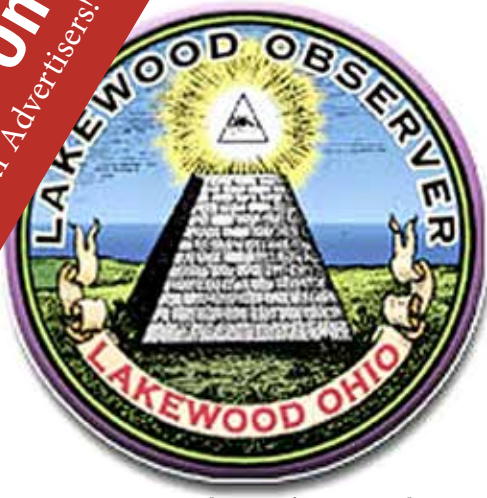


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## County To Proceed With Clifton/Lake Enhancements

by Jim O'Bryan

This week the county has mentioned it is planning on going ahead with the project for the connection of Clifton and Lake Road.

Based upon the feedback from the public meeting and online survey, discussions with officials from Cuyahoga County and the Cities of Rocky River and Lakewood, and additional engineering analysis, final concept plans were completed.

One of the goals of the TLCI study was to shorten the perceived distance across the Rocky River Canyon and to humanize pedestrians' and cyclists' experiences while crossing the bridges. The Clifton Boulevard bridge also presents an opportunity for pedestrians and cyclists to enjoy spectacular views of the Rocky River Canyon and Lake Erie. The enhancements will be refined to fit within the responsible party's maintenance

capacity.

It should be noted that the project costs are based upon construction occurring in 2023. The Cuyahoga County Department of Public Works and the selected design consultant will determine the time frame for final design, funding, and construction, which could affect the total project cost. In addition, a Maintenance Agreement for the Clifton Boulevard/Lake Road Bridge will be negotiated by the Cities of Lakewood and Rocky River as part of the next phase of the project.

Read a complete breakdown in an upcoming edition of the Lakewood Observer.



The concept of The Clifton Boulevard Bridge with pedestrian and cyclist's venues.

## The LCAC Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive Is Back

by Sara Crawford

For more than 30 years, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. has provided holiday food baskets for hundreds of Lakewood families and senior citizens.

As the weather changes and the holiday season approaches, LCAC is getting ready for its Thanksgiving Food Drive to serve Lakewood residents in need.

This neighborhood tradition is only possible with the support of the entire community.

The LCAC Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place at the Lakewood Masonic Temple, at 15300 Detroit Ave., over two days.

On Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., non-perishable food donations will be sorted. Later that evening, LCAC members and volunteers will gather from 6 to 7:30 p.m. to bag non-perishable food.

On Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon, LCAC members and volunteers will bag perishable food and then hand deliver both non-perishable and perishable bags filled with Thanksgiving fixings to the community.

The event will be held regardless of the weather, so dress accordingly to stay warm and dry.

Volunteers are welcome to join as little or as much as they'd like... better yet, bring friends, family, and neighbors! Our events are welcome to people of all ages — there is

something to do for everyone.

In addition, make sure to mark the calendar for Dec. 13 and Dec. 14, when LCAC does it all over again at its Christmas Food Drive.

For more information or to make a monetary donation,

visit [www.LCAC.info](http://www.LCAC.info). Make sure to follow Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation on Facebook and @lcacfood-drives on Instagram for updates on the Thanksgiving Food Drive and to keep up-to-date with the organization.

## Light Up Lakewood 2024 December 7

by Ava Olic

Schedule of Events for Light Up Lakewood 2024:

**4 p.m.** – Festival Kickoff  
Holiday Market opens at the Lakewood Masonic Temple

The Beer Garden opens on Detroit Avenue between Belle and Marlowe Avenues with exclusive beer sponsor Immigrant Son Brewery.

