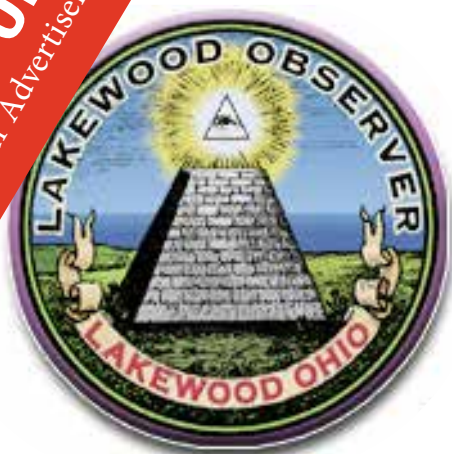


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CIRCLE THE CITY WITH LOVE

Stand For Love



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Many Lakewoodites turned out among the nearly 2500 attendees at the "Circle the City with Love" demonstration on the eve of the Republican National Convention (RNC). Demonstrators stood silently hand-in-hand in a circle that stretched across the Lorain Carnegie Bridge and back again in a show of unity for our City ahead of the deeply divisive RNC being held in Cleveland all week. Additional coverage of "Election 2016" can be found inside this issue on pages 4 & 5.

Bike Lanes Going In On Madison Avenue

by Colin McEwen

The city of Lakewood is taking another big step in its goal to be among the most bicycle-friendly cities in the country.

The long-anticipated bike lane project on Madison Avenue is well underway, and is expected to be completed within a couple of weeks. As part of the city's plans, two new innovative bike infrastructure methods are being used as part of the



Bike lanes currently being installed on Madison Avenue. The project is expected to be completed within the next couple weeks.

project.

"In Lakewood, we see bicycling as a main mode of

transportation, not just recreation, but as a integral part of our transportation network," said City Planner Bryce Sylvester. It helps that Lakewood is densely populated, flat and most trips can be made in the city in less than four miles.

Bike lanes for the entire stretch of Madison Avenue will have Door Zone Markings, which are small diagonal lines striped inside the bike lane to help keep

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A fully restored Queen Anne Victorian makes its glorious return to the 2016 House and Garden Tour.

Lakewood School Board Ignoring Untapped Property Taxes

by Tom Feser

This article is prompted by the question, "Why is so much County tax money being ignored by the Lakewood School District?" Did you know, in the past year, the Board voted

to reduce the music department's staff and programs and asked the Music Boosters to raise over \$324,000 to cover construction cost at the high school? This shortfall wouldn't have existed if the School Board pursued prop-

erty tax that is owed to them.

Sixty percent of Lakewood's property taxes go to supporting the Lakewood Public Schools. Knowing that property tax is so critical to school funding, when

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Back To School Health And Safety Carnival On Monday, August 1

by Amy Mogyordy

It's back to school time! Not only is it time for supplies, it's time for a health and safety check. For this reason, Madison Eye Care is hosting its first annual Back to School Health and Safety Carnival. Madison Eye Care will be providing free vision screenings to all children under the age of 18.

"80% of what a child learns in school is processed through the visual system," says Dr. Peter Mogyordy.

"Perfect vision is not just seeing 20/20, healthy eye muscle balance and coordination are vital for success in the academic environment."

In addition to a vision screening Dr. Mogyordy as well as Dr. Gregory Kovats and Dr. Leah Steele will be screening for eye muscle balance.

Other health and safety information and services will be provided by the following organizations: Dr. Emily Zeisler from Lakewood Dental

Arts will be providing information on children's oral health. A representative from Connecting for Kids, a nonprofit with a mission of providing education and support for families with questions or concerns about their child, will be available to answer questions. The Ohio City Bike Co-op will be available to do bicycle and helmet safety checks and on-site safety fixes. A police officer from the Lakewood Police

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It's Time For The Tour, September 11 "Come Home To Lakewood" House And Garden Tour Returns

by Sue Finley

The 2016 "Come Home to Lakewood" House and Garden Tour, presented by The Lakewood Historical Society is scheduled for Sunday, September 11th, from 1 to 6 p.m. This biannual tour invites you to explore some of the finest examples of Lakewood's diverse architectural styles, including a classic lakefront English Tudor, a stately brick Arts & Crafts, a two-family dwelling rich in character, a four square with hipped roof and full front porch, a home

that brings together Prairie and Craftsman design plus a garden tour filled with lush perennials. Also included on the tour are one of Lakewood's few remaining carriage houses, still serving a waterfront mansion and a fully-restored turreted Queen Anne Victorian, which was featured on the 2014 Home Tour as a renovation in progress.

The properties on the tour are chosen from community nominations. Some of these may be homes and businesses

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Betsy Voinovich posted, "Giant Rainbow" on the Deck and photos poured in. This one was from Riverside Drive.

Off The Deck

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City

City Looks Toward Storm And Sewer Water Improvements

Council President Sam O’Leary called the July 5, 2016 Council meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. The first item discussed was the proposal for the revetment on the lake shore of The Meridian Condominiums. If the proposal were to pass it would help the owners of the Meridian pay for the project by assessing the total to their property taxes to be paid out over 20 years, rather than up front. A number of people were present to speak on the matter, as they have been for the several weeks this has been a topic with Council. Lively comments were made on both sides of the issue from the four people who spoke, one of whom was the project engineer.

After listening to the public’s comments on the project, Councilmen Tom Bullock (At-Large), Sam O’Leary, and Daniel O’Malley (Ward IV) gave their reasons for support-

ing the ordinance before them. The main points were the fact that the ordinance in front of Council has no bearing on whether the project happens or not. Their current vote cannot stop the project. The ordinance in front of them is purely to approve the City to act as the financial agent for the project. All the decisions regarding the maintenance of private property are done by the owners, which is what happened. The Meridian approached the City once it had received the approval from the majority of its owners, which was needed to move forward.

Council passed the ordinance.

Next, Mayor Summers introduced Bob Greytak, a consulting engineer from CT Consultants, to give a presentation on some of the work the City and the has been doing to come into compliance with the Clean Water Act of 1972. Although some work has been done to meet these ends, much is still to be done, and the City has been working diligently to come up with ways do so. The 40 minute presentation included some of the proposed solutions and the financial impact they will have on the City. The Mayor noted that Council will need to become familiar with the issues, strategies, and implementation of these projects so that they might help shape public policy, laws, water and sewer rates, and other aspects of implementation.

The main takeaway from the presentation is that there is too much mixing of storm and sewer water causing a whole host of problems including too much storm water

being routed to the treatment plant causing an overload, which results in sewage being dumped into the river and lake. This is compounded by the fact that 70% of the City is impervious surfaces (streets, sidewalks, rooftops), so rather than the water being absorbed by the ground it is being routed to storm drains. Some of the solutions include storm water retention, such as bio-swales, and pervious pavers, such as can be found in some of the municipal parking lots in Downtown Lakewood. These however are not enough to solve the whole problem so other strategies were also discussed, such as separating storm and sewer lines whenever possible, installing a new hybrid system at the treatment plant for high rate treatment during wet weather, and building a 15 million gallon detention basin to temporarily hold water after a storm.

Regardless of the fixes chosen, it is not going to be cheap for the City to bring itself into compliance. The current estimate is pushing up around the \$300 million mark. In order to pay for these improvements increases in water and sewer rates are probable. However, as the City’s rates are comparatively lower than those in surrounding communities, it is unlikely that they will grow disproportionately

Councilman Bullock asked if Mr. Greytak was able to tell him how many swimming pools the 170 million gallons of mixed storm and sewer water that the City ejects in to the Lake and River every year would fill. Although Mr. Greytak was not able to offer an answer, Director of Public Works, Joe Beno said that the retention basin the City is considering building is about 500 feet by 250 feet by about 15 feet deep, and that’s only 15 million gallons. Councilmen Bullock thanked Director Beno for the information, but offered that that kind of comparison would be helpful when educating the public.

Council thanked Mr. Greytak for his presentation and said they looked forward to discussing the topic further in committee.

Law Director Kevin Butler then asked Council to consider a six month moratorium on the cultivation, processing or retail sale of

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LakewoodAlive To Co-Host Graffiti Workshop July 28

by Matt Bixenstine

LEG UP Lakewood (Let’s Erase Graffiti and UnPaint Lakewood) Aims to Help Lakewood’s Business Owners Take a Proactive Stance and Explore Graffiti Solutions

The writing’s on the wall: It’s time to fight back against graffiti within our city. That’s why LakewoodAlive has partnered with the City of Lakewood Housing & Building Department, the City of Lakewood Police Department and The Sherwin-Williams Company to present a graffiti education workshop for Lakewood’s business and building owners.

LEG UP Lakewood (Let’s Erase Graffiti and UnPaint Lakewood) takes place from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 28, at The Bottlehouse Brewery Lakewood (13368 Madison Avenue in Lakewood). Lakewood-based business and building owners are encouraged to attend.

This workshop seeks to support business and building owners in their struggle to control graffiti by providing education and resources, bringing this issue to light and exploring potential solutions. In addition to an informative presentation regarding graffiti treat-

ment and prevention, a graffiti removal demonstration will take place.

“Graffiti represents an ongoing challenge for business and building owners in cities across the country, and the issue goes beyond aesthetics, threatening a neighborhood’s vibrancy,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “With this educational workshop, we’re striving to support Lakewood’s business owners and businesses by taking a proactive stance against graffiti and showcasing our collective pride in our community.”

Although this workshop is intended for business and building owners, Lakewood residents will soon have an opportunity to participate in graffiti removal as well. LakewoodAlive will host a LEG UP Lakewood volunteer event in late September (date to be announced), harnessing the power of our community to help unpaint sections of our city. Lakewoodites interested in participating in this future volunteer event can sign up here.

