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Euclid Remembers 9/11



A plaque honoring the victims aboard Flight 93 was re-dedicated at Hero Park on September 11th, 2014.

by Edward Chenock

Thirteen years after the tragic events of September 11, 2001 the Euclid community gathered to honor the victims and heroes of that fateful day. The City of Euclid held a ceremony at Hero Park on E. 228th Street, near Euclid Avenue to rededicate a plaque memorializing the heroes and victims aboard Flight 93. Hero Park was dedicated in 2002 to honor those who died on that woeful September morning.

Mayor Bill Cervenik began the ceremony and paid tribute to the safety forces and citizens for their selfless bravery on that tragic day 13 years ago, and beyond. The National Anthem was sung by retired Euclid Police Officer Ed Bonchak as the Euclid

High School NJROTC presented the colors.

During the ceremony, attendees heard a spirited invocation from Pastor Kevin Hamilton of Living Waters Church of God. Equally moving speeches were given by Officer Steve Hogrefe, NJROTC Sergeant Major John Rethage, and Assistant Fire Chief Will Anderson who recognized the selflessness and heroism on board Flight 93. The ceremony ended with a moment of silence followed by "Taps" performed by John Padley of the Euclid City Schools.

On September 11, 2014, the people of the City of Euclid remembered the events of that very day 13 years prior. It was a fitting tribute to those who lost their lives aboard Flight 93.

Euclid Library Requests Your Support



by Rebecca McFarland

Euclid Public Library has served the residents of Euclid since 1935. For 79 years, it has been working hard to strengthen the community for all of us to enjoy.

The library will be on the November 4 ballot with a levy issue. Issue #7 is the levy that supplies half of the library's funding and it routinely expires every five years. This cycle of renewing a levy has been true in Euclid for the past 79 years. In November the library is asking voters for a renewal levy of 4 mills with an increase of 1.6 mills.

The levy is critical at this time because it not only represents half of the library's income, but the other half comes from the state and that funding has dropped significantly. Without these resources, the library's services would be hurt.

Within the past year, all of the library's resources have been reduced:

- The State of Ohio decreased the Public Library Fund by 6% = a drop of \$104,932.
- The Commercial Activity Tax was

reduced by 58% = a drop of \$123,047

- Existing Euclid Library levy decreased by 26% = a drop of \$643,755
- The total loss of revenue in this past year = \$871,734

The levy funds will be used to maintain hours and services at the library. The library already has trimmed its budget significantly. This levy, when passed, will provide approximately 50% of the operating budget for the next five years.

For the owner of an average home in Euclid valued at \$75,000, the 5.6 mill levy will cost \$11.16 per month. This equals \$133.88 per year. This is a value considering that the American Library Association says that if you visit your library once every two weeks to borrow materials (that you might have paid to rent or buy) you will save over \$7,000 annually! Your library card is truly one of the most valuable cards in your wallet.

Euclid Public Library is proud to be an independent library serving the residents of Euclid and Ohio for nearly 80 years. This is the only levy that supports the library, to the library! We hope you'll stop by and take a look!

The Spirit of Collaboration: Lake Erie College Partners with Euclid City Schools



Larry Hopgood shares with press conference attendees his experience with dual enrollment thus far.

CLEVELAND-- Students at Euclid High School are breaking new ground this coming school year as they embark on a more rigorous, collegiate curriculum. In phase one of our partnership with Lake Erie College, this year's participants have enrolled in dual-enrollment classes that will enable them to earn over 2,100 credit hours towards their college degree. These courses are also tied to the Transfer Articulation Agreement (TAG) courses offered within the Ohio public colleges and universities, thereby offering ease of transfer. Course offerings include art, science, English, history, mathematics, theater, political science, and humanities. The partnership will be serving both students seeking advanced course work and students probing the possibility of higher education.

All classes are components of the Lake Erie College general education curriculum and will be contained within the walls of Euclid High School, taught by Euclid faculty. The partnership was designed to enhance the educational opportunities to Euclid students ranging from the elementary level to middle school and high school levels. The partnership will be mutually ben-



Dr. Smialek addressing the media.

eficial to both institutions, as it will better serve our students, both currently while in high school and in the future as they enter higher education. It will also continue our commitment to producing college-ready young adults.

As the partnership evolves, it is anticipated the number of courses offered will increase, not only within the high school program, but in the community. In phase two, the partnership will provide opportunity for professional development for teachers interested in pursuing a master's degree in education and continuing education and career development for the other community residents. Lake Erie College and Euclid City Schools are excited to be working together. Both view this collaboration as an example of how both K-12 and higher education can increase access to higher education and degree completion.

For more information contact Lake Erie College Director of Public Relations and Creative Services, Ruta Geiner 440.375.7224 or Euclid City Schools Marketing and Public Relations Specialist, Audrey Holtzman 216.797.2984.

Euclid Panther Home Days



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From the desk of Mayor Bill Cervenik



The Waste Water Treatment Plant project is underway and will consist of several phases of work over the next four years. The outcome of the project, which is a part of our U.S. EPA consent decree, will reduce the amount of sanitary overflow into Lake Erie during wet weather. You may notice large equipment coming in and out of the Lakeshore Blvd. area near the treatment plant. Next year, a lot more activity will be occurring on the property with the installation of a new headworks

building and equalization tanks. Kokosing Construction is the Construction Manager for the City of Euclid during all of our Waste Water construction. Kokosing installed temporary orange and brown trailers that are currently located at the old Alexander's Restaurant property. A Construction Concerns Hotline has been established at 216-645-8438. If you have any questions regarding the project, please feel free to call the hotline

The bright colors of the fall leaves are picturesque and heartwarming this time of the year. Unfortunately, as the weeks go by the beautiful leaves will eventually fall to the ground. Curbside leaf pickup will

begin soon and is scheduled for the same day as your garbage collection. Please rake your leaves to the tree lawn, not into the street. Wet weather conditions and equipment problems slow down the collection process and can delay the schedule. Check the homepage of our website at www.city-of-euclid.com or call the Service Department at 216-289-2800 to see if the leaf collection is on schedule.

I wish you a happy fall season and look forward to seeing you in the neighborhood.

Your Mayor
Bill Cervenik

Fall Is Here and Books Are Cheap

by Bonita Kale

One of the great things about being a Friend of the Euclid Public Library is that you feel good about yourself. The Friends do a lot of stuff, but my particular Good Thing is the semiannual book sale—a service for the library and the community.

It's a service for the library because the library must—must!—get rid of material to make room for all those new books and movies. The shelves, being made of metal, not Spandex, don't stretch.

It's a service for the community partly because it's a place for people to donate books. Rather than going to the trash, they go to people who want them. And it's a community service also because where else can you find books, music, movies, etc., etc. so very cheap? Have you priced new books recently? Ouch! Even e-books cost an awful lot.

But at the Friends' sale, the prices are 50¢ for a hardbound book, 25¢ for a paperback, and—the most expensive regular item—\$2 for a DVD. How can you beat it?

Friday, October 24, is Members' Night, when members of the Friends can shop from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The library is closed Friday nights; only the sale rooms and rest rooms will be open. Non-members can pay \$5 to join at the door.

On October 25, Saturday, the doors open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. I think this is the best day to shop; there's room to breathe (Friday night is crowded)



and still a very good selection.

Sunday, October 26, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., is Bag Day. For \$3.00, you buy a grocery bag to fill. Amazingly, there's usually more than enough left to make the bag a huge bargain. DVDs are included in Bag Day, though they're usually all gone by 1:20.

Books are divided into categories roughly corresponding to what the library uses. Most sections (Mystery, Biography, Children's Books, Religion) are easy to understand, but a few are a bit confusing.

1. The 100's are psychology and philosophy. Many self-help books, the ones that deal with the head rather than the body, are here.
2. Sociology and other stuff about how people deal with one another is in the 300's—law, money, politics; also etiquette, true crime, even folk tales.
3. If you want to learn useful things, you want the 600's, the technology section, which covers cooking, health, engineering, carpentry, car repair, makeup, roofing, and, unexpectedly, child-rearing and business.
4. For recreation, turn to the arts, the 700's—painting and football, opera and crafting, swimming and skiing. Everything that's for fun or beauty rather than purely for practical use is in the 700's.

Audio-visual materials are sorted by type--DVDs, CDs, videotapes, audiotapes, records. (Remember records? The Friends sell them for 50¢.)

Every sale is a different treasure hunt. Euclid Public Library is at 631 E. 222nd Street in Euclid, straight north off I-90 and SR-2. There's a Veterans' Memorial in front of it, complete with a tank, so it's hard to miss. Their website is www.euclidlibrary.org.

