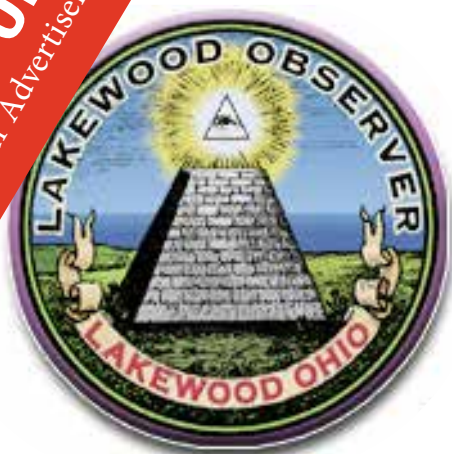


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## Celebrate Earth Day And The Great American Cleanup With Keep Lakewood Beautiful

by Marianne Quasebarth  
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Sunshine and spring have finally arrived here in Lakewood, Ohio and the Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization is celebrating this time of year with its Annual Earth Day and Great American Cleanup on April 30th from 9-11am beginning at City Center Park at the intersection of Cook and Detroit Aves. Come one or come all, and help spruce up the downtown Detroit Ave. commercial district. Learn from arborists, and then we will: plant a tree in observance of Arbor Day in City Center Park, plant flowers, and

mulch trees and large planters. Meet at City Center Park, at the intersection of Cook & Detroit Avenues. For more information or optional pre-registration see: <http://www.onelakewood.com/KLB> Or call 529-6601.

After we spruce up downtown Lakewood, be sure and take home a free seedling tree and recycled flowers. We will be giving away free seedling trees that have been potted by Lakewood High School Horticulture students under the expertise of Mr. Mark Rathge. Keep Lakewood Beautiful purchases all the supplies needed for this annual hands-on

classroom experience where students learn how to and also do plant bare root tree seedlings. Thank you LHS students for your help! We have several varieties to choose from that will especially fit most Lakewood yards. Trees provide us with beauty and many benefits such as: helping purify the air we breathe by absorbing pollutants and producing oxygen, increasing property values, shading and cooling our buildings and paved surfaces, reducing the amount of water and pollutants in sewer systems, providing habitat for birds and other wildlife,  
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Keep Lakewood Beautiful always does its part to beautify our City through the "Adopt-A-Spot" program and this Saturday, April 30, you can too. See you at the Great American Clean Up!

LHS Presents

## "Into The Woods" May 5-7

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School will present its spring musical, "Into the Woods" by Stephen Sondheim, May 5-7 at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m.

"Into the Woods" tells the story of a Baker and his wife who are cursed to live childless lives. A witch promises to lift the curse if the pair find "the cow as white as milk, the cape as red as blood, the hair as yellow as corn, [and] the slipper

as pure as gold." As the couple travels into the woods in search of these items, they encounter such characters as Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, and Jack. However, the play takes the audience beyond the "Happily Ever After" and shows how these characters deal with getting everything for which they ever wished. Can Jack take responsibility for killing a giant to satisfy his greed? Will Cinderella and her prince's love last? Will a child

truly bring fulfillment to the Baker's life? "Into the Woods" explores the consequences that occur when "Children Won't Listen" and reminds the audience that "No One Is Alone."

More than 75 students are involved in the cast, crew, and pit orchestra for the musical. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. This musical is produced by Lakewood High School's Barnstormers Drama Club and George P. Read Music Department.

## Tickets On Sale, Silent Auction Items Needed For CCLAS "Hair Of The Dog" Happy Hour Set For May 19

by Mike Deneen

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy a fun evening filled with appetizers, open bar, DJ music and the BEST silent auction in town - all while helping Lakewood's sick, injured and abandoned animals!

Citizens Committee for a Lakewood Animal Shelter (CCLAS) is proudly hosting its 12th Annual Hair of the Dog Happy Hour and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 19

from 5:30 to 8:30 at Around the Corner in Lakewood. As always, 100% of the proceeds will benefit animals in-need and allow us to continue their foster program and spay/neuter program.

**Where:** Around the Corner, 18616 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH

**When:** Thursday, May 19 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. (Bidding ends around 7:30 p.m.)

**Admission:** \$25 per per-

son in advance and \$30 per person at the door (Please note: There are no paper tickets - those guests who purchase tickets online will simply check-in at the door.)

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at the CCLAS website: [www.cclas.org](http://www.cclas.org).

**Silent Auction Items Needed**

The Happy Hour Silent Auction is not just fun, but also  
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## The Lakewood Public Library Summer Reading Club 2016

Monday, May 9 through Monday, August 1  
by Julie Strunk

Celebrate 100 years of the Lakewood Public Library by reading. Bring your birth through fifth grade child's birthday reader and sign them up for the Lakewood Public Library's annual summer reading club, "Happy 100th Birthday." Sixth through twelfth graders have their own reading club, "Party of the Century." Participants will gather stamps and prizes as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty books, chapters or hours of reading (age appropriate goals) by August 1, 2016.

The fun doesn't end there, either. Arts and crafts abound! Any child with a parent/caregiver may stop by Monday through Thursday, June 6 through July 28, anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a "Birthday Craft" to do together. Our celebration-inspired craft changes each week!

While finishing your reading record is quite an accom-



Celebrating 100 years!

plishment, even that doesn't end the adventure. Children and their families will celebrate the end of summer reading at the "Summer Reading 100th Birthday Party" at the Madison Park Pavilion on Wednesday, August 3, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with fun, games, and prizes. Teens will have their own "Teen Party of the Century" on Friday, August 12 from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Library. Help us make 2016 a celebration to remember.

To register, stop by our Main Library or Madison Branch starting May 9, 2016.



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## Education is key to diabetes prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

A report published by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) states that more than 29 million American adults and children have diabetes, a disease in which a person has high blood sugar, either because their body does not produce enough insulin, or because cells within their body do not respond to the insulin that is produced. Of those individuals, more than 8 million have not been formally diagnosed.



Kevin Borst, DO

“Diabetes awareness and education is very important, especially for those at risk for developing the disease,” says Kevin Borst, DO, a specialist in endocrinology, diabetes and metabolism who treats patients at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood. Risk factors for developing diabetes include increasing age, family history of diabetes, ethnicity (African Americans and Hispanics are at higher risk) and obesity.

Dr. Borst encourages anyone with these risk factors to watch closely for symptoms of diabetes including frequent urination, increased thirst, acute unintentional weight loss, blurry vision, frequent infections or slow healing of wounds. “If you experience any of these symptoms, a simple blood test conducted by your primary care physician or endocrinologist can calculate your average blood sugar level. If the test shows elevated blood sugar levels (normal blood sugar is between 65mg/dl and 100 mg/dl), you will likely be referred for diabetes education,” he says.

The Diabetes Center at Cleveland Clinic

Lakewood continues to provide education and treatment for those at risk for developing diabetes as well as those diagnosed with diabetes. Located in the Lakewood Professional Building at 14601 Detroit Avenue, the team of physicians, dieticians and diabetes educators provides patients with tools to manage their condition including:

- How to check blood sugar
- Lifestyle modification (diet and exercise)
- Medication management
- Updates on new treatment options as they become available

“Our team works with at risk individuals to help prevent the development of diabetes, and those diagnosed with diabetes to manage the disease over time, and reduce their risk of developing additional complications,” says Dr. Borst.

To make an appointment with Dr. Borst or another Cleveland Clinic endocrinologist, call 216.444.6568. For more information about the Diabetes Center or other outpatient services at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood, please visit [clevelandclinic.org/Lakewood](http://clevelandclinic.org/Lakewood). Cleveland Clinic offers same-day appointments.

### Outpatient services continue at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood.

As Cleveland Clinic moves forward with plans to build a new family health center and state-of-the-art emergency department in Lakewood, we remain committed to providing ongoing outpatient services at various locations on the Cleveland Clinic Lakewood campus. Services are listed below by location:

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- General Neurology
- Laboratory Services
- Radiology (CT, general X-ray, mammography, MRI, ultrasound)

#### 14601 Detroit Avenue (Lakewood Professional Building)

- Diabetes Center
- Teen Health Center

#### 1450 Belle Avenue (Community Health Center)

- Center for Brain Health
- Women’s Health Center

#### 16915 Detroit Avenue (YMCA)

- Physical Therapy

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Keep Lakewood Beautiful Presents Beautiful Homes To Council

Council President, and Ward II Councilman Sam O’Leary called the April 18, 2016 Council meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The first order of business was to excuse the absence of Councilman Ryan Nowlin (At-Large) who was still absent do to family illness. Council did so.

Next, Council listened to the Keep Lakewood Beautiful Committee (KLB) present the 2015 Beautiful Home Awards. KLB is a small board which facilitates five programs throughout the year to help foster and support residents in the goal of helping to keep Lakewood a beautiful city. The programs include the Adopt-a-Spot Program; the Annual Earth Day Clean Up event, taking place April 30th this year; the spring humus sale; the tree committee, which helps steward and appropriate trees throughout the city; and finally the Annual Beautiful Home Awards.

Every year KLB accepts nominations for homes all over the city. In 2015 they received 70 nominations. An award is given to one house in each of the seven elementary school attendance areas. They begin by narrowing down their choices to two for each district, then submitting those to a vote from the KLB board, LakewoodAlive, and a professional landscaper. The 2015 win-

ners were Anne and Don Steiner of 1212 Granger Avenue; Andrew and Stefania Bodjanac and Anne Rusnak of 1124/26 Summit Avenue; Adrienne and Greg Good of 1488 Parkway; Tim Kaye and Robert Gallagher of 1488 Belle Avenue; Carol Wilson of 2231/33 Northland Avenue; Bill and Laura Cannon of 2090 Baxterly Avenue; and Cindy and Jake Marx of 1587 Grace Avenue.

Councilman O’Leary thanked all the award recipients for all the work they do to help keep Lakewood an attractive place. He also thanked the KLB board for their work recognizing these people, and all the hard work they do throughout the year supporting the community.

Next, Councilman Tom Bull-ock (At-Large) briefed Council with a report from the Public Works Committee regarding the traffic signal replacement program, which is slated to continue with Franklin Boulevard and Hilliard Road. Spanning several years, this is the continuance of a program that has replaced the traffic signals on Clifton Boulevard, Detroit Road, and Madison Avenue. The Public Works Committee was reviewing a resolution that would allow the City to enter into a contract with the Ohio Department of Transportation, who has been the City’s partner in this program. The original resolution asked Council to allow the expenditure of just under \$510,000; however, during discussion that amount was reduced by about \$70,000 to \$441,118. That total put the City’s responsibility at just about 20% of the projected \$2.1 million project.