For more information regarding the LEG UP Lakewood graffiti education workshop for business and building



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owners on July 28, please contact Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive’s Housing Outreach Director, at 216-521-0655 or aurbanek@lakewoodalive.com.



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New Political Group Takes Root In Lakewood

by Mike Deneen

As you already know, presidential candidate Bernie Sanders recently endorsed Hillary Clinton for the democratic nomination. This left many political observers wondering what will become of Bernie's enthusiastic corps of volunteers. The NEO for Bernie operation, which has hundreds of volunteers and thousands of donors, has transitioned into the Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus (CCPC), a countywide group that will be based here in Lakewood.

After the final primaries a few weeks ago, Bernie Sanders called upon his followers to continue fighting for progressive causes beyond this year's election. Leaders of his local campaign operation took that advice to heart, and began planning for a new organization. With a mission to educate, organize, & mobilize Cuyahoga County, the CCPC will partner with progressive activists and organizations to address national issues on a local level. A snapshot of the issues the CCPC will take up and organize around include:

- Support \$15 minimum wage legislation at the local, state and federal levels.
 - Transition towards a single payer healthcare system while working locally to increase access to quality healthcare for the economically disadvantaged, the disabled, seniors and working families.
 - Fight for reform of the justice system.
 - Seek to eliminate systemic racism and classism by standing together in the streets, city halls, state houses and DC.
 - Dedicate resources to initiatives that address climate change and support renewable energies.
 - Bring to light corruption in our political system.
 - Encourage infrastructure investment in the communities with the most need.
 - Support candidates who embody these values and bring lasting change.
- Lakewood resident Tristan Rader serves as Operations Director for the new group. "Bernie did a great thing

to bring us together," says Rader, who first began volunteering for Sanders in early 2015. Rader strongly believes that supporters will stay active. He is very pleased with public reaction to CCPC, which gained over 200 members in its first couple days of recruitment. Rader says the group is already reaching out beyond its Sanders roots, encouraging Clinton supporters to come aboard. "Some progressives supported Hillary this year," he pointed out, "we plan to work with those who feel strongly about our issues."

Steve Holecko, another veteran of the Sanders campaign, serves as political coordinator for CCPC. Holecko credits Sanders for sparking a progressive movement in the area. "The

Bernie campaign was the one I waited for my whole life," says Holecko, who himself ran for office in 2014. "I have the luxury of pursuing this full time," says Holecko, who is a retired teacher. Holecko is encouraged by the fact that one-half of the group's membership is from the east side, which demonstrates the countywide appeal of the movement.

The group's first public event will be a viewing of the film "Pay 2 Play: Democracy's High Stakes" on Wednesday, July 20th at 6 p.m. The event will take place at Bevy in Birdtown, located at 12112 Madison Avenue in Lakewood. To learn more about the group or to join, visit their website at www.cuycpc.org.



Photo from after a recent "Fight for 15" Rally in Cleveland. From left to right: Steve Holecko, Tristan Rader, and Kyle Earley

Forum: Election 2016

Welcome Republican Convention!!!

by Daniel Sobotka

I've been thinking lately about how Cleveland will be hosting the Republican National Convention for four days starting July 18 and that we Clevelanders should really roll out the welcome mat to make them feel more at home!

I had some ideas: Government subsidized mass transportation is a sore point with Republicans...it's socialism. We should shut it down for those four days. Otherwise, every time they saw an RTA bus or rail car they would feel bad. They can walk or take taxis or even buy their own cars while they are here!

Most taxes on the rich they hate, but sales taxes...they love those. Cleveland should institute a four day value-added (nice touch...no?) city sales tax of 25%. Its a win-win. Happier Republicans and happier city coffers.

Alcohol is pretty evil and most Republicans in the South recognize that. That's why so many counties down there are "dry." We should make Cleveland a "dry" city just to

accommodate our guests for those four days. It would show them just how sensitive we are to their stricter moral scruples.

Pop-up gun trucks...like food trucks...that could be parked near all important Republican venues. All gun-buying restrictions would be waived for those four days including as many assault style weapons as anyone might want. Everyone would have a really great opportunity to exercise their Second Amendment rights and flaunt it in everyone's face. I think they would love that and I think the NRA would reward each and every one of them personally for supporting such an idea.

Special portable restrooms that would be marked "Republicans only!!!" behind every place of entertainment. That way they could be assured of not having to be embar-

rassed by any of that transgender business that they find so shocking. If they aren't ready for it, let's not force it on them. We should accommodate their special needs.

Guarantee that all food served will be strictly GMO. Organic food is elitist and should be forbidden. All meat should be guaranteed "factory farm" fresh with all the requisite antibiotics and animal growth hormones...fed strictly on GMO grains and the usual ground up leftover parts of butchered animals. Waste not...want not....it's even in the Bible!

That would be a start anyway.

I don't think we can do too much for our guests.

Let's create the kind of paradise that they can only dream of...and would like to impose upon us all...if only for four glorious days!

Bike Lanes Are Going In On Madison Avenue

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cyclists out of the "door zone." The idea is to reduce conflicts between people getting out of their parked cars as cyclists are using the bike lane.

"Intersection crossings" will be included at all signalized intersections. These are dotted markings that extend bike lanes through intersections. These are included to:

- Reinforce that through bicyclists have priority over turning vehicles or vehicles entering the roadway
- Reduce conflicts between bicyclists and turning motorists.
- Raise awareness for both bicyclists and motorists to potential conflict areas.

- Reduce bicyclist stress by delineating the bicycling zone.

These innovative additions will be a first for not only Lakewood, but also for Northeast Ohio. These additional striping measures will help raise awareness of cyclists on our roadways, and more importantly, will create safer conditions for both cyclists and motorists on Madison.

"We're grateful for the community's continued support, and interest, in making bike infrastructure improvements a priority in our city," added Sylvester. "Biking in Lakewood remains a top priority, and I'm eager to work together to achieve our goal of being nationally recognized as one of the most bicycle friendly communities in the country."

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RNC Hits Town: C-SPAN Bus Visits Lakewood Park

by Mike Deneen

The C-SPAN Bus arrived in town last Friday for a day-long educational opportunity at Lakewood Park. The bus, an interactive multimedia learning center, offered numerous lessons in US Presidential elections and history. Lakewood was its second stop in the Cleveland area, where it will spend the week during the RNC Convention.

Residents of all ages visited the exhibit, which connected them with C-SPAN's vast library of video and information about Presidential elections past and present. Vanessa Torres, Marketing Rep for C-SPAN and one of the presenters on the bus, was very pleased by the large number of visitors. The bus travels the nation for ten months out of the year, logging about 35,000 miles annually. Since the inception of the program in 1993, the bus tour has visited all 50 states (yes, even Hawaii).

C-SPAN, founded in 1979 as a public service by the cable TV industry, has



A happy bunch of Lakewood kids pose for a photo on the bus with the official bus mascot, C-Spot.

broadcast every Republican and Democratic Convention in their entirety since 1984. The network, which is

funded by a six cent per month fee paid by every cable and satellite subscriber, does not sell advertising or solicit pledges. This allows C-SPAN to offer unfiltered coverage of major political events without commentary or com-

mercials.

The TV landscape has exploded since C-SPAN's debut in 1979, when there were relatively few cable channels. The C-SPAN bus helps to spread awareness of the channel and its numerous services. C-SPAN itself has adapted over the years, adding additional channels and building a very comprehensive website. Despite its conservative, quiet image, the network stays on top of the latest media trends. "We rely a lot on social media to get the word out about our coverage," says Torres. The C-SPAN bus even has its own Twitter account @cspanbus. The Twitter account not only posts schedule info, but also includes fun features like videos made by bus visitors.

If you missed the bus, you can still take advantage of C-SPAN's vast library of information. You can visit their website www.cspan.org for news and information on this year's elections. In addition, the site has access to over 224,000 hours of archived footage of past elections, political, and government events.



Visitors using the interactive exhibits on the bus.



Mayor of Cleveland, Frank Jackson says hello to Deb as we head to our parking spot.



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Second Amendment Rally

Lakewoodites At The RNC 2016



The Lakewood Observer has always had some of the best photographers in Lakewood sharing their work and time with us. The RNC is no different: Rami Daud, Tyler Wick, Kreshnik Mushamarti, and more! Stay tuned.



Some of the protests against Donald Trump.

Lakewood Public Library

Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesday, July 20

Gratitude and Wellness

Being thankful plays an important role in our happiness, health and well-being. While many emotions are important to wellness, there is a large body of evidence suggesting that gratitude is uniquely important. Please join Susan Marinac, licensed social worker, for this informative and experiential workshop.

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

Thursday, July 21

Booked for Murder: Murder by Any Other Name

Join us as we discuss “Supernatural Born Killers” by Casey Daniels.

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

Friday, July 22

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors. Tonight we welcome Chris Vance Quartet.

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

Saturday, July 23

“Bonnie and Clyde” (1967)

Directed by Arthur Penn

Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway are the legendary, depression era couple on the run. Violent, unapologetic bank robbers, they cut a path of fear across 1930s America convinced that their crime spree can never end. A brilliantly made, groundbreaking film that chronicles the short lives of America’s most infamous couple.

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

Sunday, July 24

A Tribute to Patsy Cline

The late, great Patsy Cline never did learn how to read music, but she somehow she managed to soar to the top of the charts and sear her fresh, natural take on country music into our hearts forever. Vocalist Judy Crawford will step up and perform Cline’s greatest hits in loving tribute.

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

Tuesday, July 26

Introduction to Ancestry: Library Edition

The Ancestry genealogy resource is free to use every day at the Library. Genealogist Deborah Abbott will show you how to unlock the secrets held by census reports, military records, birth certificates and death notices in this hands-on workshop. Space is limited, however, you are welcome to register with a partner and share a computer. Call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Friday, July 29

Front Porch Concert Series

Bring a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy fantastic music with friends and neighbors. Tonight we welcome The Del Rios.