Euclid Businesses Learn to “Grategize”



Motivational speaker Lisa Ryan encouraged the use of gratitude in business at a recent luncheon hosted by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce.

by Edward Chenock

Research suggests that 68% of customer turn-over for a business is due to customers feeling ignored. That was the message from Lisa Ryan, a motivational speaker who focuses on customer service strategies and marketing, at the East Side Irish American Club on

Wednesday, September 24th.

The event was called “Grategize Your Business,” and was hosted by the Euclid Chamber of Commerce. “Grategize” is a creative combination of “gratitude” and “strategize.” The theme of the event was how to effectively attract and retain customers through gratitude and appreciation, and how to incorporate it in the workplace.

Members of the Chamber and Euclid's business community learned about various ways they can work to keep customers satisfied with their business. Emphasis was given to the simple ways of expressing appreciation and gratitude, and how it can go a long way when attracting new customers.

Ms. Ryan also presented strategies that businesses can take to incorporate gratitude and appreciation in the workplace, such as showing appreciation for an employee's hard work. Such actions can lead to more business, and ultimately more customers.

Attendees were left with of a quote from Mother Theresa; “People are more starved for appreciation than they are for bread.” This simple reminder and the strategies presented by Ms. Ryan are sure to help Euclid businesses grow and prosper by using strategic

gratitude.

Ms. Ryan is the author of seven books, and is featured in two films including the award-winning, “The Keeper of the Keys” with Jack Canfield of Chicken Soup for the Soul. The event was part of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce Luncheon series. Information on upcoming Chamber events is available at www.euclidchamber.com.

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Stiff Achy Knees
What You Can Do



Robert Nickodem, Jr., MD

Most people will have knee pain at some point in their life, says Robert Nickodem, Jr., MD, a Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic surgeon who sees patients in Mentor and Euclid. The most common cause is osteoarthritis, one of more than 100 types of arthritis or “joint inflammation.” It's sometimes called wear-and-tear arthritis.

Osteoarthritis can hit in your 30s and 40s just as easily as in your 60s and 70s.

“If you have pain inside your knee, under your kneecap, especially when kneeling, squatting or going up and down steps, it's usually wear-and-tear arthritis,” says Dr. Nickodem.

Cartilage, the cushioning between bones, deteriorates throughout life. It can erode more quickly in some people due to injury or genetics. As cartilage thins, your bones begin to rub together, causing pain, swelling and stiffness.

“Osteoarthritis is like a rusty hinge,” says Dr. Nickodem. “The knee still works, but it creaks.”

To help alleviate the “creaking” and soothe the discomfort, Dr. Nickodem recommends:

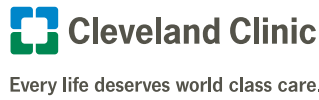
- **Anti-inflammatory medications.** Try aspirin or ibuprofen. Acetaminophen is a good pain reliever but does not reduce inflammation.
- **RICE therapy.** Rest, Ice, Compression and Elevation can help reduce swelling and pain.
- **Physical therapy.** Exercise that strengthens your quads and hamstrings may help relieve the pressure on your knees.
- **Knee braces.** They can take pressure off the arthritic area.
- **Cortisone injections.** An occasional injection of this steroid may lessen the swelling and achy pain.
- **Viscosupplementation.** These lubricant injections may help the knee move more smoothly. “It can help three out of four people if the arthritis isn't too severe,” says Dr. Nickodem.

If your pain and swelling are getting worse and you can no longer put weight on your knee, see your doctor. A simple X-ray can show if there is osteoarthritis and, if needed, an MRI scan can check for meniscal tears or loose chips of cartilage. Arthroscopic surgery can sometimes remove loose cartilage. Partial or total knee replacements are other surgical options, especially for those who can no longer stay as active as they'd like.

“Surgery is a last resort, though,” says Dr. Nickodem. “It's something to consider when nonoperative treatments aren't helping.”

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Nickodem or another Cleveland Clinic orthopaedic surgeon, call 216.444.2606. For a complete listing of locations, go to clevelandclinic.org/ortho.

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Community

The Roles of the County Executive and Council

by Jack Schron
This year, for only second time in the 200 years of Cuyahoga County, voters will elect a County Executive and half of the members of the County Council.

Some people know that acting upon the decision of voters, we have changed our form of government to a Charter with a County Council and County Executive, while others might think we still have three County Commissioners. Even those who are aware of the Charter may ask, “What are the roles of the County Executive and the County Council? What do they do? Why should I care?”

As someone who has been part of the new Charter government these past four years and someone who is currently running for the position of County Executive, I will try to answer these questions.

Our new County Charter is clear that the County Executive, like the CEO of a corporation, is to be the chief executive officer of the county. It is the responsibility of the Council to pass legislation, be the taxing authority and to provide advice and consent to the Executive on the names he or she brings forth for cabinet appointments.

Basically, with the exception of the duties of the new County Council, the Prosecutor and the County Judicial system, the Executive's duties and responsibilities-- which used to be under the old County Commissioners--now reside in the County Executive. The operations of the county and the work of all county personnel (with the exception

of the areas listed above) are the responsibility of the County Executive. All of the former elected positions in the county have been eliminated and changed to officers appointed by the County Executive, subject to the confirmation of the county, who report directly to the executive.

The other big change in the new Charter, which I will get back to, is in the Charter's commitment to “improve the County's economic competitiveness.”

The positions of Council, as written in the Charter, were seen as part-time. I can say that though the job has taken a great deal of time during this initial start-up period, I do support what the Charter drafters wrote about their desire for these positions to be part-time. These first four years have taken a great deal of time as anything new requires, with all the committee meetings and hearings to gather the information in order to try to get it right. Part of this additional time was needed because this brand new form of government consists of so many new responsibilities that we needed to take on. The size of the \$1.3 billion dollar budget (second only in size to the budget of the entire State of Ohio) requires a great deal of care to do a good job.

I became a member of the Council Finance Committee because I wanted to bring my experience managing budgets as the CEO of a manufacturing company to the task of better understanding the county budget, and putting forth policies that will succeed for future Councils. It was important that we invested the time in these first four years in order to deal with essential issues like making sure there are financial reserves for both the Operating Budget and the Health and Human Services budget.

You can think of the County Executive like the President of the U.S. or the Governor of Ohio, who have Cabinets reporting directly to them. Like the CEO of a corporation,

the County Executive must bring the leadership for the nearly 7,000 employees to follow. Under the old county government, this direct leadership role was shared by three commissions and delegated to a hired member of staff. Today the Executive reports directly to the people of Cuyahoga County and he or she stands for election every four years.

The Executive builds a management team by bringing together qualified individuals, subject to the confirmation of Council and the officers and directors of the county, to carry out all the functions of county government. The Fiscal Officer, Medical Examiner, Clerk of Courts, Director of Public Works, Director of Laws, County Treasurer and the Sheriff combined with the Director of Health and Human Services, and the Director of Development together make up the cabinet. The duties formerly done by the auditor and recorders are now part of the Fiscal Officer's job and include the boards and commissions. The Director of Public Works picks up the former roles of county engineer and county sanitary engineer. Though they are no longer elected, the other officer positions' roles are similar to those they carried out before.

Another major area of responsibility for the County Executive is Health and Human Services. The appointment of the Director, and the Department of Health and Human Services as a whole, are both under the direction of the Executive. The Department of Health and Human Services administers all programs and activities for which the County has or has assumed responsibility: the protection and enhancement of the health, education and well-being of County residents.

As important as the other functions are within the County Executive's office, the Department of Health and Human Services is one that must be done right because it touches so many lives here in the county in such

vital ways. This brings me to Charter's focus on the elevated importance of economic development within the county.

Quoting from the Charter: “The County shall have as a primary responsibility the promotion and enhancement of the economic well-being and prosperity of the County and all of its residents.” In order to achieve this, the Charter calls for 1: focused, effective and accountable leadership and states that 2: job creation and economic growth is a fundamental government purpose, thereby helping the County do a better job of creating and retaining jobs.

It is clear that a primary area of responsibility for the County Executive is job creation. The Executive is to be someone with leadership skills who has shown that he has been and can be an effective and focused job creator.

The drafters of the Charter saw the role of the County Executive in job creation and retention as not a topic of discussion, but as one of having to be accountable for these functions. The Economic Development and Planning Committee, of which I am chairman, works in conjunction with the County Executive in this area. According to the Charter, the County Executive's primary responsibility could be thought of not just as the Chief Executive Officer of the County but also as “the Chief Employment Officer” responsible for “creating and retaining jobs.”

