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## Lakewood Chamber Honors Sharon Marrell, Bob Wright At Annual Awards Luncheon

Valerie Mechenbier

The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce honored its Past Presidents, long-term members, the 2014 Outstanding New Member and the 2014 Business Person of the Year at Vosh on June 20th. Seventy-five Chamber members and guests celebrated the contributions of many dedicated members who have volunteered their time and energy over the years to promote the mission of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber CEO & President Patty Ryan recognized and introduced the seven Past Presidents in attendance at the luncheon: Larry Faulhaber (1975-76), Trudi Bodi (1981-82), Mary Lou Call (1998-99), Curt Brosky (2001-02), Carol Mason (2003-04), Terry Vincent (2009-11), and Diane Helbig (2011-13). Thirty-three members were then recognized for their long-term membership

and continuous support, including Zeis-McGreevey Funeral Home & Cremation Service, celebrating 60 years of continuous membership in the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Ryan called upon the Chamber's 2013 Outstanding New Member, Maria Shinn, to introduce Sharon Marrell, owner of Marrell Music, as the Chamber's 2014 Outstanding New Member. Marrell Music

specializes in instrument rentals and sales, music lessons, and instrument repair. Sharon has owned the business for 10 years and has had a storefront on Madison for the past five years. Living her tagline "building community through music," Sharon has volunteered her time for community events that have a musical component, including Light Up Lakewood and the Taste of Lakewood. Believ-

ing that "strong business builds strong community," Sharon has assumed leadership of the Chamber's Education Task Force and has been passionate about creating educational opportunities for local businesses on a variety of topics such as reducing operating costs, marketing, and customer service. Ms. Shinn recognized Sharon for her "substantial contributions to the Chamber's effort to retain and

grow its membership" through her involvement on the Education Task Force. Since joining the Chamber in 2012, Sharon has attended nearly every Chamber meeting, seminar, and networking event, and is now serving her first term on the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Val Mechenbier then introduced Mr. Robert Wright as the Chamber's 2014 Business **continued on page 19**

## Lakewood's Jim Anderson To Serve As Grand Marshal Of Fourth Of July Parade

by Melissa Garrett

Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers has announced that life-long Lakewood resident James R. Anderson will serve as the Grand Marshal for the City's Fourth of July parade. The parade is scheduled to step off on Friday, July 4, 2014 at 10 a.m. on Lake Avenue at Ken-

neth Drive and conclude at Lakewood Park.

Jim Anderson is a life-long Lakewood resident. He grew up on Newman Avenue and is a 1946 graduate of Lakewood High School. Jim has served as an employee of the City of Lakewood for 63 years. He joined the Lakewood Fire

Department on July 1, 1951 and retired with over 33 years of service. After his retirement, Jim became a Utility Inspector for the city until he took his current position at the information desk at City Hall. Jim greets visitors to City Hall and directs them to the proper location. In addition to his service with the City, Jim is a veteran having served in the United States Coast Guard. Jim also served seven years as the Recreation Commissioner and five years on the Softball Commission. In 1976, Jim was

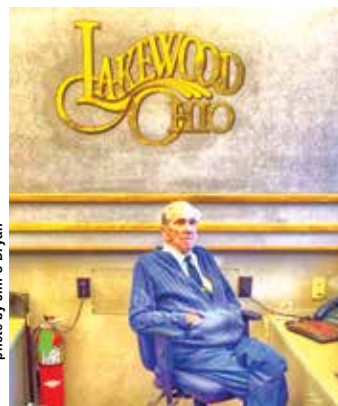


photo by Jim O'Bryan

Jim Anderson.

named Man of the Year by the Lakewood Recreation Department. Jim was also named **continued on page 4**

## "The Meal That Heals" To Benefit North Coast Health

by Elizabeth O'Brien

The Meal that Heals, a dining benefit for North Coast Health, a faith-based charitable clinic, will be held on Monday, July 7, 2014 at Players on Madison from 5 to 9 p.m.

The evening's menu liberally incorporates seasonal produce and features a soup/salad course with a choice of Tomato Bell Pepper Bisque, Mista Salad or Mediterranean

Salad and the following entrée selections: Penne al Vodka with Shrimp and Sundried Tomatoes; Chicken Francais with Spring Pea Risotto; Lemon-grass and Mirin Glazed Salmon with Jasmine Rice; Penne with Herb Grilled Chicken, Smoked Bacon and Three Cheese Cream; Grilled Hanger Steak and Mashed Potatoes. For dessert, diners can choose between Triple

Chocolate Tart, Crème Brûlée, Cheesecake, Coffee & Donuts, or Lemon and Mascarpone Tart with Raspberries.

Cost is \$35 per person for a three-course prix fixe meal, excluding alcoholic beverages and gratuity. Coffee, tea and soft drinks are included. Players will donate 25 percent of food sales that evening to

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## Lakewood Alumni Foundation Gets New Name

by Missy Toms

The Board of Trustees of the Lakewood Alumni Foundation has voted to change the organization's name to the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation.

"We have seen the organization grow from an alumni-centered group that just gave out scholarships to graduating seniors to a foundation that focuses its funding on programs serving students currently in the schools," says Board President Kyle Baker. "The new name reflects the tradition and pride of being a Lakewood Ranger with the commitment we have to support activities that make the Lakewood City Schools great."

When state funding for public education was drastically cut in 2008, the



Foundation stepped in to bridge that gap. That includes more than \$600,000 over the past four years to help fund a College Now counselor at the high school, a dual college enrollment program with the University of Akron, classroom grants in all 10 school buildings, athletic camps and equipment, music lessons and instruments, middle school anti-bullying programs, academic clubs, Camp Can-Do, Help to Others (H2O), and

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## H2O Clothing Drive And Super-Sale

by Sara Crawford

The time is coming for the annual H2O Clothing Drive Super-Sale and that means donations are being accepted at any Lakewood fire stations from June 1-July 19, including any gently worn infant to adult clothing. The clothes are collected and then taken to H2O Summer Service Camp for the youth volunteers to price and sort out onto tables for the sale.

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H2O campers are ready to sort and sell your gently used clothing, with the proceeds going right back to support H2O!



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2nd Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival, Tickets On Sale July 1

by Ken Brand

Imagine sipping a glass of wine or sampling an ale or IPA outdoors, in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. Add live music, delicious food from local restaurants, plus the evening's summer glow and you have the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival, to be held Saturday, September 6 from 4-10 p.m. on the open-air deck behind the INA and Bailey Buildings.

The Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival is sponsored by BEER ENGINE and presented by the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance and LakewoodAlive. Tickets are available July 1 at noon online at [www.WineAndCraftBeerFestival.com](http://www.WineAndCraftBeerFestival.com) and at BEER ENGINE (15315 Madison Avenue). Each ticket holder will receive 15 tasting tickets, each good for one 2 oz. wine or 4 oz. beer sample. Additional sample tickets will be available for purchase the day of the event.

All tickets are on sale including VIP, general admission and designated driver tickets.

VIP tickets are \$50 and available online only. This exclusive VIP opportunity includes early entrance at 4 p.m., and NEW this year, entrance to a VIP tent for the entire evening which will include a selection of premier wines and craft beers, reserved restrooms, additional seating, free food plus the 15 tasting tick-

ets. Only a limited number of VIP passes are available and we expect this to sell out quickly. Sponsors of the VIP tent are World of Beer Lakewood, Bacchanalia and 16-Bit Bar & Arcade.

General admission tickets are \$30 in advance; \$40 at the gate on September 6 (if available). Designated driver tickets are \$10.

The facility offers a unique experience to highlight over 100 wines and craft beers along with 10 food vendors, several sideshow vendors, live music, The University of Akron Lakewood Wine & Beer School and much more. The Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival is only for those 21 and over. Please leave children and pets at home. The event is located at 14701 Detroit Avenue, between St. Charles Avenue and Warren Road, south of Detroit Avenue. For all details, please visit [www.WineAndCraftBeerFestival.com](http://www.WineAndCraftBeerFestival.com).

This festival is a fundraiser for the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, a program of LakewoodAlive, and will aid in the continued revitalization of Downtown Lakewood through promotions, events, design improvements, marketing, and promotions.

Many thanks to the other sponsors of the event include First Federal Lakewood, Cox Communications, Quaker Steak & Lube and Ohio Savings Bank.

Want To Be In The Parade?

by Betsy Voinovich

Help celebrate the Lakewood Observer's 10th anniversary by joining us in our official spot at the very end of the 4th of July parade.

We're extending a special invitation to those who have posted on the Deck or written articles, columns, stories for the paper or submitted photos in our ten-year history. You are the heroes of the paper, and the inspiration for the many who will follow you.

If you're already going to be in the parade, after your group has finished, come around back and finish up the parade with us. Walkers, bike riders, skaters are welcome.

Because the Lakewood Observer represents all of the different voices of Lakewood, we welcome whatever uniform or costume you're wearing, whatever unicycle or float you happen to be riding on. Whatever basketball your bouncing or baton your twirling,



Join us with or without a costume. Though we do like this Newspaper Yeti costume if you need an idea to wear in the 4th of July parade. This was by Fabio Lattanzi Antinori and Alicja Pytlewska.

you are welcome!

Kids--- some of us are making parade costumes out of newspapers just for fun—if you want to join us for a backyard workshop, or get some online instructions, email [betsy@lakewoodobserver.com](mailto:betsy@lakewoodobserver.com).

See you in the paper and see you in the parade!

H2O Clothing Drive And Super-Sale

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The sale is on July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the East Cafeteria at Lakewood High School. The price range for the sale is from 25 cents to 1 dollar. A few items may exceed that amount but not by much. All proceeds go to H2O to help them continue to help out the community with their youth volunteers. If you have any questions, you can contact H2O at (216)-529-6045.

H2O "Help to Others" is a program of the City of Lakewood's Human Services Department, Division of Youth. The H2O Summer Service Camp is made possible through a partnership with the City of Lakewood, the Lakewood City Schools, partnering agencies, adult volunteers, and generous funding from community supporters. Thank you to the Lakewood Fire Department for helping with our Clothing Drive collection.

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# Report: June 11 Westshore Council Of Governments (WCOG) Meeting

by LWV Observers Kathy Kosiorek (Lakewood) and Conda Boyd (Bay Village)

*This report, which contains observations and selected highlights of a WCOG meeting, is not an official statement of the LWV. Official minutes are prepared by Mayor Patton's office and posted on Fairview Park's website.*

**Present:** Mayors Bobst (Rocky River), Kennedy (North Olmsted), Patton (Fairview Park), Sutherland (Bay Village), and Summers (Lakewood).

**Absent:** Mayor Clough (Westlake)  
**Also in attendance:** Dave Greenspan, District 1 Representative, Cuyahoga County Council; outgoing Fiscal Officer Steve Presley; incoming Fiscal Officer Renee Mahoney.

**Commission Reports**  
**RTA:** Mayor Summers described progress on widening Clifton and installing upgraded transit stations. A Next/Connect tracking system will enable riders to check stop-specific bus arrival times. He also expressed interest in the proposed bike pathway from West 66th Street to downtown Cleveland.

**NOACA:** Mayor Bobst reported that a firm has been contracted for the Marion Street ramp study. She also discussed the Brighton Chase "resort living" apartment development on Center Ridge Road, which will open in July.

**Land Bank:** Three potential projects: the Hilliard-Madison Avenue triangle in Lakewood, the large hill on Lake Road north of the Rocky River Wastewater Treatment Plant, and land near Fairview's Gemini Center.

**Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers Association:** Mayor Sutherland reported on a successful May 28 meeting with Ohio legislators over HB5. Only one issue of concern remains: a 5-year carryforward that primarily affects southern Ohio municipalities. A requirement that cities track income tax receipts by residence vs. employment has been deleted. Auditor Yost reported that GASB 68, which changes pension accounting, may be delayed.

**Old Business**  
**Tub Grinder:** No update.

**Fire District:** Bay Village, Fairview Park, Westlake, and North Olmsted City Councils have accepted the grant. Mayor Clough is developing a project manager job description and will call a meeting shortly.

**PSAP:** Mr. Greenspan stated that participation in Cuyahoga County's Public Safety Answering System (PSAP) is a local decision. One issue motivating cities to host a PSAP is potential payroll tax receipts.

**Ready Notify:** Bay Village's Nixle setup is unable to efficiently reach all residents who have signed up for emergency alerts. They plan to convert to Ready Notify, the county's new system.

**New Business**  
**Fiscal Officer:** The mayors thanked Steve Presley for having served since 1998. Renee Mahoney was introduced as the new Fiscal Officer. Ms. Mahoney announced a city employee retirement seminar to be held August 8 in Bay Village. She invited other cities' employees to attend.

**County Council Update:** Mr. Greenspan explained the county road repair materials reimbursement program. Roads most in need of repair will be funded first. The county is working on a master agreement for landfill rights for communities cleaning up from emergencies.

Mayor Patton reported on a successful city/school district conference to educate realtors about Fairview Park. She also discussed the value of the NEO CANDO database for analyzing demographic trends (<http://neocando.case.edu>), as well as a report on Northeast Ohio migration and its implications ([http://blog.case.edu/msass/2013/02/14/Briefly\\_Stated\\_No\\_13-02\\_Mapping\\_Human\\_Capital.pdf](http://blog.case.edu/msass/2013/02/14/Briefly_Stated_No_13-02_Mapping_Human_Capital.pdf)).

The council voted to recess for July and August.

*The WCOG was founded in 1971 to foster cooperation between municipalities in all areas of municipal service. All meetings are open to the public. The next meeting will be September 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m., in Fairview Park Gemini Center's Birch Room.*

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# Talented Young Writers And Trees Discussed

The June 16th meeting of the Lakewood City Council was called to order by Council President Madigan.

### Power of the Pen Resolution

Following the approval of the June 2nd meeting minutes, Madigan requested that the resolution recognizing Harding Power of the Pen be moved to the beginning of the docket. Ward 2 Councilman O’Leary spoke on behalf

of himself and Ward 1 Councilman Anderson in presenting a resolution commending the 2014 Harding Middle School Power of the Pen team and coaches for their strong performance at the regional and statewide competitions this spring. The team placed 1st at

regionals and 6th at states, receiving a trophy for “Best Overall” at both levels for the third time in the past five years. Madigan remarked on the importance of “developing the intellect” and was pleased to commend the students and coaches for their outstanding representation of the Lakewood City School District at competition. The students and their coaches (teachers) were present to receive the resolution and were very grateful for the recognition.

**Finance**  
Next, Councilman-At-Large Nowlin outlined several items discussed in the most recent Finance Committee meeting. Two items from the meeting were unanimously approved and adopted by council. The first, allows for the final disbursement of FEMA funds allocated immediately following hurricane Sandy. The second was a mandatory resolution approving the tax budget for 2015 and “authorizing the filing of the same with the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer.

**Rules & Ordinances**  
A proposed change to the Administrative Code of the City of Lakewood that had been referred and discussed in the Rules & Ordinances Committee to increase the maximum age of Lakewood firefighters at hire to 40 years old was unanimously adopted.

**Public Works**  
Ward 3 Councilman Juris gave the Public Works Committee Report, which focused primarily on the recommendations of the Tree Task Force. Specifically, he read a proposed ordinance that would “revise and update an obsolete provision of local code that establishes overly prescriptive and outmoded bans on certain tree species.” He also proposed an ordinance amending “Billposting Permits” in the parks in order to allow for a volunteer program that would tag certain tree species as part of a public education

program in the parks. Both ordinances were recommended by the Public Works Committee (and Tree Task Force representatives) and were unanimously adopted by council.

**New Business**  
When the council reached the “New Business” portion of the agenda, many of the communications, proposed resolutions and ordinances were presented by Councilman-At-Large Bullock and were primarily related to the recommendations of the Tree Task Force. There were also several Finance & Public Safety related ordinances and resolutions filed. However, as these were all on first reading, they were referred to committee for further discussion and were not widely discussed or adopted at the full council meeting.

**Citizen’s Advisory Committee**  
Ward 2 Councilman O’Leary submitted a communication regarding his new appointment of Zach Brown to the Citizen’s Advisory Committee. O’Leary said he felt strongly that Zach’s professional background would serve the committee and the citizens of Lakewood well.

**Public Comment**  
The final portion of the meeting included only one individual, Cindy McKay, who wished to express her concerns regarding animal abuse in circuses. Ms. McKay indicated that she would like to see the Council pass an ordinance banning circuses from Lakewood. Council President Madigan assured Ms. McKay that the members of council had received her detailed concerns prior to the meeting and thanked her for her time.

**Administration**  
The only announcement from the administration was with regard to the upcoming 4th of July festivities which will kick off at 10 a.m. on Friday, July 4th with Lakewood’s parade down Lake Avenue.  
*With no further discussion or items on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.*

## Keeping Safety In Mind During The Fourth Of July Celebration At Lakewood Park

by Colin McEwen

The Fourth of July is big celebration in Lakewood. The day kicks off with the Fourth of July Parade on Lake Avenue; live entertainment at the Lakewood Park bandstand; and fireworks after the sun goes down.

However, to ensure the events are successful and safe, the city has a few rules for residents to keep in mind.

“We want citizens and visitors to enjoy Lakewood Park on the Fourth of July,” said Mayor Michael Summers. “With an estimated 20,000 in attendance, it’s easily the busiest day of the year for Lakewood Park. But safety is our No. 1 priority. We added some security measures to ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable Fourth of

July celebration.”  
**The following rules will be in effect at Lakewood Park on July 4, 2014:**

- All generators, propane and gas fueled grills are prohibited.
- All tents and shelters are prohibited.
- Police may conduct searches of bags and containers for reasons of public safety.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted at any time throughout the year.
- No personal fireworks. This includes novelty fireworks like sparklers.
- No dogs or pets of any kind will be permitted in the park on July 4th.
- The skate park, tennis courts, basketball courts and Kid’s Cove playground may close earlier than usual.

## City Begins Resurfacing Projects

by Colin McEwen

From repaving to water main replacement, the city of Lakewood has several street improvement projects planned for this summer. Some of them will carry into 2015.

- RESURFACING: North Marginal, from Hilliard Road to Niagara Drive (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: Nicholson, from Detroit to Clifton (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: Franklin Avenue, from Riverside to Larchmont (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: Archdale Avenue, from Riverside to Larchmont (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: South Marginal, from Hilliard Road to Northland Avenue (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: Atkins Avenue, from Fischer to South Marginal (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: Seneca Avenue, from Ogontz to the end of the street (Summer 2014)
- RESURFACING: North Marginal, from Woodward to Atkins (Summer 2014)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Athens Avenue, from Belle to Brown (Late 2014/Early 2015)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Blossom Park Avenue, from Cedarwood to Franklin (Late 2014/Early 2015)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: St. Charles Avenue, from Franklin to Detroit \ (Late 2014/Early 2015)
- WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT: Summit Avenue, from Detroit to Clifton (Late 2014/Early 2015)

## Jim Anderson To Serve As Grand Marshal Of Fourth Of July Parade

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Man of the Year by the VFW in 1976.  
The importance of public service is something that seems to run in Jim’s family. His father, uncle and son all served with the Lakewood Fire Department. And his grandson is currently serving as Police Officer for Montville Township.  
“We are pleased to honor Jim Anderson for his service and dedication to the City of Lakewood over the past 63 years,” said Mayor Summers. “If you have come to City Hall on Monday or Friday, you know Jim Anderson. He is the friendly, very helpful gentleman that greets you and gives you directions as you enter City Hall. Jim always has a smile and warm welcome for everyone. We are proud to have him serve as Grand Marshal of the

Fourth of July Parade.”  
Joining in the parade will be musical favorites, the Lakewood High School Ranger Marching Band, St. Edward High School Band, the Lochaber Pipe Band and Red Hackle Pipe Band.  
After the parade, festivities will continue in Lakewood Park with games, food, activities and information provided by several of Lakewood’s community organizations. At 7 p.m., the Lakewood Project, Lakewood High School’s Youth Rock Orchestra, will perform at the Bandstand at Lakewood Park.  
The Fourth of July will conclude with Lakewood’s annual fireworks extravaganza at approximately 9:45-10 p.m.  
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# Keeping The “Wood” In Lakewood: Legislation To Implement Lakewood Tree Task Force Recommendations

by Tom Bullock, Lakewood City Council at Large

The entrance to the children’s room in the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch is flanked by two sculptures: on one side, fish, and the other, woodland creatures perched in branches.

Former library director Ken Warren explained on a tour, several years ago when the library building was newly opened, that children are quite literal and concrete when learning at a young age.

“Lake,” he said, pointing from one side to the other, “and wood. Lakewood.”

Of course! There’s “wood” in Lakewood, the now built-out city that once was orchard, and before that, forestland.

Today the “wood” in Lakewood is urban forest, and its human residents have a huge impact on how healthy and robust that urban forest is – or isn’t.

This is exactly the topic and charge of the Lakewood Tree Task Force, which has worked diligently for more than a year with City Hall to research, identify, plan, and implement urban forestry practices that will maintain and grow the trees we have and plant new ones wherever possible and appropriate.

Doing so consistently over decades will increase Lakewood’s tree canopy, the leafy portion above our heads that provides shade, cleans air, soaks up storm water, and beautifies our community.

That’s important for property values, health, utility bill savings, and a greater sense of well-being.

In fact, urban trees are worth dollars and cents every year. A 12-inch maple at a single-family Lakewood home produces \$106 in value annually, according to the National Tree Benefits Calculator by Casey Trees and Davey Tree Expert Co. These benefits include property value, gas and electricity savings, air quality and storm water improvements, plus carbon dioxide absorption. (You can estimate tree values for yourself at [www.treebenefits.com/calculator](http://www.treebenefits.com/calculator).)

Citywide, Lakewood’s urban forest was worth \$19,963,330 in 2013 according to tree valuation guidelines



This sculpture at the entrance to the children’s room at the Lakewood Public Library Main Branch illustrates the “wood” in Lakewood.



This honey locust tree in beautiful spring bloom is technically illegal under a 1958 Lakewood ordinance. I have introduced legislation to address nuisance trees in more general terms, rather than to ban a list of specific tree species.

developed by the U.S. Forest Service. That’s a lot of value, and much greater than our direct costs for planting, pruning, and watering! This value has grown over time (up from \$12,098,891 in 1996), and it will continue to grow if we consistently practice tree care policies that allow small and medium trees to develop to maturity.

What tree care policies should Lakewood implement? The Lakewood Tree Task Force has worked with our city’s Public Works Department to make nineteen recommendations in a recent report to City Council. These recommendations range from care of newly-planted trees to management of mature trees, and address trees in both public areas on private property.

