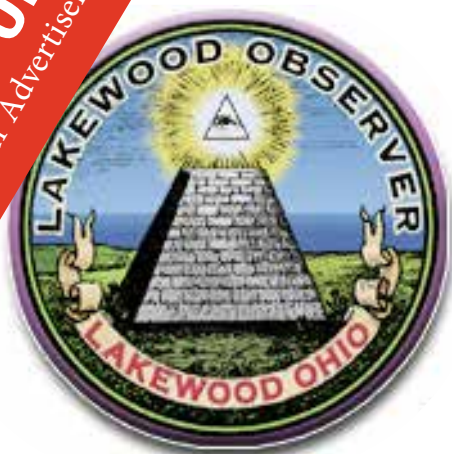


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LHS Ranked Among Best High Schools By U.S. News & World Report

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood High School has been named one of U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools and a Bronze Medalist for 2017. The magazine awards Gold, Silver and Bronze medals according to state proficiency standards and how well schools prepare students for college.

Overall, the nation's high schools are scored on college readiness, math and reading scores and graduation rates. More than 20,000 public schools were evaluated and the schools scoring in the top 30% overall make the list.

Lakewood High was ranked 167th in the state, which falls in the top 20% of the 866 Ohio schools awarded medals.

Lakewood High fell 0.5 points short in the college readiness category of qualifying for the Silver Medal status.

"We are grateful for this recognition," said LHS Principal Keith Ahearn, who also added that the college readiness ranking may not accurately reflect the full diversity of opportunities available to students at Lakewood High School. The college readiness ranking is based on participation and perfor-

mance in Advanced Placement (AP) classes and tests.

"We are very proud of our 16 Advanced Placement course offerings and the students who are engaged in this rigorous course work, but we do not judge ourselves by their performance alone," Ahearn said. "We are also

proud of our West-Shore Career Technical programs, where students are in classes that offer articulated college credit that will allow them to earn industry credentials or admittance to a two- or four-year technical school.

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Sale On The Grounds

by Heidi Murray

Lakewood Historical Society's 29th annual Sale on the Grounds is this weekend! The Nicholson House, 13555 Detroit Ave, is filled with antiques, collectibles, decorative and personal items; tents throughout the yard offer a huge selection of kitchen and craft items, toys, games & sporting goods, tools & electronics, and lawn, garden & picnic items. This year we have Lakewood's Little Sewing Shop set up with hundreds of yards of fabric, notions, machines, knitting and crochet supplies and more. Other stand out

items include patio furniture, collectible dolls, cast iron skillets, framed art and lots of bedding, curtains and linen.

Friday May 5th is dedicated to the Preview Party, a ticketed event from 7-9 p.m. For \$20 you have the opportunity to beat the crowds and shop early with a limited number of people while enjoying beer & wine poured by Rozi's and appetizers. Reservations are required for the Preview Party; you may make them online at lakewoodhistory.org, or by mailing a check to The Lakewood Historical Society,

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Greek Village Rocks The Food Channel Again!



The Food Channel was back in Lakewood again last week to once again stop by Lakewood's legendary Greek Village Grille. This time it was Josh Denny of Ginormous Food. Tommy Karakostas, owner of Greek Village Grille, said the show should air in mid-June.

Taste Of Lakewood VIP Tickets On Sale Now

by Valerie Mechenbier

Enjoy Lakewood's largest food & music event in VIP style: purchase VIP tickets for the 14th Annual Taste of Lakewood.

The Taste of Lakewood will be held on Sunday, June 11th from 1-7 p.m. at Madison Park. Presented by the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Cleveland Magazine, the event features one of the city's largest business segments: the hospitality industry. Lakewood's best restaurants will be on hand to sell food to fans and foodies from throughout the region. Veteran Taste of Lakewood food vendors such as Aladdin's Eatery, Deagan's Kitchen & Bar, Melt Bar and

Grilled, and Georgetown will be at the event, alongside relative newcomers to the Lakewood dining scene: restaurants such as Salt+, LBM, and Yuzu. Read more about the event and see the entire list of participating restaurants at tasteoflakewood.com.

The VIP experience at the Taste of Lakewood includes highly sought after amenities and provides a unique experience for event VIPs. The 2017 Taste of Lakewood VIP ticket (\$50) includes:

- VIP Parking (some say this alone is worth \$50)
- Seating in the Pier W VIP Tent from 1-4pm
- Separate VIP Bar (beer &



wine) and two drink tokens
- Proximity to the First Federal Lakewood "Good Tunes" Stage
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"We Are Family" Summer Reading Club 2017 At LPL

by Julie Strunk

The Lakewood Public Library Summer Reading Club is a resource for children and students of all ages to read for pleasure and is the antidote to summer learning loss. Children entering fifth grade and under may join our "We Are Family" club. Be part of the Lakewood Public Library family by reading this summer; read thirty books, thirty chapters or for thirty hours. Sixth through twelfth grade students have their own reading club, "Roots Give Us Wings." Participants will gather stamps and prizes as they go, and a special reward awaits those who complete thirty books, chapters or hours of reading (age appropriate goals) by August 7, 2017.

The fun doesn't end there,

either. Arts and crafts abound! Any child with a parent/care-giver may stop by Monday through Thursday, June 5, 2017 through July 27, 2017 anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and pick up a family themed craft to do together. Our craft changes each week!

While finishing your reading record is quite an accomplishment, even that doesn't end the adventure. Children and their families will

celebrate the end of summer reading at the "We Are Family Summer Reading Party" at the Madison Park Pavilion on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. with fun, games, and prizes. Teens will have their own "Teen Party Family Reunion" on Friday, August 11, 2017 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Library.

To register, stop by our Main Library or Madison Branch starting May 15, 2017.

May 4-6, 2017 LHS Musical "Little Women"

by Christine Gordillo

The LHS Barnstormers Drama Club will be performing "Little Women" for its spring musical. The play, based on the classic novel by Louisa

May Alcott, will run May 4-6 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lakewood Civic Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Presale tickets are \$8 and available in the LHS Bookroom or by calling 216-529-4047.

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Community Forum With Councilman O'Malley

by Dan O'Malley

Ward 4 Councilman Dan O'Malley will be hosting a series of community forums throughout the year to give residents an opportunity to ask questions, express concerns, or share ideas with him to improve our city and neighborhoods. These town hall-style meetings will also give residents a chance to learn about what's happening at Lakewood City Hall and exciting new initiatives for our community.

Here are the details for the first "Council on Your Corner" event.

Community Forum in Birdtown with Councilman Dan O'Malley
Thursday, May 18th at 7 p.m.
Harrison Elementary
2080 Quail St.
Lakewood, OH 44107
Refreshments will be provided.
This event is free and open to the public.

Now Hiring! Lakewood Public Library Cleaning/Janitorial


by Jody Wilkerson

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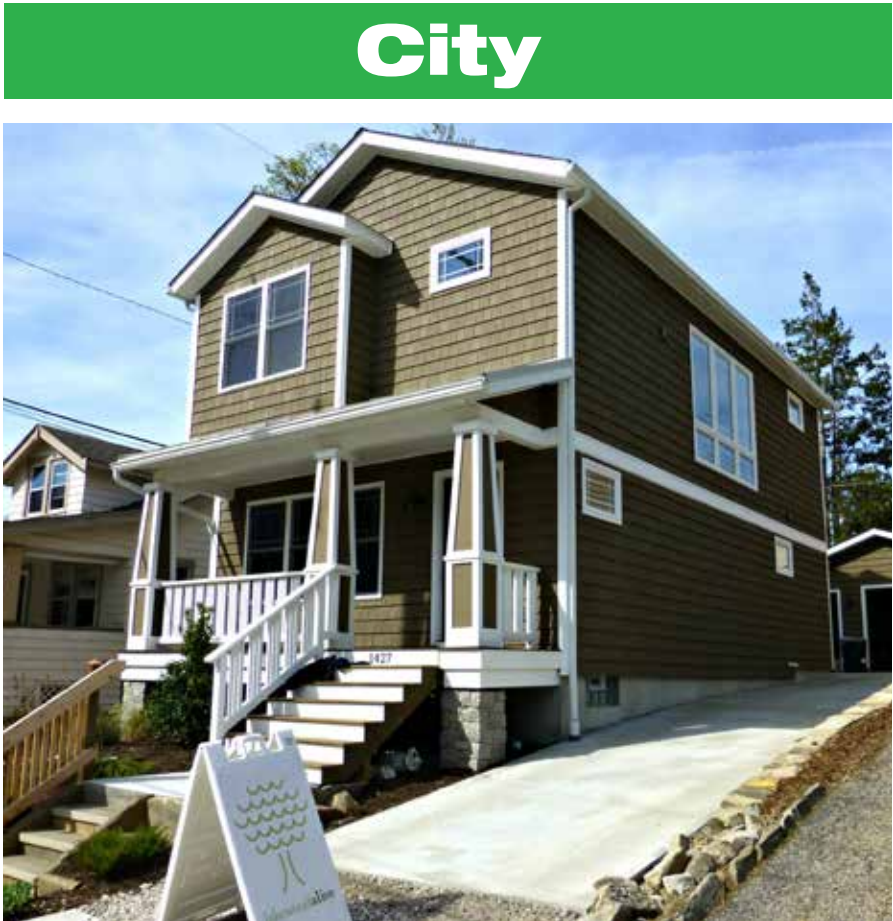
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The Scenic Street Open House celebrated the transformation of a vacant lot into a new-build home.