I have tried to use my experience as one of the new County Council members to write this article in order to bring some insight into our role and the role of the County Executive under our new Charter government. It is my hope that as Cuyahoga County citizens consider the second election of the County Executive and Council members, that this article helps to provide information about what these jobs are, and the many ways they impact every one of us.

Dialogue

Higher rates and EPA requirements have Euclid council debating \$150 million project



Construction trailers by the BP station in downtown Euclid will become very active once the \$150 million sewer project begins being debated in City Council begins.

by Kurt Steigerwald

While the City of Euclid is close to beginning a huge infrastructure project designed to help it comply with an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandate, some are raising a red flag about the path chosen by the City's Administration as being too narrowly focused. The current approach calls for improvements totaling approximately \$150 million. In an effort to call attention to a pending decision about how the City of Euclid complies with the EPA mandate, Councilpersons Patrick McLaughlin and Daryl Langman hosted a presentation September 18 in Council chambers on an alternative approach to addressing the issue.

Funding for this project – likely one of if not the largest infrastructure initiative in Euclid's history – can be seen in Euclid homeowners' water bills. Over the past few years, homeowners' bills have increased significantly – more than double – and will continue to do so to grow to pay for the project.

When asked why he is so concerned about the current approach to the issue, Councilman McLaughlin, an engineer by profession, commented “You'll be seeing ever increasing rates over the next several years and into the future, but you won't see any benefits above the ground. Just a big tunnel. No improved streets. No neighborhood upgrades. But most importantly, we lose the chance to potentially save money.”

The complex issue is coming to a head as Euclid attempts to meet requirements of a Consent Decree from the EPA. In summary, the EPA is requiring cities with old sanitary and sewer infrastructure to upgrade their systems. This requirement is part of an effort to clean up Lake Erie. Currently during very heavy rains, the sewer systems become overloaded as rainwater mixes with water from sanitary drains which contain toilet and waste water. This combined sewage is then released directly into Lake Erie. The EPA reached an agreement with the Administration that Euclid will experience only four of these overflow occurrences a year requiring action on the part of the City.

To reduce the number of overflows and comply with the EPA mandate, the City Administration has developed a plan with the City's engineering firm, CT Consultants, to expand the capabilities of the current water treatment facility located by the Lakefront Community Center. The approach the Administration is taking relies primarily on conventional engineering infrastructure – often called grey infrastructure. While Euclid's approach is much smaller in scale, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) is using similar engineering principals as it digs a huge tunnel to upgrade system-wide capacity. The NEORS effort can be seen above the ground on the south side of the East Shoreway near the Lakeshore Blvd exit where a former wooded area is now filled with construction equipment. The NE-

ORS) program also includes a significant amount of green infrastructure.

Yet not everyone is convinced that the City should follow the same approach of simply investing large sums of money into a significant construction project in order to comply with the EPA order. Instead, Councilpersons McLaughlin, Langman and others are hoping to convince the public and the Cervenik Administration of the potential behind what is called green infrastructure.

Matthew Marko and Tim Coleman, vice presidents with CH2MHill, a nationally recognized engineering consulting firm, visited Euclid from Syracuse, New York and Cleveland, Ohio respectively to provide insight into an alternative approach to the project Euclid is considering. Marko worked as a primary consultant in Onondaga County, New York – which includes the City of Syracuse – where they undertook a huge initiative to comply with EPA directives. Like Euclid and other Cities in our area, how to comply with the EPA was a significant issue in Onondaga County as it debated the right balance of the green and grey options to reduce sewer overflows. Year after year the issue was not addressed until finally over a several year period, the County used a balanced grey-green approach to comply with EPA requirements. This balanced approach ultimately saved Onondaga County area taxpayers money while providing attractive public works projects that work in coordination with grey improvements already implemented or planned in the future to fully comply with the EPA.

Marko and Coleman's firm conducted a preliminary review of the Euclid Consent Decree and came back with a number of observations based on very high level information made available for review. The City did not pay for the evaluation or the presentation by the CH2MHill engineers. Several observations made by Marko focus on the Consent Decree possibly being too stringent and the benefits of revisiting it with the EPA. Other observations were in direct contrast to the engineering firm hired by the City to evaluate the potential of green solutions. Other observations of Marko's include:

Program affordability analysis is not aligned with current best practices. (Translation: Marko thinks the City might benefit from an updated affordability analysis.)

Significant schedule and cost risk of program. (Translation: Marko thinks a lifecycle cost analysis of the current program should be conducted to support a balanced green-grey approach.)

Ruling out of green infrastructure is inconsistent with National practice and EPA Policy.

No clear linkage between the program investments and water quality benefits was apparent in the materials reviewed.

With green solutions, excess water from rain is diverted away from the sewer system into plantings designed to temporarily

The Responsible Approach to the Water Treatment Project

In 2007, the City of Euclid began long term upgrades to the wastewater treatment system that serves Euclid, Wickliffe, Willowick and portions of Richmond Heights, Willoughby Hills, Highland Heights and South Euclid. An agreement, a consent decree, was approved by the United States EPA, the State of Ohio and the federal court in Cleveland and requires Euclid and its satellite communities to improve the way combined sanitary and storm flows are treated before being discharged into Euclid Creek and Lake Erie. The goal of the projects, to be completed by 2025, is to improve water quality in the lake and requires improvements at the treatment plant as well as in the collection system. The planned improvements incorporate the latest treatment processes and the use of methods to capture storm water in sustainable and cost efficient ways that keep customer rates at the lowest possible levels.

Recently, a national engineering firm was invited by Council members to talk about methods for removing storm water from the treatment process. I want to share with you some of the projects that have been undertaken by public and private entities under City review and supervision to address storm water management. Green infrastructure has been an integral part of the City of Euclid's Storm Water Program. We have partnered with private entities such as Lincoln Electric and University Hospitals, public entities such as the Euclid Schools and many others in the city utilizing the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water group to develop green infrastructure in their construction and expansion plans. I am sure they would not characterize their efforts in green infrastructure as insignificant. These projects, and the many more to come, will decrease the storm flow that is

being sent to the treatment plant for processing. Combining green projects with the collection system and plant improvements and by using the latest technology, the City will meet its deadline under the consent decree in a way that keeps our sewer rates significantly below those of many neighboring systems. The City has undertaken its' planning with the assistance of professionals in the field of engineering, construction, systems design, legal services and accounting. Aggressive cost control has been achieved with assistance from our partners, and the efforts have led to the successful pursuit of federal grants and low interest loans. To date, the City has secured \$13,467,400 in grants and \$2,694,700 in no-interest loans.

As Mayor, I will continue to work with my administration and partners to find solutions that will protect our great resource, Lake Erie, and the health for all using its waters for daily living and recreation. I will look at new methods, green and otherwise, that are proven to work for the long term and in a manner that is responsible to the residents and businesses that depend on the wastewater system and pay for its cost of operation. I cannot allow our efforts to be derailed and jeopardize millions in savings to our rate payers that would result from delaying the projects already planned. That would be irresponsible and foolish, to say the least. The Administration will keep our system users informed regarding the specific projects as they are planned and ready to implement. In addition, periodic public updates will be available through meetings and on-line sources.

Mayor Bill Cervenik

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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

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Eighth-graders join Viking Edge program

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School is offering a group of students from Our Lady of the Lake a unique opportunity this fall. Seven eighth-graders will be coming to VASJ during first period every day for the entire year to take Ms. Jessica Linnert's Algebra I course.

Teachers at Our Lady of the Lake selected these students whom they deemed capable to take a high school-level math course and who would need more of a challenge than they would receive in an eighth grade course.

The OLL students are rising to the challenge with gusto.

"I am pleasantly surprised on a daily basis how much the eighth-graders participate in the classroom discussion," Linnert says. "Whenever I ask for answers to problems, or for them to come to the board and show how to complete a problem, almost all of them volunteer without hesitation. They are very enthusiastic about this program."

VASJ faculty and administrators are enthusiastic about the program, too.

"We've been wanting to do this for years," says VASJ Math Chair Gary

Minadeo '74. "We felt a need to build a Viking bridge to the middle schools."

Minadeo's hope is to fill an entire class of 20-25 eighth-grade students from local schools next year.

In addition to offering these students an opportunity to advance their math knowledge, VASJ is integrating the eighth-graders into a classroom with high school students for their first glimpse at the high school experience.

"When they enter the room, they become a Viking," Linnert says. "I told them on the first day that I am not treating them any different. They will follow the same policies and procedures as if they were a full-time student at VASJ."