Food Trucks  
Outdoor Vendors  
DJs spinning festive tunes

**4-8 p.m.** – Santa visits in front of Lakewood Public Library

**5 p.m.** – Holiday Parade starting at Belle and Detroit Avenues, headed westbound on Detroit Avenue

**5:30-8 p.m.** – Live music at the City Center Main Stage

**6:30 p.m.** – Lighting Ceremony at Main Stage at City Center Park (in front of the Marc's Plaza)

**7 p.m.** – Fireworks Show sponsored by First Federal Lakewood over Kauffman Park

**7:45 p.m.** – Final Pour at the Beer Garden

**8:00 p.m.** – Event concludes, see you next year!

"We are excited to once again welcome our neighbors and visitors from across the region for Light Up Lakewood, our signature community event," said Ian Andrews, Executive Director of LakewoodAlive. "Whether you're feeling the spirit of the holiday season or simply wish to enjoy a festive, family-friendly community atmosphere, no event better showcases our city's vibrancy than this long-standing Lakewood tradition."

For more information and continued updates, please visit the event on our website at [LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood](http://LakewoodAlive.org/LightUpLakewood).

Light Up Lakewood is generously supported by the following sponsors: Title Sponsor and Fireworks Sponsor; First Federal Lakewood, Snowflake Sponsor; City of Lakewood, Holiday Train Sponsor; Laskey Costello LLC, Parade Sponsor; Shinn Law Firm Beer Sponsor; Immigrant Son Brewery



## Small Business Saturday With The Screw Factory Artists

by Gina DeSantis

The artists at the Screw Factory will be opening their doors on Saturday, November 30th for Small Business Saturday. This event focuses on the studio artists who will be showcasing a wide variety of work in ceramics, jewelry, glass, prints, paintings, mosaics and more. The building houses over 40 artist studios and that number is growing thanks to expansion efforts in the last year.

Small Business Saturday has become an important day to show appreciation for the small businesses that are the backbone of our nation's economy. The day brings money back into our local economies,

promotes vibrant and diverse communities, and celebrates the important role of small businesses. Come see what the buzz is about and support some of the best artists in the Cleveland area.

Check back as the event draws near for more info on what artists will be participating! Visit <https://www.screwfactoryartists.org/> to learn more

**The details:**  
**Saturday, November 30th,**  
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# COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S PAGE

## Giving Thanks by Giving Back

by Sarah Kepple  
President City Council,  
Councilperson\_At-Large

Dear Neighbors,

Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays. It is a rare opportunity in a hectic world to pause, carve out time to connect with loved ones and with ourselves in an atmosphere of gratitude. We will have a lot of work to do in the days ahead both on Council and as a community, and I find the compassion, engagement, and service-mindset of so many of my Lakewood neighbors fortifying.

There are many ways to serve locally. You can drop off non-perishable food at any of our Lakewood Fire Stations between now and December 12th to help Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation feed our neighbors, or be a Santa through Cove Community Center's giving tree through December 16th. If you're looking to contribute your time and talents, consider applying to serve on a Citizen Board or Commission. Council is currently particularly seeking applicants for the Architecture Board of Review. [https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/accordions/board-commission-](https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/accordions/board-commission-application-form/)

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Or course, another opportunity to serve is as a Councilmember. As we extend our warm congratulations to Councilmember at Large Tristan Rader on his election to State Representative for District 13, Council has a Charter-bound duty to appoint an individual to the remainder of his unexpired term, ending December 31, 2025. To apply, please review the job description posted on the council webpage then email a cover letter and resume in PDF format to the Clerk of Council at [council@lakewoodoh.gov](mailto:council@lakewoodoh.gov) by November 24th at 11:59pm.

Finally, Council has a busy rest of the year working through the Administration's proposed 2025 budget as well as legislation that would green light the Downtown Development. Join us! Committee meetings may be added or extended as needed. Sign up for our email list to receive agendas for upcoming meetings,

livestream meetings or watch past meetings, and learn more about Council on our webpage: <https://www.lakewoodoh.gov/lakewood-city-council/>

### Upcoming Council Meetings as Currently Scheduled:

- Nov 25th 6pm-at least 9pm Finance Committee- Budget Hearings
- Dec 2nd 5:30pm Committee of the Whole- At Large Application review & Downtown Development
- Dec 2nd 7:30pm Regular Meeting of Council
- Dec 9th 6pm-at least 9:30pm Finance Committee - Budget Hearings
- Dec 16th 5:30pm Finance Committee - Budget Hearings
- Dec 16th 6:30pm Committee of the Whole - Downtown Development
- Dec 16th 7:30pm Regular Meeting of Council- Budget and Downtown Development both on third reading, eligible for adoption

## Lakewood Recognizes Transgender Day of Remembrance



On Monday, The City of Lakewood passed Resolution 2024-72 Recognizing November 20th, 2025 as Transgender Day of Remembrance, where we pause to reflect on the lives lost due to the fatal consequences of hate, transphobia and homophobia and affirm our commitment to a safe and welcoming community for all.

