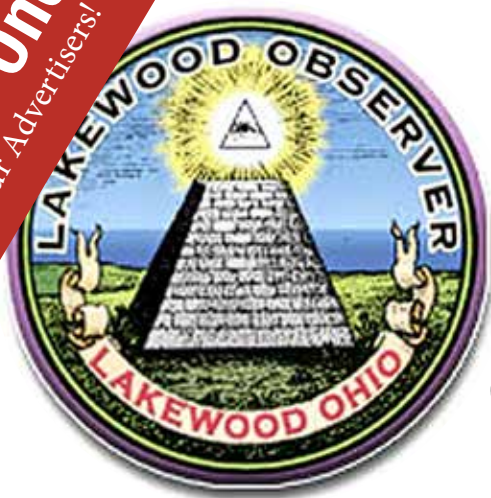


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Re-Elect Jason Shachner For City Council Ward 2

by Jason Shachner

My name is Jason Shachner and I have had the privilege of serving as your Ward 2 City Councilmember since 2020. I am running for re-election because I want to continue working to ensure that Lakewood can provide you with support and services at every stage of your life. Whether you just signed a lease to your first apartment, are a new family, or are ready to retire, I want you to be able to call Lakewood your forever home. My background and experience make me the best candidate to meet that goal.

After graduating from college, I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA Fellow for the non-profit organization Turning the Page in Washington DC, where I worked to increase parents' participation in their children's education so that they could better advocate for their children's future. I then pur-



sued my law degree at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where I met my wife, Michelle. We now have a 2-year-old daughter, Olivia, and another child on the way! After graduating, I served as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in the

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Lakewood Fire Lights A Fire Under The Mayor



Mayor Meghan George in one of the burn rooms at the Tri-C Safety Training Complex, with Fire Marshall Fairbanks, and Asst Chief Sambula, as Ward One Councilman Kyle Baker looks on. Lakewood Fire Department spent the day training, and Mayor George, Councilman Baker, and the Observer stopped by to show support. You can see all the photos from the day online at <https://lakewoodobserver.com/photoblogs>. Isn't it time you added some of your photos to our ever growing galleries?



Lakewood Board of Education President Michael J. Callahan, wife Kristyn, son Liam, daughter Kenna, and daughter Mary Frances. Photo credit Devin Wuebker.

Callahan Seeks To Retain Seat On Board Of Education

by Michael Callahan

For nearly the past four years I have had the privilege of representing our community on the Lakewood Board of Education. When I ran for office in 2019, I sought to add representation of a parent with children in the district to the Board, and to bring a perspective of a career public sector manager and parks & recreation professional. I am grateful for the opportunity the community has given me. I have been committed to working for our community and school district in a visible, approachable manner. I have maintained a wide lens as a board member and understand that families in our community have very different needs, interests, experiences, and situations.

My wife Kristyn I am proud to call Elbur Avenue home. We have two children attending Garfield Middle School (Liam grade 8, Kenna grade 6) and one attending Emerson Elementary School (Mary Frances grade 1). Our children have a variety of interests from music and other arts to different sports and clubs. We are incredibly pleased with our children's experience in the district, and are confident they will be well-prepared for a bright future.

As a board member, I have seen even more than before, how dedicated our administrators, teachers, and support staff are to their roles. I have also

seen the benefits of a school district that has strong support of the community. I have had the opportunity to work collabora-

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85 Earn AP Scholar Honors

by Christine Gordillo

Each new school year the Lakewood City Schools celebrates its numerous Lakewood High School students who have earned the designation of AP Scholar by virtue of their scores on the college-level Advanced Placement exams taken in May. The District proudly congratulates the 85 current students and recent graduates - the most in years - who have earned AP Scholar honors thanks to their performance on their AP tests.

The College Board, which administers the AP program, also recognized two of our current seniors as part of its National Recognition Programs. Aaliyah Aziz and Aniya Johnson each

2023 Chocolate Walk

from LakewoodAlive

Get ready to rejoice, chocolate lovers! A delectable evening awaits when the 14th Annual Lakewood Chocolate Walk takes place on Thursday, October 26, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Lakewood.