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

Saturday, July 30

“Penn and Teller Get Killed” (1989)

Directed by Arthur Penn

Penn and Teller, the bad boys of magic, start pulling a series of elaborate practical jokes on each other to relieve their boredom. Escalating out of control is part of the plan—in fact, it’s the goal. But what was Penn thinking when he went on national television and asked for volunteers from the home audience to stalk and kill him?

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

Sunday, July 31

Sunday Cinema: “The Bitter Tea of General Yen” (1933)

American missionary Barbara Stanwyck is in Shanghai to marry her fiancé. They become separated during a civil war battle and both are knocked unconscious. When Stanwyck awakes, she has been rescued and is in the private train of powerful warlord Nils Asther on the way to his palace. Every comfort is made available, but she is not allowed to leave the grounds. Barbara Steffek-Hill returns to the Lakewood Public Library to present a series of classic films chosen from her personal favorites.

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

Children/Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Sunday, July 31

Sensory Story Time

For you and your 3-7 year old child

This story time program can be enjoyed by all children, but it is specifically designed for young children with special needs, autism or those with sensory processing challenges. Registration required.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Main Library Toddler Story Time Room.

Friday, July 22

David Anthony’s Xtreme Magic

For the whole family

A former member of the St. Ignatius Circus Company performs juggling and magic. Free and open to the public. No registration required.

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

Tuesday, July 26

Afternoon at the Movies: “Frozen Sing-A-Long Edition”

For the whole family

Movies shown on the Library’s big screen. Free and open to the public. Remember: no food or drink in the Library. No registration required.

1:00 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium.

Wednesday, August 3

Summer Reading 100th Birthday Party

For the whole family

Celebrate the end of a great summer of reading with plenty of games, prizes, and activities for the kids! Free and open to the public. No registration required.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Madison Park Pavilion.

Judy Crawford Pays Tribute To Patsy Cline

by Hiam Jawhari

Patsy Cline (Virginia Patterson Hensley) is one of the major female vocalists of all time. She was born on September 8, 1932 in Winchester, Virginia. From birth, Cline was gifted with a natural talent. She started performing for her neighbors at a very young age. She never learned how to read music, yet she taught herself piano around the age of eight. Her enchanted voice attracted millions to her music. Cline’s greatest

hits made their debut between 1955 and 1963. Her albums were among the best selling in the United States.

Vocalist Judy Crawford will be performing Cline’s greatest hits here at Lakewood Public Library Main Branch. She has performed at many libraries across Ohio. Her acclaimed voice coach graduated from Oberlin College. Let’s relive those country songs here at Lakewood Public Library Auditorium on Sunday, July 24th at 2 p.m.

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Lakewood Schools

Ms. Chahda Took Over The Garden And You Won't Believe What Her Dad Did!

by Lisa Shaffer-Gill

A trip to the National Botanical Gardens in Washington, DC. with Rita Chahda-Gonzalez is a lesson in sustainability, and in medicinal and edible plants. The earth's bounty has been a passion for her since growing up on her family's working olive and fruit tree farm in Bsarsar, Syria. (Bsarsar means, "house that sits on the mountain.") Rita has fond memories working with her grandfather picking figs and her grandmother helping to care for the farm animals. So, when Amy Miller, who had supervised the spot for the last seven years, since its inception, was ready to turn over the job of organizing the plot volunteers, she knew that Rita was a natural fit. This spring Rita took over supervision of the Lakewood Teachers Association's Adopt-A-Spot, located in front the of the bandstand in Lakewood Park.

Before planting season was in full swing the LTA Adopt-A-Spot got a boost from the city with an upgrade to the retaining wall and paver stones on the walkway surrounding the bandstand. Rita plans to continue the upgrades by making the garden plot more sustainable. Along with other Lakewood teacher volunteers, she removed some older plants and replaced them with perennials that



Lakewood Teachers Association's Adopt-A-Spot is featured front and center along with the annual 4th of July Lakewood Project concert at the bandstand.

grow naturally in this area and climate and others that will attract butterflies and hummingbirds.

Rita is in her 10th year of teaching high school science at Lakewood High School. Teaching is her second career. She started in the sciences as a Med Tech and translator for the Cleveland Clinic. Like taking on the gardening duties, teaching at Lakewood High School was a natural transition. Rita

is fluent and literate in both Spanish and Arabic. This combined with her love for science and a focus on helping struggling learners made her a valuable addition to both the science depart-

ment and the Teaching and Learning Center tutoring room, an alternative to study hall where teachers help to tutor students with their class work. TLC is an essential link to success for many of our English Language Learners.

The family affair of caring for our earth and engaging young people has come full circle, and around the globe. Rita's father is visiting from Syria this summer. During the first week of July, when Rita was in Washington DC attending the National Education Association's Convention, the weather turned warm. Massout Chahda was unaware that his daughter had created a schedule of 10 other teachers with a rotating list of duties to care for the garden. He was concerned about the heat and the need to water while Rita was away, so he enlisted Rita's nieces and nephews to go to the garden to check on it! We can see where Rita gets her passion and dedication.

Rest assured, the garden is doing beautifully. If you haven't seen it, stop by the bandstand at Lakewood Park. Things are starting to bloom!

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Learn About Tri-C's English As A Second Language Program

by John Horton

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will host an open house for its English as a Second Language (ESL) program from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at Corporate College West.

The ESL program serves students whose first language is not English. Participants include students on temporary visas, immigrants from all over the world and native-born U.S. citizens whose first language is not English.

Tri-C runs the largest college-credit ESL program in Ohio, with classes available weekdays and evenings.

The open house provides prospective students with an opportunity to meet with faculty and alumni while learning about enrollment, financial

aid, tutoring services and available scholarships.

Register for the open house at www.tri-c.edu/ESLOpen. Corporate College West is located at 25425 Center Ridge Road in Westlake.

For more information on the open house or ESL program, call 216-987-5819.

Lakewood Recreation

Adult fall softball, kickball, and flag football team registrations are available through August 21st.

A variety of men's and co-ed leagues are available, including Sundays and weeknights

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Sports

Lakewood Soccer Association: Saturday Soccer Fall Registration

by John Hueter

The registration deadline is coming up soon for the fall season of Lakewood Soccer Association's Saturday Soccer program.

The deadline is Sunday, July 31st. Registration cost is \$55 for the fall season. LSA still will take registrations after the July 31st deadline, but they are subject to a \$20 late fee.

There are a few ways to sign up. Visit the "Saturday" page of LSA's website, www.lakewood-soccer.com, and you can sign up with a credit card online. You also can print a registration form from the website and mail it to us, or you can stop at the Madison branch of the Lakewood Public Library from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, July 16th and 30th to register in person. (Payments at the in-person registration must be made by check or cash.)

LSA's eight-week season of games

starts Saturday, August 27. Games are played at Memorial Field in the Metro-parks on Saturday mornings at four time slots: 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon. Schedules are posted on the website about a week before the season begins.

Registration is open to players age 4-14. Nearly 600 kids of all ability levels played on 45 co-ed teams, coached by parent volunteers, during the fall season. LSA has run a recreational soccer program for more than 30 years.

For those who register for the fall season, team assignments will be emailed to them during the week of August 15th. Team practices and league-wide footskills - U5 and U6 FUNDamentals with Coach Joe Julian, and U7-U14 footskills with Coach Attila Nagy - will begin the week of August 22nd.

If you have questions, please visit www.lakewood-soccer.com.



Lakewood Soccer Association made an appearance in the 4th of July parade.

Birdtown 10K Walk Announced

by Kathryn Kosiorek

The Valley Vagabonds, a walking club affiliated with the American Volkssport Association, is sponsoring a 10K walk through historic Birdtown and Detroit Ave. August 6, 2016. Participants can register between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. at the Madison Branch Library, located at 13229 Madison Avenue. Finish time is 3 p.m. Ample parking is available nearby. This walk qualifies for the following AVA Special Programs: Walk the USA, Animal Safari, Lakes and Reservoirs.

Water is available at the starting point and at the manned checkpoint. Restrooms are available at the start and at the checkpoint. Participants will

receive a written description of points of interest along the walk route. Enjoy the shady streets as you discover a community from yesteryear: a place where residents could have all of their needs met within walking distance of their homes. The route also guides the participant through the annual Lakewood Arts Festival.

Madison Branch Library is located at 13229 Madison Avenue. Finish time is 3 p.m. Ample parking is available nearby. All participants must sign a waiver and complete, sign and carry a start card as required by AVA. All cards must be turned in at finish.

Come, walk, enjoy the art and make Lakewood your one day vacation.



There are a limited number of awards for those participating and completing the walk.

For additional information go to www.AVA.org.

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Free Q&A Forum On Healthcare And Lakewood Hospital’s Future

by Matt Kuhns

Local doctors will answer questions about the future of Lakewood healthcare next Tuesday evening, at a free public forum on July 26 hosted by Save Lakewood Hospital. Young and old are invited to share in a discussion of the choices offered by an autumn referendum on the controversial deal to close Lakewood Hospital, along with related issues.

“This forum is a chance to hear from independent doctors about our options, at this point, for securing our community’s long-term access to healthcare,” said Save Lakewood Hospital spokesman Kevin Young.

“Our panelists aren’t on a private payroll,” Young said, “and they’re free to answer audience questions about these challenges honestly. This will be a spin-free, straight talk discussion tethered to the real needs of our citizens rather than to big-money interest groups.”

The planned panel includes Dr. Terry Kilroy, a Lakewood pulmonologist with nearly four decades’ experience in critical medicine, and Dr. Ashoka Nautiyal, another local independent practitioner. The doctors will be joined by professionals in law

and finance, including CPA Marguerite Harkness, chair of the Save Lakewood Hospital committee. Co-chair Tom Monahan will appear also.