To begin implementing these recommendations, I am introducing several pieces of legislation for City Council to consider. The first would revise a 1958 law that bans a list of specific tree species and replace it with general terminology allowing any nuisance tree on private land affecting public areas to be addressed. Our new Lakewood Forestry Unit principle of “right tree, right location” for new tree plantings supersedes the naming of specific tree species in a banned list, which is narrow, overly-specific, and not current with modern cultivars of tree species that can mitigate problems (such as with thorns or blights) experienced in the past.

The second proposed ordinance I have introduced would enable volunteers approved by the Director of Public Works to participate in a tree tag education program that would educate residents about the characteristics, benefits, and dollar value of trees in their city. This is important since the lion’s share of trees in Lakewood are on private land, so we will need to educate property owners on proper tree care

if we are to succeed in our citywide urban forestry management goals.

A third proposed ordinance would protect the base of tree trunk (known as the “root flare”) of tree lawn trees from “volcano mulching” (piling mulch too

high) and other substances hazardous to the health of a tree. Preventing these mistakes can avoid root problems that cut short the life a tree after only a fraction of its lifetime, thereby saving taxpayer dollars invested in the materials and time required to plant the tree.

These specifics are merely the beginning of continuing work to incorporate best practices into tree care procedures for our urban forest, whether on the public or private side of property lines. Practicing effective tree care consistently over time will be the key to our success: more than almost any other city task, tree care requires a long term view. You can’t rush tree growth, nor can you “cram for the exam” to make up for inadequate planting or loss of mature trees!

A concluding thought: City of Lakewood Forestry Unit Manager Chris Perry has said that a healthy urban forest can serve as a “green trademark” for Lakewood. That’s a wonderful vision that I fully support! I know if we plant and care for our trees consistently over time, our kids will thank us for our foresight and wisdom in developing green infrastructure that raises property values, cleans air, manages storm water, and makes our community more beautiful.



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# Lakewood Public Library

compiled by Leana Donofrio-Milovan

Saturday, June 28

Lakewood Public Cinema: “Fish Tank” (2009)

Directed by Andrea Arnold

Fifteen year old Mia is just another reckless and rebellious British teenager who has gotten herself suspended from school. Living in a shabby flat with her mom and sister—and with plenty of time on her hands—she spends most of her days drinking and getting wasted all by herself in a vacant set of rooms down the hall. She has one true passion and that is dance. Unfortunately, she shares that passion with her mother’s new boyfriend. When they cross the line sexually, mother’s anger is not with her boyfriend, but with her new rival.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Sunday, June 29

Sunday with the Friends: Diana Chittester

Her earliest musical influences ranged from Peter, Paul and Mary to the enigmatic energy of Michael Jackson, but it was that first Ani DiFranco CD, bought with her last \$11, that set Diana Chittester off on her own musical adventure. Today she commands the stage without the use of gimmicks or gadgets, giving a natural performance that sounds like many guitars playing at once. Her blend of swift finger-picking and intricate strumming, combined with an array of alternate tunings, allows her to speak directly to the audience. Music Connections Magazine calls her, “An intelligent and articulate artist.” Join the honey-voiced singer, songwriter and activist for an afternoon of music worth giving your heart to...

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, June 29

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Friday, July 4

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## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Friday, June 27

Music To Go With Miss Misty

For the whole family

Get ready to jump, wiggle, and dance all around with Miss Misty as she sings and plays her guitar.

3:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

Tuesday, July 1, July 7

Afternoon at the Movies

For the whole family

Beat the summer heat with the whole family by taking in a movie on our big screen. Movies are free and open to the public.

“The Croods” : Tuesday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

“My Neighbor Totoro” : Tuesday, July 8 at 1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Family Weekend Wonders

Make the Library a part of your family weekend time with programs featuring stories, activities, music and crafts. These free programs are offered every weekend throughout the year at both the Main Library and Madison Branch. No registration is needed. Check out our website ([www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth)) for times and upcoming themes.

Main Library Activity Room and Madison Branch Auditorium

Weekends With Wee Ones

For families with children under 2 years old

Spend a part of your family weekend time clapping your hands, tapping your feet, singing nursery rhymes and, of course, sharing books. We will provide materials and ideas for those wishing to continue the fun at home. Programs are offered every weekend throughout the year and there is no need to register in advance.

Madison Branch Children’s and Youth Services

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Sunday, July 6

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Friday, July 11

LakewoodAlive Front Porch Concert Series

LakewoodAlive, in collaboration with Lakewood Public Library and Vance Music Studios, is proud to announce the 5th Annual Front Porch Concert Series. Held on the Library’s Front Porch, these concerts are free and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors in the heart of Downtown Lakewood. The Front Porch Concert Series is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and by the Friends of Lakewood Public Library. The full line-up of acts will be announced in late spring at [www.LakewoodFrontPorchConcerts.com](http://www.LakewoodFrontPorchConcerts.com).

Fridays at 7:00 p.m. on the Front Porch of the Main Library

July 11 through August 29

Saturday, July 12

Lakewood Public Cinema: “The Adventures of Tintin” (2011)

Directed by Steven Spielberg

Tintin is a reporter, earnest and brave. That’s all you really need to know about him. The original Belgian comics, hugely popular throughout Europe for decades, were too packed with exotic adventure to leave much room for character development. (Does anybody even know what newspaper he works for?) While we’re not usually fans of motion-capture CGI films like Polar Express, the decision to make the actors less photorealistic and more like Hergé’s original cartoon designs eliminates the creepiness factor. And the sweeping moves of the virtual camera—impossible to film in the real world and too laborious to draw—make this arguably the most essential comic book adaptation ever made. It really captures something about the reading experience that no other medium can duplicate. Follow the curious Tintin and his loyal dog Snowy as they discover a model ship carrying a centuries-old secret and make friends with the cantankerous Captain Haddock. Together, they’ll travel half the world to solve the mystery.

6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

July 13

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Sunday, July 13

Sunday with the Friends: The Swinging Bavarians

It’s time to button up your lederhosen for Oktoberfest in July. This is not your typical oompah band. In addition to the traditional marches, polkas and waltzes, these brothers in brass mix in big band, pop and even a little rock ‘n’ roll. What matters is that everybody has a good time! Dr. Thomas Herbell, with more than seventy years of experience playing the clarinet at his disposal, will lead the fourteen member band through traditional favorites like The Happy Wanderer, The Anvil Polka, Magic Trumpet, Blue Skirt Waltz and Lili Marleen. An offshoot of the Al Koran Orchestra, the Bavarians contribute all proceeds to support the Shriners Orthopedic Hospitals and Burn Institutes for Children.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

## Special Friday Performance: Music To Go With Miss Misty

by Marge Foley

Get ready to jump, wiggle, and dance all around with sing-along music when Miss Misty returns to the Lakewood Public Library. Miss Misty will engage the audience with her beautiful voice as she sings and plays the guitar. Having earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Ohio University, Misty Drotleff uses the power of music with children to encourage early literacy. She has been performing children’s musical programs for the past twelve years at several west side libraries and for several community events and programs. Misty states, “My main goal for performances is to keep the children engaged with high energy songs that foster movement, singing along and, of course, general silliness.” She is planning to perform circle and movement songs, many classic children’s songs with a twist, and a few cover songs from popular children’s artists. This high-energy show will begin



at 3 p.m. on Friday, June 27th in the Multipurpose Room, which is located in Children and Youth Services at the Lakewood Public Library.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## One-On-One Job Hunting

by Erin Hallahan

Looking for a job? Recently laid off? Switching careers? Learning how to net-

work? Library staff can help you with all aspects of your career path. Come to the library for a One-on-One Job Searching



appointment and embark on a journey to land your dream job.

Evolving from the original Resume Tune-Up Class, the sessions offer a more personalized approach to career guidance. What do you need help with? It's your chance to sit down with a library staff member and ask the important questions that pertain to your personal career. Entry-level or professional, no matter what your experience, we can help.

According to our career expert, Amy Kloss, "job hunting is very individual, no longer one size fits all and everyone has different skills." Evaluate your experience and determine the skills that qualify you for your future job. Determine how to focus on your goals rather than your past experiences. In the ever-changing and fast-paced job market, learn how to hone your skills and look ahead.

A resume that is fine-tuned to your specific expertise is essential, but tailoring

your resume to the position you are applying for can make or break your chances. Amy explains that, "content is key now, not necessarily formatting, because most jobs have online applications. The one-page resume is not the rule anymore." Companies are placing less importance on a paper resume as the hiring process becomes increasingly digital.

How can you present yourself as the best candidate for the position? Come to the library for a One-on-One Job Hunting class and find out. Schedule an appointment today by calling 216-226-8275 ext 127.

## Printmaking Workshop At The Lakewood Public Library

by Julie Strunk

Presented By The Progressive Arts Alliance:  
For students entering kindergarten through second grade. Learn about fine art prints and design your own original piece in this hands-on-workshop. Students will learn different processes related to the art of printmaking. Images will be displayed in Children's and Youth Services for everyone to enjoy before participants take them home. Space is limited. Registration is required and ends on July 23. Register online at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) or phone 216-226-8275, ext. 140.

Wednesday, July 30, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m in the Main Library Activity Room



## The "Found Sounds Percussion" Band!



Progressive Arts Alliance Presents The "Found Sounds Percussion Workshop" At The Lakewood Public Library.

by Julie Strunk

The Lakewood Public Library shook and rattled for 90 minutes on Wednesday, June 18, 2014! Thirty stu-

dents entering kindergarten through fifth grade made their own instruments out of recyclable items, kitchen utensils, and school supplies. They

learned about rhythm, tempo, and tone and then put their knowledge into practice with their instruments. A good time was had by all.

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Lakewood Schools

LEAF And Garfield School Celebrate  
“Farm To School” Program

by Mike Deneen

Garfield Middle School recently wrapped up a year long “Farm to School” education project with a celebration in its cafeteria on June 2. The “Farm to School” program, funded by a grant from Lakewood Earth and Food Community (LEAF), included numerous events that instructed kids about healthy eating habits and sustainability. These events included guest speakers, a trip to the West Side Market, a Salad Party, and even an in-class egg hatching incubator.

The program was conceived in spring 2013, when LEAF was exploring a way to reach Lakewood youth. LEAF had some money that it raised from cookbook sales, and decided to offer a grant to a Lakewood school willing to engage in an educational program. LEAF wanted a fun, interactive program that would educate kids about the importance of healthy eating, and give “city kids” a stronger understanding of where their food comes from. Liz Street, a teacher at Garfield Middle School, was intrigued by the idea. She and fellow Garfield teacher Haley McDonough were awarded the grant, and organized the year-long program.

“Farm to School” began in fall 2013 with a series of guest speakers, including Annabel Khouri, Michael



Garfield teachers Liz Street and Haley McDonough holding baby chicks from the in-class incubator

Nowak, Julie Hutchison, and Monica Owen. Khouri, owner of Bay Branch Farm here in Lakewood, spoke to the kids about topics such as farming, pickling, and canning. For many of the kids, it was their first exposure to a real-life farmer. Nowak, chef and owner of the Black Pig in Ohio City, addressed issues such as local sourcing of produce. He explained that locally grown

produce is not only fresher, but better for the environment since it does not need to be shipped as far. Hutchison, owner of the Root Café, spoke about topics such as vegetarianism and sustainability. Owen, a beekeeper, spoke not only about beekeeping, but about the importance of bees to our overall environment.