The Lakewood Chocolate Walk - hosted by Downtown Lakewood Business Alliance (DLBA) and LakewoodAlive - represents a popular autumn tradition with a devout following of chocolate fans from all over Northeast Ohio. Participants visit 25 shops and eateries in Downtown Lakewood that are Sweet Stops on the Chocolate Walk. Limited to 350 attendees, this much-anticipated event will sell out very quickly.

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earned the National African American Recognition Award. The award recognizes students who identify as African American or Black, Hispanic or Latino, Indigenous or Native who have taken an AP or PSAT exam and have a 3.5 or better GPA.

AP Scholars with Distinction (earned by averaging at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams):

Lauren Barber, Charlotte Beno, Kaitlyn Bitter, Ainsley Bronson, Rowan Brown, Leah Campbell, Audrey Carson, Helinor Clark, Katherine Coleman, Rocco Crino, Tyler DiLoreto, Gavin Fulmer,

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BOE To Move Franklin School Of Opportunity To LHS

by Jim O'Bryan

As we are going to press news has come to us that the decision has been made to move The Franklin School of Opportunity into Lakewood High School.

From a release, "With the addition of FSO to the LHS footprint, a minimal number of LHS classrooms and administrative offices will need to be moved, however, we feel the thoughtful relocation of these spaces will provide some better efficiencies for LHS staff and students as well. The District projects that FSO will be in its new home at LHS beginning in Fall 2025."

THE MAYOR'S CORNER

Improving Lakewood's Walkability

by Meghan George, Mayor, City of Lakewood

A renewed focus on making places more walkable and stressing pedestrian safety has been seen across the US. Here in Lakewood, we've always been fortunate to have a highly walkable and pedestrian-friendly community. It's something that has attracted people to make our city their home, start a business here, or just visit and enjoy the ability to stroll our streets and enjoy the things that make this place so special.

The City of Lakewood is focused on building on our already positive walkability by finding ways to enhance pedestrian safety. We see this as a multi-faceted effort which includes our current development of an Active Transportation Plan, our work to build on safety for kids walking to school, and our implementation of ongoing traffic calming initiatives.

Lakewood is currently developing an Active Transportation Plan, funded with the help of the Ohio Department of Transportation

(ODOT). The City is currently working on this comprehensive plan that seeks to make walking and biking more comfortable for all people and improve overall safety for transportation in Lakewood. The City's Planning and Development Department and our consultant, Toole Design, gathered public input earlier this year and expect to have a draft of the plan in the months to come. You can see and contribute to the areas being considered for plan actions in our online map survey tool: https://tooledesign.github.io/Lakewood_ATP.

As part of the Active Transportation Plan, the City will also be incorporating the first citywide School Travel Plan (STP). Lakewood is one of the only communities statewide where busing is not provided, so safe walking for kids is always top of mind. Lakewood previously developed a partial STP in 2010, which was a good start, but only covered Garfield and Harding Middle Schools. The new

plan will cover all schools across the entire city. Additionally, the Active Transportation Plan will address the context, details, and priorities to qualify for federal and state funding through the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) and Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program. The SRTS only funds plans less than five years old, which is another reason to update and expand the 2010 plan. The final plan will include a wide array of actions and interventions, including things like adjusting our school crossing guard strategy based on the findings.

Our Planning and Development Department has also been implementing the City's Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program (NTCP) which began its first interventions with a pilot project in the fall of 2020. The NTCP focuses on Lakewood's local neighborhood streets that have characteristics which place them most at

risk to adverse motor vehicle speed and volume issues. The city has established criteria for evaluating possible streets to include in the NTCP, including data gathering on volume and speed as well as determining whether resident support exists for interventions. Residents can submit suggestions for areas to be considered as well as learn more about the program online at: <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/traffic-calming>.

As we continue to enhance Lakewood's strong walkability and pedestrian safety, the City will keep you all updated on these planning initiatives and the implementation of their outcomes. Keeping our sidewalks and streets for all remains of the highest priority for City Hall and everyone in Lakewood.

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Lake County Prosecutor's Office for seven years, where I spent the bulk of my service in the Felony Division. During that time, I handled cases ranging from drug possession to aggravated murder and worked with law enforcement officers to help ensure the safety of the community and provide a voice for victims.

I am currently an Assistant Director of Law for the City of Cleveland. I provide legal advice and counsel to members of the City Council, the Administration, and various city departments. My responsibilities include representing and advising the Department of Public Safety, the Mayor's Office of Capital Projects, the Board of Zoning Appeals, and the Civil Service Commission. I also draft legislation, policies, and legal opinions.

