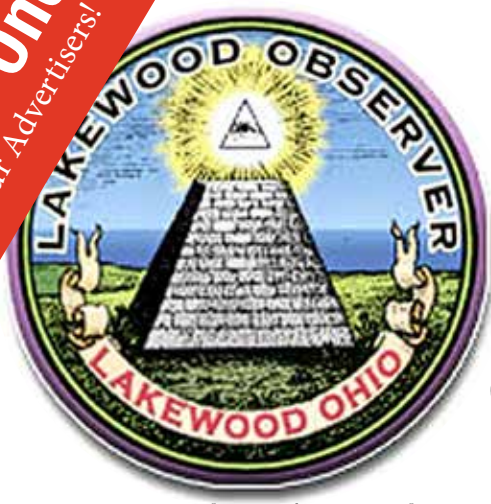


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running East along Lake Avenue to the Park

Concert - Lakewood Project at Lakewood Park at 7 PM

Fireworks - at Lakewood Park 9:45-10 PM



Three Arches Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

by Kristin Broadbent

Three Arches Foundation, a community-focused grant making foundation, added three new members to its board of directors. Seronica Powell, Sabrina Roberts and Ben Tomins join the 19-member volunteer board to provide leadership, oversight, and strategic guidance in pursuit of the Foundation's vision of a vibrant community where every person has equitable access to achieve optimal physical and behavioral health.



Left to right- Seronica Powell, Sabrina Roberts, Ben Tomins

Powell is director of finance for The Center for Black Health & Equity, a national nonprofit with focus on the facilitation of programs and services that promote health equity for people of

African descent. An accomplished professional with over twenty years of experience in the nonprofit sector, she is deeply committed to working for and with populations considered underserved.

Roberts is senior advisor to the Cuyahoga County Executive with specific focus on the Department of Health and Human Services. In this appointed role, she evaluates and provides guidance on critical issues, programs, partnerships, and employee engagement, and assists with efforts to advance racial equity and promote inclusion efforts across the county government. Throughout her career, Roberts has helped strengthen access to quality health care for people impacted by health disparities.

Tomins is senior manager within the Accounting

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Lakewood Park Waterfront Access Feasibility Study

Community Meeting June 27

from City Hall

Join the City of Lakewood for a public input meeting on June 27, 2023, from 3 pm – 7 pm, at the Lakewood Park Woman's Pavilion. Come have one-on-one conversations with the consultant team and city staff at this open-house-style meeting, review the results of the online survey and Public Meeting #1, and give feedback on the preliminary conceptual designs for the lakefront. For more info, visit <https://ow.ly/hBrr50OPj1Y>.

Announcing TAEB/LO Second Annual Most Distinguished Tree Contest

by Linda Grandstaff

Lakewood's Tree Advisory and Education Board and the Lakewood Observer are holding the second Most Distinguished Tree in Lakewood Contest, launching on July 1, 2023. The contest is aimed at celebrating Lakewood's status as one of the oldest Tree Cities in the USA and encouraging the planting and maintenance of the city's tree canopy. The city has actively been planting trees throughout the city but in order to achieve our goal of increasing the tree canopy to 33% by 2035, we need more trees planted on private property. It also is focused on encouraging active participation by all residents in



Last year's winner at 2110 Olive.

the appreciation of our trees.

Nomination Process:
The contest encourages all Lakewood residents to nominate their selections for the Most Distinguished Tree contest by

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H2O's Annual Clothing Drive And Super Sale

by Katy Spilsbury

On Saturday, July 29th, H2O Summer Service Camp is hosting their annual Clothing Drive. From 9 am-3 pm at Garfield Middle School, the clothing drive will be open to anyone looking to find a variety of clothes for a low price. For decades, the Clothing Drive has provided families working on a tight budget a wonderful opportunity to

buy men's, women's, children's, and infant's clothes as each article of clothing is only 50¢. Beyond the affordability supplied by the Clothing Drive, buying clothes second-hand is a sustainable alternative to fast fashion and provides opportunities for creativity in upcycling clothes.

Donations will be collected until July 26th at

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Lakewood Is Art



Popping up around town is a great piece of public art by "ROHO": "Bizarro World." It has appeared at various parks and lots around the city. Above at Barry Buick. Right, new open air concert venue on Hilliard. Keep them coming!
Inset: Bizarro World from Superman Comics.



photos by Gary Rice and Jim O'Bryan

THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Thank You, Chief Kevin Kauckeck

Lakewood is fortunate to have top notch safety services protecting our community. Our Fire Department and Police Department are always proactive in exploring new ways to keep us all safe while also being responsive to the intense real time demands of our dense and active community. That high level of service is linked directly to the culture being set within our departments from the top, and the leaders who are focused on providing the best for Lakewood. This month, one of those leaders – Police Chief Kevin Kauckeck – will retire after dedicating over three decades of police work to our community. His career in Lakewood has been nothing short of exceptional, and we all owe him our gratitude.

