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## Ride With The Third Annual Bike To School Day

by Amanda Harland

Bike to School Day is Wednesday May 27th.

The Harding and Garfield Middle Schools in Lakewood will join schools from around the country to celebrate National Bike to School Day on Wednesday May 27th, 2015. This annual Bike to School Day is being presented by Bike Lakewood with the

great assistance and support of the middle school principals and staff, along with the City of Lakewood, the PTA, Beat Cycles, the Lakewood Library, Lakewood Alive, and the Lakewood YMCA.

Bike to School Day events raise awareness of the need to create safer routes for bicycling and walking and emphasize the importance of issues such

as increasing physical activity among children, safety, reducing traffic congestion and concern for the environment. Please check the Bike Lakewood Facebook page for safety videos and updated information. Please be sure to review the safety guidelines for bike to school day with your children.

Bicyclists will arrive at the school, lock up their bikes,

and receive participation packets of appreciation provided by University Hospitals and other local organizations and businesses along with a raffle ticket. Each middle school will have one lucky participant win a Pool Party provided by the Lakewood YMCA along with a prize package of bicycle related

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## LHS' DiMascio Chosen To Head West Shore Career-Tech

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School House 1 Principal William DiMascio has been named the Coordinator of Career Technical Education for the West Shore Career-Technical District. DiMascio, who was unanimously approved by the Board of Education at its May 4 meeting, will succeed Linda Thayer, who is retiring.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity given to me to lead, learn and be an advocate for career-tech education," DiMascio said at the Board meeting. "I hope to take the foundation that Linda Thayer built and take it to new heights."

DiMascio, who joined the District in 2012, begins his new position August 1. Besides his traditional House Principal



William DiMascio

disciplinary responsibilities, DiMascio also oversees student activities. Before joining Lakewood City Schools, he spent 12 years as an educator with the Akron Public Schools, where he served as both a teacher and administra-

tor. His last job in Akron was as Program Manager of the Akron Alternative Academy, where he encouraged at-risk students to succeed. Prior to that he was a Social Studies teacher and Career-Based Intervention instructor in a career-tech program. Prior to entering the education field, he was a cartographer for the federal government.

With honors awarded for outstanding teaching, DiMascio received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from The University of Akron. Additionally, he has taken graduate administrative course work for his principal's licenses from Ashland University along with Career Technical coursework from Kent State University.

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## Father/Daughter Dance Was The Greatest



The father and daughters behind the "Father Daughter Dance" Ryan Salo, Hannah Salo and Chloe Salo in front.

by J.J. Kompier

Last Friday was the day for Lakewood's city-wide Father/Daughter Dance. Fathers and daughters from all of the schools in Lakewood were invited, and this year there were more than 700 people in attendance at Garfield Middle School's gym.

I wore a blue party dress with green netting with a belt made of gems and tennis shoes and my dad wore a blue suit with black shined shoes.

The first thing that happened when you walked in was that you pick out your own corsage from a corsage table with



Our author JJ with her dad guitar legend Paul Kompier.

a bunch of different kinds. My favorite one had lace on it with five baby roses, I also liked the bright purple carnations. The next thing that happened was that my dad and I stopped at one of the photo booths, and picked out masks and costumes to wear to have our picture taken. My dad had big glasses and I had a mustache and a hat. I saw my friend Meredith with her dad and they were getting photos too.

The dance floor was so full that you had to make a spot to dance. Almost every girl from my class was there and I saw old friends from Grant, big sisters of my friends, and even a lot of little sisters.

A dj played music and talked the whole time. I recognized the Beatles and Michael Jackson, Justin Bieber and Rihanna. Meredith won the contest for who could dance the most like Michael Jackson. The dj of course played the Macarena, but that's when my

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## City-Wide Scavenger Hunt

by Sheri Walter

Test your sleuthing skills as you navigate Lakewood to find unique architectural details! Join the Lakewood Historical Society on its 6th annual National Historic Preservation Month scavenger hunt.

Beginning May 10, participants can download a list of clues from the Lakewood Historical Society's webpage, or stop at Rozi's Wine House or Lakewood Hardware to pick up a form, to begin a search for 20 architectural details hidden within Lakewood's urban landscape. This year's theme is apartments. Did you know that Lakewood's population density is over 9,000 people/sq. mile? So apartment buildings play a vital role in our neighborhoods.

Search Lake Ave., Clifton Blvd., Detroit Ave., and Madison Ave. to find these often overlooked architectural details.

Completed entries must be emailed to Preservation@LakewoodHistory.org, submitted to Rozi's Wine House or Lakewood Hardware by May 31 at 4 p.m. Entries with all correct answers will be entered into a drawing; prizes from Lakewood businesses will be awarded to first-, second-, and third-place winners. Participants have significant odds of winning certificates from places such as Cleveland Vegan, Blackbird Baking Company, Mahall's Twenty Lanes, and Breadsmith, among others!

The Lakewood Historical Society advocates for our historic

community in addition to providing stewardship of artifacts and buildings. By continuing to link our community's past, present, and future through the preservation of our built environment, we retain this sense of place as "Lakewood."

Preservation, combined with appropriate economic development, is key to maintaining the beauty of our neighborhoods, retaining our high quality of life, and keeping our community vibrant. Join us this May and be part of the scavenger hunt for National Historic Preservation Month!

Visit lakewoodhistory.org or the Lakewood Historical Society's Facebook page for more information and to download the entry form.



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# Drive For Lakewood Dog Park

by Karen Karp

How often do you have a chance to make a charitable donation with somebody else's money? Never? Well, that's about to change.

Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. (FLDP) and Nick Mayer Ford Lincoln are partnering to raise up to \$6,000 for Lakewood Dog Park as part of Ford Motor Company's Drive 4 UR Community program. On Saturday, May 16, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., for every person who takes the wheel and completes a test-drive, Ford will donate \$20 to FLDP.

Lakewood residents and neighbors from our surrounding communities are invited to help Nick Mayer Ford Lincoln and dog park members reach their goal of 300 test drives.

Following your test-drive, you may want to linger at the dog park to visit with volunteers from local animal rescues, speak to a few of FLDP's other generous sponsors, or check out our 5 new benches. In addition, May 16th will be the first opportunity to purchase the brand-new 2015 Lakewood Dog Park T-shirts and hoodies.

Take the opportunity to get behind the wheel of a new Ford vehicle and to participate in a unique fundraising event. Visit the Lakewood Dog Park between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015. The park is located at 1699 Valley Parkway, Lakewood, OH, adjacent to the Metropark's Rocky



River Reservation. Ample parking will be available across the street from the park in the Marina Parking Lot.

Participants must be 18 or older and have a valid driver's license. There is a limit of one test drive per household.

Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park, Inc. works with the city to care for the dog park, encourages proper dog park etiquette, raises funds for park improvements, maintains a website and a Facebook page, and hosts various events of interest to owners and their dogs.

FLDP is an all-volunteer, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Karen Karp is the current president of Friends of the Lakewood Dog Park.

# Lakewood Masonic Temple To Celebrate 100th Anniversary

by Gary Rice

On Saturday, May 30th, at 9 a.m., freemasons and friends of the Lakewood Masonic Temple will celebrate the Temple's 100th year anniversary with a centennial cornerstone ceremony. The public is also invited to attend this event. Freemasons from

around the community and the state plan to gather in support of this occasion.

The historic Lakewood Masonic Temple supports a number of Masonic organizations and community events, and also serves a Lakewood church congregation.

# Keep Lakewood Beautiful Hosting Spring Humus & Plant Sale On May 16

by Colin McEwen

Keep Lakewood Beautiful is hosting its annual Humus and Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to noon May 16 — rain or shine — in the parking lot of the Old Stone House at Lakewood Park, 14532 Lake Avenue.

The event is a fundraiser to benefit the city's Keep Lakewood Beautiful Adopt-a-Spots.

Leaf Humus will be pre-bagged

and sold for \$3 per bag. Several varieties of top-quality perennial plants and herbs will also be available.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) was created in September 1982 to promote public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Lakewood. The volunteer board initiates, plans and coordinates programs for litter control, solid waste reduction and beautification.

# Bike To School Day

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equipment donated by Beat Cycles. Students will also help to inform us though a bike-ability survey that helps us to evaluate the event, road conditions, and intersection safety.

About National Bike to School Day  
National Bike to School Day, coordinated by the National Center for Safe Routes to School, provides an opportunity for communities across the country to join together to bicycle to school on the same day. The event builds on the excitement surrounding National Bike Month, led by the League of American Bicyclists each May.

BICYCLE SAFETY:

DO A BIKE AND HELMET CHECK

BIKE FIT: When sitting on the bike with feet on the pedals, there should be a slight bend in the knee

when the pedal is closest to the ground.

BIKE VISIBILITY: The bike should have reflectors on the front, back, and both wheels. If riding when after dusk, there should also be lights on the front and back.

ABC QUICK CHECK:

A is for Air, check the air pressure and make sure tires aren't worn out.

B is for Brakes, spin each wheel and apply brakes to check proper function.

C is for cranks, chains, and cogs. The crank arms hold the pedals should be tight apply pressure on each side (if there is movement the bolt most likely needs tightened), the chain should look like metal (if black or grimy clean them up and apply fresh lubricant), the cogs are the gears in the back and should be clean like the chain, and allow the

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# Lakewood Hospital ED serves area’s emergency needs.

The nearly 34,000 West Siders who visit the Emergency Department (ED) at Lakewood Hospital each year can be assured that emergency services in Lakewood will continue to be enhanced and upgraded for years to come.

“Cleveland Clinic has made a significant investment in Lakewood Hospital’s Emergency Department, and they will continue to invest in emergency services in Lakewood,” says Eric Brown, MD, Medical Director of the Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department. “People can be confident that we will serve their emergency needs with compassionate, world class care 24 hours a day, seven days a week.”

The Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department is staffed by board-certified emergency medicine physicians and certified emergency nurses with the latest training and knowledge to respond to any emergency situation, including critical injuries and illnesses, as well as broken bones, severe or persistent abdominal pain, fever, severe headache, head injury and stroke.

ED physicians and nurses also specialize in neurology, diabetes care, orthopaedic surgery and senior care, such as dementia. They are specially trained to diagnose and treat stroke patients quickly, using the newest tools, including t-PA and advanced technology. On-site CT scanners, X-ray equipment, MRI, ultrasound and a full-service laboratory support

their work. As a result, the Lakewood ED has excellent response times for treating stroke patients.

Anyone entering the Lakewood ED can expect reduced wait times, thanks to a process to get the most critical patients seen quickly and to facilitate the care of less acute patients. Following early triage to assess the severity of illness, patients may be assigned an ED bed, or they may be moved to a treatment area specific to their needs.

As a Cleveland Clinic Emergency Department, Cleveland Clinic patients seen in the Lakewood Hospital ED are assured of continuity of their care through an electronic medical record (EMR) that ensures timely access to all medical records at all Cleveland Clinic facilities.

“Better care coordination leads to better quality of care and improved patient outcomes,” adds Dr. Brown. “This is especially true in an emergency setting, so that those providing care have timely access to the same accurate and up-to-date patient information.”

*In an emergency, call 911 or go to an emergency department near you. The Lakewood Hospital Emergency Department, located at 14519 Detroit Avenue, is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information on Lakewood Hospital’s Emergency Department, please visit [www.lakewoodhospital.org/emergency](http://www.lakewoodhospital.org/emergency).*

# Lakewood Hospital in the Community

## LGBTQ Health Talk/Screenings

May 16

## Lakewood Park Women’s Club Pavilion

Register at [lakewoodhospital.org](http://lakewoodhospital.org) or call 440.356.4362, registration required.