Over the last four years, I have used that knowledge and experience to turn residents' ideas into legislation and policy. I drafted and passed the now permanent outdoor dining ordinance allowing restaurants to expand their outdoor dining options, helping to keep them afloat during the pandemic. I promoted sustainability by legalizing milkweed planting and backyard beekeeping. I worked to create more housing options with Accessory Dwelling Units, which I am happy to say will likely be codified by the end of this year. I prioritized public safety by strongly advocating to keep our dispatch local and by committing ARPA funds to ensure that a High Intensity Activated Crosswalk (HAWK) is installed on Madison Avenue between Westwood/Morrison and Victoria/Reveley. Additionally, I am proud to have championed a policy to limit investigations related to abortion, contraception, and reproductive care.

I am proud of my service and what we have been able to accomplish during my first term. Thank you for your support and for sharing your ideas on how to make Lakewood work better for you. Let's keep moving forward by working together. I would be honored to earn your support on Tuesday, November 7.



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Connecting For Kids

by Lorilynn Wolf

Registration is required for these programs. Register online: www.connectingforkids.org/register,
via email: info@connectingforkids.org or Call/Text: 440-570-5908.

Inclusive Drop-In

Join Connecting for Kids and Lakewood Family Room for our inclusive playgroup! This program is open to families and their children ages 0-6, with or without concerns about development. Caregivers will have a chance to get hands-on support, meet other families and connect to community resources. Led by an experienced Early Intervention Support Coordinator and CFK staff, children and caregivers will have the opportunity to learn strategies for dealing with behavior challenges, communication concerns and sensory issues. Registration is welcome but not required. This program is in partnership with Lakewood Family Room and is funded by the Healthy Lakewood Foundation.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m.
Lakewood Family Room at Cove Community Center, 12525 Lake Ave.

Workshop: Navigating IEPs, 504s & ETRs

What is the difference between an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and 504 plan? How do you request an evaluation if you suspect your child could use some additional support? What is an Evaluation Team Report (ETR)? Navigating the world of special education may seem overwhelming at first. Join Connecting for Kids staff as they help you understand the process so that you can more effectively work with the school to help your child. Families will have the chance to engage in breakout sessions to talk about specific IEP or 504 concerns.

Thursday, Oct. 12, 6:30 p.m.
Lakewood Public Library, Main Library

Music Therapy & More

This program is designed for families and their children, ages 0 - 6 years, who have concerns about development. Join us for a hands-on program designed to teach families how to use music to improve their child's academic, motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. This program is led by a Board-Certified Music Therapist. connectingforkids.org/music

Lakewood Public Library, Main Branch
Saturday, Oct. 14, 9:30 a.m.
Lorilynn Wolf is the Communications Director for Connecting for Kids.

Children's And Youth Services Programs

by Jeffrey Siebert

UV Kid

For Students in First through Fifth Grade. Make creations out of special ultra-violet-sensitive beads and other materials we provide, then use our ultraviolet flashlights to see the sun's effects. Registration is required.

Friday, October 6, 2023 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Main Library Activity Room
Friday, October 20, 2023 4:00 pm-4:30 pm Madison Branch Youth Program

Galaxy Slime

For Students in First through Fifth Grade. Make your own colorful, sparkly galaxy slime using glue, cornstarch, food colors and glitter. Registration is required.

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Main Library Activity Room
Tuesday, October 24, 2023 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Madison Branch Youth Program Room
Thursday, October 26, 2023 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Madison Branch Youth Program Room

Searching for Life

For Students in Fifth through Eighth Grade. How do you define life? Students observe soil samples of different materials and search for different characteristics of life. Registration is required.

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm Main Library Activity Room

Pinwheel Galaxy

For Students in First through Fifth Grade. Hold a little part of our big universe in your hands by making your own paper pinwheel version of this galaxy. Registration is required.

Friday, October 13, 2023 4:00pm - 4:45pm Main Library Activity Room
Friday, October 27, 2023 4:00pm - 4:45pm Madison Branch Youth Room

Rover Races

For Students in Third through Fifth Grade. Participants work in teams to model the process for communicating with a rover on Mars, to build programming skills, and understand the effects of time-delay. Registration is required.

