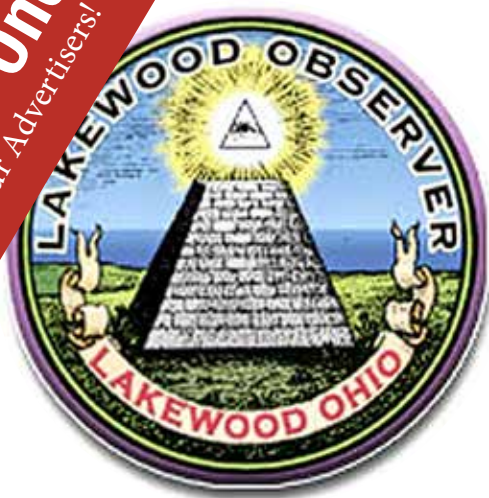


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## Summer School Supply Drive 2023

by Karen Lee

Thank you to the Lakewood community for supporting Supplies 4 Success' city-wide school supply collection drive over the past 12 years! So many Lakewood students and families have been supported by your giving.

Believe it or not, it's that special time of year again. Back to School shopping! While most of you probably remember the excitement of picking out new school supplies-- there is just something about the possibilities of a brand new notebook-- many of our local students' families are unable to afford even the most basic of school supplies.

That is where our amazing community comes in: Sup-

plies4Success (a committee of the Lakewood Area Collaborative and supported by The Lakewood Foundation) aims to bridge the gap for those in need.

Fundraising has allowed us to purchase and donate graphing calculators to be part of a calculator library at Lakewood High School, purchase headsets (a new need in the 21st century classroom) and create supply closets in each of our buildings. However, the majority of the supplies come from donations from the Lakewood community -- one notebook, binder, or pack of pencils at a time.

It is so important for our students to have the necessary supplies for academic success.

Sometimes we do not realize supplies are needed ahead of time so having them available is an incredible help to our students and families.

This year we need your support again to make sure each student has the tools they need for academic success -- from pencils to binders! We firmly believe all students should have the opportunity to learn regardless of need. It has been proven that a student starting their school year off with all of the tools they need will have a better chance at a successful academic year.

Supplies 4 Success will collect supplies until Monday, August 21. Items can be dropped off at various locations throughout the city.

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## Lakewood Truck Park - August 13 LHS 50th Anniversary Rock And Roll Band Appearing

by Tom Stasko, LHS Class of 72

On Sunday August 13, 2023 at 2pm at the Lakewood Food Truck Park, the 1972 50th anniversary rock and roll band will be performing. This band performed at the reunion last year and are returning for this gig.

Members include:

John Lestock, Steve Knill, Mike Piskinoff, Tom Scott, and...

Spread the word about this event involving good old Lakewood folks who are now throughout the country.

**Questions?** Contact me at [lstasko321@att.net](mailto:lstasko321@att.net) or 440-871-6065. Thanks.

## Public Input Requested Phase Two Of Lakewood Skatepark Begins

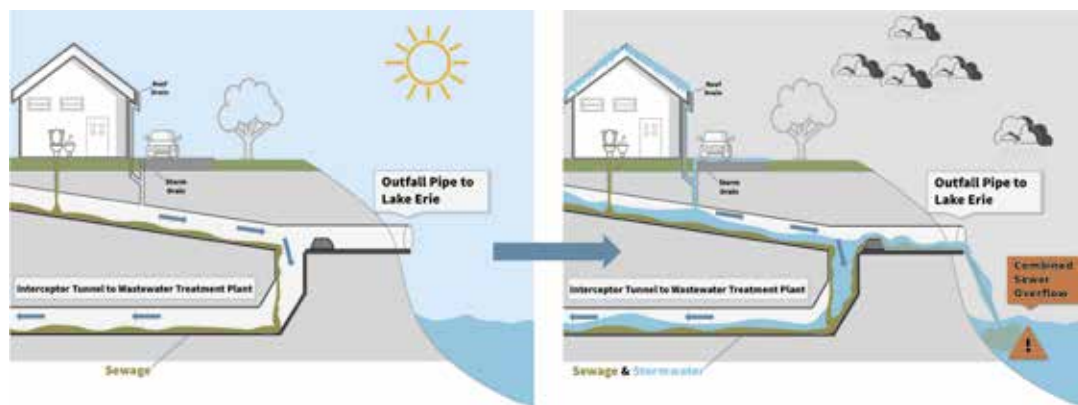


Almost 20 years ago, the LO published these photos from the new skatepark taken by skateboarder Jeremiah Hull, one of the many residents who had worked for over a decade to have one built. From day one it was an immediate success. Now, together as a community let's take it to the next level.