Chief Kauckeck was hired as a patrol officer in 1989 and got to know Lakewood and its people deeply over the years. He rose through the ranks to hold positions as Investigator, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and now Chief. In those roles, he did everything from leading our narcotics and vice units to



Chief Kevin Kauckeck

overseeing our patrol and administrative divisions. Most recently, Chief Kauckeck has guided the department through

a number of challenges and opportunities with an even hand. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when demands on our officers increased and they were on the front lines providing service despite high risk of infection, Chief Kauckeck was able to keep departmental morale strong and maintain its usual superior standards. He has been a steady, reasonable, and firm presence that has addressed high profile incidents and everyday police work with the same attitude of utmost professionalism. Chief Kauckeck has helped integrate new technology and equipment into our department’s work; introduce innovative programs like the Safe Place initiative; and keep Lakewood’s overall crime rates low despite nationwide challenges in police work. He has also helped mentor and build upcoming leadership within our

department to ensure a strong overall culture continues on once he retires. Chief Kauckeck, you will be missed! Fortunately, Chief Kauckeck has continued to develop a deep bench here in Lakewood, and I am happy to announce that our incoming chief, Lieutenant Kevin Fisher, brings his own strong resume to the position. Lieutenant Fisher has been on the force in Lakewood for over two decades, and in a leadership role since 2011. He’s also a proud Lakewood High School graduate and lives in our city, so his roots also run deep. While Lieutenant Fisher has big shoes to fill, we are all confident that he is up to the task. He will take the reins in early July, and is currently working hand-in-hand with Chief Kauckeck on transition planning to ensure everything goes smoothly and Lakewood remains a highly safe community.

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Lakewood's Tony George To Host Kennedy Fundraiser

by Eva Starr

Lakewood is host to the first 2024 Presidential candidate coming to Ohio. Robert F. Kennedy Jr. is kicking off his Presidential Campaign at the iconic restaurant, formerly the Silver Quill, then Swingos on the Lake and now called the Summer House, owned by Tony George.

Lakewood is no stranger to the Kennedy family. Former President John F. Kennedy's motorcade stopped in front of St. Edward High School during a congressional campaign trip in October 1962.

George, a Northeast Ohio businessman with Syrian roots, born and raised in Lakewood, known for his business savvy and ability to raise millions for political fundraisers, sealed his reputation as a major political player by pulling off one of the West Side's most successful political events -- a 1996 fund-raiser for President Clinton.

Although George is known as one of the top political fund-raisers in the country, some question his allegiance between parties. George doesn't take

his politics lightly; he takes the time to get to know the candidates and under-stands their stand on the issues. "I'm not concerned about the parties; I'm concerned about their abilities to lead this country and bridge the gap in helping this nation become one," says George.

George also helped Dennis Kucinich, whom he first met during the latter's 1994 run for state Senate. Kucinich, former Cleveland Mayor, has been named the campaign manager for Kennedy's 2024 presidential bid. Kennedy, environmentalist law-

yer, nephew of former President John F. Kennedy, and son of former US attorney general and assassinated 1968 presidential candidate Robert F. Kennedy is hoping to end the divide in this country.

In Kennedy's own words, "Every nation, like every individual, has a darker side and a lighter side. The easiest thing for a politician to do is to appeal to our greed, to our anger, to our fear, to our xenophobia, our bigotry, and all of the alchemies of tribalism. I will appeal instead to our generosity as a people, our goodness, our kindness, and our courage."

The high-dollar fundraiser, hosted by George, will be held at the Summer House, The Carlyle on The Lake, 12900 Lake Ave, Monday, June



26th, 5:30 pm-7:30 pm. For more info and tickets, go to kennedy24.com/cleveland-reception or scan here.

Eva Starr recently moved back to her heartland state of Ohio, after the transition of her mother. Starr spent the last ten years in San Diego digesting the alluring buffet of wisdom the West Coast had to offer. While there she attended the San Diego Culinary Institute, and worked as a chef in San Diego. Starr also published her book, "Quit 'Should-ing' on Yourself," while in San Diego featured at the 2016 LA Times Book Festival, and Oprah Winfrey's Reading Room. She continues to follow her metaphysical path, teaching Astrology, hosting her television show, Reach for the Moon, and exploring the diversified culinary delights Lakewood has to offer.