The City will retain all but one traffic light in the project area. The light at the intersection of Hilliard Road and North Marginal was determined to be unwarranted for the current volume of traffic, as defined by the State.

Council passed the resolution. The final item on the agenda was a report from Finance Director Jennifer Pae regarding the Wednesday, April 6, 2016 meeting of the Board of

Revision of Assessments. The Board was meeting to discuss the proposed assessments to the owners of Meridian Condominiums for the cost of a shoreline project the Condominiums sought. Several members of the public were in attendance to give their opinion on the matter. There were both members in favor and against the shoreline erosion protection project. The Board reviewed the initial assessment report and found no reason to adjust the amounts given in it. After deliberations the Board found that the project was a necessary public improvement and passed it unanimously.

Director Pae informed Council that a final assessment ordinance should be on the docket for the following meeting.

Coming to the public comment

portion of the meeting, lots of people were in attendance to speak. For the third meeting a sizable group from the Lake Shore Towers was there to complain about the misshandling of a bed bug situation in their building. Also present were the many regulars from the Save Lakewood Hospital contingent. New to this meeting however, was a gentleman by the name of Tom Yanks. Mr. Yanks was there to comment on statements he has seen in the news about the Council considering relaxing or changing the nature of its vicious dog ordinance and pit bull ban. In light of a recent mauling of a six year old boy on his street, Mr. Yanks asked that the City reconsider its position on the canine legislation, and strengthen it rather than relaxing it.

With no further business before the Council, Council President O’Leary adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Democratic Lawmakers Announce State Support For Key Community Projects

Capital budget bill to allocate funds for economic, cultural improvements

by Nickie Antonio

House Minority Whip Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) and State Senator Michael Skindell (D-Lakewood) today announced several important community projects will receive state support through the recently introduced capital budget. The Variety Theatre, the Lake Link Trail and Wendy Park, and the Irish Town Bend are some of the major projects in the Lakewood area expected to receive state funds.

“We will continue the hard work of securing resources that add to the economic health and well-being of our district,” said Antonio. “It is an honor to be a part of this capital budget process, and I will continue to insist that these funds stay committed to necessary projects that ensure a vibrant and sustainable future for the region.”

The capital budget bill currently includes \$1.65 million to finance hard

construction and demolition costs to transform the Variety Theatre into a new town center for the Westown neighborhood in Cleveland. In addition, a new \$1 million bridge will link the 1.3 mile urban multi-purpose path Lake Link Trail to Wendy Park thanks to state funds, creating lakefront access to the residents of Cuyahoga, Summit, Stark and Tuscarawas counties. The Irish Town bend is also slated to receive \$2.5 million to install steel reinforcement bulkheads.

“I am thrilled to see the preservation of the historic integrity of the west side of Cleveland included in the capital budget,” said Skindell. “These projects contribute to important assets in our community, whether they are cultural, recreational, or economic. I will continue to advocate for these projects to make sure they are included in the final budget.”

The capital budget bill is currently under consideration in the Senate.

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City News

# “To Be Healthy As A Whole, Mental Wellness Plays A Role”

by Katie Kurtz

We all have physical and mental health. For some of us, due to genetics, biological make up, trauma, or life triggers, our mental and emotional health can alter or develop into a mental illness. According to the World Health Organization, mental health is defined as “a state of well-being in which the individual realizes his or her own abilities, can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work productively and fruitfully, and is able to make a contribution to his or her community.” One in five Americans will be affected by a mental health condition in their lifetime and every American is affected or impacted through their friends and family and can do something to help others (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! The City of Lakewood’s Department of Human Services, the Lakewood Area Collaborative, and the Lakewood Senior Collaborative are dedicated to creating a compassionate community where we create space to

hold conversations related to mental health and promote positive mental wellness for all residents.

As we age, change is hard to escape. Common changes we experience occur in all areas of our lives--health, abilities, relationships, living situations, or finances. These changes can often have challenging or negative effects on our mental and emotional health. Whether changes are sudden or gradual, often times it can be a struggle to find ways to cope with change in a positive way that increases our overall wellness and outlook on life.

Throughout the month of May, the City of Lakewood’s Division of Aging

will focus on raising awareness and offering activities that enhance the overall mental wellness of older adults in our community. Learn about the power of nature, try a guided meditation, join us for a walk in the park, give your brain a workout with trivia, or have a cup of tea while discussing the importance of gratitude. These activities will be focused on engaging our residents in exploring ways to increase their mental, physical and emotional wellness through education, volunteering, art, music, nutrition, exercise, and much more.

Never been to the Senior Center? Now is a great time to check it out! Bring a friend and try something new

to help strengthen your mind, body and spirit.

We are proud to be partnering with NAMI of Greater Cleveland, North Coast Health, Nature’s Bin, Beck Center for the Arts, Greater Cleveland Volunteers, ESOP (Empowering and Strengthening Ohio’s People).

To find a listing of events please visit the city’s website: <http://www.onelakewood.com/findget/programs-for-seniors>, or the Lakewood Ohio Division of Aging Facebook Page.

Questions? Contact: Katie Kurtz at (216) 529-5011 or [Katherine.Kurtz@lakewoodoh.net](mailto:Katherine.Kurtz@lakewoodoh.net).

## The Great American Cleanup With KLB

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and fostering safer, more sociable and attractive neighborhood environments.

We hope you can join us and learn more about trees and flowers from some experts who will be present to guide us as we work. Then take home a tree seedling and recycled flowers for FREE for your yard, while supplies last! Please drop by on April 30th and help Keep Lakewood Beautiful!

The Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) organization was initially created in September 1982 to promote civic involvement through public interest in the general improvement of the environment of Lakewood. It maintains an affiliation with Keep America Beautiful. The volunteer board initiates, plans and coordinates programs for litter prevention, solid waste reduction, recycling and green space beautification such as Earth Day, Great American Cleanup, Spring Humus Sale, over 50 Adopt-a-Spot Gardens, Beautiful Home Awards, and the Tree Committee. For more information or to join the Keep Lakewood Beautiful organization see: <http://www.onelakewood.com/KLB> or call 529-6601.

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## Lakewood Public Library

# Gallery Exhibits Highlight 100 Years At Lakewood Public Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

Lakewood Public Library is celebrating its hundredth birthday on May 19, 2016, and in honor of this milestone, the Library currently has on exhibit photographs and architectural drawings from the Library's one hundred year history. View Detroit Avenue when it was covered with trolley tracks. Remember when a record player and LPs were state of the art. See a portrait of Lakewood's first librarian, Roena Ingham. These items and more are on display now in the Main Library's Second Floor Gallery and at the Madison Branch.

At right: The photo at right is a part of the 100th anniversary celebration for Lakewood Public Library which includes photos and artifacts on display at the Main Library as well as at Madison Branch. This photo depicts patrons at the original Lakewood Public Library on opening day - May 19, 1916.



## Pulitzer Prize Finalist Regina Brett To Appear At LPL

by Amy Kloss

Her books are bestsellers in Poland. People around the world think she's 90, even though she was born in 1956. She's received numerous writing awards, often focusing on her compassion and empathy for the underdogs in life. She also loves libraries. This

talented writer and very determined woman is *Cleveland Plain Dealer* columnist Regina Brett, who will visit Lakewood Public Library on May 12 to offer inspiration and discuss her latest book, "God is Always Hiring: 50 Lessons for Finding Fulfilling Work."

Brett is one of eleven children,

born and raised in a blue collar, Irish Catholic family in Ravenna, Ohio. She always wanted to be a writer, but self-doubt and a few stumbles held her back early in life. In her twenties, Brett became a single mother, dropped out of college and worked a string of interesting jobs, including picking up bodies for a funeral home. After some soul searching, she went back to Kent State and earned a journalism degree at the age of 30.

Now a columnist for *The Plain Dealer* and a syndicated writer for the Jewish News Service, Brett published her third book "God is Always Hiring: 50 lessons for Finding Fulfilling Work" in 2015. The "50 Lessons" concept grew out of a column she wrote in 2006 when she turned 50 called "45 Lessons and 5 to Grow On." To create the list, Brett drew on the wisdom she'd gained as a single parent, a breast cancer survivor and a woman determined to make the life she wanted.

Part memoir, part motivational text, "God is Always Hiring" tells sto-



Author Regina Brett

ries and provides inspiration to readers seeking not just paid work, but also fulfillment in life. Books will be available for sale and signing at the Main Library Auditorium on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. when Regina Brett will appear to inspire and teach us.

## Children's Games And Crafts 100 Years Ago

by Fran Storch

Give your kids a break from today's technology and come to Lakewood Public Library for some good old-fashioned fun and games. In celebration of the Library's 100th birthday this spring the Main Library presents two back-to-basics programs for students in first through fifth grade – Games Children Played 100 Years Ago and Crafts Children Created 100 Years Ago.

Games children played 100 years ago were very different from the games kids play today. Students will have fun learning some "new" old games on Wednesday, May 11 from 4 to 5 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at the Main Library. Participants will play a variety of group games and engage in individual activities that youngsters enjoyed at the turn of the 20th century. No batteries necessary!

Then kids can get creative and make a craft that children used to pass the time 100 years ago. On Thursday, May 12 from 4 to 5 p.m. students will use their imaginations and create their own fun while making take-home crafts in the Main Library Activity Room.



Lincoln Logs were invented in 1916 but playing with them are still a popular pastime with children today.

Space is limited and registration is required for both programs. To register or to learn more about other 100th birthday programs and activities, stop by the Children's & Youth Services desk at the Main Library, call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140 or register online at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth).

## Lakewood Public Library Board Of Trustees

by Jody Wilkerson

The Lakewood Board of Education is accepting applications for appointment to the Lakewood Public Library Board of Trustees for the seven year term commencing September 12, 2016.

Additional information concerning the duties and responsibilities of Library Trustees is available at the Library's Web site: <http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/trustee/pdf>.

Interested candidates should direct a letter of interest and qualifications to the Superintendent of Schools by May 16, 2016.