## Bike for Beck

May 31

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City News



From left to right: Judge Carroll, Mayor Summers, Principal Dr. Waters, Police Officer Acklin, and Police Chief Tim Malley.

## City Officials Honor Horace Mann DARE Graduates

by Colin McEwen

Mayor Michael Summers, Judge Patrick Carroll and Police Chief Timothy Malley joined principal Dr. Merritt

Waters and Officer David Acklin to honor the DARE program graduates at a special ceremony at Horace Mann Elementary School. The fifth-grade

students made a pledge to make good choices, and not to use drugs.

Below, Judge Patrick Carroll addresses the graduates, as he has done for decades of Lakewood students.



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dad and I decided to eat.

The food included pizza, garlic bread, cupcakes, cookies, juice, and water. The M&M cookies were the best.

I want to thank Mr. Ryan Salo for putting on this dance. I will always remember it. I was sick and couldn't go last year, but I will go every year I can from now on.

See all of the photos online at the [LakewoodObserver.com](http://LakewoodObserver.com)



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City News

# A Breakdown Of Decorum

by Christopher Bindel

The May 4, 2015 Council meeting was called to order by Council President and Ward IV Councilwoman Mary Louise Madigan at 7:34 P.M. The first order of business was to dismiss the absence of Councilman Tom Bull-ock (At-Large), which Council did.

The Mayor then asked Council to consider resurrecting an infrastructure committee in light of the City's current Integrated Wet Weather Improve-ment Plan (IWWIP). The IWWIP is currently in Phase I which involves connecting with stakeholders and opening lines of communication, and identifying, evaluating and selecting alternatives for improving the plan. Because the IWWIP involves a compli-cated infrastructure subject matter, the administration thought it was a good time to create a Clean Water Integrated Planning Task Force.

The suggested parameters the Mayor laid out for the Task Force included 11 committee members, a duration of 18 months, beginning in June, and with the expected guideline to discuss engineering, infrastructure, and design of projects, equity ques-tions (who pays for what and how), communication, and neighborhood and stakeholder engagement.

The Council referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole for con-sideration.

Next Mayor Summers read a let-ter regarding the development of public art, in specifically regarding the Sol-stice Steps project at Lakewood Park. The project includes a public art option and some funding, however the City was approached by a local organiza-tion that has some additional funding to offer for public art. The Mayor would like to have discussions in committee about not only the Solstice Steps proj-ect, but a broader discussion on public art throughout the City. He mentioned that many other Cities have pre-defined guidelines, ordinances/codes, or mas-ter plans which make the process easier when an opportunity arises. He recom-mends the City consider some of these examples to build a framework, or simi-lar guidelines here in Lakewood.

Council received and filed the Mayor's letter.

Mayor Summers then read a com-munication from Police Chief Malley who was absent. The letter informed

Council of an anonymous gift of \$10,000 from a Lakewood resident to the City's Police Department for the purpose of purchasing a new K-9 dog and associated training for the for the handler.

Continuing with the theme, Mayor Summers then read a letter from Direc-tor of Planning and Development, Dru Siley, who was also not present. The letter was to inform Council of a \$200,000 grant the City was awarded from the Cuyahoga County Property Demolition Program. The money will be used towards the demolition of the Hilliard Theater, which has been in disrepair for years, however took seri-ous damage during Hurricane Sandy which left much of the building open to the elements with car-sized holes in the roof. Although the cost of demolition is suspected to be way over \$200,000, the grant will allow the City to begin asbestos abatement, which needs to be completed before demolition.

The funds are awarded on a reim-bursement basis, so the City will have to first spend the money up front before receiving the grant. No matching funds are required by the City, however.

Coming to the end of the agenda items, the floor was opened up for pub-lic comment. The first person to speak was Jeanine Zubrzycki who asked Council to reconsider the City's ban on Pitbull dogs. In 2008 the City band the ownership of Pitbulls in Lakewood except for those that were grandfa-thered in, however they had to jump through some hoops to stay. According to Ms. Zubrzycki the law was supposed to be revisited by the City after three years, however it has now been seven and no such revision has been done, to her knowledge. In 2012 the State of Ohio removed all breed specific leg-islation making Pitbulls no longer considered a "dangerous breed" by the state. Instead they prefer an approach that is much more concerned with the actions of individual dogs. In addition, Ms. Zubrzycki reported that "the CDC says breed bans are largely ineffective... and a waste of public resources." In the years since the passing of the ban many people have fought the City on whether their dog was a Pitbull or not, costing both the City and the citizens money.

In the years of 2010-2014 the most

dangerous dog in Lakewood was the German Shepard with 21 overall bites, with Labradors coming in second with 17, meanwhile "Pitbull type dogs" were responsible for only 6. However it is important to note that this falls during the ban, meaning that there were likely less "Pitbull type dogs" in the City than there would have been if there wasn't a ban, which could have changed the number of recorded bites. In the same time period there were 60 cat bites.

Next to speak was Margureite Harkness, Chair of the Save Lakewood Hospital committee. She reported to Council about a recent visit she and some of her fellow members had taken to an east side medical facility which Cleveland Clinic says is similar to the one that Lakewood would get in terms of the Clinic's letter of intent. Ms. Hark-ness said it was a nice facility, but that it was no hospital. In addition, she said it did not have an operating room and she ruminated on how many ambu-lances would deliver to an emergency room that didn't have access to a surgi-cal facility. She also mentioned that she was deeply disturbed regarding the fact that when they asked the officials lead-ing them around the east side facility what precisely would be going into the Lakewood facility they could not give a straight answer, and just said "trust us."

She then began to plead with Council, saying that she understands that they all have full time jobs and then have to spend all their evenings in meetings trying to do their due dili-gence, however she implied that they couldn't do so on their own. She said that she and other members of the public have been doing lots of research and are trying to help but in meetings where Council listens to 150 minutes from a presenter they need to allow more than five minutes to those in the public trying to help.

Ironically it was at about this time that Council President Madigan inter-rupted Ms. Harkness saying that her time was up. Ms. Harkness protested saying that the Council had given the previous speaker extra time and she demanded the same. It is true, Ms. Zubrzycki was at the podium for seven minutes rather than the usual five. However it was also true when Council President Madigan said that, she had already given Ms. Harkness the same amount of time. Though Ms. Harkness had only been speaking for six an a half minutes as opposed to the seven min-utes Ms. Zubrzycki was at the podium, it is important to note that the last 30-45 seconds of Ms. Zubrzycki time was her receiving instruction from Council President Madigan to share the materials she had brought, and a full copy of her statement, with the Council Legislative Liaison so it could all be shared with each member of Council, which she did amicably.

At this point Ms. Harkness contin-ued with her statement loudly, trying to talk over Council President Madigan's insistence that she stop and several

members of the audience yelling out. At about the seven minute mark the microphone was tuned off. Ms. Hark-ness discontinued her remarks, but she and a number of the audience mem-bers began yelling at Council claiming that they were bullying the audience members and trying to hide the truth.

While the members of the public continued to shout at Council, Coun-cilman Shawn Juris (Ward III) walked out, which received even louder chas-tisement from the crowd. When Mr. Juris returned some time later he said he wasn't going to stay while they refused to abide by the rules of the chamber. "You were given your five minutes and your five minutes are up," Councilman Juris said. At this point Ms Harkness claimed she was not given her full five minutes.

Council President Madigan then coolly thanked Ms. Harkness for her statement and asked her to make sure that Council received a full copy of her remarks to be distributed to every member of Council. She then said that she really appreciated Ms. Harkness recognizing in her statement how much time and effort they are all putting into the process. Council President Madigan tried to move on at this point calling the next member of the public to speak, but Ms. Harkness continued to interrupt her. Losing steam, Ms. Harkness soon stepped down to deliver her items to the Legislative Liaison and when she did so she received a round of applause from the audience. By the time she took her seat it had been nearly 10 minutes since she took the podium.

When the next member of the public took the podium people from the audience were calling out that the microphone was still off and talking over the gentleman speaking. It was at this point that Council President Madi-gan called for order and asked for the people to respect the process. After another volley of shouts, she said that if things didn't calm down "the next thing I'm going to do is to ask [the] Sargent to ask people to pay attention and not to call out in the middle of a meeting."

After that things seem to settle down. A few more people spoke with statements in regards to the Lakewood Hospital situation. After all the people who had signed up to speak had spo-ken, Council President Madigan asked the audience at large if there were any other additional people who had not signed up who wished to talk, which is not normally done. No one did.

After announcements from from members of Council and the Admin-istration, Council President Madigan adjourned the meeting at 8:36.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## LPL Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Thursday, May 14

Meet the Author: “The Bible’s Cutting Room Floor”  
by Joel Hoffman

The Bible you usually read is not the complete story. Passages were omitted accidentally, intentionally for political or theological reasons, or because they contained information everyone already knew. The Book of Genesis doesn’t tell us about Adam and Eve after they get kicked out of the Garden or the lessons they have for us about good and evil. The Bible introduces us to Abraham, but it doesn’t include the troubling story of his early life, which explains how he came to reject idolatry to become the father of monotheism. And while there are only 150 Psalms in today’s Bible, there used to be many more. The Bible’s Cutting Room Floor reveals what’s missing from your Bible, who left it out, and why it is so important. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event. Co-sponsored by Beth Israel—The West Temple.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, May 16

Lakewood Public Cinema: “Our Man in Havana” (1959)  
Directed by Carol Reed

In addition to being a novelist, Graham Greene was a spy who worked for the infamous Kim Philby. His experiences in the world of secrets inspired this witty satire about British vacuum cleaner salesman Alec Guinness who is recruited by MI-6 to be a spy in Cuba during the Batista regime. By the time Reed and Greene (who also wrote the screenplay) got around to making the film, Fidel Castro had come down from the mountains to take over the island nation. Also starring Ernie Kovacs and Maureen O’Hara. Professor Terry Meehan continues his series, Graham Greene from Page to Screen, introducing each film with rare clips and original documentaries, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion of the book and the movie.

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

Sunday, May 17

Sunday with the Friends: Sunday Afternoon Cinema: “Red Dust”

The jungle isn’t the only steamy element in one of Hollywood’s best pre-Code films. Released in 1932, the years have not dampened its appeal. The onscreen pairing of Clark Gable and Jean Harlow equals spontaneous combustion. He plays the overseer of an Indonesian rubber plantation, and she portrays a wise-cracking prostitute on the run. New employee Gene Raymond arrives with wife Mary Astor as the monsoon season blows in. Things between Gable and Astor heat up when the husband goes out on a surveying job causing the jealous Harlow to seethe. When Raymond finally returns, the affair has reached critical mass. Film enthusiast Barbara Steffek-Hill returns to the Lakewood Public Library to present a series of classic films chosen from her personal favorites.

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

Tuesday, May 19

Case Western Reserve University Presents  
Take Another Look: Steinbeck’s “Grapes of Wrath”

Dust off your favorite old copy of The Grapes of Wrath and join us for a lively discussion. The literary and historical aspects of Steinbeck’s greatest novel will be the primary focus of this free, four-week course, presented by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Participants will rediscover the genius of the writer and his iconic novel, which is perhaps the most American of American Classics.

