opening celebration. Owners Laszlo Bohar and Imre Nagy have spent more than six months renovating the former Anthony’s Pizza building to bring ice cream, homemade donuts, pastries and sandwiches to Old Brooklyn.

The name Euro Sweets and Treats refers to Laszlo and Imre’s European heritage; both owners immigrated to the United States from Hungary. For Laszlo, spending more than 25 years in the Cleveland area has made this city his home. After managing the Dunkin Donuts at 4750 Ridge Rd. for fifteen years, Laszlo decided to realize his dream of becoming a business owner.

Laszlo and Imre had talked about the project for a long time before Laszlo announced one day that he had found a space in Old Brooklyn. While Laszlo brings the management and business experience to the table, Imre, who arrived in Northeast Ohio eleven years ago, has worked as a carpenter for many years and used his skills to help renovate the space.

Although ice cream and donuts, including their signature apple fritters, will be the mainstay treats of the new spot, Laszlo and Imre will also feature specialty pastries which nod to their Hungarian roots and the “Euro” in the business name. One of Imre’s favorites is the *dobos torte*, a Hungarian cake layered with chocolate and topped with a hard caramel.

In addition to sweets, the duo will also offer corned beef and design-your-own club sandwiches served on homemade bread as

well as popular European-style sandwiches. The partners also hope to bring the European practice of pausing for a cup of coffee or tea and pastry during the day to make time for conversation with colleagues, friends and family. By adding a patio later this year, they hope to encourage patrons to sit outside and enjoy the good summer weather.

Laszlo and Imre will open their doors on June 20th at 8 a.m. The grand opening celebration will feature outdoor activities and music as well as staggered specials throughout the day.

The specials will include: a free glazed donut with the purchase of a medium cup of coffee; half-off sandwiches from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; and a free kid-size ice cream from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Euro Sweets and Treats will continue to offer specials throughout the summer on donuts and coffee as well as to kids and seniors. Visit the shop on June 20th to get the details about summer specials and to celebrate with Laszlo and Imre.



Laszlo Bohar and Imre Nagy

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## Home Buyer Assistance through Ohio Housing Finance Agency

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There are many different types of assistance available to home buyers, including first time buyers, service and military members, recent graduates, and more. Below are Ohio Housing Finance Agency programs that are available throughout the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County.

### OHFA First Time Homebuyer Programs

Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) is a statewide agency that offers a variety of programs to help first-time homebuyers, renters, senior citizens and others obtain quality affordable housing.

For all of the first time homebuyer programs, income limits and maximum housing values are dictated by HUD “target areas”. All Census Tracts in Old Brooklyn are considered “non-target areas” so the lower incomes and lower maximum housing values apply.

Anyone living outside of Old Brooklyn can check online at <http://ohiohome.org/Geodata/> or call Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000 for assistance.

The maximum income for one and two person households in non-target areas is \$66,100 and \$76,015 for three and greater person households. The maximum housing value for single family homes is \$265,158 and \$339,457 for two-family homes.

General eligibility for OHFA’s first time buyer programs include having a credit score of 640 or higher, not having owned or had an ownership interest in his/her principal residence in the last three years, and having a signed purchase agreement for an eligible home.

OHFA offers down payment assistance of up to 2.5% of the purchase price and up to 2% for closing costs. Buyers have to have a down payment of at least 1%. The down payment and closing cost assistance does not have to be paid back if the buyer lives in the home at least five years. Repayment is prorated if the home is sold before five years. The interest rate for loans utilizing down payment assistance is 4.125% as of 5/15/15 and borrowers apply directly through banks. A list of approved lenders is online at <https://ohiohome.org/homebuyer/findlender.aspx> or by calling OHFA at 1-888-362-6432.

Below are additional OHFA programs aimed at helping homebuyers.

### Ohio Heroes Program

OHFA offers reduced interest rates for those who serve our community including active military and veterans, fire fighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, health care workers, police officers, and teachers. Borrowers must meet the general first time buyer requirements. Interest rates for those who do not receive down payment assistance is 3.5% and 3.85% for those with down payment assistance.