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# Lakewood Public Library

## Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

**Saturday, April 30**  
**“Insignificance” (1985)**

**Directed by Nicolas Roeg**

She’s not Marilyn Monroe, and he’s not Albert Einstein. The actress has spent all night getting her skirt blown around. The professor is holed up in a hotel room being harassed by a Joseph McCarthy-like Senator (Tony Curtis). When the actress shows up, a touching friendship is formed. Reality intrudes in the form of a jealous ballplayer (Gary Busey).

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

**Sunday, May 1**  
**Wallace Coleman**

Wallace Coleman keeps it real, playing old school blues. Today, Wallace Coleman is a living blues legend in his own right, and we are lucky to have him play for us here in Lakewood.

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

**Wednesday, May 4**  
**Lakewood Historical Society:**

**What Really Happened to the Edmund Fitzgerald?**

Chris Gilchrist, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Historical Society, tackles one of the great enduring mysteries of the maritime world, the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, by methodically going through several plausible, but unproven theories and, in doing so, paints a fascinating picture of the evolution of shipping and sailing on the Great Lakes.

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

**Thursday, May 5**  
**Meet the Author:**  
**“Citi” by R. A. Washington**

Besides being the author of several well-received novels and books of poetry, R.A. Washington is the co-owner of the Guide to Kulchur, an independent bookstore that specializes in hand-made books, small publications, chap books, and other printed ephemera. Former Mayor Mike White stated that he had never “read anything as honest, imaginative and utterly scary as Citi.” Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

**Saturday, May 7**  
**“Bluebeard’s Eighth Wife” (1938)**

**Directed by Ernst Lubitsch**

Gary Cooper’s American Bluebeard doesn’t dispose of wives with long blades. As a successful banker, he simply buys his way out of marriages. The lovely Claudette Colbert isn’t going for any of this, and she has to be quick on her feet to turn the tables.

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

**Wednesday, May 11**  
**Meet the Author:**  
**“Dark Energy: Hitchcock’s Absolute Camera and the Physics of Cinematic Spacetime” by Philip J. Skerry**

Alfred Hitchcock and the cinema grew up together. Like his contemporary, Albert Einstein, Hitchcock was in the right place at the right time to utterly transform his chosen field. Philip Skerry’s book applies theories of quantum physics and dark energy to Hitchcock’s technological genius and camera aesthetics. This study opens up new ways of analyzing Hitchcock’s art for the armchair scientist and the amateur film buff alike. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

## Morse Code And The Telegraph In Action At The Lakewood Public Library

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by Julie Strunk

For school-age students in first through twelfth grade (parents/caregivers welcome).

The telegraph was one of the first technological inventions of the Industrial Age and it changed communication forever. Samuel Morse’s “dot-dash” code used in the transmission of signals via electricity through long wires made instantaneous communication over long distances a reality. It put an end to the then-current methods of the pony express, carrier pigeon and more. In this hands-

on program you will learn about the invention of the telegraph, Morse code, and the effect it had on communication 100 years ago. Then, you will build your own telegraph “beeper” and try your hand with communicating with each other using Morse code. Supplies are provided. Space is limited. Registration is required. To register, please stop in, register online at [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.

Monday, May 9 or Tuesday, May 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

## Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

*Choose one session:*

**Monday, May 9, OR Tuesday, May 10**  
**Morse Code and the Telegraph in Action!**

**For students in first through twelfth grade (parents/caregivers welcome)**

Build your own telegraph “beeper” and learn how to communicate in Morse code. Supplies provided. Registration required.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

**Monday, May 9 through Monday, August 1**  
**Summer Reading Club Starts**

**For birth through those entering twelfth grade**

Celebrate 100 years with the Library with our crafts, stamps, and activities all while reading for prizes! Registration required.

At Main Library and Madison Branch

**Wednesday, May 11**  
**Games Children Played 100 Years Ago**  
**For students in first through fifth grade**

Have fun learning some “new” old games! Many games to choose from, try them all. Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room

**Thursday, May 12**  
**Crafts Children Created 100 Years Ago**  
**For students in first through fifth grade**

Travel back in time to make the same cool crafts kids made when the Library was first built! Registration required.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in the Main Library Multipurpose Room.



The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald

## Unravel The Mystery Of The Edmund Fitzgerald At Lakewood Public Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, a Great Lakes freighter, sank during a Lake Superior storm on November 10, 1975 with a resulting loss of all twenty-nine crew members. Lakewood native Thomas A. Pratt, the ship’s second mate, was one of the dead.

Forty years after the sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald, Chris Gilchrist, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Historical Society, tackles one

of the most enduring maritime mysteries of the Great Lakes. What really happened to the Edmund Fitzgerald? Gilchrist will examine several plausible, but unproven, theories about the ship’s sinking. Gilchrist’s presentation is sponsored by the Lakewood Historical Society and takes place in the Main Library Auditorium on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, visit [www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org](http://www.lakewoodpubliclibrary.org).

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Lakewood Schools

# German Exchange Students Offer Rave Reviews

by Christine Gordillo

Recently, nearly 30 German students descended on Lakewood to take part in an exchange with the Lakewood High German Department. The students were hosted by families of LHS students studying German. The group was in town for two weeks. In June, the LHS students will travel to Germany and stay for three weeks with the families of the students they hosted in Lakewood. By all accounts, the first half of the exchange was successful. The following journal entries from two of the German students attest to that:

**From Lina Probst:**

The longest minutes of our bus trip from Buffalo to Cleveland are the minutes right before we meet the families. Suddenly everyone is getting excited, the conversations become louder and louder. Trying to get us quiet the teachers shout ‘Calm down!’ Then the bus stops. No one wants to leave their seats. Noticing that someone has to go, Johanna Z. and I take our jackets. We jump out of the bus into cold, fresh air. Our luggage is already there and together we enter the building. Behind an automatic door made of glass many people are waiting. You can hear the sound of their conversations and laughter. I take a deep breath. Now it will start, the main part of the exchange: We will stay with different families for two weeks. We will go to the local high

school. We will have many experiences. And for sure, we will have an unforgettable time. The thoughts in my mind are dancing, they are flying around like little insects. Before I stay here forever the door opens and our adventure begins...

The first day in my host family I was extremely nervous. ‘Will they like me?’ and other questions were in my head like an annoying voice which never leaves. But all worries were unnecessary; our teachers made perfect matches. In every conversation I noticed how well I’m fitting in. If someone asks me what I will miss the most I would say the following...I’m going to miss:

- Lakewood with its beautiful parks and Lake Erie,
- Cleveland with its different attractions (Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, The Art Museum, The West Side Market...)
- The group events we did (go bowling, eat at Chipotle/Mitchell’s/... do a surprise birthday party, go to the cinema...)
- The cookies of my host sister and the bagels of my host mother,
- The high school and the teachers and students I met,
- And most of all my host family!

When I’m back in Germany I’ll keep all the experiences I’ve made and new memories deep in my heart. All in all I’m glad to be part of the exchange program and I know I will come back one day.

**From Charlotte Hussing:**

When we arrived in Lakewood the whole group was as nervous as never before during this America trip. Everyone was so excited to get to know their exchange partners and families but also afraid of walking through the door to them. Nearly every one of us has texted to his partner many times before our visit - nevertheless, we were all extremely nervous when we stood in front of this huge group of Americans and their families. But there was no reason. The Americans drew banners to welcome us, they were as nervous as we were (or even more) and they were so nice to make our arrival as easy and comfortable as possible.

My first memory of Lakewood will always be the visit at the Playhouse Square. My family took me there together with the family of my friend right after our arrival to break the ice. This theater is one of the most beautiful things I have seen during my time in Lakewood. In addition to that, I have visited the art museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame which was just awesome. The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is definitely a sight everyone coming to the greater Cleveland area should visit. For someone who is interested in music, Cleveland is the perfect area. I have seen the musical “Beautiful” which has been an amazing experience because seeing a musical in America is totally different to



German exchange student Charlotte Hussing with her host student, Clara Florian.

seeing a musical in Germany.

We all have been a bit sad because the planned baseball game was cancelled because of bad weather. So we went to Tower City and explored Cleveland which was nice, too. Something that fascinates me are the different types of faith in America, so I went on one Sunday to a Unitarian Universalism church, which was really interesting because I have never heard of this religion before.

In general, you can say that Lakewood and Cleveland are perfect places to enjoy a lot of cultural offerings. I had a lot of fun through visiting the high school together with my exchange partner because there are many subjects which are very different to subjects in Germany. I also enjoyed getting to know all of the other students and the teachers which were so nice and open-minded that you felt welcome from the first day. I will miss the American attitude and all of the people I got to know. It is amazing how well the teachers matched us together and I want to thank them so much because they enabled us to have an amazing time in our families and school. I am very happy that I was a part of this exchange and I hope that it will continue in the future.



One of the highlights of the exchange was a group outing to Mahall's.



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## Join Middle School Writing Celebration

by Christine Gordillo

Please join Lakewood City Schools in helping celebrate the writing progress made this year by our middle school students, who followed the Columbia Writing Workshop curriculum for the first time this year.

The celebration will take place on Tuesday, May 3 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Garfield Middle School cafeteria.

Registration for the event is requested before April 29 at the following link: <http://goo.gl/forms/LWn0nRokCe>.





Schools

District Earns State Communication Awards

by Christine Gordillo

The Ohio School Public Relations Association (OHSPRA) recently recognized Lakewood City Schools with two Achievement Awards during its annual state Spring Conference in Columbus, Ohio, April 14-15.

Achievement Awards recognize exemplary school public relations and marketing plans, marketing materials, websites, videos, print newsletters, special purpose publications, photography, writing pieces and e-newsletters. The competition is open to all public or private schools and districts, career and

vocational centers and education-related organizations across the state.

Lakewood City Schools received a Mark of Distinction award for “A Plus for Our Students; A+ for the Community,” in the Special Purpose Publication category. Mark of Distinction awards are presented to entries that receive a score of 90 percent or higher. The District also received a Mark of Excellence award in the Social Media category for its Facebook page. Mark of Excellence awards are given to entries that receive scores between 80 and 89 percent.

Lakewood Teacher Presenting At National Conference

by VernaAnn Kotansky

The Lakewood Teachers Association would like to recognize the hard work and dedication of one of its members. Jaime Chanter, elementary Curriculum and Technology Teacher (CaTT), has been chosen to present at the ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) National Summer Conference in Colorado. Mrs. Chanter was asked to present at this prestigious conference after having presented twice at the Ohio Education Technology Conference in Columbus, OH and also at the Northeast Ohio Technology Conference at Kent State University. Most recently, Mrs. Chanter was accepted into the Raspberry Picademy. She was chosen out of over 400 applicants, and will be one of 50 trained educators in the US, 500 worldwide. All of this on top of being named one of the WVIZ/ideastream’s 2016 Innovative Educators.