### from City Hall

The City of Lakewood has teamed up with California Skateparks to design and build phase 2 of Lakewood Skatepark. As we begin this process, we want your input into the design of the park. Please take a few minutes to respond to our survey by visiting <https://ow.ly/XJ0250PmCAE>.

## Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel Rehabilitation Project Is Now Underway



The Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel Rehabilitation Project is now underway. This major effort by the City of Lakewood helps us protect the lake we love and meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

The Lakewood Interceptor Project is a key element of the

City of Lakewood's Clean Water Lakewood program, which is working towards modernizing our sewer system to protect the natural environment and meet the requirements of the federal Clean Water Act.

The project will reline the large, combined sewer intercept-

tor that transports flow from the local, street-level collection system from most of the city to the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant. There, the flow is treated to meet rigid environmental standards and is safely released back into the environment offshore in Lake Erie.

Our current combined sewer design was common a century ago, and under most circumstances, transports all waste to the treatment plant. However, during heavy rain or snow-melt events, this infrastructure was designed to overflow some untreated waste mixed with stormwater into the environment via permitted

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### Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel Rehabilitation – Project Vicinity Map





THE MAYOR’S CORNER

Congratulations Chief Kevin Fischer

by Meghan George, Mayor, City of Lakewood

In Lakewood, we all benefit from the highly skilled, professional, and dedicated servants in our public safety forces who do so much for us all. We have also had a history of great leadership in our safety forces, and I was excited to recently swear in someone well suited to continue that tradition – Police Chief Kevin Fischer.

Chief Fischer is long-time veteran of the Lakewood Police Department (LPD) who has spent his entire career serving our residents and keeping the public safe. Starting off as a patrolman in 1999, Chief Fischer has risen through the ranks over time, and has been in leader roles for over a decade, first serving as a sergeant and then lieutenant prior to taking on his new role.

In determining who would succeed our prior chief, Kevin Kauchek, the City conducted a civil service

examination process that identified multiple qualified candidates for final evaluation. Chief Fischer rose to the top of a very talented group. Having high caliber candidates like Chief Fischer within our department is no surprise – over time, LPD has established a great culture and a recruited a deep pool of leaders waiting in the wings.

Our new chief brings with him a wealth of experience and a passion for exploring ways to build and enhance the way Lakewood does police work. He has served as the head of LPD’s Training Division and led the Narcotics and Vice Unit. Chief Fischer also has experience as both a Neighborhood Officer and a Motorcycle Officer.

One aspect of Chief Fischer’s background that shows his mind-



Chief Fischer being sworn in. set for innovation is his status as the first member of LPD to receive formal training and certification as a Cri-

sis Intervention Officer. He achieved that accreditation nearly a decade ago, and since then has helped lead the way by integrating crisis intervention methods to LPD. One of his goals is to continue adding more and more officers to the ranks of those officially qualified with the crisis intervention designation.

Chief Fischer’s ties to our Lakewood community run deep – he grew up in Lakewood, is a proud graduate of Lakewood High School, and remains a Lakewood resident to this day. I look forward to working with Chief Fischer to keep Lakewood safe and to continue enhancing the methods and tools LPD draws upon to deliver top notch service to our residents and the public. When you see the Chief out and about, I encourage you to say hello and welcome him to his new role.

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STATE ISSUES

# Many Reasons To Vote No August 8th

by Tristan Rader

As you may have heard, there is an unusual extra “election day” at an unusual time in Ohio on Tuesday, August 8th. There is only one item on the ballot, “Issue One,” but it is imperative you vote in this election and vote “No” on Issue One. If Issue One passes, it will forever alter how amendments to the Ohio Constitution are passed and make the process significantly less democratic. It would take away the last remedy we, the people, have to make any change without being stopped by the gerrymandered supermajority in the Ohio General Assembly.

Currently, if the people want to make a change or pass a law that the state legislature will not, we must collect hundreds of thousands of signatures from half the counties in Ohio. The proposed amendment must then meet strict language requirements to make it to the ballot. Finally, it is put up for a yes or no vote in the next state-wide election. As you might expect in a democracy, if the majority of the voters vote “Yes,” the amendment is adopted. Currently, many amendments do fail, and some pass with popular support.