### Grants for Grads

Recent college graduates (within the last 24 months) can now receive down payment and closing cost assistance and a lower mortgage interest rate from an OHFA participating lender with the Grants for Grads product. Eligible borrowers can use the product to reduce the out-of-pocket expenses associated with buying a home.

The grant is 2.5% of the home’s purchase price. The grant will be issued as a second mortgage with a 0% interest rate with no payment due. The loan is forgivable after five years. However, if the borrower moves out of Ohio prior to the five-year mark, he/she are responsible for paying a portion of the grant back to OHFA. The interest rate for the mortgage is 3.85%.

### FHA Home Rehabilitation Streamlined 203(k) Loan

The FHA Streamlined 203(k) loan helps borrowers purchase properties that need repairs. The borrower must occupy the home as your primary residence after repairs are complete. The amount of the repairs, up to \$35,000, will be added to the primary mortgage. All health, safety and energy conservation items must be addressed prior to completing general home improvements.

The following items can be financed using the Streamlined 203(k) Loan product (luxury items are excluded):

- Repair/Replacement of roofs, gutters and downspouts
  - Repair/Replacement/upgrade of existing HVAC systems
  - Repair/Replacement/upgrade of plumbing and electrical systems
  - Repair/Replacement of flooring
  - Minor remodeling, such as kitchens, which does not involve structural repairs
  - Painting, both exterior and interior
  - Weatherization, including storm windows and doors, insulation, weather stripping, etc.
  - Purchase and installation of appliances, including free-standing ranges, refrigerators, washers/dryers, dishwashers and microwave ovens
  - Accessibility improvements for persons with disabilities
  - Lead-based paint stabilization or abatement of lead-based paint hazards
  - Repair/replace/add exterior decks, patios, porches
  - Basement finishing and remodeling, which does not involve structural repairs
  - Basement waterproofing
  - Window and door replacements and exterior wall re-siding
- The interest rate for the Streamlined

203(k) Loan product is 3.75% without down payment assistance and 4.125% with OHFA’s down payment assistance.

### Mortgage Tax Credit

OHFA provides eligible first-time homebuyers with a tax credit to help with home ownership expenses. First-time buyers get a tax credit of up to 40% (up to \$2,000) of their annual mortgage interest. Tax credits provide a dollar-for-dollar reduction of your federal tax liability, and you can still claim the remaining percentage of your mortgage interest tax deduction.

### Programs for existing homeowners

#### FHA Energy Efficient Mortgage Loan

FHA’s EEM saves homeowners money on utility bills by adding energy-efficient features to the home. Up to \$2,000 in energy-efficient improvements can be added to the primary mortgage. The FHA EEM can be combined with the FHA Streamlined 203(k) loan.

### Next Home

This program provides 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages and down payment assistance to buyers who currently own a home, or have owned a home in the past three years but lack the equity to purchase a new home.

Loans available through Next Home include conventional and FHA, VA and USDA-RD government loans. Buyers using Next Home receive down payment assistance equal to 2.5% of the home’s purchase price and up to 2% in optional closing cost assistance. The interest rate for Next Home loans is 4.125%.

Anyone with questions about OHFA’s home buying programs can call Jayme Lucas-Bukszar at 216-459-1000 or OHFA at 1-888-362-6432.

## How to recycle paint

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Oil paint is considered a hazardous material and must be taken to the residential dumping facility at 3727 Ridge Rd. They accept oil paint once a month on the first Friday of the month and there is no charge for this service. They are open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The City of Cleveland’s Division of Waste Collection and Disposal can be reached at 216-664-2397.

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### Waste Citations

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# Brooklyn Township young men's (and other ancestors') lives impacted by Civil War, Part IV

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In this sesquicentennial year of the signing of the peace treaty at Appomattox Court House in Virginia which ended the American Civil War, we've been attempting to understand the effects which the War had on our ancestors by following the path of one of Cleveland's first – and most illustrious — regiments, the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry (7th OVI).