Jaime Chanter, Curriculum and Technology Teacher.

The Lakewood Teachers Association is proud to have Jaime Chanter as part of their membership in the Lakewood City Schools. We wish Mrs. Chanter the very best!

#LTAproudtoteach

LHS Academic Challenge Team Is Regional Runner Up

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood High School Academic Challenge Team finished second to host Solon in a 17-team regional tournament held April 16. As runner-up, LHS advances to the competition’s state finals May 7 in Columbus. There are six Ohio regions for this competition and the top two from each region advance to the finals.

Representing LHS at the state tournament will be seniors, Robby Fehrenbach (captain), Jon Pizzo, Alex Grunder, Fox Milenski, Zeke Dalisky, and juniors Ian Bell and Evan Suttell. Having already been invited to the National Tournament

in Washington, D.C. in early June due to the team’s undefeated regular season competitions in the 10-team Southwest Conference, LHS continues to be a significant force wherever they compete, said adviser Robert Sedlak.

To make the trip to the National Tournament, the team will need to raise approximately \$2,500 in addition to the \$1,000 donation it has received from the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation. If you would like to help contribute to the trip fund, please send a check to Lakewood High School Academic Challenge, c/o Robert Sedlak, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

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Sports

High School Sports Round-Up

by Mike Deneen

**NEW ERA FOR LHS SOFTBALL**

It's a new day for the Ranger softball team, as Head Coach Steve Moravcik has taken the reins of the team. Moravcik has extensive experience, with 40 years in the sport. He took over a young roster that included only two returning players from the 2015 season. Rain has impacted Moravcik's debut season, causing numerous postponements in April. As a result, the team will be forced to play 18 games in 23 days during late April and early May.

Despite the challenges, the team is upbeat. Junior first baseman Courtney Moran sees "a lot of improvement" since the team started practicing weeks ago. The team has kept a good attitude, despite losing five of its first six games. Junior center fielder Hailey Owens says the team's morale is due to friendship among the players. "Softball is a bond we all share," she said.

There was one topic that all the players agreed on. They all hope to see more fans at their upcoming games. They have home games remaining against Midview (May 3rd; 4:30 p.m.) and North Ridgeville (Senior Night, May 4th; 7 p.m.). There is no admission charge for games, which are played at Harding Middle School.

**LHS BASEBALL: UNEVEN START;**



Senior Ben Burchik is part of a strong pitching staff for LHS Baseball.

fully our bats will warm up with the weather," says Ribar.

Among the highlights so far this season was a comeback win over Westlake at Rangers Stadium on April 12. They scored three runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to get a 7-6 win. Creek Miller hit a double to get the rally going. Junior Aaron Lorkowski knocked in the winning runs with a bases loaded single with one out. Looking ahead, the team has key conference home games against



LHS Softball infielder Jackie Burdette slides home safely to score against North Olmsted.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MATCHUP WITH ST. EDWARD**

The LHS baseball team had an up-and-down season through the first month. Like the softball team, they have been hit with many rainouts, adversely impacting their schedule. Despite this, they have stayed in the middle of the pack in the Southwest Conference, their new league.

Head Coach Mike Ribar has seen positives in the team. "The defense has been good," he said, adding that the pitching has strong in the early season. Seniors Creek Miller and Ben Bulchik have been especially effective on the mound, each delivering multiple quality starts. However, at times the team has struggled to score runs. "Hope-

North Ridgeville (May 4th at 4:30 p.m.) and Bay (Senior Night; May 6th at 7 p.m.). Their final regular season home game of the year will be the annual cross-town matchup with St. Edward, which will be on May 7th at 7 p.m.

**ST. EDWARD WINS HUGE "HOLY WAR" RUGBY MATCH**

St. Edward defeated St. Ignatius rugby 31-5 at Brother James Everett Stadium (located behind St. Edward HS) on April 14. It was a sweet win for the Eagles, who fell to the Wildcats last June in the State Championship game in Rocky River. St. Ignatius, the back-to-back state champs, entered this game ranked #6 in the nation; the Eagles were ranked 8th. Both teams were undefeated, although Ignatius

had played a tougher schedule.

St. Edward took command of the game early, jumping out to a 21-0 lead with about ten minutes left in the first half. They held a 21-5 lead at the intermission, with the Wildcats scoring a try with 6:08 left in the half. The Eagles were stronger and faster than the Wildcats all night. The win moved St. Edward to #2 in the national rankings, and the Wildcats fell to the 8th spot. This year's state championship will be played at Fairview High School on June 4; a rematch would not be surprising.

**LHS TRACK TEAMS HOST RANGER RELAYS**

The 36th Annual Ranger Relays took place on April 15th at First Federal Lakewood Stadium. The event included teams from fellow Southwest Conference members Bay, Westlake, and Berea-Midpark. Additional participants included Valley Forge, Rocky River, Parma, North Royalton, and St. Joseph Academy.

Highlights from the Ranger boys include senior pole vaulter Jimmy Toner, who was the individual champion. The boys pole vault relay team (which also includes Zak Inak and James Christie) came within one foot of matching the all-time meet record. Senior Ben Kessler finished third in the High Jump Relay, with fellow Ranger senior Noah Lopez finishing fifth. The Shot Put Relay team (Seniors Joe Fitchwell, Jacob Whitney, and Ziad Roufael) placed second.

Results for the Ranger girls include: second place in the Pole Vault Relay (Senior Clare Toole 10'9" - Individual Champion, Sr. Claire Black 8" and So. Caitlin Cimino); 3rd place in the High Jump Relay: (Senior Kelly White, Claire Black, Sophomore Tori Donegan; third place in Shot Put Relay: Senior Anwar Zahiye, Junior Katelyn Mikuluk, Junior Mandy Muscatello); 4th place in Sprint Medley Relay: (Clare Toole (100), Senior Kelly White (100), Freshman Margaret McIlwee (200), Jr. Aubrielle Reed (400)); 5th place in 4x1600 Relay: (Freshman Emily Perry, Freshman Sophie Sanders, Sopho-

LaForm (1600)); 5th place 3200M: Mallory Shaw; 5th place 4x400 Relay: (Jing Feng, Abby LaForm, Senior Leah Robertson, Mallory Shaw). 6th place 4x100 Relay: (Freshman Margaret McIlwee, Junior Aubrielle Reed, Clare Toole, Kelly White); 6th place 4x200 Relay: (Kelly White, Aubrielle Reed, Junior Emily Pearlman, Freshman Margaret McIlwee; 6th place 4x800 Relay: (Emily Perry, Junior Lauren Lowell, Senior Leah Robertson, Jing Feng); 6th place in Discus Relay: (Anwar Zahriyeh, Junior Liam Swift, Mandy Muscatello).

**LHS BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK DEFEAT MIDVIEW**

The Ranger track teams followed up the Ranger Relays with midweek dual win against Midview on April 20th.



Sophomore Izzy Ostrowski is off to the races.

Girls first place finishers were: Clare Toole Pole Vault 10';Anwar Zahriyeh Discus 78'11";Kelly White High Jump 4'5";Lauren Klann 100 hurdles 17.42 & 300 hurdles 57.7; 4x200 relay - Aubrielle Reed, Isabel Ostrowski, Tori Donegan, Addison Soukup; Mallory Shaw 800 m Jing Feng 3200 12:49;4x400- Mallory Shaw, Emily Perry, Addison Soukup, & Abby LaForm.

The LHS Track teams will have their final home meet of the season



Lakewood's 4x800 boys relay team defeated Midview at the recent dual meet.

more Trinity Bryant, Senior Hannah Allenson); 5th place in Distance Medley Relay: Senior Mallory Shaw(800), Sophomore Jing Feng (400), Junior Lauren Lowell (1200), Sophomore Abby

on April 27 at 4:30 p.m. at First Federal Lakewood Stadium. The dual meet against Olmsted Falls will be Senior Night, where senior athletes will be recognized for their accomplishments.



# Lakewood Is Art

*WordStage Literary Concerts Presents*

## **“An Entertainment At The Court Of The Sun King”**

*by Tim Tavcar*

WordStage Literary Concerts  
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Court of the Sun King on Friday, April  
29th, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The Wright Chapel Series at the Lakewood Presbyterian Church – 14702 Detroit Ave. at Marlowe in Downtown Lakewood.

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and foreign affairs. He advanced the idea of glorifying the monarch and monarchy through the arts. Louis was a discriminating patron of the great literary and artistic figures of France's classical age, including Jean Baptiste Poquelin, who took the "nom de plume" of Molière. He is credited with the creation of French High Comedy, and the genius of his plays lay in exposing the hypocrisies and follies of his society through satire. Under royal

patronage his troupe, performing at the Palais Royal, enjoyed continuous success until his death.

WordStage Literary Concerts has adapted Moliere's scintillating satire on the manners and mores of his time in his one-act play "The Pretentious Young Ladies."