H2O's Annual Clothing Drive And Super Sale

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the Cove Community Center and each of the Lakewood fire stations in recycling bins labelled for the Clothing Drive. Donating previously worn or outgrown clothes that could still be used by others is a great way to divert clothing from landfills. Then, throughout the summer, middle school camp-

ers at H2O's summer camp will be working hard to sort through hundreds of donated articles of clothing—from shirts to jeans to coats to shoes to sweatshirts and much more—in preparation. The campers sort the clothes according to size, assess the quality, and set up rooms in Garfield to house the Drive. While the Clothing Drive aims to serve the community, it also serves as a fantastic learning experience for the campers: rather than throwing clothes away, the campers learn how their outgrown clothes can benefit others.

Member of H2O Summer Service Camp 2023 staff, Katy Spilsbury is a 2021 LHS graduate and is entering her junior year at Kenyon College where she is a molecular biology major.

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by Jeffrey Siebert
Children's And Youth Services Programs

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A favorite with all ages, especially little ones, Jungle Terry brings his animal friends to the Lakewood Public Library. Since 1990, Terry and his family have been raising animals and reptiles to entertain and educate families around Ohio. We are excited to host Terry and his animal friends during the summer of 2023. What animals will he bring? He will surprise us. Join us to find out! No registration is required.

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Meet the Author: “Mary Brewster’s Love Life” By Kathryn Haueisen

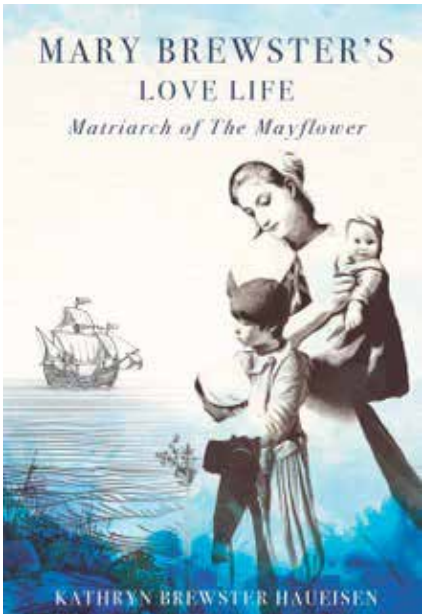
by Lisa Calfee

Nineteen women set sail on the Mayflower in 1620. After a year in the new world, only five were still alive. One of them was Mary Brewster.

Author Kathryn Haueisen will visit Lakewood Public Library on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss “Mary Brewster’s Love Life,” a historical fiction biography based on the life of the woman who became known as the “Matriarch of the Mayflower.”

Mary Brewster and her husband, Elder William Brewster, belonged to a Separatist group who broke away from the Established Church of England. Fleeing from the persecution of King James for years, their decision to start a colony of likeminded believers in the New World promised a freedom they could only dream about, but it came with danger and loss as well.

Writer Kathryn Haueisen is a great-granddaughter back twelve



generations of Mary Brewster. She is also a speaker, former pastor and the author of seven books, many articles and several publications. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

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Ranger Classic Golf Outing Raises \$30K

by Christine Gordillo

A fabulous time was had by all at the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation Ranger Classic Golf Outing on June 9 at Valley of the Eagles course in Elyria. The foundation raised more than \$30,000, all to benefit programs for Lakewood City School District students at all levels and in all buildings! A capacity 124 golfers experienced a gorgeous day on the course!

The foundation would like to thank everyone who participated, donated and sponsored! The money raised doesn't happen without all of you! Special thank you to our repeat title sponsor, Senney Enterprises. This year we had several new sponsors and we look forward to welcoming more support from our local businesses and organizations next year. Whether you were a sponsor or donated auction items or services, we are so grateful!

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"A fracture, or broken bone, is a condition that changes the shape of the bone. Falls cause the most fractures in children under the age of six, but the most serious bone breaks are typically due to trauma, like a car crash," says Ernest Young, MD, a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon who treats patients at Cleveland Clinic Lakewood Family Health Center, Richard E. Jacobs Health Center at Richard E. Jacobs Campus in Avon and Middleburg Heights Orthopaedics.

- Telltale signs of fractures include:
- Pain and swelling.
 - Deformity.
 - A crunching sensation or sound.
 - Numbness or tingling.
 - Trouble bearing weight on the affected body part.
 - Tenderness when you push on the bone.

"When in doubt, get the injury checked out," says Dr. Young. "A basic evaluation and x-ray can be



done at a primary care or pediatrician's office, urgent care centers and emergency rooms. If a bone is fractured, immediate medical care is needed."