This process is already extremely difficult and arduous. Issue One would needlessly make it harder to the point of near impossibility for the people of



Tristan and Caitlin Rader early voting at the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections ahead of the August 8th Special Election.

Ohio to exercise their constitutional right to amend. To begin with, it increases the number of signatures to 5% of the registered voters of every one of Ohio’s 88 counties, which includes exceptionally rural areas where this would be nearly impossible.

The kicker is Issue One would increase the percentage needed for the amendment to pass from a simple majority to 60%. That’s right: even if, say, 58% of the state voted in favor of an amendment (by all measures, a very popular

issue), the amendment would fail. The immediate cause of the Ohio General Assembly resorting to such anti-democratic measures is the Reproductive Rights Amendment on the November ballot. However, Issue One would go far beyond and effectively shut down the peoples’ Amendment process permanently, a process that has worked just fine for 111 years. It would halt any chance for progress in the foreseeable future on all issues like raising the minimum wage, marijuana

legalization, criminal justice reform, environmental issues, etc. I will leave you with an excerpt from Teddy Roosevelt’s speech to the 1912 Ohio Constitutional Convention in support of the very process Issue One would destroy: "But it is a false constitutionalism, a false statesmanship, to endeavor by the exercise of a perverted ingenuity to seem to give the people full power and at the same time to trick them out of it... Constitution-makers should make it clear beyond the shadow of a doubt that the people in their legislative capacity have the power to enact into law any measure they deem necessary for the betterment of social and industrial conditions. To hold the contrary view is to be false to the cause of the people, to the cause of American democracy."

Please, join me in upholding what Teddy Roosevelt called “the absolute right of the people” and vote no on Issue 1.

*Councilman Tristan Rader was elected to Lakewood City Council in 2017, re-elected in 2021, and serves citywide as Councilmember At-Large. Tristan is also the Ohio Director at Solar United Neighbors. He lives on St. Charles Ave. with his wife, Caitlin, and dog, Marcus.*

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Still Time To Nominate  
Your Favorite Tree And Win

by Debra O'Bryan

There are less than two weeks left to nominate a special tree in your neighborhood for the Most Distinguished Tree Contest presented by the Tree Advisory and Education Board and the Lakewood Observer.

**This year there are three categories: Most Magnificent, Best Conifer, and The Oddest.**

Owners of the property, along with the nominators have a good chance of winning some great prizes courtesy of: India Garden, Carabel Beauty Salon and Store, Woodstock BBQ, Lakewood Hardware, Lakewood Garden Center, The Root Cafe, Melt Bar and Grilled, West End Tavern, and the Lakewood Observer.

*So get out, look around and up, and submit your entry today. Deadline is August 14, 2023. Email a photo, include the address and category to: [production@lakewoodobserver.com](mailto:production@lakewoodobserver.com)*

Lakewood Interceptor Tunnel  
Rehabilitation Project Is Now Underway  
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outfalls, which can pollute our community waters.

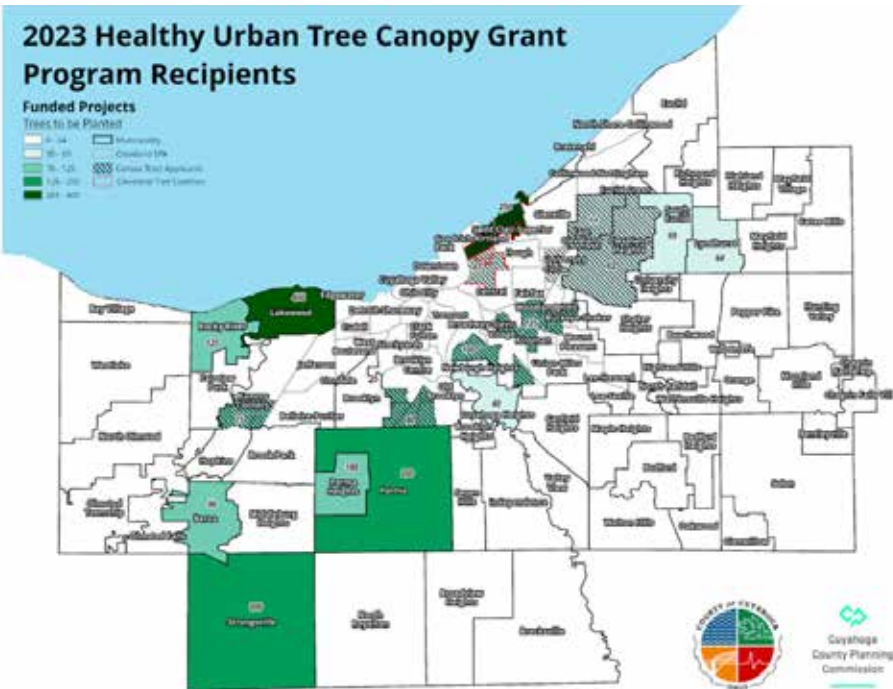
The tunnel is the critical backbone of the city's sewer system. It is buried below Edgewater Drive at the east end of the city at West 117th Street and runs west before turning south beneath West Clifton and onto the Lakewood Wastewater Treatment Plant. The project will require rebuilt and new vertical access points from the surface. These access shafts are being identified along the interceptor, and in all cases, will be situated within the existing right-of-way. This is a significant construction project,