Moliere's one act comedy will be presented in a staged reading format, and will be performed by Benjamin

Gregorio, Agnes Herrmann, Paul Sli-  
mak and Tim Tavcar. This scintillating  
satire will be accompanied and under-  
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## *No Helen Keller Could Ask For More:*

# Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 23

*Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.*

**ITEM - Every Fruit In The World**  
**- self-released - 8 songs - Download**

I don't know much about this band, but I do know that they apparently recorded this at Mahall's, which makes it very local to Lakewood. They have a very indie rock/alternative rock sound, with elements of psychedelia and post-rock in there too. The first song, "Hispania" takes a while to get going, but is a pretty enjoyable song once it does. "I Know Your Name" was a solid indie rock song, catchy enough to be a radio hit, even. "Every Fruit In The World" works good as a closing track, with a nice psychedelic feel that's kind of 60s-sounding, except with very modern production (take that as you will), and holds your interest throughout the length of the song. That's my major issue with this, and most bands of a "psychedelic" or "experimental" nature (most, not all): the songs would be better if they weren't so long. Now, that's not to say that songs shouldn't ever go above 3 and a half minutes or anything, and as I mentioned, the title track does it well, but for 8 songs to take over 40 minutes? It's a wee bit excessive. Anyway. My favorites here were "A Fantastic Waste Of Time," because you can't go wrong with a title like that, "Nothing Is The Way," and "Muscles," which had an '80s post-punk-ish feel to it, probably because the guitar playing reminded me of The Cure, in a way. Solid indie rock with some eccentricity to it. 3.5/5

***banditem.bandcamp.com***

**Sweepyheads - Seriously Losing It**  
- self-released - 4 songs - CD, download

This is the second (to the best of my knowledge) release from this band, following their previous full-length “I Don’t Get It” with this 4-song EP. It starts off with “Nothing Left,” which is a super catchy garage rock number. Something about it reminds me of The Replacements,

or, say, a cleaner and less-messy Nirvana, though I can't place what it is. Also, it's a shame I can't tell you what the chorus (or, at least, the bit with the song title in it) is, as this is a family paper, but it's pretty good. Following that is "Superficial," which continues to prove that they have the neo-garage rock sound down pat. "Can't Help You" comes next, and it's a pounding straightforward rocker, also very catchy. After that, it's "Either Way," another great garage rocker with this chorus-y jam section closing out the song. It's probably my favorite one here, tied with "Nothing Left." And that's it! Four songs and we're out. A short and sweet rock and roll release. 4/5

*sweepyheads.bandcamp.com for  
the download, try them on Facebook  
or at one of their shows for the CD*

**Weird Science - After Party - Dark  
Circles Records - 10 songs - Cassette,  
download**

The new album from Athen's finest, featuring members of such other notable bands as Nightstalker and We March. Their music is a cool mix of garage rock, punk, rock 'n' roll, psychedelic, hard rock— good

**by Buzz Kompier**



*Cover art from the latest releases by Sweepyheads and Weird Science.*

stuff. The cassette starts with some sort of religious sample about science, then goes right into the ripping rocker "Gimme Time," which is just a super catchy song. Other highlights include "HHWI (Heroin Highway)" which starts with this dark, menacing guitar riff, then goes into the main song with a different riff, but an equally-dangerous sounding riff. "Black Wave" had a surf rock feel to

it, I assume completely intentionally. Side 2 starts off with “Party Trouble,” a great punk rocker that’s among my favorites here, tied with “Gimme Time” and the sort-of-closer “Outside My Realm.” I say ‘sort of’ because following it, there’s two tracks that aren’t listed on the physical cassette anywhere, but are listed online. Those are “Interstellar Outerlude,” which is a mix of guitar feedback and weird noises, and some creepy keyboard playing, all while this demonic voice speaks over it. Spooky! The other one is titled online as “†” but if you look into Weird Science history (or just listen to the chorus of the song), it’s probably called “Another Christmas Song,” which is a completely bitter anti-Christmas song. Good stuff. The singer has a great distinctive rock voice, and the instrumentation is very well-performed. Even as good as this tape is, nothing truly compares to the Weird Science live experience, so look out for that if you can. 4/5

*weirdsciencesucks.bandcamp.com for the download, try contacting them on Facebook or go to a show for the cassette.*

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Lakewood Cares

H2O Named Pillar In The Community

by Missy Toms

The City of Lakewood H2O (Help to Others) program was presented the Pillar of the House Award on April 13, 2016, at the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland (RMH).

Each year the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland presents its most distinguished award to companies, groups, and individuals who have given quietly, generously, consistently, and thoughtfully to the RMH on a long-term basis. The award recognizes the commitment and constant support provided by community partners to help sustain the mission of RMH.

Throughout the school year, H2O cooks a monthly meal for the 55 families who stay at the House. The students also engage in activities with the children. During the summer, middle school-aged students participating in the H2O Summer Service Camp visit the House and help with meals, chores, and activities.

“When other volunteer groups take the summer off, H2O is here a total of 16 times,” says RMH Executive



H2O’s Amy Chodzin, Emmie Hutchison, and Lynn Foran with RMH Executive Director Craig Wilson, Family Services Director Alisa Powell, and Board President Matt Greene.

Director Craig Wilson. “We could not provide the home-like setting our families need without the tireless support of groups like H2O.”

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland also honored Alpha Delta

Pi chapters at Ashland University and University of Mount Union and Cleveland’s Suburban Press.

For more information about RMH, visit <http://www.rmhcleveland.org/>.

Since 1979, the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland (RMH), a not-for-profit organization, has offered a comfortable home-away-from-home for families of children receiving medical treatment at area hospitals. In addition to the 55-room House on Euclid Avenue, RMH offers families of pediatric patients a comfortable spaces to rest and recharge at Ronald McDonald Family Rooms at Cleveland Clinic Children’s, Fairview Hospital, MetroHealth Medical Center, and UH Rainbow Babies & Children’s. RMH relies on the generosity of the local community to provide support and services to the more than 100,000 individuals it serves annually.

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LEAF’s 7th Annual Heirloom Plant Sale

by Andrea Fisher

Join Lakewood Food and Earth Community on Saturday, May 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the 7th Annual Heirloom Plant Sale. The event will take place at Lakewood Garden Center, 13230 Detroit Road. Vendors include:

- Ridge Bridge- a variety of heirloom vegetable starts
- Husher’s Farm - heirloom tomato starts
- Jacqueline Kowalski- herbs, vegetable starts
- Fallen Angel- sourdough breads, baked goods
- LEAF- vegetable starts, cookbooks, t-shirts
- Lake Erie Creamery- local cheese
- Maggie’s Farm- fresh local food

At right: Husher’s Farm gives two thumbs up for LEAF’s Heirloom Plant Sale!



LWV Presents

Land And Water Forum On West Side

by Conda Boyd

The League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland will present a free forum on stormwater management on Monday May 2, 2016 at 7p.m., at Westlake Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake. Ms. Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, Deputy Director of Watershed Programs, Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NORS), will speak on “Land and Water: Fixing Combined Sewers and Managing Stormwater for Clean and Abundant Fresh Water.”

It’s a subject most people would rather not think about, until their basements get flooded with rainwater, or worse, raw sewage. Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells knows how to address the subject with humor, in a way non-scientists can understand, and to make it seem desirable to do something about it, starting at home.

Ms. Dreyfuss-Wells graduated summa cum laude from The Ohio State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. She earned master’s degrees with honors in both Public Affairs and Environmental Science at Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Samoa. Before joining NORS, she was Director of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

This forum is co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, West Side Chapters (Bay Village, Fairview Park, Lakewood, North Olmsted, Westlake, Rocky River) and by Westlake Porter Public Library. It is free and open to the public.

The Lakewood Observer is here to support local non-profit organizations.

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Lakewood Cares

Lakewood Residents Invited To Honor Loved Ones While Helping Hospice Families

by Laurie Henrichsen

Lakewood residents are invited to gather family and friends to walk in memory of loved ones while raising funds for hospice patients and families. Registration is now open for Hospice of the Western Reserve's 2016 Walk to Remember, sponsored by FirstMerit Bank. Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist Leon Bibb of WEWS-TV, Channel 5 is this year's Master of Ceremonies.

Now in its fifth year, the event takes place Sunday, June 12, 8:45 a.m. to 12 noon, at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, 3900 Wildlife Way, Cleveland. (Gates open at 7:30 a.m.) Registration is available online at [hospicewr.org/walk](http://hospicewr.org/walk) or by calling 216.383.3715. Admission includes a full day at the Zoo and Rainforest, T-shirts, enter-

tainment and much more. The cost is \$25 Adult; \$12 Children; Family \$65 (includes two adults and three children under age 12). Ages 3 and under are free.

More than 3,000 participants are expected to honor the memory of their loved ones while raising funds for services provided by the nonprofit agency that are not fully covered by Medicare and private insurance. These include pediatric hospice and palliative care, patient "day to remember" life enrichment experiences, art and music therapy, grief and trauma support in local schools and much more.

"FirstMerit is honored to support the mission of Hospice of the Western Reserve, which touches the lives of thousands of families at a time when

they are the most vulnerable," said Chris Doyle, Vice President, Commercial Banking at FirstMerit Bank, who is this year's Walk to Remember Business Chair.

"I have witnessed first-hand the compassionate care and unsurpassed breadth of services in our community provided by this nonprofit organization. I encourage those who have been supported to consider forming a team and joining us as we walk together to celebrate the memory of our loved ones. The funds we raise will be used to 'pay it forward' to help other families have the best quality care possible."

**About Hospice of the Western Reserve**

Hospice of the Western Reserve is a nationally acclaimed nonprofit agency serving the Northern Ohio



Leon Bibb of TV 5 is this year's Master of Ceremonies at Walk to Remember.

community for nearly 40 years. The organization provides hospice services, comfort care and emotional support to patients and their families as well as caregiver support and bereavement services. Care is provided in a variety of settings, including private residences, retirement communities and nursing homes in Lakewood and surrounding communities, at Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake, David Simpson Hospice House on Cleveland's east side and at the Medina Inpatient Care Center. For more information, visit [hospicewr.org](http://hospicewr.org), or call 800.707.8922.

Dragon Sightings In Lakewood

by Patty Giermann

Dragons are invading western Lakewood!

Nancy Sander, of Puppets With Pizazz, will be performing "The Reluctant Dragons" for families of the area. Sander, a master puppeteer from Lakewood, will present this full-length puppet presentation at Grace Presbyterian Church, 1569 Rosewood Avenue (corner of Hilliard and Madison), on Saturday, April 30th, at 2 p.m. Anyone who has seen a Pizazz production can attest to the fun-filled family-oriented show where the children help little Rory Dragon fulfill his dreams of being a fire spittin' dragon.

Tickets are \$5 and can be purchased at the door. Anyone wearing a scout uniform, or attending as part of a scout troop, will receive \$1 discount.

Sander has received an Emmy Award for her work with WKYC-TV's children's show, "Hickory Hideout," where she played Nutso P. Squirrely, Smelly Bob, and Know-It-Owl. She has been known as The Puppet Lady of Ohio for over thirty-five years and has received both the Stevens Award Of Excellence and the Latshaw Award for Writing in The Field of Puppetry from Puppeteers of America.

For more information, call the

church at 216-228-6060 or Nancy Sander at 216-521-7301.

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## Business News

# 95 Lake Luxury Ecohomes Offer Modern Design And Lakefront Living In The Heart of Cleveland

by Dorit Sade

A new ten-residence luxury townhome community is set to break ground on Lake Avenue, in the historic Edgewater Neighborhood. 95 Lake is a collaboration of developer, Andrew Brickman of Brickhaus Partners and architect Scott Dimit. It is the newest addition to a Brickhaus portfolio that includes other award-winning communities like 27 Coltman in Little Italy, Clifton Pointe in Lakewood, RiverSouth in Fairview Park and perhaps the most iconic community in Cleveland (where "Draft Day" was filmed), Eleven River along the banks of the Rocky River.