The forum is scheduled for 7 p.m., July 26 in the lower-level meeting room (Mr. Winton’s Den) at Winton Place, 12700 Lake Avenue. Advance registra-

tion is required as seating is limited, but all are encouraged to sign up while spaces last by calling (216) 586-2401. There is no cost to register.

Hen Keeping Permit Applications Now Available Through City Of Lakewood

by Annie Stahlheber

Greeting from the Hens in Lakewood Committee! Lakewood City Council passed an ordinance in May which allows for pilot hen keepers to re-new their permits and an additional 13 households to apply to keep hens in 2016.

The requirements for new hen hopefuls is consistent with the pilot. Permitted hen owners will be allowed to keep up to 6 hens (no males). Coops must be sturdy and predator-proof, can be no more than 80 square feet and no more than 6 feet tall. All prospective hen keepers need to prove they have taken a responsible hen keeping class. Coops and runs must be located 3 feet from rear and side yard property lines and at least 20 feet from the owner’s



The Webber family coop on Waterbury.

home. All permit holders are subject to a city records check to ensure that the applicant is compliant with all applicable codes.

Applications for permits are available from City Hall as of July 15th. Completed applications will be accepted on a first come first served basis starting August 1st. If more than 13 complete application are submitted, the City will begin a waiting list.

The City has launched a Backyard Hens web page, [http://www.onelake-](http://www.onelake-wood.com/backyard-hens/)

[wood.com/backyard-hens/](http://www.onelake-wood.com/backyard-hens/).

Information about responsible hen keeping, approved hen course providers, photos of coops, and more resources can be found on this page. Interested in speaking with current hen owners? The Hens in Lakewood Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/LakewoodOhioHens/>) is a great place to ask questions and find out about classes, events, and current information about Lakewood hen keeping.

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Left: Among the Lakewoodites in attendance (left to right): former Mayor Madeline Cain, Mike Deneen, Deb Sweeney, Donna Kolis, State Senator Mike Skindell, and Julie Tittl.



Right: The circle of people stretched across the bridge.

Lakewood Cares

Join North Coast Health In Celebrating 30 Years Of Caring

by Ellen Ospelt

What if you needed medical care and couldn't afford it? What if you had to choose between buying your medications and feeding your family? For 30 years, North Coast Health- a faith based charitable clinic- has been the answer to these "what ifs"; providing these services, and many more, to thousands of people in need. What if you could help? Join us at North Coast Health's annual fundraising gala, Celebration of Caring, on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the Global Center for Health Innovation, Cleveland, Ohio.

The evening will feature a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, award presentations, raffles, silent and live auctions. Honorary chair for the event is Thomas V. Chema, Chairman and Founder of The Gateway Group. Event co-chairs are Libby Khuri and Heather Oliveira. The evening's goal is to raise \$150,000, to be used to provide medical care to low income men, women and adolescents in Greater Cleveland.

To add more excitement, the evening will culminate with the drawing of the winning ticket for the 2016 Diamond Necklace Raffle. Take a chance to win an exclusive diamond and 14 karat gold necklace courtesy of Broestl & Wallis Fine Jewelers, Lakewood. The brilliant cut 0.50 carat center diamond rocks gently back and forth within the halo pendant which holds 16 round full cut diamonds weighing 0.15 carats each. Total diamond weight of 0.74 carats strung on an 18 inch white gold box chain. This beautiful piece of jewelry is valued at \$3,500. Raffle tickets are one for \$25, three for \$50 or eight for \$100 and can be purchased at <http://northcoasthealth.org/event/> or by calling North Coast Health at 216-228-7878 ext. 122. Winner need not be present.

From our humble beginnings through three decades of transforma-

NCH is celebrating 30 years of service to the community on Thursday, September 15.

tion, North Coast Health continues to change the lives of thousands of people who otherwise would not be able to afford, or have anywhere else to go, for health care. For 30 years, we have witnessed the struggle of our neighbors and have been there to provide the services they need. As a faith-based organization, we hold dear the belief that all lives are valuable and that all should have access to high-quality health care regardless of the ability to pay.

Those interested in attending the Celebration of Caring gala can pur-

chase tickets or become a sponsor online at <http://northcoasthealth.org/event/celebration2016/> or by phoning 216-228-7878 ext. 122. Event tickets are \$150 each. Sponsorship opportunities range from \$15,000 to \$500.

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City Looks Toward Storm And Sewer Water Improvements

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medical marijuana. The moratorium would prevent businesses or individuals from growing or selling marijuana within Lakewood for six months allowing the City to properly prepare by outlining the rules and laws that will govern cultivation and dispensaries within the City. With legalization effective on September 8th, and Council on summer break all August, proper time is not available to act effectively.

Council referred the resolution to

the Public Safety Committee.

Next, City Planner Bryce Sylvester read a letter to Council from City Planner Jason Russell regarding the donation of gateway improvements to Kauffman Park's Andrews Avenue entrance from the Lakewood Garden Club in celebration of its 100th anniversary. The improvements will include newly poured stamped concrete, benches, and native plantings that are estimated to cost about \$11,000.

Council expressed their gratitude

to the Lakewood Garden Club and said they looked forward to seeing the result.

Coming to the end of the agenda a few members of the public addressed Council. One discussed the Meridian revetment project and the remainder discussed Lakewood Hospital.

With no further business or announcements before Council, Council President O'Leary adjourned the meeting at 9:38 P.M.

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Lakewood Is Art

Beck Center Presents Outdoor Red Stage Summer Music Series

by Pat Miller

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to present the outdoor "Red Stage Summer Music Series" this July through September. Four concerts will take place on **Wednesdays, July 27, August 10 and 24, and September 7 from 6–8 p.m.** The Red Stage is located on the front lawn and patio of Beck Center's main building located at 17801 Detroit Avenue. The series is free and open to the public.

Designed to engage local musicians and the community, these concerts will also feature interactive arts experiences, as well as refreshments on sale. Guests are encouraged to bring a blanket or folding chairs for their comfort.

The series will kick-off on **Wednesday, July 27** with the **Ki Allen Quartet** featuring Peter Dominguez, Bob Fraser, and Ron Godale. Ki Allen is an accomplished extraordinary vocalist who applies her flexible, elegant approach to many musical styles. With a mastery of jazz, this quartet sets the bar for the Red Stage this summer.

The series continues with **Uno Lady** and **Mike Uva** sharing the stage on **Wednesday, August 10**. Both

musicians will perform their own sets throughout the evening. Relying only on her voice for accompaniment, Uno Lady layers her vocals with a small mixer and loop pedal to produce a hauntingly, serene sound. Mike Uva makes smart, understated pop in off-handedly catchy melodies. Together they will create a concert not to be missed.

Boy=Girl will take the indoor stage on **Wednesday, August 24** in the Main Building's Main Gallery. This acoustic Americana duo with penetrating harmonies and captivating playing promises an evening of traditional and contemporary music with an emphasis on original compositions.

The series will conclude with **Ahi-Nama** on **Wednesday, September 7**. Since 2013, Ahi-Nama has been delivering a fresh blend of Latin music to Northeast Ohio. They are sure to light a fire under the dance floor with their fun and danceable mix of Latin, Jazz, Salsa, and Timba music from Cuba and the Caribbean!

The Red Stage Summer Music Series is generously sponsored by the **Callahan Foundation**. In the chance of rain, indoor locations have been set



Beck Center's Red Stage draws summertime crowds.

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Ballroom Students Waltzed Away Winners Yet Again!

by Cree Criado

From all over the Northern United States, 77 amateur dancers from 38 different studios took to the dance floor June 23rd to compete in the "North-coast Ballroom Championships." The energy from Rhythm & Grace Ballroom Dance Studio students was tremendous as they took to the dance floor dancing over 270 dances!

Lakewood local, Connie Smith, competed with her instructor Angel Criado for the first time ever, and to no one's surprise but her own, took home all first place ribbons! Another Lakewood local, Mary Wank, competed in 20 dances, placing in every dance. Adding to all her ribbons, Mary also brought back the Top Newcomer trophy, a title well earned!

Also competing, Gail DeFrance, Debbie Olson, and Dr. Carmen Hansford danced a combined 141 dances, with over 115 of them resulting in first places! Gail won the Bronze "Dance Vision" Scholarships in both Smooth and Rhythm, the Bronze Closed Smooth Scholarship, the Bronze American Rhythm Challenge, and the Bronze Closed 3 Dance Championship!

Dr. Hansford placed first in the Bronze Closed Latin 3 Dance Championship, the Bronze Closed Challenge in both Latin and Standard, and the Bronze Closed Latin Scholarship. She also brings home 2 Champion titles: Silver Closed Smooth 3 Dance

Champion and Silver Closed 3 Dance Rhythm Champion! Debbie Olson not only danced with her instructor Angel Criado receiving 34 first place ribbons, but she also danced with her amateur partner, Ron Muhic. Together, they won the Rhythm Championship and the Smooth Championship!

As if that wasn't enough, they beat out every other amateur couple and received Top Amateur Couple at the competition! New to the Rhythm & Grace family, Mike Mallory with his instructor Jessica Todero, danced over 30 dances and brought home the first place trophy in the Men's Silver Closed Smooth Championship, as well as the second place trophies in the Silver Closed Smooth Scholarship and in the Silver Closed Smooth Championship!

For the second year in a row at this competition, Angel Criado received 1st place Top Teacher, beating out 56 other professionals, and the wonderful dancing executed by all of the students allowed Rhythm & Grace to win TOP LARGE STUDIO!