In many cases, fractures are treated with cast immobilization, and the length of time in a cast is often less because children heal more quickly and their bones have the ability to grow straighter with time.

If your child has already been evaluated by a medical provider and you have an x-ray showing a fracture, go to ClevelandClinic.org/PediatricFracture to access an online fracture assessment tool that will give you the opportunity to schedule an appointment with a member of Cleveland Clinic's pediatric orthopaedics team. Appointments can be scheduled for patients under the age of 18 years old, with a fracture of the arm, hand, shoulder, foot, hip or leg.

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Lakewood Ranger Round Up:
Kaydence Doxley Sets New School Track Record

by Dr. Charles Greanoff
Track

When Kaydence Doxley crossed the finish line at Amherst Regional Finals yesterday, she not only qualified for the state meet, but also set a new school record (200 meters in 25.23). While Kaydence is breaking records, a talented spate of talented, hard working athletes competed fiercely yesterday, setting a great standard for those that follow. Senior Aniya Symons joined Kaydence, junior McKenna Hunt and senior Mallory Zavachen on the 5th place 4x200 relay that barely missed qualifying for the state meet. The 4 x 100 relay featuring Kaydence, McKenna, Aniya and sophomore Lilly Burns took 6th and missed advancing to Columbus by less than 1/10th of a second.. It was great to see so much purple and gold flying around the track! Speaking of flying, no school in Ohio has two better long jumpers than Kaydence and Aniya, who finished 2nd and 3rd respectively to qualify for the state meet.

The Boys will also have a representative in Columbus. Junior Charlie Payne stayed in the middle of the pack until late in the race, when he surged



Kaydence Doxley

into third place and ultimately finished 4th in the 3200 to earn trip down I-71.

Aside from relay handoffs, track and field is an individual sport with a dearth of competitive "team work." Yet, Aniya and Kaydence can only go airborne, and Charlie can only endure and prevail in his grueling distance race with an entire cadre of parents, teammates and coaches behind, with and for them—to encourage, teach, challenge and comfort. Community is everything—in the school, in the classroom and on the track. The records are fabu-



Aniya Symons

lous, but the process of getting there is a thing of beauty. Lots of good things happening in 44107. Long Live Lakewood.

Baseball
5/18/23 Lakewood Rangers vs. Medina Eagles

When sophomore Logan Ellis broke a 5th inning 2-2 tie with bases loaded double to right, three Rangers crossed the plate and a tension filled game suddenly felt in control for Lakewood. Later that inning, junior Keegan Schroeder delivered the clincher with a 2-out, 2 strike, 2 run single to left. From there, Michael Klasa (4 scoreless innings for the Win) and Logan (1 scoreless inning to close) took over. Yet, the key at bat today was not Logan's game breaker, but a 4th inning 2-out bases loaded walk to tie the score at two by Keegan. Final score--7-2 Rangers. Lakewood flashed the Golden Baseball Triangle today with flawless defense, solid pitching and timely hitting. Left Fielder Mason Ivinskas turned in a sparkler, tracking a down deep drive to left with a full extension running catch to snuff out a potential Eagle rally. Leo Sonosen and Eli LaDue turned a crucial double play and had several other good plays, and Luke and Ben

Jablonowski (3B and Catcher) were rock solid. Luke, Aidan Maxwell and Colin McCrone had key hits to spark Ranger rallies. Drew Jaoblonowski pitched 2 inning to start the game, and kept the Eagles in check until the bats could fire up. 5/23/23 Rangers vs. Eagles Next up for Lakewood was Medina on Wednesday the 23rd (430) at Strongsville High School. In this great team effort, a sophomore got the big hit, a junior had the key at bat, and another junior shut down the Eagles for 4 innings. But on the last game ever at Lakewood Stadium for our seniors—on their last day of classes in the Lakewood City Schools—it was great to see our seniors "go out" on a winning note. Here's to you Emmet Frantz, Simon Gilchrist, Eli LaDue, Ben Jablonowski, Luke Jablonowski, Luke Mason and Colin McCrone—thanks for the commitment to our home town team, for all your hard work. These guys, all residing in the 44107, have advanced the program and represented our school well. Now, go sting the Bees. Long Live Lakewood

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Kaydence Doxley

Ranger Finishes 4th In State Long Jump

not the only Ranger who qualified to compete with the best track and field athletes in the state. She was joined at the meet by Aniya Symons, who qualified in the long jump and Charlie Payne, who ran the 3200 meters. Congratulations to these three athletes and their coaches on a fantastic season!