Register at [www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org](http://www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org)

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, May 19

Knit and Lit Book Club  
“The Age of Innocence” by Edith Wharton

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crocheting, counted cross-stitch, embroidery, and quilting works-in-progress.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Wednesday, May 20

Lakewood Historical Society  
The Lakeside Unit and the Great War

The U.S. didn’t join the fight in World War I until the spring of 1917. But in 1914, Cleveland’s foremost physicians and surgeons gathered their resources and went to Paris to tend to injured French and British soldiers, becoming the first U.S. medical unit to set foot on European soil. Jennifer Nieves, the registrar and archivist for the Dittrick Medical History Center at Case Western Reserve University, will chronicle the organization of the Unit and its introduction to the Western Front through the collections of the Dittrick archives.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, May 21

More: “The Jewish Cardinal” (2013) Directed by Ilan Duran Cohen

The Jewish Cardinal tells the amazing true story of Jean-Marie Lustiger, the son of Polish-Jewish immigrants, who maintained his cultural identity as a Jew even after converting to Catholicism and joining the priesthood. Lustiger was appointed Archbishop of Paris by Pope Jean Paul II—and found a new platform to celebrate his dual identity as a Catholic Jew. But when a group of nuns plan to build a convent within the walls of Auschwitz, Lustiger may be forced at last to choose a side. This inspirational film of faith and identity was first screened locally last year as part of the Mandel Jewish Community Center’s Cleveland Jewish Film Festival. Now the film comes to the Lakewood Public Library to celebrate its selection as one of the upcoming Festival’s free venues for 2015.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Thursday, May 21

Booked For Murder: Genres within Genres  
“Riptide Ultra-Glide: A Novel” by Tim Dorsey

This time around, the ladies of murder mystery and mayhem will explore niche mysteries with animal sleuths, steampunk, a caper story, robot detectives, locked room mystery and a psychological ghostly thriller.

7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, May 23

Socratic Dialogue Workshops

Asst. Professor Kerry Tobin of Cuyahoga Community College’s Philosophy Department leads two workshops that will stretch your reasoning skills and refresh your outlook. Socratic dialogues are an ancient form of philosophical practice conducted with small groups of people for the purpose of digging deep into ideas and values. The father of philosophy thought that our idea of something like, ‘justice’ came from an innate knowledge of that concept. How do we know we are experiencing ‘justice’ if we don’t already have some innate idea of it? These dialogues begin with a question—something non-empirical that cannot be answered by appealing to authority or experimenting but only through reflection. In these dialogues, participants will be tackling the classic question, “What is community?” and together we will seek to discover the answer and gain some wisdom along the way.

Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

2:00 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room

Saturday, May 23

Lakewood Public Cinema: “Upstream Color” (2013)  
Directed by Shane Carruth

In this film, which is strangely mesmerizing and truly special, an unidentified parasite is being used to control the minds of select victims. A woman wakes up to find her life ruined and years missing. Who cured her? And why? She is drawn to man who’s had the same experience and, together, they try to reassemble the fragments of their shattered lives. But what is identity when you can’t even tell whose memories are whose? What does it mean to be caught in the life cycle of an ageless organism?

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

May 24

Sunday before Memorial Day: Library Closed All Day  
Normal Hours Resume Tuesday, May 26.

May 25

Memorial Day: Library Closed All Day  
Normal Hours Resume Tuesday, May 26.

May 26

Ancestry Online: Library Edition

How far back would you like to trace your family tree? Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Unravel your history with professional results

Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. in the Main Library Learning Lab

## LPL Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Monday, May 18

Superhero Summer Reading Club Starts  
For children birth through entering twelfth grade

Read your way to superhero status at the Library this summer. Stamps, prize ticket drawings, and rewards await those who complete their summer reading. Register at either the Main or Madison branches.

Monday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m., through Saturday, August 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 16

Time Travelers United  
For students in fifth through twelfth grade

Come watch an episode of “Doctor Who” with us once a month and have fun discussing it afterwards. Registration required.

Saturday, May 16, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.

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

Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and Sundays at 3:30 p.m.



Lakewood Public Library

# Library Celebrates 99 Years With New Website, Cards And More

by Ben Burdick

May 19, 2015 will mark the ninety-ninth anniversary of Lakewood Public Library. To celebrate, the Library will unveil a brand new website, redesigned library cards, sharp looking nametags for the employees, free stickers and more. Stop by the Library and wish us a happy birthday. (No gifts please, just keep reading, watching and listening.) You can pick up one of the new library cards while you're here and get a free sticker to show the world that you're a proud patron of the Lakewood Public Library.

Those who wish to hold onto their old library cards for sentimental reasons may do so—the old cards will continue to work just the same for the foreseeable future—but everyone else is invited to exchange their old cards for the new design. It's free and can be done quickly at any service desk. And for those of you who have lost your cards, but didn't want to pay the \$2.00



The new library cards await.

fee or clear your old fines, you also may do so for free. This celebratory exemption will last until the first batch of new cards runs out—most likely in early July.

The biggest changes will be to the Library's website. Lakewood Public Library was one of the first libraries to establish an online presence way back in the early 90s. The original

site won many awards and accolades for innovation and was used as a model for other pioneering libraries. But over time, the site swelled to over four thousand pages. Our ambition outstripped our resources. The identity fractured and reliability suffered.

The new website provides the Library with a fresh new start—not just for its crisp, clean look, but for the powerful tools it will provide to staff and patrons alike. The modern content management system will automate many time-consuming tasks and free the staff to spend more time serving the public. And we think that the public will appreciate the ability to find what they're looking for quickly and easily—and discover the things they didn't know that the Library could do for them.

What will Lakewood Public do for its one-hundredth anniversary to top this? Keep reading.

## Socratic Dialogue Workshop

by Alexander Lavrish

I would never dare to alarm or accuse, O patrons, but as the Greek philosopher Socrates said: the unexamined life is simply not worth living. To be sure, this is bold talk – and the jury he was speaking to put him to death. But do not lose heart; once again your local library has the antidote. Cuyahoga Community College's own Professor Kerry Tobin will be leading two Socratic Dialogue Workshops, first on May 23rd, and the second on July 25th. Both sessions will fall on a Saturday, and begin at 2 p.m. in the Main Library Meeting Room; please call ahead to register (216-226-8275 ext. 127).

We have inherited the Socratic Method from the great philosopher of ancient Athens. Unlike his rivals, the sophists, he charged nothing for his services, and yet he had a devoted band of youths who would accompany and engage him in continuous debate. This group included a young playwright who immediately abandoned his craft after meeting the philosopher, although his dramatist background would resurface in the writing of dialogues. This playwright was the philosopher Plato, our greatest historical source for the philosophical thought of Socrates.

Socrates considered it his ethical imperative to edify his fellow citizens, insisting that they defend their ethical

convictions. He grudgingly acknowledged his reputation for wisdom, but famously claimed that his true insight was recognizing how little he knew and how little of what he did know mattered. He was accused and convicted

of corrupting the youth of Athens and sentenced to death. This, to the dismay of his loyal followers, he accepted. Reassuring them that the truly good man cannot be harmed in life or death, he calmly drank hemlock and died. In

Socrates we find a martyr for thought itself and an inspiration for every curious soul. Do not shirk your ethical duty: come to the library today and check out one of Plato's dialogues – and register for the workshop!

## Lakewood Public Library Screens "The Jewish Cardinal"

by Elaine Rosenberger

The Lakewood Public Library is proud to announce that it will be one of the free venues for the 2015 Cleveland Jewish Film Fest in October. To celebrate our selection, the Library will screen "The Jewish Cardinal" on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Directed by Ilan Duran Cohen, "The Jewish Cardinal" tells the amazing true story of Cardinal Aaron Jean-Marie Lustiger. The son of Polish-Jewish immigrants (his parents were Ashkenazi Jews), Lustiger converted to Catholicism at the age of thirteen. He was ordained as a priest in 1954 and was appointed Archbishop of Paris in 1983. Despite his ordination as a Catholic priest, Lustiger maintained his Jewish cultural identity, considering himself a Jew throughout his life. His epitaph, which he wrote, reads, in part: "I was born Jewish. I received the name of my

paternal grandfather, Aaron.

Having become Christian ... I have remained Jewish as did the Apostles. I have as my patron saint[] Aaron the High Priest.. ." His dual identity earned him friends and enemies among Catholics and Jews. But when Carmelite nuns want to build

a convent in the walls of Auschwitz, Lustiger may be forced to take a side.

Co-sponsored by Mandel Jewish Community Center, "The Jewish Cardinal" will be shown on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, visit lakewoodpubliclibrary.org.

## Strokes Of Genius Art Show

by Marge Foley

An Art Show for family and friends recently ended the spring session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library. Over a six week period, participating second, third, and fourth graders learned about the life and work of famous artists and then completed



Happy young artists show their enthusiasm for art!

an art project inspired by the style of that artist.

Artwork created by Edvard Munch, Salvador Dali, Frida Kahlo, Chuck Close, Jasper Johns, and Grant Wood provided the inspiration for the students' creative efforts. Tempera paint, colored pencils, crayons, and oil pastels were some of the mediums used. The Salvador Dali project involved creating a "melting clock" using watercolors. Portraits by Chuck Close prompted marker colored grid self-portraits. At the close of the Art Show each participant took home their creative work, a certificate, and a purple ribbon.

Information about our next session of Strokes of Genius will be available in the Lakewood Public Library's Fall and Winter Program Guide.

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Lakewood Schools

Students’ Ingenuity Rewarded At Invention Convention

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools is always well-represented on the awards stand of the annual Regional Invention Convention and this year was no different. Winning awards in this year’s contest, held at Great Lakes Science Center on May 2, were Emerson Elementary fifth-grader Eva Strazek with 1st place in her grade and Lincoln Elementary third-grader Jana Evans with the Kids Choice Award.

Eva’s first-place invention is the “No Fight, No Bite Dog Food Bag,” which is designed to stop dogs from breaking into their dog food bags while no one is home. The bag is made of blue nylon with a red metal zipper. The first-place prize comes with a \$500 scholarship.

In doing the research for her invention, Eva said she “left it (the bag) at home with my bad dogs while I went out to dinner and nothing happened. In the past we’ve had to lock our dog food bag in the



Lincoln’s Jana Evans with her Kids Choice Award-winning invention, “The Book Floater.”

bathroom because our dogs can get into it.” Looks like the Strazek family now has a fail-safe way to prevent the

dog food mess.

The Kids Choice Award is chosen by the previous year’s Grand Prize winner and Kids Choice winner. Jana’s invention, “The Book Floater,” was chosen as this year’s winner.

Said Jana’s teacher, Sonja Kreps: “It’s no surprise that when we started brainstorming ideas, Jana eventually settled on creating an invention that was centered on reading. After coming up with many great ideas, but then discovering that they were already invented, Jana redirected her thoughts to how to improve one of her favorite hobbies, reading.”

Jana’s Book Floater solves the problem of trying to read while in the tub or pool without getting the reading material wet. “It works by placing the book inside of see-through material, and voila, the invention, through her use of science knowledge, will float on the surface of the water,” said Kreps.

Thirty-six students created and presented inventions for the first-round of local judging. From those, seven projects were chosen to advance to regional judging.

Besides Jana and Eva, other regional contest entrants were Emerson fifth-graders Emma Murray, Gretchen Breudigam and fourth-grader Casey Funk; Lincoln third-grader Rowan Brown and fourth-grader Jackson Provost; and Garfield Middle School



Emerson’s Eva Strazek with her winning “No Fight, No Bite Dog Food Bag” invention.

seventh-grader Claire Martin.

A special thanks to the local level judges who put in lots of extra time to help guide the students: Emerson’s Chris Karabinus and Anne Nolan, Lincoln’s Sonja Kreps and Lisa Andrasak and Garfield’s Jessie Holland and retired teacher Maureen Marshall, who has been the district’s coordinator for the convention since it came to Cleveland in 2007.

The convention, which began 21 years ago in Columbus, inspires students in grades K-8 to create and problem-solve. The students always come up with useful, if not sometimes crazy, and interesting solutions.

PATTERSON’S

PERSPECTIVE

by Jeff Patterson, Superintendent, Lakewood City Schools

In Lakewood City Schools, we take great pride in the development of the whole student. Spring marks the time of year for new beginnings, new life and looking to the future. As such, I wanted to take some time this spring to share information on some of our recent graduates and successes they have achieved in a variety of fields, partially as a result of our comprehensive educational programs. We have hopes for this year’s graduates to scale similar heights.