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# THE MAYOR'S CORNER

## Stewardship Of Your Tax Dollars

**by Meghan George**  
**Mayor/Safety Director, City of Lakewood**

The fall season presents us with a time to begin looking forward to the next year and continue planning for the future. At the City of Lakewood, fall means budget season and another opportunity to align community services, needs, and priorities with our finite public resources. As always, when working with our departmental directors and finance team to develop Lakewood's annual budget, financial accountability and wise stewardship of your tax dollars serve as our north star in Lakewood City Hall.

Our 2025 budget draft continues to be a balancing act, working to maintain our city's reputation for high-quality public services for residents while keeping an eye on the potential for key capital investments. Our operations budget is where most of Lakewood's resources will always remain dedicated – for services like fire, police, and public works – but our capital budget again features a breadth of important investments, both larger and modest.

While we don't have space to go through the entire budget here, a few highlights from the recommended capital budget include:

**Winterhurst:** the City will continue revitalizing this key sports and recreation asset for our community with a \$3.6M project to renovate locker rooms, update the bleachers, as well as other improvements. We were fortunate to receive \$750,000 of these dollars from the State of Ohio, and appreciate State Representative Skindell and State Senator Antonio's advocacy to secure these dollars.

**Parks:** Our ongoing work to maintain and upgrade our recreation options continues at Cove, Edwards, Merl Bunts, and Niagara Parks, which are all budgeted for 2025 or will be carried over and completed from 2024.

**Public Safety:** Fire Stations 1 and 3 will both see investments, and both the Fire Department and Police Department will see continued investment in fleet vehicles, as well as radio and camera investments

**Walkability and Bikeability:** the City will continue to invest in bike-way signage as well as speed and traffic calming projects across Lakewood and another \$150,000 will be invested in ADA improvements (sidewalks, curb ramps, etc.).

**Environmental Sustainability:** the City will continue to invest in electric vehicle charging stations and successfully obtained NOPEC grants and tax credits to support this investment.

The largest capital investment for 2025 will continue to be the City's ongoing expense in addressing our aging sewer infrastructure and meeting EPA requirements regarding storm-water runoff and treatment. In 2025, we have over \$37M budgeted toward these projects, but thankfully during COVID-19, the City of Lakewood was able to secure \$47M in federal ARPA funds. We have strategically dedicated the lion's share of these dollars to majorly defraying these project costs to limit the impact on the utility bills of our Lakewood water users. None of us enjoy spending money on sewers, but using this large amount of one-time federal dollars wisely places Lakewood in a much better position moving forward.

My thanks once again to Lakewood City Council for their partnership in our ongoing dialogue to set the 2025 budget. I also want to express my pleasure at working with our new Finance

Director, Renee Mahoney, on her first budget season here in Lakewood. While Director Mahoney is a veteran of many budget processes in other venues, a switch to a new city can be a challenge, but I have been impressed with her ability to seamlessly step in and run Lakewood's budget process smoothly.

I want to close by also commending Director Mahoney and her finance team for continuing the City of Lakewood's streak of earning the prestigious Ohio Auditor of State Award with Distinction. This is the fifth year in a row that Lakewood has met the rigorous standards for this award, which demands everything from a strict adherence to accounting principles and avoiding material deficiencies in reporting to having no ethics referrals,

no financial concerns, and meeting obligations for public meetings and public records standards. (Annually, less than 5% of the 6,000 government entities audited by the State of Ohio make the cut).

I appreciate the effort it takes to achieve this award from the State Auditor – it is an external validation of our culture of fiscal stewardship and transparency at Lakewood City Hall. It also makes our city even more attractive when we need to finance projects, offering another proof point to lenders that the City of Lakewood's financial health is strong. We aim to have yet another strong financial showing in 2025 and beyond with the adoption of this latest budget and the continuation of our tradition of fiscal excellence and Stewardship for the people of Lakewood.