The official ground-breaking ceremony will take place on Thursday, April 28 - 5:30pm at the site of the former St. Thomas Lutheran Church on Lake Avenue. Honorable attendees will include Mayor Frank Jackson; Ward 15 Councilman Matt Zone and Cudell Improvement Executive Director, Anita Brindza.



95 Lake - Ten Luxury Townhomes with incredible views of Edgewater Park and Lake Erie

Councilman Zone and Ms. Brindza Zone were both instrumental in shepherding this project through the zoning process.

Said Ms. Brindza, "The terrific views of Lake Erie and the convenience of the location to downtown attrac-

tions almost sell the 95 Lake homes themselves. The eco-friendly design and construction appeals to all lifestyles and ages."

A stone's throw from Edgewater Park, with incredible vistas of Lake Erie - 95 Lake promises to be the ulti-

mate urban oasis. Just minutes from downtown Cleveland, Brickhaus Partner's newest community truly offers lake living in the heart of the city. With its breathtaking attention to detail and a carefully curated sense of style, these 10 residences embrace the quiet confidence and classic elegance that define the Edgewater neighborhood.

"The Brickhaus 95 Lake project will bring a new energy to Lake Avenue," said Linda Meglin, President of the Edgewater Homeowners' Association. "These town homes are the beginning of a residential renaissance. We look forward to welcoming the new residents who will experience the Edgewater terramar, Cleveland's beautiful land and sea neighborhood."

The fee-simple town homes, up to 2,400 square feet, provide an efficient footprint with two or three bedrooms - depending on residence type, and two and a half baths. Each residence has a two-car garage, balcony and expansive rooftop deck. Like other Brickhaus communities, the town homes are eco-friendly, dramatically designed, and have incredible views. An additional incentive is the fifteen-year, 100% real estate tax abatement, which amounts to a significant savings for the homeowner. Pre-construction pricing ranges from \$499,000 to \$699,000.

Four of the ten residences have already been sold, with the first residents expected to move in Fall, 2016.

Says Developer Andrew Brickman: "Buyers are coming from all over the Cleveland area and are especially drawn to the prestigious Edgewater neighborhood. One of our most recent buyers is a young business owner moving from Tremont to give his young son a less urban and more idyllic environment to grow up in. The common denominator in all our buyers, we are finding, is their long-standing admiration of Brickhaus' modern architecture and unrivaled quality."

Brickhaus communities are known for their timeless modern design and cutting edge technology. Each custom eco-home is individually designed to residents' specifications by virtue of their branded ClearSpan construction method—no load-bearing features other than the exterior walls—allowing homeowners to completely customize the interior space.

For more information, please visit [95lakeluxury.com](http://95lakeluxury.com) or [brickhauspartners.com](http://brickhauspartners.com).

You may also call Brickhaus Partners directly at 216-271-0027.

## Lakewood's Logan Swift Commits To Playing Basketball At Tri-C

by John Horton

Logan Swift of Lakewood High School has signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C®) during the 2016-2017 season.

The forward is one of seven recruits to sign with the College. Others pursuing future academic and athletic success at Tri-C include:

- Da'viere Andrews, point guard (Lorain High School)
- Anthony Carmon, guard (East Technical High School in Cleveland)
- Brad Karn, forward (Holy Name High School in Parma Heights)
- Devon Robinson, forward (John Adams High School in Cleveland)
- Ramon Sheffield, forward (East Technical High School in Cleveland)
- Brett Swinnerton, forward (Midpark High School in Berea)

"This strong class of young men will become part of the tradition of excellence at Tri-C," said head coach

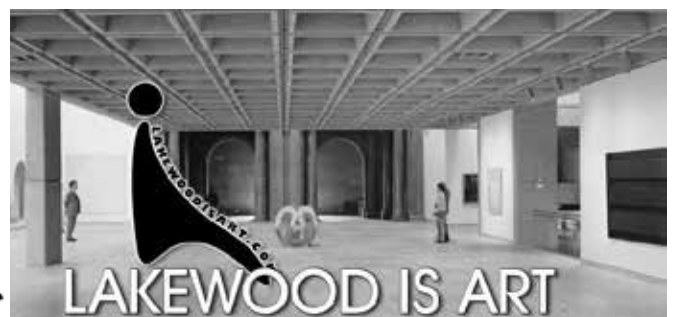


Logan Swift

Michael Duncan, who just completed his second season leading the Challengers. "They will make the College proud in the classroom and on the court."

The group joins a team that went 19-14 and won two tournament games last season before falling in the NJCAA Region 12 (District 11) finals. The Challengers play their home games at Tri-C's Metropolitan Campus in Cleveland.

For more information on teams from the College, visit [www.tri-c.edu/athletics](http://www.tri-c.edu/athletics).





Forum

# Presidential Candidates Must Outline Clear Budget Priorities

by Nickie Antonio

In less than a year, a new president will be inaugurated. The voters of Ohio will have a major role to play in determining who occupies that office.

Choosing a candidate for President should involve moving beyond rhetoric to an evaluation of concrete plans. The best clue for assessing what the President will actually do once he or she is in the White House is the kind of budget they plan to submit to Congress. What are their priorities, and how do they plan to pay for them?

One central component of any budget proposal will involve how much to spend on defending the nation. A number of candidates have called for sharp increases in the Pentagon budget, arguing that our military has “hollowed out” over the past eight years due to a lack of adequate funding. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The United States spends more on its military than the next fourteen countries in the world combined, many of which are U.S. allies. And President Obama has allocated more to the Pentagon than President George W. Bush did in his two terms in office.

The Pentagon’s \$600 billion-plus budget is more than enough to address terrorism and other security threats facing our country, particularly given that tens of billions of dollars in cur-

rent spending are being wasted.

The most wasteful programs involve buying enormously expensive weapons that we don’t need at prices we can’t afford. The biggest example of this is the ill-advised plan to spend over \$1 trillion over the next three decades on a new generation of nuclear weapons.

One of the most questionable proposed expenditures in the nuclear sphere is the plan to build a new nuclear-armed cruise missile at a total cost of at least \$25 billion. The United States already has thousands of nuclear warheads deployed on bombers, land-based missiles, and nuclear submarines. Developing yet another way to deliver nuclear weapons is not only costly and unnecessary, but it is also dangerous.

The funds freed up by eliminating the nuclear-armed cruise missile program could be put to far better use investing in our economy and meeting unmet domestic needs. In particular, Ohio needs to support municipal governments, local law enforcement, and public schools with these funds, rather than continuous levy campaigns which highly tax locals with no end in sight. Investing in an excessive nuclear weapons arsenal and other wasteful Pentagon programs shortchanges Ohio’s future.

Our beloved city of Cleveland has been identified as one of the most economically distressed cities in the U.S.,

our children are at risk from the debilitating consequences of lead poisoning, and we have one of the highest infant mortality rates in the country. These critical domestic issues demand our resources and attention because a more prosperous, healthy, and well-educated citizenry would be a positive development in its own right.

Getting our federal budget priorities right provides a solid foundation for the continuing safety and security

of our country, and should be the top priority of our next President.

Minority Whip Nickie J. Antonio represents District 13 in the Ohio House of Representatives, serving on the Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, Health and Aging, and Rules and Reference Committees. Antonio is the Ohio House State Director for the Women Legislators’ Lobby (WiLL), a program of Women’s Action for New Directions (WAND).



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Forum

Bad Government 4:

Mayor And Law Director Misrepresent Ownership Of City Assets To Continue Cover Up

by Brian Essi

Mayor Summers, as the top city executive, directs Law Director Kevin Butler as the city’s lawyer. For nearly a year now, Summers and Butler have been fighting against Lakewood citizens in a lawsuit that seeks, among other things, accountability for Summers abusing his corporate powers and his participation in a fraud upon the city while acting on behalf of Lakewood Hospital Association (LHA). Last year Butler and City Council used the lawsuit as an excuse to conduct secret executive sessions to hide the terms and reasons for the “Master Agreement” until shortly before it was approved by City Council.

In March 2016, the citizen plaintiffs asked the Court to add new claims to the lawsuit, including a claim that the city failed to follow public bidding laws when it gave city assets to the Cleveland Clinic (CCF) per the “Master Agreement.” On April 14, 2016, Summers and Butler responded in a Court filing claiming, among other things, that the city had no obligation to conduct any public bidding on certain real estate assets. They made the false claim that LHA and not the City owned the real estate assets. On April 22, 2016, in a Court filing, the citizens wrote that the claim about LHA owning the city assets “is erroneous as a matter of fact and law. The Lease between the City and LHA defines “Improvements” as “any, improvements, or other facilities, including land and rights in land...and any other facilities acquired, constructed, and operated by the [LHA] ... (Lease, p. 7). The “Leased Premises” which is to be returned to the City, and rightful owner, at the end of the Lease “means... any Improvements... (Lease, p. 8).” The Lease also provides that if the Lease is terminated, LHA “shall transfer all of its then assets to the City...”

This clearly means that all real estate acquired, built or improved by LHA during the term of the Lease (including the medical building at 850

Columbia Road in Westlake) is city property. Summers’ and Butler’s false claim to the contrary is against the city’s interests and ignores the clear language of the Lease. They also turn logic on its head--certainly landlords own the assets they lease to their tenants! Especially in this case, since the city leased everything associated with Lakewood Hospital to LHA as a fully operational going concern---LHA could never have built 850 Columbia Road without the money and revenue from the city-owned hospital business---LHA owned nothing that was not owned by the city. So LHA and the city leaders were not free to sell off city assets at the end of the Lease without following the competitive bidding laws regardless of how LHA and CCF chose to title assets such 850 Columbia Road.

So why are these city officials going to such lengths to misrepresent ownership of city assets that they have sworn duties to protect?

In January, 2016, Summers was forced to admit under oath that there was no valuation of the city owned hospital assets transferred to CCF. To defend the failure to value the assets he gave away, Summers made another remarkable admission when he testified: “We weren’t selling this hospital.” Yet for over a year both Summers and Butler claimed that no other parties were interested in the city-owned hospital assets. It is now clear that the shifting stories and twisted arguments are part of a larger cover up of the sham “bid steering” process Summers led while working for LHA and with CCF bigwigs---he clearly steered city assets to CCF. It is a proven fact that no other parties were allowed to “bid” for the city assets that Summers offered only to CCF.