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 4:00pm - 4:45pm Main Library Multipurpose Room
Wednesday, October 18, 2023 4:00pm - 4:45pm Madison Branch Meeting Rm

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mary Warren Impact Scholarship Winner Elliott Snyder's Winning Essay

by Elliott Snyder

Why is equal representaion important?

Equal representation has many definitions, you could interpret it as the methods by which people are represented, or by the way that representatives are assigned to voting groups, with equal representation meaning that all groups are fairly represented. Equal Representation is crucial to have rights for everyone and to be understood by certain groups of people who are just like you. Equal representation is how women have rights to privacy or how women have the right to vote. Equal representation is how people of color have the right to be citizens and also have the right to vote. Equal representation is how LGBTQ+ rights have slowly begun to improve.

Equal representation is not needed in just government. It is needed in schools, sports, the workplace, and everywhere else. In sports we look at the first trans woman to win a gold medal in swimming in the Olympics, this provides young people who identify as a different gender hope that they can do whatever inspires them. In schools and public places we allow everyone to be equal, boys and girls aren't compared as much. Same with the workplace, now women are bosses. Women are business owners and hold more power because of equal representation. Because of equal representation women of all kinds come together to get the rights they deserve.

Equal representation is not only important to have when it comes to voting and playing sports and holding high position jobs, but also when



Lakewood League of Women Voters Scholarship Winner: Elliott Snyder

it comes to children having positive figures to look up to, people who are representatives of people just like them. Children seeing problems that aren't prevented by people in politics could lower their self esteem and confidence. It is important to have representation in ways that create a sense of them being good enough. It also creates an idea in their minds that if there is something wrong going on with their rights being underrepresented, they think they cannot stand up for themselves because no one else is.

Equal representation blocks out things like slavery happening again. Equal representation prevents women from not having the right to vote. Equal representation ends discrimination of LGBTQ+ in the workplace. Equal representation creates room for transgener equality. Equal representation makes it easier to make changes

for people like them. Equal representation is crucial to creating equality everywhere.

For equal representations is not just for your basic human rights but also for your political beliefs. It is so important to have people who think just like you in politics representing you and your community. It shows not only validation towards your opinions

as well as fights for things that you are hoping happen in the government's future. Whether federal, state or city governments, it is important all opinions are heard.

Equal representation is needed everywhere. It is so important for the young minds, in sports and schools, in the workplace, in politics and more.

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Winners Of The 2nd Annual Most Distinguished Tree Contest

by Debra O'Bryan

Lakewood's Tree Advisory and Education Board, along with the Lakewood Observer are proud to present the winners of this year's contest. Having four different categories this year opened up the possibilities for any tree to win.

We had 53 trees nominated and over 230 residents voted on their favorites.

The owners of the trees with the most votes in each category will receive a certificate from the City of Lakewood noting their selection in Lakewood's 2023 Most Distinguished Tree Contest. The Overall winning tree with the most votes in any category wins the bragging rights and top prize of a \$100 gift certificate from our generous sponsor, Lakewood Garden Center. The other winners will also receive a prize from one of our other sponsors. Those who nominated the winning trees will receive a prize as well. Thank you to all who participated, I hope you had fun looking at all of our amazing trees. Thank you to our sponsors: Carabel Beauty Salon & Store, India Garden, Lakewood Garden Center, Lakewood Hardware, Melt Bar & Grilled, West End Tavern, and Woodstock BBQ.



The Right Tree For The Right Spot

First-#R-001, 14015 Lake Avenue nominated by Gabrielle Dever, runners-up: 2nd #R-003, 17817 Lake Road, 3rd #R-005, 17203 Hilliard Avenue



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Our Most Distinguished Tree for 2023 is the Red Maple in front of 14015 Lake Road. Congratulations!

The Oddest Tree

First-#OT-004, 1600 Clarence Avenue nominated by Sandra Cobb, runners-up: 2nd #OT-001, 14318 Lakewood Hts. Blvd. 3rd #OT-002, 1345 Hall Avenue



The Most Beautiful Conifer

First-#BC-002, 1085 Forest Cliff Drive nominated by Sandra Cobb, runners-up: 2nd #BC-009, 1365 Webb Road, 3rd #BC-001, 17908 Edgewater Drive



The Most Magnificent Tree

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join Me And Others For Colleen Clark-Sutton

by Laura Novosel Little

I am a retired Lakewood elementary school teacher and I serve as the campaign treasurer for Colleen Clark-Sutton, a candidate for the Lakewood School Board. I, and my husband who is also a retired teacher, have known Colleen and her family for more than 20 years. She is intelligent and hard-working with a calm, reflective, and deliberate nature. This year's School Board election includes ten candidates for three seats. Colleen is my first choice on November 7th because she is a diligent supporter of Lakewood's diverse students and staff, while always in pursuit of improvement and excellence.