requiring large equipment and considerable material.

We do not anticipate needing access to private property, but work areas will require lane shifts and other traffic configuration adjustments. We will contact impacted areas and properties directly to provide additional, area-specific information.

The Interceptor Tunnel Rehabilitation Project is a critical part of the Lakewood's sustained reinvestment for infrastructure renewal in the 21st century.

*For more info go to <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/lakewood-interceptor/>*



City Of Lakewood  
Receives \$50,000 Grant  
For Tree Canopy

from City Hall

Great news for Lakewood's tree canopy! The City of Lakewood was awarded \$50,000 in grant funding from the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission's Healthy Urban Tree Canopy Grant Program. This innovative grant will support the planting of 400 trees in Lakewood over the next 18 months. For more info, visit <https://ow.ly/nxSZ50PoSbF>.

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# LAKEWOOD SCHOOLS

## LREF Summer Fundraiser Kicks Off

by Christine Gordillo

Did you know that the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation (LREF) provided more than \$41,000 in scholarships to members of the Lakewood High School Class of 2023? Or that LREF awarded nearly \$14,000 in teaching grants for Lakewood City Schools staff members for the 2022-2023 school year? These are just a couple of the myriad areas in which the Foundation is able to help provide support for Lakewood City Schools students

and staff. To do so, LREF runs several fundraising campaigns throughout the year. LREF will be kicking off its Summer Fundraising Campaign week on Sunday, July 30, which is National Public Education Day. Beyond the teaching grants and scholarships, LREF provides significant supplemental funding to the Lakewood City School District for academics, performing and visual arts, athletics, clubs, scholarships, and more. Some examples include provid-

ing support for private student music lessons, new marching band uniforms, specialized athletic equipment and training clinics and transportation for the 4th grade field trip to see the Cleveland Orchestra. Money raised in the Summer Fundraising Campaign will be dedicated to the Foundation's Teaching Grant Program. Teaching grants are awarded annually to support innovative classroom and co-curricular projects led by Lakewood Schools faculty, and benefit students at every grade level in all buildings. If our campaign this summer is successful, LREF hopes to award a greater number of grants and dollar figure beyond the \$13,700 given out last school year. Some of the teaching grant projects LREF has funded in past

years include elementary Battle of the Books, CREATURES in the Classroom for the Lakewood High MILES unit, Middle School Soccer Club, Lakewood High Model UN and Academic Challenge clubs, elementary reading and STEM projects, CHAMPS Cafe at Horace Mann Elementary, Gardening Club, various field trips, and more. Check out the LREF Facebook page starting July 30 for daily posts on the work LREF does and why community support is so important for Lakewood students. To make a gift, go to [www.lakewoodrangers.com/donate](http://www.lakewoodrangers.com/donate) Christine Gordillo is a Board Trustee, Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation.



Pictured from left: Karen Leisinger King (basketball and volleyball), Lori Haas Weir (gymnastics), Barbara Knill Rook (racing swim team), Judi Hart Norton (racing swim team), Board President Michael J. Callahan. Also receiving recognition but not in attendance: Marion Dorsch Pender (synchronized swimming).