The past three articles (like all previous issues of the *Old Brooklyn News*, beginning with the January, 2006 issue) are available for reading at <http://oldbrooklyn.com/old-site/OBN/>. In a nutshell, Part I (in the February, 2015 OBN), Part II (in the March OBN) and Part III (in the April OBN) of this Civil War series told of the

North's need to organize and train a militia after the Confederate bombing of Fort Sumter in April, 1861. In Northeast Ohio, that included the 7th OVI, mustered in at Camp Taylor in Cleveland, and then transported by rail south, via Camp Jackson in Columbus, to Camp Dennison in Germany, Ohio, seventeen miles north of Cincinnati. As these Cleveland boys learned to be soldiers, I wrote about the training camp they'd constructed in the former cornfield there and the officers they elected for both the whole Regiment and their individual companies.

In the article in our April issue, we left the boys on June 25th, 1861, after they'd received uniforms and weapons and were loaded into three trains (a total of 45 cars) at Camp Dennison, headed for Columbus. They reached the State Capital at midnight.

(I'd expected to continue this saga in the May issue, but an over-abundance of other arti-

cles necessitated that something be held off until June, and the something turned out to be Part IV of this series.)

The next leg of the 7th OVI's train journey was on the Central Ohio Railroad. The train and the troops passed through Bellaire, Ohio and then crossed the Ohio River to Benwood, where they were supplied with ammunition. After sleeping on the ground on the town common, the boys boarded Baltimore and Ohio Railroad cars for Wheeling, then Grafton, then Clarksburg. The latter four towns are now all in West Virginia,



Kessler's Cross Lanes, West Virginia re-enactors

but at this point of time, they were in Virginia. There was no State of West Virginia, because the counties in which they were situated had not yet separated from the Confederate State of Virginia. The new soldiers were packed for a march, but did not know where they were going.

At 4 p.m. on Monday, June 29th, the Seventh OVI began their first march in the Civil War, en route to Weston, in western Virginia. They arrived there at 5 a.m. the next morning, after marching twenty-nine miles throughout the night. They were totally exhausted, and some men dropped out from the lack of drinking water.

The boys in the Seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry were definitely in rebel territory now. They shot – but did not kill – one Confederate soldier, and took fifty prisoners. And so ended June, 1861.

July began peacefully enough with a dress parade and a "very fine day" on July 4th, Independence Day, on which the Weston townspeople cooked a large feast for the soldiers.

In reading a summary of the 7th OVI's activities for the month, a few military words/phrases were repeatedly mentioned – *reconnaissance mission*, *scouting*, *picket action* and *breastwork construction*. *Reconnaissance* means inspecting or exploring an area to gather military information and *scouting* means pretty much the same thing. At this point in time, the Regiment was being used

as a scouting party, with some companies staying in Weston and others being dispatched in different directions to

survey the scene. (The first boy in the 7th OVI to be shot was injured while on a scouting mission in July, 1861. He was in Company C.)

*Pickets*, when used in the military sense, refer to detachments held in readiness or advanced to warn of an enemy's approach. *Breastworks* are temporary, quickly constructed fortifications, usually breast-high.

In addition to being surrounded by Rebels now, another reality of war was that toward the end of the month, the boys were without rations for two days. Supper was hard bread and coffee, not hardly enough to properly nourish troops which had miles of marching both behind and before them.

And then there were the rain and the heat which go with being in the South. They continued throughout August, too, and during their long day and night marches, it was not uncommon for the rain to soak the boys to the skin, in spite of the heavy uniforms they were wearing.

But although 'War is hell', war is not all hell; on August 4th, for instance, members of the 7th OVI took a Sunday afternoon sightseeing excursion to Powel's Mountain, nearby to their camp. Most of the Ohio boys had never seen mountains as magnificent as those in western Virginia.

The very fact that 'War is not all hell' may really be another proof, however, that war *really is hell*. August 14th – just ten days after the sightseeing trip – Captain Sprague of Company B (a from- Cleveland Company) and his party were captured by the Rebels. The incident was extremely upsetting to the rest of the boys in the Regiment, even though they themselves hadn't been taken.