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■ Wednesday, August 10	6 - 8 p.m.	Uno Lady Mike Uva	Indie Folk
■ Wednesday, August 24	6 - 8 p.m.	Boy=Girl	Roots Rock
■ Wednesday, September 7	6 - 8 p.m.	Ahi-Nama	Salsa

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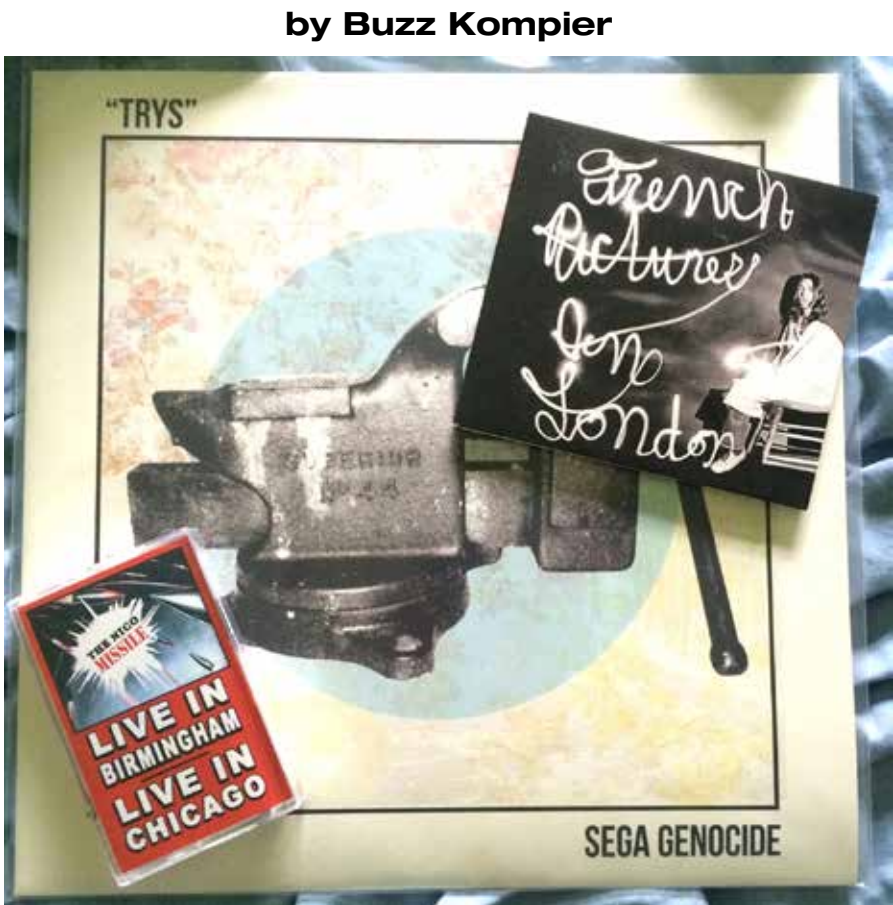
Obligatory Disclaimer: Record reviews are a tricky business. It's one thing to enjoy music, but to, like, pick out what you like about it? That being said, if I review your thing and I didn't like something, don't feel too bad. My opinion doesn't matter all that much.

The Robert Bensick Band - French Pictures In London - Smog Veil Records - 14 songs - CD, LP, download

Completing Smog Veil's initial trilogy of Platters Du Cuyahoga is "French Pictures In London." And what an ending it is. The album, a lost record from 1975, is a complete trip of weirdo art rock. There's jazz, there's prog, there's all kinds of stuff. Plus, some of these guys went on to be in Pere Ubu, for you Ubu people. Robert Bensick's voice and lyrics, both quite...strange (his voice, at times, possesses an eerie resemblance to Sesame Street's Grover) really make this album what it is. Well, there's some pretty good music playing going on as well, but ya know. Side One (I have a CD, but it's marked on the cover as Side One anyway) contains more of the jazzy numbers, including the title track, ending with a suite with three songs that all kinda fade from one to the next, comprised of "8:30 PM Victoria Haze," "Silly Man," and "Drink The Memories." Side Two kicks off with "After The Ball," which melodically kinda reminds me of "Let's Spend The Night Together," as well as coming the closest to the Ubu sound purchasers of this record might be desiring. The side, and the album as a whole, end with the downright demented "Doll," which has some real whacked out synth parts, as well as something that might be a synth or might be a bass providing an underlying pulsating rhythm. And that doesn't even touch the way he sings this one. Once again, much like the previous release in this series (Mr. Stress Blues Band), there's some extraordinarily thorough liner notes accompanying it, so if you want to learn more about Robert Bensick and the history of this album than you would have ever thought possible, that might interest you as well. On the whole, if you like bizarre jazz pop art rock whatever, this may be something you enjoy. You certainly can't say that it's not completely unique. 4/5

(smogveil.com)
The Nico Missile - Live In Birmingham/Live In Chicago - Quality Time Records - 23 songs - Cassette, download

Some consider live albums to be extraneous. Not this one! This is a collection of Nico Missile favorites performed live, as the title promises, in Birmingham and Chicago. Not a mixed-up pick-and-choose type thing either, two complete sets from each city. And the reason that this isn't just bonus material for devout Nico Missile fans (I'm sure they have some kind of fanclub name, right?



Cover art from artists featured in this issue's review.

Missile-ites? Nico Army? Write in and tell me) is because it actually is quite different-sounding to their studio stuff. The live production does away with some of the problems I occasionally have with their studio recordings, and Ricky's vocal style on certain songs is quite different, particularly his howling on "Going Fast." Speaking of that song, it's one I didn't particularly care for on "Wonder Drug," but on here, it's great. I also quite enjoy hearing Marty tuning before and after the downtuned spectacle "Lady Mondgreen." Side A (for Alabama's standout moment is "Let's Be Together," from their original 7". Better than the one from that 7"! Side B (for Bchicago) sounds really great for a live recording, coming from the unfortunately-now-gone Young Camelot. Maybe even better than the studio production, who can say? Once again showing their appreciation for their Cleveland music history by closing with a cover

of the Kneecappers' classic "Urban Kill." So, yeah, given that there's two shows here, there are a couple repeat tracks, but it's interesting enough to hear the subtle changes from gig to gig. And if you like those songs, then even better. Anyway, in my opinion, this tape blows "Wonder Drug" right outta the water, and certainly holds its own against "The Big Red Button." Maybe you won't enjoy it as much without the context of the other NM records, but who knows. I liked it, anyway. 4.5/5

(qualitytimerecords.bandcamp.com)

Sega Genocide - Trys - Just Because Records - 14 songs - LP, download

It's harder to keep tabs on Columbus bands, you know, not living in Columbus and all, but I hear that this, Sega Genocide's debut LP, has been long-awaited. It's a full 14 songs of catchy indie rock tunes. Very, very 90s. There's lots

of similarities to bands like Dinosaur Jr. and Pixies. Fuzzy guitars and all that stuff. My favorites on the record were the opening track, "New Words" (I especially liked the line "I went to the lawn to stare at the dog, I love that dog"), "Duster," which would definitely have been a hit in the 90s, and the slower indie pop closer "Shade." I personally liked Side B better than Side A, but maybe that's just me. There's a good few great songs scattered throughout the record, but some kinda just seem repetitive (maybe this is taking a cue from Guided By Voices). I hear this band is really great live, so maybe I'm just missing out on an integral part of the experience. As mentioned, it's very 90s and will definitely appeal to fans of Dinosaur Jr., Pixies, Guided By Voices, or any of those alt-rock type bands. Pretty good stuff. 3.5/5

(justbecauserecords.bigcartel.com for the LP, ydfc.bandcamp.com for the download)

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Business News

Tickets On Sale For 4th Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival

by Matt Bixenstine

LakewoodAlive announces that tickets are now on sale for the 4th Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival, taking place Saturday, September 10, from 5-10 p.m. in Downtown Lakewood. Tickets can be purchased online at www.WineandCraftBeerFestival.com.

The burgeoning wine and craft beer industries, both locally and across the nation, will be on full display within a two-story, open-air parking deck in the heart of Lakewood's downtown district. The festival is held behind the INA Building at 14701 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood. Festival attendees will have an opportunity to sample from a wide selection of 150+ choice adult beverages.

The festival represents a fundraiser for LakewoodAlive and the Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance, a program of LakewoodAlive, aiding in the continued revitalization of Downtown Lakewood. Emerging as a popular tradition to close the summer season, the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival has sold out in each of the last three years, drawing 2,000 attendees annually.

Guests at this year's Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival will receive a commemorative tasting glass, 15 sample tickets and access to The University of Akron Wine & Beer School. Food will be available for purchase from several of Lakewood's best res-



The 4th Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival takes place on place Saturday, Sept. 10, in Downtown Lakewood.

taurants, and live music will be heard from the First Federal Lakewood Stage throughout the event.

General Admission tickets will be available for \$40 in advance and \$50 at the gate, though this festival is expected to sell out. Designated Driver tickets are available for \$10 (pre-sale only).

A limited number of VIP tickets will be available for purchase online for \$65. This exclusive opportunity entitles guests to early entrance at 4 p.m., access to a selection of premier wine and beer offerings, an assortment of complimentary food, admittance into the VIP tent with VIP-only restrooms

and more.

Only 200 VIP tickets and 1,800 General Admission tickets for the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival

will be offered, so it's recommended that you secure your tickets early.

"We're thrilled to announce the 4th Annual Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director at LakewoodAlive. "This popular community event affords us yet another opportunity to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood. We invite wine and beer enthusiasts from Lakewood and across the region to attend and enjoy our festival."

This event is intended for guests aged 21 and older. Due to safety concerns, dogs will not be permitted. Visit www.WineandCraftBeerFestival.com to learn more.

