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Something Special: Downtown Euclid Set to Become Region's Next Special Improvement District

by ILONA WESTFALL

Picture a bustling strip packed with bars, restaurants, galleries, and boutiques. People can stroll down the street, grab a cocktail in one place, eat dinner in another, and then walk over to see a movie or the sunset over the lake. This isn't Ohio City or Gordon Square, though—it's downtown Euclid.

It's a dream that business owners there hope will come to fruition eventually, and with downtown Euclid's upcoming designation as a Special Improvement District,

it just might.

Established as a private, not-for-profit organization under state law, a Special Improvement District, known as an SID, serves as a way for property owners within the district's boundaries to band together to make a roadmap for improvements that they pay for with a pool of money collected through taxes. The end goal is to increase economic development through a cohesive plan and collaboration among local business owners.

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Three Euclid Police Promoted



Congratulations to Euclid Police Department's newly promoted officers - Sergeant Will Brooks, Lieutenant Tom Arriza, and Captain Mitch Houser! All three were sworn in by Mayor Holzheimer Gail at the 8:00 a.m. roll call.

VASJ's Christmas on Campus Event



Ayden, a student at Our Lady of the Lake School in Euclid, sits on Santa Claus' lap during the Christmas on Campus event at Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School on Tuesday, Dec. 10. Photo by Kristen Mott

Christmas Holiday Lighting



by Patrick Henry

The Christmas tree and all the lights in Triangle Park were switched on as the crowd counted down with Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gale. Yes, Santa and Mrs. Claus came to town. They arrived to join in the glow Euclid's Holiday Lighting on the first



Friday of each December. Towering blocks of ice in the early evening were transformed into sparkling sculptures by night. Best of all, hundreds of residents joined with neighbors and others to celebrate the holidays together.

Euclid Holiday Celebration 2019



By Lillian Anderson

On December 6, 2019, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Shore Cultural Centre/Triangle Park held a community and family focus event, filled

with fun and exciting activities as follows:

Holiday Dining (Cash Only) at the Bistro; Euclid Orchestra Quartet; Holiday Music with Nick from McGill Media; Sing-a-Long with Euclid High School Forte; Tree Lighting & Arrival of Santa; Kids Activities; Ice Sculpting; Train and Horse Drawn Wagon Rides; Polar Bear Slide; S'Mores by the Fire, Cookie Decorating, Strolling Carolers/Silhouette Productions, Euclid Public Library Story Time, Flower the Clown—Balloons, Face Painting—Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

It all culminated with a Holiday Church Choir Concert performed by: Our Lady of the Lake (opening song Alleluia, Amen), Lake Shore Christian, Ss. Robert and William, Celebration, St. John of the Cross, and Imani (closing sing-a-long song Let There Be Peace On Earth).

Hope to see you there next year!

For more info: Chris Cipriani, Director of Programming and Marketing at Shore Cultural Centre. Managed by The Coral Company. 291 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, Ohio 44123; Office: 216-289-8578. Fax: 216-289-8561; cmc@thecoralcompany.com; www.shoreculturalcentre.com.

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Message from the Mayor



Happy New Year to all! 2020 starts a new decade, brings the US Census, a Presidential election, a leap year and hopefully continued growth and progress for the City of Euclid!

I would first like to thank outgoing City Council members, Ward 3 Councilwoman Taneika Hill and Ward 7 Councilman Daryl Langman for their service to the City. Both worked hard to improve their wards and the City as a whole. On behalf of the City, I would like to thank them for their dedication, commitment and positive impact on Euclid! I would also like to welcome two new City Council members – Ward 3 Councilman Marcus Epps and Ward 7 Councilwoman Maria Jukic. I look forward to working with all of City Council to continue to progress and growth of our community!

2020 brings the US Census – you will be hearing more about this over the next few months. It is critical for the City that everyone is counted! The Census data impacts how \$675 billion are spent supporting state, county and community's vital programs. This year you will be able to respond online, over the phone, by mail or in person. It is safe, secure, and confidential! I want to thank the Euclid Public Library for taking a lead in making sure we have a complete count! Look for more information over the next few months and please do your part to make sure everyone in Euclid is counted!

As we start a new year, I also want to acknowledge the hard work of so many over the last year. We have seen some great progress with: Amazon opening in September, 2 new buildings under construction at Bluestone Business Park; New businesses coming to Euclid and many expansions of existing businesses; Record number of residential and commercial permits – showing new investment; Opening of the Euclid School Early Learning Village and construction underway of new High School/ Middle School; Construction on Waterfront Trail and public access transforming our lakefront; New summer youth camp; Re-construction of East 222nd Street; and so much more! We will continue to work hard every day to continue the progress and growth!

I want to thank all the City staff who work hard every day to provide important services to you – they demonstrate a true commitment to serving our residents and improving our community! I also want to thank and acknowledge the many partners – businesses, community organizations, faith communities, neighborhood groups and residents who also give so much to help make our community a strong, vibrant community we all can be proud to live, work and visit.

I look forward to seeing you, hearing from you and working with you in the New Year! Happy New Year!

Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is Holding a Job Fair and Hiring Thousands for the March, 17 2020 Presidential Primary Election

by Mike West

(Cleveland) – The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections is inviting the public to attend a job fair as part of our effort to hire over 4,000 individuals to assist voters on Election Day as Precinct Election Officials (PEOs). In addition, there are openings for Ride Along Officials, Drop-off Assistants, Rovers and over 300 openings for in-house full-time temporary Clerks.

The Presidential Primary Election falls on St. Patrick's Day. "Competition with the holiday is making it a challenge to find all of the people we need to administer this

very important Election," said Anthony Perlatti, Director of the Board of Elections. "Attending the job fair is a great way to learn about our work and how easy it is to join our great team. There are openings for every skill level so we will seriously consider every individual who walks through the doors," said Perlatti.

Precinct Election Officials earn \$172.10 and clerks are paid \$11.50 per hour for assignments that can last several weeks to three months dependent on the assignment.

When: On Monday, January 6, 2020

Location:

The Cuyahoga County Garage, 2501 Harvard Avenue, Newburgh Heights, Ohio 44105

Hours:

10:00 am until 2:00 pm

Have Questions?

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People don't have to wait for the job fair to apply for work. The Board is taking applications now. They may apply by calling 216-443-6600 or online at www.443VOTE.us.

Happy New Year from State Rep Kent Smith



by State Representative Kent Smith
Happy New Year Euclid Observer readers. I wish you all a safe and healthy new year.

For my first column in 2020, I wanted to raise an issue that could become a major debate during the final 12 months of the 133rd Ohio General Assembly – Guns.

In the early morning hours of August 4, 2019, a gunman, using an AR-15 style weapon, opened fire on a Dayton street and 26 people were shot in 32 seconds. Nine of those twenty-six would die that night.

That tragedy jarred a weary nation (again) and sparked renewed debate in Columbus if firearms should be less regulated or new gun safety measures should be enacted. As of this date (12-10-2019), no fewer than 36 pieces of legislation on gun rights / gun safety have been introduced in both chambers.

An explanation of all 36 bills would stretch far beyond 36 Euclid Observer pages, so let me focus on what I believe should be the best, first step – background checks.

While 90 percent of Americans support background checks for all gun sales, a dan-

gerous loophole in federal law still exempts unlicensed sellers from having to perform a background check before selling a firearm. We should close this loophole in Ohio.

Research suggests that closing the background check loophole can save lives. The state that best illustrates this fact (tragically) is Missouri. For decades, Missouri required a background check for every gun sale until the state dismantled this requirement in 2007. What followed was sadly predictable and entirely preventable — Missouri saw a 25% increase in firearm homicides and a 14% increase in murders over the subsequent five years.

That is why I am a cosponsor of HB 317 which would require background checks for all gun sales in Ohio and of HB 320, which would prohibit selling a firearm while a background check is pending up to 30 days.

Please contact my office at 614-466-5441 or at Rep08@OhioHouse.Gov if you would like to follow the progress of HB 317 & HB 320 or any of the other 34 gun bills over the next 12 months. Thank you and Happy New Year. Stay Safe!

State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio's 8th House District which includes Beachwood, Euclid, South Euclid, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village and a little bit of the City of Cleveland.

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January Programs at Euclid Public Library

by Ashley Gowens

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Ghosts and Legends of Northern Ohio

7:00 PM / Shore Room

Hauntings and eerie tales abound in northern Ohio. Author William G. Krejci guides us on this supernatural journey through the most chilling legends of Northern Ohio. Some stories are debunked; some long-standing mysteries are solved; some new mysteries come to light.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

All About Aromatherapy

6:00 PM / Shore Room

Aromatherapy is growing in popularity nationwide. Aromatherapy is a holistic healing treatment that uses natural plant extracts to improve the health of the body, mind, and spirit. Learn all about the benefits of aromatherapy and smell a variety of essential oils. For adults and teens

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Register to Vote All Day

The deadline to register to vote in the upcoming March primary is Tuesday, February 18. Stop by today to register or update your registration address.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Coffee with a Cop

10:00 – 11:30 AM / Fireplace

Coffee with a Cop helps develop relationships between community policing officers and residents of the community and helps increase the level of communication between the public and the police department.

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Monday Morning Movie: The Public

10:15 AM / Shore Room

An act of civil disobedience turns into a standoff with police when homeless people in Cincinnati take over the public library to seek shelter from the bitter cold. Written and directed by Emilio Estevez and starring Michael K. Williams and Alec Baldwin. (PG-13; 119 min)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Writing About Place 6:30 PM / Lake Room

Do you like to write? Do you want to think about a "place," whether it is downtown Euclid or Yuma, Arizona? Join us for an evening of fun and thought-provoking creative writing activities. Open to all ages and experience levels.

Music Therapy & More

SATURDAYS
JANUARY 11
FEBRUARY 15
MARCH 14
2:30 PM / Storyroom

Is it challenging for your little one to sit through storytime? This program is designed for children ages 0-6 years who are struggling in an area of development. Join us for a hands-on program led by a Board Certified Music Therapist designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication, and social skills as well as behavior. Music Therapy & More welcomes children of all abilities, including those who need time to explore the room! Some children have limited language - adults can model singing and language for them! Some children have limited motor skills - caregivers can physically assist their child! The music therapist will help guide you during the session! Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. Visit connectingforkids.org/music to register.

‘One Community Reads’ Kicks Off January 20!

ERIC KLINENBERG
2020 Selection

A collaboration among The City Club of Cleveland, ideastream, Playhouse Square, and all nine local public library systems, One Community Reads is designed to broaden and deepen our appreciation of reading and to cultivate dialogue based upon a shared reading experience for the Greater Cleveland community.

Check out a copy at your local library today!

PALACES FOR THE PEOPLE
ERIC KLINENBERG

One Community READS

Celebrate the kickoff of One Community Reads and the opening of Cleveland 20/20, a community photography exhibit at Cleveland Public Library.

Mon., Jan 20 | 4:30pm | Main Library, 1st Floor, Brett Hall

Author Eric Klinenberg visits the Mimi Ohio Theatre at Playhouse Square to bring the series to a close. Registration is required.

Mon., Mar 9 | 7pm | Mimi Ohio Theatre

Visit onecommunityreads.org or playhousesquare.org for registration and information.

Our streaming partner—ideastream—will also broadcast the Playhouse Square event live at several local libraries. Visit onecommunityreads.org for a full list of discussions, special programs, and live-stream locations.

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day



January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Learn how you can get involved.

by Ashley Gowens

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day is observed every year on January 11. Presidential Proclamation of National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month started this observance in 2011. The victims are all subjected to the horrific injustices of human trafficking, including sex trafficking, forced labor, involuntary servitude, forced marriage, and debt bondage. Join Euclid Public Library on Friday, January 10, at 1:00 PM at the Fireplace to learn more about this critical topic.