Khalid Mitcham was intimidated by attending a high school class at first but is now quite comfortable at VASJ.

"It makes me more excited for high school," Mitcham says. "I feel like I know more of what to expect and it seems really fun."

His classmates also like being a part of the high school atmosphere.

In their weekly reflection papers, the eighth-grade students share with Ms. Linnert how much they are enjoying



Ms. Jessica Linnert teaches VASJ's Viking Edge program which provides eighth-grade students the opportunity to take Algebra I and receive high school credit for the course.

being a part of the high school environment at VASJ.

The Our Lady of the Lake eighth-grade students taking part in the Viking Edge program join the VASJ freshmen in Ms. Jessica Linnert's Algebra I class during first period every day of the week.

"The freshmen that are in their class welcome them with open arms and assist them whenever needed," says Linnert.

At the completion of the year, the eighth-grade students from Our Lady of the Lake will receive a transcript for one high school math credit.

McDonough Invitational hosts more than 1,500 runners

For more than half a century, the McDonough Invitational has been one of the premier cross country events in Ohio.

On September 13, more than 50 schools and 1,500 runners participated in Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's signature event at Forest Hills Park.

"It was a full parking lot and I am estimating almost 4,500-5,000 fans," says VASJ Athletic Director Nate Zavorek '94.

The event has been run since 1960 and the popularity is only gaining after six decades of high quality cross country racing.

"It's the best-kept secret at VASJ and it is really amazing how well organized and how well run it is," Zavorek says.

"And what's nice is our program is getting a resurgence and our runners at VASJ get a taste of what it is like to run against the big teams. We don't want to back down."



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Students urged to 'lead with virtue'

"As a leader, you will be expected to always do the right thing," VASJ's Principal David Csanik said. "Not for fame, fortune, glory, or recognition. But simply because it's the right thing to do."

The fourth annual Leadership Commissioning Ceremony was held in August before the start of the school year. The ceremony is held to honor and recognize the student leaders while also reminding them of the important role they hold in the school.

"You are being entrusted with a great responsibility," said VASJ Campus Minister Jill Latkovich.

"Today we gather together to publicly recognize your commitment."

The group of 110 leaders – the following seven human and theological virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope and charity/love.

The student leaders were presented with a pin as a sign of their



VASJ's Dean of Student Life Nancy Naujoks '68 presents Cara Faddoul '16 with her leadership pin at the fourth annual Leadership Commissioning Ceremony.

serve as Jesus served: that is to serve selflessly, faithfully, with humility, and for the sake of building the Kingdom of God here at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School," Latkovich said.

The theme for the celebration was, "Leading with Virtue."

Latkovich shared with the students the following seven human and theological virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude, temperance, faith, hope and charity/love.

The student leaders were presented with a pin as a sign of their

commitment to serving as leaders at VASJ.

"We ask that you wear this pin daily as a reminder of what you are called to do," Latkovich said.

The pin is a shape of the cross formed by the intertwining of seven ribbons of different colors – each color representing one of the seven virtues.

"As a leader, you will be expected to do the right thing," Principal Csanik said. "When everyone around you is doing the wrong thing, do the right thing anyway."

Bishop Lennon celebrates Opening Mass

There is much to celebrate at the start of the 2014-15 school year at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School – a summer filled with facility updates and renovations, including the new gym; an enrollment of 420, the highest it has been in years; a growing faculty and staff which includes several alums, and a new year filled with promise.

For these reasons and more, the entire VASJ community came together on Thursday, August 28, as Bishop Richard Lennon celebrated the school's Opening Mass.

VASJ Principal David Csanik welcomed guests including Margaret Lyons and Gene Boyer from the Diocese of Cleveland, representatives of the Ursuline Sisters of Cleveland, former VASJ President Jim Sukys '76, Lorie Howley of The Howley Family Foundation, members of the Board of Advisors and other alums and friends of the school.

President Richard Osborne '69 welcomed Bishop Lennon to VASJ. "We greet you today with our pledge that the values of our Catholic faith and the Ursuline and Marianist charisms that shape our spirit will act as the light that guides us on our journey throughout the year," Osborne said.



Bishop Richard Lennon commissions seniors Valerie Koch, Danielle Paus and Annie O'Neill as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at VASJ's Opening Mass.

Bishop Lennon spent time prior to the Mass visiting with students, faculty and staff and touring some of the school's renovated spaces. In his homily, he remarked on the updated facilities.

"First and foremost, I need to say how beautiful the school looks," Bishop Lennon said. "A lot of work has been done and it really sparkles."

Three VASJ seniors – Valerie Koch, Annie O'Neill and Danielle Paus – answered the call and were

commissioned by Bishop Lennon as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

Bishop Lennon prayed for the students, faculty and staff at VASJ and asked that the school experience a blessed year. He acknowledged the adults who were present and told the students: "The legacy of the Ursulines and Marianists and all who make this school the wonderful thing that it is – they do it for you. You are why we are here."

Viking Views



by Richard Osborne

At a recent football game, some other alums and I couldn't help but have an unmistakable sense of *déjà vu*. We remarked that there was something very familiar about the spirit we saw (and heard) displayed in the student cheering section.

The students – even the freshmen – seemed very familiar too. Oh yeah, we realized. They reminded us of ... us.

That's the story behind the continued success of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School. The faces change, but the spirit doesn't.

The incredible sense of pride that always has permeated the Viking Village seems especially strong this year as we welcomed 130 freshmen and numerous transfers. Our enrollment of 420 students is the largest it has been in years, maintaining our position as the fastest-growing private high school in Ohio.

In addition, our new Viking Edge program has opened our doors to outstanding eighth-grade students from Our Lady of the Lake who are availing themselves of high school credit for math.

But it isn't just our growth that fuels the Viking spirit. We are spirited because *the spirit* is at the heart of all we do.

Just before the new school year began, our student leaders were commissioned in a ceremony that set the theme for the year: "Leading with Virtue."

At our Opening Mass, Bishop Richard Lennon stressed that theme as he reminded students that they have a special call because they are in a special place. He asked the students to look around at the Diocesan and community leaders, parents, faculty and staff who were present and to be mindful of the work and sacrifice that makes their VASJ education possible.

Bishop Lennon also noted the numerous improvements made throughout the school. Our renovated gym, refurbished chapel and expanded conference space – including the Villa Angela Academy Heritage Room – represent just a few of the projects that reflect the vital spirit of the school.

They say that the more things change, the more they remain the same. We understand that sentiment at VASJ. Even as we refresh our look, our mission is precisely what it always has been and always will be.

Richard Osborne, St. Joseph High School Class of 1969, is the president of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

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Fathers’ Walk Their Children To School Day

Dads, dads, and more dads! On September 18, Fathers’ of Arbor, Bluestone, Chardon Hills and Shoreview students spent the morning with their children as they par-

ticipated in “Fathers’ Walk Their Children To School Day.” Fathers’ even got to have breakfast at school with their children. Thanks to all of our great Euclid Fathers!



The Battle for the Axe

The pioneer axe remains in Euclid’s possession after the Panthers beat the Vikings 23-13!



NJROTC Presenting the Colors.



Dr. Smialek walking the captains out for the coin toss.



Student fans in the stands!



The pioneer axe.



Volley For The Cure

The Euclid High School Volleyball program hosted “Volley For the Cure” to raise money for breast cancer research through the Susan G. Komen® Northeast Ohio organization.



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\$50 each and can be purchased at the Board of Education, Euclid High School, and all Euclid High School student-athletes!

The drawing will be held on October 10, 2014 at the homecoming football game!

New District-Wide Grade Book

The Euclid City School District is proud to announce that we have embraced a parent and student-friendly district-wide grade book. Engrade Pro is unifying education by bringing together the people, curriculum, and data onto one secure and easy-to-use platform to improve instruction and personalize learning. EngradePro supports a community of more than 6 million users worldwide, with its flagship product the most widely used gradebook on the Web. With this grade book, you can access your child’s grades at any time on any device with internet access; including computers, tablets, and smart phones. Parent access information was sent home, or you can contact your child’s school to obtain your log-in information. More detailed directions for how to use this program can be found here. Elementary teachers will begin using this product during the second grading quarter beginning on October 27th. Middle school and high school teachers have already begun to use the program. If you have any additional questions re-

garding this program, please contact your child’s school.

In grades 6 through 12, teachers are fully implementing this program now. Both parents and students can access grade information. In some classes, you may also see features, such as the calendar, being used to identify assignments. In other classes, extended features of the program may not yet be in use.