Scenic Street Open House Celebrates Transformation Of Vacant Lot Into New-Build

by Matt Bixenstine

Builder Dana Paul was all smiles on this unseasonably-warm April evening as he unveiled the fruits of his tireless labor – a beautiful, new-build home at 1427 Scenic Street in Lakewood.

Nearly one year to the day after ground broke on this project, LakewoodAlive hosted a Scenic Street Open House on April 27, inviting city leaders and community members to Lakewood’s Scenic Park neighborhood for an exclusive first look at the finished product. Paul, owner of Prairie Stone Group, the company responsible for the project, greeted friends and gave personal tours of the home marking the culmination of a long-held aspiration to give new life to a once-vacant lot.

The 1,425 square foot home features three bedrooms, two-and-a-half bathrooms and a craftsman building style emphasizing handcrafted quality and keen attention to detail. Paul intends to list the home for sale in the coming weeks.

The Open House festivities included tours, refreshments courtesy of Aladdin’s Eatery and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Paul, Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers, and LakewoodAlive Executive Director Ian Andrews addressed attendees from the property’s front steps.

“It’s a big deal when someone has the confidence to invest in our community,” Mayor Summers said. “It’s an even bigger deal when they commit to building a single house with a new design. We thank you, Dana, for your creative work and your investment in Lakewood.”

With assistance from the City of Lakewood and the Cuyahoga Land Bank, LakewoodAlive had sought to convert this previously-vacant lot in western Lakewood into a new, single-family home. That transformation dream has now been realized.

“LakewoodAlive is thrilled to have played a role in this unique opportunity to inspire a rebirth for this property and to

effect positive change within this historic Lakewood neighborhood,” Andrews said. “We’re extremely grateful to our partners and to Dana for their incredible work with reactivating this property.”

The Making of a Housing Dream

In 2015, LakewoodAlive began its Community Engagement Program with a goal of interacting with residents in the Birdtown and Scenic Park neighborhoods to connect them to resources ensuring they live in healthy and safe homes. The nonprofit organization began investigating the lot, which had been vacant and controlled by the Cuyahoga Land Bank for the past three years.

LakewoodAlive worked with the City of Lakewood and the Land Bank to determine if a single-family home could be built on the property. Once the analysis confirmed this feasibility, a request for proposals was sent to dozens of developers. The property was transferred from the Land Bank to LakewoodAlive on January 6, 2016, setting this ambitious project in motion.

Prairie Stone Group was chosen as the developer for the home and took title on March 1, 2016. Excavation commenced April 30, 2016, and LakewoodAlive hosted a Scenic Park House Project Launch Party on May 19, 2016. Since then, Paul’s tremendous efforts have resulted in the remarkable final product that now sits at 1427 Scenic Street.



L to R: LakewoodAlive Executive Director Ian Andrews, Lakewood Mayor Michael Summers and Builder Dana Paul discuss the completion of the project.



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City

City Council Meeting: April 17, 2017

All members of Council were present except Councilman Litten, whose absence was excused.

Public Works Committee Report

The Public Works Committee met on April 10, 2017 to discuss Ordinances 18-17 and 20-17. Present at the meeting were Councilman Nowlin (chair), Councilmembers Litten and Marx, Director Beno, Assistant Law Director Swallow, representatives from AT&T and representatives from Cornucopia, Inc.

Councilman Nowlin discussed Ordinance 18-17, the proposal to grant three AT&T easements on city property for the use of internet and telecommunications services to its customers. During the meeting, Director Beno used an interactive map to show the three proposed locations: 14740 Lakewood Heights Blvd, 13029 Madison Avenue, and 14601 Detroit Avenue (technically on Warren Road near Boston Market). Beno searched with AT&T to find least conspicuous locations for the sizable pieces of equipment. AT&T has long term plans to position 50 pieces of new equipment in the public right of way over the next several years.

Councilmembers expressed hesitation installing new equipment in areas where old equipment was already highly visible, specifically the Detroit location. The members present voiced interest in minimizing the impact of this new equipment before installation. Councilmembers proposed using the easements as canvases for public art, as well as emphasized the importance of establishing design and sighting standards for all utility equipment. The Committee moved to defer the legislation in order to purpose more time to explore these ideas.

In addition, the Committee discussed Ordinance 20-17, the proposal to authorize a lease between the city and Cornucopia, Inc. for the provision of summer concessions at Lakewood Park. Councilmembers and employees of Cornucopia discussed potential hours of operation, removal of refuse, advertising, and employees. The law department brought a draft lease agreement and a brief overview of its points, as well. The Committee recommended adoption, with all members of the meeting present expressing optimism to the addition to Lakewood Park. The Council deferred the ordinance to the following meeting for review.

Public Safety Committee Meeting Report

The Public Safety Committee met on April 10, 2017 regarding the Animal Safety and Welfare Advisory Board. All members were present, and Council Chair O'Malley and Councilmember Marx advocated support of Ordinance 19-17, a proposed amendment to the code providing greater freedom to the Board to deliberate on animal related topics. O'Malley explained that in 2013, the code was amended to protect

the Board from deliberating on topics not explicitly referred to them from the Council docket. Frustrated by its inability to engage in pertinent animal related issues concerning the city in a timely manner, the Board hopes to reinstate prior language to the code. During the meeting, Councilmembers discussed many animal issues facing the city and voiced support for the board for bringing it to their attention. The committee supports adoption of this amendment, and it was deferred to the following meeting.

Lake Erie Wind Energy Project

Mayor Summers, in conjunction with Councilmembers Bullock, Marx, and O'Malley, presented the Ice Breaker Wind Project for Lake Erie by the Lake Erie Energy Development Company (LEED-Co). LEED-Co has worked for over a decade to pioneer freshwater wind farm technology. If approved, the company would install wind turbines seven miles off the coast of Lake Erie, visible from the shoreline on a clear day. Mayor Summers remarked on Cleveland's history of coal fire and power plants, saying, "We owe it to our community, both current and future, to support alternative sources of power generation to both diversify our supply and improve our environment."

Resolution 8929-17 expresses the City of Lakewood's support for the wind energy project. Summers explained the project is currently in the permitting phase and recommended LEED-Co to talk to the Council and Administration about the project, implementation plans, and impact on

the community. Councilmember Bullock voiced his enthusiastic support for the project, encouraging community members to write letters of support for the clean energy initiative. The Council adopted the resolution.

Potential Bike Share in Lakewood

"Spring is here, and bicycles are on the streets," Councilmember Marx began happily. She recognized the City's aim to be healthiest city in the United States, emphasizing Lakewood-ites' commitment to active living. Marx coordinated a meeting with Bike Lakewood, Beat Cycles, and Spin Bike Shop with Alex Baca, the general manager of University Hospital (UH) Bikes, the bike share in Cleveland to inform the group of the steps to take to creating a bike share in Lakewood. Baca educated the group on the steps involved in creating a bike share in Lakewood. He also invited City Council and the Administration to take a courtesy tour through UH bikes to experience downtown Cleveland by bicycle.

Mayoral Appointment to LW Citizens Advisory Committee

Mayor Summers appointed Joshua Gonzalez to the Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee. The Mayor described Gonzales as a young and new resident to Lakewood who brings great amount of enthusiasm and a desire to be involved in any way possible.

Mayoral Appointment to Lakewood Audit Committee

Mayor Summers appointed Adam Wills to the Lakewood Audit Com-

mittee for a two-year term, expiring in 2019. Wills grew up in Lakewood and went to Lakewood High School, expressing excitement to be involved with his hometown. Willis is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is currently working as the Audit Manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

2007 GO Bond Private Placement Refunding and 1995 Water Revenue Bonds Defeasance

Finance Director Pae brought two pieces of financial legislation to the docket. First, she introduced Ordinance 21-17, which would refund \$6.05 million of the outstanding 2007 general obligation bonds via a private placement arrangement with Capital One (in order to reduce interest costs). Pae also introduced Ordinance 22-17, authorizing Council to defease, or pay off, the \$670,000 outstanding of the 1995 water revenue bonds, via the establishment of an escrow account with Huntington Bank. City Council referred both ordinances to the following Finance Committee Meeting.