## Trailblazing LHS Athletes Recognized

by Christine Gordillo

The last Board of Education meeting featured a very special recognition of a handful of former Lakewood High School athletes who represent, along with their teammates, the first cohort of women to play a varsity sport for LHS following the passage of Title IX in 1972.

Those teams in the 1972-1973 school year were trailblazers for all the female athletes and teams that would follow in their footsteps. We are grateful to them and for a half century of Title IX, which has provided our female athletes the equal opportunity to reap the benefits that representing your school at the varsity sports level offers.

## Lila Wright, Winner Of The Dr. Lisa Hanson Fine Arts Scholarship

by Mary Sharpe

Meet Lila Wright, our next senior scholarship recipient. Lila has a stellar list of accomplishments from her time at LHS. From outstanding grades in CCP and AP courses, participation in basically every school music ensemble available, to sports and clubs, Lila did it all. Outside of school, Lila was a member of the Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony and Contemporary Youth Orchestra and took part in multiple art exhibits and writing competitions across Ohio. Lila also took advantage of the residential summer pre-college program the Cleveland Institute of Art and Maine College of Art and Design. In addition, Lila spent many hours volunteering with H2O, West Temple Youth Group service projects, and Upcycle Parts Shop. Through everything they contribute to, Lila's character is most notable. They are known for having a



Lila Wright

curiosity and eagerness to find answers, for their compassion for others, and to be an authentic individual who is both a bold and respectful leader. Going forward, Lila will attend the University of Puget Sound for Music and Gender Studies. Lila was awarded the Dr. Lisa Hanson Fine Arts Scholarship. We look forward to seeing even more of what you have to offer the world!

### Fall Youth Athletic Registrations/Sign-ups

Registration deadline is August 8th



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Summer School Supply Drive 2023

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A monetary donation can be made through The Lakewood Foundation (with \$4\$ in the subject line), 12525 Lake Ave, Lakewood, OH 44107 or through <https://www.thelakewood-foundation.org/donate> (donate page)

We will be sorting supplies on Monday, August 21st, from 2pm-7pm, at Garfield Middle School for those who would like to help out. Supplies will then be available at each of the school buildings for families/students on the first day of school.

Please contact us at [lkwdschool-supplies@gmail.com](mailto:lkwdschool-supplies@gmail.com) for questions regarding the collection or additional information on how to help.

**Items needed:**

Pocket Folders Pencil Box/Pouch, Planners, Composition Notebooks, Markers/Sharpies, Dividers, Calculators (TI-30XIIS), Tape/Glue (bottles), Index Cards, Pens (black, blue, red), Graph Paper, Pencils, Dry Erase Markers (Expo), Binders (1" – 1 ½"), Post It Notes

**Drop Off Locations:**

Becks Pool/Foster Pool, Black-bird Baking Company, The Blue

Café, Breadsmith, KB Confections, Lakewood Art Supply, Lakewood Family YMCA, Lakewood Garden Center, Nature's Oasis, Orange Theory, Pet's General Store, Phoenix Coffee, The Root Café, Stem Soaps, Sgt. Clean, Lakewood Recreation Dept. (year-round drop off location)

Families in need of school supplies can get them the following ways:

Elementary Families: Contact their Parent Resource Coordinator after the start of the school year. Supplies will not be required the first week of school.

Middle/LHS Students: Can get supplies from their school Guidance Counselors on the first day of school and throughout the school year.

*Karen Lee is the Chair of Supplies-4Success committee.*

Grace Yost, Winner Of The Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation Student Opportunity Fund Scholarship

by Mary Sharpe

Not many students are willing to go to the lengths of Graci to dig for more information or knowledge regarding a specific topic. Even though her senior schedule was full to the brim with other challenging classes and social events, Graci decided to take Industrial Robotics as an Independent Study. This required her to meet with the teacher and classmates outside of class hours and to do an incredible amount of self-teaching. She embraced the challenge of the independent work and, unsurprisingly, passed the course with flying colors. This is just one example of the type of commitment and determination Graci embodies. She also participated in LHS Marching Band, Orchestra, Dance Group, Project Lead the Way, and worked and volunteered for the Lakewood Recreation Department.

We are certain Graci will approach



Grace Yost

the University of Toledo to study Environmental Engineering with the same commitment and determination she exhibited while at LHS. Graci was awarded the Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation Student Opportunity Fund Scholarship.