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Neighborhood Leadership Development And Community Program Seek 2023 Applicants

by Sandra Kluk

If you are passionate, committed and dedicated to taking an active role in improving your community, you may be excited by, and ready for, one of two valuable leadership development programs. NLDP and CDCLP are programs of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation. Both programs are at no cost to participants.

The Neighborhood Leadership Development Program (NLDP), for 16 years, has offered community engagement leadership training for residents of Cleveland and its inner ring suburbs, who are working on projects in the City of Cleveland and who are determined to make a positive impact on their communities.

The Community Development Corporation Leadership Program (CDCLP) just graduated its second cohort. CDCLP is the Cleveland area's only leadership program specifically designed for Community Development Corporation Executive level leadership.

Both programs are currently seeking applicants for their 2023 cohorts.

NLDP and CDCLP are designed to help emerging neighborhood leaders reach their potential by expanding their knowledge base and personal development through education, coaching and ongoing interaction with



their peers and other leaders. Participants, as well as, graduates of both programs have ongoing access to the services of a Program Coach who will give advice and support tailored to the needs of the participant.

The programs cover topics such as organizational and program planning, marketing and communications, program fundraising, board governance, conflict resolution and more. NLDP and CDCLP participants and graduates are a diverse group with many interests who are working on a wide variety of issues that positively impact Cleveland's neighborhoods.

Both programs hold their in-per-

son sessions at Trinity Commons at 2230 Euclid Avenue.

NLDP sessions take place from 8:30am to 4pm on Saturdays, CDCLP

sessions take place from 8:30am to 5pm on Thursdays.

The application period is now open!

The deadline for NLDP applications is August 10th. For additional information on NLDP and to view the curriculum and online application, visit www.nldpcleveland.com or call 216-776-6167.

The CDCLP deadline is August 3rd. For additional information on CDCLP and to view the curriculum and online application, visit www.cdclp.org or call 216-776-6172.

Think you have what it takes? Apply to make a difference!

Sandra Kluk is the Program Administrator for the Neighborhood Leadership Development Program.

How To Prepare For The Return Of Federal Student Loan Payments

by Tonya Sams

With the pause on federal student loan payments expected to come to an end this summer, there are many ways that borrowers can prepare themselves when it is time to resume payments.

Federal student loan borrowers can go to the Department of Education's website and apply for repayment plans. One set of repayment options is known as Income-Driven Repayment plans (IDR). These plans set a monthly payment based on a borrower's income, and are especially beneficial for borrowers who are low-income.

There are two ways a borrower can enroll in an IDR plan. First, a borrower can ask their loan holder or servicer to put them into the plan with the lowest monthly payment. This is likely the best option for most borrowers seeking IDR.

A borrower can also choose their own IDR plan. More details about these plans are available at studentaid.gov/idr/.

There are also time-limited options available to certain student loan borrowers. The borrower would need to apply over the next year. One option is the Fresh Start program. This program is good for borrowers who defaulted on their federal student loans before the pandemic. It allows those borrowers to be put back in good standing with their loans without suffering from the consequences of defaulting on their loans. This program gives those borrowers access to federal student aid again and makes them eligible for other federal student loans. It also stops collections and helps to repair credit reports that have been negatively impacted by student loans that were in default. Borrowers who are eligible can apply for the Fresh Start program by calling the Default Resolution Group at the U.S. Department of Education at 1-800-621-3115. If a borrower has a federal loan that is held by a commercial entity, they can figure out who to contact by going to studentaid.gov/manage-loans/default#guaranty-agencies.

Another time-limited option is the Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) Account Adjustment. With this policy, the Department of Education looks at borrowers who were making payments before the pandemic and ensures that those payments count towards their IDR forgiveness. This includes those borrowers who were in forbearance for over a year, in cumulative forbearance for over three years, and those in deferment including economic hardships and military deferments (except for school deferments before 2013). Borrowers with commercially-held federal loans will need to consolidate those loans to be eligible for the account adjustment.

Legal Aid offers a number of online student loan resources. Visit lasclev.org, click on the "Services & Resources" tab and hit "Legal Resources." Then select "Money" and click on "Student Loans."

Do you have questions regarding your federal student loans? Legal Aid may be able to help! Call our Economic Justice Information Line at 216-861-5899. You can also call Legal Aid for civil legal matters at 888-817-3777 during normal business hours or apply online 24/7 at lasclev.org/apply.