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# LAKEWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

by Lisa Calfee

## Meet The Author - 14 Gea Lane by Carolyn Anderson

Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

In 1964, a magnificent eight-unit apartment building, the finest in the area, named "14 Gea Lane" opened. Interlaced stories of the exclusive list of tenants unfold in a whirlwind of conflict and drama, offering a riveting exploration of resilience and connection. Join Professor Emeritus, Carolyn Anderson, Ph.D., as she discusses the writing process and her latest novel. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Meet The Author-

### Alchemy of Emotions: A Black Women's Workbook for Creating Health, Healing and Happiness by Dr. C. Jackson-Howard

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

In this session we will delve into the interconnected realms of the soul, spirit, and body to uncover the secrets of a joyful existence through the unique blend of holistic wellness and emotional intelligence that Dr. C. Jackson-Howard brings to her teachings. Books will be available for sale and signing at the event.

## Lakewood Public Cinema-

### Barbara Steffek-Hill Matinee -

#### The Natural (1984) by Barry Levinson

Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

## Lakewood Public Cinema- A Christmas Story

Presented by Sue Stewart, author of My Christmas Story Story

Sunday, December 8, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

Filmed in Cleveland, the hilarious adventures of nine-year-old Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley) and his Christmas dream of a Red Ryder Range 200 Shot BB gun have become a holiday favorite, along with the House from A Christmas Story Museum on West 11th Street. Presenter Sue Stewart was growing up on the street while the movie was being filmed and will share a few recollections from her book, My Christmas Story before the show. Books will be available for sale and signing.

## Film- After Stonewall (1999) Presented by Tom Stebel

Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Main Library Auditorium

After Stonewall, the sequel to Before Stonewall, chronicles the history of lesbian and gay life from the riots at Stonewall to the end of the century. Presented by Tom Stebel from the LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland.

## Children's And Youth Services

by Jeffrey Siebert

### Family Weekend Wonders

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### Symbols of Autumn Scavenger Hunt

October 1- November 30, 2024

For Youth of All Ages. Apples! Pumpkins! Hunt throughout the children's area of the Library for signs that depict symbols of autumn. Enter your scavenger hunt sheet into a drawing to win a prize. The scavenger hunt will be ready for hunting at the Main Library and the Madison branch. No registration required.

To sign up for any program, register online at [lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth](http://lakewoodpubliclibrary.org/youth) or call (216) 226-8275, ext. 140.



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## CHURCH EVENTS

### St. James Thanksgiving Concert

by Nora McNamara

The Sounds of St. James Concert Series Presents Blue Water String Quartet; a "Feast of Strings" on November 24, from 4 to 6:30 PM at St. James Church 17514 Detroit Avenue.

You will truly be thankful for this opportunity to hear the incredible talents of the BlueWater String Quartet featuring Nancy Patterson (Violin), Andrea Belding (Violin), Joshua Muzzi (Viola) & Kent Collier (Cello).

These exceptionally talented musicians will ensure an afternoon of beautifully played compositions by Beethoven, Hayden & Piazzolla's Ave Maria. This is a menu of music you won't want to miss! Thanksgiving twice in one week!

*Free admission with a meet the artists reception to follow. Freewill offerings are accepted.*

### Lakewood Presbyterian Church's Stories With St. Nick

by Cindy Dugan

Join us at Lakewood Presbyterian Church for story time with St. Nick. Santa will visit with children and families from 2-4 pm on December 7th, 2024. During this time, Santa will read a story with each group of children, then your child can take pictures with and tell their Christmas wishes to Mr. Claus. This event is free and treats and refreshments will be available as well as a few simple crafts to commemorate the season. Please register through our Facebook event, the QR code or sign up with Aliyah Kennedy ([akenedy@lakewoodpresbyterian.org](mailto:akenedy@lakewoodpresbyterian.org)) so that we know how many to expect. This is a perfect event to attend right before the parade at Light Up Lakewood! We hope to see you soon. Merry Christmas!

### Lake Erie Wind Quintet Presents:

## "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Clarinetist"

by Brandyn Metzko

Celebrate the season with joyful tunes and holiday cheer! The Lake Erie Wind Quintet invites you to their holiday concert, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Clarinetist, featuring festive favorites and delightful arrangements that will warm your heart. Join us on Sunday, December 1st at 4:00 PM at Lakewood Presbyterian Church, 14502 Detroit Ave in Lakewood, Ohio.

This family-friendly performance

promises holiday classics, music for reflection, and a musical journey perfect for getting into the spirit of the season. Gather your loved ones, don your favorite holiday sweaters, and come enjoy an afternoon of merry music-making. Free admission, donations are accepted.