Skill-Up Boot Camp at the Euclid Public Library

SATURDAYS, JANUARY 18 - JUNE 20, 2020
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM / Erie Room

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Orientation is required. Orientations will be held:

Saturday, January 18 & 25
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM / Erie Room

- OR -

Saturday, February 29 & Saturday, March 7
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM / Babbitt & Erie Room

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Bluegrass Band Lab with Carolina Blue

Friday, February 21

Fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass classes.

Lake Erie Folk Fest
Saturday, February 22

Free Workshops, Performances —1-6 PM
Evening Concert 7:30pm, \$15 advance,
\$20 day of, children 12 & under free

More information on Band Lab and Festival at
lakeeriefolkfest.com

Check our website for tickets and to
view class, event and service info.

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Call 216-289-8578 for a tour.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE: www.shoreculturalcentre.com

Did You Know? Ten Years of Improvements and Changes at Shore Cultural Centre

by MP Monaghan

December 2019 marked ten years of improvements and exciting events at Shore Cultural Centre. Shore is managed by Coral Management Company with a staff of one part-time and five full-time employees. We'd like to share some of our accomplishments with you.

GRANTS AND FUNDRAISING
\$ 639,971: Amount we raised from grants, fundraising, sponsorships, cash, and in-kind donations from 2009-2019
\$325,000: Through the efforts of the Shore team and City and State officials, State funding has been earmarked for Shore Cultural Centre window replacement.

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS
Windows Restored • Boiler Safety Improvements • Rooms and Hallways Cleaned & Painted • New Auditorium Curtains • Doors Repaired with functional locks • CCTV Installed • New LED Lighting • Front Parking Lot Sealed • New Shore Signage

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS
We are grateful for our dedicated Board of Directors and other volunteers who have generously donated their time and abilities over the past ten years.

9,761: Number of Volunteer Hours
\$248,222: Value of Volunteer Hours*

*based on research by IndependentSector.org

PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS
In ten years, hundreds of events, classes, and special programs have taken place. Here are just a few:
Euclid Holiday Celebration
Yoga and Meditation

Motown Magic
Casino Night
Dance Lessons
Fitness and Well Being
Regional Premiers of The Star on my Heart and Remember the Pines
Summer at Sims Concerts
Open Pottery Studio
Summer Camps
Play on Words
Euclid Art WalK
Lake Erie Folk Fest
Singing Angels
Victory Concert
Shrek, the Musical
Anything Goes
Euclid Wind Fest
Community Dances
Dancevert Transformations
24-Hour Film Fest
Farmers Market
Euclid Symphony Orchestra
August Wilson Readers Theater with Terence Spivey
Mother's Day Tea Parties
Movie Location for several films including Fun Size

COMMUNITY RESOURCES
Shore Cultural Centre is home to the following important community resources:
The Euclid Hunger Center
WIC Assistance
Tri-C GED and Aspire Programs
Shore Cultural Centre is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Shore is located at 91 East 222nd Street Euclid, OH 44123. Visit us online at www.shoreculturalcentre.com

Thank You Euclid Holiday Celebration Sponsors!



by Chris Cipriani

The Shore Cultural Centre and the City of Euclid extends a grateful thank you to the sponsors of the 2019 Euclid Holiday Celebration. They were instrumental in making this event another success for thousands of Euclid residents!

Business and Corporate Supporters for the 2019 Euclid Holiday Celebration: Presenting Sponsor: Moore Counseling & Mediation Services, Inc, Star Sponsor: The K & D Group, Santa Sponsor: Guardian Angels Early Learning Center and GPD Group Ice Sculpture Sponsor: Infield Chiropractic Office, Wagon Sponsor: Sims Buick GMC Bell Sponsor: Our Lady of the Lake Holly Sponsor: Robert D. Weaver DPM, The Fedeli Group, and Mazanec, Raskin & Ryder, and Dollar Bank, Euclid Hospital, Great Scott Tavern, and Weltman, Weinberg, Reis, and The Help Foundation, Ss, Robert & William Catholic Parish, Action Carstar, Independent Energy Consultants, Mama Catena Vino E' Cucina Gift Sponsor: Ohio Valley Supply and Corrigan-Deighton Funeral Home.

End of the Year Greater Euclid Kiwanis Events Benefit the Euclid Community



Kay O'Donnell (far left) of the Euclid Hunger Center was presented a check by Greater Euclid Kiwanians (left to right) Ken Furillo, Laura Kidder, and Tina Dick.

by Greater Euclid Kiwanis

The Greater Euclid Kiwanis ended 2019 on a high note with events and activities which benefited the Euclid community.

In November the club hosted its first Empty Soup Bowl Project. This event was a huge success with volunteers from the Greater Euclid Kiwanis showing up in numbers. Euclid High School students and Cleveland school students donated beautiful bowls for the project along with other bowls collected by the Greater Euclid Kiwanis.

Chef Tasso Corfis from Beal's Pickles & Pints, along with son Alex and fellow Ki-

wanian Nick McGill, manned the kitchen creating wonderful soups. Soups were also donated by other Kiwanians, and Dave's Grocery Store donated bread and ingredients for all the salads, which helped to make this event a great success. In the end, the Greater Euclid Kiwanis and the wonderful members of our community who attended raised over \$1300 which was presented to Kay O'Donnell of the Euclid Hunger Center on December 10th.

During December, the Greater Euclid Kiwanis collected over 145 items for their Hat and Mitten drive. Those items were taken to the Euclid Police Department where Euclid officers will give to those youth in need during the winter months.

For further information about the Greater Euclid Kiwanis, or to learn how you can join, please email greater euclidkiwanis@gmail.com. other one? Which theater would you take a date to? Which would you go to with friends?

What was the name of the donut shop on Shore Center Drive?

A hobby store was located in downtown Euclid. Name it. What did it sell? Where was it located?



COMMUNITY

5th Annual Lake Erie Folk Fest a Great Event for Music Lovers



Award-winning bluegrass band Carolina Blue will headline the Saturday night concert, as well as offering master classes and educational performances.



Dance workshops help both beginners and lifelong fans get in on the action.

by Sarah Gyorki

The 5th annual Lake Erie Folk Fest will warm the halls of the Shore Cultural Centre in Euclid on Feb. 21 and 22. Since its successful launch in 2016, the traditional music and dance festival has brought stellar performers from near and far to teach and entertain attendees of all ages and backgrounds. Some of the range of offerings have included folk fusion from Winnipeg, Canada, with The Duhks; Appalachian fiddle and banjo originals from Richie and Rosie of Trumansburg, NY; the

bilingual trio Ten Strings and a Goat Skin from Prince Edward Island; and awe-inspiring throat singing from Tuva by a band called Alash.

This year's festival will keep the bar high, featuring Carolina Blue, an award winning bluegrass band in the tradition of Bill Monroe that performs a repertoire of original songs, bluegrass favorites, and gospel, all done in the traditional style. Their most recent Pinecastle Records release, I Hear Bluegrass Calling Me, debuted on Billboard's Top 5 Bluegrass Albums chart,

and they were nominated in five categories at this year's International Bluegrass Music Awards. Young audiences will get a special opportunity to hear Carolina Blue when they kick off the festival with an educational program the morning of Feb 21, supporting LEFF's mission of bringing cultural opportunities to the community. Dedicated musicians can actually play with the band members on Friday evening, when Carolina Blue will host an exclusive Band Lab Master Class, offering serious students a unique opportunity to study fiddle, banjo, mandolin, guitar and bass with some of the best in the business. The rest of the public can get in on the act Saturday night, when Carolina Blue headlines the festival's impressive evening concert line-up.

As good as the headliner is, there's much more for visitors to Lake Erie Folk Fest to discover. Saturday, Feb. 22, will see Shore Cultural Centre jam-packed with musicians, music-lovers, dancers, writers and more checking out a full day of free workshops, jams, concerts and dances. Carolina

Blue will appear on the festival's evening concert in the Shore Cultural Centre's historic auditorium starting at 7:30pm. The concert will also feature local legends Harmonia (Eastern European music); Luca Mundaca (Brazilian singer-songwriter); and The Distinguished Gentlemen of Spoken Word (urban performance poetry). Ticket information can be found at www.lakeeriefolkfest.com/tickets.

The Lake Erie Folk Fest is a program of the Northeast Ohio Musical Heritage Association, which also produces the Blue Sky Folk Festival in Willoughby, along with other traditional music events and programs throughout the year. It is presented at Shore Cultural Centre, which offers a wide variety of cultural and educational opportunities, which include classes, studio rental and performances. The festival attracts roots music lovers from Ohio, Pennsylvania and beyond, as well as residents from Euclid, Cleveland and surrounding communities. For more information, visit www.lakeeriefolkfest.com.

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Euclid Alumni Take 5 with Gretchen Harnick ‘86



Gretchen Harnick, Euclid High School Class of 1986.

by Greg Fondran

Gretchen Harnick is a global business strategist specializing in fashion, beauty and wellness. She spent the past 15 years living in New York City, Pittsburgh, Pa. and Paris. In New York, Gretchen worked as a full-time Assistant Professor of Fashion Marketing at Parsons School of Design. She launched the school's social media and managed external partnership competitions with well-known luxury brands. She taught internationally in Tokyo, Shanghai, and Paris and presented

her research globally in Amsterdam and London. Prior to academia, she worked in fashion and retail for companies in Northeast Ohio, owned a clothing boutique in Tremont and a wholesale showroom in Chicago. She also worked in the corporate world while earning an MBA from Case Western Reserve University. Gretchen attended Wittenberg University and earned a BA in Psychology with a Minor in Business Administration. She is a certified yoga teacher, and currently works for a number of clients in Northeast Ohio, New York City and internationally conducting marketing communications and project management.

1. Where did you grow up in Euclid?

I attended Wells Elementary School on Lloyd Road from kindergarten to third grade. At the end of third grade, my parents purchased a house and I transferred to Glenbrook for fourth through sixth grade. I will never forget April Fools Day in sixth grade. Mr. Fakult and the other teacher had us pretend one of the students fainted. Someone ran down to tell Principal Jeanne Howard. When she found out it was a joke, she told us she was going to fire Mr. Fakult. We were beside ourselves! We cried, "No! It was our idea, don't fire him!" We were really

worked up. The next thing you know, all of the teachers and Principal Howard came into the classroom and said "April Fools!" I will never forget how clever they were to twist that joke back on us!!

2. Where did you go to school before Euclid High?

I went to Euclid Central for seventh and eighth grade. I loved the modern building. Mr. Berke was the best math teacher and I guess it didn't hurt Sharon Berke was one of my best friends! I ran Cross Country under Leo Collins, and, oh my, I remember having to run up Chardon Road. Colleen Coyne and I would dally around and if we were slow enough we just had to wait for the first runners to have turned around so we would join them on the way back down the hill.

3. What teacher or class do you most remember and why?

I remember Mr. Charlie Reno's Physics class. Norma Jalovec and I studied together and I always would think, wow, it's crazy that Physics is my favorite class. Mr. Reno was such an exceptional teacher and made it so much fun. I ended up taking Physics again at Wittenberg because of his influence.

4. Did you have a favorite spot in Euclid,

and what did you like about it?

I went to the C.E. Orr Ice Arena to ice skate on Friday nights. I remember going in junior high to meet up with my best friend from Wells, Robin Ramlow, as she went to Forest Park when I was at Central. Heading into early high school, we had a regular group every Friday. I met Patti Jones and Kris Faletic who were of course amazing skaters. I was just there for the pretzels, to skate around with friends and talk to boys.