The boys in the Seventh Ohio had their first real experience of fighting in August, 1861. At the engagement at Kessler's Cross Lanes, Virginia,



(now West Virginia), the 850 soldiers in the Regiment were attacked in the early morning hours of August 26th. In just 30-45 minutes of fighting, there were approximately 150 casualties, including two who died -- Captain Dyer of Company D and another soldier. The Seventh was badly beaten, and the Confederates took numerous prisoners. The Regiment was split, with some companies going to Charleston and some to Gauley Bridge. Confidence in the Regiment's colonel, Erastus Tyler, waned after this encounter.

September, 1861, started with most of the boys being sick with sore feet and lacking shoes and clothes; less than two weeks later, thirty of the sickest were sent back to Cincinnati. The sicknesses continued into October, with forty men hospitalized for either mountain fever or severe colds. Other soldiers were experiencing behavior problems – drunkenness, disobedience of orders, and absent without leave. They were court-martialed, and some of them resigned.

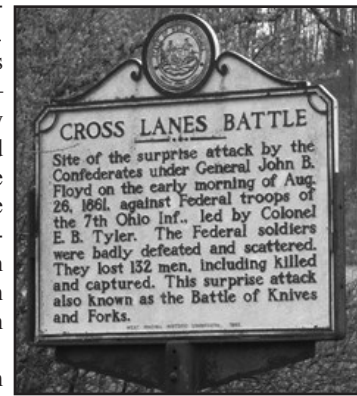
As the months passed, summer turned into autumn, and the nights in late October grew cold. November came and food was again in short supply, with coffee and hard bread at times the only sustenance available.

On November 16th, the Regiment marched through four inches of snow. When they reached their destination (generally known as the Cotton Hill Campaign), they were without food or shelter.

Two days later, the campaign in western Virginia ended. The Seventh boarded barges to take them back to Charleston, and the Confederate General Floyd who'd pounced on them at Cross Lanes never returned to the area.

On December 10th the 7th OVI boarded steamers to take them to Parkersburg, where they then transferred to the railroad depot. Two hundred and twenty miles later they reached Green Spring Run, at which point they marched sixteen miles to Romney. They camped with the 5th OVI that night, and remained in Romney for the remainder of December.

When it wasn't raining, now it was snowing, or freezing rain was falling, coating everything with ice. Life in camp was at least as horrible in winter as it had been in summer. Next month I'll begin with the Seventh's military activities in January, 1862.

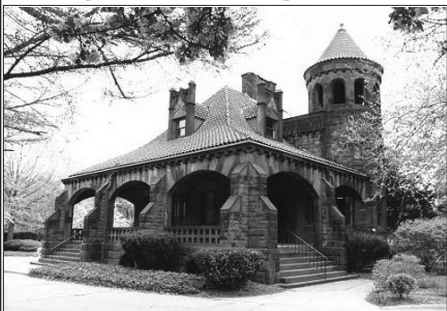


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**Cleveland Republican Organization** meeting, Tues., Jun. 9th (& every second Tues.), 7 pm, Brooklyn Hts. UCC, 2005 W. Schaaf Rd. Call 216-832-9195 for more info.

**Old Brooklyn Crime Watch** meeting, Jun. 2nd, 7 pm, St. James Church, 4771 Broadview Rd. Call Barb Spaan, 216-459-1000, for more info.

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## BCN offers tips re: starting healthy gardens

by Gloria Ferris  
Brooklyn Centre Naturalists

Brooklyn Centre Naturalists (BCN) recommends exploring the possibility of adding some organic gardening techniques to help decrease dependence on chemicals. This article is not meant to be a comprehensive treatise of all things organic, but rather an overview of some things that can be done to start a garden on a healthy, organic path.

Testing the soil in lawns and vegetable garden can be quite beneficial to making sure that the additives used are what the soil needs to provide a good base for all types of plants to thrive in the landscape and garden.

Contact the local Ohio State Extension Office, 5320 Stanard Ave., at 216-429-8200. They can help answer the question about how to test. After a pH balance is established, they will be able to offer guidance about how to make the soil more acidic or alkaline organically.

Composting can become part of a comprehensive plan to amend soil so that the addition of chemicals becomes less needed and will turn tired soil into no-toil 'garden gold'. Raw vegetable matter can be used as well as lawn clippings with no chemical residue. Oil, butter and meat scraps should NEVER be considered acceptable. Do not introduce pulled weeds or diseased plants because they may eventually end up back in your soil.