LakewoodAlive thanks the following generous sponsors of the Lakewood Wine & Craft Beer Festival: First Federal Lakewood, Rozi's Wine House, Sprokets, Geiger's, The University of Akron Lakewood, Great Lakes Brewing Company and Platform Beer Co.

Uninsured Motorists Pose Huge Threat To All Of Us

by Mary Bodnar

The number of uninsured motorists on the road these days is huge. When we provide you with uninsured and under-insured motorist coverage, it is designed to help you pay for bills associated with a crash that was not caused by you, but was caused by another person. It doesn't seem fair but when that person either doesn't have an auto insurance policy or has a policy with liability limits that are too low to cover costs associated with a covered loss, then you need the coverage from your own policy. Here are the alarming facts: Ohio's uninsured-driver rate is among the top third in the nation, hovering around 15 percent. This means that of Ohio's roughly 7.7 million drivers, 1.1 million people are evading Ohio's financial responsibility laws. This puts responsible, law-abiding Ohioans at risk.

Even more concerning is that, despite a decrease in the total number of accidents in the past 10 years, the number of accidents involving uninsured drivers has increased significantly. According to data from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, the risk of being involved in an accident on Ohio's roads has decreased by 21 percent in the last 10 years, but the likelihood of being involved in an accident with a motorist who is uninsured or who can't provide proof of insurance has gone up by 550 percent. To top it off, uninsured drivers were at fault in these crashes more than 65 percent of the time. This also drives all of our insurance premiums up, due to the claims that have to be paid out on behalf of the uninsured

(irresponsible, dishonest) individual. We believe people should have to show proof of insurance when renewing their license plates and their driver's licenses, instead of lying and stating that they have it on the form.

Lest we forget, driving in this state is a privilege, it is not a legal right. Driving privileges are granted with certain conditions, including obtaining a driver's license, registering one's vehicle, following traffic laws and complying with Ohio's financial responsibility requirements. When drivers choose to ignore the state's financial-responsibility laws it unfairly burdens our insurance clients (law-abiding citizens). And we all end up paying for it in the long run.

House Bill 279, sponsored by state Rep. Michael Henne, R-Clayton, is prompting the conversation by proposing various tools to incentivize (is this really a word? lol! but what we need to do is make it mandatory!) drivers to comply with our financial responsibility laws, with the ultimate goal of reducing the number of uninsured drivers on our roads.

We encourage readers to contact their legislators to let them know how important it is to find and implement more effective solutions to help encourage and enforce compliance with Ohio's financial responsibility laws.

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It's Time For The Tour, September 11 "Come Home To Lakewood" House And Garden Tour Returns

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you've driven past and always wondered about what they looked like on the interior. Don't miss your chance to experience the properties that give our community its unique character.

Advance sale tickets for the House Tour are \$25.00 and available starting July 31st. Tickets can be purchased by mail, at the Oldest Stone House, online at museum@lakewoodhistory.org, or at the retail outlets listed below. A limited number of tickets may be available the day of the tour at the Nicholson House for \$30.

You can kick off your "Come Home to Lakewood" tour weekend Saturday, September 10th at the Patron Party, held at a Colonial Revival that is not on the Sunday tour. Party tickets can be purchased online, by mail, or at the Oldest Stone House during business hours. For more tour and benefit information, contact the Oldest Stone House at 216.331.7343.

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Reducing The Effects Of Domestic Violence On Our Children

Lakewood's Religious Institutions Can Make A Significant Impact

by Michael Lauer

In my opinion, any grants allocated to a faith-based outreach program that enhances knowledge on human developmental psychology and family law to the general public would help prevent the scourge of domestic violence in our communities.

According to the American Psychological Association, children and adolescents who were exposed to abuse, or have been physically or sexually abused in the home can suffer a range of psychological and behavioral problems, from mild to severe, in both the short and long term. These problems typically include depression, anxiety, guilt, fear, sexual dysfunction, withdrawal, and acting out.

An UCLA study indicated that some Northeast Ohio high schools and middle schools suspend about one out of every four students each year - or more - according to researchers at the University of California, Los Angeles. East Cleveland is highlighted as having one of the nation's highest elementary school suspension rates, at over 20 percent.

Ohio has some of the highest gaps between its black and white suspension rates in the nation, the researchers reported, for both elementary school students and older students. While Ohio schools suspend just 1.7 percent of white students in elementary school, they suspend more than 11 percent of black students. That gives Ohio the fifth-largest difference in suspension rates by race in the country. That pattern continues at the high school level. More than one in four black students at older grades in Ohio - 26 percent - are suspended each year, compared to seven percent of white students. That 19-point gap is the 10th-highest in the United States. (Patrick O'Donnell/ The Plain Dealer, February 24, 2015) In addition, according to the African American Policy Forum, black girls are suspended at a higher rate than all other girls and white and Latino boys. (The Black Presidency: Barack Obama and the politics of Race in America, 2016, pg.23).

According to the National Center for Victims of Crime: Black Children Exposed to Violence and Victimization (2012), black youth ages 12 to 19 are victims of violent crime at significantly higher rates than their white peers (U.S. Department of Justice, "Criminal Victimization in the United States—Statistical Tables, 2005," (Washington, DC: Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2006),

Youth exposure to victimization is directly linked to negative outcomes for young people, including increased depression, substance abuse, risky sexual behavior, homelessness, and poor school performance. (Michell

Nunez and Madeline Wordes, "Our Vulnerable Teenagers: Their Victimization, Its Consequences, and Directions for Prevention and Intervention," (Washington, DC: National Center for Victims of Crime and National Council on Crime and Delinquency, 2002).

Youth who are victimized during the complicated transitional period of adolescence may experience serious disruption of their developmental processes. These effects are worsened when youth perceive institutions as unwilling or unable to help or protect them, and adults' failure to intercede confirms youth victims' sense that they must cope with an unsafe environment by themselves which leads to delayed reporting and recovery for youth. (Mitru Ciarlante, "Disclosing Sexual Victimization," Prevention Researcher, 14 no. 2 (2007): 11-14). Moreover, losing their sense of safety at this critical stage affects victimized teens' struggle to integrate into and become pro-social members of the community; they may respond by displaying aggression, withdrawal, school problems, and various high-risk behaviors, including offending. (Wordes and Nunez, 13; and Jay Silverman, Anita Raj, Lorelei Mucci, and Jeanne Hathaway, "Dating Violence Against Adolescent Girls and Associated Substance Use, Unhealthy Weight Control, Sexual Risk Behavior, Pregnancy, and Suicidality," Journal of the American Medical Association 286, no. 5 (2001): 572-579. Menard).

Children who were both abused and exposed to domestic violence had higher levels of emotional and behavioral problems than did children who had only been exposed to domestic violence. Thus, children who are both victimized by violence and who witness domestic violence may be particularly vulnerable to developing psychopathology symptoms. Effects of Family Violence on Psychopathology Symptoms in Children (Child Dev. 2008 Sep-Oct; 79(5): 1498-1512).

According to DomesticViolenceRoundtable.org, the long-term effects on children who witness domestic violence, whether or not the children are physically abused, include suffering emotional and psychological trauma from living in homes where their fathers abuse their mothers. Children whose mothers are abused are denied the kind of home life that fosters healthy development. Children who grow up observing their mothers being abused, especially by their fathers, grow up with a role model of intimate relationships in which one person uses intimidation and violence over the other person to get their way. Because children have a natural ten-

dency to identify with strength, they may ally themselves with the abuser and lose respect for their seemingly helpless mother. Seeing their mothers treated with enormous disrespect, teaches children that they can disrespect women the way their fathers do. In addition, most experts believe that children who are raised in abusive homes learn that violence is an effective way to resolve conflicts and problems.

According to "Criminal Justice: Domestic Violence Among African Americans," culturally competent interventions with African American victims of interpersonal violence should be consistent with a client's culture, including themes and topics most directly relevant to African American women, particularly religion and spirituality. This culturally sensitive treatment and incorporation of religion and spirituality should not include challenges to women's religious beliefs, but rather should provide a safe place where women can explore and critically examine their own beliefs. Treatment of religious women may also include referrals to or collaborative work with religious leaders who have been trained in dealing with domestic violence issues, allowing women to explore their religious and spiritual issues. (Bell, Carl C., and Jacqueline Mattis. "The Importance of Cultural Competence in Ministering to African-American Victims of Domestic Violence." Violence against Women 6, no. 5 (2000): 515-532.

Based on Jack Mezirow's Transformative Learning Theory, I think a community of faith-based outreach programs that are structured on the centrality of experience, critical reflection, and rational discourse will help guide adults, parents, and caregivers in their own meaning structure transformations to reduce violent behavior in their lives. In other words, transformative learning attempts to explain how our experiences, framed within cultural assumptions and presuppositions, directly influence the meaning we derive from our experiences. It is a model of adult learning by explaining the process of how personal paradigms evolve and expand in adulthood. In essence, it offers an explanation for adult development, that of developing a greater adaptive capacity to capitalize and act on prior knowledge and experience through critical reflection.

Mezirow believed that transformative learning is "the very essence of adult education, such as the goal of adult education is to help the individual become a more autonomous thinker by learning to negotiate his or own values, meanings, and purpose rather than uncritically acting on those of others." The program's goal

is to move the individual towards a more inclusive, differentiated permeable (open to other points of view), and integrated meaning perspective, the validity of which has been established through rational discourse, (all of which) aids an adult's development. (Mezirow, 1997, p.11)

"This is the potential of transformative learning; how learning sometimes transforms people's perceptions, enabling them to see things differently and act differently in their world. Transformative learning involves change in the frames of reference that we use to make sense in our lives. Frames of reference structure the ways that interpret the meaning of our experiences, and therefore our action and provide the rationale for our action (Mezirow 2000).