5. What, if anything, about your Euclid High experience would you do over?

I was focused on doing well in college prep, including learning French with Mr. Ahmed Fellague. This influenced me to study French in college, spend a semester in France, and return to live and work in the country over the years. When I look back, I wish I would have explored my potential with art at Euclid High. I think having multiple interests makes you well-rounded and I always loved various art mediums. I have since taken drawing classes while working at Parsons, but studying art early on would be the one thing I would go back and do over.

Make Toastmasters your New Year's Resolution! Open House Thursday, January 16th

by Greg Fondran

What are you looking for in 2020? A new job? A promotion? More responsibility? Perhaps you just want to improve your ability to communicate, either to your boss, your loved ones, a small crowd or a large audience. Then joining a Toastmas-

ters Club may be the thing for you, because Toastmasters, a worldwide nonprofit educational organization, empowers individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders. "Bailey Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the oppor-

tunity to develop their communication and leadership skills," says Cathy Gerland, Club Treasurer for Bailey Toastmasters.

And there is a local club that meets right here at the Euclid Library every Thursday night. To kick off the New Year, Bailey Toastmasters Club invites residents to its open house at the Euclid Public Library on Thursday, January 16th from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to meet members and see how a Toastmasters meeting is conducted and how being a member can benefit you in your quest for self-improvement.

Open House guests will enjoy a regular Toastmasters meeting that will include a prepared speech, Table Topics" (impromptu speeches) and evaluations. Kris Fondran, who has served in various club positions, will be the Table Topics master. "Table Topics are one of my favorite parts

of the meeting," says Kris. "This is where guests and members are randomly selected to speak for one to two minutes. It helps you think and speak clearly on your feet."

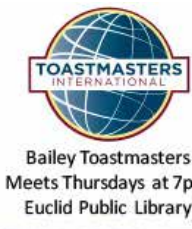
This Toastmasters Open House Event is free to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Date: Thursday, January 16th, 2020
Location: Euclid Public Library, 631 E. 222nd St.

Time: 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

For more information, email: president-3628@toastmastersclubs.org.

Can't make the Open House? Bailey Toastmasters Club meets each Thursday from 7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Euclid Public Library. For more information about the club, please visit https://3628.toastmastersclubs.org/



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COMMUNITY

Connecting for Kids Expands Programming to Euclid in 2020



Music Therapy & More

by Lorilynn Wolf

Connecting for Kids, a local nonprofit that provides education and support to families with concerns about their child, will be expanding to Euclid in 2020 offering its popular Music Therapy & MoreSM and Coffee and Chat programs in partnership with Euclid Public Library starting in January.

"We know the need for our programs is great as we've had more than 10,000 participants during the last eight years. In addition, we field 10 contacts each day from worried parents," said Sarah Rintamaki, Executive Director. "We started on the west side offering programming at libraries in Elyria, Lakewood, Middleburg Heights and Westlake. Two years ago, we expanded east to Solon, but still had families driving an

hour to attend one of our programs who were asking for options closer to home. With this latest expansion, we are able to reach into Euclid and the surrounding areas on Cleveland northeast side."

The first program that will be offered is Music Therapy & More on Saturday, January 11 at 2:30 pm. This hands-on family training program is for children, ages 0-6 years, who are struggling in an area of development. It is designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. The program is led by a Board Certified Music Therapist from Music Therapy Enrichment Center, Inc. (MTEC) and is offered free of charge. Because of limited space, all families must register at [www.connect-](http://www.connectingforkids.org/music)



[ingforkids.org/music](http://www.connectingforkids.org/music) or by calling/texting 440-570-5908, para español 440-907-9130. Music Therapy & More will be offered on a monthly basis throughout the school year at Euclid Public Library.

In addition, Connecting for Kids will hold a Coffee and Chat Support Group entitled "Reaching Out for Support" on Saturday, January 25 at 2:30 pm at the Euclid Public Library.

The goal of the program is to allow families of children who struggle to meet others on a similar journey. Attendees will have an informal discussion about ways to find support. Those interested can register at www.connectingforkids.org/support or by calling/texting 440-570-5908, para español 440-907-9130.

Connecting for Kids serves all families, including those children with and without formal diagnoses. Through its website, Service Provider Directory and local resource fairs, the organization provides resources for a number of concerns including anxiety, attention issues, developmental delays, epilepsy, and sensory issues. The organization also helps families whose children are having difficulty making friends, struggling academically or facing a major life change such as parents divorcing. A Parent Match Program connects those facing similar struggles.

For more information about Connecting for Kids, visit: www.connectingforkids.org, email: info@connectingforkids.org or call: 440-570-5908, para español 440-907-9130.

The New Year is a Great Time to Buy a New Set of Wheels

by Dave Godek

The new year is a great time to save some money on a new set of wheels.

Consumers can benefit from the combination of several market situations, said Mike Losneck, CEO of Eaton Family Credit Union. "Dealers typically have year-end sales events to sell off remaining vehicles, and if you wait until the end of the month, automakers and dealers are looking to meet monthly sales targets so they're more aggressively discounting vehicles."

But according to Automotive News, more Americans are likely to turn toward a used, rather than new, car for their next purchase. Escalating vehicle prices and growing auto loan debt could be responsible for the growth of used car sales, Losneck said.

Kelley Blue Book reported an average new car cost \$37,285 in June, up 3.1 percent from the same time the previous year. In comparison, Edmunds.com reported the average price for a used car during the first quarter was \$20,200 – up 2.5 percent over the previous year.

We've seen costs steadily rise over the past five years, Losneck said. During this

period, new-vehicle prices rose by more than \$4,000 and used-car prices, while the growth was slower, they also grew \$2,000.

Losneck explained, "in 2018, the price gap between a new car versus a 3-year-old used vehicle was 62 percent, meaning a customer could save an average of nearly \$14,000 by purchasing used instead of new."

Financing the purchase of a vehicle also has seen costs rise.

According to research by Lendingtree, Americans owed more than \$1.16 trillion in auto loans as of March 2019, an increase of \$47.7 billion over the same period in 2018.

Fortunately, Ohio credit unions offer lower average loan rates on both new and used car loans, Losneck said.

The Credit Union National Association (CUNA) estimates financing a new automobile priced at \$25,000 for 60 months at an Ohio credit union will save Members an average of \$109 per year in interest expense compared to what they'd pay at other financial institutions in the state.

In addition to saving money by financing a vehicle purchase at your nearest credit union, CUNA also offers these money-sav-

ings tips for buying your next vehicle:

- **Calculate which car buying option is best for you.** Prepare ahead of your purchase by calculating and weighing your car buying options. Will you buy new or used? Will you lease? Each individual's scenario is different so you should choose the option to best fit your specific transportation, mileage and budget needs.
- **Don't buy more car than you want or need.** If you can't afford and/or don't need the expensive equipment or options many cars have, then don't pay the extra dollars. Just because a particular car – without all the bells and whistles – is not on the lot you're shopping doesn't mean the dealer can't order it for you.
- **Negotiate a lower price — or find a ready-made deal.** Go into your car-buying experience knowing the price you want to pay by using a car pricing website such as Kelley Blue Book or Edmunds. They can show you Manufacturer Suggested Retail Price (MSRP) sticker prices, dealer invoice prices and average sale prices so you know the true value of the vehicle you're hunting. Shop all your options. Car shopping has never been an easier process than it is now.

Happy Times at the Heritage Park Association Holiday Gathering



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2020 EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY Coffee Connections Luncheon	JULY Coffee Connections Golf Outing
FEBRUARY Coffee Connections State of the City Luncheon	AUGUST Coffee Connections ECCA Business After Hours
MARCH Coffee Connections Annual Awards Luncheon	SEPTEMBER Coffee Connections Community Leaders Breakfast
APRIL Coffee Connections ECCA Business After Hours	OCTOBER Coffee Connections ECCA Luncheon
MAY Coffee Connections Luncheon	NOVEMBER Coffee Connections Luncheon
JUNE Coffee Connections Taste of Euclid	DECEMBER Coffee Connections Holiday Mix-n-Mingle

***Subject to change. For complete details and registration, go to euclidchamber.com/events. Check back regularly for changes and additions to our calendar. Additional events, including our BiteSized Business Workshops and other collaborative and hot topic events will be added to our calendar as scheduled. All events are open to everyone, regardless of membership, however, members enjoy the benefit of reduced pricing on ticketed events.**

EUCLID CHAMBER EVENTS

We believe in the importance of personal networking as a tool to grow your business. Help your company gain exposure while making strong, lasting connections with local business leaders. We generally offer the following events throughout the year:

Coffee Connections: free monthly networking event hosted by members
Luncheons: lunch with a guest speaker or speed networking (4-6/yr)
Annual Awards Luncheon: celebrating our members & annual meeting
Taste of Euclid: annual event held in the evening
Euclid Works: human resource related events
Golf Outing: held annually in July at Briardale Greens Golf Course
Holiday Mix-n-Mingle: annual evening event in December
Community Leaders Breakfast: annual event in the fall
Business After Hours: networking events held at a variety of locations
Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies: as scheduled
BiteSize Business Workshops: workshops on a variety of business topics, scheduled throughout the year
Eastern Cuyahoga County Alliance (ECCA): 3-4 events held throughout the year with 5 other area chambers (Beachwood, Mayfield, Heights-Hillcrest, Solon and Warrensville area)
Collaborative events: 1-2 times each year we partner with the Western Willoughby Lake County Chamber (WWLCC) to further expand your networking reach

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Fat Cats Brings a Holiday Meal to Remember to Hospice Families

by Laurie Henriksen

Once each month, Meal to Remember brings a different Cleveland-area restaurant to Hospice of the Western Reserve's in-patient care center, David Simpson Hospice House on E. 185th St. Residents of the hospice house and their families are treated to a restaurant dining experience, complete with fine china and linens, wine and live musical entertainment. All of the food, time and talent are donated by the restaurant. Photography, centerpieces and live musical entertainment for the dinners are provided by Hospice of the Western Reserve volunteers, who also assist the culinary teams with serving.

This month, Fat Cats owner/chef, Ricardo Sandoval, business partner Jack Anfang and the Meal to Remember team hosted a special holiday season Meal to Remember. The dinner was accompanied by perfect wine pairings chosen by Bridget Assing Marok and provided by Scoperta Importing.

"Fat Cats has returned several times to prepare and serve a Meal to Remember for

our patients and families," said Bill Finn, President and CEO. "We are incredibly grateful to Chef Sandoval and the Fat Cats culinary team for their generosity. There is no greater gift to give to these families than more time to spend with their loved ones. The simple act of gathering around the table together for conversation and a fine dining experience is an experience most of them have not had for months. It is so meaningful - especially during this holiday season."

Fat Cats, one of the pioneering restaurants in Cleveland's trendy Tremont neighborhood, has been described by one food writer as a "Modern American Melting Pot" with a menu that draws from a variety of influences, including Asian, European and North and South American cuisines. The restaurant was named to the Plain Dealer/Cleveland.com's "Cool Places to Eat A-List" as one of the city's best restaurants.

Interested in having your restaurant participate in the Meal to Remember program? Contact Lori Scotese at lscotese@hospicewr.org, 216.287.8193.

CASA of Cuyahoga County Needs Volunteers for Abused and Neglected Children



by Michele Blazina

CASA of Cuyahoga County, a program of Child and Family Advocates of Cuyahoga County (CFACC), is a nation-wide

network of 1000 programs that recruit, train and support citizen-volunteers to advocate for the best interests of children in courtrooms and communities. Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs), appointed directly by the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, provide the Court with information it needs to make critical decisions in the child's life. CASAs advocate for each child's best interests in Court. To be effective, CASAs get to know the child, work with family members and other significant individuals in the child's life, doctors, therapists, teachers, social workers, and attorney Guardians ad Litem (GALs). CASAs review records, attend court hearings and make recommendations to the Court in the child's best interests. These special community volunteers advocate for the child throughout the life of the case.