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LAKEWOOD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Lakewood League Of Women Voters 100th Anniversary 100 Pillars Spotlight: Jacquie Davis

by Carol Thum

Jacquie Davis does not consider herself a pillar of the League of Women Voters. She describes herself as a behind the scenes person. “I remember walking into my first meeting, I was surprised to see both women and men sitting at the table. At that moment, I realized how cool it was that both men and women are League members, often as couples. They understand how relevant the LWV and their services are to the communities they serve.”

Born in Pennsylvania, Jackie spent her early years living in a small village just north of Philadelphia, living in her parent’s newly built dream home. Both of her parents graduated from University of Pittsburgh in the 1930’s. Her father worked for Diamond Alkali, later Diamond Shamrock, and travelled all week, leaving her mother with two young daughters, no car and no stores nearby. Jacquie fondly remembers that there was a bus with fruits and vegetables that would come around. Her mother would send Jacquie and her sister off with a list to get the fresh foods they needed for the week. “We’d get a treat for doing this, and we looked forward to it.”

In the late 1950s, her father was transferred to Cleveland and the family settled in Lakewood which has remained her home ever since. Her post high school education came in fits and starts. After an unsuccessful attempt at a freshmen year (“I was having a bit too much fun”), she got her first job at Pier W and attended Tri-C. Jacquie then applied to Kent State and was accepted. While going to classes, she bartended at the Blind Owl. But after a year of poor adjustment, she and three other friends found themselves in San Francisco. “It was 1969, and it changed my life. I saw women walking arm in arm and no one blinked an eye. I was invited to interracial groups where everyone just got along, and I wondered: why can’t it be like this everywhere all the time?”

She returned to Kent State in time for the spring semester. And then May 4 happened, when the National Guard arrived on campus to put down

unrest. Four students were killed, and nine injured. Losing a beloved friend and knowing two other students who died that day was irreparable at that moment. She and a friend travelled to Tampa and New Orleans over the next four years.

Jacquie returned to school and graduated from Kent in 1976 despite the fact that her father suffered a heart attack during her senior year, and she lost a cousin and a dear friend in Viet Nam. Her degree in sociology led her to a social work position in the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department. In 1981 the Administrator at Eliza Jennings Home who saw something special in her and she ended up working for the group for almost 20 years. During that time, at the age of 42, she earned her degree in nursing, ultimately being certified in both Gerontology and Rehabilitation. She used her RN to work for the Cleveland Clinic. Upon retirement, Jacquie volunteered at North Coast Health and as a Cleveland Clinic Foundation vaccination nurse during COVID.

Jacquie joined the League of Women Voters to learn more about the systems that make our country work.



Cindy Strebis, Jacquie Davis, and Mary Warren registering voters at Lakewood High School.

She found that “The League always works from the view that all people are worthy of respect and dignity.” She notes that nationwide and locally the League studies issues to find the answers to modern dilemmas, encourages people to educate themselves, and recommends actions that can resolve difficulties and barriers. “The League educates the public about voting, provides seminars about local and national

issues, registers people to vote, often at public events and gets the word out at election time. What more valuable gift can there be to a democracy than a group that enlightens voters while respecting choice? What better group to join to be able to help ‘behind the scenes.’”

Carol Thum is a writer and wordsmith for the Lakewood League of Women Voters.

Three Arches Foundation Welcomes New Board Members

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Reporting & Advisory group for Deloitte & Touche LLP. He is a certified public accountant in the state of Ohio with twelve years of combined experience providing accounting advisory services, specializing in complex accounting issues and transactions for both public and private companies, and previously as an external auditor.

“We welcome our three new directors and look forward to their contributions,” comments Kristin Broadbent, president and CEO of the Foundation. “Each offers a unique background and perspective that will

boost our collective efforts to help grant partners better address needs and gaps affecting health and well-being of people in Lakewood and surrounding communities.”

The board also honored the memory of director Bill LaPlace who passed away earlier this year with acknowledgment of his dedication to the formation and work of the Foundation. Outgoing directors Ellen Ospelt and Rick Smith were both recognized for their leadership and service over the past several years. Current board member, Pat Sullivan was elected as the new treasurer.

About Three Arches Foundation (TAF) – Three Arches Foundation is a 501(c)(3) public charity that invests

in advancing the health and well being of the people of Lakewood and surrounding communities through grant making. By connecting people, ideas and resources, the Three Arches Foundation fosters a collaborative approach towards investing in organizations whose work directly addresses the continuum of physical and behavioral health issues. For more information, visit threearches-foundation.org.

Kristin Broadbent is president and CEO of Three Arches Foundation.