In grades K through 5, some teachers are piloting this program for 1st quarter, and all teachers of grades K-5 will be fully implementing it second quarter, beginning the last week of October. Because the K-5 program is not in full use at this time, your child’s teacher is the best resource for information on his/her grades. Please note that K-5 teachers using the program 1st quarter may not be entering all grades, so it may not be reflective of your child’s entire grade.

Link to Engrade Pro: <https://www.engagepro.com/>





Parish Feast Day Celebration Becoming a New Tradition

For several years, Our Lady of the Lake has celebrated their feast day on September 5 with a procession from the lake to the church. Parishioners begin with a prayer service on the beach, and play music and sing as they walk with the statue of Mary back to the church for another prayer service and reception in the church hall. The event has quickly become a cherished tradition of the recently merged parish, and

each year it has grown. This year, there was extra time to enjoy community with hot dogs on the beach beforehand. And more families than ever made room in their Friday evening plans to be together for the procession with their neighbors and friends - and of course everyone wants to stay for ice cream afterwards! A wonderful new tradition is taking shape as this feast day celebration grows.



Fathers Step Out for Their School

Our Lady of the Lake School celebrated fathers who are involved in their children's education by participating in the national Father's Walk on September 18. Scores of dedicated dads turned out to show support for their school and all of our students. The hard-working PTO put together refresh-

ments for all, welcoming students and the significant male role models in their lives to kick off the school day. The early start didn't keep anyone away; when it comes to their kids' education, these dads are willing to go the extra mile.



35 People on Retreat for Eight Weeks

Our Lady of the Lake Parish has embarked upon a spiritual quest to "find God in all things" (or at least better than before!) Our guides on this journey are a team from the Jesuit Retreat House of Cleveland, who are specially trained to serve as our spiritual guides for the next eight weeks.

The retreat is simply called, "Praying with St. Ignatius." Praying with St. Ignatius is a Scripture-based retreat adapted from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius and designed to foster a heartfelt knowledge of Jesus Christ.

For the next eight Mondays, we will experience different methods of prayer, guided in a daily personal prayer practice and participate in small faith sharing groups here at Our Lady of the Lake Parish.

Each participant has committed to 30 minutes of daily prayer and reflection using materials and themes which are provided

by the team from JRH. We are likewise committed to faithfully participating in each of the eight weekly sessions, and to holding one another in prayer between sessions.

The JRH team has observed that we are already blessed with an open, honest and trusting spirit among us, even though not all of us know each other well. It seems that the bonds between us lie deeper even than knowing everyone's name and family of origin. We have begun with a sense of becoming what we already are: the body of Christ which gathers as Our Lady of the Lake parish.

We are looking forward to whatever God has in store for us and chooses to reveal to us between now and November 10, when our time of retreat comes to an end, and we begin our next chapter of life more aware and better prepared to "find God in all things."

Caring for Babies



Kay O'Donnell and her daughter Megan sort through donated baby clothes in the Baby Corner Room, on the lower level of the Our Lady of the Lake rectory.

On the corner of East 200th Street and Lake Shore, there is a ministry that has been quietly serving families in the city of Euclid and Collinwood neighborhood since 2001. This ministry is called the Baby Corner. The Baby Corner is an ongoing "baby drive" that Our Lady of the Lake parishioners support to assist local families with the cost of baby items and clothing. They also provide emergency formula and diapers.

Lately we have been assisting 2 or 3 families each week! Some of these families call the parish directly for assistance, other requests come from our partners at the Euclid Collaborative.

Parishioners have been donating cash

along with their used baby items for the past almost 15 years. Donated items include perishables like formula and baby food along with diapers, wipes, bottles, new or like-new baby/toddler clothes (up to 4T), pack and plays, swings, high chairs, etc. We are happy to accept donations from outside of the parish as well.

If you have gently used, clean baby items, donations can be placed in the bassinets in the church or brought to the Rectory at 19951 Lake Shore Blvd. If possible, we can pick up larger items. Cash donations to this ministry are also gladly accepted. Contact Dana at the rectory for more information: 216-486-0850 or email at dana@ourladyofthelakeoh.org.

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Life Learning Love Lasting

Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish Support LifeTeen and Edge Programs



SRW Life Teen and Edge students



Mess Festival and tailgate party



SRW Parking lot - tail gate party

by Maureen Frydl

This past year, St John of the Cross and Ss. Robert and William combined youth programs to develop one ministry. I want to share with you our mission, what we have done over the past year and what we are planning for the future.

Life Teen and EDGE are international programs that have one goal. To lead teens closer to Christ. It is about giving teens, from all backgrounds, the opportunity to encounter Christ in a personal way. Life Teen itself has been around for almost 30 years and it continues to adapt to meet teens where they are at while still holding true to the Gospel message. Euclid Life Teen and EDGE share that same goal. We are trying to meet teens where they are at, enter into their world and bring Christ to them. We want them to begin to have a personal relationship with Christ through the various retreats, conferences, bible studies, meetings, etc. The hope is that teens start to make the time to develop this relationship on their own and bring Christ to those in their schools, their families and the community.

The past year has been quite fruitful. Life Teen saw many new faces and has been tweaking the things done in the past so that we can make things as fruitful as possible for the teens. One of the new things we started this past year is a thing called Dead Theologians Society (DTS). It starts with the evening Mass at SJOC and then take a trip

back in time and gather in candle light and Gregorian chant and learn about a different saint each week. Another new thing we started is called Living Stones. This is our discernment group for those that are open to the possibility that God might be calling them to Priesthood or Religious Life.

EDGE is our ministry for 7th and 8th graders. The Lord is blessing it and it has become quite popular. We started the beginning of the year going every other week and by January we had EDGE Nights every single week. I know for me personally, it has been a great source of inspiration. To see middle school teens starting to dive into their faith and enjoy things such as adoration is an amazing thing. This year we will be hosting our EDGE Nights at SJOC on Tuesdays from 7-8:45 in the new youth space. We have also added EDGE hangouts from 3-4:30 on Thursdays to give them some social time.

The theme and focus for Life Teen and EDGE this next year is Inspire[d]. We will be looking to the people of the Bible to be inspired and in turn we go out and inspire others. We kicked off EDGE this year with a Mess Festival. We had a series of races and challenges containing ketchup, pudding, fluff and so much more. Life Teen kicked off with a Tail Gate party full of food, games and a water balloon launch across the parking lot.

If you have questions or want to get involved in any way, contact Chris Kelley at 216-731-1515.

Ss. Robert and William Holds its first Night of Learning

by Maureen Frydl

Ss. Robert and William Catholic School 's "STREAM Evening of Learning" was a wonderful example of focusing lessons on the 21st Century skills of collaboration, com-

munication, creativity, and critical thinking. Our Lower School students will share their STREAM projects at our next Evening of Learning: November 24th from 6:30 - 8:00 PM.



Ground Breaking Ceremony for the new Elin Cooke Playground

Parish Expands School Playground Area

by Maureen Frydl

On Wednesday, September 17, 2014, faculty, staff, students, and parishioners of Ss. Robert and William, along with neighbors, family, and friends of Elin Cooke, gathered in the grove area for a ground breaking ceremony. The Elin Cooke Memorial Playground is a playground that is being built for the benefit of the students, parishioners, and surrounding community as a place for kids to be kids, and come to enjoy healthy, safe, physical activity.

The new, state of the art playground will accommodate up to 100 children at a time, with 23 different activities. It will be ADA compliant and the playground is expected to be ready for use in early spring of 2015. Funds for the playground have been donated by several significant donors, the children of the school through a walk-a-thon and read-a-thon, and most recently through donations to honor and memorialize Elin Cooke.

Elin was a resident of Euclid, parishioner, and school parent. Most importantly, Elin loved children and desired for this community to be a strong, vibrant place for

children. Elin was a champion of the playground project. Elin recently passed away after a heroic battle with cancer in which she taught all of us to face challenges with grace, dignity and never let it stop our joy! It is only fitting that the school playground will be named after this phenomenal woman. Fr John D. Betteres, Pastor, reflects "Our hope is her spirit of infectious joy and love will live on for generations of children as they enjoy this playground."

Under a beautiful, sunny, cool, autumn afternoon, the Cooke family gathered with Fr. John Betteres, staff, Council President Kristen Holzheimer Gail and contributors, Jane Monreal, from Monreal Funeral Home, to break ground with personalized, pink shovels while a crowd of supporters looked on with encouragement and gratitude for this generous addition to our community. Ss. Robert and William Catholic School & Parish is located at 367 East 260th Street, Euclid, Ohio 44132, 216.731.1515, www.srwschool.cc, or www.srweuclid.cc. Additional photos can be found on Facebook, like us and watch for us on Twitter and Instagram coming soon.