CASA of Cuyahoga County needs more community volunteers to advocate for children in Juvenile Court. In Cuyahoga County, there are close to 800 children under court-ordered protective supervision and more than 3,000 children who have been removed from their homes because the risk of abuse and neglect is too great. Each of

these children deserves the individual support and advocacy of a CASA volunteer in court.

CASAs only advocate for one or two sibling groups at a time. To become a CASA, community members must be at least 21 years of age, pass screening requirements, and attend training provided by CFACC.

The CASA program currently has 90 trained volunteers. These community volunteers have dedicated their time and attention to over 400 children and volunteering 14,000 hours. CASAs have been credited with reducing foster care placement and trauma, reducing child welfare costs and care gaps, and helping to prevent transition problems for older youth. The work for this segment of our community has only just begun and there is a long way to go, but as a former foster child stated, "To give a child a CASA volunteer is to give them a voice. To give them a voice is to give them hope, and to give them hope is to give them the world."

Abused and neglected children need the help of caring community members. Individuals interested in becoming a CASA volunteer are encouraged to visit our website at cfadvocates.org, or to contact CFACC at info@cfadvocates.org or 216-443-3377 to learn more about our important child-serving programs.

Take a stand ~ Make a difference ~ Change a life ~ Get involved today!

COMMUNITY

Something special: Downtown Euclid set to become region's next Special Improvement District

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Beach Club Bistro owner Greg Jurcisin



Euclid's SID will span Lakeshore Boulevard from the Mary Mavec Opportunity School to East 228th Street and south along East 222nd Street to encompass Shore Cultural Centre. Only commercial properties are included; no residential or church properties are part of the SID. Though Euclid has other commercial corridors, like Euclid Avenue and East 185th Street, downtown was chosen not only for its growing concentration of businesses, including Great Scott Tavern, Beach Club Bistro, Lake Shore Coffee House, Paragon Wine Bar and Atlas Cinemas, but its proximity to what might be Euclid's best asset: the lake.

"There are lots of other Special Improvement Districts throughout the Cleveland area," says Sheila Gibbons, executive director of the Euclid Chamber of Commerce, referring to areas like Coventry and Shaker Square. "But we have the unique feature that we're right on the lakefront. With all the waterfront improvements going on right now, we have a great opportunity to try and drive new people to come into Euclid, enjoy our lakefront and our restaurants, and really have a full experience of what Euclid truly is."

Gibbons has been working on the SID designation for several years, talking to other areas in the region that have successfully used an SID to foster development (like Ohio City), and working with business owners in downtown Euclid to hone the vision. Since each district is dif-

ferent, the improvements are tailored to its distinct needs. While the parameters of Euclid's final SID plan are still being finalized, the common areas of focus that business owners cite were security, safety, beautification, and marketing (to both visitors and businesses looking to potentially set up shop in Euclid).

Some ideas they've developed to address those four points are subcontracting the Downtown Cleveland Alliance's Clean and Safe Ambassadors to walk around during events, hiring a local company to clean up litter, and finding someone to do landscaping throughout the area. But the marketing possibilities have Beach Club Bistro owner Greg Jurcisin most excited.

"I think that's the biggest thing we're missing here in Euclid that Cleveland has," he says. "We need something like that to take the lead so all us little guys can jump on and not feel overwhelmed."



Greg Lawrence, owner of Lake Shore Coffee House



ate more excitement around the area, citing Gordon Square's transformation over the last 20 years from a rundown area into a bustling entertainment destination full of desirable townhomes as the holy grail for Euclid. (Gordon Square's success came in part as a result of a SID designation.)

"The improvement district is a stepping stone to get into that type of scenario," says Jurcisin. "There are a lot of positive things going on, and building up strong retail here is, I think, the next evolution. From that evolution, they can bring in some new housing, which would be kind of like how Gordon Square started."

Coffee boost

Greg Lawrence, owner of Lake Shore Coffee House, has seen firsthand how one small business taking a chance can snowball. After all, he pretty much started the downtown Euclid resurgence when he opened 27 years ago among mostly vacant storefronts.

"When I came in with the coffee house, it was a little bit of a spark for the neighborhood," he says. "It helped encourage people's thinking into taking a chance and maybe opening up another business. It took a little bit of time, but Greg [Jurcisin] then opened up the Beach Club Bistro. It helped a lot. And then the city got more actively involved."

Like Jurcisin, he's optimistic about what the SID could mean for downtown Euclid: "I think this district would encourage more

activity and bring people that want to have a nightlife but don't want to necessarily have to go to downtown [Cleveland]."

The SID probably will kick off in late spring (once a budget and other details are finalized). In the meantime, downtown has been enjoying more growth with the opening of Bananas for Bikes and Omni Board Game Parlor within the last year, and Pulp Juice & Smoothie Bar slated to open soon. Other businesses have expressed interest too, although nothing is set in stone, Gibbons says.

If all goes well with the SID, and development continues downtown, the city's next step could be to seek Community Entertainment District designation for the area, which would allow some flexibility on liquor laws. Think sipping a glass of wine in nearby Sims Park, along the lakefront, during one of the city's events, like the Summer Concert Series or Wind Fest.

Like Jurcisin, Gibbons wants to see downtown's designation as an SID serve as a springboard for economic development throughout Euclid: "Hopefully, this creates some type of a model that we can tweak, learn from, and adapt to incorporate into other areas of the city."

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

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Euclid City Council President,
Charlene Mancuso

AGENDA EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019 AT 7:00 PM EUCLID MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBER		
ACTION	LEGISLATION	PROPOSED
Third Reading	1. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a Purchase and Sale Agreement to sell the properties at Century Corners, 26600 Euclid Avenue, Euclid OH (PPNs 648-42-004 and PPN 648-42-002) to Celebration Village at Providence Park, LLC for the development of an age-in-place retirement community. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Ord. (112a-19)
PASSED AS AMENDED 6 - 3 116-2019	Comment: This would authorize the sale of city-owned parcels for development of Celebration Village at Providence Park.	
Second Reading	2. A resolution authorizing the amendment of the consent judgment with Providence Baptist Church to allow for a new development project called Celebration Village at Providence Park. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail) (Sent to Executive and Finance and referred back to Council with recommendation for passage)	Res. (113-19)
SENT TO THIRD READING	Comment: This would authorize an amendment of the consent judgment on a prior lawsuit concerning property of Providence Baptist Church.	
SENT TO SECOND READING	3. An ordinance authorizing the sale of Permanent Parcel Number 650-01-077, vacant land at 21100 Euclid Avenue, from the Euclid Land Bank, to Euclid Retail Investments, LLC for the amount of One Dollar (\$1.00) as authorized by Ordinance Nos. 98-2010 and 101-2011. (Sponsored by Planning and Zoning) (Referred to council by Planning and Zoning with a recommendation for passage)	Ord. (119-19)
	Comment: This would authorize the sale of a land bank parcel.	
PASSED 8 - 1 117-2019	4. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a contract for the rental and catering of the Lakefront Community Center with Chef's for Hire beginning January 2, 2020 through December 31, 2021. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Res. (120-19)
	Comment: This would extend the contract with the current rental agent and caterer for the senior center.	
PASSED 9 - 0 118-2019	5. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Cuyahoga County for care and housing of Euclid's charged prisoners from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Ord. (129-19)
	Comment: This would authorize a contract with Cuyahoga County to care and house Euclid's charged prisoners.	
PASSED 9 - 0 119-2019	6. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into a three (3) year agreement with Geauga County for care and housing of Euclid's uncharged prisoners from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Ord. (128-19)
	Comment: This would authorize a contract with Geauga County to care and house Euclid's uncharged prisoners.	
PASSED 7 - 2 120-2019	7. An ordinance authorizing the Mayor or her designee on behalf of the City of Euclid to enter into a professional services Agreement with SmithGroup for Phase IV (D) for the final design and engineering, construction documents and bidding assistance for implementation of Phase II – East of the central shoreline capital improvements recommendation as part of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan, not to exceed One Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$150,000). (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Ord. (123-19)
	Comment: This would authorize a contract with SmithGroup for phase IV of the Waterfront Improvements Plan.	
PASSED 7 - 2 121-2019	8. A resolution supporting an application to the FY 2020-2021 State of Ohio Capital Budget for Three Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) for construction of the eastern portion of Phase II of the Euclid Waterfront Improvements Plan. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Res. (124-19)
	Comment: This would support an application to the State's capital budget for \$3 million for the Waterfront Improvement Plan.	
First Reading	9. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid, or her designee, to submit, accept and expend a FY2020 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant Program Application in an amount up to Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) to construct a new outdoor community basketball court at Bluestone Elementary School. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Councilperson Hill)	Res. (121-19)
SENT TO SECOND READING	Comment: This would authorize the grant application and expenditure, if awarded, to construct a basketball court at Bluestone Elementary School.	
PASSED 9 - 0 123-2019	10. An emergency ordinance which makes for the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2020. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso by request of the Director of Finance)	Ord. (125-19)
	Comment: This is the annual budget appropriation for 2020.	
PASSED 9 - 0 124-2019	11. A resolution authorizing the Director of Finance of the City of Euclid to take advances on the collection of Real Estate Taxes, Personal Property Taxes, and Special Assessments. (Sponsored by All Members of Council by request of the Director of Finance)	Res. (122-19)

SENT TO EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE	12.	An ordinance amending Section 125.06 "Minutes" and repealing Section 125.03 "Personal Notice of Meetings" of Chapter 125 "Open Meetings" of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council.(Sponsored by Council President Mancuso)	Ord. (126-19)
	Comment: This would authorize the Finance Director to take an advance from the county on the collection of taxes and assessments.		
SENT TO EXECUTIVE AND FINANCE	13.	An ordinance amending Sections 121.07 "Order of Business," 121.15 "Clerk," 121.18 "Committee of the Whole," 121.20 "Council Members" Comments," 121.22 "Order," 121.32 "Handbilling," and enacting Sections 121.33 "Miscellaneous" and 121.35 "Removal" of Chapter 121 "Council" of the Administrative Code of the Codified Ordinances for the City of Euclid to amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso)	Ord. (127-19)
	Comment: This would amend and enact codes pertaining to the business of and matters before the Euclid City Council.		
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	5.	A resolution authorizing all actions necessary to support the extension of a governmental Natural Gas Aggregation Program with opt-out provisions pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, directing the Mayor to execute a supply agreement amendment with Constellation Energy Services – Natural Gas, LLC. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)	Res. (131-19)
	Comment: This would set the gas rate for members of the City's aggregation program.		
	6.	An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to enter into an agreement with CHN Housing Partners to lease office space at Euclid City Hall for a one (1) year period beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Councilperson Gorshe)	Ord. (135-19)
	Comment: This would authorize the city to enter into a lease agreement with CHN for an office inside Euclid City Hall		
	7.	An emergency ordinance amending Ordinance #31-2019 which make the annual appropriation for all expenditures for the City of Euclid for the period ending December 31, 2019. (Sponsored by Council President Mancuso by request of the Director of Finance)	Ord. (136-19)
	Comment: This is the annual year-end budget for 2019.		
	8.	A resolution to appoint Chuck Ventura to the Euclid Animal Shelter Commission. (Sponsored by Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail)	Res. (132-19)
	Comment: This appoints a new member of the Euclid Animal Shelter Commission.		
Second Reading	9.	An ordinance authorizing the Director of Law of the City of Euclid to renew the lease agreement with the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit for the dog park for three (3) years or until September 30, 2022. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail) (Sent to the Parks and Recreation Committee and referred back to Council with no recommendation)	Ord. (115-19)
FAILED 0 - 9	Comment: This would renew the lease with RTA for the dog park.		
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CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

PASSED 9 - 0 125-2019	A resolution of gratitude and commendation to Taneika Hill for her service to the residents of Ward 3 and the City of Euclid as Councilperson. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Entire Council)	Res. (133-19)
PASSED 9 - 0 126-2019	A resolution of gratitude and commendation to Daryl Langman for his service to the residents of Ward 7 and the City of Euclid as Councilperson. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Entire Council)	Res. (134-19)



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Euclid City Services

Animal Control	289-2057
Briardale Golf Course	289-8574
C. E. Orr Ice Arena	289-8649
Euclid City Hall	289-2700
Euclid City Schools	797-2901
Euclid Court	289-2888
Euclid Creek Resv	440-473-3370
Euclid Family Y	731-7454
Euclid Police Non-Emergency Block Watch	731-1234 289-8449
Euclid Library	261-5300
Euclid Neighborhood Engagement	289-826
Henn Mansion	731-5060
Housing Dep't. Housing and Property Conditions	289-8127
Lakefront Sr. Community Ctr.	289-2985
Mayor's Office Kirsten Holzheimer Gail	289-2700
Recreation Dep't. Youth, Adult and Family Pgms	289-8114
Service Dep't. Street Conditions	289-2701
Sim's Park	289-2700
Shore Cultural Ctr.	289-8578
Domestic Violence	391-HELP
Ward 1 Council Stephana Caviness	240-0901
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Winter Driving Tips



by Kate McLaughlin
Snow and ice can make driving extremely dangerous during the winter months, so making safer choices before and during driving can help prevent an

emergency situation.