No one likes weeds in their landscape but why not give this homemade broad spectrum weed killer a try instead of a chemical spray; it is quite easy to make. Use 1 gallon of white vinegar, ½ cup salt and liquid dish soap (any brand; some say Dawn really works). Put salt in the empty spray bottle and fill the rest of the bottle with white vinegar. Add a squirt of liquid dish soap to the mix and it's ready to spray.

This solution works best if applied on a

hot day. Spray it on weeds in the morning, and as it heats up, it will do its work. By late afternoon, pulling the weeds will be an easy job.

Try not to use a broad spectrum chemical insecticide because not only will the pests in your garden be eliminated, but also the beneficial insects. Try to control the pests by picking them off the plants or spraying them with water.

A mild soap spray or a homemade garlic spray can be used to eliminate aphids. Slugs can be trapped using a yogurt or margarine plastic container sunk in the ground; bait with fresh beer and renew it every three to four days.

Reducing the chemical soup in storm water runoff is an additional benefit to reducing or eliminating chemicals from gardening. Pollinators such as bees and butterflies benefit as well.

If everyone were to strive to decrease dependence on chemical fertilizers and pesticides, neighborhood air and water quality will be improved and the community will be healthier for adults, children and wildlife alike.

Organic gardening is not one of the elements needed for a home to become a National Wildlife retreat, but BCN does ask that residents explore the possibility of adding or including some of these techniques to their gardening mode of operation.

BCN is steadily moving towards achieving certification status as a National Wildlife Community. Join the effort by certifying your backyard as a retreat by visiting [www.nwf.org/create](http://www.nwf.org/create) or emailing [bcnaturalists@gmail.com](mailto:bcnaturalists@gmail.com) or calling 216-351-0254.

Receiving this status will make it easy for us to market ourselves as a community which realizes the importance of the balance between the natural environment and the built environment. It will be another way to show that Brooklyn Centre and Old Brooklyn are great places to live, work, and play.



## Ben Franklin Garden 'open for the season'

by Mary Ellen Stasek & John Jenkins  
Ben Franklin Garden Committee

Ben Franklin Community (BFC) Garden opened on May 15th. It was a day ahead of schedule and several days ahead of a dependable temperature range for plants, as a frost warning appeared in the forecast the next week. Opening the Garden follows many weeks of preparation including tilling and staking out 207 individual plots. All garden plots have been assigned. The BFC Garden is sold out. OBCDC is accepting new gardeners for the 2016 waiting list.



Photo courtesy of Mary Ellen Stasek

### A new season begins at the BF Garden

This year there was assistance from two groups in addition to our own gardeners. Gateway Church Old Brooklyn brought a visiting mission team from Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Easley, South Carolina to the Garden for a volunteer day on April 25th. About 25 volunteers spent a chilly morning at a variety of tasks to prepare the Garden for the season.

On May 13th, KeyBank's *Neighbors Make the Difference Day*, 32 volunteers were on hand to perform many more tasks which assisted opening. This was at least the eighth year that Key employee "neighbors" chose our Garden as their volunteer site. A heartfelt thanks to members of both groups who gave hours of their time to help advance our community garden effort.

An estimated 100 gardeners attended the annual kick-off meeting on May 6th.

OBCDC Executive Director Jeff Verespej welcomed the gardeners. Ward 12 Councilman Anthony Brancatelli also spoke in recognition of the work done at the Garden and the produce donation program.

Following the kick-off, an orientation was held at the Garden on May 9th for this year's new gardeners. Ward 14 Councilman Brian Cummins was also in attendance.

BFC Garden was one of the twenty destinations on the 2015 *Pedal for Prizes* route on May 16th. Cyclists were offered free beverages and could purchase hot dogs. Three hundred participants stopped there.

On May 19th, Father Doug Brown, pastor of Mary Queen of Peace Church, bestowed a traditional garden blessing.

Ben Franklin Garden is more than a garden for gardeners. It also provides a venue for other community functions and opportunities; education about plants and trees; and helps the community of residents to interact with one another.