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# LAKWOOD SCHOOLS

## Educator Spotlight Honorees: Hagenbaugh & Salzer

by Christine Gordillo

Congratulations to our Lakewood City Schools November Educator Spotlight honorees: Garfield Middle School teacher Tom Hagenbaugh and Hayes Elementary Family Resource Coordinator Maria Salzer!

### TOM HAGENBAUGH

Garfield Middle School teacher Tom Hagenbaugh, who began his career in the finance industry, fairly quickly realized his passion lay elsewhere. Inspired in part by his mother, a special education paraprofessional, and his best friend and sister, who has special needs, Tom returned to school to get his masters in special education.



Both he and we are so glad he did!

Working to be the best teacher he can be is what drives Tom. "Every night I think about how I can do better and make sure my students are growing every day," he says.

## Music Boosters Announce "Brunch With Santa"

by Christine Gordillo

The Lakewood Music Boosters is excited to announce "Brunch with Santa" in conjunction with "Light Up Lakewood" on December 7, 2024. This event will be held at Lakewood High School from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The morning will feature a variety of festivities, including performances by Lakewood City Schools music groups (grades Pre-K through 12), photos with Santa, make-and-take arts and crafts, and a delicious brunch. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Lakewood Fine Arts Department (Music and Art).

### Event Highlights

**Performances:** The event kicks off with a special performance by the Lakewood High School Music Department, showcasing combined numbers from their "Sounds of the Seasons" concert in the Lakewood Civic Auditorium.

**Brunch:** Enjoy a delightful menu featuring various pancakes, a choice of pork bacon, sausage or chicken sausage, pastries, fruit, coffee, tea, orange juice, and water.

**Activities:** Attendees can also participate in make-and-take arts and crafts, games, capture memories with

Santa, and a bake sale. (Games and bake sale will cost extra) Sponsored by H2O, Lakewood High School National Honor Society, Lakewood High School National Art Honor Society, and Tri M Music Honor Society.

**Selfie Station:** Take your family holiday photo

### Performance Schedule

11:30 AM – Lakewood Suzuki Strings

11:40 AM – Harding Treble Singers

12:00 PM – Harding Jazz Band

12:20 PM – Garfield Music Crew

12:40 PM – Harding Strings Plus

1:00 PM – Grant and Lincoln Elementary Choirs

1:20 PM – Harding Mixed Singers

1:40 PM – Garfield Jazz Band

2:00 PM – Emerson, Harrison, and Roosevelt Elementary Choirs

2:20 PM – Chamber Choir, Fortes, and Vive'L Four

2:40 PM – Hayes and Horace Mann Elementary Choirs

**Admission to performances is free. Tickets are only required for brunch, photos with Santa, and participation in make-and-take arts and crafts.**

To accomplish that Tom employs his Vision of a Lakewood Educator competencies. Working in the BRIDGES classroom at Garfield, Tom's empathy is most notable.

"Tom provides the safest and most caring environment," says his nominator, Mark Mitchell. Adds his second nominator, Erica O'Grady: "(Tom) makes a point to know his students and takes the time to make each of them feel special every single day."

He is also a great communicator and collaborator, always seeking out his colleagues' points of view to make sure he has considered all possible options when a problem presents itself.

"Tom is an awesome team player, always willing to support the team to do what is best for students," Erica says, adding: "He is a great collaborator and an incredibly supportive teammate! We are so lucky to have him on our BRIDGES team."

### MARIA SALZER

After spending a decade as a social worker, Hayes Elementary Family Resource Coordinator Maria Salzer believes the role she now has with the District is one she was meant to do. As a once struggling young single parent, Maria knows she is able to connect with and build relationships with families that someone without the same lived experience may not.

In her third year at Hayes, Maria

relies greatly on her Vision of a Lakewood Educator skills of communication, collaboration and empathy to serve the school's students and families to the best of her ability. For her, it's a never-ending quest to help those in need.

"(Maria's) always looking for ways to ensure our students' needs in all aspects of their lives are being met. Her care and kindness are truly authentic," says Maria's nominator, Hayes student wellness specialist Jennifer Wooley.

Maria admits that she works endlessly for her families, often staying up at night thinking of how she can help. And if she doesn't have an answer, she taps into her collaboration skills and reaches out to Hayes staff, other family resource coordinators or community resource organizations for input.