As winter set in, the program became even more interactive. The kids had an opportunity to cook with two local chefs – Devan Sharofsky of the Ranger Café, and Michael Nowak, who returned from the Black Pig for another visit. The students were hands-on, making items such as cornbread and flavored butter. The opportunity to cook with professionals was great for the kids, many of whom had no prior experience with cooking (unlike previous generations, today’s students are not exposed to Home Economics).

Springtime took the program to a whole new level. Thanks to a partnership with the Ohio State University-Wooster extension, Garfield borrowed a chick incubator during the spring. Students were able to watch the miracle of birth, as eggs hatched into

baby chicks during the month of April. Students were able to hold the baby chicks, gaining a better appreciation for the fragility of life. Gregory Siek, an Assistant Professor at the OSU extension, did a presentation in May about animals, including potential careers with animals such as veterinarian or zoo keeping.

The program also included a couple of field trips. Students went to visit one of LEAF’s community gardens at Madison Park, getting an up-close look at local farming. Later in the year, they went to visit the West Side Market. The “Farm to School” experience helped the kids to appreciate the wide variety of food available at the Market, especially the produce. At the beginning of the school year, many of the kids had very little knowledge of vegetables. In fact, some of them had never eaten any veggies other than french fries. By the end of the year, the kids had been exposed to a wider variety of food, including many tasty veggies. In fact, during the spring they even held a “Salad Party.”

Overall, everyone was very pleased with the program. “We are excited to be able to support this project and encourage the future generations of Lakewood to learn and think about local food and sustainability,” said LEAF President Lisa Hofmann at the year-end celebration. Students also enjoyed the project. Elizabeth Skourlis, an eighth grader, enjoyed, “Experiencing new things and trying new things.” Missy Toms, a LEAF board member, hopes that the program will impact not only the kids, but their parents. “It’s important that they take the information home to their families,” said Toms.

Teachers at Garfield are hoping to continue the program next year. There is also a possibility of the program spreading to other Lakewood schools. One Lakewood student thinks it should go even further. “It is good to learn about healthy ways to eat,” said Angela Sakach, an eighth grader at Garfield, “I think they should make it [the program] a national thing.”

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Garfield students pose with their project during the June 2 celebration.



# Lakewood Schools

2013-2014 School Year -- How Did We Do?

## An Interview With Director Of Teaching And Learning, Roxann Ramsey-Caserio

by Betsy Voinovich

As Lakewood City Schools' Director of Teaching and Learning, Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, shows me to a seat at a table in her office, I notice two posters on the wall behind her desk, with her chair directly between them. One is a beautiful ocean scene, above which is the word, "Calm." The other says: "Put on your big girl pants and deal with it."

The past couple of years have gone by very quickly as she has moved from one challenging position to the next: first principal of Grant Elementary school where she and I first met, then Director of Teaching and Learning for the entire district, and this coming school year, Assistant Superintendant.

With all the activity swirling around her, she is as always, well put together, very focused and easy to talk to.

My original intent was to do an end-of-the-school year article—wrapping up how we all did—kind of a report card for the community. Talking with Ms. Ramsey it is immediately apparent that this is going to have to be more like a series of articles.

**This is the first one.**

Today's meeting requires focus as we are talking about how the District did with Year One of CORE implementation. A question that depending on who you talk to, has a lot of different answers. One that everyone agrees on, is that it has been challenging, and two, the District is up to the challenge but we're not all the way there.

**LO: What's been the greatest challenge this year for the School District?**

**RR: We've undertaken the Common Core and we've taken on some new curriculum. Trying to implement new curriculum while learning a new set of standards and trying to teach those in a way that's going to help our students be successful, overall, has been a challenge but – nonetheless—successful. We've struggled, we've had some hurdles to jump along the way but in the long run it has put us in a much better position than – I'm even seeing—the schools around us.**

**I look at the curriculum directors in this area and I feel that we are in a really strong place going into next year looking at some of the resources we've put together as teams throughout the District. The amount of collaboration that has taken place this year in order to get us here, puts us in an excellent position.**

**LO: It's become a fun thing to post on Facebook terrible examples of math from the CORE...**

**RR: That's actually funny because the other night my husband called me—and my husband is not an educator—and said, "What are you teaching kids?" He found an example on FB and I came home and he showed it to me and it was the worst example of what they're trying to promote as the Common Core I've ever seen. It was an adult**



Roxann Ramsey-Caserio, soon to be Assistant Superintendent for Lakewood Public Schools.

*going around on a college campus asking other adults to solve an equation, I believe it was what's 32 – 20, and went through this whole process of writing on a white board number sentences that made no sense because there was no explanation behind it, so what I explained to my husband was that The Common Core is promoting the conversation and collaboration that would occur around solving that problem, so I went through the process with him. "Mike, what's thirty-two minus twenty?" "It's twelve." "How do you know?"*

*The minute I asked him, 'How do you know?' he's a 37-year-old man—he looked at me like I was crazy and I said that is what we're expecting our kids to do, to understand, abstractly, why 32 – 20 is 12, not 'how did you get it?' but to be able to explain how they got it and be able to teach it to other kids in a collaborative setting who might not have seen it the same way.*

**LO: When you talk about the literal mechanics of a day, from the little kids to the big kids, and I say this as someone who is looking at what comes home in the backpacks, where do you get the stuff you are using? How are you vetting it? Are we allowed to write our own, as a district? How do you choose that?**

**RR: We jumped onboard two years ago with our elementary specifically and eventually our middle school talking about Columbia Teachers College which promotes English language arts of reading and writing. So the Writer's Workshop is what we've been working on this year and next year we will continue to work on this and the following year we will get into "Reader's Workshop." All through Lizzie Caulkins and Columbia.**

*Then with Math Solutions for the past two years we've been working throughout our elementary buildings to promote all of those resources. Both Math Solutions with Marilyn Burns and Lucy Caulkins with Columbia are*

*two of the foundational resources used to create the Common Core. So we knew going into those that we would have a very good correlation with what the Core would ultimately be expecting—with the understanding that we would still need to have additional resources along the way.*

*The reality of it is that you need to think of the Common Core like a pedagogy—it's a way of teaching—so if you look at the eight standards for mathematical practice, they span from K to 12 which is beautiful sitting in my seat because now you have a common language that you can speak to all teachers. It's not simply about math instruction in first grade, or math instruction in Geometry.*

*What we need to realize is that there is not going to be a perfect quote-unquote "textbook" or "Teacher's Manual" that is going to go through and be able to walk a teacher and a class through a lesson that would be promoting critical thinking, comprehension, col-*

*laboration, communication, the 4 C's in addition to those 8 standards for mathematical practice. What tools are we going to use precisely? How are we going to problem-solve, etcetera.*

*It has been a challenge, getting teachers past the idea of having a manual in their hands that says, "Today we're going to learn Chapter 1.1 and we're going to go home and do these 50 questions. Girls will do even, boys will do odd, come back tomorrow and we'll go through the problems." Getting past that way of instructing and not that our teachers do that but just speaking from a general—"that's the way I learned math"—that is not at all the way math instruction looks today and that has been a significant challenge for some, especially those who don't have their foundational education in math. For some we've had to provide additional professional development and we'll continue to do that because that will be a challenge.*

Ms. Ramsey went on to describe some common misconceptions about the Common Core and described some ways that its principles have always been in practice in Lakewood, along with some of the challenges of integrating the old with the new.

She said this year, she could have spent a long time on the phone in the office every day fielding questions about what it is and what it isn't, and we discussed an interactive column for this coming September called, "Ask Roxann" that might be able to save her and all of us some time. Stay tuned.



LO's Associate Editor Betsy Voinovich talks with Roxann.

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## Sports

# Lakewood Residents To Compete At US Fencing National Championships

by Sara Kass

The city of Lakewood will be represented at the 2014 US Fencing Association's National Championships in Columbus from June 22 to July 3 by Josh Owen and Mike Wypasek, who both started fencing two years ago with Coach Sara Kass at Cyrano's Place on Madison.

Josh, who just finished his freshman year at Lakewood High School, started fencing when he was in 8th grade. "Mom made me do it," said Josh. "I was sitting around doing nothing. I ran cross country in the fall, but other than that nothing much."

Josh entered his first tournament, Escrime D'Halloween, an annual youth tournament hosted by Cyrano's Place and sponsored by Lakewood Recreation, shortly after finishing a six week beginner class in 2012. "There were a lot of people better than me. In hindsight, I liked it but was frustrated at the time. Afterwards, I realized how much I had learned. I wanted to see if I could do better." And better he became, according to coach Sara Kass after losing to him for the first time in competition. "Josh is a great kid. He's smart, and has one of the best strategic minds I've worked with. At practice, if I don't bring my A game, he'll eat me alive!"

Most local competitions in fencing are co-ed, unlike any other Olympic sport. "Fencing is the equalizer. It's more about smarts than brawn. Good thing for me. At 50, I can still take out

guys a foot plus bigger than me. Well, most times," Kass adds, reflecting on her 2nd place finish to Josh on June 14.

Josh will be fencing in 3 different events at Nationals, including the Youth 14 Men's Foil. The first two will be experience builders for him. He hopes to do well enough in the Youth 14 Men's Foil to make national points. Coach Kass says, "Josh's greatest deficit is his lack of national experience. However, he is a sharp and wise kid with wonderfully supportive parents. If anyone can jump through an improbable hoop, it's Josh. I'm hoping he pleasantly surprises us! And, if he does, there could be a full-ride fencing scholarship with his name on it in time."

When asked about the coaching staff at Cyrano's Place, Josh said with a chuckle, "Short!" At nearly 6 feet tall he towers over Coach Kass' 5'1". "She knows what people need to be better, not just as fencers but as people. She focuses on being better people because that truly does help one's fencing. At Cyrano's Place I like the casual atmosphere. If you mess up there are not big consequences. So, it is self-induced pressure to improve. You put in what you want, but you also get out what you put in. And coach inspires not pushes you."

Mike Wypasek will be competing in the Veteran Men's 50-59 Foil in Columbus. Fencing "is something different. Who fences? It was something to do in the winter. It seemed like an adventure sport, not mainstream. I liked the idea



Photo by Monica Owen

Mike gives Josh the V for victory after winning a spring tournament at Oberlin.

of playing with swords," says Wypasek on learning the Olympic sport. "My first tournament was May 2013. I wasn't nearly as good as I imagined. It was humbling. I loved it. I could only get better."

"I love the mental challenge, the realization of getting better at each of my competitions, the joy of being beaten by 14-year-olds (like Josh, who's now 15) and the building of stamina, physical prowess, and mental acuity."

Wypasek added, "I love the family atmosphere at Cyrano's Place and the great spirit of friendship. I feel at home. Everyone gets along. We all like to improve. You need a certain kind of chemistry to make this kind of growth work. And we have a great amount of it."

Coach Kass will also be competing at Nationals in the Veteran 50-59 Women's Foil. Last summer she represented the US at the Maccabiah Games in Israel, winning the 40 and Over Women's Foil.

Coach Kass, who has been fencing for over 35 years, is excited to have these Lakewood residents accompanied by 3 others students from Cyrano's Place competing in Columbus. "Competing at the national level is the first step towards the dream of making an Olympic team. Not that many of the gang will make it. But, the adventure is a blast!" She should know. She was nationally ranked in the top 24 NCAA and Junior fencers in her day. She is currently ranked 12th in the country among 50-59 Women's Foilists. She was a scorekeeper at both the 1984 Los Angeles and 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games. She adds, "Technically, I can say I've fenced at the Olympics, backstage."