A Harvest Tour and Tasting at a Local Museum

by Ellen Ivory

Have you made a commitment to support the greater Cleveland area by visiting its many cultural institutions? Now, what if that was coupled with an evening of wine, food and raffles?

Then come join us on Saturday, November 15, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 10 p.m. at The Museum of Divine Statues (12905 Madison Ave., Lakewood).

This exclusive affair is an interactive social event which will offer you wine to sample (beers will be offered, too), and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Various auctions and raffles will be available with proceeds

designated for tuition assistance for SRW students.

You will have the opportunity to browse The Museum of Divine Statues at your leisure. This museum is designed to pay tribute not only to the art and history of Cleveland's Catholic churches, but to the city's immigrant roots.

Events tickets are limited and can be purchased at Ss. Robert & William Parish Office (367 East 260th St., Euclid). Credit cards are accepted.

For additional details, contact Ellen Ivory at 216.731.1515, ext. 230 or eivory@srweuclid.cc.

Come Experience the Warmth and Charm of Holly Berry Bazaar

by Ellen Ivory

On Saturday, November 8, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the gymnasium at Ss. Robert & William Catholic School will be transformed into a Christmas shopping delight with their annual Holly Berry Bazaar. This craft fair celebrates the uniqueness of the local artist and crafts by conveniently bringing home-made items to you for your gift giving.

New to this year's bazaar will be the "Christmas Traditions" basket raffle. You will have the opportunity to win tickets to

local cultural events and a variety of other gifts. An array of jewelry, floral designs, an assortment of craft items, home party items, and even treats for your puppy will also be offered.

Admission is \$1 and includes a free coffee/cookie station. A light lunch will be available.

For additional details please call the parish office at 216.731.1515 or visit www.srweuclid.cc. Ss. Robert & William Catholic School is located at 351 East 260th St., Euclid.



Parkinsons



Staff members from Imagine Bella Academy volunteered for the Parkinson's Disease Boot Camp at the Cleveland Convention Center on Saturday, September 6th.

Upcoming Dates

October 7

3rd Grade Fall Reading OAA

October 17

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October 27

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October 31

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Imagine Bella Music Program Needs Your Help!

by Michelle Ianni

The Imagine Bella Academy music program recently began a fund raising effort to get a beginning set of Orff Pitched Percussion Instruments for the music classroom. These instruments will be used in all grade levels and in nearly every class time. Our music class is active and full of dancing, singing, creating, and playing any instruments we can, but we do not have very many and could greatly benefit from more. We need your help in supporting the arts and bringing the instruments to our classroom. To support our fund raising effort, go to www.donorschoose.org/michelle.ianni and support our project by making a donation to our music program! Thanks for all your help!

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

by Sarah Myers

On September 2, 2014 the Imagine Bella Academy staff accepted the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge from Imagine Harvard Avenue. The Imagine Bella World Changers raised \$140 from a Dress Down Day. The students were surprised when they walked outside Tuesday afternoon and saw 21 chairs and 21 buckets of ice water set up. Students helped dump and cheer on their teachers as IBAE staff stepped up to the plate! You can see the video on our Facebook page. Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence passed the challenge on to Lisa Lyons and the Imagine Cleveland Academy Wolfpack!

Fifth Graders Take Action

Mr. Leusler's Fifth Grade Class

by Sarah Myers

Mr. Leusler's fifth graders at Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence watch ChannelOne news every morning. The students were shocked to hear that elephants are being poached for their ivory tusks and even more appalled to find out the population of elephants on the continent of Africa has diminished to approximately 600,000, and they are in danger of becoming extinct within the next decade! Can you imagine a world without elephants? The 5th graders took action and devised a plan to raise money for young elephants who lost their mothers to the ivory trade. The fifth graders decided to hold a penny drive and raised over 6,500 pennies to donate to the WWF!

How can you be involved?

Take action: Tell the Obama administration you support strong new rules that help prevent illegal elephant ivory from being sold in the US by signing the petition found at the web address below: https://support.worldwildlife.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=777&utm_campaign=wildlife-crime&utm_medium=email&utm_source=can-taf&utm_content=140429

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October Costume Dance Sponsered By Chapter 412 Of Parents Without Partners

by Deborah Kramarz

You'd be wise...to watch out for fun and fright on October 11, 2014 from 8:00 pm all the way to the witching hour! There will be a fabulous costume contest. A spirited cash bar, and spooky treats. Thrills, chills, music and door prizes. All at the American Legion Hall 570 East 328th St., Willowick, Ohio off Vine St. across from Wendy's. Admission \$8.00...bring a friend.

Save the Date for the 4th Annual Euclid Holiday Celebration: Friday, December 5th

by Chris Cipriani

It may be a little early to be thinking of sleigh bells and Santa Claus, but the planning committee for the 4th Annual Euclid Holiday Celebration is doing just that! The event will be held on Friday, December 5th, 2014, from 5 to 9 pm, at Triangle Park, which is located in front of the Shore Cultural Centre, 291 East 222nd St., in Downtown Euclid. There will be horse drawn sleigh rides, holiday carolers, free crafts and activities for children, free visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and the lighting of the Holiday Tree. A free Holiday Concert will be held in the auditorium, and a Holiday Bistro on the lower level of Shore will be serving a variety of foods. New features being planned for this year include a Holiday Magic Show and an Ice Sculptor. The City of Euclid, Shore Cultural Centre, and the Euclid Chamber of Commerce are proud to present this very special holiday event. Sponsorship opportunities are still available, call (216) 289-8578 for information.

League of Women Voters Candidates Forum

by Roz Peters

Sunday October 5th
1:30 PM - 3:30 PM
This is a special opportunity to hear a presentation from your candidates and to ask them written questions about the issues you care about. This is a way for us as voters to learn who we will choose to vote for in the November 4th Elections!
The following candidates have confirmed their attendance: Cuyahoga County District 11 Sunny Simon & John Currid, Ohio House District 8 Kent Smith & Jocelyn Conwell & Mikhail Alterman and Ohio Senate District 25 Kenny Yuko & Hasani Crider.
Location: Euclid Public Library, 631 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123
For information, call 216-987-7010 or visit www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.

Utilities Resource Fair

by Kathy Augustine

Cuyahoga Job and Family Services and the Home Heating and Weatherization Task Force will be hosting a Utilities Resource Fair, at West Side Community House at 9300 Lorain Ave, Cleveland, Ohio 44102, on Saturday, October 18, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The free event will provide information and resources to the community, and enable customers to apply for utilities assistance programs such as Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Percentage of Income Program (PIPP Plus) and Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP). Customers can apply for county benefits programs such as Medicaid, Child Care and Food Assistance.
There will be a free Utilities Assistance Programs Training Workshop at noon; registration is online for the workshop at www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.
For information, call 216-987-7010 or visit www.cjfs.cuyahogacounty.us.

Burk Run/Hillandale Hike

Burk Run / Hillandale

Euclidian Place hike
Oct 12, 2014, 5 pm
Led by Roy Larick

Walk the Painesville Moraine

See Euclid's nature/history gem

by Roy Larick

Join us, Sun, Oct 12, 5:00 pm, for Hillandale. Meet 5:00 pm, Hillandale Park, Hillandale Dr, Euclid 44132
On the western tip of the Painesville Moraine, Euclid's Hillandale presents a unique natural landscape. The hummocky area gives rise to several Burk Run headwaters which join at the county line to flow north. The tour explores upper Burk Run nature and history, and shows ways to preserve this Euclid greenspace gem.
Sponsors: Euclid Recreation Program & History Museum

Euclid Senior Programs

by Sylka Edmondson

Euclid Senior Programs will be celebrating its 10 year anniversary at the Lakefront Community Center, on Friday, October 24th at 10:30 a.m. "The Golden Notes" will provide musical entertainment and light refreshments will be served. If you are a senior, stop by and see what we have to offer. There are several other events happening at the center, including line dance classes, art classes, beading classes, ZUMBA classes, YOGA, Bingo, exercise classes, sewing, Bible Study, pool tournaments, healthy for life presentations, field trips and many other fun activities. The center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Membership is open to anyone age 50 and above for \$ 10.00 per year, and if you are 60 and over you can also enjoy a delicious nutritional lunch served at Noon (Reservations are needed the week before). There is a suggested \$ 1.00 donation per meal. If you would like information regarding the center, please call 289-2985.