Announcements from Council

Council Vice President Anderson thanked the Clerk of Council and City IT Department for their aid in presenting the agenda digitally for the public. In addition, Council President O'Leary jokingly encouraged residents to pay their taxes before April 18.

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) Awards Presentation

Keep Lakewood Beautiful (KLB) presented its annual Beautiful Home Awards, a KLB activity where resi-

Read the rest of the story at www.lakewoodobserver.com!

City Council Meeting: April 3, 2017

by Bethany Francis

Rules & Ordinances Committee Report

Committee chair Councilman Litten, Councilmembers Marx, Nolan, and Bullock, Director Beno of Public Works, legislative liason Maureen Bach, Bill Hanna from Walter Haverfield, Kevin Lynch from AT&T, and several members of the public attended the last Rules & Ordinances Committee Meeting on Monday, March 27. First, the committee discussed Ordinance 59-16, regarding use of public ways by service providers. The committee discussed minor substitutions to curb ramps and how they should be left after work is completed, so as to conform to existing specifications within the city. While Lynch expressed concern for the ordinance, the committee recommended adoption of the ordinance.

In addition, the meeting discussed the ongoing Overlook Signage Project. The committee decided communication should be tabled until cost estimates for the design and maintenance plans are revised. "With new specifics," Litten stated, "the project could be brought back to the committee," as well as City Council. Ordinance 59-16: Use of Public Ways

by Service Providers

Kevin Lynch, the Director of External Affairs from AT&T, spoke to council about how the ordinance was "overbearing" and "unnecessary." Lynch explained that AT&T is concerned provisions will negatively impact the construction process for AT&T and other network providers. Lynch commented that AT&T would "simply be unable to comply" with proposed requirements, stating the process required for construction permits, under the new ordinance, will stall investment to the city and potentially prohibit 5G and future technologies to Lakewood residents. He threatened that AT&T is considering shifting its investment to another city over Lakewood with less burdensome restrictions, arguing that the Lakewood right of way ordinance is one of the most restrictive in the state. Lynch requested pulling the ordinance from the docket in order for AT&T to work further with council to revise it.

In response, Law Director Butler stated that the City is committed to working with all utilities working within the public right of way as the new regulations go into effect. Councilmember Anderson asked Bill Hanna

from Walter Haverfield to comment on AT&T's characterization of this ordinance as one of the most restrictive in the state. Butler responded he is aware of more detailed and demanding local legislation, remarking the characterization of Lakewood's ordinance as the most restrictive in the state as an unfair assessment. Next, Hanna remarked most communities do not exercise authority to regulate occupancy and use of right of way, leaving it instead to the state statute. He continued that Cleveland Heights and Painesville have more burdensome ordinances, contending Lakewood's ordinance is a conscious effort to address concerns in a way that is workable for both the city and occupants of the right of way.

Mayor Summers stated Lakewood is a unique community and comparisons to other cities were not relevant. He continued saying that Director Beno, Mr. Lynch, and engineers from AT&T planned to meet to work things

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MTA: Peanut Butter Dogs Author Greg Murray, Dog Adoption And Pet Food Drive Event At LPL

by Lisa Calfee

One of life’s greatest questions has always been, “Why do dogs love peanut butter?” Studies have shown we don’t know the answer, but with Greg Murray’s Peanut Butter Dogs we can just enjoy that they do. Join

the local author who is becoming a worldwide sensation on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room of Lakewood Public Library. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

In a collection of 140 photographs, the award-winning Lakewood photographer and rescue dog advocate has managed to capture a number of his furry friends, from Yorkies to Great Danes, trying to navigate the complexities and joys

of eating a spoonful of peanut butter.

The result is a book that has a wonderful way of making people feel good. So good, in fact, that it has been featured in The Huffington Post, Daily Mail UK, Mirror UK, Fox News Network, Cleveland NBC, CBS & Fox, Cleveland Magazine, Cleveland.com, Buzzfeed, USA Today and media outlets throughout the world.

This Meet The Author program, which is also an adoption event and drop-off location for a pet food drive, is being presented by The Cleveland Animal Protective League and My Best Friend’s Bowl Pet Food Bank. The Cleveland APL will have opportunities for adopting a new friend who could use a good home. My Best Friend’s Bowl Pet Food Bank is a Lakewood based, nonprofit organization that will be accepting dog (and cat) food for local animals suffering from hunger. Please consider pitching in to help some of our area’s neediest dogs (and cats too!).

Art Show Concludes Strokes Of Genius

by Marge Foley

The 2017 Spring session of Strokes of Genius at the Lakewood Public Library recently ended as participating second, third, and fourth graders proudly showcased their talent at an art show for family and friends. Each week students learned about the life and work of a different artist and then completed an art project. These included watercolor paintings of birds in the spirit of John James Audubon, oil pastel abstract figure drawings in the style of Joan Miro, cut paper story quilts imitating the art of Faith Ringgold, 3 dimensional collages sparked by the work of Robert Swedroe, and chalk drawings inspired by pavement artist Julian Beever. The budding artists also enjoyed expressing themselves with a string art project.



Strokes of Genius young artists proudly display their string art project.

Look for information about our next session of Strokes of Genius in

the Lakewood Public Library’s Fall and Winter Program Guide.

Weekday Documentaries Continue At The Library

by Elaine Rosenberger

In addition to showing the popular Lakewood Public Cinema films on Saturday evenings at 6 p.m., Lakewood Public Library is also offering a series of weekday documentaries, which begin at 6:30 p.m. On Friday, May 5, 45365 will showcase small town American life with its portrayal of Shelby County, Ohio. American Revolutionary, screening on Monday, May 15, considers the life of Chinese American activist and philosopher, Grace

Lee Boggs. On Friday, June 2, Death by Design reveals the dark underbelly of the electronics industry.

Other upcoming documentaries include At the Fork (a look at how farm animals are raised) on Friday, June 9, Trail Magic (Emma “Grandma” Gatewood, the first woman to solo thru-hike the Appalachian Trail) on Monday, June 12, Life Itself (a tribute to film critic Roger Ebert) on Friday, June 30, One Way Astronaut (a one-way mission to Mars) on Monday, July 10, Sam Klemke’s

Time Machine (Klemke’s recording of his life) on Monday, July 24, and Dear Mr. Watterson (a profile of the Calvin & Hobbes cartoonist) on Monday, August 7. The Weekday Documentaries series season concludes on Monday, August 21, with the screening of a mockumentary, Comic Book: the Movie.

All weekday documentaries begin promptly at 6:30 p.m., and the films are show in the Main Library Auditorium. Admission to the documentaries is free and open to all.

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Calendar Of Events

compiled by Elaine Rosenberger

Wednesday, May 3

Author Event - Women Honoring Women Book Signing Event
Introduced by Torey Worren of Lakewood Women’s Club

This special event features two authors, Laura Ponticello and Traci Medford-Rosow. In *Live the Life of Your Dreams: 33 Tips to Inspire Your Life*, Ponticello interviewed women from all over the country to uncover what inspires them in their daily lives and how they tap into this inspiration. In *Inflection Point*, Medford-Rosow tells the true story of her legal team at Pfizer, who found themselves at the epicenter of a decade long, world-wide, multi-billion dollar battle. The author charts the course of the team’s courageous effort to protect the company’s most prized asset and the unforeseen personal consequences suffered as a result.

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

Literature Series - Class Strife: a Multi-Generational Look through Literature, Presented by Barbara Parr

This five-week class will begin with J.D. Vance’s best-selling memoir, *Hillbilly Elegy*, a disturbing look at his experiences growing up in a dysfunctional family living in extreme poverty. Vance found a way out and graduated from Yale Law School. To highlight the universal theme of class struggle, we will move back almost a century to the socioeconomics in Fitzgerald’s classic, *The Great Gatsby*. The novel’s East Egg and West Egg communities mirror many aspects of Cleveland’s east and west side. This free, five week course is presented by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Please read the first six chapters of *Hillbilly Elegy* for the first class. Registration is required. Register online at www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Thursday, May 4

Author Event - A Memoir of Courage by Victoria Creer

A father’s presence in the lives of his children is invaluable and can have a lasting impact. Victoria, the younger and only girl of two children, was deeply connected to her father, leading some to describe their bond as the ideal father-daughter relationship. When her father received a terminal cancer diagnosis, Victoria was devastated and left traumatized by his subsequent death. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Friday, May 5

Documentary - 45365 (2009)

45365 takes us on an unforgettable journey into a small town in Shelby County, Ohio. Through beautiful imagery and intimate access into the participants’ lives, filmmaker brothers Turner and Bill Ross present the intricate connections, close relationships, small moments and life-changing events of the residents of Sydney, Ohio. 45365 captures what it means to live in small town America.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Saturday, May 6

Film - The Spy in Black (1939)

Presented by Barbara Steffek-Hill

In the middle of World War I, German U-boat commander Captain Hardt (Conrad Veidt) receives secret orders to set a course for Scotland’s Orkney Islands near Scapa Flow where the British Grand Fleet is stationed. Under cover of darkness, the sub surfaces and Hardt boards a small boat. He’s rowed ashore at Longhope and makes contact with German agent Fraulein Thiel (Valerie Hobson). Barbara Steffek-Hill presents a series of classic and contemporary films from her personal favorites.