## Running Rangers XC Camp

by Stephanie Toole

The Summer Running Rangers four week camp begins the week of Monday July 7th. Running Rangers is a distance running program led by the LHS Cross Country coaches and runners. The four week camp instructs runners in the areas of training techniques, diet, and running form in addition to distance training runs in preparation of the upcoming cross country season. Included in the registration is participation in The Summer Meltdown 5K or 1 mile Fun Run (including a race t-shirt) on Sat. July 12, 2014. Participants will also receive a Running Rangers camp T-shirt.

The Running Rangers Camp is

open to Boys and Girls Grades 3rd-8th. We will meet at the Lakewood Kiwanis Pavilion. Grades 6th - 8th Monday - Thursday 7/7/14 - 7/31/14 7:30am - 8:30am \$45 resident/\$55 non resident Grades 3rd-5th Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 7/8/14 - 7/31/14 8:30am - 9:15am \$40 resident/\$50 non resident

Check out our downloadable flyer at: <http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com/user/programs/11043-pdfs-1-file.pdf> Register on-line, in-person, or over the phone with the Lakewood Recreation Department. Check out their webpage at: <http://www.lakewoodrecreation.com/programs/running-rangers-summer-program/11043>

## LHS Youth Basketball Camps Set

by Stephanie Toole

Come join the undefeated 2014 Lakewood High School Boys West Shore Conference Champion players and coaches at the Lakewood Ranger Champions Basketball Camp.

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To register, contact the Lakewood Rec Department: 216.529.4081, or [lakewoodrecreation.com](http://lakewoodrecreation.com). For sponsorship opportunities, contact Troy Bratz at [troybratz@gmail.com](mailto:troybratz@gmail.com).



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# Restaurant, Bar And Patio Guide

## Try “Sauce On The Side!”

by Ingrid Dickson & Irene Joyce  
(aka “The Taster Twins”)

We are truly fortunate to be in the virtual food mecca that is Lakewood. Every block is peppered with restaurants large and small, chains and local, casual and upscale. That bounty entices us to sample the myriad of establish-

ments in and around town. As a service to you and of course--to ourselves--we, the “Taster Twins,” are embarking on a culinary adventure through a variety of restaurants in our community. We will, in turn, pass along our assessments to you.

Mind you, we do not presume to

be gourmands or authentic food critics (being art school graduates who are now, unsurprisingly, in customer service/management); we will simply be describing our experiences as we sit down to dine at local eateries. In our opinion, food is a matter of personal taste (on many levels), but good service and a pleasant encounter is universally appreciated. A positive dining experience begins with the greeting and seating, continues with each course, right through to “Check, please!” A meal is so much more than satisfying hunger, albeit food is the paramount reason for entering a restaurant. The way a patron is treated shows hospitality and respect. Cleanliness, welcoming staff and atmosphere, and value are invitations to unbegrudgingly part

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What do you remember about a restaurant? Obviously the food--but what can make or break a meal? An unheeded request for “sauce on the side?” A surly server? Your arms sticking to the table? A nightmarishly filthy restroom? Conversely, exceptional service, charming decor, and a spotless establishment will enhance the experience and encourage frequent return visits. Our reviews will accentuate the positive, focusing on constructive suggestions or comments and lavishing praise when duly deserved (although we cannot promise a saucy comment will not sneak in now and again). We look forward to sharing our observations with you as we strive to keep the “sauce on the side.”

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Beck Center Announces 2014-2015 Theater Season Ranging From Doo Wop To Punk Rock

by Pat Miller

After an acclaimed 80th theater season, Beck Center for the Arts is proud to announce its 2014-2015 professional theater season, seemingly the most eclectic yet. Known for its uniquely diverse theatrical productions, Beck Center’s new season includes five musicals, the fourth Baldwin Wallace University Music Theatre Program collaboration, two locally-produced premieres, one regional premiere, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning drama.

“There are so many titles this coming season that will truly excite the artists,” remarked Artistic Director Scott Spence. “This can only translate into great theatre for our audiences.”

Subscriptions for the 2014-2015 season go on sale Friday, June 13, 2014. For more information, call Beck Center Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Flex passes and individual tickets may be purchased after Thursday, July 31, 2014. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays, for all shows. Preview performances are the Thursdays before opening night. Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood, just 10 minutes west of downtown Cleveland. Free onsite parking is available. For more information visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org).

“Forever Plaid”

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Musical Continuity Supervision and Arrangements by James Raitt

Directed and Choreographed by Martín Céspedes; Musical Direction by Bryan Bird

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

September 12 – October 12, 2014; Mackey Main Stage

This deliciously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers who are killed in a car crash in the 1950’s on the way to their first big concert. They have been miraculously revived from the afterlife for a chance to fulfill their dreams and perform the show that

never was. This original “boy band” sings in the closest of harmony, squabbles over the smallest intonations, and executes charmingly outlandish choreography while audiences hum along to some of the most beloved classic hits such as “Three Coins in the Fountain,” “Rags to Riches,” “Love is a Many Splendored Thing,” and more!

“[title of show]”

Music and Lyrics by Jeff Bowen; Book by Hunter Bell

Directed by Scott Spence; Musical Direction by Larry Goodpaster

Presented through special arrangement with R&H Theatricals

October 10 – November 16, 2014; Studio Theater

No performance Saturday, October 18, 2014

A musical about two guys writing a musical! This Tony Award-nominated musical comedy is about Jeff and Hunter, two struggling writers, who decide to enter a new musical theater festival. The problem? The deadline for submission is a mere three weeks away. With nothing to lose, the pair decides to create something new with the help of their friends. With the cast in place, they make a pact to write until the festival’s deadline and dream about how the show will change their lives. “[title of show]” follows their journey through the gauntlet of creative expression as they learn about them-

selves as people, friends and artists.

Visit [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) for more information regarding the exciting holiday production that runs December 5, 2014 through January 4, 2015 on the Mackey Main Stage.

Regional Premiere!

“Dogfight”

Music and Lyrics by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul; Book by Peter Duchan;

Based on the Warner Bros. film and screenplay by Bob Comfort

Directed by Victoria Bussert; Choreographed by Gregory Daniels; Musical Direction by David Pepin

In collaboration with Baldwin Wal-

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“The Goat, The Baad & The Ugly” Opens Saturday June 28th

by Nancy Cintron

The Goat, The Baad & The Ugly, a randomly strange & comical art show, featuring goats opens saturday June 28th with an artists’ reception from 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. (or later).

the good goat gallery (17012 Madison Ave. Lakewood, OH 44107), known for it quirky & colorful art shows, will be hosting another spirit-pleasing event- The Goat, The Baad & The Ugly. It will run with the herd, until July 19th. Don’t miss out.

Goats are funny animals that put



An example of one of the whimsical works that will be on display at the good goat gallery.

smiles on our faces, so why not use them as subjects in art? Bring home some art and have a lifetime of self-satisfaction. Keep your neighborhood beautiful & support the arts.

Participating Artists:

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Brennan, Karen Storch-Bynum, Kristen Burns, Linda Alexander-Radak, Linda Ayala, Lindsay Stanley, Oliver App, Rachel Rymont, Randy Maxin, Samantha Meyers of Forlorn Dolls-Studio , Sean Burns, Tara Coury, Vincent Packard & a few kids.

For more information visit, [www.thegoodgoatgallery.com](http://www.thegoodgoatgallery.com) or email [nancy@thegoodgoatgallery.com](mailto:nancy@thegoodgoatgallery.com)

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# Lakewood Cares

## Lakewood Historical Society Celebrates Anniversary Junior Women’s Board 50th Anniversary

by Kathryn Kosiorek

Although the Junior Women’s Board of the Lakewood Historical Society officially disbanded in 2004, the current Women’s Board is celebrating the 50th Anniversary of this vital group of women who served both the Lakewood Historical Society and the community so well. Starting in 1964, this innovative group of young women served as costumed hostesses for the Oldest Stone House which is situated in Lakewood Park. But leading tours was just the beginning. They collected and documented authentic furniture, tools, art works, and cooking utensils for display. They created traveling trunks which are used to this day to take Lakewood history into the schools and community. Children can still attend Ohio Heritage sessions at the Oldest Stone House in the summertime. The child’s journal based on the journal of Emma Beach can still be purchased

from the society.

The Junior Board played an essential role in the life of the Lakewood Historical Society and in the life of larger community and because past

members remember fondly the friendships they made, and the visibility they helped provide for both the Oldest Stone House and for the Lakewood Historical Society an Ice Cream Social

is being held in their honor on Sunday, July 27th from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Women’s Pavilion in Lakewood Park. For further information contact lakewoodhistory@bge.net.

## “Dog Days Of Summer” Dog Wash At Nature’s Bin Benefiting The Lakewood Animal Shelter

by Megan Bauccho

Citizens Committee for the Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) and Nature’s Bin are once again holding the “Dog Days of Summer” Dog Wash on Saturday, July 12th from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Rain date: Saturday, July 19) in the parking lot of the brand new Cornucopia Vocational Training Center.

Don’t be caught with a filthy tail-wagger--get your pooch fresh and clean with a pampering bath! Prices for the Dog Wash are \$10 for small dogs

and \$15 for medium to large dogs. Dog nail-trimming services will also be available for an additional cost, courtesy of Home Alone Pet Sitting. Please make sure your dog is non-aggressive and up-to-date on vaccinations. The Cornucopia Vocational Training Center is located next to Nature’s Bin, at 18228 Sloane Avenue, Lakewood. All proceeds benefit the homeless cats and dogs at the Lakewood Animal Shelter.

If you have additional questions or are interested in volunteering for the event, please email cclasweb@yahoo.com.



Above: An abandoned momma dog and her litter of 11 pups could use your help. CCLAS is appreciative of PayPal donations that we can use to purchase supplies online for her foster family.

## An Update From Kauffman Park Friends

by Meg Ostrowski

Kauffman Park Friends met at Lakewood Public Library Main Branch on June 10th to elect new officers, report on current activity and prepare for the implementation of the park’s master plan.

After a unanimous vote, Dan Alaimo will serve as President, Meg Ostrowski as Vice President and Missy Toms as Treasurer and Development Chair. The position of Secretary

remains open. The group would like to thank Founder and Past President, Jaime Bouvier for her leadership and is pleased that she will continue her work with the group as a member of the events committee.

The City of Lakewood will be paving an all-purpose trail through the park late summer/early fall that will connect the Andrews and Arthur entrances, circle the ball field and meander past the LEAF community gardens. Kauffman Park Friends will host a “Trail Mixer” later this year to celebrate its completion.

With Planning Commission approval of the Kauffman Park Master Plan, support from the city and a strong partnership with LakewoodAlive, KPF

will be working to help raise and obtain funds for the many amenities identified in the plan. These include enhanced entrances, reading nooks, historical placards, new playground equipment, a splash pad and amphitheater. The goal is to make Kauffman Park, “Lakewood’s Downtown Destination for Education, Exploration and Entertainment.”

This effort will take the work of many. If you are interested in serving as Secretary or would like to join the fundraising or events committee, please contact us at kauffmanparkfriends@yahoo.com. To learn more about Kauffman Park Friends and view the Master Plan, visit us at facebook.com/pages/Kauffman-Park-Friends/105942582780604.

Below: Summer means lots of new best friends to bring home!