Sam Thomas, Winner Of The LHS Class Of 1960 Scholarship

by Mary Sharpe

By participating in a very diverse set of academic and extracurricular activities, Sam learned a wide variety of skills during their time at LHS. Sam was a member and officer in Barnstormers where they gathered valuable experience as a camera person, director, actor, set-builder, and more. As a four-year member and varsity captain for Academic Challenge, Sam grew as a leader and effective communicator. Additionally, Sam was a member of Club Identity, the West Shore Theater Arts Program, multiple choirs, the tennis team, and volunteered with H2O and as the marching band announcer. They truly embraced their high school experience and we are so proud of them.



Sam Thomas

Sam was awarded the LHS Class of 1960 Scholarship and is attending Kent State University in the fall to study Psychology. Good luck Sam!

Come Work For Lakewood Schools!

by Christine Gordillo

Lakewood City Schools is ramping up for the coming school year and is hiring for the following positions:

- Substitute teachers
- Classroom aides
- Lunch monitors
- Recess monitors
- Cafeteria workers

The non-teaching positions are for

both permanent employees and substitutes. You can view open staff positions on our Human Resources Department page at [www.lakewoodcityschools.org/departments/human-resource-employment](http://www.lakewoodcityschools.org/departments/human-resource-employment). Substitute applicants can apply directly at [www.rachelwixey.com](http://www.rachelwixey.com).

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LAKEWOOD CARES

# Third Annual Ascension Car Show, Sunday August 27

by Susan O'Donnell

Church of the Ascension at 13216 Detroit Ave. 216-521-8727 is hosting their Third Annual Car Show on Sunday, August 27th from 10am-2:30pm. There will be Classic Cars, Trophies, Raffle Baskets, Music, and Food.

Church of the Ascension is building up to its 150th anniversary in 2025, it was consecrated in 1875 as an Episcopal Church. What better way to celebrate its history than through a car show?

One hundred and fifty years ago Church of the Ascension was known as the “little white church.” It began as a country mission of the Episcopal

Church. Lakewood was named Rockport then and Detroit Ave. was a toll road. The Episcopal Diocese purchased the church land from Lakewood’s original pioneer family, the Nicholsons. The church’s founding families were the Hirds, Newmans and the Nicholsons, including their daughter named Grace. Today their legacy lives on through Lakewood’s street names as well as Ascension, which stands in the exact same location where it all began.

Come and see where Church of the Ascension meets present day challenges in 2023 just as they did during the late 1800’s, World War 1, the Depression....., Vietnam.....and today, post



Covid 19.

Today, Church of the Ascension remains committed to the Lakewood community by serving 2,000 plus meals to the community throughout the year. We collect clothes for St Luke’s Parish in Cleveland. We sponsor drug and alcohol recovery, hosting 364 meetings this past year. We have a Shawl Ministry where shawls are handmade and presented to those celebrating life changes or going through hard times. Church of the Ascension has met the

challenges of the Lakewood community for going on 150 years.

Exhibitor fees for the car show are \$10.00 and spectators are free. There will be exhibitor only voting for trophies as well as spectator voting for fan favorite trophies. Bid on Raffle Baskets supported by Community partnerships. All proceeds sponsor Church of the Ascension missions.

Bring your sunshine and your memories and join us at Ascension’s Car Show on Sunday, August 27th, from 10am-2:30pm. Enjoy classic cars, music, raffles, and food like our own Annie’s Famous Sloppy Joes! We hope to see you there!

*Susan O'Donnell is the Senior Warden at Church of the Ascension, 13216 Detroit. She is an LHS graduate and a lifelong resident of Lakewood, Ohio.*

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## Coming Soon First Congito Concert At The Bookshop In Lakewood

by Martin Jaffe

Congito Jaffe, well known west side singer/songwriter will offer his first ever FREE concert at the Bookshop, 15230 Madison in Lakewood, at 7pm, Friday, August 11, 2023.

Congito last played in Lakewood in June at the Blue Cafe, honoring the noted lyricist/poet Lady Ives of Rocky River and promoting his recent CD.

A reviewer noted earlier this year that the music of Congito, "transport(s) the listener to a warm espresso-scented setting reminiscent of a 1971 coffee-house vibe on a beach in paradise."