Have your mechanic conduct a winter maintenance check-up, watch the tire pressure, be sure the heater and defrosters are working properly, and purchase new wiper blades if current blades are worn out. Re-

member to keep your fuel tank full and don't let it fall below half a tank. Keep an ice scraper/snow brush in your vehicle.

In the event of inclement weather, check social media sites like OHGO Real Time Ohio Traffic for road closures and warnings. Allow extra time to get to your destinations. Maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and traffic ahead. Pay close attention to bridges and overpasses which tend to freeze over before the roads. Drive slowly when accelerating, turning, and braking because these take longer on snow-covered pavement.

Drivers are encouraged to carry a win-

ter car kit in their vehicle to use in case of a breakdown while on the road. The kit can contain: cell phone and charger, road flares or reflectors, help sign, first aid kit, flashlight, batteries, gloves, blanket or sleeping bag, small shovel and kitty litter, bottled water and energy snacks, and jumper cables.

When warming the vehicle up in your driveway, do not let it sit unattended and unsecured. Take your travel mug of coffee, wrap a scarf around your neck, and sit inside the car a few minutes until it is time to go. Car thieves are always on the prowl for unattended, running vehicles.

Safe driving everyone!

Euclid Fire Department Recognized



The Euclid Fire Department was recognized at Monday night's city council meeting for completing the Cuyahoga County Office of

Emergency Management's Ready/Certify program. This voluntary program evaluates our preparedness in planning for, mitigating, responding to, and recovering from emergencies or disasters that occur within the City of Euclid.



Euclid Fire Department

Another year in the books and another new record for annual responses. Be safe and healthy in 2020. We'd be happy with a lower number of calls.

December 2019 - Monthly Service Report
Total December Responses: 991
YTD Responses (through 12/31/19): 11,271
Fires: 13 (7 building, 4 cooking, 2 vehicles)
EMS/Rescue: 864
Hazardous Condition (no fire): 25
Service Calls: 22
Good Intent Calls: 7
False Alarms & False Calls: 60
Aid Given: 5
Aid Received: 6
Overlapping Incidents: 614 (60.67%)
Estimated Property Lost: \$152,600
Estimated Property Saved: \$7,998,600
Percentage of property saved: 98.13%
Percentage of property lost: 1.87%

Euclid pride is the community coming together and showing that love is real!



Euclid Police Citizens Police Academy
Enrollment for the Tuesday evening course that begins January 28th and runs through April 7th is open. Applications are online at: <http://euclidpd.org/citizens-police-academy-application/>
In this once a week 6:30 – 9 p.m. course, participants will learn about the patrol division, narcotics & vice, detective bureau, community policing, traffic unit, SWAT/EDGE, animal control; and will spend an evening on the gun range and complete a ride-along with an officer. You must be a Euclid resident 18 years or older or a non-resident who owns a business in Euclid to be eligible.

Join Euclid Police
Wednesday, January 22
Euclid Public Library
631 E. 222 Street
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

EUCLID REC

EUCLID RECREATION

Boot Camp for Girls

The Euclid Recreation Department will be offering Boot Camp for Girls at Shore Cultural Centre. The Boot Camp is designed for girls 8-12. All sessions will take place on Fridays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Price: \$25 for all 7 sessions

Session 1: January 31	Session 2: February 7	Session 3: February 21	Session 4: March 6
Session 5: March 20	Session 6: April 3	Session 7: April 17	

SOFTBALL

REGISTRATION

2019 Softball League Season
April - Mid July
Resident \$75 | Non-Resident \$112
Age Groups
8U 10U 12U 14U 16U
Euclid will participate in the Willoughby Baseball League. Games will be played in Euclid, Wickliffe, Willowick, Eastlake, Willoughby and Willoughby Hills depending on the division on weekday evenings. This is a competitive recreation league.

Volunteer Coaches are welcome!

Register Today - April 7th

WINTER PANTHER HOOPS

AGES 5-15
DATES: Dec-Feb
Residents \$75 | Non-Residents \$100

This is a recreation-level basketball league. Teams will practice once a week during the evenings (coaches will decide day/time).

Register online or in Euclid City Hall.

585 E. 222nd St Euclid, OH 44123

Free After School Skate

Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month

September - March
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

September 18, 2019
October 16, 2019
November 20, 2019
December 18, 2019
January 15, 2020
February 19, 2020
March 18, 2020

C.E. Orr Arena
22550 Milton Rd Euclid OH 44123

7AM - 4PM

Shore cultural center

\$20 Residents Per Day	\$30 Non-Residents Per Day
\$75 Residents Per Week	\$100 Non-Residents Per Week

OCT. 11th

NOV. 5th

JAN. 21st

FEB. 14th

APRIL 13th

WINTER BREAK - DEC. 23rd, 24th, 27th, JAN. 2nd & 3rd

SPRING BREAK - MARCH 16th - 20th

Panther Camp Kids Days Off is designed to provide a safe, fun-filled program for school-age children for those days when school is out!

Activities will include Gym Games, Ice Skating, and Arts and Crafts!

Please pack a brown bag lunch!

Presented by Euclid Recreation's PANTHER CAMP

For more information please contact the Euclid Recreation Department
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OUR LADY OF THE LAKE SCHOOL
Pre-K through 8th Grade

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OLL Open House Sunday, January 26th Ushers in Catholic Schools Week

Students with STEM teacher.

by Bev Caldwell

All are welcome to tour OLL School and learn more about Quality Catholic Education at an Open House held on Sunday, January 16th from 11am to 1pm. Visitors are encouraged to tour the school, sign up for a shadow day, and inquire about scholarships that can help parents get the best education for their child.

OLL Student ambassadors will greet visitors and guide them to classrooms where teachers will provide insight into the quality academic curriculum that OLL provides, with student work that reflects the technology and enrichment classes offered at OLL.

In addition to OLL's award winning curriculum, OLL's is proud of the supportive faith community of caring teachers, involved families and active

OLL PTO greeting visitors.

PTO that helps children to learn in a positive and nurturing environment.

Catholic Schools Week is Sunday, January 26th through February 1st. OLL kicks off Catholic Schools Week with a public Open House and continues through the week celebrating in the school with various fun activities and events. Mrs. Jenny Millett, principal of OLL School, highlighted some of the week's special

events including "One Book, One School" activities, a Cleveland Cavalier's Assembly, Spelling and Geography Bees, an All-School Mass and an Ecumenical Prayer Service.

For inquiries about the Open House or to schedule a Tour of the School, please call 216-481-6824 or email Mrs. Jenny Millett, principal, at jmillett@olleuclid.org.

Night At the Races Event Saturday, February 1st Supports OLL School

by Bev Caldwell

Life on the Lake presents the annual fundraiser Night at the Races on Saturday, February 1st, 2020. Tickets are still available (\$55) for a most enjoyable evening of Races and Raffles at the Irish American Club from 5:30 until 11:30pm. All are welcome to enjoy a fabulous evening for a good cause.

This favorite annual event combines great food, refreshments and company with a full evening of entertainment that includes races, raffles and an incredible array of prizes from spas to sporting events.

Proceeds from this largest yearly fundraiser directly benefit OLL School Students, as past proceeds have afforded the latest technology in every classroom.

Join neighbors and meet new friends at this festive event on Saturday, February 1st. For tickets, please call 216-481-6824 or email Lauren Zbiegien at lzbiegien@olleuclid.org or Ann Kilroy at kkilroy2012@roadrunner.com.


An Annual Tradition - Christmas Mass Selfies

by Bev Caldwell

This year, at Christmas Masses, parishioners were asked to take a selfie of themselves with their families. Willingly, folks took out their phones and snapped a couple of pictures with their families - everyone smiling - and enjoying what is becoming an annual tradition at OLL.

The Christmas selfie, prompted by Fr. Joe's invitation, once again helps to capture a special collective memory of parish family, as hundreds of smiling faces are put into a beautiful Christmas Album that will be treasured for years to come. These individual family photos help to create a wonderful tapestry of our 2019 Christmas.

Join the Discussion at: www.euclidobserver.com



ST. JOHN NOTTINGHAM
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St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

10 Reasons Why



SJN Students at the aquarium.

by David Peck

I’ve been at SJN for two decades now, first as a teacher, and now as Principal. I’ve seen the school go through many transformations, and I’m proud of where we are and where we are going. The most common question I get as Principal is “Why should we go to Nottingham?” Well, here we are: the Top Ten Reasons to Attend St. John Nottingham Lutheran School.

1. HISTORY. St John Nottingham is one of the oldest continually-operating parochial schools in Ohio, having opened in 1892 when the area wasn’t even part of Cleveland. It was a small farming village named Nottingham. Over the last 120+ years, SJN



8th graders hard at work on a group project

has continued to be a central figure in the East Cleveland area, heavily involved in education, community service, and worship. Coming to SJN, you would be joining that long history.

2. FAITH. St. John Nottingham is, first and foremost, a school based on faith in Jesus Christ, His teachings, and the Word of God. Coming to SJN, you will be joining that faith community.

3. EXPERIENCE. St. John Nottingham may be traditional, but it’s a tradition based on more than 12 decades of experience. More than half of the teaching staff at SJN have 20+ years of direct classroom experience. The Senior Pastor has been serving

the school for more than half a century. Coming to SJN, you will be benefitting from that experience.

4.DEDICATION. St. John Nottingham faculty and staff are some of the most dedicated and committed educators I have ever worked with. They consistently put in the extra mile to help every student and family that needs it. Coming to SJN, you will be on the receiving end of that dedication.

5. INNOVATION. St. John Nottingham is not stuck in the past, despite our long history. We are constantly seeking new and better ways of teaching, integrating technology, and assisting students with navigating the complex and at times bewildering social environment of school. Coming to SJN, you will be part of that continuous innovation.

6. FLEXIBILITY. St. John Nottingham, as an independent school of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, is not controlled by some far-off regulatory body. That means that parents get to speak directly with the people who make the final decisions, and issues and accommodations can be worked out quickly and efficiently. Coming to SJN, you will be a part of that local flexibility.