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Ten Inducted into Euclid High School Sports Hall of Fame for 2014



Two Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Famers relive great memories from their high school football careers at this year's Hall of Fame induction at Tizzano's Party Center in Euclid. Tom Wanderleben, Euclid High School Class of 1977 and Ed Delaney, Euclid High School Class of 1978, recreate their pose for the 1976 Football Season Preview in the Euclid News Journal.

by Greg Fondran

Many centuries ago, the ancient Greeks honored their heroes in artwork, drama and in temples. These heroes, and their likenesses which lived on long after they were gone, served as role models to the citizenry for their deeds and the positive attributes they exhibited. In modern times, we do the same for those who have displayed an exceptional level of courage, commitment, sacrifice and leadership in pursuit of excellence. And when it comes to athletic excellence, no one does it better or more consistently than the Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association. On Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014 the EPSAA honored ten men and women at the 28th Annual Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony.

Nine student-athletes and one coach were inducted in front of a full house of family, friends, teammates and coaches at Tizzano's Party Center on E. 260th and

Tungsten Rd. Chuck Hill, long-time Euclid resident and Chairman of the Sports Hall of Fame Committee, enthusiastically kicked the night off and was followed by the spit and polish of the Euclid High School Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps Color Guard, who presented the U.S. flag, the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. After dinner, John Telich, Jr., TV Channel 8 Sportscaster and a Euclid High graduate himself, served as Master of Ceremonies for this year's induction.

The 2014 Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame Inductees:
Ewald Heise
Euclid Senior High School '68
Basketball, Baseball

Edward Delaney
Euclid Senior High School '78
Football, Wrestling

John Vuyancih
Euclid High School '92
Basketball, Baseball

Matt Hoffman
Euclid High School '95
Baseball

Mike Hoffman
Euclid High School '95
Baseball

Monroe L. Hillsman, Jr.
Euclid High School '97
Football, Track, Basketball

Tamika Drake
Euclid High School '00
Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

Heather Palmer
Euclid High School '04
Track, Basketball

Brandon Smith
Euclid High School '04
Football, Track

John Gibbons
Coach
Soccer

Also honored were members of the outstanding 1968 boys' basketball team which made it to the Final Four in the Ohio State Basketball Tournament that year.

While each inductee's acceptance speech was unique, often sprinkled with humor and emotion, the common thread was gratitude. Gratitude for the opportunity to compete at a high level of athleticism, gratitude for the support and inspiration of family and teammates, gratitude for the mentorship, patience, trust and knowledge of their coaches and finally, gratitude for their selection into a special group of student-athletes who achieved great things,



Reluctant to end summer swimming, a group of adult swimmers had its annual pizza party to celebrate.

not just on the fields of competition, but also in their personal and professional lives long after high school graduation.

Thanks to the Euclid High Schools Sports Hall of Fame Committee, we continue to recognize sport and sportsmanship, through the inspirational stories of student-athletes who displayed high levels of achievement and the many positive attributes that athletics can provide. The tireless efforts of the Committee continue to ensure that the accomplishments of our student-athletes, coaches and school administrators will inspire others as they humbly serve as role models for the people of the city of Euclid. As in the arts, academics and other areas of endeavor, a strong sense of community develops around those whose exploits, like the ancient Greek heroes, will be remembered and ultimately emulated by those who follow.

The actual Sports Hall of Fame "shrine" is located in Euclid High School (711 E. 222nd St.) in the hallway between the main gym and pool, where the plaques of all 300 inductees are hung.

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hold or absorb the water until it evaporates naturally. Pavement, rooftops and other structures do not absorb water. Just like the gutter system of a home, the water has to go somewhere. In the case of a home, pavement or other structures, the water goes into the sewer. On light rain days, this isn't a problem. But on those days when rain is heavy or continues for long periods, the sewers fill up, and the sanitary waste (from toilets and other sources) mixes with the rainwater and overflows into Lake Erie.

To prevent these overflows, green engineering solutions can minimize the amount of water entering the sewer system. Simple things like rain barrels are an almost in-

significant part of the solution. Collection basins, rain gardens, swales, plantings, vegetated roofs, permeable pavements, and diverting water to areas where evaporation or controlled water absorption can happen are all incorporated into green engineering concepts. Trees and plants absorb water before it enters the system.

The advantage of green solutions is that large buildings or construction projects typically influenced by the City of Euclid, like road repavings, new construction or redevelopment, occur with more plants and natural stormwater management areas to help divert water away from the sewers. These solutions often result in better curb appeal, more

natural landscaping and a more attractive environment. For an older community like Euclid, where roads are often in need of repair, rather than just a new layer of asphalt, a road could be reimagined with plantings and streetscape amenities to make it look more pleasing. Think of a more attractive Euclid Avenue or Lakeshore Blvd with a center section with trees and plants absorbing rain runoff.

Yet green solutions are not always cheaper or easier to undertake. In fact grey solutions – the building of a new sewer system or holding tanks like the approach Euclid is currently planning – may be viewed as easier to implement because they are well-defined

solutions that don't require the more creative solutions needed for green engineering. The costs are theoretically more defined and planned. Unfortunately, few can visually see the benefits of grey solutions.

By asking the CH2MHill consultants to review Euclid's situation, McLaughlin hoped to open some eyes. "With an integrated plan, residents will see the improvements and take interest in them. It will impact their daily lives in a positive way. With our current plan, no one will ever know anything happened. It is all underground. They will never understand why their bills are so high."

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Silhouette Productions Fiddler on the Roof

is a musical theatre tradition! Winner of 10 Tony Awards when it debuted in 1965. Show dates for his popular musical will be October 17-19, and October 24-26. Tickets in Advance: \$14.00 (over 60/ under 14 - \$12.00) At the Door: \$16.00 (over 60/under 14 - \$14.00) Tickets 216-219-3630, 440-256-1602 or 216-289-8578—or purchase in our office, or online at www.shoreculturalcentre.com. Dinner (or Brunch) & a Show packages are available with Mama Catena's, Vittorio's Buno Appetito, and the Irish American Club East Side, call 216-289-8578 for information.

Euclid Farmers' Market

Fridays 3-7pm @ Shore Cultural Centre through Oct. 31st

Featuring seasonal locally grown and organic produce, baked goods, plants, herbs, jams, honey, tea, and home goods!

Shore Cultural Centre offers an array of arts and educational programming in the heart of downtown Euclid

Fun Page

The theme for this month's word search is "Cool Buildings Around Cleveland" and was inspired by the Fun Twitter of The Terminal Tower : @TowerLightsCLE

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A Family Affair Original Music and Poetry Performance

by *Danyl Chambers*

This talented family moved to Euclid 6 months ago and want to celebrate with new neighbors with their music and poetry. They will be performing Oct 4 starting at 7:30 pm at the newly opened music venue “Euclid City Limits” at the Conscious Nest located at 20150 Lakeshore Blvd. \$5.00 adults \$2.00 under 18 includes food and drink.

Opening: Devlinbleu Chambers: Original poetry from a 15 yr old student at the Hawken School. Has been writing poetry for over a year and has extensively traveled in the USA and Burma. Has performed a number of times this last year.

And Opening: Louise Foresman singer/

Connecting the Community: Euclid Hospital and Community Support Task Force work to connect residents with healthcare information

by *Angela Smith*

Are you in need of healthcare information and just don’t know who to ask? Have you been feeling ill for a while and think you need to see a physician?

Many residents have those same questions along with many others. Through the Community Support Task Force (CSTF), Euclid residents are able to connect with Euclid Hospital for healthcare information they are searching for.

Information at your fingertips.

A program has been set up in select apartment buildings in Euclid to connect apartment residents with healthcare information. Satellite care areas – located in a common area of the building, such as a lobby – have been designated as a hub to house healthcare, program and screening information.

The hope is that since the information is easily accessible, residents will be proactive, rather than reactive, about their healthcare needs. “It’s important to meet residents where they are so the information is at their fingertips,” says Kristal Grida, City of Euclid neighborhood engagement specialist.

The CSTF would like to work with other apartment and property managers in Euclid and Collinwood to disseminate health-

Remembering the Carousel Ride at Euclid Beach Park



My Dad’s favorite carousel pony when he was a young boy! Recently restored.



Newly restored carousel pony.

by *Terral James Sykes*

My parents have unknowingly gifted me with a treasury of their memories that are now my own. The details they share about their childhood paint such clear and vivid pictures, that their words play the music they’ve heard, show me the films they’ve seen, and take me to the places they’ve been.

As I was growing up, my parents and I took countless trips to Euclid Beach Park as they reminisced about it, and The Grand Carousel that operated there from 1910 until closing day, September 28, 1969.