Last year, Councilman Tom Bullock, who was also an LHA trustee with Summers and then Council President Mary Madigan, made a startling admission of his own when he said: “Suing LHA would be like suing our-

selves.” Bullock was right—all three elected officials had clear conflicts of interests—all three took part in the secret executive sessions of LHA conducted by Summers in furtherance of the sham “bid” process that led to the Master Agreement.

So the city lawyer is taking direction from Summers and defending the conduct of Summers, Bullock and Madigan for things they all did as LHA trustees and against the interests of the

city—and the legal fees to defend this conduct are being paid from taxpayer dollars.

All of this means that Summers and Butler are either completely incompetent, they are lying to cover up very bad behavior, or a combination of the two.

There is no escaping the fact that city officials are fighting against accountability and transparency--and that’s really bad government.

Abbey Rose Foundation Cleveland Indians Game

by Emily Marvin

On April 8, 2011, Abbey Rose Kudrin, at 4 months old passed away, in her parents’ arms. Although she was only here on Earth four short months, Abbey Rose touched so many lives and continues to do so after 5 years. Her parents, Suzi and Sam Kudrin, received a book called “Mommy Please Don’t Cry...There Are No Tears in Heaven” shortly after Abbey passed away. It wasn’t until about 5 months after she was gone that they were finally able to read it. It touched their lives so much that they had to share it with family and friends first but soon they were being asked to send the book to people who had lost a child. The Abbey Rose Foundation was created so Suzi and Sam could help others who knew the pain they went through. The mission of the foundation is to provide hope and comfort to families who are grieving the loss of a child. Books have been sent across the United States, Canada, England, New Zealand. A personal written letter accompanies the book so Suzi and Sam can let these families know that God is with them always and to keep their faith strong. That’s the only way to get through such a tragedy.

The Abbey Rose Foundation also donates outfits to The Rainbow Babies

& Children’s Hospital. The outfits go to recently deceased children to wear as their families come in to say their final good byes. Sadly, this is an ongoing need for the hospital that can only be met with ongoing donations such as these.

In order to provide this comfort to those families who are grieving the loss of a child, the Abbey Rose Foundation is having their 4th Annual Cleveland Indians game fundraiser on June 5, 2016. Tickets are \$25 per person, 2 and under are free, with a percentage of the proceeds going directly to the foundation. Prior to the start of the game, anyone who purchased tickets through the foundation is able to parade on the field as a group. Information about the parade will be included in an email with your tickets about a week before the game. You will also receive a special gift from The Abbey Rose Foundation for joining us!

The Abbey Rose Foundation will also be selling raffle tickets for an Indians draw string bag, Indians Travel Mug, Michael Brantley Bobble-head, Gomes Jersey and Alomar Jersey.

Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5. You can purchase the tickets off the

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## Forum

# Americans Are Suckers

by Jared Denman

Like most Americans, I just finished handing 15% of my income over to various government entities which included three different municipalities because I work outside of Lakewood. A socialist (Democrats) would tell you that you are receiving numerous services for that money. Really? Well, if you don't have any children or send your children to private school you are essentially paying someone else's tuition. You may not have needed to dial 911 this year but it could be argued that you still benefited from the coverage.

However, free markets have a sterling historical track record of providing superior goods and services for a lower price. For example, CONRAIL which provides railroad freight services and was sold to private investors in 1987 has been operating at a profit. Meanwhile, AMTRAK remained in government control and in 2002 "was consuming more than \$200 million of taxes a year."<sup>1</sup> This is in addition to the numerous historical examples of the failure of socialism; Cuba being a recent example where an underground free market has existed for decades.<sup>2</sup>

Same goes for roads, most of which are being sold to foreign investors.<sup>3</sup> In addition to bearing the financial responsibility for the purchase and maintenance of our personal vehicles, we are taxed for every gallon of gas we pump and for the "privilege" of driving our cars on the same roads our money builds and maintains in the form of licensing and registration. The police, who are also funded with tax dollars (aka your money), can then tax you again for any one of a variety of offenses to help pad department budget gaps.<sup>4</sup>

On the other hand the fascists (Republicans) tell us that our money is being used to protect us from the ever present threat of al-Qaeda or al-Nusra or ISIL or whatever new permutation the CIA is currently funding and training despite the fact that it has been concluded that none of the post-9/11 security measures have made us any safer. In reality our tax dollars are propping up an incestuous military-industrial complex that Eisenhower warned us about at the con-

clusion if his presidency.<sup>5</sup>

All of this is borders on ludicrous with the revelation this week that the elite in business, politics, and sports have been using a Cuban law firm, Mossack Fonseca, to squirrel their money away in shell companies to evade taxes.<sup>6</sup> This is not new news. Offshore accounts have been used for decades by elites and criminals to conceal funds from public scrutiny. The punchline is that this is all very legal in the US if you have enough digits in your balance. For the rest of us peons, we're required to schlep our weary carcasses into tax preparers offices or sit in front of a computer and give an account of our finances to a government who, on September 10, 2001 (that's right), stated they "lost" \$2.3 trillion dollars.<sup>7</sup> The elites aren't the only smart ones. Apparently so are an increasing majority of Americans. According to a Forbes article, 45.3% of Americans will not pay income taxes.<sup>8</sup>

With all this in mind, this transpired Thursday at the City of Lakewood tax offices:

"You're also going to be assessed a \$27 penalty for not paying your quarterly payments," stated the woman doing my 2015 city taxes.

"Why am I assessed a penalty for not paying quarterly on an estimated tax when I'm here paying what is owed right now?" She seemed baffled and perplexed but her body visibly tightened and she launched into what seemed to be an well-rehearsed defense.

"Well, it's a federal law."

"Okay. But it doesn't make sense. Why am I paying a penalty when I'm here now paying what I owe especially since that amount assessed quarterly was estimated?"

"Since you don't work in Lakewood your employers don't make the quarterly payments to the City and it is federal law that local taxes are paid quarterly." I hung my head in exasperation and decided against clarifying that what I was questioning was why it's a law and not that it is a law. Instead I handed her my credit card.

I called the tax office when I returned home and requested the law or ordinance that requires quarterly payments. I was told by the gentleman on the

other end that is was Section 128.1303 which I looked up on the City's website:

§128.1303 DECLARATIONS OF INCOME NOT COLLECTED AT SOURCE.

(a) Every person who anticipates any taxable income which is not subject to Section 128.1902 and/or from which tax will not be fully withheld at Lakewood's tax rate, or who engages in any business, profession, enterprise or activity subject to the tax imposed by Section 128.0501, shall file a declaration setting forth such estimated income or the estimated profit or loss from such business activity, together with the estimated tax due thereon, if any, and shall make the estimated payments required herein.

(b) If the estimated tax for the current year, less the tax to be withheld and less the tax credit allowed in Section 128.1902, is less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), no declaration or payment of estimated tax is required.

(Ord. 71-10. Passed 11-1-10.)

Not only does it not mention that the taxes should be paid quarterly, it also does not give guidelines in assessing a penalty. Apparently, governments don't even need the pretense of a law to exert power over you.

In plain terms if you are the dutiful tax-paying American you are a sucker. Every year you part with a large chunk of the fruit of your labor to fund ill-conceived social programs, wars of aggression, an out-of-control intelligence apparatus, and let us not forget- politicians' juice bars, gyms, limousine services, vacations, junkets, and hefty pay raises. It's a huge practical joke. And it's on you.

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Lakewood Living

Historical Society Sale On The Grounds

by Heidi Murray

Members of the Lakewood Historical Society have been busy preparing for their annual public sale. The 29th annual Sale on the Grounds is May 6, 7, 8. Is it an antiques and collectibles shop? A vintage clothing and jewelry store? An estate sale? An art gallery? A garage sale? Sale on the Grounds is all of the above!

The Historic Nicholson House, located across from St. Edward's High School is filled to the brim with antiques, collectibles, decorative and personal items; tents throughout the yard offer a huge selection of kitchen and craft items, toys, games & sporting goods, tools & electronics, and lawn, garden & picnic items. Items start at just one dollar and there is something for everyone- mason jars and wooden spoons to vintage barware and lighters, an iron crib and

patio furniture, a ruby and diamond ring and lots of costume jewelry. Set aside plenty of time to shop as not only is the Nicholson House filled, so is a 20' x 70' tent and several smaller tents covering the grounds. This is the perfect place to outfit a new house or apartment or find a special vintage piece to add to your collection. Our great deals get even better on Sunday, when everything except the Antiques Room is half-price. Even gamblers don't wait till Sunday, though—they

won't risk it.

Friday May 6th is dedicated to the Preview Party, a ticketed event from 7-9 p.m. For \$20 you have the opportunity to beat the crowds and shop early with a limited number of people while enjoying beer & wine poured by Rozi's and appetizers. Reservations are required for the Preview Party; you may make them online at lakewoodhistory.org, or by mailing a check to The Lakewood Historical Society, 14710 Lake Ave-

nue, Lakewood 44107. For questions or more information, call 216-221-7343.

Saturday May 7th at 9 a.m. the public sale opens and runs through 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 8th, hours are noon to 3 p.m.

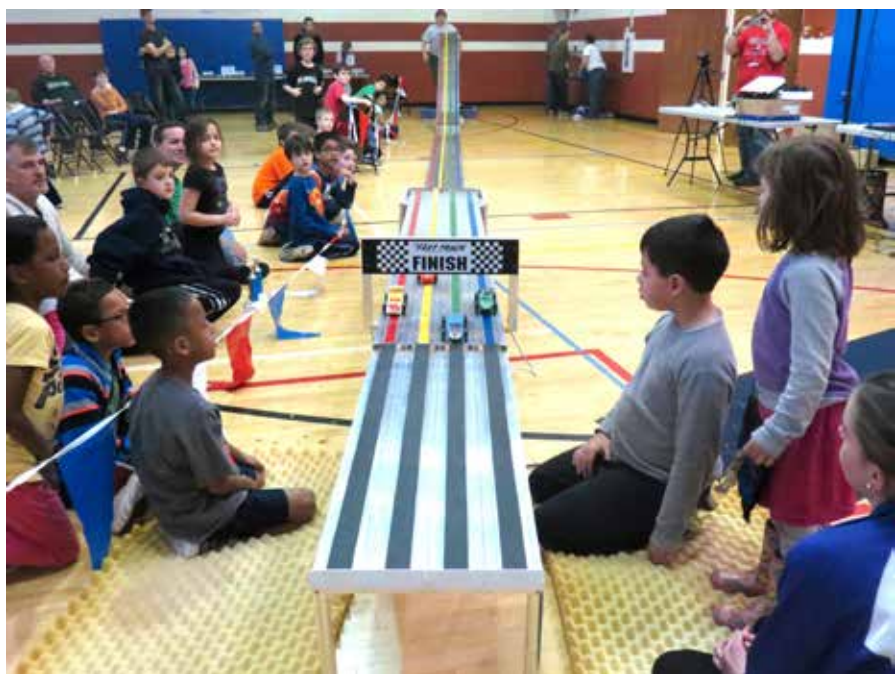
If you've shopped this sale before, no doubt it's already on your calendar. If you've never been to this sale, make it a point to come. This is one event you don't want to miss!