Maria will tell you that communication is critical to doing her job and serving Hayes families. She admits that she often "wears her heart on her sleeve" when speaking with families knowing that her openness often leads to stronger relationships and trust, which allows her to better do her job.

Jennifer can confirm Maria's communication skills are stellar: "(Maria) communicates in a way that is not judgmental but rather respectful and understanding." Hayes families are lucky to have her in their corner.

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# LAKEWOOD SCHOOLS

## New Rules For Monitoring Of Cell Phones In Lakewood Schools

by Brent Kellay

We are writing to inform you of important updates regarding the monitoring of student devices following the passage of Ohio Senate Bill 29 (SB29). This legislation introduces new rules about how and when schools can access and monitor school-issued devices/

resources, and we want to ensure you are aware of these changes.

### Key Points:

**Permissible Monitoring:** The District may monitor school-issued devices for educational purposes, such as instruction, technical support, exam proctoring, and to comply with

the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA).

### Other Reasons for Monitoring:

The District may also monitor devices under certain circumstances, including:

- Judicial warrant
- Lost or stolen devices
- Threat to life or safety
- Compliance with federal or state law
- Participation in federal or state funding programs

**Types of Monitoring:** Monitoring may include location tracking, audio/visual recording, and student interactions with the device (keystrokes, web browsing).

### No New Monitoring Practices:

The District has NOT implemented any new or changed monitoring services. This notice is a new requirement per SB29. An overview of the Lightspeed web filtering system can be found [here](#).

**Notification Requirements:** If your child's device is accessed, you will receive a notification within 72 hours, explaining the reasons for access, the actions taken, and any safety concerns.

### Examples of When Monitoring Might Occur:

**Instructional Purposes:** A teacher may monitor a student's device during class to ensure they are staying on task

and completing assignments.

**Technical Support:** The IT department may need to access a student's device to troubleshoot a problem.

**Exam Proctoring:** Proctors may use monitoring tools to prevent cheating during online exams.

**Lost or Stolen Device:** If a device is reported lost or stolen, the District may attempt to locate it by tracking its activity.

**Safety Threat:** If there are concerns about a student's safety, the District may need to access their device to investigate.

### Our Commitment to Privacy:

Our priority is always the safety and privacy of all students, and we will continue to follow these guidelines responsibly.

*If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Lakewood City Schools Director of Information Technology Brent Kallay at [brent.kallay@lakewoodcityschools.org](mailto:brent.kallay@lakewoodcityschools.org)*

Thank you for your attention and ongoing support of our school community.

## Harding's Fourth Annual Math Symposium Is A Great Success

by Christina Gordillo

The Harding 6th grade math teachers and students today accomplished another successful Math Symposium - the department's fourth annual!

The symposium is the culmination of eight weeks of work by the students. Pushing outside their comfort zone, teams of students interviewed 46 local business owners in person to discover



how each business relies on math principles to be successful. Students then organized and designed posters to show what they learned.

Shout out to the business owners and to Lakewood Rangers Education Foundation for providing a grant to pay for the professional printing by Erie Design! Such a great project that allowed our 6th graders to stretch all their Vision of a Lakewood Ranger competencies!



## PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process-Public Participation in accordance with the FCC's Nationwide Programmatic Agreement. Crown Castle intends to modify eight existing communication small cell facilities that include a collocation of antenna/equipment on an existing wood utility pole within street rights-of-way in Lakewood, Cuyahoga County, Ohio

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- (OH-39) LT-SC-OH 0523 (#494908) – Located approx. 1406 Alameda Ave. (Latitude: 41.48428 N and Longitude: -81.77781 W). Utility pole height of 30 ft. with total approx. height of 34 ft. with antenna
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# LAKEWOOD IS ART

## In Memory Um: Jamie Klimek, 1950 - 2024

by Buzz Kompier

On November 6th, Jamie Klimek passed away at 73. Jamie was a guitarist, singer, and songwriter in the bands Mirrors and The Styrenes and one of the originators of protopunk in Cleveland. Mirrors started in the early 70s and were one of the first wave of bands that could be called “punk” in Cleveland (and maybe the world), along with contemporaries like the electric eels and Rocket From The Tombs. Jamie was already semi-known in the music scene by the time Mirrors started for attending (and taping) The Velvet Underground’s 1968 shows at La Cave. In 1975, some of Mirrors morphed into The Styrenes (also known as Poli Styrene Jass Band, Styrene Money, The George Money Band, etc.) and continued into the 80s. By the end of that decade, a reformed Mirrors were also playing shows and released an album, “Another Nail In The Coffin,” in 1991. Appearances from the group were limited after that, but Jamie put together a new lineup of Mirrors in 2008 that played several shows through 2017.