*Congito Jaffe is a singer songwriter of melodic mellow folk music and veteran of Lakewood forums like Winchester songwriters events Kelly's pub and others.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Is It Safe To Walk?

by Jeff Fritz

I have lived in the Downtown Lakewood area for seven years, and in that time I have had to jump out of the way of a car no less than three times. In each case I had the light in my favor. All cars were turning onto or off of Detroit Avenue in the Downtown area.

Luckily I am able to jump. The neighborhood is filled with seniors and folks who aren't. Many depend on canes, rollators, or wheelchairs. Some are blind. I know of at least two seniors that were hit by cars, one who was nearly killed.

But the danger isn't confined to the streets. Two of my friends were hit by bicycles while walking on the sidewalk!

What can be done to make things

safer? Maybe certain sections of sidewalk should be off limits for bicycle riding and require that bikes be walked.

As for cars, right turns on red should be banned at more intersections. And these intersections should have safety cameras pointing in every direction. If someone witnesses reckless, dangerous driving he should note the time and location and report the incident to the City.

The City could look at the videos and take appropriate action.

If Lakewood is to maintain its ranking as one of America's most walkable cities, it needs to be safe to walk.

*Jeff Fritz enjoys exercise, politics, economics, writing jokes and songs, reading non-fiction.*

Sight

by Steven Piekutoski

You have a man who allows you to learn a skill in order to benefit himself, who tells you with each motion of his body, "You will never sit at my table. But, this here, this skill, will allow you to sit better than the least of you at your table. Also, the total factors of all your lives are ever to be determined by me." This is the debate of, "The revised guidelines" released this month (in Florida-- ed) which require educators to instruct middle schoolers that "slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

This is when we must see that a division in the mind of a person left to better themselves while simultaneously being told they will not be any manner of equal arrives-- the arrival of a division that I cannot share or know. And it is a difficult division in that so much of our lives as Americans today, for me, are based on attempting to see each other clearly and of refusing results that say the human spirit can never be overcome by insisting on blind alleys. To be able to listen, to hear, to approximate-- --though these are grand tools of human society-- they do not render differences obsolete.

There are times when a conversation will reach a flex point as in, "You cannot understand me." "Yes, but I must under-

stand you." This flex point demands an honesty of both parties and a willingness to listen, hear, approximate. But, to foist a thoroughly willful and temporary gauge upon the conversation is a flat loss as in: "Slavery was, well, not all bad." It is so patently ridiculous that to scoff, that thing I do not prefer in democratic conversation, is apropos.

Better, better yet-- to see the soul held that cannot win, that must find a way of not losing too much, to see the soul wronged, wronged of mother of father of brother of sister, to see the soul, like crumbs swept, held by what an owner will do for them and they will never be allowed to do for themselves, to see the soul held as property, to see the soul held in a million ways that will always be a low ceiling without light and never a full sky made of light, to see the soul held to "betterment" based on the soul's willingness to approximate the goals of an owner who will insist that they listen and hear and agree with them, is to see a soul held.

A soul wronged is beaten and raped and so much: buried alive in a force that is wrong, and no "right" matters.

History is not written by the victors in America-- it is written by more and better approximations of listening and hearing and seeing that suffering is a quotient we will not refuse.

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# You Can See Good Knight's Rest At The Quilting Bee

by Suzanne Bednarchik

The Quilting Bee is pleased to present the fiber artwork "Good Knight's Rest" by Ellen Howard. This work combines Howard's love of sewing and art into a unique soft sculpture. Made entirely of cotton muslin, it features a knight's tomb effigy as a full-size figure, presented atop quilted shields that resemble relief carvings. The idea first emerged in 1978 and was recorded in a sketchbook. The title preceded the actual completed artwork by 44 years and prompted some details in the quilted decoration.

After her retirement from teaching art at Cleveland Central Catholic High School in 2014, there was time to focus on the figure. After a few trips to Cleveland Museum of Art's armor court, she determined that her own stature could be used to create proportions like those in some shorter medieval armor. Experimentation with machine quilting on her