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## “The Meal That Heals” To Benefit North Coast Health

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North Coast Health.  
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About North Coast Health

North Coast Health is a faith-based charitable clinic that provides and optimizes access to health care for the medically underserved. A vital part of Greater Cleveland’s health care safety net for the past 28 years, North Coast Health provides primary care, prescription assistance, specialty referrals and health education to individuals and families in need. With the support of over 150 volunteer physicians,



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## Lakewood Cares

# Exterior Home Maintenance Is Essential

by Allison Urbanek

Summer is the best time of year. We get out of our winter hibernation and spend time out and about having fun. It is always a difficult balance to find time to do everything that you must do, like home maintenance, while still enjoying the weather, but we learn to balance as best as we can. Home maintenance is essential to protect what is arguably the largest investment you will make in your lifetime, as well as help to maintain and sustain it for the next 100 years.

Keeping our exterior siding in good shape is extremely important. The siding, whether it is wooden, brick, vinyl or aluminum, takes a beating all year round with extreme heat, cold and moisture. As responsible homeowners, we need to make sure that we are doing all we can to allow it to work properly. It is important to walk around your home every so often to make sure that your siding is intact. If any is loose, missing or damaged, it can allow moisture and pests to get behind it and potentially cause a lot of damage.

"A house with wood siding is most vulnerable to water infiltration where siding butts against windows, doors, and corner moldings," says Frank Lesh, a professional house inspector in Chicago and past president of the American Society of Home Inspectors, on houselogic.com. Look for caulk that has cracked due to age, or has pulled away from adjacent surfaces, leaving gaps. Reapply a color-matched exterior caulk during dry days with temperatures in excess of 65 degrees.

Lesh also stresses that no bushes, tree branches, or shrubbery be allowed to touch the house siding. Foliage conducts moisture that can find its way into cracks and tiny openings in siding. "You should have enough room to comfortably walk between your house and any plant materials," he says.

Exterior painting/staining is a

great way to boost curb appeal as well as help to protect your wooden siding. LakewoodAlive offers the PaintLakewood! Program that helps low-moderate income families make their house painting more affordable. The program will reimburse homeowners up to \$1,000 of material costs such as paint, brushes, tarps, and equipment rental. The reimbursement program is a great way to significantly reduce the cost

of painting the exterior of a home.

LakewoodAlive also has contractor evaluations to help homeowners find qualified painters; you can stop by the office in the INA Building or check them out on our website, lakewoodalive.com. LakewoodAlive can also provide one-on-one consultations with homeowners to help them review estimates and financing options that will be best suited for them and

their project. Feel free to call Allison at 216-521-0655 or email her at aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com for more information.

*Allison Urbanek is the Housing Outreach Director for LakewoodAlive. Allison is a housing advocate and enjoys working with homeowners to help make homeownership easier. She and her husband live in Lakewood and love being a part of the Lakewood community.*

## Beck Center Announces 2014-2015 Season

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lace University Music Theatre Program  
Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

February 6 – March 15, 2015; Studio Theater

This hauntingly beautiful musical was praised by countless critics and nominated for nearly every award available including winning the Lucille Lortel Award for Best Musical in 2013. Based on the 1991 Warner Brothers film, "Dogfight" takes audiences on a romantic and heartbreaking theatrical journey. It's November 21, 1963. On the eve of their deployment to a small but growing conflict in Southeast Asia, three young Marines set out for one final boys' night of debauchery, partying and maybe a little trouble. But when Corporal Eddie Birdlace meets Rose, an awkward and idealistic waitress he enlists to win a cruel bet with his fellow recruits, she rewrites the rules of the game and teaches him the power of compassion.

**"Lend Me a Tenor"**

Written by Ken Ludwig  
Directed by Scott Spence

Presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

March 27 – April 26, 2015; Mackey Main Stage

No performances April 4 & 5, 2015; additional performance Thursday, April 23, 2015

A classical farce! Check in to this zany 1930's hotel-stay complete with mistaken identities, misunderstand-

ings, mixed signals, and doors (lots of doors.) This comedy follows the fiery-tempered, world famous Italian superstar, Tito Merelli, as he arrives in Cleveland to make his debut with the local opera company, then promptly goes missing. As the show's producer conspires to cover for Tito's absence, placate his hot-blooded wife, and distract his most passionate fans, chaos of operatic proportions ensues. Winner of three Tony Awards and four Drama Desk Awards, "Lend Me a Tenor" was also nominated for a Tony Award for Best Revival of a Play in 2010.

**"The Young Man from Atlanta"**

Written by Horton Foote

Directed by Eric Schmeidl

Presented through special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

May 29 – June 28, 2015; Studio Theater

This 1995 Pulitzer Prize winning drama comes from Horton Foote, the Oscar-winning screenwriter of "To Kill a Mockingbird" and "Tender Mercies." "The Young Man from Atlanta" is the story about a Texas couple's attempt to make sense of the death of their son, which becomes more complicated when the man he had been "rooming with" in Atlanta arrives. Called a "beautifully wrought and very moving play" by Variety, this profound story explores grief, faith, sexual orientation, race relations, and the American dream.

*Locally Produced Premiere!*

**"American Idiot"**

Book and Lyrics by Billie Joe Arm-

strong; Book by Michael Mayer; Music and Lyrics by Green Day

Directed by Scott Spence; Musical Direction by Larry Goodpaster; Choreographed by Martin Céspedes; Featuring Dan Folino

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI)

July 10 – August 16, 2015; Mackey Main Stage

A critical smash on Broadway and in London, the two-time Tony Award winning hit musical American Idiot tells the story of three lifelong friends, forced to choose between their dreams and the safety of suburbia. Their quest for true meaning in a post 9/11 world leads them on an exhilarating theatrical journey. Based on Green Day's Grammy Award-winning multi-platinum album, "American Idiot" is an energy-fueled rock opera that boldly takes the American musical where it's never gone before.

Programming at Beck Center for the Arts is made possible through the generous support of the Ohio Arts Council. Beck Center gratefully acknowledges the generous funding provided by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture.

*Beck Center for the Arts is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization that offers professional theater productions on two stages, arts education programming in dance, music, theater, visual arts, early childhood, and creative arts therapies for special needs students, free gallery exhibits year-round, and outreach education programming.*

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Business News

# Rotary Awards Four College Scholarships

by Lynn Donaldson

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River awarded four college scholarships at its weekly luncheon on Monday, June 9.

Graduating seniors Teodora Bodeo and Emma McGorray from Rocky River High School and Irina Vatamanu and Neelab Abdullah from Lakewood High School each received \$2,500 awards from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation. The scholarship program is part of over \$50,000 that the club donates to the community each year.

In addition to their outstanding academic records, the four Rotary scholarship winners were chosen for extracurricular and community involvement.

Neelab Abdullah, a member of the National Honor Society, has interned at Cleveland Clinic, volunteered at Fairview Hospital and with MetroHealth’s “Doctors on the Streets.” Her work on HPV immunization for youth was published by



With Phil Ardussi (right), Rotary club president, are scholarship winners (from left) Emma McGorray, Neelab Abdullah, Irina Vatamanu, and Teodora Bodeo.

the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine. She has received the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, the President’s Volunteer Service Award, and was inducted into

the National Technical Honor Society for Biotechnology. Neelab will pursue a pre-medicine curriculum at Baldwin Wallace University.

Teodora Bodeo, a fluent speaker

of English, Spanish and Romanian, is a member of the National Honor Society and Spanish Language National Honor Society. Throughout her high school career she served as a student ambassador for the foreign exchange students, probably because Teo herself moved to this country just seven years ago. In addition to pouring herself into her studies she has also held part-time employment. She will study nursing at Cleveland State University.

Emma McGorray has the very rare distinction of being selected as a National Merit Finalist. She captained her Science Olympiad team to silver and gold medals, participated in Model United Nations, and sang in her school’s auditioned Treble Choir. Planning to study English and writing at Kenyon College, Emma is a two-time semi-finalist in the Norman Mailer/NCTE National Writing Award competition.

Irina Vatamanu has been inducted into the National Honor Society, the French Language National Honor Society, and the National Technical Honor Society for Biotechnology. She served as president of her school’s Interact Club and Model United Nations Club. Irina has achieved AP Scholar with Distinction status and earned the President’s Volunteer Service Award. She will study biomedical engineering at Harvard College.

The local Rotary Club is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs (known as Rotarians) provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto “Service Above Self,” Rotary’s main objective is service – in the community, in the workplace, and throughout the world. To learn more, visit [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

# Partnerships Help Local Businesses And Residents

by Michael Benovic

Vocational Services Unlimited (VSU) is a female owned, private sector vocational rehabilitation company, which works with local residents, with varying disabilities, to provide them with an opportunity to obtain substantial, gainful employment.

By partnering with local business, Vocational Services Unlimited has been able to assist individuals with developmental disabilities, mental health, and physical limitations in finding and obtaining employment. One individual, Robert Woods (pictured), was one recent example of the success these partnerships can have.

Robert moved to the Cleveland/Lakewood area over 2 years ago from Detroit. When he arrived, Robert had trouble finding work and maintaining a job. However, after beginning to work with VSU, Robert was allotted the opportunity to begin working at one of Lakewood’s premier restaurants,

Pier W. Robert began this position through a community based program with VSU. After seeing Robert’s dedication, performance, and ambition, Pier W offered Robert a permanent position, which he accepted and has been working at since November of 2013. When asked how the partnership between Pier W and VSU has helped Robert, he stated that, “It allows a chance that others have not allowed. It is independence.” Robert feels that this partnership gave him an opportunity and starting point, which he was able to capitalize on. Pier W’s Executive Chef, Regan Reik, has said about the partnership that it is a “win, win situation” because it is “improving a local business with the help of a local business and bringing in more employees that will help improve the community.”

Robert’s story is one of the countless success stories that these community partnerships have delivered. Many others have capitalized



From left to right: Executive Chef Regan Reik, Robert Woods, and Supervisor of VSU Michael Benovic

on their opportunities to obtain substantial gainful employment through the assistance of Vocational Services Unlimited and countless local businesses.

To learn more about Vocational Services Unlimited (VSU) and its mission to put people to work, please contact VSU at (216) 591-0300, or online at [www.vsu-oh.com](http://www.vsu-oh.com).

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# Business News

## Lakewood Chamber Honors Sharon Marrell, Bob Wright At Annual Awards Luncheon

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Person of the Year. After his first career teaching industrial arts and coaching high school wrestling, Bob Wright went on to found his own interior and exterior building & design firm, then became co-owner of Buckeye Brewing Company with his son Garin in 1996. After opening the Buckeye Beer Engine restaurant in Lakewood in 2007, Bob was instrumental in helping to organize two Madison Avenue merchant groups (MAMA and Uptown Lakewood) and was the first to host Bike Night in Lakewood. Through the Beer Engine and Buckeye Brewing, Bob has sponsored and promoted many Lakewood events including the annual Car Kulture Show, LakewoodAlive's Summer Meltdown, Uptown's Candy Cane Lane and the 2013 Scarecrow Festival, the upcoming Wine & Craft Beer Festival, and the Chamber's 2013 and 2014 Tastes of Lakewood. He has tirelessly promoted Lakewood as a destination for beer, food, & cycling enthusiasts, and has partnered with other Lakewood caterers and food retailers by featuring them at regionally known Beer Engine events such as the Annual Mead & Cider Tasting, the 420 HopFest, and the Rogue Ales Oyster Fest. Bob is an 18-year member of the Society of Northeast Ohio

Brewers, the Institute for Brewing Studies, the American Wine Society, and the Northern Ohio Wine Guild. Bob has been an active member of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce since 2007. He is a member of the Taste of Lakewood committee and also serves on the Chamber's Board of

Directors. For establishing the Buckeye Beer Engine as a hub of significant economic progress on Madison Avenue, and for his passion for Lakewood as a great place to work, volunteer, and do business, the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce is proud to recognize Mr. Bob Wright as the 2014 Business Per-

son of the Year.  
For photos and a complete list of this year's long-term members and Chamber Past Presidents, visit [www.lakewoodchamber.org/annual-awards-luncheon/](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org/annual-awards-luncheon/).