The exciting news is Cleveland’s Euclid Beach Park Carousel Society is restoring the mechanism, so that it’s fully operational, and ready for us all to ride, on November 23, 2014! Although under restoration, The Grand Carousel is on display now, in



Euclid Beach carousel pony.

the glass pavilion at the Western Reserve Historical Center in Cleveland’s University Circle. It’s coming along amazingly!

My parents and I had a magical time oohing and aahing over the horses they remember running to as children. I’m willing to bet that you will too!

To be a part of the excitement, and to make a donation to support this cause, visit www.clevelandcarousel.org.

To check out the fascinating Euclid Beach and Grand Carousel timeline, visit www.wrhs.org.

Take a peak at The Grand Carousel at: Western Reserve Historical Society 10825 East Boulevard Cleveland, Ohio 44106 216-721-5722

Medicare Annual Notice of Change

by *Barbara Comiskey*

What is it and why is it important to me?

By early October, everyone who has a Medicare Advantage plan or a Prescription Drug plan should receive information in the mail about their plan called the “Annual Notice of Change” (ANOC). This notice provides important information on changes you will see in your insurance coverage, cost and services for 2015.

It’s important for you to go over this information in detail. Don’t make a costly mistake and find out too late that your plan has made major changes that you will be locked into for the next year.

Some key areas to review are:

- Is your plan still available in your county? Some popular plans have been discontinued in some counties for 2015.
- Changes in benefits and cost: Are there changes that affect the services you use? Has the amount of your co-pay changed? Have the premiums or out-of-pocket costs changed?
- Part D Prescription Drug Plan: Are your prescription medications covered? Are they in a different tier? Can you continue to use the same pharmacies? Has the premium, deductible or tier costs changed?

Providers Network: Are your doctors still in the network? (You can confirm this with the online directory.)

You have the opportunity NOW during the Medicare Open Enrollment Period to switch to more suitable coverage. This year, open enrollment begins October 15 and continues through December 7 so you have plenty of time to shop and compare plans.

Have questions? Plan now to attend Getting Started with Medicare at the Euclid Library on Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 to 8:30 pm, presented by Laura Mutsko of Mutsko Insurance Services, LLC. This class covers all the basics and is especially helpful for people turning 65, those going on Medicare for the first time or anyone who want to brush up on the most current Medicare information.

Preregistration is required. Please call the library at 216-261-5300 to register. This event is only for educational purposes and no plan specific benefits or details will be discussed.

For answers to all your health insurance questions, call Laura Mutsko, Mutsko Insurance Services, LLC at 440-255-5700 or email lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com

Raddell’s Sausage Shop and Frank Azman Meat Market Earn Titles at Polka Hall of Fame Sausage Fest



Frank Azman (right) of Cleveland’s Azman and Sons Meat Market receives the Best of Fest Judges’ Award banner at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The banner was presented by Polka Hall of Fame Vice President Mark Habat and Chairman Emeritus Tony Petkovsek. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.



The grand jury at the 2014 Slovenian Sausage Festival chose Azman and Sons Meat Market of Cleveland, Ohio, as Top Klobasa. The event was a fund-raiser for the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on September 10, 2014. Left to right: Dan Postotnik, a sausage and polka music fan; Deborah Pinter, Executive Director, Orange Art Center; Cindy Barber, owner of the Beachland Ballroom; Walt Mahovich, director of the Harmonia folk music ensemble; Richard Novotny, Associate Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students, Lakeland Community College; and Willoughby attorney Ronald Zele.

by *Joe Valencic*

Raddell’s was the jury’s runner-up and Azman and Sons Meat Market was the runner-up People’s Choice. As winner of the People’s Choice, Raddell’s prize sausages will be served at the Polka Hall of Fame’s three-day polka dance festival over Thanksgiving weekend, November 27, 28 and 29, 2014, at Cleveland’s Downtown Marriott Hotel.

This was the first Sausage Fest title for Azman and Sons, a 90-year-old, third-generation shop on Cleveland’s St. Clair Avenue. For the first time, a food truck participated at the Sausage Fest. The bold, red vehicle was operated by new entrant Sterle’s Country House, the legendary Cleveland restaurant which now makes its own Slovenian sausage.

Members of the jury were Cindy Barber, owner of the Beachland Ballroom; Walt Mahovich, director of the Harmonia folk music ensemble; Richard Novotny, Associate Vice President of Student Development and Dean of Students, Lakeland Community College; Deborah Pinter, Executive Director, Orange Art Center; Dan Postotnik, a sausage and polka music fan; and Willoughby attorney Ronald Zele.



Ed Oshaben (center) of Raddell’s Sausage Shop receives the People’s Choice award banner at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The winner’s banner was presented by Polka Hall of Fame President Joe Valencic and Vice President Mark Habat. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.



Button accordionist Linda Hochevar was one of fifty musicians appearing at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio, on September 10, 2014.



Vida Zak, of Euclid, OH, serves one of Azman and Sons’ award-winning products at the 11th annual Slovenian Sausage Festival sponsored by the National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum. The event was held September 10, 2014, at SNPJ Farm in Kirtland, Ohio.

Yankovic. Each year, the Polka Hall of Fame’s nationwide membership nominates and vote for polka performers in different categories. The 27th annual awards ceremony on Saturday, November 29, 2014, at the Grand Ballroom of the Downtown Cleveland Marriott Hotel, is the high point of the Polka Hall of Fame’s Thanksgiving weekend music festival.

The Polka Hall of Fame is located at 605 East 222nd Street in Euclid, Ohio, in the city’s historic former city hall. For more information, check the website at www.polkafame.com or call (216) 621- FAME.

National Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame and Museum: www.polkafame.com

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Community

Ask An Officer

by Kate McLaughlin

Question: What is that gray trailer used for at 20001 Euclid Avenue with the Euclid Police Mini Station sign?

Answer from Audrey Cobb, Euclid Police Department Community Outreach Specialist: What goes on at the Euclid Police Mini Station may be surprising. For the last several years some of the activities have included: GED classes, tutoring programs for elementary students, a six week summer camp for children, photography and babysitter classes, teen job training, and video classes. In the spring an art exhibition for the Euclid Central Middle Schools art class students was displayed on the walls of the mini station, and in the fall the Euclid Police held the National Night Out event here. The mini station property has a playground, basketball court, and picnic tables under the trees for all Euclid residents to enjoy.

Currently, the Euclid Public Library has

installed a mini-library and keeps it supplied with reading materials for children and adults, along with fun programming for all ages. Books can be checked out for up to three weeks. Other current activities include: the juvenile diversion program utilizing the mini station for skill building sessions, a back to school get-together, Euclid Ward meetings, and community group functions held in the conference room. Any community group or individual is welcome to utilize the mini station to hold a meeting, present a special event, or offer programming which enriches the community or enhances personal development. For Euclid Police Mini Station reservation information, contact Audrey Cobb at 481-5486.

If you would like to submit a question to Ask an Officer, contact Community Policing at the Euclid Police Department: email kmclaughlin@cityofeuclid.com or call 216-289-8449.



Euclid Police Mini Station on Euclid Avenue



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Right At Home At Mitchell's



Mitchell's Restaurant and Ultra Lounge

by Terral James Sykes

I could tell that good customer service is paramount at Mitchell's; the employees seem happy to work there, and deliver a welcoming, positive energy, that makes you want to go back often.

What's most impressive is that over \$20,000 was donated to charity from events given by Mitchell's.

The programming is diverse, and the location is perfect for Euclid residents who like to go out for a good time, in an adult atmosphere, but want to stay close to home. Since discovering Mitchell's, I have gone to several events and happenings that include: live jazz night, happy hour, concerts, ladies' night, a Valentine's Day event, a beauty & style workshop, and paint & wine parties.

For concerts, the venue is quite intimate, so most seats are good ones. Previous concerts include: Tank, Marsha Ambrosius, Norman Brown, Eric Benet, Mesa, Kim Wa-



Cattfish Dinner

ters, Lalah Hathaway, and Brian Simpson.

There is always something fun happening at Mitchell's: Browns Tailgate Parties Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., NFL Sundays - FREE Food and Drink Specials, Ladies' Night - Thursday at 7:00 p.m., Live Jazz - Every Friday at 9:00 p.m.

So far, from their full menu, I have enjoyed the fried mushrooms, wings, and the catfish, and orange roughy dinners.

Amenities I think are worth mentioning: Party & VIP Room Rentals, Full Security Staff, Two Levels of Entertainment, Two Bars, Restrooms on Both Floors and Free Valet Parking

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