Photo by Tom Sargent

On Wednesday, May 20th, Fr. Doug Brown from Mary Queen of Peace Church came to bless the Garden.

Now that the Garden is open, gardeners are working the soil behind Ben Franklin School as they have for a century -- and who knows how much longer. Each brings his/her own experience and style; all bring a good bit of patience and optimism.

Good luck and fruitful enterprise to all at the Ben Franklin Community Garden and all our Old Brooklyn gardeners!

## Wings & Things, Polka Fest and Burger Fest return to Old Brooklyn this summer

by Lisa Nemeth

All events will be held from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the heart of Old Brooklyn between Mr. E's Inn, 4256 Pearl Rd. and Drink. Bar & Grill, 4250 Pearl Rd.

These are family-friendly events, so mark your calendars, then grab the kids and some lawn chairs on the designated dates and head to downtown Old Brooklyn. Try some of Cleveland's best wings in the 2015 Wing Cook-Off on Thursday, June 25th and listen to the music of Pat Daley & Backtrax. Enjoy eth-

nic food and the music of the Polka Pirates on Thursday, July 30th. Sample some of the neighborhood's best burgers and listen to music by Cats on Holiday on Thursday, August 27th.

All events will also feature food trucks and local artisans and vendors. As always, admission is free. If driving to the events, do not park in the CVS lot, but instead park for free on the side streets around the festivities.

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### Summer Cinema from front page

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### Business Competition from front page

**Concept:** Modern Good partners non-profit organizations with graphic designers to expand funding and raise awareness through design and fashion. Today's non-profits are falling behind the growing trend of socially conscious consumers and do not have the capacity to focus on design or create socially conscious goods. Modern Good bridges that gap by creating limited edition apparel that supports a social cause and donating 18% of each purchase directly to the non-profit.

#### The City Diner Edward Michalski

**Why Cleveland?** I love Cleveland because of it exemplifies positivity through its hard working people (families), passion for our sports teams and our ever changing culture related to arts, history and food.

**Concept:** The City Diner is a full service food establishment that specializes in classic Americana diner fare with a culinary twist. It will offer the local community, surrounding small businesses and major industry a casual dining experience, in a reasonable amount of time, with specific dedication to fresh ingredients and scratch cooking methods, unique menu offerings and exceptional customer service standards, at a reasonable price.

Stay tuned for the results of the competition. Email [businesscompetition@oldbrooklyn.com](mailto:businesscompetition@oldbrooklyn.com) with questions or if you are a landlord who would like to work with OBCDC tenanting your space with a finalist.

President and Ward 12 Councilman Kevin Kelley.

Located between State Rd. and Broadview Rd., the Cleveland Summer Cinema at Loew Park is located right off I-480, ten minutes from Downtown Cleveland and the Near West Side.

Look to the OBCDC Facebook and website [OldBrooklyn.com](http://OldBrooklyn.com) for updates and a full list of movies, food trucks and dates soon.

(Lynette Filips contributed to this article.)

#### The Odin Sleep Jason Hooper

**Why Cleveland?** I love Cleveland for its diversity and grit; we've got a great low-brow cosmopolitan feel and the weather has a near proper four seasons.

**Concept:** My base concept is a mildly Norse-themed bar/beer hall specializing in skewers, roasts, stews and simpler fish dishes with healthy bean and local root veggie side dishes. If I can acquire my ideal location it would include a large coffee shop/cafe with the kitchens working in tandem so that it could be an all-day meeting place for the wider community servicing drinkers and non-drinkers with space for 10 artist studios.

#### The Old Brooklyn Cravery Kathleen Stachowiak

**Why Cleveland?** I love Old Brooklyn because I grew up here and it is a place that I am proud to call home.

**Concept:** The Old Brooklyn Cravery is a concept through which handmade, local bakery, art and crafts are circulated back to the community. It's where fundraisers are held to benefit local, non-profit organizations and where we work with local schools to benefit students who go above and beyond, both through treatment of their peers and exceptional grades. The Old Brooklyn Cravery is a cozy place where through each and every interaction, you can get to know your community a little better.