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

Sunday, May 7

Concert - Uno Lady

Haunting, serene and always captivatingly beautiful, one-woman choir, Christa “Uno Lady” Ebert relies only on her voice for musical accompaniment. With a microphone, a small mixer and a loop pedal perched upon a homemade, glowing podium, Uno Lady creates spell-like loops, spinning you into her layers of vocals.

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

Tuesday, May 9

Talk - Public Utilities Commission of Ohio: Your Utilities Tune Up
Presentation by Luka Papalko

Come ready to learn! A representative from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio will be holding a workshop on all things utilities. Topics will include NOPEC, Energy Choice, consumer protection tips, energy efficiency tips and more. Bring your bills and any questions, complaints or concerns you have with your current utility services.

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

Wednesday, May 10

Lakewood Historical Society

Author Event - Historic Movie Theaters of Downtown Cleveland

Before becoming a performing arts center, Playhouse Square was where Clevelanders went to view first-run movies. Author and historian Alan Dutka will cover the cinematic histories of not only these but of such long-gone downtown movie houses as the Stillman, Hippodrome, Esquire, Lake, Mall, Telenews and more. From converted storefronts to the phantasmagoric movie palaces of the twenties, downtown Cleveland was the site of a wide variety of moviegoing experiences.

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

Literature Series - Class Strife: a Multi-Generational Look through Literature

The second program in our five part series discussing *Hillbilly Elegy* and *The Great Gatsby*. This free, five week course is presented by Barbara Parr, an instructor with Case

Western Reserve University’s Laura and Alvin Siegal Lifelong Learning Program. Registration is required. Register online at www.lifelonglearningcleveland.org or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 127 to register.

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

Thursday, May 11

Author Event - Peanut Butter Dogs by Greg Murray

Presented by Cleveland Animal Protective League and My Friend’s Bowl

This winsome collection of photographs covers more than 140 lovable pups, most of them rescues, in expressions of peanut butter bliss. Greg Murray is an award-winning photographer and rescue animal advocate. Murray’s presentation will be a drop-off location for a pet food drive sponsored by My Best Friend’s Bowl and an adoption event for dogs from the Cleveland APL. So join us to see shots from the book, drop off food for pets in need and maybe even find your new best friend. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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

Saturday, May 13

Film - I Confess (1953)

Presented by Terry Meehan

Father Logan (Montgomery Clift), a devout Catholic priest at St. Marie’s in Quebec City, hears the confession of a man who says he has committed a murder. The Seal of Confession prevents the priest from revealing the identity of the murderer. Unfortunately, the victim was the husband of Ruth Grandfort (Anne Baxter), Father Logan’s pre-celibacy paramour. Terry Meehan continues his series on Hitchcock in the Fifties, introducing each film with an original video presentation, followed by audience reaction and a lively discussion.

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

Sunday, May 14

Concert - Hal Walker

Growing up in Kent, Ohio, Walker, a natural-born musician, enjoyed playing his harmonica along the banks of the Cuyahoga River. He is a singer, songwriter, instrument maker, teacher and musical explorer who writes soul-searching songs that celebrate community, diversity and the creative process. As a multi-instrumentalist, Walker accompanies his soaring baritone voice with guitar, piano, harmonica, the khaen, jew’s harp and concertina.

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

Monday, May 15

Documentary - American Revolutionary (2013)

What does it mean to be an American revolutionary today? Grace Lee Boggs is a ninety-eight year-old Chinese American from Detroit, Michigan whose vision of revolution will surprise you. From labor to civil rights, Black Power to feminism, the Asian American and environmental justice movements and beyond, Boggs’s willingness to re-evaluate and change tactics drives the story forward. Revolution, Boggs says, is about something deeper within the human experience—the ability to transform oneself in order to transform the world.

6:30 p.m. in the Main Library Auditorium

Tuesday, May 16

Workshop – Stress Management Practices

Presented by The Gathering Place - Practicing Forgiveness

Practicing forgiveness is an opportunity to help you let go of hurt feelings and start moving forward. Join us for this workshop that will provide steps to help you begin this ongoing process.

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

Knit & Lit Book Club

Come share your passion for great literature and show off your knitting, crochet, counted cross-stitch, embroidery and quilting works-in-progress. Tonight we will discuss *Wild by Nature: From Siberia to Australia, Three Years Alone in the Wilderness on Foot* by Sarah Marquis.

7:00 p.m. Main Library Meeting Room

Children & Youth Events

compiled by Eric Knapp

Saturday, May 13

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11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Main Library First Floor Multipurpose Room.

Monday, May 15 through Monday, August 7

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Schools

Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy Enrolling Students For Summer Camp

by Eric Swinderman

Looking for something new and exciting for your kids to do this summer? Tired of the same old summer camp activities? Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy wants to unleash your child's inner Spielberg. The new film school for kids, opening in Lakewood later this year, is hosting its annual Summer Filmmaking Boot Camp where kids ages 12-17 will spend two weeks learning to write, direct and edit their very own movie that will be screened at the Capitol Theatre on July 6.

Founded and taught by award winning filmmakers and television producers, LYFA is a unique addition to the Lakewood community. In addition to the summer camp, the organization will begin offering nightly film classes for area kids. Subjects will include Intro to Film, Directing, Screenwriting, Editing, Acting, Drones and more. Nine-year-old Camila Figueroa of Lakewood says that classes offered by LYFA are an exciting opportunity. "It's a great idea because it can inspire kids

to express themselves artistically and then inspire other kids through the films we make at LYFA." Founder and critically acclaimed filmmaker Eric Swinderman says that while there are many film programs in the area for adults, there is nothing like Lakewood Young Filmmakers Academy in Northeast Ohio, catering to the young mind. "Study after study shows that kids that are engaged in art education consistently excel in other areas of social and educational development," says Swin-

derman. "From math and science to self-confidence and teamwork, participation in the arts jumpstarts the brain and teaches kids how to think critically." The two week camp will take place at The University of Akron-Lakewood June 19-23 from 8am until noon and at the LYFA Studios in Lakewood June 26-30. The final film created by the kids will be shown at a Red Carpet Premiere at the Capitol Theatre on July 6. For more information and to enroll your child visit www.lakewood-yfa.com. Space is limited.

LHS Graduate Grace Shannon Honored

by Sarah Stanley

Grace Shannon, a graduate of Lakewood High School and a senior German studies and Russian studies double major at The College of Wooster, received the Mary Sanborn

Allen Prize and the William I. Schreiber Scholarship at Wooster's 47th Annual Recognition Banquet. The Mary Sanborn Allen Prize is awarded to a student majoring in a foreign language who has benefited

from study outside the United States. The William I. Schreiber Scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in German. The College of Wooster is America's premier college for mentored undergraduate research. By working one-on-one with a faculty adviser to conceive, organize, and complete an original research project, written work, performance or art exhibit, every Wooster student develops independent judgment, analytical ability, creativity, project-management and time-management skills, and strong written and oral communication skills. Founded in 1866, the college enrolls approximately 2,000 students.

Lakewood Schools Summer School Registration

by Christine Gordillo

Registration for the Lakewood City Schools' summer school program for high school and middle school students began on May 1. Session 1 runs from June 9-29 and Session 2 from June 30-July 21. Hours

are 8 am - noon for high school and 8:30 -11:30 a.m. for middle school. There will be orientation sessions on June 9 and June 30. Visit www.lakewoodcityschools.org for more information on classes and how to register.

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Schools

LHS Students Soak Up New Cultures For Spring Break

by Christine Gordillo



Above: This group of Lakewood High students in the school’s Travel Club spent their Spring Break with many adventures in Costa Rica and Nicaragua, including hiking a volcano, zip-lining, snorkeling, dancing and cooking classes!

Left: The Lakewood High Art Department sponsored a trip where students enjoyed a week touring Italy and its many art treasures in cities such as Rome, Florence, Assisi, Verona and Pompei, where they are pictured here.