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Chicken	\$2.25	\$2.75	\$3.75	\$4.75
Extra Cheese & Special Toppings	\$1.75	\$2.25	\$3.25	\$4.25

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LAKEWOOD OBSERVER

The Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp Presents: “Cleveland Color Walk” At Lakewood Park, Supporting City Mission And The Boys And Girls Clubs Of Northeast Ohio

by Erin Vokes

The Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp is thrilled to announce the highly anticipated "Cleveland Color Walk" event, taking place on Sunday, July 30, 2023, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the picturesque Lakewood Park Kiwanis Pavilion in Lakewood, Ohio. This event promises a vibrant and unforgettable experience for participants of all ages, while also making a significant impact on the community.

The Cleveland Color Walk is presented by the Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp, an organization comprised of motivated and socially conscious students from various high schools in the area. These young leaders are dedicated to fostering positive change and empowering youth in the community.

This exciting event aims to bring people together in a celebration of diversity, unity, and community support. Participants will embark on a colorful journey, creating memories while supporting two important charitable organizations: City Mission and the Boys and Girls Clubs of Northeast Ohio. Every step taken during the



Cleveland Color Walk will contribute to building brighter futures for those in need.

Early bird registration for the Cleveland Color Walk is now open, with a special discounted rate of \$25 per person. Secure your spot today by visiting www.clevelandcolorwalk.com.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a transformative event that combines fun, community engagement, and philanthropy.

"We are thrilled to present the Cleveland Color Walk, an event that embodies the spirit of unity and philanthropy," said Maansi Mahalaha, a Brecksville High School student and member of the Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp. "By participating in this event, you will not only have a great time, but also make a positive difference in the lives of

individuals and families in our community."

The Cleveland Color Walk is open to individuals, families, and teams, providing a fantastic opportunity for bonding, exercise, and community engagement. Participants are encouraged to invite their friends, family, and colleagues to join them in this vibrant and impactful event.

For more information about the Cleveland Color Walk or to register, please visit www.clevelandcolorwalk.com. Follow us on Instagram (@saje_cle) for updates and behind-the-scenes content.

About the Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp:

The Cleveland South Asian Youth Leadership Bootcamp is a dedicated group of high school students who are passionate about making a positive impact in their community. Through various initiatives and events, they aim to empower youth, promote diversity, and support local organizations.

Erin Vokes is the Founder and Chief Creative Officer at Vaux, a woman-owned and operated web design and marketing firm. She connects her clients to unique, custom brands through strategic thinking, clear messaging, and effective design. She has helped launch startups, strengthened growing companies, and reimagined established brands by designing, developing, and delivering extraordinary work.

Employment Opportunities: Lakewood Recreation

by Mitchell Robida

The Community Recreation and Education Department has employment opportunities for the Event Staff position. Event Staff are the direct representative of the Lakewood Board of Education and the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department during non-school hours. The primary duties and responsibilities are, but not limited to, the monitoring and managing of all facility events, ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

The ideal candidate for the position of Event Staff will have knowledge of school facilities, the ability to establish priorities and work independently, without direct supervision. This position is part time, approximately 15-20 hours a week, nights and weekends may be required.

Fall High School Sporting Events & Activities

Like Sports? The Community Recreation and Education Department has employment opportunities for the Event Staff position for Fall High School Sporting Events & Activities. Event Staff are the direct representatives of the Lakewood Board of Education and the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department during Fall High School Sporting Events & Activities. The primary duties and responsibilities are, but not limited to, the monitoring and managing of all facility events, ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants.

The ideal candidate for the position of Event Staff will have the ability to establish priorities and work independently, without direct supervision. This position is part time, approximately 15-20 hours a week, nights and weekends required.

Interested candidates should submit an Employment Application, which is available at www.recreation.lakewoodcityschools.org under Find It Fast-Part Time Jobs, to: The Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation and Education Department, c/o Mitchell Robida, 14100 Franklin Blvd., Lakewood, OH 44107.

Mitchell Robida is the Athletic Coordinator for the Lakewood City Schools Community Recreation & Education Department.

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LAKEWOOD

Announcing TAEB/LO Second Annual
Most Distinguished Tree Contest

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submitting an entry that identifies the location of the tree by address, one of 4 categories described below and comments on what attracted the nominating resident to that tree.

The categories for this second contest are the following:

The most magnificent tree - this tree captures the imagination in many ways for its shape, size, great color, bark, fabulous leaves, etc.

The most beautiful conifer - who doesn't love Christmas trees of all types?

The oddest tree - wow, what an odd tree! But so cool!

The right tree for the right spot - for this setting, this is it, the perfect tree!