This type of faith-based outreach program would consist of a team of professionals licensed in the areas of education, psychology and law who work under a framework developed to guide reflection and to identify particular challenges that might arise throughout a learning process. Apte, J. (2003). "The facilitation of transformative learning: A study of the working knowledge of adult learners, doctoral thesis, Sydney: University of Technology Sydney.

The philosophy is that by integrating both the disciplines of human developmental psychology and family law when resolving domestic issues, family decision-making skills in effect will make family choices more productive and at the same time help with avoiding common decision traps and thinking errors that may lead to domestic violence. It will also ensure real-life family-oriented scenarios that will inspire and motivate commitment and action on how to critique and solve family disputes through problem-solving strategies like collaboration, communication, and negotiation that are needed for successful, decision making.

The primary goal of this type of faith-based outreach program is to prevent domestic violence in our families and educational institutions by learning and applying skills needed that help manage emotion and perception issues while increasing objectivity in stressful family decision situations that occur often in impoverished communities.

In recognition of the fact that the safety in our educational institutions and homes play a significant role in our communities, I believe faith-based outreach programs that integrate and support those programs, projects, and activities related to human developmental psychology and family law will help reduce domestic violence in our communities.

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By Your Deeds Ye Shall Be Known...

by Ronald Ciancutti

He had to leave in order to come back and win. He had to go out there to Miami with the scrutiny and the hate in his rearview mirror and pretend he didn't hear the volume of it all. He watched them burn his jersey and yank down his posters. He heard the former pros wreck his name and speak poorly about abandoning his hometown. He made the mistake of answering freely, when asked about how many championships he might stockpile there in the city where he "took his talents," by joking with his ring-less digits 1, 2, 3 maybe more..... ha ha ha.

And he won 2 of the 4 times he got to the championship rounds. And we watched him hoist the trophy and some hated him for it and others understood all great players want to win the big game and said, "You can't blame the kid." But way down deep as he smiled and performed and bought things and stacked trophies – it wasn't enough.

And despite the looming Lucifer-like temptation image imposed by Pat Riley, he stared down his demons and told Cleveland in a heartfelt letter: "I'm coming home."

He said it again in Oakland after beating all the odds and delivering Cleveland from its championship deprived psyche, "I just can't wait to

get home and share this trophy with our fans. It's what they deserve."

The path that was struck more than a decade ago has now come to its eventual destination and this Akron-bred kid delivered his native Cleveland the prize it has so eagerly awaited.

And now it all makes sense.

And now he is forgiven because his departure had purpose.

And now people are talking about the boy that left and the man that came back.

AND HERE'S THE IRONY. When the Warriors were up 3-1 in this finals series all you heard about was the genius involved in putting this team together. The outside shooters, the awesome bench players, the fantastic defenders... There were those saying Cleveland would have to go back to the free-agency market or get real busy in the draft to mount a sufficient attack NEXT YEAR.

And then a gentle breeze blew through the Golden State. Not a hurricane, not a tornado, a steady controlled, stubborn breeze that wouldn't die down. Their center got injured, a key man sustained a strained back, a key player jawed too much and played a little dirty and had to sit down during a key game. And vulnerabilities were shown that hadn't been visible before. And the leader, who prides himself on looking like he'd rather be anywhere else than playing basketball lost his cool. And his wife, who had been complimented in years prior for being so composed and above the fray, started spewing venom at the league, the refs, the "fixed" results of games. The golden team had to face adversity – something it hadn't seen all year.

Because you see folks, when you win 73 games in a season you learn how to win but you never catch on how to lose. And it is that where you build character, poise and self-control.

When I watched Stephen Curry foul out and react like a 4 year old on a playground I sat there stunned. Next, his wife, known for her conservative attitude and reserved approach, starts hammering the league for making the game fixed and unfair. I thought, "Their skin is that thin? They may just

lose this thing."

And then suddenly, the morning after the Cavs did what had not been done before, the world was questioning the Warriors and their ability to last. The team that once looked invincible had lost a bit of its sheen. And all of the talk, the bluster, the blather, the quotes from knowledgeable pros and speculation from statisticians turned out to be just noise, the Cavs went out and DID it - not talked it, promised it, complained about it, whined about it - they just DID it.

So despite a record that had never been accomplished before with 73 regular season wins. Despite a sports-journalist holiday of favorably comparing this Warrior team to the great Laker and Celtic squads of yesteryear. Despite a unanimous vote for MVP going to Stephen Curry who had made a record breaking 402 – three-point shots in a season. Despite all the previous months of telling the world that Golden State is the basketball-warrior for the ages, Yahoo Sports reported this on the morning (June 20, 2016) following their defeat:

"Golden State knows that Curry and Thompson will come back firing along with Green next season. However, Bogut is now 31 and it appears likely that he will only decline in the years to come. It is clear that the Warriors cannot count on Ezeli to fill in for Bogut in crunch time and Golden State's patience may have worn to a point where they do not feel inclined to match the offers he or Barnes receive. But should the market for that duo cool then the possibility of bringing Ezeli and Barnes back at an affordable rate and maintaining continuity may be a tough one to pass up. The Warriors' personnel department has received widespread praise for how this team has been put together. Golden State now faces a big decision over whether to keep the faith or look elsewhere. What they decide could well have a determining impact on whether Curry and company are back in the Finals next year."

Wow, folks, is it really all that

fleeting, this thing called success? Will all those positive stats and glowing footnotes be replaced with the one that matters the most? Simply put, the Golden State Warriors are the first team in NBA history to lose in the Finals after taking a 3-1 series lead (and maybe, JUST MAYBE, they're not as good as everyone had been saying).

And more directly to my point is this: Fame, success, honors, awards, moments of greatness are wonderful but they are FLEETING! What do you have left in the tank to continue your journey after you have hit the various peaks?

Because that is the takeaway here that no one seems to be picking up on. LeBron James performance in the 2016 playoffs and finals was a reserved, calm, dead-eye approach keeping everything in perspective. Now. Now that it has been won people have the right to be bubbling over with excitement and unabashed joy, but see he made sure everyone waited until the whole moment was earned. Not when they got to the playoffs, not when they won the eastern conference, not when they made it to the finals, not when they won important games in the finals, WHEN THEY WON THE GAME THAT MADE THEM CHAMPIONS, LeBron cut the load loose and wept on the hardwood floor finally surrendering the composure that took them all that way.

He waited. He waited because years before he had jumped. And now he walks the steps of a man that learned. Stephen Curry's shot may only get better with age, but until he understands that taking a real shot requires a lot more than a good eye, he'll just keep shooting.

And anyone can do that.

Ron Ciancutti and his family have lived in Lakewood since 1994. The homey, quiet atmosphere drew them here to raise their children - the strong community, civic programs, constantly improving school systems and heartfelt neighbors and acquaintances have kept them here. Ron sees Lakewood as an American icon.



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Lakewood School Board Ignoring Untapped Property Taxes

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a home sells for a higher amount than its previous purchase price, the property tax should increase, and the Lakewood Board of Education should collect those additional funds. One would think this would happen automatically. However, that is not the case.

Some concerned citizens and I have met with Mr. Kent Zeman, CFO/Treasurer for the Lakewood Public Schools, to discuss this matter of having property taxes corrected for recent home purchases and for properties that have been long undervalued. To our surprise we were told the school system does not want to pursue these funds. Mr. Zeman made it clear when he stated, "Lakewood does not address any

residential tax issue." He further stated, "These residents are voters and we do not believe in upsetting voters." I informed him that the countless residents who are paying their share of taxes are also voters.

An example of lost tax revenue for our schools is the following: in July 2015 a home in Lakewood was purchased for \$920,000. Cuyahoga County had this home valued at \$373,600 for tax purposes prior to the sale; however, the taxes were *not* adjusted after the sale. If the Lakewood School Board requested the County adjust the home value to reflect the increase purchase price of an additional \$546,400 **the net gain in taxes for the Lakewood City Schools would be \$11,146 a year. The three year total of**

increased revenue for our schools would be \$33,438 for just this one property. Mr. Zeman refuses to go after this money.

Another example of lost tax revenue is from undervalued properties. Captains Cove, located in the affluent Clifton Park area of Lakewood consists of six free-standing homes ranging from 2706 sq. ft. to 3708 sq. ft. in size. Because the homes share land they are registered as condominiums. One of the most recent Captains Cove sales was in April 2011 and sold for \$470,000. However, this property, bought for \$470,000, was recently given, along with the other five condominiums, a 12% reduction in property taxes and will now be taxed at a value of \$221,000. "How could this be?" you

may ask. Since 2011, there have been two reassessments on this property, as well as the other five condominiums in Captains Cove. Taxes on these properties have been reduced by at least 20%. Meanwhile, many homes immediately around the Captains Cove condominiums have seen a tax increase of 20% during the same period. Shouldn't the Lakewood Board of Education question this, knowing that it is losing out on dollars owed to it?

If the Lakewood School Board were to request of the County to reevaluate these six condominiums, the schools could potentially gain over \$100,000 in funds over the next three years.

I explained to Mr Zeman how it took me over five months to have the property for the Clifton Club, a for-profit corporation, assessed to properly adjust their property taxes. As a result of this effort, our schools will receive an additional \$10,000 more per year on just this one property. That is \$30,000 of additional funds going to Lakewood Schools over the next three years. Think of how much more the schools could collect if they did this on all the properties that aren't paying their fair share!

We met with Lisa Rocco, Lou Gentile, and James Hopkins (all Cuyahoga County officials) to discuss the lost revenue to Lakewood City Schools. **Their reply was that the Lakewood School Board simply needs to make a request to the County to reevaluate the properties in their school district.**

The Lakewood School Board has no interest in correcting the property tax issues, which makes no sense. The city's school budget challenges could be alleviated by addressing properties that aren't paying their fair share of taxes. If we want Lakewood's children to be provided an excellent education and learning environment, wouldn't we want the Board to fight for every tax dollar it is owed? We strongly urge the Lakewood School Board to take the necessary steps to collect taxes that the school district could use in support of our children's education.