7. ACCREDITATION. St. John Nottingham is fully accredited by the National Lutheran Schools Association, an accrediting body recognized by the State of Ohio

as exceeding the actual requirements of the State to operate a school. Coming to SJN, you will enjoy that increased academic rigor.

8. OPPORTUNITIES. St. John Nottingham offers many, ever-changing opportunities for our students. Some, like our championship basketball and volleyball teams, are offered every year, and others are offered as student interest indicates, from chimes choir to Latin clubs, hobby clubs, academic competitions, and more. SJN uses its flexibility to offer what students want, not just what we think they want. Coming to SJN, you will have the opportunity to help shape these opportunities.

9. INVOLVEMENT. St. John Nottingham encourages parents and families to become as involved as possible with the school and worship. Many of our coaches and support personnel are drawn from parents and families. But SJN also knows that many families are very busy, so we do not require extensive involvement. We just encourage it! Coming to SJN, you will able to be as involved in the school as you have time for.

10. JESUS CHRIST. It always comes down to this St. John Nottingham is a place where our Lord and Savior is ALWAYS first and foremost. Coming to SJN, you will be joining that Christ-centered community.

SJN Student of the Month:
Marie Gerald-Murray



by David Peck

Meet Marie Gerald-Murry, St. John Nottingham’s Student of the Month!

Marie is a 5th grade honor Roll Student at St. John Nottingham Lutheran School and is not only the Student of the Month, but the top PBR earner for the entire school! (PBR’s are “Positive Behavior Referrals”

given out by staff when students exemplify the Christian nature of our school by acts of kindness and the like.)

Marie’s favorite subject is Science class because she likes to do experiments and that science can be used to solve world problems like finding a cure for cancer. Her favorite event at SJN are the quarterly FACT nights when all of the students, staff, and families get together to share a mean and see student work. Marie plans on going to Lutheran High School East of Villa Angela St. Joseph, and wants to be a game designer when she grows up.

Some of her favorite things to do are attending Christian Summer camps and taking swimming lessons, and she is very into arts and crafts like making costumes.

It’s quality, Christian students like Marie that help to make SJN the place that it is. Congratulations on being the SJN Student of the Month!

Principal’s Corner

by David Peck

What would New Year’s Day be like in Heaven? Would there even be one? Now, the Bible says in Revelation 21:23 that “[Heaven] does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.” So I guess there won’t be a New Year’s “day” at all. No sun; no day, no year. But in Isaiah 65: 17-20, the prophet talks about how in the new creation being a century old won’t be that old at all, so maybe years in Heaven are a thing after all.

One of my favorite hymns, “Amazing Grace,” talks about how, after singing His praises for 10,000 years, we will still have as many years to go as we did when we started, so time in Heaven again doesn’t really seem to be a thing, but time here on Earth? That’s a thing of which we never have enough.

New Year’s Day is a good time to stop and think about that time. The time we have here as well as the time we will have in Heaven. We can be assured that God will bless us in the coming year, even if the thought of the coming year is causing us stress and worry. I try to live my life by Philippians 4:6 at this time of year: “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Probably the hardest thing to do, right there. To let go of anxiety and worry and pray. January is the best time to get back into this habit.

Many passages promise us blessings for our obedience to God (Psalm 5:12, 112:2). Many more promise us blessings for our trust in Him (Psalm 34:10, Jeremiah 17:7), for our faithful prayer (Matthew 7:7-11, Ephesians 3:20), and even for our suffering (Job 23:10, Romans 8:28). Our blessings are assured.

So in this coming year we can set aside the stress and worry. We have our Lord’s permission to set it aside and place it on His shoulders. I counsel this almost every day to students and even staff: let God take this one; you don’t have to. It is human nature (and very much my nature) to try to assume all the burdens, all the time. To take on the weight of the coming year at 12:01 AM on January 1st. Even for other people (one of the hardest lessons I ever learned in life is that you just can’t make New Year’s resolutions for other people, no matter how much they may need it....). The ball drops, the glasses clink, and the panic starts.

This year? This year let’s put all of that on God. He has our backs.

of God presented by the students and Senior Pastor Marcis.

Students sang in German, Latin, and even sign language as the service brought the focus of the season solidly on to our Lord and Savior. The very rafters shook

during the final song and we couldn’t be more pleased with the faith shown by the students and their families!

St. John Nottingham wishes each and every person reading this a joyous New Year! Blessings!

SJN Students Lead Christmas
Worship Service



by David Peck

On Thursday, December 19, the students of St. John Nottingham helped to lead a special Christmas worship service centered on Lessons and Carols. A packed Sanctuary joined in in praising and hearing the Word

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Leaders of the Month



Congratulations to our Imagine Bella student leaders!

The following students were chosen by their peers as leaders of the month along with Journie Brandon, Niy’La Bagley, Nadya Walker, Ariyonna Davis, Raymond Bacchus, Janiyah

Field Trips and Visitors



Kindergarten had a great time at the aquarium!



Mrs. Jenkins and her class all smiles from the aquarium!



RealEyes visits Ms. Hoy’s room to help students learn about their eyes.



RealEyes meets with the 2nd graders and has some students help out in the presentation.

In December, more classes went to the Aquarium and we had presenters visit the school from RealEyes. Check out these photos!

PTO Holiday Helpers



Students stop to help with tree setup



Thank you PTO for help with our Giving Tree this year!



Mystery presents and our giving tree for December.

Thank you to the PTO for helping us decorate the halls for the month of December! We even had some students show off their tree setup skills. Teachers brought in presents for the return of the Mystery Gift Raffle. Thank you to all the families who donated and helped wrap presents for our giving tree. Hope all the students, families, and teachers of Imagine Bella had a great winter break!

Holiday Celebrations



Ms. Shoemaker’s class got a copy of The Snowy Day by Ezra Jack Keats to enjoy over break!



Kindergarten Pajama Movie Party!



Mrs. Nie’s room is building gingerbread houses!

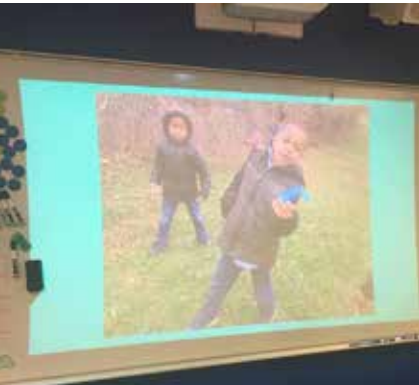


Gingerbread house fun in Ms. Eucker’s room! Yum!

Check out some photos from classroom celebrations on the last day before break!

Season of Service

Each classroom completed projects to support their community during the Season of Service at Imagine Bella. See a few photos of projects classrooms were working on with their class.



Kindergarten slideshow of their project cleaning up our park!



2nd graders made cards and care packages for firefighters!



6th grade made placemats for residents at a local nursing home!



4th grade collecting donations for the Euclid Animal Shelter!



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. CREDIBILITY.

Christopher Papouras named as superintendent

The Euclid City Schools Board of Education voted in December to appoint Euclid High School alumnus Christopher Papouras as the district's new superintendent. Papouras has served as interim superintendent since August. He had been named as assistant superintendent on June 1 and has been an administrator in the district for 11 years. A 1986 Euclid High School graduate, Papouras previously served as principal of Chardon Hills Magnet School from 2012 to 2019. He also served as assistant principal at Forest Park Middle School and Upson Elementary School. He has worked in education for more than 20 years including as a classroom teacher, teachers union president and coach. "It became very clear to the board over the past three months that Mr. Papouras is an insightful, collaborative, highly motivated leader who is committed to providing the best public school educational experience to all students who attend Euclid City Schools," Euclid City Schools Board of Education President Donna Sudar said. "We are looking forward to working with Mr. Papouras for many years to come." Papouras referred to the appointment as a "tremendous honor" and said it's wonderful to have the opportunity to give back to the Euclid community. He thanked teachers and staff "who have contributed in preparing me for this role." "What we do really does matter for all the students who walk into our classrooms," he said. "To students, my message is dream big because there is little power in small dreams." "I am so looking forward to the next steps in our journey."



Euclid City Schools Superintendent Christopher Papouras, right, joins Board of Education President Donna Sudar, left, in recognizing Michelle Davis, center, as the Board of Education's Faculty Member of the Month for November.

State recognizes Arbor, Shoreview schools

Both Arbor and Shoreview elementary schools are among school buildings recognized by the state for high performance.



The State Board of Education and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Paolo DeMaria announced recipients of their annual school performance awards this month. Arbor and Shoreview were both recognized as High Progress Schools of Honor.

Shoreview also received the state's Momentum Award.

The High Progress Schools of Honor program recognizes schools that have sustained high achievement and substantial progress while serving a significant number of economically disadvantaged students.

They were two of only five schools in Cuyahoga County recognized as Schools of Honor.

Seventy-one schools in the state received the recognition.

The Momentum Award recognizes schools and districts for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Schools must earn straight A's on all Value Added measures on the state report card. They must have at least two Value-Added subgroups of students, which includes gifted, lowest 20 percent in achievement, and students with disabilities.

It is the third consecutive year that Shoreview received the Momentum Award. Forty-eight districts and 173 schools received the Momentum Award this year.



Early Learning Village hosts Winter Wonderland



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY. CREDIBILITY.

School board places levy on March ballot

The Euclid City Schools Board of Education voted in December to place an emergency levy on the March 17 ballot. The board will seek an 8.7-mill, 10-year property tax levy that would raise \$5.6 million a year. If passed, the owner of a \$75,000 home would pay about \$19.03 a month. "The need for additional funds for the operation of the district is a result of many factors that have contributed to us once again asking the voters of Euclid to support Euclid Schools," Euclid City Schools Board of Education President Donna Sudar said. Factors include the failure of the November 2018 renewal levy and the November 2019 emergency levy, which Sudar said has "significantly contributed to the financial difficulties of the district." The state's expansion of the EdChoice Scholarship Program has resulted in an additional loss of \$1.3 million in district funding from the state. State funding to the district has also been capped. "To avoid an operating deficit in 2022, the district must seek additional funding in conjunction with controlling our expenditures through budgetary reductions," Sudar said. The deadline to register to vote is Feb. 17.

Preparing students for success at Central



Christopher Papouras Superintendent

Euclid Schools start discussing college and future plans with students as early as elementary school. These discussions continue at Central Middle School as the school introduces students to college campuses.

Central divides its students up into teams with college names. The three sixth grade teams, Notre Dame Spartans, Case Western Reserve Falcons, and John Carroll Blue Streaks, are named after local colleges. The three seventh grade teams, the Akron University Zips, Kent State Golden Flashes, and Cleveland State University Vikings, are named after larger universities.

Students in each group have the opportunity to visit the college of which their team is named. When possible, they visit a dormitory, the recreation center, a classroom, and a common area and eat in the college cafeteria.

"The whole point is to expose them to options," said Central Middle School Principal Mike

Mennel. "We want our kids to walk the campus, talk to college kids. They get a snapshot of what this college thing is all about."

Students get keepsakes like keychains, lanyards, and T-shirts from their team school. The idea is to build pride around the team.

"I want our kids to feel inspired," Mr. Mennel said.

Taking middle school students on college visits shows students that a college degree is attainable. It also encourages them to take more advanced coursework in high school and start thinking about careers. It's one of the ways we challenge your children to think about their futures and prepare for success.

I ask you to join us in encouraging your children to explore their opportunities as they approach high school and beyond.

Euclid City Schools Superintendent Christopher Papouras shares news about the district in his e-newsletter *The Weekly Callout*. It is shared with parents and staff and posted on district social media pages.