Colleen is a highly experienced educator who has been involved in the Lakewood City Schools through PTA & The Ranger Marching Band. She served on all four phases of the 50-Year Committee that led the school renovation/construction process. Colleen held a leadership role in several successful local campaigns including three school levies and three bond issues. Following her daughters' graduations, Colleen has remained engaged in school-related activities with students and teachers. This includes coordinating LHS horticulture students who volunteer at the Beck Center gardens.

Colleen has received numerous endorsements from our community leaders, including:

- State Senator Nickie J. Antonio
- All current City Council members

(and unopposed Ward 3 candidate Cindy Strebig)

- Emma Petrie-Barcelona (outgoing school board member)
- Mayor Meghan George
- Former Mayor Mike Summers
- County Council Member Dale Miller

Colleen has also been endorsed by the following organizations: The Matriots (statewide political action committee dedicated to encouraging Ohio women to run for political office); North Shore Federation of AFL-CIO; Lakewood Democratic Club; Executive Committee of the Democrats of Cuyahoga County; CCPC (Cuyahoga County Progressive Caucus); CAMEO (Cleveland American Middle Eastern Organization); and Moms Demand Action (MDA) Seal of Approval (non-profit advocating for common sense gun laws and efforts to reduce gun violence involving young people).

You can find more information about Colleen's background, positions, and endorsements at www.friendsofcolleenclark-sutton.com and on Facebook. Please join me and add your endorsement – via your vote – for Colleen Clark-Sutton for Lakewood School Board on, or before, Tuesday, Nov. 7th.

Laura Novosel Little is a retired elementary school teacher who taught in the Lakewood City Schools for 30 years. She lives in Lakewood with her husband and two cats. She enjoys music, theater, bicycling and tennis.

Sandy Alomar Should Be Next Guardian's Manager

by Jeffrey Andrasovsky

Cleveland Guardians first-base coach Sandy Alomar Jr. should be the team's next manager.

Alomar came to the Indians along with shortstop Carlos Baerga in a trade with the San Diego Padres in 1989 for outfielder Joe Carter. He was the tribe's slugging catcher in the 1990s. He was the American League rookie of the year in 1990 and won a Gold Glove Award. In 1997, Alomar got the league's Most Valuable Player Award in the All-Star Game in Cleveland.

Alomar left Cleveland as a free agent in 2001 and played for the Chicago White Sox, Colorado Rockies, Los Angeles Dodgers, Texas Rangers and New York Mets. He had a career .273 batting average and 588 RBI's.

The son of major league second baseman Sandy Alomar Sr., was inducted into the Indians Hall of Fame in 2009. That year he was hired as the team's first base coach. In 2012 he was interim manager after manager Manny Acta was fired. His record was 3-3 that season. The club hired Terry Francona as manager for the 2013 season. Alomar has been coaching first base. He was acting manager in 2020 while Francona was on a leave of absence.

Francona recently announced he was retiring at the end of this season.

From his perch at first base, Alomar has been studying the game, the team and players for more than a decade. He is the best candidate to become the team's next manager.

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	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	\$18,954	1,580	790	729	365	\$26,973	2,248	1,124	1,038	519
2	\$25,636	2,137	1,069	986	493	\$36,482	3,041	1,521	1,404	702
3	\$32,318	2,694	1,347	1,243	622	\$45,991	3,833	1,917	1,769	885
4	\$39,000	3,250	1,625	1,500	750	\$55,500	4,625	2,313	2,135	1,068
5	\$45,682	3,807	1,904	1,757	879	\$65,009	5,418	2,709	2,501	1,251
6	\$52,364	4,364	2,182	2,014	1,007	\$74,518	6,210	3,105	2,867	1,434
7	\$59,046	4,921	2,461	2,271	1,136	\$84,027	7,003	3,502	3,232	1,616
8	\$65,728	5,478	2,739	2,528	1,264	\$93,536	7,795	3,898	3,598	1,799
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4 Items	\$10.50	\$12.75	\$17.00	\$19.50
Deluxe	\$11.25	\$13.75	\$18.25	\$21.25
Extra Items	\$12.00	\$14.75	\$19.50	\$25.00
Chicken	\$7.75	\$1.00	\$1.25	\$1.75
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Bill Gaydos Honored With Memorial Bench