District To Celebrate Middle School Arts & STEM

by Christine Gordillo

On Monday, May 8 from 7-8 pm, Garfield and Harding Middle Schools will host a Celebration of the Arts and Open House. This event will showcase a year of learning for Lakewood Schools’ middle school students in their writing workshop, art, and STEM classes. The

event will take place in Garfield’s cafeteria for all middle school students and parents to attend. Garfield and Harding Strolling Strings ensembles will combine to perform at the event. Come help celebrate the success and growth of our students as writers, artists, musicians, and scientific problem solvers!

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Lakewood Cares

LEAF Heirloom Plant Sale At Lakewood Garden Center

by Margaret Brinich

Spring is finally here and you're ready to get those plants in the ground! Well we can help get your garden off to a strong start at LEAF Community's annual heirloom plant sale. The plant

sale will include several local seedling vendors as well as additional local food and craft vendors. Generously hosted once again at Lakewood Garden Center, this event is truly one-stop-shopping for all of your garden needs!

Vendors Include:

- Ridge Bridge Farm: tomato and veggie starts
- Community Greenhouse Partners: veggie starts
- Justin Husher: tomato starts
- Bay Branch Farms
- Victoria Herbruck: flowers
- Grainman-grains, syrup, honey, and more local foods

Sign-ups for Cleveland Crops and CityFresh CSA shares will be available that day as well as LEAF Community merchandise and some great raffle prizes at the LEAF table. And while you shop, make sure to try a delicious "carrot hot-dog" from



Come on down to Lakewood Garden Center on May 13 from 2-4 p.m.

our featured food vendor, Nature's Oasis!

The LEAF Heirloom Plant Sale takes place on Saturday, May 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the Lakewood Garden Center, 13230 Detroit Ave.

Barton Center To Host 11th Annual Fundraiser May 19

by Curt Brosky

Barton Senior Center will hold its 11th annual spring fundraiser on Friday, May 19 from 5:00-8:00 PM. This indoor/outdoor event will be held in Barton Center's outdoor Courtyard and renovated indoor Rotunda, on the lower level of the Westerly Apartments. This year's event will have a fun new theme entitled "Caribbean Cocktail Party" and includes entertainment by Island Jeff and his steel drum, heavy hors d'oeuvres and tropical drinks, along with wine and beer. A Silent Auction will include wine baskets, Indians Club seats, a Cavs autographed basketball and gift certificates to local restaurants, along with side boards. All

are encouraged to wear tropical/island attire, so dig out your flip flops and your Hawaiian shirt.

Individual tickets are \$40 (\$25 tax deductible). A \$125 sponsorship (\$95 tax deductible) includes two tickets and a listing in the program. Mail your check to Barton Center at 14300 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, OH 44107. Or phone 216-221-3400 for more information.

Proceeds will be used to fund the many services and activities for seniors offered by the nonprofit Barton Center, including transportation throughout Lakewood. Barton Senior Center is located on the Ground Floor of the Westerly Apartments and is open M-F 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

"Grace-Est Show On Earth" Returns To Grace Lutheran Church

by George Hansell

On Saturday, May 6th, Grace Lutheran Church, located at 13030 Madison Avenue in Lakewood, will once again present their "Grace-est Show on Earth." This annual event features carnival-style games with prizes, face-painting, balloons, and a bounce-house. Children ages 4-12 are assured of having a wonderful time. Building Hope in the City plays a key role in the event through its City Serve program which utilizes high school students from the Greater Cleveland area in assisting with servant events around the city. Students involved with City Serve will be supervising the carnival games as well as assisting the congregation with a couple of projects around the church.

In addition to the carnival, Grace Preschool will be holding an Open House for families with preschool-age children. Families with preschool-age children are encouraged to come and tour the preschool and meet the preschool director.

The Grace-est Show on Earth will open at 11 a.m. and close at 2 p.m. All games and events are free of charge. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will also be offered free of charge. For more information, call Grace Lutheran Church at 216-221-4959, or visit their website at www.gracelutheranlakewood.org.

Save The Date Open House At The YMCA May 18

by Ursula Hamrick

On Thursday May 18, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. the Lakewood Family YMCA celebrates the Active Older Adult Month with an Open House and a Reception that will transport you to Hawaii. Wear your Hawaiian outfits but bring your tennis shoes to participate in fun activities and demonstration. 16915 Detroit Avenue 216-521-8400

Volunteers Needed For LCAC Spring Cleaning Distribution

by Celia Dorsch

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation, aka "the food drive people" switches gears every May to help provide cleaning supplies and hygiene items for Lakewood families and seniors in need. This year LCAC is expanding their drive to assist 250 households. The spring cleaning donations are especially appreciated by recipients because cleaning supplies and toiletries are expensive and not covered under the WIC program.

Volunteers of all ages are welcome at all LCAC events! Join us on Satur-

day, May 13th to help sort and deliver these much needed cleaning supplies to Lakewood families and seniors. The Spring Cleaning Distribution event will begin at 9am in the rear parking lot of the Masonic Temple.

Come rain or shine! Gathering with neighbors to help friends in Lakewood is what community is all about.

If you are interested in helping LCAC's effort, please check our website - www.LCAC.info, or our Facebook page - (Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation) for more details.

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Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 47

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.

Air Sicily - Sexy Eurobeat Vol. 1 - Objectively Good Records & Tapes - 5 songs - Cassette, download

Astute readers may remember that I've already reviewed this cassette. However, this is a brand new reissue of it, dubbed at a higher quality and, on my end, listened to through better speakers. I thought about just publishing the old review again, but where's the fun in that? I might as well go on about this new one for a while. I know for sure that local radio personality Jack and occasional door guy Noah are on this tape, but I'm told that Quality Time Records' own Ricky Hamilton was also involved, so there you go. You may be surprised to learn that this tape is exactly what I said it was before: 4 "music" tracks (I'm counting the rambling intro as a separate thing entirely; you may

decide not to) of noisy punk no wave. At its root, it's solid punk. There's just a bunch of noise on top of it and Jack muttering incoherently. There's my biggest complaint: I can't understand a word he says during the songs, due to the effect on his vocals. I know that was completely intentional, but based on the intro, I'd think he'd have something interesting or at least entertainingly inane to say. Oh well. Next time around. My pick is the first track (the one after the

intro, I mean). Or maybe the intro itself was my favorite. I don't know, you're just gonna have to listen yourselves and find out what I'm talking about, because even I don't know anymore. What did I give this last time? 4, I think. 4.1/5

(airsicilycoolband.bandcamp.com to download, I guess try the Objectively Good Facebook page for a tape)

Diva Cup / Short Order - Diva Cup / Short Order - Adamant Blasts - 5 songs (2 Diva Cup, 8 Short Order) -



Cover art from this issue's reviews.

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This is an advance tape copy of the upcoming split 7" between these bands. I'm not sure which band is supposed to be Side A, so I'm going with Diva Cup. I think their two tracks are a step up from their previous 7", as they slow it down a bit ("slow" in this case being a relative term). I like the wrestling-style intro that kicks it off. The second song, which according to their Bandcamp page (no song titles were included with the tape) is called "Smart Ass" might be their best song

yet. I'm still not entirely sold on their whole all-bass abrasive hardcore thing, but they make it work well enough, so what do I know? I'm less familiar with Short Order, but what they seem to do is very short and very fast hardcore songs. I did note that their side sounds a lot cleaner. I assume that the actual 7" will include credits for that, but for now, hey, props to whoever recorded it, you did alright. My favorites of theirs were the second song and I think the eighth song (it's the one where they slow down for half a second), but my count might be messed up. My favorite part of this tape was actually the artwork, which looks to be screened onto an Aldi bag and doesn't actually fit in the cassette case at all. If you like your music really fast at all times, you'll probably like both bands here. 3.6/5

(Track down either band somewhere for a tape, or download all of DC's side at divacupclevo.bandcamp.com and some of SO's side at shortorder.bandcamp.com)

Rose Iron Works - Hidden Cleveland Gem

by Gaynel Mellino

Overlook Park Neighborhood Association had the wonderful opportunity of taking a field trip of sorts to Rose Iron Works on E. 43rd St. in Cleveland. For over 100 years, Rose Iron Works, a family business, has been known for exceptional quality decorative metalwork. Together with industrial metalworking (started during the Depression to make ends meet), their products range from traditional to Art Deco and Contemporary styles.