EHS hosts holiday concert





#WeGiveCatholic



by Nathan Raddell
The 2019 #WeGiveCatholic campaign was a huge success. Together we raised over \$80,000 with all proceeds going to our newly opened Guardian Angels Early Learning Center. It is a huge help financially and a testament to the generosity of



our parishioners, community, and family. We were also recognized for our yearly participation in Giving Tuesday and were invited to have lunch with the bishop. We had some tasty pizza, arts, and crafts, and even a visit from Santa. Here are some pictures from the event!

10 Years Together



by Nathan Raddell
It was 10 years ago on the Feast of the Epiphany that Ss. Robert & William Catholic Parish was founded. At that opening Mass, the late Bishop Pevic presided and blessed us as we began the awesome adventure and journey of creating a new parish community on the solid foundation of the former St. William and St. Robert parishes. I was only 35 years old and the youngest pastor in the Diocese. I had NO idea how awesome the next 10 years would be and all the awesome people that would come into my life as I am so privileged to be the pastor of such a great parish community. I challenged us to help all find a home under our star as they sought Christ.

Today we are a strong, vibrant and active parish community. Many parishes look to us as a model and seek to learn from us. We have ministries and activities that are able to serve people from womb to tomb. Our

mission is to be a community founded in a spirit of unity to serve our God through loving HIM and one another, always! I think we do this very well.

I am excited for the future. We have lots of things to continue. I would like to focus on improving our celebration of Mass and the Sacraments by growing in reverence of the role of Sacred Silence in our worship. I look forward to the continued growth of our Early Learning Center, School and Youth Ministry. I am excited to continue and grow our service and outreach. I am excited to continue our awesome evangelization efforts and bring more people to Lord. I am excited to pay down our long term debt and begin to build our savings and endowments. I am excited to turn ourselves over to the Lord and allow Him to lead us where He wants us to go. I invite you on another 10-year journey with me as we continue to Worship and Serve our Good and Loving God!

We will dedicate our new St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center on January 5th after the 11:00 am Mass. I am so excited that this is complete. I will have a full financial report and plan for the second half of the campaign in which we focus on paying down the long term debt to you within the month or so. I am still praying and asking the Lord to help us know when it is the right time to do Phase Two. He will lead us! Here's to our next 10 years!

Community Meal



by Nathan Raddell
Our Community Meal is held on the last Tuesday of each month. With food purchased from the Cleveland Food Bank, we serve a complete meal (salad, bread, an entrée, 2 vegetables, and a homemade dessert). In December we served nearly 100 people. The meal is open to all – parishioners and neighbors. The gathering provides the opportunity to meet people

and socialize with others. Paid through the donations of parishioners, the meal is prepared by a core group of 10 volunteers. Students from our parish school assist with the serving. We recently expanded our menu and now also provide a take-home bag of produce and other staples for all who attend. The added take-home bag program needs new volunteers to pack and distribute bags. Our Community Meal for the month of January will be Tuesday, the 28th at 5:15 pm in the Upper Hall. Please join us!

Advent Acts Link Us Together

by Nathan Raddell
The school theme this Advent was “Advent Acts Link Us Together.” Each day the students were challenged to complete a different random act of kindness. Each time a faculty or staff member witnessed them succeed in an act of kindness, the students earned a “link” to add to the chain. The students also earned links for making a monetary donation to the SRW Giving

Tree Project. The students were encouraged to do extra chores at home to earn money or to sacrifice their snack/ice cream money from lunchtime to donate. After the first two weeks of Advent, the chain circled the entire Upper Hall more than two times around and over \$775 was collected! Our SRW students are clearly “linked” to each other and to our parish family!

Christmas Concerts



by Nathan Raddell
Every year our students and little learners practice some Christmas classics with their teachers and music directors leading up to the Christmas Concert. They learn dance moves, they use a variety of instru-

ments and even have props for their well-rehearsed songs. It is the highlight of our Christmas season and always brings us so much joy. Here are some pictures to warm your hearts in the cold weather.



Save the Date



by Anita Linsky
St John of the Cross Parish
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February 23, 2020
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Details will follow in next month's Euclid Observer.

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by Anita Linsky
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Soulcore



by Anita Linsky
Join us for our next SoulCore session, to be held on Saturday, January 4, at 9:30 AM in Room 10 of the Saint John of the Cross Community Center. Karen Hostoffer will lead us through an hour of SoulCore, a prayer experience that combines the prayers of the rosary with core strengthening, stretching and functional movement. There is no cost, but a suggested donation of \$10, for those who are able. For more information, contact Anney Roach at aroach@sjceulid.com.

Giving Tree

by Anita Linsky
St. John of the Cross parishioners give back to the community. Each year a giving tree is put out with tags to help different organizations in our area. Gifts were sent to St. Aloysius, Birthright, Thea Bowman and Rosemary Center. They also provided stamps for the prison ministry. Money was also collected for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Nicaragua. The generosity of the parishioners was overwhelming.



“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in.”-Matthew 25:35

History of St. John of the Cross Parish



St. John of the Cross Parish was formed on November 29, 2009 as part of the reconfiguration of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese by the merging of St. Felicitas and St. Paul parishes. The parish is located at the St. Felicitas Church campus. The parish name was selected by Bishop Richard Lennon

from a list of several suggestions compiled from each merging parish.
The St. John of The Cross Parish campus consists of four main structures: our church including a gathering area and dividable meeting rooms, a rectory with business offices, the Parish Community Center, and a residential building. We also have an outdoor shrine where early Sunday Mass is celebrated in this beautiful wooded setting during the summer months. There is a set of bocce courts, baseball field, and football/multi-purpose field. The campus is situated on the southernmost border of Euclid, Ohio, bordering Richmond Heights, on approximately nine acres with the buildings surrounded by woodland.

Prayer for a Blessing on the New Year



O sacred and adorable Trinity, hear our prayers on behalf of our holy Father the Pope, our Bishops, our clergy, and for all that are in authority over us. Bless, we beseech Thee, during the coming year, the whole Catholic Church; convert her-

etics and unbelievers; soften the hearts of sinners so that they may return to Thy friendship; give prosperity to our country and peace among the nations of the world; pour down Thy blessings upon our friends, relatives, and acquaintances, and upon our enemies, if we have any; assist the poor and the sick; have pity on the souls of those whom this year has taken from us; and do Thou be merciful to those who during the coming year will be summoned before Thy judgment seat. May all our actions be preceded by Thy inspirations and carried on by Thy assistance, so that all our prayers and works, having been begun in Thee, may likewise be ended through Thee. Amen.

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Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School

Faith. Family. Future.

VASJ hosts annual Christmas on Campus event

by Kristen Mott '09

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School welcomed 82 local first-grade students on Tuesday, Dec. 10 for the school's annual Christmas on Campus event.

The children enjoyed a variety of holiday-themed activities, including cookie decorating, ornament making, Christmas games and a "snowball" fight. The first-grade students, who came from Our Lady of the Lake, St. Jerome, St. John Nottingham Lutheran and St. Aloysius, also got to take photos with Santa Claus.

Christmas on Campus is a long-standing tradition at VASJ. During the event, VASJ seniors are paired with a first-grade "buddy."

"I felt like I provided structure and confidence for the kids. I loved running the craft room!" said VASJ senior Sarah Carroll.

This year's event was made extra special thanks to the generous support of students, parents and alumni who donated Christmas stockings filled with small toys, candy, hats and mittens, and school supplies. Each VASJ senior was able to select a Christmas stocking to give to his or her buddy.

"I believe my service made a difference by putting a smile on the kids' faces, especially when they got their stockings," said VASJ senior Deonte Warren.

VASJ senior Henry Spear added, "My kid had a great time. He kept saying he wished he was in my family, which was sweet. ... It was nice to see how grateful he was when getting a stocking."

Thank you to the VASJ Campus Ministry department for coordinating this year's event!



VASJ exceeds #WeGiveCatholic goal

by Kristen Mott '09

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School exceeded its goal of raising \$10,000 during #WeGiveCatholic on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

A total of 89 donors gave more than \$12,000 on Giving Tuesday. The money raised will go toward renovating the VASJ Martyrs Chapel, a quiet, reflective space on campus for students, faculty and staff. The chapel was built in the early 1970s to hold morning Mass. Originally named after the four churchwomen who died in El Salvador, including Ursuline Sr. Dorothy Kazel, the chapel has since come to recognize others in the Marianist and Ursuline traditions who have died as witnesses to their faith. Renovations will include updating the look and feel of the chapel and turning it into a more welcoming, prayerful space.

"We are all thankful for the generosity and support shown to our students during #WeGiveCatholic," said Bill Cervenik '72, VASJ president. "Thanks to everyone's generosity, our students



will soon have a chapel where they can engage in personal prayer and reflect on their faith."

#WeGiveCatholic is an annual one-day giving event that provides Catholic schools, parishes, charities, special ministries and nonprofits affiliated with the Diocese of Cleveland the opportunity to connect with current donors and establish relationships with new ones.

"It is heartwarming to see the support the Viking community has shown to our students," Cervenik added. "We have exceeded our goal and are anxious to begin the long-awaited renovations to the Martyrs Chapel. Thanks to all and enjoy a blessed Christmas season."

Thank you for your outpouring of support!

Legacy Breakfast welcomes families to VASJ

by Kristen Mott '09

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School hosted a breakfast the morning of Thursday, Dec. 5 in recognition of the school's legacy families. About 80 people attended the Legacy Breakfast, including current VASJ students and their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents.

The annual event celebrates and honors the heritage and traditions of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.



SCHOOL SPORTS

Vikings come up short vs. Benedictine

by Bill Tilton

VASJ fell to visiting Benedictine, 89-66, on Dec. 12.

Jaden Hameed led all scorers with 41 points for the Vikings in the loss. Sean Johnson chipped in 9.

"We are where we are at as a program now and it isn't pretty and I accept responsibility. Let's be real, many folks have been waiting a long time for us to be in this position. I look forward to the challenge of getting better every week. We will improve, we have no other choice," VASJ coach Babe Kwasiak said.

Jashun Cobb had 22 points and Detric

Hearst added 16 for the Bengals.

Freshman Sam Brown provided a spark to help the Bengals go ahead by double-digits. He made a pair of free throws after an offensive rebound, put back another miss, then laid in an and-one layup off a feed from Hearst to put Benedictine up, 38-25.

The Bengals took a 40-29 lead into half. Benedictine maintained its lead in the third and carried a 61-43 advantage into the fourth when Cobb found Jalen Brown for a layup. A quick VASJ run cut the Bengals' lead to 13, 64-51, when Eric Buckner knocked down a 3 to spark a 13-0 run that ended the Vikings' hopes to rally.



VASJ varsity women's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Saturday, Jan. 4 at 2:30 p.m.
Home vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Monday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.
Home vs. Fairview Park High School

Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2:30 p.m.
Home vs. Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy

Monday, Jan. 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Away vs. Holy Name High School

Saturday, Jan. 18 at 1:30 p.m.
Home vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 2:30 p.m.
Home vs. Beaumont School
Conference game

Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 6:30 p.m.
Away vs. Archbishop Hoban High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 2:30 p.m.
Away vs. Thomas W. Harvey High School

Young Vikings represent well at HIT with 6th-place team finish

by Bill Tilton

The VASJ Vikings continued to wrestle hard as a very young team capable of scoring plenty of points took sixth place out of 17 teams at the Hawken Invitational Tournament.

Five VASJ wrestlers placed in the tournament:

113 – Darian Davis, freshman, 6th place. Davis lost a close contest in his placement match while leading most of the way.

132 – Fillipo Pavlica, sophomore, finished 5th in dramatic fashion. Down 10-2, Pavlica hit a pancake to the back and pinned for 5th.