In 2014, four of our top ten graduates received full academic scholarships to Harvard, the University of Cincinnati, John Carroll University, and the University of Michigan. It was especially gratifying to see one of our students admitted to Harvard, as the entrance criteria is particularly stringent with only 5% of applicants gaining admission. Although only one student decided to attend there, we had additional students admitted to Ivy League/highly selective universities, but factors such as tuition, distance or personal preference caused them to choose another school. This year’s graduating class also has several Ivy acceptances.

In 2014, we also had three students accept athletic scholarships from Rutgers University (Division I) for rowing, Huntington University (NAIA) for baseball, and Tiffin University (Division I I) for soccer.

Some recent graduates of the last decade who are great success stories to share include:

Nicole Parke, an economics major at The Ohio State University, is being inducted into SPHINX, the oldest and most prestigious senior honorary organization.



Max Mueller composes music with film score composer David Newman in Los Angeles.

Alex Krueger is an award-winning middle school teacher in an innovative Chicago charter school.

Mitchell Iacullo is an aerospace engineer for the military.

Lucia Stavros is a harp player and vocalist in New York City and a Fulbright Scholar.

This is just a small sampling of recent graduates’ accomplishments that I wanted to share for our readers to take note that our alumni are soaring to new heights! I am continually amazed by the rich and proud tradition of our graduates from Lakewood City Schools. But, I also realize that without such a supportive community, none of this would be possible. Over the past five years, the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation, College Now, and major local scholarships have been able to help our students with \$394,000 in scholarship assistance. Combine this support with the excellence of our school system, and the sky is the limit for a Lakewood City School graduate.

LHS Orchestra Director

A Quarterfinalist For

Grammy Educator Award

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School Orchestra Director Elizabeth Hankins is one of 213 music teachers from across the country who have been named as quarterfinalists for the 2016 Music Educator Award presented by The Recording Academy and the Grammy Foundation. The quarterfinalists were chosen from more than 4,500 initial nominations submitted for the award.

The Music Educator Award was established to recognize current educators (K through college) who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education and who demonstrate a commitment to the broader cause of maintaining music education in the schools.

The award is open to current U.S. music teachers, and anyone could nominate a teacher — students, parents, friends, colleagues, community members, school deans, administrators. Hankins was nominated by the Lakewood Council of PTAs, some of her students and Grammy award-winning pianist Angelin Chang, who lives in Lakewood and has performed with Lakewood City Schools students.

“This honor is a tribute to my wonderful students and this extremely supportive community. Being able

to share my passion for music with Lakewood’s amazing children in itself is a daily award. Being recognized by the Grammy Foundation is a memorable moment on an already amazing journey,” said Hankins.

Hankins has been with Lakewood City Schools for 25 years and leads a program that boasts of six orchestras plus a string quartet. She is the founder of the country’s first high school electric rock orchestra, The Lakewood Project. She has twice been honored with a Distinguished Music Educator Award, including this year, from the Yale University School of Music, and was named Ohio String Teacher of the Year in 2002-2003, among other top honors she has received for her commitment to music education and her students.

Twenty-five semifinalists will be chosen in September and then that group will be whittled down to 10 finalists. The winner of the Music Educator Award will be recognized during Grammy Week 2016. The winner will be flown to Los Angeles to receive the award, attend the Grammy Awards ceremony, and receive a \$10,000 honorarium. The nine other finalists will each receive a \$1,000 honorarium, and the schools of all 10 finalists will receive matching grants.







Lakewood Schools

# West Shore Culinary Students Shine In State Competition

by Lynn Foran

West Shore culinary students demonstrated their excellent skills and talents against other culinary students in the State of Ohio FCCLA Competition held on April 22-24 in Columbus. Overall, four students earned Gold Medals and the three-person Culinary Team earned a Silver Medal. The Gold Medal winners were then ranked amongst themselves in their culinary category where West Shore students earned two second places and one third place across the entire state of Ohio.

Junior Culinary student Gabriel Antos placed second in the State in the Pastry Cake category while also earning a Gold Medal. She baked and designed a Sicilian Cassata Cake.

Junior Culinary student Stephen Watkins received second place and a Gold Medal in Garde Manger. His Mexican inspired Hors d'oeuvre tray included grilled skirt steak in Adobo with chimichurri sauce, chunky mango guacamole in a homemade crunchy corn tortilla chip, and grilled shrimp on a bed of coleslaw, and a toasted flour tortilla shell underneath.

Senior Culinary student, Sierra Henderson earned third place for her Pastry Tray. She prepared tulip cups, pastry cream, whipped cream and strawberries and Nutella Mousse cups.



West Shore Culinary students show off their awards at the State of Ohio FCCLA Competition in April.

Junior student, Marla Fulkerson earned a Gold Medal for her European pastry tray. Her tray included puff pastry with lemon curd and almond pound cake with chocolate ganache.

The Senior Culinary team of D'Nautica Davis, Megan Peterlin, and Katherine Renaudin earned a Silver Medal. They prepared a three-course pre-set menu which included Asian pear and cabbage salad with Miso dressing, roast chicken, braised bok choy, wild rice, and steamed green tea cake with mango sauce.

"Chef Corti and I are very proud of these students," said Chef McGorry. "For several months they put in many hours of practice outside of the school day to plan their menus and hone their culi-

nary skills. This is a tough competition where students are challenged to excel in their food preparation within set time limits. They rose to the challenge of the pressure."

Linda Thayer, West Shore Educational Coordinator commented, "I am extremely pleased with our students' success and happy to support our students entering these type of events. These competitions are tremendously valuable for our students. Not only are they learning valuable culinary skills, they are gaining time management and work ethic skills that will help them in their careers. I also want to recognize Chefs Corti and McGorry along with Educational Aide Suzann Schwartz for all that they do for our students. They give freely of their personal time after the school day and on weekends prepping these students so they are ready to compete. This dedication to our students' growth is directly related to these strong competition scores."

## LHS Academic Challenge Team Needs Your Help

by Christine Gordillo

Over the past few months, the Lakewood High Academic Challenge Team captured the regular season West Shore Conference title again, winning both the regular season and year-end tournament. Because of those successes, the team has qualified two squads to compete at the National Academic Championship Tournament in Chicago to be held June 6-8. The team needs financial help to make the trip happen. The estimated cost is \$4,500 to cover registration, hotel

rooms, food and transportation. Through fundraisers the team put on during the year, there is currently \$900 to put toward the trip.

If you are willing to donate, please send a check made out to Lakewood Academic Challenge Fund – LHS and send it to Lakewood High School, c/o Robert Sedlak, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood OH 44107. Any questions, call advisers Robert Sedlak at 216-849-2160 or Peter Petto at 440-724-4629. Thank you for supporting our students as they represent Lakewood High and our community in this exciting event!

## Enrollment For 2015-16 Is Open At Lakewood Catholic Academy

by Paul Nickels

There is still time to enroll your child at Lakewood Catholic Academy for the 2015-16 academic year. The school has limited spaces remaining in its preschool program for three- and four-year-olds, as well as five-year-olds who may not be ready for kindergarten. Several spaces are also available in the kindergarten class and select upper grades. To qualify for kindergarten enrollment, children must

be five years old by September 30th and participate in a readiness assessment. There is also financial aid available for families at the kindergarten level and above.

For program details, please see the LCA website at [www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com](http://www.lakewoodcatholicacademy.com), or call LCA Admissions Director Terri Richards at 216.521.0559, ext. 3028 for availability and other information. Tours of the school are also available by appointment.



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# Lakewood Schools



Our author Sarah Scott at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

## Emerson's Fourth Grade Visits Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame

by Sarah Scott

This year we went to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; the whole fourth grade from Emerson went. We were all assigned a band to do a report on and I got Simon And Garfunkel.

This was great because every month or so the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame has a big unit on someone that is in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. The month that we went it was on Paul Simon, which was great because that was one of my artists because they broke up.

The Rock Hall was really cool. Let's say your artist or band was Simon and Garfunkel. You could pick a song by them and play it using an interactive exhibit.

There were also cars that a bunch of the artists had used. They were old and awesome.

Another thing that I loved about the Rock Hall was that there was a giant hot dog hanging from the ceiling, which I think was a car at some point because it had lights and I think it had seats.

## The Fundraiser To Help Save Rhinos And Pandas

by Molly Burke

Hi, our names are Molly and Olivia and we are having a fundraiser to help the Rhinos and Pandas. Our fundraiser is going to be at the front gate of the zoo. The volunteers are Molly Burke, Olivia Lusardo, Ava Molinski, and Kara Lusardo, all from Emerson Elementary, and possibly Kenny Crumpton.

We will sell rhino cookies that are gluten free. We will also sell panda cookies that are sugar cookies. We will also have airbrushed T shirts of rhinos and pandas made by Shawn Antolik. The fundraiser will be on...“TBA.” All money will be donated to help the rhinos and pandas in the wild that have no financial help. Thank you for your support!!!!

## LHS Sophomore Lands Spot On National Hockey Team

by Christine Gordillo

When you have a dream, you are willing to go to great lengths to achieve it. For LHS sophomore Adam Scheel, that entails leaving your home, your family, your friends, your school and all that is comfortable to play hockey at the highest level.

In the fall, Scheel will move to Ann Arbor, Michigan, to join the U.S. National Team Development Program as the U-17 team's number one goalie. It is a big step on the way to Scheel's dream of earning a scholarship to play Division 1 collegiate hockey and the ultimate goal of playing in the NHL.

"I'm kind of sad to be leaving Lakewood, but I'm mostly excited," Scheel said.

To be invited to be part of the national development program is to be among the elite of national youth hockey players. Only 50 players, including six goalies, were invited to try out for the team that Scheel made. Two goalies were selected, with Scheel designated as the team's top keeper.

Scheel, who has been playing

hockey since he was a wee 3 years old, will finish out his remaining two years of high school at Pioneer High in Ann Arbor and live with a host family. His new team is part of the US Hockey League, the top junior hockey league in the country. Teams travel around the Midwest for games and occasionally make an overseas trip for international competition.

In search of the highest level of competition he could find, Scheel passed on joining the Rangers hockey team and has played for the Cleveland Barons, part of the Tier 1 Hockey League, an elite youth league.

Athletes at the elite level are known for their drive and determination. Scheel has both, and good genes. His mom, Megan McGuire Scheel, was a standout LHS athlete in the '80s. He also has something else that has served him well through his hockey advancement. When asked if he was surprised at his selection for the national team, he replied, "No, I'm always pretty confident."

Good luck to Adam as he moves on to this new and exciting chapter!

## Where's The Cheese?

by Ava Molinski

We are the 5th grade food critics, Annie and Ava, from Emerson Elementary, talking today about our school lunches.

One of our favorite school lunches is tacos.

Now, we have been in this school for a long time and there has always been cheese in our tacos, but not anymore. They had gotten rid of it and we wondered why.

So we interviewed one of our lunch monitors and this is how it went down. We asked why we had no cheese in our tacos and she said, "They added more meat and took the cheese away." Then we asked why they didn't try to get the cheese back and she said, "We don't have control over the lunches, nutrition service does." The last question we asked her is if the cheese was taken away because of allergies and she



photo by Ava Molinski

One of our favorites: Taco Lunch. Still good even though we really miss the cheese.

said, "Not to my knowledge."

We had cheddar cheese in our tacos, but now we don't. We still think we should have cheese in our tacos. All of us loved the cheese and wish we had it back. But we respect the choice of people who got rid of the cheese and we still love our tacos!