Clients of Rose Iron Works (RIW) include the Mathers, Walter and Windsor White, Dr. George Crile, the Vansweringen and Halle brothers, and institutions such as Rockefeller's church, The Temple at University Circle, and St. James Catholic Church here in Lakewood. Many houses on Millionaire Row exhibited their craftsmanship. More recent works include collaborating with Victor Schrenken-gost with "Time and Space" - the Zodiac Mural at Cleveland Hopkins, and the hall

mural at the Botanical Gardens. Additional commissioned work includes the stylized Ohio State seal in Youngstown, railings at the Cleveland Museum of Art, works at Western Reserve Herb Garden, the Union Club, as well as corporate sculpture and logos for many firms such as Republic Steel, Marathon and BP. RIW's work has been recognized with awards and acclaim throughout its existence. Karen Kasich, First Lady of Ohio, sought them out to design and create a chandelier for the Governor's Residence. Some of their pieces are at the Cleveland Museum of Art. Check out any metalwork in your Lakewood home, including decorative metal stair railings for the RIW stamp. Visit their website at roseiron-works.com to match designs found in your own Lakewood or Cleveland home.

The grandson of founder Martin Rose, Bob Rose, graduated from Carnegie-Mellon with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Continuing his family's leg-

acy, Bob created an Artist in Residency program. He recruited Stephen Yusko, having admired his work for several years including his reputation as a fine designer and smith. Overlook Park neighbors also met Yusko in his new studio behind RIW's building. Yusko has shown his work in juried exhibitions nationwide and has taught at several craft schools and universities.

The 2017 World Congress will be held in Cleveland from Mary 14-21, 2017. This Congress will focus on the works of distinguished artists, designers, and craftsmen in America's industrial heartland. Rose Iron Works will be featured. See ArtDeco-WorldCongress.org for more details.

Additionally, the first major museum exhibition to focus on American taste during the creative explosion of the 1920s, 'The Jazz Age' will be a multi media experience of more than 400 examples of interior design, industrial design, decorative art, jewelry, fashion, architecture, music and film.



A prime example of the Art Deco metalwork at Rose Iron Works.

Several historic pieces produced by Rose Iron Works between 1926-31 are included in the show. The detail of their Muse with Violin screen (pictured here) is featured as the cover of the catalog for this exciting show. Cleveland Museum of Art Sept. 30-January 14, 2018.



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Beck Center Announces 2017- 2018 Theater Season

by Beth Kretschmar

Beck Center for the Arts is pleased to announce its 2017-2018 professional theater season filled with their signature eclectic titles that include classics, a regional premiere, and the seventh collaboration with Baldwin Wallace University Musical Theater program celebrate the 50th anniversary of *HAIR*.

“This is an especially exciting slate of plays and musicals as they collectively have such an amazing pedigree. Artists and audiences will be exhilarated and challenged all season long with these terrific pieces,” says Scott Spence, Beck Center Artistic Director (now heading into his 28th season at Beck).

Subscriptions and Flex Passes for the 2017-2018 season are on sale now and range from \$100 to \$267. For more information, call Beck Center Customer Service at 216.521.2540 x10. Individual tickets may be purchased beginning Tuesday, August 1, 2017. Curtain times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays; however, performance times vary for *The Little Mermaid*, and *Hair*. Preview performances are the Thursdays before opening night. For more information visit beckcenter.org.

Beck’s 2017-18 Theater Season includes the following productions:

September 15 – October 8, 2017 in the Mackey Theater **One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest**

Written by Dale Wasserman & Directed by William Roudebush *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest*, based on the cult novel written by Ken Kesey tells the story of institutional madness where obedience and conformity are the only acceptable indications of good mental health. Randle Patrick McMurphy, a charming rogue, instantly questions the asylum’s procedures. He begins to rally his fellow patients in increasingly greater acts of Independence. When these acts are not tolerated, McMurphy learns that the authorities and Nurse Ratched have terrible ways of enabling conformity. *One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest* is the winner of the 2001 Tony Award, and Outer Critics Circle Award, for Outstanding Revival of a Play.

October 6 – November 5, 2017 in the Studio Theater **Waiting for Godot**

Written by Samuel Beckett & directed by Eric Schmeidl *Waiting for Godot* is tragic comedy in which Samuel Beckett explores the futility of man’s hope. Two wandering vagrants wait in the middle of nowhere to meet up with Mr. Godot, hoping he will change their lives for the better. While they wait, they speculate, joke, engage with fellow travelers, and ponder life’s greater questions. *Waiting for Godot* is a masterpiece that draws endless interpretations, and is considered one of the most significant plays of the twentieth century.

December 1 – 31, 2017 in the Mackey Theater **Disney’s The Little Mermaid, ENCORE PRODUCTION**

Directed by Scott Spence with

Musical Direction by Larry Goodpaster, and Choreography by Martín Céspedes, featuring Kathleen Rooney as Ariel and Natalie Blalock (Broadway’s *The Scarlet Pimpernel*) as Ursula. Beck Center’s award-winning production returns for another holiday season filled with family, magic, and more. 2016 Cleveland Critics Circle Awards Winner for Best Musical Direction and Best Projection Design.

February 9 – February 25, 2018 in the Mackey Theater **HAIR**

Book and Lyrics by James Rado and Gerome Ragni and directed by Victoria Bussert. Beck Center and Baldwin Wallace Music University Theatre Program collaborate for the 50th anniversary of the ground-breaking musical that introduced rock ‘n’ roll to Broadway. *HAIR* examines a group of 60s-era youth struggling to balance their lives, loves, and the sexual revolution with their rebellion against the Vietnam War and their conservative parents and society. The musical’s depiction of drugs, sex, the nude scene, and irreverence for the American flag, has caused much controversy since its debut. The show spawned several Top 40 hits including “Aquarius” and “Let the Sun Shine In.” *HAIR* is the winner of the 2009 Tony Award, and Drama Desk Award, for Outstanding Revival of a Musical and the 1969 Grammy Award Winner for Best Score from an Original Cast Show Album.

March 30 – April 29, 2018 in the Studio Theater **My First Time, REGIONAL PREMIERE**

Written by Ken Davenport and directed by Scott Spence *My First Time* features hysterical and heartbreaking stories about first sexual experiences written by real people. Before blogging technically began there was myfirsttime.com. It allowed people to anonymously share their own true stories about their First Times. The website became an instant phenomenon and stories poured in from around the globe that were sweet, sad, absurd, funny, heterosexual, homosexual, shy, sexy, and everything in between. *My First Time* brings these true stories to life, and you may be able to share your first time – anonymously of course.

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2017 Taste Of Lakewood Blogger Visits Thai Thai

by Valerie Mechenbier

Journalist-turned-PR-professional Robin Suttell is back as the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Taste of Lakewood Blogger. Suttell is writing about her visits to restaurants that are participating in the 14th Annual Taste of Lakewood on June 11th, the community's largest food event that highlights the city's eclectic mix of award-winning restaurants and food purveyors.

Suttell, a Lakewood resident for nearly 22 years and experienced journalist, combines her professional experience with her love of food and all things Lakewood in this role.

"Throughout the coming weeks, I'll be helping the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce guide you through the city's diverse, dynamic and ever-growing food scene," Suttell said. "During this time, we hope to make you hungry enough to not only visit these establishments but also come to the Taste of Lakewood on June 11th at Madison Park for a great day of food, craft beer, music, and fun." The first stop on the 2017 Taste of Lakewood food tour: Thai Thai.

The Taste Food Tour: Thai Thai

I'm a soup gal. Since I was a kid, I've been known to eat it for lunch, dinner and even breakfast (my grandma told me it was ok and would heat up some for me in the mornings when I visited).

I could eat soup every day. Some-

times I do. I kid you not. Nothing satisfies like a steaming hot bowl of soup on a tough day, a cold day, a rainy one or even a good one.

I also love Asian food, particularly the flavorful kick that comes with Thai cooking. That's why, when I saw a picture of Thai Thai's Street Noodle Soup on Instagram a year ago, I knew I needed to dive into that giant bowl of goodness. A rich broth filled with rice noodles, bean sprouts, cilantro and choice of protein – beef, chicken or tofu.

Thanks to my friend Karen Lee, who felt on a not-too-distant cold, rainy day that we needed soup for a planned lunch date, I got my chance. I'm not ashamed to admit I've been hooked from Day 1.

Family-owned and run Thai Thai, 13735 Madison Ave., opened at in March 2016 and has been serving some of the Suttell family's favorite Bangkok street food ever since.

General Manager Siriphan Wongpeng, better known as Kiwi, manages the operations, while her mother cooks all the deliciousness using the family's favorite recipes they brought with them from Bangkok, Thailand. She also manages the restaurant's mouth-watering Instagram account and Facebook page.