by Larry Faulhaber

The Lakewood Downtown Business Association and Barton Communities came together recently to honor Bill Gaydos for his long-term service to both organizations. Bill, who recently lost a battle with cancer, was a leader in promoting the downtown businesses, planning and organizing events and activities!

He was also a member and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of Westerly Apartments and Barton Senior Center Board of Directors, which are part of the Barton Communities Corporation. Donn Heckmoser, CEO of Barton Communities was the MC of the dedication ceremony of a memorial bench in front of the Westerly Apartments. Mayor Megan George read a proclamation listing the many activities that Bill was involved in that served the City, including several terms on the Building and Planning Commission, Past President and active member of the Rotary Clubs of Lakewood Rocky River, and St. Luke's The Evangelist Catholic Church. Gordon Geiger recalled his long-term friendship with Bill, as they worked together in both the Downtown Business Association and Rotary!

Bill's wife, Jayne, and his family cut the red ribbon on the bench which features a dedication plaque to Bill's memory! It is on a main walkway to one of the Westerly Apartment Buildings for residents to rest on as they come and go from their home. As a Board member, Bill had helped keep it a safe, affordable and well-maintained facility for older adults on the west side.

As an active Rotarian, Bill contributed his Time, Talent and Treasury to the many community, youth and international service programs and activities of the two Rotary Clubs of Lakewood Rocky River. Rotary is the largest international service organization in the world with over one and a half million members in 14,000 Rotary Clubs.

There are two Rotary Clubs of Lakewood Rocky River. One meets every Monday morning at noon and the other meets every Wednesday at 7:15am, both at Umerley Hall of the Rocky River Civic Center. Contact Kathy Berkshire at sloopyohio19@gmail.com to learn more and how you can join with men and women in your area to give back through service in your community, and internationally.

Public Input Requested On Madison Park Master Plan

Help shape the future of Madison Park! Join us for a public meeting on Tuesday, October 17th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM to share your input on the Madison Park Master Plan. The Madison Park Master Plan is a policy guide for how the community would like Madison Park to be in terms of its amenities, programming, and services. This meeting will be held at the Madison Park Pavilion. For more info, visit <https://ow.ly/wKih50PPawI>

85 Earn AP Scholar Honors

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Mateo Guajardo, Grace Hildebrandt, Ava Hitter, James Holland, Jill King, Lydia Kress, Alexis Lindsay, Abigail Marsh, Clare Morrissey, Madeline Oldfield, Alexander Peterson, Jackson Provost, Hutch Reed, Bailey Rohrs, Owen Rumsey, Kegan Weber, Megan Winters, Lila Wright.

AP Scholars with Honor (earned by averaging at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams):

Meredith Barcelona, Ronan Barley, Layla Black, Ava Bruening, Aiden Clasen, Eliza Dreger, Jazmin Dunay, Carter Eardley, Jonas Evans, Alexandra Hodson, Michael Klasa, Rose Lipka, Amalijah Marich, Griffin Norris, Emily Potoczak, Jaxon Riley, Bode Smith, Scarlett Wankowski.

AP Scholars (earned by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher):

Rachel Aoun, Gillian Colson, William Detmar, Sarah Dorn, Yasmine Elhachdani, Taha Elmerrahi, Logan Friend, Fiona Gjermeni, Jack Gowan, Chaiya Herberger, Jake Hirsch, Milo Horsman, Alexandra Horton, Edward Horton, Jacqueline Hudak, Samantha Hudak, Mason Ivinskis, Benjamin Jablonowski, Grace Lamparyk, Maggie Lane, Charlie Loboazzo, Jackson Lodge, Sophia Masek, Colin McCrone, Maggie McGann, Colton Moran, Michael Muzychenko, Olivia Pickens, Jonathan Reighard, Helen Roche, Arabella Spear, Samuel Thomas, Lydianna Trudel, Lydia Watkins, Danka Wentzel, Andrew Winters, Corinne Wroblewski.