## Lakefront Cruise-in' July 31 To Raise Funds For Scholarships

by Lynn Donaldson

Just imagine, a beautiful summer evening, right on the lake, live music, food and refreshments, and lots of fancy cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, a car, truck,

and motorcycle cruise-in is set for July 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Edgewater Park's Lakefront Reservation, Lower Area.

The event is part of "Edgewater Live" sponsored by the Cleveland Metroparks.

Enthusiasts are encouraged to

bring their cars, trucks and motorcycles. There is a \$20.00 suggested donation for those who choose to participate, but any amount will be appreciated.

All donations will be used to fund grants for students planning to attend  
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## Upcoming Lakewood Chamber Events

**Friday, July 11**  
**July Luncheon Meeting**  
*The Waterside Room at the Emerald Necklace Marina 1500 Scenic Park Drive, Lakewood*  
**11:30am Registration & Networking, 12 p.m. Lunch & Program**

Speaker: Dru Siley, Director of Planning & Development, City of Lakewood  
\$15 members, \$20 non-members  
Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve

**Friday, August 15**  
**58th Annual New Teachers Luncheon**  
*Garfield Middle School 13114 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood*  
**11:30am Registration & Networking, 12 p.m. Lunch & Program**

\$15 members, \$20 non-members  
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**Save the Date: Monday, September 8th**

**Annual Scramble for Lakewood Golf Outing**  
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For more information on these and other Lakewood Chamber events, visit [www.lakewoodchamber.org](http://www.lakewoodchamber.org).



James Park  
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of the Board

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Director

## Buckeye Community Bank Welcomes New Director

**B**oard Chairman, James Park, welcomes Richard A. West, President of West Development Group in LaGrange, as a new member of the Board of Directors of Buckeye Community Bank, the business bank of choice on Cleveland's west side.

Mr. West has served on the Board of Directors for the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) and is currently on the Board of Directors for the National Sprayed Polyurethane Foam Association (SPFA).

"Buckeye Community Bank financed our company when we won the 'EITS' (Exterior

Insulation of Temporary Structures) contract to insulate over 10 million sq. ft. of tents for the U.S. military in Iraq during the War in 2008 and 2009," Mr. West stated. West Roofing Systems has also been on the "INC 500" and the "Weatherhead 100" lists of fast growing companies.

Richard believes strongly in "community" and initiated "Christmas on the Square" in LaGrange 20 years ago and has been playing Santa every year since.

He resides in Lakewood where he is a Board member for the Beck Center for the Arts and a Patron of the Arts with the Playhouse Square Foundation.



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Opinion

# Another Birdbath In Birdtown?

by John Lutz

Just what Birdtown needs, another watering hole for all the “birds” of Birdtown. On June 4th, the city’s planning and building commission unanimously approved a new project to allow a Restaurant/Brewery to be constructed in the old St. Gregory Byzantine Catholic Church. It is scheduled to open sometime in summer of 2015. While at the meeting, there were voices for it and against it. There were 250 silent voices that went unheard although they signed a petition against the proposed bar being put so deep into a residential neighborhood. Of the 250 silent voices, 123 of them are directly from the Birdtown neighborhood which will feel the direct impact of this project. The most frequent comment we heard as we knocked every door in Birdtown, was, “Just what we need, another bar.”

But I fear this bar will be different than all others in Birdtown and maybe even in Lakewood. First of all, it will be the first bar located in the midst of a residential neighborhood. While there have been previous bars that existed in Birdtown, all have been closed and the community has been better for it. And while there is a stigma about Birdtown and crime, that has changed dramatically over the years. Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan even agrees, as she was quoted in a Cleveland.com article saying, “Birdtown is not perfect...but it is not infested with crime.”

Could it be that the area has cleaned up because the neighborhood bars have been removed and the crime went down? So then why would we want to bring a bar back into the community? Will crime go back up? Will the bar bring a better opportunity for criminals to go after, since it will not be located on a main road like every other bar in Lakewood?

The ownership group, headed by Mr. Tom Leneghan, owner of The Treehouse in Tremont said that in twenty years of being in the hospitality industry, they have not had any problems. Unfortunately, this is not true. Back in 1999, a 17-year-old and a 19-year-old went into The Treehouse and attempted to rob them. The bar-

tender was pistol-whipped before two off-duty officers were able to shoot the 17-year-old and eventually apprehend the 19-year-old. I just wonder if the location of the establishment, being on a less visible side street will inspire and embolden criminals.

By now, you are saying, “That could happen anywhere,” and you are right, it could. But what if it happens because we have not even discussed one of the major reasons why this bar should not be allowed to be constructed where it has been approved, because it is directly adjacent to Harrison Elementary School on Quail Street?

Yes, an elementary school! What kind of message do we send to our children when we allow D.A.R.E to come in and talk about the effects of alcohol and drugs and then let them walk home and play outside in the evening with a bar right in their neighborhood. Going back to my previous thought, what if an incident like what happened at The Treehouse happens at this place, do we not put our children in greater danger by allowing this establishment to exist where it has been approved?

What about the increase in intoxicated drivers on residential streets? We are told many people will choose to walk or ride bikes, but in the introductory meeting, Jake Hawley, of the ownership group, stated they wanted to be able to bring people in from all areas around Northeast Ohio, that it would be some sort of a tourist destination that people could come to.

Are people going to ride their bikes or walk from all over Northeast

Ohio? The answer is simple, no way! People from Tremont, Shaker Heights, Euclid, Parma, etc are not going to bike it or walk that far, which will bring an increase in the amount of traffic on all the streets of Birdtown.

Where will the customers going to the bar park? There is a 22-spot parking lot on the premises but code requires 38? Sounds like 16 people in the community are going to be out of luck real soon when trying to park near their houses. Maybe they will have the privilege to park on the next street over or maybe in the nearest public lot at Madison park and walk home.

Another concern in this area is the amount of children who live and play in the neighborhood. While great care has been taken to schedule the opening hours after school lets out, what about after school? Many of the children directly live in the neighborhood, how will this bar affect them?

What about those employees that work after hours at the school? There have already been police reports filed regarding incidents that have taken place when the maintenance personnel have attempted to leave sometime during the evening and there have been drunks coming around. What about their safety? Do they not have a right to be safe simply when leaving their place of employment?

What about the after-school daycare program at Harrison Elementary School? The after-school daycare coordinator spoke directly to me in stating that 4 p.m. is the time every day that he brings the children outside. That is

the scheduled time for the bar to open every day. How does that make you feel?

What about sexual predators? While they cannot live within a certain area close to a school, they will now be able to sit directly across from the school and enjoy and nice craft beer and a brick oven pizza. That’s a comforting thought isn’t it? I know you cannot control people, nor am I advocating for that, but common sense must prevail in this issue.

I just wonder how much thought actually went into the pros and cons of this project. In my opinion, once the figure of a 1.8 or 2 million dollar project was introduced to the commission and city, this project was going through no matter what. Even at the meeting on June 4th, appointed member Mark Stockman brought up that fact that he was uncomfortable passing this project without a parking and traffic proposal, which is required by the mixed overlay ordinance, but was not submitted by the proposed ownership group. Yet, the project was approved.

Regardless of what you think about religion, most would agree that when someone sees a church building, they see place where they should be able to go for help and instruction and worship. Now, the very thing many went to church to overcome, the drink, will be there waiting--they can go in and get a cold one, oh yeah, and get a gourmet brick oven pizza! One resident at the June meeting said it best, “Something just doesn’t feel right about a brewery being in a church.” I agree!

# Gaps In Lakewood’s Recycling Program

by Matt Smith

I am proud to be living in a town that has mandatory recycling programs for residents of the city of Lakewood. However, we are missing the main culprit that is filling our landfills and that is the commercial businesses and public spaces of our city.

According to the EPA in 2012 the average person recycled 1.51 pounds of waste per day and generated 4.38 pounds per day. This statistic is a little misleading because it takes all the trash in landfills and divides them by total people in the United States. A study was done in 2009 stating that an average restaurant generates 274 lbs of waste per day. That is over 625% more waste generated than you or me. This same study proposes that 95% of their waste can be recycled with multiple recycling streams including composting etc.

I understand that we want to keep businesses vibrant and profitable in Lakewood. So how do we make recycling profitable? Easy, companies are paying to get their waste hauled away on average about \$50 per ton. So if you have less waste then you pay less to the waste hauler. I have talked to

a few owners of bars and restaurants around town and they would be happy to recycle if the city or the waste hauler would provide containers. Having set up some of these programs myself for businesses I know it is as easy as picking a container size and working with the waste management company.

On to public areas. Personally this is the most frustrating to me. How can residents have mandatory recycling when there are no recycling containers in our parks and on the streets of Lakewood? We all enjoy the many festivals but what happens to all the recyclable materials? They all end up in a landfill. How can we hold ourselves to one standard at home and then another as soon as we leave it! I would like to challenge our politicians to make recycling mandatory for businesses and place recycling containers right next to trash containers in the city of Lakewood.

Lakewood’s recycling mission statement is to provide an efficient municipal solid waste program focused on customer satisfaction and recovery of resources. Well this customer is not satisfied and you are missing the main culprits in waste generation in businesses and public areas. We can do better, Lakewood.

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More City News

## Lakewood Residents Getting New Water Meters

by Colin McEwen

Every property owner in Lakewood is getting a new water meter.

The city of Lakewood has hired Neptune Equipment to install 14,500 new, remotely read water meters across the city. About 2,000 are already done.

The meters inside Lakewood homes and businesses are replaced

with a new register on top of the existing meter. The box on the outside of the house is replaced with a new transmitter. The installation process takes about 30 minutes at each property.

The new, more efficient meters are expected to save the city (and residents) money. “The city won’t have to read the meters by walking to every house,” said

Joe Beno, the city’s director of public works. “We’ll get more accurate readings, especially on the larger meters.”

Working from east to west, Neptune Equipment is installing the new meters; as of June 2014, the company was at Wyandotte Avenue.

The company expects to have the work completed by the end of 2015.

“These new meters will actually

give a water consumption history — broken down to each hour,” said Beno. “You can tell what time of day water is getting used the most. The city can also detect leaks. We get notices of high-use locations on a daily basis.”

Residents and property owners are notified by mail — from the city and Neptune — when they are to call and schedule an appointment.



## Woodward Avenue Traffic Calming Work Wraps Up

by Colin McEwen

Work on the city’s traffic calming project on Woodward Avenue has finished. In an effort to reduce speeds on the residential street, the city installed six chicanes, creating extra bends — or what’s known as a modified S design — on the street to slow traffic for safety.

“Speeding in Lakewood has been a concern since the turn of the last century,” said Mayor Michael Summers. “In fact, one of the very first ordinances passed by the new city council of Lakewood in 1911 dealt with concern over horses exceeding 8 mph.”