145 – Team captain Nate Oriani took 4th in a very talented weight class.

195 – Team captain and "Cardiac Kid" Josh Longstreet won in the last second during his consolation semifinal match with a hip toss with seconds left while losing in points at the time. He finished with a pin with one second left to advance to the 3rd-place match. In that match, again down, Longstreet found a way to hit a five-point move and finished with another pin for 3rd place.

285 – Tyler Boyd grinded through the heavyweights to take a very impressive 3rd place. The first tournament place for Boyd.

Other notable efforts included Sean Dole at 2-2 and Charlie Mullin at 2-2. Both a match away from placing.

VASJ varsity men's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m.
Home vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Friday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Benedictine High School
Conference game

Saturday, Jan. 25 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. Hawken High School

Friday, Jan. 31 at 7 p.m.
Home vs. Archbishop Hoban High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.
Away vs. St. Ignatius High School

VASJ freshman men's basketball schedule

by Kristen Mott

Thursday, Jan. 9 at 5 p.m.
Home vs. Lake Catholic High School
Conference game

Monday, Jan. 13 at 4:30 p.m.
Home vs. St. Edward High School

Thursday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m.
Away vs. Cleveland Central Catholic High School
Conference game

Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Benedictine High School
Conference game

Friday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m.
Away vs. Mayfield High School

Thursday, Jan. 30 at 5 p.m.
Home vs. Archbishop Hoban High School
Conference game

Saturday, Feb. 1 at 4 p.m.
Away vs. St. Ignatius High School



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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Is your vision of health 20/20 for 2020?



by Natalie-Jo Flynn

What is your vision, goal and plan? I see the future of your health better than ever if that is what you want.

As a Nurse Professional and Transformational Health Coach, clients I work with seek to understand their chronic diseases and actively participate in their care. I am able to work on tapping into their self-awareness, providing support, accountability, developing and following action plans for healthier behaviors. Working with an integrative wellness model, which incorporates their evidence-based conventional medical care with complementary medicine, and lifestyle modification attaining sought after wellness goals.

A new decade is here and for many of you it is new start and for some it is another year over.

Whatever the story is, what are ya gonna do differently this time and what result are you expecting?

New life, new goals, new career, new friends, smaller pants, less days sick, less pain, more money, happy, healthy, humble, rich!...The list can be endless!

Whatever the want is, First start with your reason for having it. What is your goal, what is important about that? What will make this goal inevitable?

Next, imagine you have already achieved it. See it, smell it, feel it, use all your senses to be in the now with your new you.

Envision every detail as if you are living out the goal right now.

It is important to be crystal clear and detailed so you are drawn to activities, events, people and places that will support you in obtaining this goal.

Have a notebook or journal handy, write out your goal, details of the vision and reasons why this is important right now more than before.

To help, imagine your favorite athlete, inventor, leader, the person at work driven to do a great job. Success in any goal starts with the vision and then the plan.

Now, for the plan. Make room in your life to carry out your plan. In order to bring in new, the old has to go! What can you get rid of now to make room for your

plan. Consider, environment at home, work and social, spiritual and food, habits, family and friends, Clear out whatever is pulling life out of you instead of building you up.

New year, new decade, new way of achieving your goals.

Recap:

1. What do you want?
2. What is important about this now more than that ever?
3. What exactly does my goal look, feel and sound like?
4. How will I know (and others know) when I have it?
5. What will I clear out in order to bring on the new me?!

All success starts with a vision, having a plan, seeing clearly your end result.

Simple tips for success and wealthy health are provided each month here and on Facebook at, Move That Mountain Wellness Coaching.

Reach out to me if you want to set your goals and have some accountability and guidance.

My mission is that all people take charge and become the CEO of their own health, recognizing what the body is telling you and how to listen and what to do next.

Make time for personal goal setting and review this article.

I work with people from all over the globe, different lifestyles, variety of wants and needs in life. The one thing we all have in common is the desire to continually improve, health and relationships with food, family, workplace whatever it is, we want more and we want better.

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January 2020 Happy Hippy Mama



by Emily Holody

Happy January All-

What a lovely Holiday season we experienced here at the Holody house. So much love, food, fun, and gifts were exchanged between friends and family. My favorite part of the season is all of the love. I heard about a wonderful group and just had to share it with all of you. I can't wait to help in the 2020 season!

East Cleveland Has Its Own Secret Santa

By Emily Holody

Picture this . . . You glance out your window to find sirens blaring, Christmas music pumping, and dozens of smiling elves in Donte's Express t-shirts and Santa hats filling your street. East Cleveland Police, the Shaw High School basketball team, and lines of cars follow close behind. Opening your door, you're greeted by a smiling elf, laden with gifts. The elf delivers a handwritten card and a family board game wrapped in festive paper, just for you. At first guess, you might think a holiday movie about a Christmas parade is being filmed in your neighborhood, but actually, you've just become a part of the Donte Gibbs' Gift Express.

In 2012, Gibbs, an East Cleveland resident and Shaw High School graduate, joined with friends and fellow alumni India Moore, Dominique Tucker, and Seretha Etheridge to do "something for our city for Christmas," shares Gibbs, adding, "Families are one of our greatest assets in East Cleveland, and with us being raised in East Cleveland, we understood how tough the holidays can be."

It didn't take long for the talented crew to come up with the idea of surprising people in their neighborhood with gifts to enjoy together. Donte's Gift Express was born. The initial goal in 2012 was to deliver 100 gifts, and they nearly achieved it, delivering 89. Last year, their biggest year yet, the Gift Express delivered 518 gifts. Altogether, they have delivered 1,536 gifts, and they hope to gift 600 more in 2019, their seventh year in operation.

In order to continue surprising residents each year, the Secret Santas at Donte's Gift Express picks 10 to 12 random streets throughout East Cleveland, transforming them with a Christmas gift-giving parade. "By surprising families and reconnecting with old friends, previous teachers, and

more," Gibbs explains, they "make statements to folks that we care and we're here, together."

Donte's Gift Express is made possible by donations, grants, and help from a handful of neighborhood organizations.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated volunteers who make a tradition of shopping for, wrapping, and delivering Donte's Gift Express gifts. According to Gibbs, volunteers reach out as early as August to remind him to keep them "in the loop" because they're eager to help. The Shaw High School basketball team helps with delivery each year, which allows the group to quickly fan out through many streets, maintaining the element of Christmas surprise.

The Express team also goes one step further each year, gifting at least one family (and sometimes more than one) with the Betty Ruth Fellows Family Gift, named after Gibbs' late grandmother, who was instrumental in encouraging him to start the Gift Express. Greater Cleveland area residents are encouraged to nominate themselves and/or families within Cuyahoga County who may need additional assistance during the holidays (moving, holiday dinner, etc)

Gibbs and his team say that they are "blessed to be a blessing." It's no surprise that Christmas is Gibbs' favorite time of year. "Growing up in East Cleveland, you learned that you have two hands for a reason; one is for helping yourself, and the second is for helping others," he says. Clearly, he's been busy with both hands and his heart.

To read this article in its entirety visit <https://wishcleveland.com/>. I encourage all of us to remember that we have two hands for a reason and to lead with our hearts. To check-in or continue the conversation shoot me an email at HappyHippyMama@yahoo.com or visit us on Facebook at Happy Hippy Mama.

This months mantra:

I will judge or criticize no one, not even myself.

This month's healthy option:

I will be doing a Whole30 starting January 2nd, 2020. I invite ALL of you to join me. Never done one? Don't know where to start? Reach out and find me on Facebook at Happy Hippy Mama and we can do it together. Learn more about what Whole30 has done for me, and we can swap recipes and stories. If you aren't on Facebook but want to continue the conversation feel free to email me at HappyHippyMama@yahoo.com. This program has been amazing, and life-changing for me. I encourage all of you to check it out and join me on this journey.

pened in the last year. Be honest with yourself. Seriously and calmly revisit events. Identify the circumstances preceding the events. Note who was involved. Next, with as little emotion as possible, think through what happened. Then look at your outcome. Check-in with how you responded. Seeing your consequences without the drama can help you break free of habits. No doubt the process can be frustrating. It's "heavy-lifting" for sure. Even so, rebuilding your perspective is worth the effort. Give yourself the gift of evergreen renewal.

SENIORS

Bob's Corner



by Bob Payne

A few years ago, I wrote about visiting Downtown Disney (it's now called Disney Springs). During the trip, we stopped at a jewelry store because I was looking for a meaningful ring. The girl behind the counter gave me a piece of advice I still carry. She told me to look around and said, "Take your time. It's the only way to make it last." Wise words. They apply not only to shopping, but also to life.

I did take my time, and I found a large, heavy, polished silver ring shaped like flames. It fit my finger perfectly. Looking at the ring, I decided it represented the many difficulties, struggles and pain I'd lived through. It was expensive, but I bought it.

I've worn the ring daily for years, and liked to tap it on different surfaces just to hear the sound. Unfortunately, I lost the ring about 2 weeks ago. I'd been taking it off and washing my hands a lot because it's cold and flu season. I'm sure I left it on a sink somewhere. I'm sad about the loss, but maybe there is a better way of looking at it.

As we live, each of us collects all sorts of psychological and emotional baggage. Somewhere, sometime, someone hurt you. If the incident was significant, it may have engaged your fight or flight response. If so, recalling what happened may cause you to experience tension and strong emotions, even years later.

I often talk about letting go, letting things be, living in the now and focusing on the present rather than chasing your scary, upsetting thoughts. I wonder if the loss of the ring is symbolic.

Perhaps it's time to stop wearing a reminder of where I have been and all I've been through. Yes my past shaped me, but I am so much more than the difficulties I've experienced. So are you. If we haven't learned to grow past previous hurt, perhaps our way of thinking has become the real problem.

Maybe it is time for you to lose whatever has been holding you back. Freedom is understanding exactly what is binding you. Is it really worth holding-on to a ring of fire?

And the whole is greater than the part.
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January 2020 Euclid Senior Programs

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Renewal



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by Deb Dobbs

At this time of year, you see physical signs of natural renewal. The recent winter solstice marks a seasonal shift in the tilt of the Earth. You can witness manifestations of the Earth's transition with earlier sunrises. Daylight time is inching longer. More sunlight and earlier sunrises can inspire you to feel invigorated, motivated. Some people claim health changes due to the shift in the physical environment. Surely, these natural adjustments give an expectation for new beginnings. Even in your cultural groups you see signs of change and the celebration of it -- religious and secular.

It's a new year. With it comes a sense of starting over. It can be a time for you to shake off disappointments. It can be a time to move in a new direction. Starting a new year can be a chance to gain new perspectives. With new perspectives you can change habits. What do you think? Are you ready for renewal?

Goal setting is the buzz this time of year. However, before you set goals you first need to have a truthful assessment of what happened in the area you want to change. Knowing where you are is the first step to determine where you want your next steps to take you. Give yourself time to examine what hap-

pened in the last year. Be honest with yourself. Seriously and calmly revisit events. Identify the circumstances preceding the events. Note who was involved. Next, with as little emotion as possible, think through what happened. Then look at your outcome. Check-in with how you responded. Seeing your consequences without the drama can help you break free of habits. No doubt the process can be frustrating. It's "heavy-lifting" for sure. Even so, rebuilding your perspective is worth the effort. Give yourself the gift of evergreen renewal.

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Star Wars The Rise of Skywalker Movie Review



by Brian Friedman
The final installment recovers valiantly from many of the failures of Episode 8. This is definitely a Star Wars film and a strong attempt to wrap up this epic legacy. Unfortunately, massive shifts in pacing and dull storytelling are distracting. In addition, massive plot holes are generated regularly because of the new expansive Jedi powers created from the previous installment. Grade? A strong B minus.

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