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Folk Rock:

Reviews Of Recent Releases By Local Bands, Pt. 136

by Buzz Kompier
Mezclado - Mezclado - self-released
- 12 songs - CD, cassette, digital

Here's the debut album from Columbus punk/psych/Latin/indie band Mezclado— and it's a good one! All that stuff stuck together could easily end up sounding gimmicky, but this band is able to make it all work. "Fed Up" kicks the record off with a solid punk track with a great vocal performance and I love the little guitar leads in the intro and through the verses. Dan (the one who sings this song) switches to Spanish at times so I'm not

entirely sure what all is being said, but it sounds cool. Next is "Sick," which starts with bass and drums and some "abstract" guitar in the style of John Morton or Mr. California then bursts into an aggressive chorus— I don't really know what all Joe (the one who sings this song) is talking about, but it sounds cool. I really like the sort of post-punk, almost Cure-like feel to the verses of "Snake Driver" and it's got a great, catchy chorus. "Sunday Dread" has an almost-surf (but not quite) guitar sound with an almost-reggae (but not quite) beat and the bored-sounding

vocal delivery perfectly fits the mood of the song. The psychedelic vibe is very present on "Piggies," even when Wyatt (the one who sings this song) gets louder. "Don't Slow Down" might be my favorite on the album; a very catchy, hooky garage-punk song with a great guitar part during the chorus and sort of rambling vocals and lyrics (I think at one point he talks about smoking with his dad, which is cool), plus a part at the end where the guitars and bass do the Thin Lizzy thing and play the same part in harmony. "Stay Around" and "Tired All The Time" are both a bit more mellow— the former feels kind of "desert" to me (I don't know what that means) and has some odd but cool gang backing vocals, the latter has a very psychedelic vocal melody, plus a part where it speeds up and then slows back down which always brings me joy. "Cara Y Piel" has the most Latin influence of any of the songs musically— I unfortunately don't know enough about Latin music to be more specific than that, my apologies, but I do enjoy it— and then goes into a psych-noise-jam part at the end, which I believe is supposed to neatly segue

into "Never Try" but has an abrupt stop before "Never Try" begins (at least on the CD; perhaps this isn't an issue with the cassette but I'm not sure). Besides that little stumble, "Never Try" is a good jammer/rallying cry. "Pachuco" is another good straightforward punk track which works well as bookends with "Fed Up" and has a great example in the instrumental part right before the guitar solo of how easily they can slip the psychedelic stuff in and then slip right back into punk without it feeling jarring whatsoever. And there's a saxophone on this one! The album ends with "Adios Adios" which I believe is a field recording of sorts of some more traditional sounding Latin music (acoustic guitar and trumpet, predominantly) but if I'm wrong and it's actually the band it's pretty impressive. Anyway, a really solid record overall. 4/5

(mezclado.bandcamp.com)

Are you a local-ish band? Do you have a record out? Email vaguelythreatening@gmail.com or send it directly to the Observer: PO Box 770203, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Halloween Contest 2023!



The Lakewood Observer is looking for houses and apartments with the best Halloween/Fall decorations to give some prizes to in appreciation of the residents of Lakewood for all of their hard work.

Go to: Daily Question on our homepage, <http://lakewoodobserver.com> (QR CODE AT END)

Nominate five different homes until midnight, October 31, 2023. Voting will be done by judges selected from the community and announced in the November 8th issue.

The top ten homes will be awarded prizes from Lakewood businesses.

A random nominator will be chosen for a spooktacular prize too!



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ARIES: Money is in the stars for the Ram; this Halloween, show them the dare-devil you are & go as Tom Cruise in Maverick, then turn up the heat on the Ram's charm & get the girl.

TAURUS: Luck is with the Bull; come out of that Bullpen of yours, get your sense of beauty on & put on your best Tanya McQuoid costume from The White Lotus, & smile baby smile.

GEMINI: The Twins do everything in doubles; you've got the stars shining on romance this Halloween; grab a partner, search your closet for your brightest Hot Pink & bring Ken along.

CANCER: The Sun's shining in the Crab's home & family this Halloween season, & you are no stranger in the kitchen; put on your best Camy from The Bear & make that pumpkin bread.