## Do You Live Loud?

by Alex Russell

Justin Bachman is a 17 year old student with Tourette Syndrome, ADHD, and dysgraphia, which is a motor skills disorder resulting in an inability to write legibly. He has learned to embrace his differences and he has inspired many across the country.

On Monday, March 30th, 2015, Justin visited our school, Emerson Elementary, and he taught us to respect everyone, even if they have differences

from you.

We had a blast participating in the activities and it was inspiring to hear real life experiences he had. We want to thank him for leaving his mark with us.

You can reach him on Instagram and Twitter at @Justinbachman3, Facebook at: [www.Facebook.com/justinbachmaspeaker](http://www.Facebook.com/justinbachmaspeaker), and make sure you visit his website [www.honorgooddeeds.com](http://www.honorgooddeeds.com)!

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LHS Baseball News & Notes

by Mike Deneen

**RANGERS READY FOR PLAYOFFS**

The month of May is still an early point for teams in Major League Baseball. For high school teams, however, May marks the end of the regular season and the shift toward tournament action. The season quickly becomes a single-elimination version of “March Madness” on the diamond.

The Lakewood High School baseball team had strong regular season, and was rewarded with a #2 seed in the Lorain District of the OHSAA tournament. The Rangers earned a bye for the first round of the playoffs, and will play their first OHSAA tournament game on Wednesday, May 13th. The game will be played at Lakewood High School against the winner of a May 12th game between North Ridgeville and Olmsted Falls. The May 13th game is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. and admission is free.

Ranger Head Coach Mike Ribar is confident that his team can make some noise in the tournament. “I feel very good,” he says. The team’s goal is to make it to the regionals, where it would be one of the final 16 teams in the state. Ribar believes that his team is capable of the feat, citing a strong senior class and two pitchers (Seniors Max Lavisky and Kyle Wagner) that are capable of carrying a load during tournament time.

If the Rangers win the May 13th game, they would advance to the district semi-finals at the Pipe Yard Stadium in Lorain. The semifinal game would be played on Tuesday, May 19th at 6 p.m. Tickets to OHSAA games at Pipe Yard Stadium will cost \$6.



Senior Nick Mahoney pitches on Senior Night against St. Edward. Notice the LHS demolition in the background.

**BASEBALL PLAYERS HONORED AT SENIOR NIGHT**

The Rangers final regular season home game was against crosstown rival St. Edward on May 9th. The Rangers’ ten seniors and their parents were honored in a pregame ceremony. The players recognized were:

- \*Aron Doi, Outfielder/Pitcher
- \*Morgan Rerko, Outfielder
- \*Andrew Lesko, Outfielder
- \*Victor Soukup, Infielder/Outfielder
- \*Connor Cimino, Infielder
- \*Kyle Wagner, Infielder/Pitcher
- \*Joe Young, Infielder/Pitcher/Catcher

- \*Nick Mahoney, Infielder/Pitcher
- \*Nate Bonacuse, Infielder
- \*Max Lavisky, Infielder/Pitcher

Other pregame activities included a live violin performance of the national anthem by Ranger Senior Kyle Wagner. In addition to playing baseball, Wagner is part of LHS’ highly respected music group “The Lakewood Project.” The first pitch was thrown out by Senior Katie Ribar, a member of the LHS softball team and daughter of Coach Ribar. Her proud papa caught the pitch, which was strong and fast.

Coach Ribar offers effusive praise for his senior players. “They understand everything we have asked for....they are

the heart and soul of this program.” Not only have they delivered wins, but they have contributed to the program off the field. For example, over the years they have worked a great deal with young students in kids’ baseball camps.

The Eagles, behind pitcher Kevin Finzer, beat the Rangers 8-1. St. Edward will enter the OHSAA tournament as the #3 seed in the Lorain District. If both Lakewood and St. Edward win their respective May 13th tournament games, the two teams will play again in the May 19th District Semifinal at Pipe Yard Stadium.

**RANGERS DEFEATED BY “GREMLINS”**

The strangest game of the 2015 baseball season took place on May 8, one day before Senior Night. The game against Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin began at 7:30 p.m., but the outfield lights malfunctioned and couldn’t be turned on. The teams played under a combination of infield lights and waning sunlight for four innings, with the Rangers taking a 10-1 lead into the top of the fifth inning.

The oncoming darkness created unsafe playing conditions, so the game was stopped. Since five official innings were not played, the game will not count in the record book. There will be no makeup game, so Lakewood missed out on a win. On the bright side (no pun intended), the lights were repaired in time for the next game.

Bald Eagles Take Flight On Detroit Ave:

St. Edward “Clips For Cancer”

by Mike Deneen

Bald eagles have become a common sight on the western end of Lakewood, where our national bird nests in the Emerald Canyon of the Metroparks. Central Lakewood became home for hundreds more “bald eagles” on May 1st, when St. Edward High School students and faculty had their heads shaved at the school. The event raised money to fight cancer, and it paid tribute to a beloved member of the Eagle community.

St. Edward had hosted “Clips for Cancer” events the previous two years to benefit St. Baldrick’s Foundation, an organization that fights childhood cancer. Like most organizations, St. Edward held those events in March. However, in 2015 they decided to move the date in honor of “Big Mike” Orban.

“Big Mike,” the younger brother of St. Edward Senior Matt Orban, died on May 1, 2014 at the age of nine years old. Orban had battled medulloblastoma (cancer of the brain and spine) since being diagnosed in October 2010. Big Mike was a big fan of St. Edward, including all of its sports teams. Through Matt, he met the players and coaches of the Eagle football and basketball teams. The athletes and coaches were impressed with Mike’s courage and strength. Despite his medical hardships, “Big



Principal Frank O’Linn, before



Principal Frank O’Linn, after

Mike” was always a source of spirit, hope, and smiles. He inspired the community to adopt the letters “NEGU,” representing “Never Ever Give Up.”

This year’s event attracted hundreds of students that sacrificed their hair. Among the students was David Pratt, a freshman. “It was for a good cause, and I needed a haircut,” said Pratt. Even principal Frank O’Linn, a 1993 St. Edward graduate, got his head shaved. He was impressed with his students’ willingness to participate in a good cause. “This is a great example of our mission in

action,” he said about the project.

Key organizers of the event included Mark Urban and Matt Stepnowsky. Mr. Urban has been an English teacher at the school for eleven years, and Mr. Stepnowsky teaches film studies. The day’s activities concluded with an after-school prayer service in memory of “Big Mike.” Matt spoke in memory of his brother. “He never complained about having cancer in his body and knowing he might die soon. He just wanted to be a normal kid. So just remember to never, ever give up no matter what.”



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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Women’s Club Announces Its Scholarship And Awards

by Torey Worron

The Lakewood Women’s Club (LWC) supports the community through two distinct programs. The first is an annual scholarship awarded to a female high school senior. The second is a grant that supports a local nonprofit organization voted upon by LWC members through an application process.

Since 1995 the Lakewood Women’s Club has played an important role in helping fund some of Lakewood’s most vital social services and nonprofits by awarding over \$200,000 in donations and grants. Organizations LWC has supported include The Hugs Foundation, The Beck Center, Project H20, The Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation and the Mathews Lending Library as well as many others.

The LWC has also awarded more than \$35,000 in scholarship monies to deserving high school seniors who are pursuing higher education. This year LWC is happy to support Mary Chudy with a scholarship. Mary is a Lakewood resident and will graduate from Magnificat High School in 2015. Mary will pursue a 4-year nursing program along with a major in

Spanish language for Healthcare. She will also pursue a minor in Peace Studies as part of an Honors Program.

The nonprofit organization that LWC will be supporting over the next two-year period (June 2015 through May 2017) will be Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach. The money raised through LWC events will help pay for fresh produce to be served at community meals as well as to help service the appliances that are used to feed those in need.

LWC will honor Mary Chudy and Lakewood Community Outreach at its annual installation dinner on May 20th at Gatherings in Lakewood. At that time we will also announce our new slate of officers as well as honor this year’s nonprofit recipient, The Hugs Foundation.

Funding for these programs come from the Lakewood Women’s Club fundraising programs and events. One of our more fun events is our annual Great Pumpkin Fun Run that is held on the last Sunday in October at Lakewood Park. We would like to invite you to join us at this or any of our upcoming social events or general meetings. We welcome the support of those of you that are interested

in helping us with our mission to give back to our community while enjoying a program geared to fun and friendship.

Please note that the grant amounts and the scholarships can vary and are calculated based on the success of our fundraising efforts. So plan to attend the Fun Run in October at Lakewood Park or one of our other events!!!

Please see our calendar of events on our website: [www.lakewoodwomensclub.com](http://www.lakewoodwomensclub.com)

Yours in community service,  
*Torey Worron, Publicity Chair for the Lakewood Women Club*

Blessing Of The Bikes (And Riders) May 16 At Faith

by Mark Rollenhagen

Get ready for summer riding with the community Blessing of Bikes (and riders of all ages) on Saturday, May 16, at Faith Lutheran Church.

Hot dogs, popcorn, games and a bike parade will celebrate the arrival of spring and look toward the beginning of summer at Faith, 16511 Hilliard Road (across from Harding Middle School).

The celebration begins at 11 a.m. and culminates with the blessing at 12:45 p.m.

Bring your bike – from tricycles to racing cycles – and bring a friend to learn about bike safety and licensing – and have fun! There will also be an opportunity to learn about Faith’s after-school programs, including an arts camp for grades K-5 and clubs for sixth graders and for students in grades 7 and 8.

The party will also include the blessing of a new bike rack installed at Faith by Metro Metal Works, a social enterprise program of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry.

For more information, contact Faith at 216-226-6500 or visit its website at [faithlakewood.org](http://faithlakewood.org) or visit on Facebook at [facebook.com/faithlakewood](https://www.facebook.com/faithlakewood).

*Mark Rollenhagen is the pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Lakewood.*

Bike To School Day

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chains to run freely over them.

Talk with your parents. Are you allowed to ride by yourself or with friends?

Dress to be seen. Wear brightly colored clothes and reflective gear. Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn’t mean the driver can see you.

Tie and tuck. Loose laces and pant legs can get caught up in your bike and cause you to crash. Tie shoelaces and tuck the hanging ends into your shoe, and tie wide pant legs with a reflective strap or tuck them into socks.

WHILE RIDING YOUR BIKE

Look and listen for traffic. Also, look for things that could make you fall, like pot holes and storm grates. Never use a cell phone or wear headphones. Watch for vehicles going in and out of driveways. Keep both hands on the handlebars, except when signaling. Carry books and other items in a backpack or bag designed to fit on a bicycle.