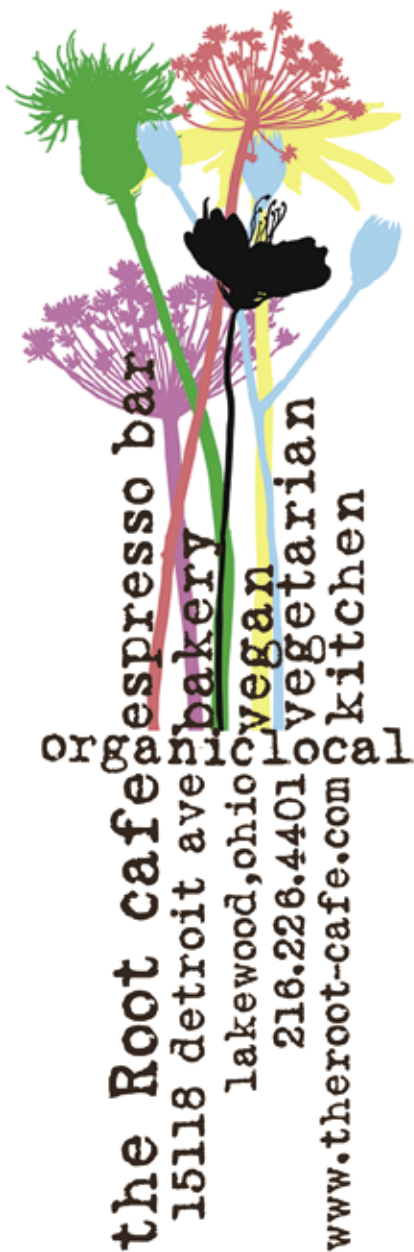


45-year-old sewing machine resulted in a pattern to suggest chain mail. The entire work reflects an original concept worked out with assorted interfacing and batting supports along with an eye towards three-dimensional design. An experienced seamstress, Ellen has produced mostly two-dimensional art before

the knight emerged.

The soft sculpture "Good Night's Rest" won the People's Choice award at The NEW NOW 2022 juried show presented by the Artists Archives of the Western Reserve at Tri-C Gallery East in the fall of 2022. You can see "Good Knight's Rest" in The Quilting Bee's window, 15709 Detroit Avenue, from Friday, August 4 through Monday, August 7. Stop in to meet the artist, Ellen Howard, on Saturday, August 5 from 12 pm to 3 pm.

Suzanne Bednarchik is the owner of The Quilting Bee and a Lakewood resident.



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Senior Health Fair at Westerly Apartments August 9

by Adelaide Crnko

If you are an older adult, do you sometimes wish one venue could offer valuable information pertaining to multiple aspects of your everyday life? The Senior Health & Wellness Fair hosted by the Barton Center might be just that.

This free event will be held Wednesday, August 9, from 10:00am - 2:00pm at the Westerly Senior Apartments, 14300 Detroit Avenue. (The Barton Center is located within the Westerly complex.) Be aware that you should arrive via the Barton Center entrance only. Once inside the facility, staff and volunteers will direct you to sites. Over 60 participants will be positioned throughout the ground floor.

All are welcome, but be advised that resources are primarily geared toward those in the 60+ demographic.

Free screenings for balance, blood pressure and vision will be offered. Otherwise, representatives from many sectors (not only healthcare) will answer your questions and distribute materials covering a variety of topics. There will also be food trucks, including "Wrap It Up," as well as raffles.

The gathering will allow attendees to learn what services are available and to connect on an individual basis. Many residents of the community may not realize what is there for them

throughout the area. Here is one way to find out.

Examples of those expected to take part include The Gathering Place (cancer support group), Hearing Science and Lakewood Community Paramedic. You can also speak with a geriatric massage therapist. Beyond the health industry, The League of Women Voters, Global Meals and Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs will also be present. This is an opportunity for you to discover numerous entities ready to introduce themselves and address your interests and concerns. Upon entering, you will be offered a bag to facilitate collecting pamphlets and other giveaways from vendors.

While visiting, please DO NOT park on Westerly property as you may be taking a space from a resident, especially one with limited mobility. The Barton Center entrance is located in the "parking circle" that borders all three buildings in the back. (Enter via Detroit Avenue or Marlowe, immediately south of the railroad tracks.) Guests can be dropped off while their driver parks elsewhere. Try nearby streets such as Olivewood or Lincoln (south of The Westerly off Detroit) or the limited spaces available at nearby Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Avenue. Parking on Detroit in front of

the Westerly will be available too. The RTA 26 lines stop close to the Westerly should you prefer to travel by bus.

Mark your calendar for the August 9 Barton Center Senior Health &

Wellness Fair. It may be the one stop information shopping experience you've been looking for.

Adelaide Crnko is a Lakewood resident.

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