Every time I go to Thai Thai, I tell myself I am going to try something different like:

chicken salad with chili, roasted rice powder, red onion, lime, lemongrass and cilantro – one of Evan's favorites

Pad Ke Mao – Fresh rice noodles with vegetables, chili, basil and choice of protein. According to the menu, the dish is said to cure hangovers

Kra Praow – A spicy, "most popular street dish" featuring a choice of protein with basil, fresh chili and garlic, served with jasmine rice and a fried egg.

But they also have traditional Pad Thai and Red, Green and Massaman curries. Such decisions!

On our most recent visit, Scott had the Kra Praow and raved about it. It looked terrific. I, however, only partially got out of my rut and tried the Street Noodle Soup with beef instead of my usual tofu (some of the best tofu I've ever had). Be sure to drizzle on either Thai Thai's house-made hot sauce (a little goes a long way) or some sriracha on the soup. Gives it all a little zing.

I asked Kiwi which recipe is her favorite. She says it's the Roasted Duck Noodle Soup (are you sensing a theme here?). Besides duck in a savory broth, it has bean sprouts, fresh cilantro, Chinese broccoli and roasted garlic. Even the menu notes, "Very Good!!!"

Don't forget to try Thai Thai's appetizers. If I ever break away from a meal of soup and try an actual plated entrée, I want to get one of the other



Thai Thai's signature Street Noodle Soup with tofu. Blogger favorite. Season this and any other dish with house-made hot sauces or sriracha.

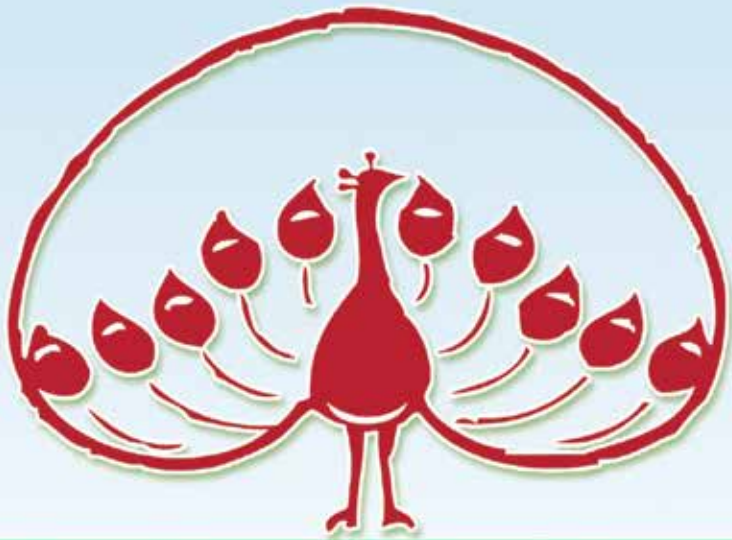
soups in the Starter menu – Tom Yum (a spicy-sour soup with lemongrass, mushrooms, chili, cilantro and choice of shrimp or tofu) or Tom Kha (a mild coconut milk soup with a touch of chili, galangal, lemongrass and a choice of chicken and tofu).

But, seeing that I wanted still more of that addictive Street Noodle Soup, we went with the Fried Meat Balls on a Stick, served with a sweet-and-spicy sauce, and the Thai Egg Rolls stuffed with veggies and minced pork. I'm ready to go back for more. And, I know we will.

Stay connected with the Taste of Lakewood through Suttell's blog on tasteoflakewood.com and by following the event on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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Entertainment

Legendary Mirrors Make Rare Appearance

by Betsy Voinovich

Friday, May 5 - Phantasy Niteclub - Goldmines, Shitbox Jimmy, The Safe-ties, Dime Disguise

Lakewood’s storied Phantasy hosts release show for the new split 12” by Goldmines and Shitbox Jimmy, released via Quality Time and Wax Mage Records.

9PM - \$5 (+ \$2 under 21) (Phantasy, 11802 Detroit Ave.)

Saturday, May 6 - Grog Shop - Guided By Voices, Mirrors

Lakewood’s own legendary proto-punk group Mirrors makes a rare appearance.

9PM - \$32 advance, \$35 day of show (Grog Shop, 2785 Euclid Heights Blvd, Cleveland Heights.)

Thursday, May 11 - Beachland Tavern - Rocket From The Tombs, The

Unholy Two

Another legendary proto-punk group with Lakewood connections, Rocket From The Tombs in the tavern.

8:30PM - \$15 advance, \$17 day of show (Beachland, 15711 Waterloo Rd in Collinwood.)

Friday, May 12 - Now That’s Class! - 9 Shocks Terror, We March, Vanilla Poppers

Esteemed hardcore group 9 Shocks Terror play their first show in 9 years. Athens, Ohio’s We March haven’t played in a few years either.

9PM - \$12 Now That’s Class, 11213 Detroit Ave

Tickets for all shows except the one at the Phantasy are available at My Mind’s Eye, 16010 Detroit Ave.

Movie Review Of “Going In Style”

by Bob Rittenhouse

“Going in Style” is a modern satirical comedy featuring five established more mature actors and performers. This 2017 movie of 96 minutes is a well done Zach Braff remake of the 1979 version starring George Burns, Art Carney, Lee Strasberg, and Charles Hallahan. In “Going in Style” three older retirees decide to rob a bank, which is unfairly foreclosing on mortgages. The bank, along with their former employer, a steel company which is moving overseas, is responsible for taking away their retirements earned after many years of hard work. This movie does not resemble bank robber movies like “Bonnie and Clyde” with Faye Dunaway and Warren Beatty. Regrettably, these now more mature actress and actor were unfairly embarrassed at the 2016 Academy Awards, when Academy management had them initially announce the incorrect winner of the 2016 movie of the year.

Except for some machine gun fire in an earlier bank robbery at the same bank where Joe (Michael Caine, age 84, “Blame It on Rio,” Batman movies) was a witness, and later gunfire at the subsequent robbery, the movie had no violence. There are only a couple of adult scenes in good taste with Albert (Alan Arkin, age 83, “Catch-22”), and a grocery store cashier (Ann-Margret, age 75, “Viva Las Vegas”). Willie (Morgan Freeman, age 79, “Shawshank Redemption,” ‘God’ in “Bruce Almighty,” also Batman movies), Albert, and Joe, the unfairly treated steel company retirees, are persuaded by Joe to rob the New York bank that is threatening to foreclose on his home. There seem to be a variety of motives of this hilarious attempt of the retirees venturing into what seems like a silly and impossible adventure: needing money, wanting to prove they can do it as seniors, living life to the fullest

and with much risk, wanting to get even with the company and bank, and other issues. Interestingly, as experienced men in the ways of the world, they do a training exercise of shop lifting at a grocery store. A very funny sequence involves the getaway driver, Albert, who leaves the getaway car instead of staying with it. Joe and Willie try to escape on an electric grocery cart. While Joe drives, Willie sits up front in the big basket, opens a flour bag, and douses the female security guard who is chasing them, with flour. Woefully, all three are caught, but the head security guard lets them off with a warning. They now realize they need expert advice. Joe goes to his somewhat low-life divorced son-in-law, who sells many varieties of marijuana, to see if he knows someone who can train them. After some hilarious training, they decide they are ready to do the heist. There are interesting

minor characters such as a senile friend (Christopher Lloyd, age 78, “Back to the Future”) helping with a cotton candy maker, a suave law enforcement officer (Matt Dillon), a frightened, nervous bank manager (Josh Pais), and a character waitress (Siobhan Hogan). In the seniors’ planning for the bank robbery, they set up interesting alibis such as using a porta-potty. They also use an unusual hotwired escape vehicle. There is a nail-biting sequence featuring a lineup with a little girl witness. The end of the movie has an interesting conclusion with a coincidence with their crime trainer, a puppy, the law officer, and a dog carrier box. Recommended for older children on up.

Bob Rittenhouse is mostly retired. He has had careers as a librarian, a high school and college teacher, a scientist in the life and information sciences, and occasionally works as a Cuyahoga Board of Elections poll worker. He has a little consulting business, Rittenhouse Info Trak.

Taste Of Lakewood VIP Tickets On Sale Now continued from page 1

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Taste of Lakewood VIP Chairperson Julie Warren has years of experience in planning events in the community and is looking forward to presenting this year’s VIP event. “With reserved parking and seating, a VIP bar, food delivered to your VIP table, and the VIP-only raffle prize generously donated by Pier W, this event will be a great experience for our valued event sponsors and VIPs and is sure to sell out quickly.”

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Lakewood Living

Civics 101:

Learn How Democracy Starts With You

by Laurie Kincer

Please join your neighbors at the next meeting of Action Together Lakewood Area (ATLA) on Sunday, May 7, 4 - 6 p.m. at Jammy Buggars, 15625 Detroit Ave, Lakewood.