There are three ways to nominate a tree and/or enter the contest

- 1) EMAIL - the address and photo of the tree and photo with category to: production@lakewoodobserver.com
- 2) INTERNET - Go to LO's front page "Question of the Day" leave up to 3 addresses and their categories for trees.*
- 3) MAIL - address and or photos to: Lakewood Observer/TAEB, PO Box 770203



Will the tree with the largest following in Lakewood, "Sammy the Spruce" make the finals?



Voting Process: Once the nominations are submitted, Lakewood residents will be asked to vote on their pick for each category through an online voting process that provides the photos, categories and addresses of the trees. Votes may be submitted from August 15, 2023, through September 30, 2023. After votes are tabulated, the trees with the most votes in each category will be named the 2023 Most Distinguished Tree of Lakewood for that category and the nominating resident(s) will receive a prize. In the event of multiple nominations, all nominating residents will receive a prize. The top 2 runners up trees in each category will also be identified. Results will be posted in the Lakewood Observer and highlighted on the Tree Advisory and Education Board's webpage on www.lakewoodoh.org. Owners of the selected trees will receive a certificate from the City of Lakewood noting their selection in Lakewood's 2023 Most Distinguished Tree Contest.

Sponsorships: It is not too late to join with various Lakewood companies that have been or will be asked to sponsor the contest and provide contest prizes, these include: Woodstock BBQ, Lakewood Garden Center, Melt, India Garden, Carabel Beauty Salon, West End

Could Jim Pohorence's call out of the "Doughnut Tree" on Lakewood Hts make the cut?



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The Tree Advisory and Education Board collaborates with the City of Lakewood on urban tree policies and practices, promoting the City's tree programs and educating residents regarding responsible tree stewardship and the benefits of tree planting on private property. We encourage you to consider planting a tree this year on your private property! The city of Lakewood is offering discounted pricing for tree planting through their preferred vendor who will be planting over 400 trees on city properties and tree lawns in 2022. Please see <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Private-Property-Plantings-2020.pdf> for more details.

Linda Grandstaff has been a Lakewood resident for 40+ years, she is a member of the Lakewood Garden Club and board member at TAEB.

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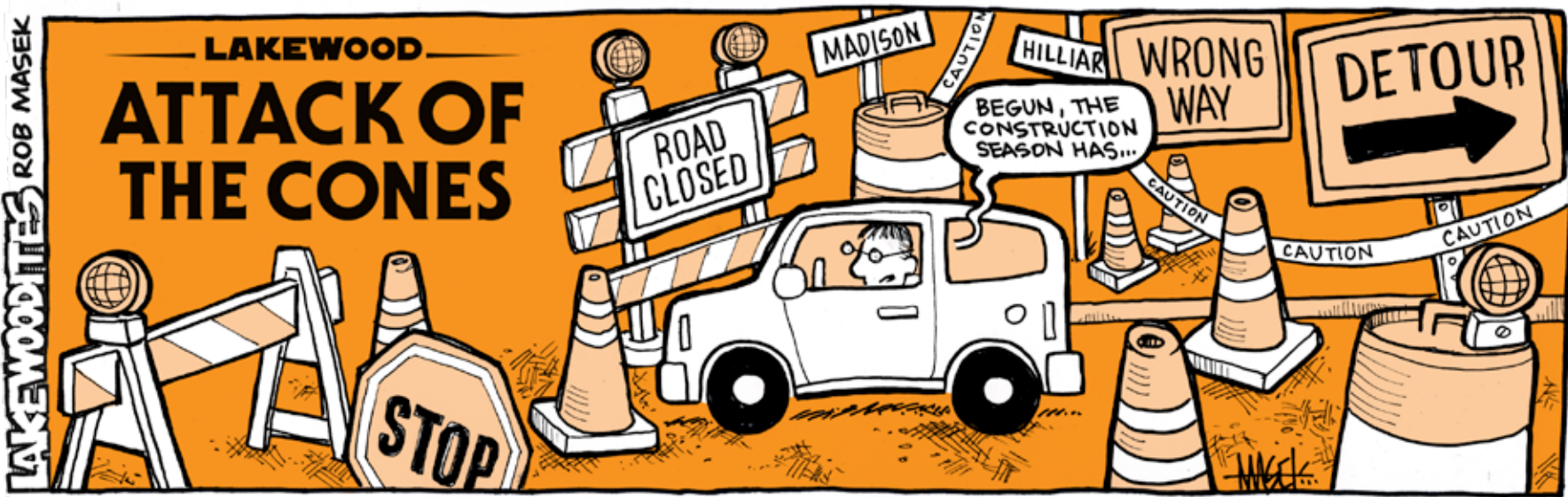
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