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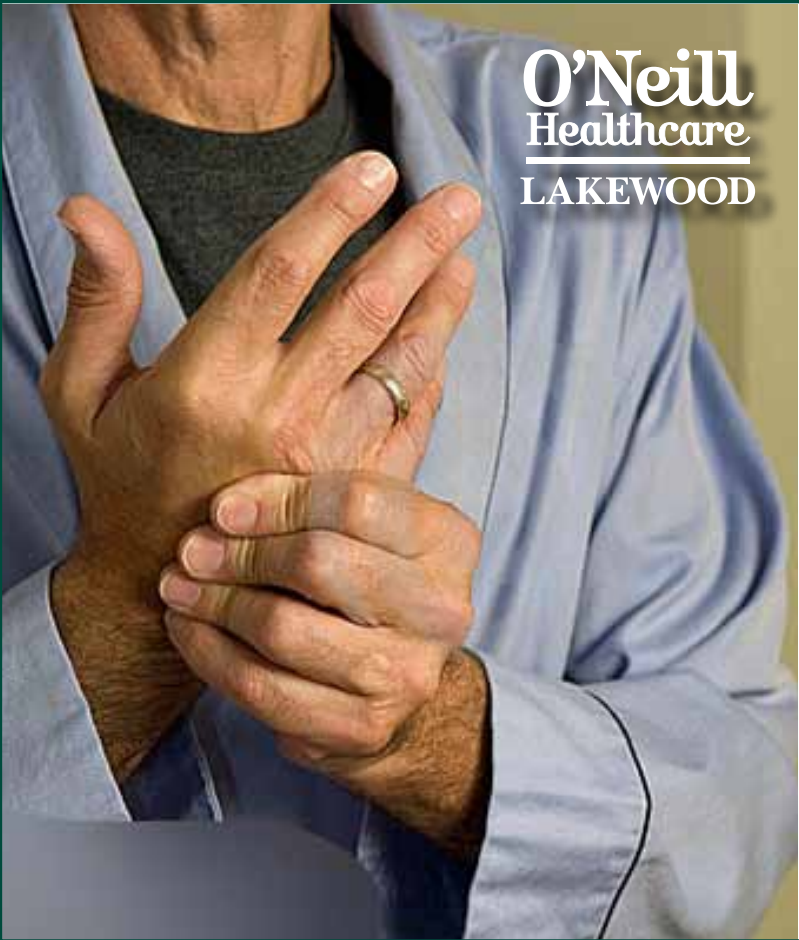
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# Lakewood Is Art

## “Consider Yourself At Home” With "Oliver!" At Beck Center

by Pat Miller

Beck Center Youth Theater closes its 66th season with "Oliver!" May 15 – 24, 2015 on the Mackey Main Stage. Featuring 56 Beck Center students, audiences will follow the adventures of the young orphan, Oliver Twist, as he explores the streets of London. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. A special student matinee performance will take place at 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 21. Tickets are on sale now.

Based on the classic novel by

Charles Dickens, this family-favorite musical includes the very famous quote, “Please, sir, I want some more.” With music, lyrics, and book by Lionel Bart, this adaptation begins as Oliver runs away from the London warehouse where he was raised. Alone on the streets of London, he is soon recruited into a gang of juvenile pickpockets. Unaware of such unlawful activities, Oliver discovers that he is unfit for a life of crime. Join Oliver on his quest for family as memorable songs such as “Food, Glorious Food” and “Con-

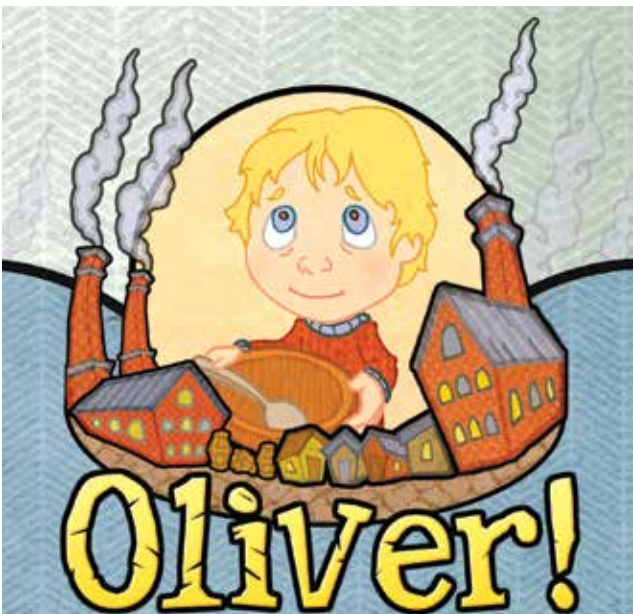
sider Yourself” are brought to life by this talented young cast.

Patrick Ciamacco directs the cast of Beck Center students who range in ages from 6 to 17. “With a cast made up of children and teens, “Oliver!” provides each of our actors a chance to shine in their own way,” remarked Ciamacco. “It’s not often you find a story that allows so many kids

to play a character their own age, while allowing the teens to fully explore some deeper level character study.” Together, this cast and director aim to create a realistic, emotional, and entertaining version of Dickens’ classic tale.

This production of “Oliver!” is musically directed by Matthew Dolan and choreographed by Rebecca Frick. Tickets are \$12 for Adults/Seniors and \$10 for Children (18 and under) and may be purchased online at [beckcenter.org](http://beckcenter.org) or by calling 216.521.2540 x10. Discounted group rates are available for student matinees and can be scheduled by calling Customer Service Manager Rennie Tisdale at 216.521.2450 x28.

Beck Center is located at 17801 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Free



onsite parking is available. This production of “Oliver!” is presented through special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc. The 2014 – 2015 Youth Theater season is sponsored by First Federal Lakewood. Beck Center is supported in part by the residents of Cuyahoga County through a public grant from Cuyahoga Arts & Culture and the Ohio Arts Council.

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, outreach education programming, and gallery exhibits featuring local, regional, and international artists.

## Twisted Moon Productions Presents: Your Monthly Art Event!



by Ken Tomaro

The Good Day Moon Gallery has teamed up with one of its artists for a side project called Twisted Moon Productions. We have created a series of events that will mix traditional and non-traditional art all under one roof. Whether you like skulls, zombies, jewelry or fine art we should have something to suit your taste. Even better is that much of the work for sale is well below \$50 so now you have no excuse to miss these events.

We will also be including themes for the events as well as a little something extra. Our first event, “School’s (almost) Out!,” will include a scavenger hunt for anyone attending. The winner will receive an awesome piece of artwork as

well as a gift certificate to be announced. This event is on Saturday May 30th.

All of these events will take place at the 5 o’clock lounge (11904 Detroit Avenue) on the last Saturday of the month throughout the summer from 3-9 p.m. If you are an artist interested in participating the table fee is \$25 and we have both indoor and outdoor spots available. We have space available for the following dates with possibly more:

June 27th  
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# Wellness Watch

## Have You Met Bike Lakewood?

by Amanda Harland

You may have noticed a lot of new bicycle signs, bike racks, and painted cycling symbols on the roadways, indicating a growing presence of bicyclists, but did you know about Lakewood's bicycle citizen advocacy group? Bike Lakewood, with the mission statement of being a citizen led organization committed to making Lakewood the most bike friendly city in the Ohio.

Over the past 20 years or so there have been varying incarnations of the group's participation and a number of cycling advocates leading the way. For the past two years the group has been headed up by three individuals working with city officials, such as Bryce Sylvester and Tom Bullock, along with local organizations to improve our cycling

culture. Keith Pishnery, Amanda Harland, and Ben VanLear have been paving the way with advocacy, research, education, rides, and promotional events. Over the past two years the group has covered a lot of ground.

Bike Lakewood has acted as the liaison to the city on behalf of residents regarding cycling laws and structure. Last year the group completed its first survey of residents' concerns and desires in regards to education, engineering, events, and safety. The group met with leaders of various cycling organizations and narrowed down the results to streamline its projects and goals; as well as prepare a report for Mayor Summers and the members of City Council, the bike survey results summary is available to the pub-

lic on our Facebook page along with our safety checklist, and summary of Lakewood cycling laws.

In the past Bike Lakewood has participated in many local events like Bike for Beck, Bikes and Bands, Ready to Ride, and Welcome to Lakewood. The group has also been able to run some of its own events including the 1st and 2nd annual Bike to School Day, Bike to Work, Kidical Mass, and group rides. Group rides can be anything from an social roll around the Lakewood area on our Sunday rides, visits to a local businesses offering bike night specials on a Lakewood Nights ride, or a simple meet up to ride to an event outside the area.

Bike Lakewood's 2015 cycling season promises to be one of our best seasons yet. We have the honor of being

a pilot group as a chapter of Bike Cleveland, which will open many doors of opportunity. There will be continued advocacy with a more educational Bike to School Day and increased awareness among cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers alike through our rides and event participation. For all the latest in Lakewood cycling events be sure to like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BikeLakewood/>. You can find us throughout the cycling season at these events:

**Bike to Work Day** May 15th @ Lakewood Public Library Main Branch

**Bike to School Day** May 27th @ Garfield and Harding Middle Schools

**Bike for Beck** May 31st @ Beck Center for the Arts

**Kidical Mass** (May and August)

**Bike Lakewood Social** (September)

**Social Rides** (Seasonally)

## Walk To Remember Offers Day At Zoo Celebrating Loved Ones

by Laurie Henriksen

Lakewood residents will soon be walking in memory of their loved ones while raising funds to help patients receiving hospice care in their homes, and in the community's nursing and assisted living centers. Hospice of the Western Reserve's 2015 Walk to Remember, sponsored by FirstMerit Foundation, takes place Sunday, June 7, 7:30 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way. The event is open to

anyone wishing to honor and celebrate the memory of a loved one; no hospice experience is necessary.

Registration opens at 7:30 a.m.; the walk begins at 9 a.m. The entry fee, \$25 for adults, \$10 for children and \$60 for families, includes all-day admission to the Zoo and Rainforest, t-shirts, live musical entertainment from InCahootz, crafts, face painting, photo taking at a Blue Button photo booth, healthy snacks and beverages and more. Registration is available online at [hospicewr.org/walk](http://hospicewr.org/walk), or by calling 216.383.3715.

"There's a very uplifting and celebratory feel to the day," said Lisa Tomm, Community Facility Coordinator at the Lakewood Office, 14601 Detroit Ave. "It's not unusual to have multiple generations walking together. Many of the families will even customize their team's t-shirts with photos and the names of the people they are honoring that day. All of the funds raised stay in Northeast Ohio helping local hospice patients and their families, including many in this local community."

More than 3,000 participants are expected to walk to honor the memory of their loved ones while raising funds for charity care and services not covered by Medicare and private insurance. These include pediatric hospice

care, the fulfillment of patients' special wishes, art and music therapy, crisis response services in Northeast Ohio schools and community grief support groups. Last year alone, Hospice of the Western Reserve provided more than \$1.5 million in charity care.

Tomm said the nonprofit community-based agency has strong ties to the local community. "We are long-time Chamber members and are actively involved in contributing to our com-

munity's quality of life by offering grief support groups and educational presentations, participating in events like the Lakewood Arts Fest, and collaborating closely with local assisted-living, nursing and retirement centers to provide the best quality end-of-life care for their residents." Hundreds of additional residents in the community receive care from the agency's visiting home care hospice teams.



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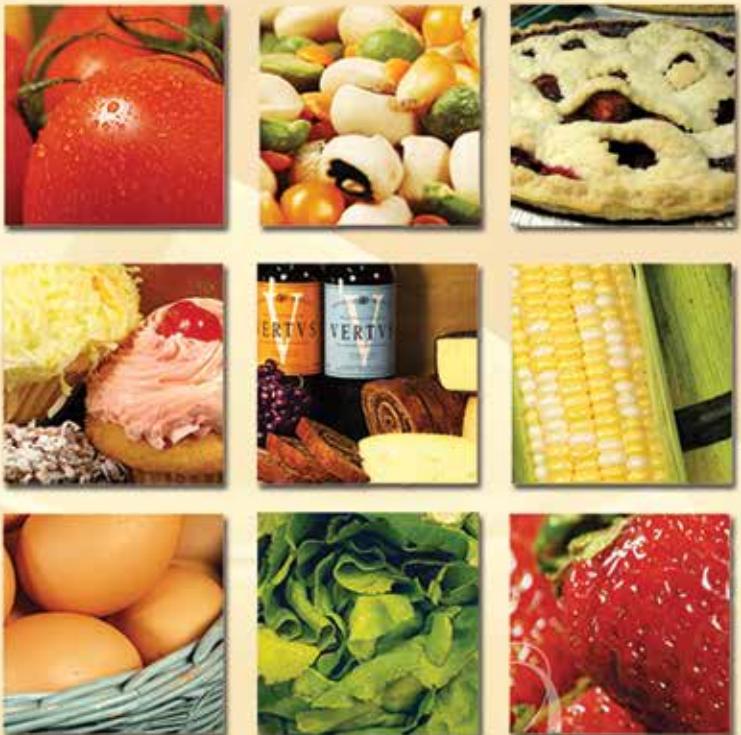
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Opinion

# The Decision

by Terence Kilroy

The City Council must soon decide and vote to either reject the Letter of Intent (LOI) proposed by the Cleveland Clinic (CCF) or pass enabling legislation that absolves the CCF of its obligations under the terms of the 1996 Definitive Agreement and sell or demolish the assets of Lakewood Hospital. The Council has reviewed the Clinic's proposal and the data provided by the Clinic/LHA consultant (Subsidium) and employed legal and real estate firms for independent input and negotiations. The Council held multiple open and closed forums and is currently offering feedback to the CCF and LHA regarding their concerns. Reportedly the LOI is being transformed into a new 2015 Definitive Agreement that has yet to be made public. After months of deliberation, several truths are evident.