ZOOM! Lakewood Adventure Guides Hold Pinewood Derby

by Cindy Bischof-Steinbrick

The Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides - Lake Trail Nation held their annual Pinewood Derby on April 9, 2016. It was quite exciting as the cars raced down the track, some achieving speeds of over 200 mph! The winners of the 2016 Derby were: 1st place: Eliza Bala, 2nd place: Luke George and 3rd place: Luke George. In addition, prizes were awarded for best paint job, sportiest, most artistic, most intimidating, people's choice, fastest time and safest driver.

In the Pinewood Derby, children build cars from kits that contain a block of wood with wheels. The parent and child then design and cut the shape, place weights, and paint the car. Cars are raced down a track powered only by gravity, and winners are awarded trophies. In Adventure Guides dozens of children race as a part of our Derby Day, which also features a lunch and finals for the



The Adventure Guides watch a heat go off during their annual Pinewood Derby.

cars with the top speeds in their age group.

Adventure Guides' programs launch parents and their children ages 5-12 on a journey of discovery, with the child as the explorer and the parent as the guide. Adventure Guides encourages parents to get to know your kids while they are still kids with group activities such as Pinewood Derby, games, sledding, camping, hiking and swimming. The one-on-one time in a fun, special environment

builds important bonds through shared experiences.

Whether you are a mother, father, grandparent, or guardian with sons, daughters or both, ALL are welcome to the Lakewood YMCA Adventure Guides - Lake Trail Nation to create great memories together. Our philosophy is that the most important thing you can spend on your child is your time. More information can be found at Laketrailnation.com.

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Lakewood Living

# Home Selling Tips

by *Chris Bergin*

**Staging in the Spring**

Any professional home stager will tell you that the basic principals remain the same throughout the year—keep things clean, clutter-free and colorful. But springtime has its own special set of rules. There are a number of things you can do both inside and out to take advantage of the beautiful weather:

- Add splashes of color to your porch with potted flowers. Larger pots filled with tulips or daisies and accented with greenery make a nice touch. By introducing seasonal colors to the outside, your home becomes very attractive to prospective home buyers.
- Bring spring colors into a home with accessories like throw pillows, area rugs, artwork, towels and bedspreads. If you change accessories, the whole house changes.
- Use decorative knickknacks that speak of spring, such as pears, eggs, and seashells. Add leafy patterns in

fabrics and wicker. Use real leather and rusted metal as contrasts.

- Replace the drapery panels in a home or office.

All rooms are important. There are ways to liven up each as the spring season blooms. You want the buyer to absorb the whole house, not just one or two staged rooms, so it's important to create a cohesive design.

And how about the great outdoors?

- Remove fallen leaves and dead plants.
- Add bright, new plants where you can.
- Trim bushes and hedges.
- Scour outdoor furniture.
- Sweep porches and patios.

Indeed, spring brings more buyers, so take advantage of all that the season has to offer.

**What Is A Takeaway?**

Consumers frequently base buying decisions on emotion. They then use logic to rationalize those emotional decisions. Homesellers, working

closely with their real estate agents, prepare their homes to evoke positive and personal emotions. An important tactic is to create “takeaways” to keep those fond memories resonating in prospective buyers.

**The Letter:**

Consider writing a personal letter from you describing your experience of falling in love with the home when you were the buyer. The letter could describe the warm friendships you've established in the neighborhood. Or it could recall joyous holidays around the home with pictures taken during special times.

Recall a memorable moment of coming home after the birth of a child or after a vacation. Buyers can relate to these things emotionally. They reinforce positive feelings buyers experienced in your home. To satisfy their logic, describe the loving care you've given the home.

First touch upon the emotions, then appeal to buyer's rationality.

List remodels, updates or upgrades you've done and include anything that gives buyers a sense of confidence in your home's current condition. Be sure to mention any pricey features you've added.

**The Brochure:**

Another effective takeaway is a brochure using high-quality color photographs of your home's interior and exterior. Add captions or short descriptions that help buyers remember. Again, appeal to the buyer's logic—a descriptive sentence followed by a list of key marketing details and the tender loving care you've given as owner.

If you're good at writing warm personal letters or if you have the ability to create a professional-looking brochure, it's quite acceptable to save money by doing it yourself. If not, turn to professionals to create compelling takeaways that ensure a lasting emotional connection with buyers.

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## Take A Walk With Two Long-Time Greater Cleveland Habitat Volunteers

by *Blake Johnston*

**Reverend John and his wife Mary would like to invite you to take a walk with them...**

Reverend John and his wife Mary Evans would like to invite you to take a walk with them. They are ages 95 and 86; we dare you to say no. Join the Evans' on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Edgewater Park for the HABI-Dash 5K Walk as they fundraise for Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity for the 15th year in row.

“When we are helping others is when we are the happiest,” states Mary Evans, in reference to their over twenty-one years and thousands of hours of service to Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity. Even though the Evans' have had to slow down in the past two years, they can still be found on a Wednesday eating at the construction

site with the volunteer crews, attending house blessings, dedications and helping to fundraise. “What is so special to us is that Greater Cleveland Habitat's programs give Partner Families a hand up, not a hand-out. They (the family purchasing the home) are required to put in sweat equity time and make monthly mortgage payments,” states Reverend Evans. Mary adds, “There is nothing like seeing the Partner Family receive the key for their home that so many people worked so hard on; there is not a dry eye in the place.”

In their time with Greater Cleveland Habitat, the Evans' have created an enduring volunteer crew that has helped build and rehab over forty homes for Cleveland families. They also have established an annual walk that raises funds and awareness for poverty housing. The goal of the walk

is to raise \$33,000, which is half the cost of fully rehabbing a house for a single mother with three children in Cleveland's Buckeye neighborhood. Thrivent Financial, which offers a broad range of financial products and services, has committed the other \$33,000 needed to complete the house. This is the first of ten houses Greater Cleveland Habitat has committed to fully-rehabbing in the Buckeye neighborhood.

The HABI-Dash 5K walk is family friendly and pet friendly. This year's walk will be held on April 30, 2016 at 9:30 am at Edgewater Park, with registration starting at 9:00 am. There is no registration fee to walk and all people are welcome. For more information on joining this year's walk and sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.clevelandhabitat.org/habidash5k](http://www.clevelandhabitat.org/habidash5k).

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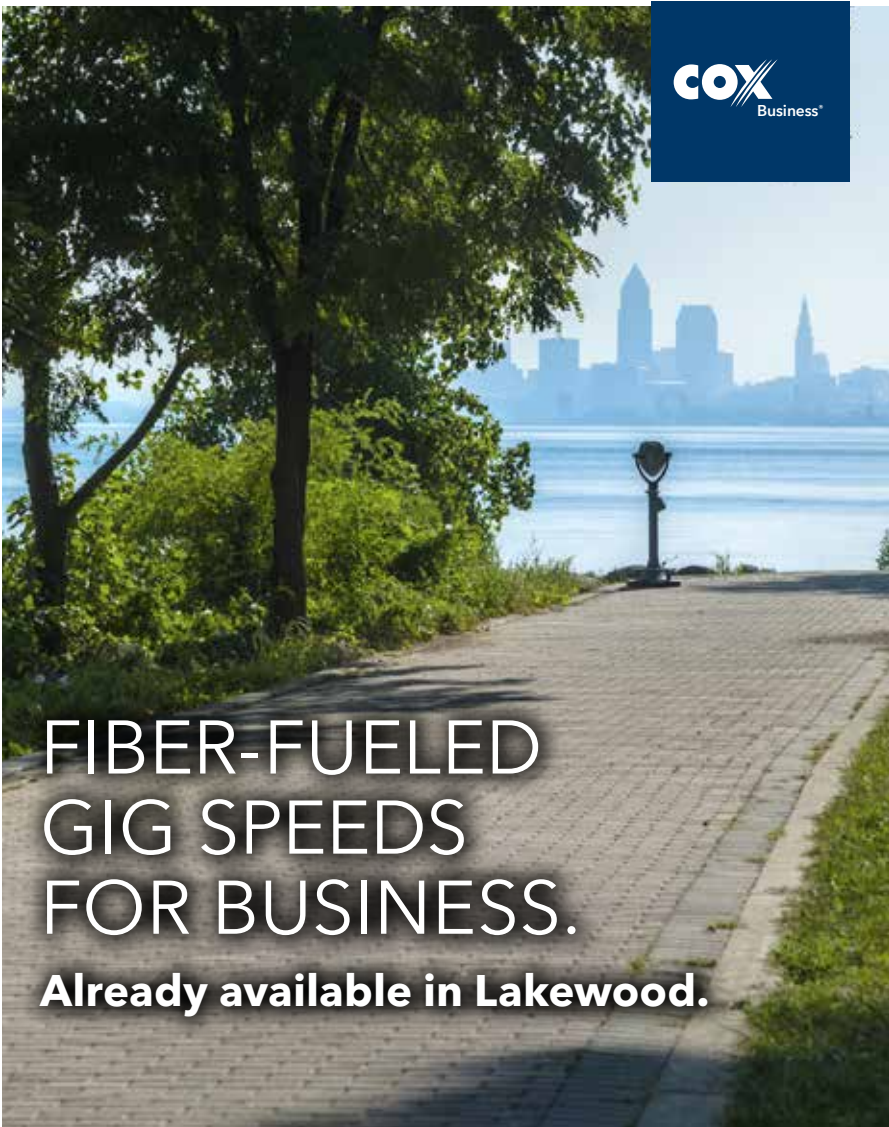
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