At the core of Mirrors’ sound was The Velvet Underground meets The Troggs, but at the same time it had its own unique twist, sometimes psychedelic, sometimes pop, sometimes both, that made Mirrors sound like both and neither. Nobody had Jamie’s guitar playing—though many since have tried—nor his occasionally haunting, occasionally ridiculous vocals, nor his lyrics, which could be anything from introspective musings to some of the most lascivious things ever written.

I met Jamie when I was 13, right around the time that Mirrors were the local headliner at Studio-A-Rama. Their performance that night still ranks as one of the best shows I’ve ever seen: it was a mix of the most recent lineup (Tom Fallon, Dave Franduto, Tom Madej) and the original group (Craig Bell, Jim Crook, Paul Marotta) with Jamie front and center. Yes, that is seven people onstage, four of them on guitar (a total of 30 strings, since Tom was playing a 12-string). It was fantastic. I did a lengthy interview with Jamie around this time, which will someday see the light of day. In addi-



Jamie Klimek, 1950 - 2024

tion to lending me his copies of some of his own releases so I could burn them to my computer (for research purposes, of course) he also gave me a stack of other CDs he thought I needed to listen to: The Troggs, Syd Barrett, “A Woofer In Tweeter’s Clothing,” almost every Kinks album (which he annotated in Sharpie right on the CD booklets so I knew which tracks to look out for, including three marked with three stars for “so good you can only listen occasionally lest your head explode”: “Shangri-La,” “Days,” and “Sweet Lady Genevieve”), and, mysteriously enough, two reunion albums The Knack did in 90s/early 2000s (Jamie wasn’t a fan of their initial run, but he loved “Serious Fun” and “Normal As The Next Guy” for whatever reason. Jamie also may have been the world’s biggest Shoes fan, so perhaps that explains it.). He called a week later to ask if I’d listened to any of it and was very pleased that I said I was especially digging “The Madcap Laughs.”

When Jamie started getting back into working on an album that Mirrors recorded several years prior and never quite finished, I accompanied him to a lot of the mixing sessions. I suppose Jamie thought it was an experience that would teach me something, or maybe that I’d just appreciate being out of the house. In any case, it was indeed very



cool and educational—I even got to hang out on days that Dave Franduto and Tom Fallon came by to do overdubs. I sat with Jamie and Tom in the studio while they recorded “You And I Saw” from start to finish. The first time one of my bands played live in front of people, Jamie was there. I half-jokingly asked if he’d want to come up and play guitar on a song and he said, “I’ve only ever played guitar with four bands: Mirrors, The Styrenes, electric eels, and the Pagans, and I think that’s pretty good. I can’t afford to mess that record up.” He came up to me afterwards while I was putting my stuff away and grabbed my setlist off the ground, then counted to a certain song. “Aha! I’ll be telling Fallon that you ripped him off on this one!”

Maybe I was subtle enough about it at that particular show, but Jamie’s been one of the guitarists I’ve tried to rip off the most over the years, up there with Jay Reatard, Neil Young, and, yes, Tom Fallon. Listen to “I Think I’m Falling” or “I Saw You” and tell me you wouldn’t wanna play guitar like that. He was

great. I saw Mirrors at every show they played after that Studio-A-Rama show and whether it was a great show (a Lou Reed tribute night where Jamie mercilessly disparaged The New Lou Reeds in between songs for dropping off the bill last minute) or a weird show (opening for Guided By Voices for a packed house full of apathetic alcoholics who were getting bored waiting for Bob to come out), he was always on. He did what he wanted—overstaying his welcome at the GBV show simply to piss off their fans or, upon being told to “play anything but sevenths” when The Styrenes recorded “Jetsam,” spent the entire 19-minute runtime of the song playing only sevenths—and the music was better for it.