More than 12,000 vehicles travel on Woodward, from Detroit to Madison avenues, each week. Traditional traffic management focused on sign

placement and enforcement, by issuing speeding tickets. The third element of the traffic-calming project is design.

In addition to the chicanes, the on-street parking shifts to different sides of the street in alternating quarter-lengths of the block to create the “modified S” effect.

Summers said that chicanes using parked cars are an inexpensive way to change the visual perception of drivers, lessening their sense of a long, straight thoroughfare. “For more than 100 years, our traffic concerns have basically stayed the same,” he added. “Adding some smart design elements will help calm traffic, in addition to our education and enforcement efforts.”

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Lakewood Real Estate Update

by Chris Bergin

July 4th is just around the corner, which means the year is nearly half over! 2013 was a strong year for Lakewood real estate. Let's take a look at how 2014 is shaping up with nearly 6 months in the books.

As of June 18th, there are 109 Single Family Homes on the market "for sale." The average home for sale is about 2,000 square feet, priced at \$86 per square foot, and has been on the market for an average of 92 days. The average List Price is \$193,300 and the Median List Price is \$129,800.

At that time a total of 89 homes were "under contract." These homes averaged \$90 per square foot and have been on the market for only 71 days. The average List Price at time of contract was \$171,200 with the Median List Price pushing over \$296,000. Before you get excited it is important to note that these prices are being driven up by the new construction at Clifton Pointe as well as a few lakefront sales.

Since January 1st, there have been 171 closed "sales." The sales are much in line with the active inventory. The sales averaged \$85 per square foot and had been on the market for 93 days. The average List Price at time of contract was \$164,500. The Average Sale Price was \$159,800 (97% of List Price) and the Median Sale Price was \$125,000. This is a modest 2.5% gain over all of 2013 where the Median Sale Price was \$122,000.

Let's take a closer look at the "Solds" so far this year.

Of the 171 sales recorded as of June 18th, 9.9% were \$59,900 or under. This is down compared to 2013 where this price range comprised 15% of the sales.

Sales between \$60,000 and \$99,900 comprised 20% of the market, identical to all sales in 2013.

Sales between \$100,000 and \$199,900 are up 3% over 2013, totaling 53% of sales year to date. Of note, 50% of the sales in this price range are between \$120,000 - \$140,000, the "sweet spot" for first time buyers.

Sales between \$200,000 - \$399,900 are down over last year, dropping from 11% of the market sales to 9%. More on this in a minute.

High-end sales are up modestly over last year. Of the 171 sales, 4.7% are between \$400,000 - \$599,900 and 2.3% are for all sales over \$600,000. These numbers combined are up 3% over all of 2013.

So what is the outlook for the remainder of 2014? In order to (partially) answer this question let's take a look at the active inventory.

The 109 active homes "For Sale" (as of June 18th) mirror the above percentages fairly closely. Depressed inventory has dropped, representing only 5.5% of the available homes. About 21% of homes for sale are between \$60-\$99,900, mirroring sales in this range Year To Date.

Homes for sale between \$100,000 - \$199,900 only make up 45% of the available inventory, yet this price range is responsible for 53% of the sales. And if we look at the next range, sales between \$200,000 - \$399,900 were down 2% over 2013 yet the inventory represents 18% of the total homes for sale. One issue at hand is that first time buyers are having difficulty finding quality move-in ready homes under \$200,000 which in turn is slowing down sales between \$200,00 - \$399,900. Another issue that is beginning to rear its ugly head

is the reluctant homeowner who is sitting on a sweetheart interest rate and is not sure they want to sell their first time buyer home and move up, paying a higher interest rate in the process.

The news could be worse. We've had 171 sales, and the median sales price is up over 2013. Lakewood is on track to have another solid year. Increasing quality inventory between \$100,000 - \$199,900 could make the difference between a good year and a great year. If you are on the fence, do your homework. Follow market activity at [www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info](http://www.HomeValuesInLakewood.Info). Call your realtor and ask for a "Highest Price Analysis." Who knows, you may just find out that it is the best time for you to sell your home!

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Lakewood Alumni Foundation Gets New Name

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much more.

A strong partner with the school administration, the Foundation has just undertaken its newest project, a campaign to save two Viktor Schreckengost masterpieces located at Lakewood High School. Both will be affected during the Phase III construction of the high school and must be protected and restored. The project is estimated to cost more than \$125,000.

This is not the first time the organization has gone through a name change. In 1984, Dr. Richard Boyd, then superintendent for the Lakewood City Schools, gathered a group of alumni,

staff, and friends of the school district. Out of that meeting two separate organizations were formed: Lakewood Alumni Association and Lakewood Public Schools Foundation. The Alumni Association focused on developing an alumni relations program and the Foundation on raising funds to award loans to college bound graduates. In 1994, these two organizations were merged to form the Lakewood Public Schools Alumni Foundation, under the direction of Tony DiBiasio. In 2007, the organization was renamed the Lakewood Alumni Foundation.

To celebrate our 30-year partnership for the benefit of all students, the Foundation will honor Tony and Julie

DiBiasio, strong supporters of the Lakewood City Schools and beloved Lakewood residents, at the Salute to the Lakewood City Schools Homecoming Weekend, October 2-4, 2014.

Since 1984, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation has distributed more than \$3 million in funding for classroom grants, student scholarships, and school initiatives. The Foundation is guided by its mission to provide resources to enrich the educational experiences of the Lakewood City Schools' 5,000+ students. To learn more about the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, visit [lakewoodrangers.org](http://lakewoodrangers.org) or email [info@lakewoodrangers.com](mailto:info@lakewoodrangers.com).

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# Prudential Lucien Realty To Join Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

by Chris Bergin

Ohio brokerage now operates as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Lucien Realty

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, the real estate brokerage network operated by HSF Affiliates LLC, today announced that Prudential Lucien Realty will join the network, operating July 8 as Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Lucien Realty.

The brokerage, serving the suburban Cleveland area for 36 years, will add to a growing roster of affiliates that have transitioned to the network since September. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices—recently named “Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year” in the Harris Poll EquiTrend® Study—now spans 42 states with more than 29,000 agents and 825 offices.

“Our transition to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices presents an incredible opportunity for our brokers, agents and clients alike,” said John Lucien, broker/owner of Lucien Realty. “We are pleased to bring this brand, whose Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

namesake is the world’s most respected company according to Barron’s, to our local market.”

Chief Administrative Officer John Lucien said the transition presents additional ways to augment the company’s ongoing commitment to excellence in service. “The network resources and tools available to our agents and brokers under the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices brand will help us grow, recruit and gain even more exposure in the market,” he explained. “The combination of our agents’ local market expertise with a brand focused on integrity, quality and trust will propel our business to new heights.”

With the transition, Lucien Realty agents gain access to Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices’ Global Network Platform – a robust suite of real estate tools and resources – plus professional education, business consultation, marketing support and the exclusive Luxury Collection program for high-end listings.

Lucien Realty will commemorate its transition July 8 with ribbon-cutting ceremonies held at each of its three offices; the final ribbon-cutting event will take place at its Lakewood location.

Stephen Phillips, president of Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, applauded Lucien Realty on its upcoming brand transition. “Ron and John Lucien

are visionary leaders with a skilled team of agents who serve the Lakewood area with distinction and pride,” he said. “The company is a natural fit for our brand and I’m looking forward to welcoming them as a member of the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices family.”

Lucien Realty’s new Cabernet and Cream yard signs will begin appearing throughout the suburban Cleveland area starting July 8.

### About Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Lucien Realty

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Lucien Realty is an independently owned and operated real estate company and affiliate member of the Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices network. The company has 50 sales associates in three offices, serving the suburban Cleveland area for 36 years. Visit [www.lucienrealty.com](http://www.lucienrealty.com) or contact the corporate office in Lakewood, Ohio at 800-634-0571 for details.

### About Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, based in Irvine, CA, is a brand-new real estate brokerage network built for a new era in residential real estate. The network, among the few organizations entrusted to use the

world-renowned Berkshire Hathaway name, brings to the real estate market a definitive mark of trust, integrity, stability and longevity. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices in early 2014 was named “Real Estate Agency Brand of the Year” by consumers in the 26th annual Harris Poll EquiTrend® study of the largest real estate networks. Visit [www.berkshirehathawayhs.com](http://www.berkshirehathawayhs.com).

Irvine, CA-based HSF Affiliates LLC operates Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Prudential Real Estate and Real Living Real Estate franchise networks. The company is a joint venture of which HomeServices of America, Inc., the nation’s second-largest, full-service residential brokerage firm, is a majority owner. HomeServices of America is an affiliate of world-renowned Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices received the highest numerical Equity Score among real estate brands included in the 2014 Harris Poll EquiTrend® Study. Visit [www.berkshirehathawayhs.com](http://www.berkshirehathawayhs.com) for details.

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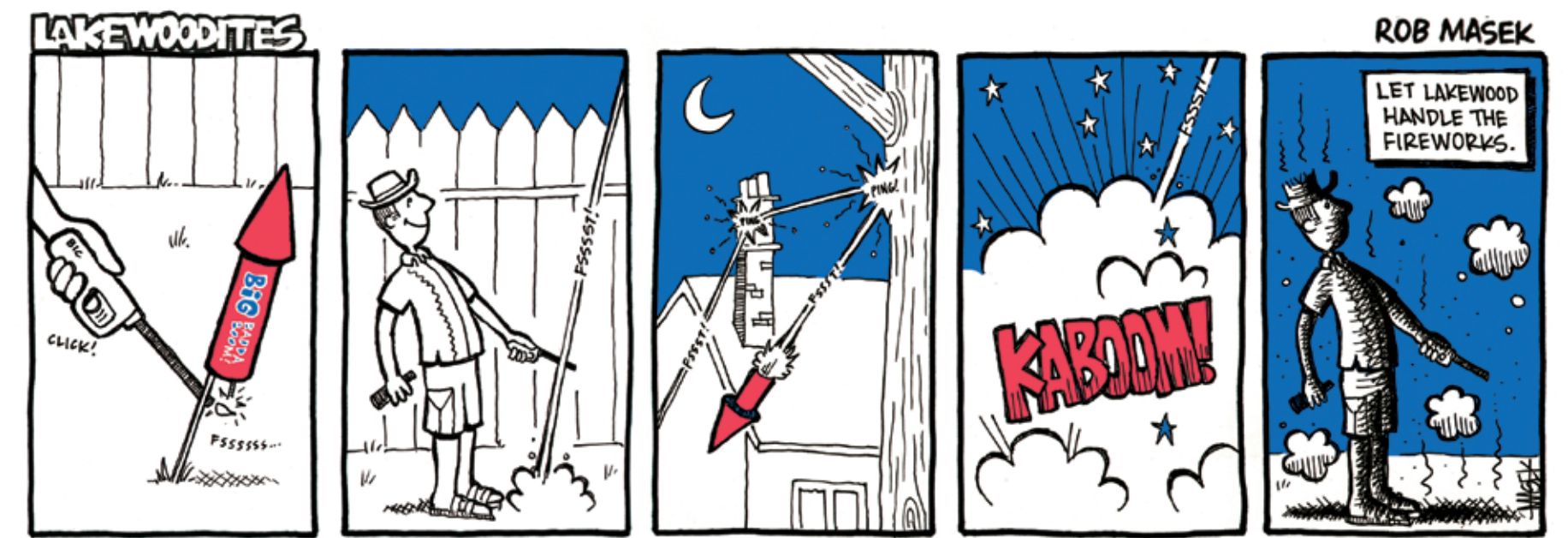
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