**First, the Clinic and LHA have failed to prove that Lakewood Hospital is not viable.** They have not provided data regarding the numbers of persons in our specific service area that have required hospitalization, nor the incidence and prevalence of disease or procedures in our community and the amount of reimbursement provided. When questioned, they only suggest that general trends across the county show less need for hospital beds and a shift

to more outpatient care. The devil is in the details and they have not provided specific enough data from our service area to make an informed decision. Dr. Donnelly reported that the CCF believes that they can build a viable hospital in Avon based on the average of 80 Clinic patients that are admitted to non-Clinic hospitals in Lorain County but doesn't explain why the 100-150 patients at Lakewood Hospital are insufficient to maintain our community hospital. They have documented that under the Clinic's management the number of patients admitted to Lakewood Hospital has declined. They have not adequately explained how and why this happened on their watch. They have not explained why their decision to transfer psychiatry, cardiac surgery, invasive cardiology, cardiac electrophysiology, oncology, pain management, thoracic surgery, rehabilitation services and neurosurgery to other institutions does not constitute a breach of the Clinic's obligation under the Definitive Agreement from 1995 and the amendment in 2010.

**Second, the business plan for the demise of the hospital is poorly constructed.** The LOI envisions that the LHA/Clinic will consume all of our liquid assets to demolish all of our fixed assets (the building). This is a plan that leaves a foundation that can sup-

ply only \$1-1.5 million/year from its investments to assist our community. The other assets (hospital equipment, bed licenses and real estate) are to be transferred to the Clinic at minimal cost without obtaining an independent appraisal of their value. Frankly, if we completely walked away from the hospital and pocketed our liquid assets the Nonprofit Entity would have twice the available money than is currently envisioned. The indirect costs of the hospital demolition include the loss of an estimated \$1.5 million in lease payments and taxes and the loss of the largest economic engine and employer in the City of Lakewood. According to the Development and Planning Director's analysis the proposed siting of the CCF Family Health Center also makes the development of the remaining land, parking lot and professional building less attractive. The Clinic does not sustain these losses, we the citizens of Lakewood will endure this long term.

**Third, the Clinic has not articulated a specific health care plan that will meet the needs of our citizens.** When asked what constitutes the health care needs of Lakewood, The Clinic refers to the 2013 Community Needs assessment which did not envision the absence of the Hospital. That report felt, with an intact hospital, our greatest need was for Mental Health Services. The Clinic is unable to explain how their decision to close inpatient psychiatry several

years ago and their pending closure of the geriatric psychiatry meets this need. No analysis of the disease burden of our neighbors has ever been discussed. We are told that the mere establishment of a family health center will solve our current and future health care needs. Under questioning, Dr. Jones and Donnelly report that the Clinic will, at some undetermined date with some undetermined criterion, decide what services will be available. The CCF has shown us no specific evidence of improvement in the health outcomes in the communities in which their 14 family health centers currently exist nor that their current family health center model will fit our population.

**Fourth, the search for an alternate health care partner for Lakewood Hospital was deeply flawed.** The majority of members of the Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA) are directly or indirectly appointed or controlled by the CCF. Therefore, any other provider who negotiates with the LHA views it as an arm of the CCF and cannot help but to see the Clinic as controlling the negotiations. Furthermore, the amount of time allotted to respond to a formal request for a proposal would be insufficient for any robust market analysis and planning to be performed to allow another entity to develop an adequate business plan. In addition, a contract is still in force between the Clinic and the LHA

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## Common Sense Right and Wrong: Metro vs Cleveland Clinic

by Brian Essi

*"A long habit of not thinking a thing wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right, and raises at first a formidable outcry in defense of custom. But the tumult soon subsides. Time makes more converts than reason."*  
**"Common Sense", Thomas Paine, 1776.**

Starting in 1996, the Cleveland Clinic and the City of Lakewood entered into an arrangement of shared power and stewardship over the City's hospital assets and the Lakewood Hospital Association ("LHA"). The agreements allowed for City elected leaders to serve on LHA's board and to make various appointments and the Clinic had certain rights and control over appointments as well.

Over the years, elected leaders and trustees have come and gone. Some trustees have remained from 1996. Starting several years ago, certain LHA trustees apparently recognized some problems and began a process that culminated in a January 14, 2015 Letter of Intent between the LHA and the Clinic. We are now four months into a political process that has included numerous public forums and much time and attention being expended by City Council.

The consistent narrative is that the long habits and processes of LHA serve as our safeguard and guaranty of the right result. Namely, that inpatient trends and Lakewood's payer mix require the hospital to close, we do not really need, nor does our population support, a hospital, and we have no options for a viable hospital

in our future. After all, this decision was analyzed and arrived at by 23 fine leaders coming to a unanimous conclusion---many believing at the time that Metro was no longer interested in helping Lakewood. Even the Plain Dealer editorial board has backed the narrative stating it "seems" that the LHA did their due diligence. This long and ongoing habit of thinking that this narrative is not wrong, gives it a superficial appearance of being right.

The outcry in defense of the customs of LHA and the Subsidium report that resulted from those customs has been formidable. The defense of custom is not the act of any one of the well-intentioned leaders involved. However, may I suggest that the facts and logic expose that the narrative produced by the culture is not right for the City.

In advocating that all leaders and citizens open their minds to a new healthier approach and process, I cite just 10 points that reveal longstanding habits and customs that are unhealthy and wrong:

1) It is wrong and damaging to our City that the LOI requires LHA and Mayor Summers negotiate exclusively with the Clinic. In a public statement to City Council on April 27, 2015, a respected trustee speaking for LHA stated that the LOI was only a "recommendation" and not intended to be "final." He said "third party options may emerge." Two days later Metro re-emerged and made a public statement. LHA would be wrong to continue to

bind itself and ostensibly our City leaders to an agreement when with the stroke of a pen it can terminate the LOI and allow Metro and City leaders to explore at least that option. To honor that trustee's words would be healthy for all.

2) By the terms of the Lease, the City and LHA can amend the lease giving the City valuable rights and options without the need for the Clinic's approval or involvement. This would put Metro and other potential suitors on an even playing field with the Clinic. Since approving the LOI would amount to a termination of the Lease, it would be fair and healthy if LHA grants the City these rights and options. After all, LHA was formed to benefit the City and its citizens.

3) It was wrong that LHA had no legal counsel to guide them when they negotiated, approved and signed the LOI other than the Clinic's in house legal counsel.

4) It is wrong to think that the 23 trustees have the primary responsibility right to control Lakewood's future healthcare needs and decisions. A majority of the LHA trustees do not live in Lakewood---only 11 of the 23 are Lakewood residents---one of the eleven is employed by CCF. The right thing to do is for LHA to cede all options to the City by termination of the LOI.

5) It was wrong that a majority of LHA trustees did not see Metro's proposal and full presentation, but only the Clinic's. The solution to this problem is for City Council to hear from

Metro directly and in short order.

6) On April 29 2015, Metro made a public statement that it remains interested in helping communities like Lakewood. Metro issued the statement just two days after a respected LHA trustee made a public statement that Metro was not interested.

7) The LOI, if approved, would consume more than \$26 million of City assets to destroy or demolish the hospital that Subsidium valued at over \$71 million. It would be wrong to take the majority of Lakewood's liquid assets to destroy the hospital for the benefit of the Clinic. The Clinic can find another property in Lakewood to build its "specialty referral center." Lakewood does not need to destroy an institution and limit its options for a referral center with only 150 employees.

8) The expansion of Medicaid in Ohio had not yet begun taking effect when Subsidium did its analysis. As everyone agrees, the healthcare industry is changing rapidly. This expansion can only have a positive impact on hospital revenues. Metro is at the cutting edge of innovation under the new Medicaid program. The Clinic is not.

9) Lakewood's payer mix is changing in a positive way. National reports indicate that there are 16 million more insured since the Affordable Care Act (ACA) began. We can debate opinions about the efficacy of the ACA, but the fact remains that insurance coverage is on the rise. This could also result in

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Opinion

# Lakewood Should Be An Island

by Colin Dussault

The new proposal to create bike lanes and reduce traffic flow on Madison Avenue down to one lane each way has caused me to take pause. At first I was absolutely and resolutely opposed to yet another attempt by the city “planners” to restrict, delay and dissuade my travel in my vehicle down Madison Avenue. They have already succeeded in forcing me to avoid Detroit Avenue with their asinine middle turning lane “improvement.” As a result of this change I am forced to traverse east and west via alternate routes including Clifton (which lost a lane due to the bus lane designation) and Lakewood Heights (which is barely driveable due to pot holes). Now they want to turn Madison Avenue into a one lane with a bike route?

In the middle of my belly aching I had to stop for a moment. Why not? Why not follow through with this idea? But let’s take it a step further. Let’s actually BAN ALL MOTORIZED TRAFFIC on Madison avenue. I am thinking we could turn Lakewood’s Madison Avenue into a mini Mackinac Island. We could restrict motorized vehicles. We could bring in horse-drawn carriages. We could encourage bicycling, walking and carriage rides. I think the 250 businesses along Madison Avenue would encourage this kind of improvement\*. (\*number based on 2011 Madison Avenue Merchants Association printed

information sheet).

Of those 250 businesses located along Madison Avenue I can really only think of one that would benefit the most from this absurd redesignation of our passable roadways. That business is the Spin Bicycle shop located at 14515 Madison Avenue. And while I will be the first one to concede that I could benefit greatly from less griping and more biking, I can say that running errands in my horseless carriage is my only viable option due to the hectic nature of my jam-packed schedule. Between being a full time parent and a self-employed musician, cycling for pleasure or even to run to the store is not an option. I, like most readers, feel as though I wake up an hour behind schedule every morning. Then add to that the delays and slow downs caused by the one lane of traffic on Detroit Avenue. The wait times to simply pull out of my street and into traffic on Detroit Avenue. And now the proposed one lane of traffic with bike lanes being proposed on Madison Avenue. It is becoming woefully obvious that progress is something that the city planners are falling very short of.

Who in their right mind could think that this is a good idea? Do the city planners live here? Do they shop and drive and commute and do business here? Do they look up from their computer screens and spread sheets long enough to see that Detroit Avenue

is no no longer navigable? Do they comprehend that some things are better left alone. And if they are going to choose to destroy our east/west thoroughfares at least have the creativity and gravitas to go the way of Mackinac Island. Let’s just ban the use of motorized vehicles altogether. It is obvious they are setting this city back with their total lack of planning. They might as well set us all the way back...Back to 1898!!!

I look forward to seeing how they deal with the horse manure. That waste, when combined with the minutia they are planning to force down Lakewood driver’s throats is going to create quite an impediment to anybody moving east or west with any ease down Madison Avenue. However, if I were an astute politician (an oxymoron I know) I

would spin that to translate into more jobs! Horses will stimulate job growth! We will be in need of street cleaners!