The Remains Of Independence Day

by Bob Soltys

As a veil of smoke from the annual July 4 fireworks show mingled with the mist and expanded outward from Lakewood Park the night of Monday, July 4, some of those leaving the display cast a pall on tree lawns, sidewalks, and streets as they vamoosed from the show.

As cars crawled along Belle, Clifton Boulevard, and other arteries – and as people walked home, some of them forgot to think about others, flinging cigarette butts, potato chip bags, moon pie wrappers, plastic bags,

Styrofoam food containers, and other detritus out their windows or in their wake. This thoughtlessness isn't confined to July 4.

Maybe it was Lou in "Cad-dyshack" telling the boys "Pick up that blood" after they ganged up on Danny Noonan and broke the gumball machine. It might be from watching city workers cleaning sidewalks every morning in Amsterdam and Paris. Perhaps it's a desire to emulate saint of the bike path Glenn Rasmussen picking up trash every morning while walking *his* dogs when we lived in La Jolla. Or at long last, possibly,

I've become the officer and a janitor my shipmates and I grumbled about being while we waxed floors at Officer Development School.

But every morning Lucky and I collect a doggie doo doo bag of cigarette butts, napkins, food containers, candy wrappers, clothing, and other FOD (Foreign Object Debris) strewn across sidewalks and tree lawns. While we're glad to do our part, it might be – as John the carpenter said – an absent-minded habit.

So for the smokers tossing butts out the window, please repeat for twenty-one days: "I will put my cigarette butts in the ashtray." Why twenty-one days? That's how long it takes to form a habit.

If you're one of the choir who respects your neighbors, thank you and please keep up the good habit. If not, please observe: The world is your oyster, not your garbage bin. Please take your trash home and throw it in *your* garbage can, not our streets.

Bob Soltys is a photographer and writer, a former Navy officer, and the co-author of *A Lucky Life*.

Back To School Health And Safety Carnival On Monday, August 1

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Department will be joining as well to provide safety tips to kids and families.

It wouldn't be a carnival without food and games! Free hot dogs, drinks, popcorn, ice cream, face painting and games sponsored by Madison Eye Care, DB4K, Original Penguin, Kensie, Transitions, Clear Choice Custom Lasik Center, and Cleveland Eye Clinic. Raffle prizes donated by Madison Eye

Care, Lake Erie Crushers, Lake County Captains, Wildflower Bakery, Pet's General, Campbell & #39's Popcorn, Beck Center for the Arts, Lakewood Dental Arts, Ray Ban and Coopervision.

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How To Solve Your Ant Problem

by Shawn Payne
Home Ant Control Tips For Lakewood
Carpenter Ants and Odorous House

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- For Example:
- Carpenter ants burrow into water damaged wood to make their nests.
 - A carpenter ant's diet consists mainly of proteins. But it changes during different parts of the year.
 - An active carpenter ant satellite colony may not die off in winter if it is in the outer portion of your home. If it is just the right temperature in an outside wall, the colony will go dormant and awake in early spring.
 - Odorous house ants mainly colonize under concrete, tile, rocks, and inside foundation blocks or wall voids.
 - The diet of odorous house ants consists mainly of carbohydrates. They are drawn to high moisture areas.
 - Odorous house ants can live year round inside. They often have multiple nests within a building.
- In order to control ants, do not rely strictly on the blind application of chemical control products. Think back to what you learned in school. What do all living things need to survive? Food, water and shelter. By identifying your ant species, you know what kind of shelter they seek. And you know their diet.



Active Carpenter Ants nest above a garage door in Lakewood, OH.

Manipulate The Environment

Manipulate their food source:
Eliminate whatever it is that ants are feeding on. Replace their food source with an appropriate bait. An ant's diet can change throughout the season. Match the bait to their diet. It may take some trial and error to find an effective bait. Proper bait placement is essential. Once ants find a food source they form a pheromone trail to it. If you have ants actively foraging inside your home, that is a good thing. Perfect time to apply bait trailing techniques! Slyly dab bait on their trail and voila! Goodbye ants. Most store bought insecticides act mainly as repellents.

- These sprays do not work in conjunction with bait trailing techniques.
- Manipulate their shelter:
- Carpenter ants become very active at dusk. This is a perfect time to search for the colony. Take your flashlight and start looking for carpenter ants trailing.
 - Look around tree trunks.
 - Look for them crawling up your foundation.
 - Look for them in your garage.
 - Look anywhere you may find water damaged wood.
 - Got firewood?
- For carpenter ants, the best control is to replace the damaged wood.

- Alternatively, it can be treated directly with the proper ant control product.
- Odorous house ants can have multiple colonies within your home. Try baiting first. Spray only if you can spray a nest completely. Most of the time odorous house ants come out of tiny cracks in the kitchen counters or in tile floor. This is when most people bust out the window cleaning spray. Just think how effective spraying these ant phemone trails are. When there is a colony of thousands; spraying a few foraging ants has very little effect. Doing so may actually agitate the colony so much that the colony splits. This is called budding. Budding is common with odorous house ants.
- Reduce nesting sites for odorous house ants:
- Paint basement walls.
 - Tuckpoint masonry joints.
 - Remove old wood basement doors and windows.
 - Caulk around windows, doors, and cabinets.
 - Seal space between baseboard and floor.
 - Fill patio stone joints with polymeric sand.
 - Tar the joint between your home's foundation and the driveway (if connected).
 - Flip decorative landscape stones.
- Find the nest. Often indoor ants are a result of a super ant colony outside.
- Be strategic in your ant control. Take a little time to follow the ant trails. See where it takes you. Learn more about controlling ants at <https://www.lakewoodexterminating.com/pest-control/ants/>.

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Lakewood Living

Seventh Annual Lakewood Summer Meltdown Draws 10,000 To Downtown District

by Matt Bixenstine

For a span of six hours on Saturday, July 9, Detroit Avenue was no longer simply the main street of Downtown Lakewood. Rather, this bustling avenue transformed into an urban playground for families, friends, festival-goers, runners, beer enthusiasts and music lovers alike to celebrate a vibrant city and gorgeous summer evening with members of their extended community.

Lakewood Summer Meltdown 2016 – sponsored by Melt Bar & Grilled and presented by LakewoodAlive – attracted an estimated regional crowd of 10,000 to the heart of the city along Detroit between Elmwood and Marlowe Avenues. Attendees at the seventh annual installment of Lakewood’s summer street fest were not disappointed, as they enjoyed everything from street vendors to road races to a beer garden with live music.

The Summer Meltdown got underway at 4 p.m. with the street festival component, featuring 75 vendors, food trucks and local eateries, interactive activities and exercise demonstrations along the western half of the festival. Meanwhile, the eastern end featured the ever-popular skate park and “Water Moose” sprinkler park.

Joey Strunk, 21, an intern for Cleveland Institute of Art’s “Creativity Works” program, premiered “slide to unlock,” a skate park sculpture series that includes a skate ramp he created as an oversized replica of an iPhone. Strunk and fellow skaters took turns performing tricks with his artwork, which will eventually serve as a permanent fixture in the “Skate Kitchen,” Public Square Group’s mobile pop-up skate park.

“I just wanted to provide a different take on art and skating, and I’m pretty happy with how it turned out,” Strunk said.

Lakewood native Michael Gill constructed the initial version of his Water Moose sprinkler park six years ago with assistance from Lakewood Hardware. This web of sprinklers connected to a fire hydrant has developed



Michael Gill’s famous Water Moose was, once again, the hit of the event for the kids!

into a fan favorite at the Summer Meltdown, inducing shrieks of delight from wet but happy children.

Speaking of fan favorites, the 1 Mile Kids Fun Run – sponsored by the Lakewood Family YMCA – once again proved to be a highlight of the Summer Meltdown. More than 100 children (some accompanied by parents) participated in this out-and-back race up Belle Avenue, with some holding hands as they crossed the finish line.

First-place finisher Charlie, 11, raised his arms in triumph upon completing the mile run. “It’s really fun, hence the name,” said Charlie before heading to the Water Moose to cool off.

The Meltdown 5K saw more than 500 runners – the largest group yet – take off along a fast course through the neighborhoods east of Lakewood Park. Runners enjoyed a rare evening race, glimpses of Lake Erie and personal-best race times. Logan Broadbent and Sarah Horbol placed first among male and female participants, respectively.

Sponsored by Buckeye Beer Engine, the Gary K. Bish Memorial Beer Garden drew upwards of 2,000 attendees to enjoy craft beers like the Lakewood Lager and Summer Meltdown Ale from Buckeye Brewing Company. Beer enthusiasts complemented their beverages with food from local vendors.

Lakewood-based band Front Porch Lights capped the evening with an energized, two-hour performance.

Led by frontman Conor Standish, the quintet delighted the large crowd with a mix of rock, alternative, folk, indie and cover songs. Following loud applause, Standish exclaimed to the crowd, “I love Lakewood and I love all of you!”

LakewoodAlive thanks its sponsors, its volunteers, the City of Lakewood, the Lakewood Police Department and all participants and attendees for making Lakewood Summer Meltdown 2016 a rousing success.

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“This community event wouldn’t be possible without the support of our city, our generous sponsors and our contingency of 80 volunteers who helped us bring approximately 10,000 people to Downtown Lakewood,” said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. “Each year our Summer Meltdown gets better and we’re proud of the role this event plays in upholding our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood.”



A masked runner giving out high fives!



Front Porch Lights playing at the beer garden.



People lift one of many beers honoring Gary Bish. Gary was a monumental Lakewoodite that loved to volunteer, especially at the Beer tent. It was a fitting tribute.

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