LEO: Lion/Lioness, Jupiter's bringing you fame, no stranger, you being the center of attention, show 'em why you're King/Queen of the jungle, strut your Queen Charlotte this Halloween.

VIRGO: Money's your friend this month Virgo; use your analytical/architectural skills, say RIP to Twitter & figure out how to show up at Halloween with the best "X" custom in Lakewood.

LIBRA: Jupiter, Planet of Luck, is shining on other people's money; play

the Lotto; this is your birthday month, your best bet this Halloween; dress up as Cher from Clueless, the perfect you.

SCORPIO: The Sun is behind the scenes hiding in the dark for the Scorpion this Halloween, with a spotlight on relationships; go to the party dressed as Wednesday Adams & Beetle Juice.

SAGITTARIUS: Focus for the Centaur is on health, also your groups & organizations; take care of business before play, then aim your bow & arrow as Katniss (Hunger Games) on Halloween.

CAPRICORN: The business-minded Goat is at the top of your career this month, with a bit of romance thrown your way...put on your best business look & show up as M3GAN on Halloween.

AQUARIUS: Foreign affairs & home & family are the focus for Aquarians this month; whether you're abroad or on the home front, do Halloween as Beyonce' from the Renaissance tour.

PISCES: The local watering hole is where the Fish will be on Halloween, with some fairy dust sprinkled on your fins from others' money. Enjoy the beach look & go as Sarah (Outer Banks).

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LakewoodAlive:
Housing Outreach

from LakewoodAlive

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LakewoodAlive administers a Housing Outreach Program designed to offer a one-stop place for residents, both owner occupants and renters, to gain access to services so they are able to live in healthy and safe housing. Through these programs we foster and sustain vibrant neighborhoods, one home at a time.

The services provided through the Housing Outreach Program connect residents with resources to maintain and sustain the community’s historic housing stock and ensure healthy and safe living environments. These connections are made through:

Working one-on-one with residents, primarily low-to-moderate income residents, to connect them to financial and educational resources, as well as volunteer labor to complete necessary home repairs.

The Knowing Your Home educational series, which focuses on sustainability and maintenance best practices empowering homeowners to tackle necessary home repairs and



improvements. These workshops are free to attend and are offered from February through October annually.

The Paint Lakewood Program, which is a grant program for low-to-moderate income residents to assist with obtaining affordable exterior house painting.

The Community Engagement Program in Birdtownand other eastern end neighborhoods seeks to improve the quality of life for residents through neighborhood-wide events, door-knocking and one-on-one appointments.

Partnering with the City of Lakewood, Municipal Court and other organizations to assist residents with code compliance and Housing Court violations.

Connection to local social service agencies that provide safety net services to ensure our residents are taken care of both inside and outside of their homes.

2023 Chocolate Walk

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(\$50 each) ticket gains you entrance to First Federal Lakewood (14806 Detroit Avenue) at 6 p.m., where you’ll receive your Chocolate Walk supplies. Guided by a map and the signs and festive bows decorating participating merchants, you’ll take to the streets to visit the Sweet Stops, collecting something chocolate-themed at each location. You may visit the stops in any order you wish – the merchants eagerly await you.

The VIP ticket (\$90 each) option exists for those seeking to elevate the joy of this chocolate experience. Hosted at Rozi’s Wine House, the Pre-Walk VIP Reception – limited to only 50 lucky attendees – takes place from 5:15 to 6:30 p.m. at Rozi’s Wine House in Downtown Lakewood (14900 Detroit Avenue), where guests will sample decadent treats, as well as appetizers, and receive two drink tokens. VIP tickets will only be available for purchase online starting at 10 a.m. on October 3.

The evening ends for all attendees with the Final Stop at Rozi’s Wine House. You may stop here whenever

you finish your walk, turn in your completed Golden Egg Hunt form, wet your whistle with a cash bar and grab a snack. The Final Stop will be your last chance to purchase tickets for the 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets, with the drawings held at 8:55 p.m. You need not be present to win.

Ticket Sales

Online: Tuesday, October 3 at 10 a.m.

50 VIP tickets and 200 general admission tickets will be sold online starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3. Please note that there is a purchasing limit of four tickets per person, and that the Chocolate Walk is for adults, ages 21 and older. Eventbrite fees apply.

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