Before you destroy Madison Avenue, why don’t you use some of that money and repave Lakewood Heights so that citizens like myself can get in and out of town and to other cities to frequent their businesses without any issues. As it stands now, I do not plan on adding another headache like the one you are proposing to my already full scheddule. I will not patronize Lakewood businesses if I cannot easily and speedily get to them. I will instead, play dodge ‘em with the chuck holes, leave my fair city and spend my money elsewhere in other more consumer friendly municipalities. That is until they all adopt our mantra. Then I will be forced to flag down a Coachman, board a pony trap and take my grand tour of Lakewood Island.

## Metro vs Cleveland Clinic

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increased revenues for the hospital for years to come.

10) It was wrong that on April 30, 2015, Dr. Donley (the head of clinical operations for the Clinic) testified in a recorded statement to City Council that he does not know Lakewood’s needs for inpatient beds, and the clinic relies on LHA for that assessment. At the same time, Dr. Donley knew precisely that Avon needed 80 beds. On May 8, 2015, Metro announced adding 85 beds to their health campus in a neighborhood and population mix with more challenges than Lakewood. How can there be a need for more beds in Metro’s neighborhood and none needed in Lakewood if the narrative was based on national trends and not

an assessment of Lakewood? LHA pays the Clinic over \$24 million for administrative services and if the Clinic truly does not know the need for beds unless LHA tells it, that is wrong.

Lakewood Hospital is an important safety net that meets many of the needs of Lakewood’s citizens, especially the poor and underserved among our population. Metro has proven itself as an industry leader and innovator for exactly what Lakewood needs. While Metro wants to embrace our population, the Clinic wants something very different and less attractive. LHA should open up the option for Lakewood and Metro, not just the Clinic. This is simply common sense and it is the right thing to do.

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Lakewood Business

# Introducing: The Gorilla On Madison Ave.

by Mike Zannoni

The Gorilla (12102 Madison Ave.) is seasonal take-out, and has hot dogs and related sausages (bratwurst, etc., yet to be tried), ice cream and related beverages (shakes, slushies, etc., yet to be tried), AND... a brand within a brand, BoBo's Smokin' barbecue. There's still some sauce on my face, as I write.

Partners Jim Cox (The Gorilla, with the dogs and ice cream) and Bob Bond (BoBo's Smokin') share the structure that used to be Sugar Bear's Ice Cream. Nice guys. There are picnic tables with umbrellas, but most people are taking away. Oh, and there is a large, frightening, plastic Gorilla out there, seated like a giant toddler, covered with live children. Now on with the exaltation:

**The Original BoBo:** This is the most succulent thing I have ever experienced. Yeah, I need to get out more, but, the beef brisket is thick-sliced fat-marbled goodness. Tender, juicy, meaty. I don't know what BoBo's Groovy Sauce is, but whatever, more goodness. Slaw, sweet pickles, all good. Bun, really beyond caring at this point, still kind of zoned just talking about the brisket part. Not vegan, not gluten free. Brisket this good is a really rare thing. I'll go one further: I've NEVER had brisket this good from any restaurant. My friend Willis will not feel challenged by this statement, since he's not a restaurant. A seriously good



Bob Bond (left) and Jim Cox (right). Gorilla (center).

sandwich, 5 bucks.

**Lickity Pig:** Next day. Pulled pork that's ahead of anything, anywhere, and I love pork in all forms and get it everywhere. Move over, nobody. Makes you want to smash something with a hammer. The glaze of grain mustard and apple butter blends so well with the pork you don't care what it is, you love it unconditionally, and without question. Coleslaw, bring it on. Groovy Sauce, groovy. Again, 5 bucks. It can't be. But it is.

**The Hawaiian Hillbilly:** Boneless, skin-on smoked chicken thigh, with a pineapple ring, cheddar cheese, Groovy Sauce, brioche bun. I did not try this, but my friend did. Looked awesome. Verily, all the sandwiches are 5 bucks.

They call these barbecue sandwiches "sliders," but that's like saying Jesus was sort of a preacher man, or a guidance counselor. Did I mention these are not vegan? I asked pit master Bob, where have you been all my life,

I mean, where have you been cooking? He says, home. No wonder it's this freaking good, I thought. (Please don't change, I BEG you.)

**Disclaimer:** Though the above is true, I need to admit my angle here. I want this place to stay here forever, for whenever I'm hungry and have \$5, and at the risk of causing a stampede that might mean longer lines and possibly less food for me, letting my fellow citizens know about this oasis in the barbeque desert is the best way to keep The Gorilla and Bobo's Smokin' here in Lakewood and cranking this stuff out.

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Lakewood Living

Curtis Block Eligible For Historic Property Designation

by Hilary Schickler

The Planning Commission at its Thursday, May 7 meeting unanimously determined that the Curtis Block met the Lakewood preservation ordinance criteria to be nominated an Historic Property. At its next regular meeting on June 6, the Commission will consider whether to designate the Curtis Block as an Historic Property. The Curtis Block is a two-story commercial/residential building located on the southwest corner of Detroit and Marlowe Avenues.

Lakewood became a “streetcar suburb” of Cleveland early in the twentieth century. The first streetcar line extending from Cleveland into Lakewood was completed in 1893 and it led to a transformation of Lakewood from a farming community to a residential suburb. Lakewood’s population exploded from a few hundred Lakewood residents in 1890 to approximately 15,000 in 1910, and that number more than tripled by 1920. Clusters of commercial and residential buildings developed along Detroit, Clifton and Madison Avenues, the routes of the three streetcar lines servicing Lakewood. The north/south side streets intersecting with the streetcar avenues were wholly residential, setting a pattern which continues to this day.

The Curtis Block is a particularly

fine example of the mixed use (commercial/residential) buildings that were the hallmark of the streetcar suburb. The easternmost three storefronts of the Curtis Block were constructed in 1913 and the building was extended west by two storefronts in 1925. The first floor businesses offered fresh fruit and baked-on-the-premises bread to the streetcar commuters and their families and the second floor provided housing to Lakewood’s residents.

Lakewood’s preservation ordinance was enacted in 2008 to preserve Lakewood’s historically and architecturally significant structures and districts. The ordinance is part of Lakewood’s zoning code (Chapter 1134, to be precise), available on the City’s website. In brief, the ordinance imposes architectural controls over the alteration of a designated structure without controlling the use or ownership of the structure.

Lakewood’s ordinance establishes criteria for weighing a possible designation, such as examples of cultural, social or economic heritage, the work of an architect whose individual work has influenced the development of the City, the degree of historical integrity, etc. It sets forth a process for nominating structures and districts for designation as Historic Properties or Historic Districts.

Once an Historic Property or Historic District has been designated as such, any changes by the owner to the exterior of the structure are required by the ordinance to be compatible with its historic and architectural character. The City’s Architectural Board of Review must approve the changes and follow prescribed guidelines in issuing approvals. The ordinance also allows the interior of a structure to be designated but only if the interior is publicly accessible.

Demolitions of an Historic Property or a structure in an Historic District are permitted but only after a prescribed waiting period during which the property owner, the City and other interested parties work to develop a preservation alternative.

Lakewood was late in joining the preservation ordinance movement. After Charleston, South Carolina adopted a preservation ordinance in 1931, thousands of communities across the nation have enacted similar ordinances; the City of Cleveland adopted its preservation ordinance in 1972. These ordinances have proven to be successful in stabilizing and increasing property values. They also protect and promote the cultural fabric of communities.

To date Lakewood has designated four Historic Properties: the oldest Stone House in Lakewood Park, St. James Catholic Church (both exterior and interior), the First Church of Christ Scientist on Detroit Avenue across from

Lakewood Library and the residence at 17855 Lake Road in Clifton Park.

The Curtis Block exemplifies the special character of Lakewood. Designation as an Historic Property will protect the history and architectural style of a surviving streetcar suburb building, which is located at one of the few remaining intersections on Detroit Avenue with original streetcar era commercial buildings on all four corners.

As noted above, the Planning Commission at its June 6 meeting will consider whether the Curtis Block should be officially designated an Historic Property. The public is invited to offer comments at the June 6 meeting.

The Decision

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until 2026 which could subject any new provider to a lawsuit based on tortious interference with the current contract. No real negotiations can therefore occur until the CCF is removed from the process and the playing field is leveled for potential providers.

A new approach and process is required to protect the interests of the citizens of Lakewood. First, the city council must reject the Letter of Intent to level the playing field and provide an opportunity for innovation. Second, the Council needs to appoint a commission which includes governmental, civic and medical leaders independent of the CCF and LHA to examine over a 6-12 month period our community’s health needs

including objective measures of disease, access to health care, availability of health services and potential partners. Finally, the City Council will need to evaluate this data and conclude whether or not Lakewood Hospital is financially viable and will meet our community needs. If the hospital is to continue a new partner would be determined. If the hospital is to be closed the city should and must control the process to maximize the retention of community assets for our community’s benefit.

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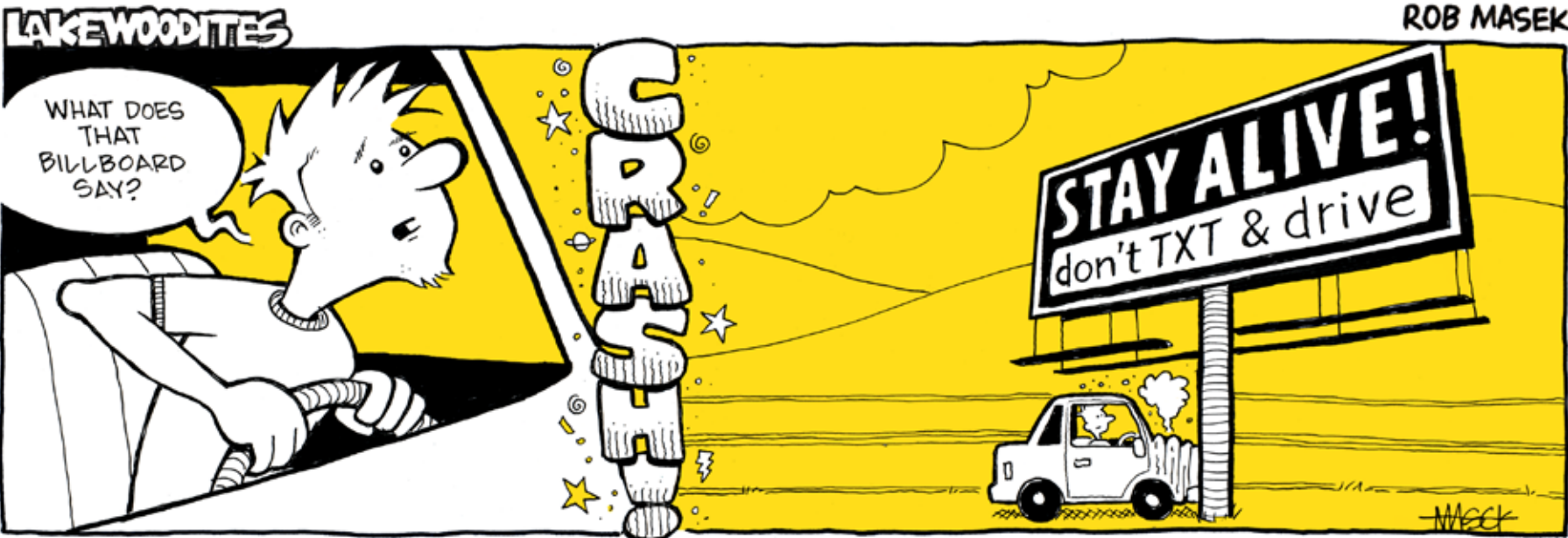
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