ATLA will host special guest Indivisible CLE, a grassroots activist movement created to resist the current political direction and safeguard our democracy. Indivisible CLE will cover how a bill becomes a law, the cardinal rules of reaching out to Congress, and how to plan a powerful protest.

The meeting is free and open to all; no food or drink purchase is necessary.

On Sunday, May 21, those wishing to dig deeper and contribute to upcoming projects are again invited to join ATLA at Jammy Buggars from 4 - 6 p.m. to work in friendly focus teams.

For updates, find us on Facebook (Action Together Lakewood Area) and Twitter (@ATLKWD).

Action Together Lakewood Area, a part of Action Together Ohio, began in December 2016 to connect, educate, and take action toward progressive political change in Ohio. It aims to create a state of well-informed citizens who regularly act in the pursuit of equality, social and environmental health, security and

freedom for all individuals regardless of age, race, ethnicity, religion, ability, immigration status, and sexual orientation or identity.

Laurie Kincer is a member of Action Together Lakewood Area, formed after the 2016 presidential election, and a Lakewood resident since 1986.

Join The Lakewood Historical Society For Some “Vintage” Fun

by Michael Crowdes

If you find yourself struggling with fun ideas for a Thursday night, the Lakewood Historical Society has a great option for you the evening of May 11th. Come and experience a whole different kind of “vintage” while supporting The Lakewood Historical Society at a fundraising evening featuring a competitive wine tasting, live music, raffles and hors d’ourves. Stroll on the grounds and through the historic Nicholson house on Detroit Avenue in Lakewood while you taste and vote for the best wine of the evening. Some lucky winner will take home cases of wine!

Our wine theme for the evening is Cabernet. Teams, consisting of 1 to 3 participants, are admitted by bringing

3 identical bottles of Cabernet to the event. For example, your team could bring 3 bottles of the 2015 Robert Mondavi Cabernet.

At the event, 1 of each team’s 3 bottles are bagged, tagged and ranked by all the participants through a blind tasting. The 2nd and 3rd bottles are set aside and left unopened. The teams that brought the 3 highest ranked wines divvy up all of the unopened bottles! If 2 or more teams bring the same wine, rankings can still differ depending upon the temperature of the wine, how long it has been open, etc.

Tickets are available at lakewoodhistory.org and Lakewood Observer readers are invited to take \$5 off the price of each ticket by using the promotion code OBSERVER at checkout.

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Sale On The Grounds

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Saturday May 6th at 9 a.m. the public sale opens and runs through 3 p.m. Sunday hours are noon to 3 p.m., when everything except the Antiques Room is half-price. Even gamblers don’t wait till Sunday, though—they won’t risk it. Set aside plenty of time to shop as not only is the Nicholson House filled, so is a 20’ x 70’ tent and several smaller tents covering the grounds. This is the perfect place to outfit a new house or apartment or find a special vintage piece to add to your collection.

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



Volunteers have sorted, cleaned, priced, and organized all the donations for the Historical Society’s 27th Annual Sale on the Grounds, to be held May 6 and 7 at the Nicholson House, 13335 Detroit Ave. Want a first shot at the sale items? Join us at the Preview Party on May 5. Tickets are \$20 per person. purchase a ticket, call 216-221-7343 or visit lakewoodhistory.org. If you are interested in volunteering, need more information about the sale, or want to purchase a ticket, call 216-221-7343 or visit lakewoodhistory.org.



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Homebuyer Education Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

It's the perfect time of year to pursue homeownership, but are you truly ready to make an offer? By preparing ahead of time, you can enter the homebuying process with more confidence.

LakewoodAlive is teaming with Empowering and Strengthening Ohio's People (ESOP) – a full-service, HUD-approved housing and financial counseling agency – and Third Federal Savings & Loan to offer a pair of educational workshops for prospective homebuyers. The free, two-part Homebuyer Education Workshop series will take place from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, and Thursday, May 25, at Clock Electric, Inc. (1624 Coutant Avenue) in Lakewood.

To register for this FREE homebuyer workshop series, call 216-361-0718.

This workshop series will teach the important basics of homebuying, equipping attendees with knowledge to successfully maneuver through this pro-

cess. Attendees are strongly encouraged to attend both portions, as the May 25 course will build on that from May 18. Covered homebuyer topics will include: Homeownership Readiness; Budgeting and Credit Management; Financing; Accessing Affordable Mortgage Products; Shopping for a Home; and, Maintaining a Home.

Prospective homebuyers will also have a chance to learn about Third Federal's homeownership opportunities for downpayment assistance, as well as the City of Lakewood's downpayment assistance program.

"By striving to enhance homebuyer education, we're able to better fulfill our mission to foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods in Lakewood," said Allison Urbanek, LakewoodAlive's Housing Outreach Director. "Purchasing a home represents a major life milestone for anyone, and our workshop series is designed to assist prospective homebuyers along the way, providing education and peace of mind."

LakewoodAlive To Host "Knowing Your Home: Historic Roofing Material Maintenance" Workshop

by Matt Bixenstine

Our city is chock-full of historic homes but with aging beauty comes great responsibility. Just how can Lakewood homeowners protect and preserve the historic roofs over our heads?

LakewoodAlive will host "Knowing Your Home: Historic Roofing Material Maintenance" on Thursday, May 18, from 7 to 9 p.m. at 1st Choice Roofing Company (11309 Franklin Boulevard in Cleveland). The seventh workshop of 2017 for this popular home maintenance educational program will highlight various historic roofing materials including slate, clay tile, cement, metal and wooden shingles.

These historic materials have comprised the roofs of many Lakewood homes that were built 80 to 100 years ago. They are strong and long-lasting materials that, like most aspects of your home, require periodic attention. 1st Choice Roofing's presentation will focus on best practices for maintenance,

repair and, in some cases, replacement. Our presenters will highlight the strengths and weaknesses of each material, costs of repair and options for similar material replacement.

Visit LakewoodAlive.org for more information and to reserve your free spot.

Now in its fourth year, LakewoodAlive's "Knowing Your Home" series draws hundreds of attendees annually. Our workshop series is generously supported by: Citizens Bank, City of Lakewood, Cleveland Lumber Company, Fifth Third Bank, First Federal Lakewood, PNC, Remax Beyond 2000, The University of Akron Lakewood and Third Federal Savings & Loan.

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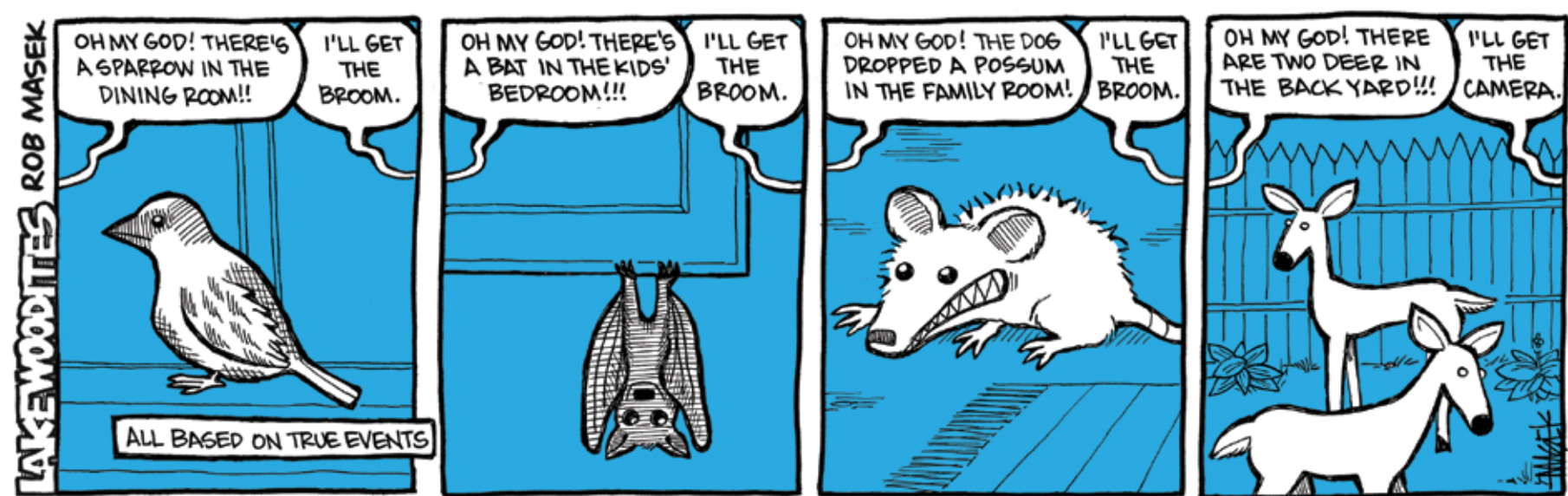
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