Many would say, and Jamie would probably not argue, that he could be described as “curmudgeonly” or “difficult.” But he was also very smart, incredibly funny (in ways both intentional and not—his ever-changing voicemail messages; or, as a former neighbor recalled, being “probably the only person to ever have the cops called on them for listening to the Carpenters too loud”), and a really kind-hearted person underneath it all (I had a memory the other day of him driving me to class at Tri-C once for some reason—I’m sure he relished the opportunity to tell me exactly what he did and didn’t like about “Younger Than Yesterday” by The Byrds, which we were listening to in the car). I don’t know much about movies from the 1930s or baseball, but I’m told that Jamie was one of the best people to talk to about both subjects. On the most recent Mirrors album (which, like that interview, will someday see the light of day), there’s a song called “In Memory Of.” Jamie told me that it was supposed to be called “In Memory Um” (pronounced “memoriam”) but that he knew nobody would say it right and so he changed it. In Mike Hudson’s “All The Wrong People Are Dying” (which Jamie wrote the incredible music for), Jamie (under the barely disguised name “Jimmy Climax”) is the one who tells Mike the title phrase upon hearing of his brother’s death. It was true then and it’s true now. See you, Jamie, and thank you.

There will be a memorial for Jamie Klimek at the Beachland Ballroom on the afternoon of January 5, 2025.

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## Seeking My Forever Home

by Stephanie Jarosz

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Meet Bono aka “collar #3540”

## From State-Rep Elect Tristan Rader A Message Of Gratitude To The People Of Lakewood:

by Tristan Rader

I am humbled and profoundly grateful for the trust you have placed in me to serve as your next State Representative. Thank you for your support, your faith in our shared vision, and your commitment to the values that define our community. This victory is not mine alone; it belongs to each and every one of us who believes in building a stronger, fairer, and more sustainable future for Ohio.

Lakewood has always been a city of resilient, engaged, and compassionate people who care deeply about one another and our community. Together, we have made strides toward a clean energy future, supported policies that lift up working families, and fought to ensure everyone has access to affordable healthcare and housing. Now, as we take this movement to the Statehouse, I carry with me the voices, hopes, and dreams of the people who make Lakewood such a remarkable place to call home.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to represent you and to fight



for the issues that matter most to our community. I am ready to work tirelessly for you, for Lakewood, and for all Ohioans. Together, we can make the positive, lasting changes we all believe in.

*With deepest gratitude,  
Tristan Rader  
State Representative-Elect,  
13th House District*

## From Legal Aid’s Taxpayer Clinic Get Help Resolving Tax Issues

by Tonya Sams

Receiving a notification from the IRS can cause anxiety and fear. These feelings can be magnified when someone cannot afford an attorney to resolve their tax issues. The Legal Aid Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC) can help taxpayers with their tax problems for free.

The LITC assists low-income taxpayers in Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake and Lorain Counties.

“Our clinics helps individuals only. We focus on tax controversies involving the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and sometimes the Ohio Department of Taxation and not on tax preparation,” said Dennis Dobos, Supervising Attorney in the Economic Justice Practice Group at Legal Aid. “The LITC can assist taxpayers with an income up to 250% of the federal poverty line, which is around \$37,650 for an individual and \$78,000 for a family of four. The amount in controversy for a given tax year should be under \$50,000.”

Dennis and other attorneys who are part of the LITC have helped taxpayers who have not filed taxes in many years, as well as others who have missed the response or appeal period or lost supporting documents necessary to resolve their cases with the IRS

“Legal Aid can help with IRS audits and appeals, collection due process hearings, identity theft, preparer fraud, innocent spouse, underreporting of income, earned income tax

credit, child tax credit and more,” said Dennis.

LITC attorneys also can help taxpayers obtain transcripts from the IRS, as well as negotiate payment plans, currently not collectible status and offers in compromise. They can represent taxpayers in court through lawsuits filed against the IRS and the U.S. The LITC attorneys additionally seek systemic issues and solutions to help low-income taxpayers.

Dennis offers several tips below to help people with their taxes.

“Open your mail from the IRS and look for response deadlines. Use certified mailing when responding to the IRS. Also, select your tax preparer wisely. You can use the volunteer income tax assistance (VITA) sites to help you do this. They are free and supervised by the IRS.”

Taxpayers should not assume that because they have not heard from the IRS within a few years that they have avoided a tax debt collection. The IRS has 10 years from the time of assessment to collect the debt. It is also important to keep good records because the IRS may have made a mistake. Those records could be used to support your case if you are accused of owing money to the IRS.

*Are you experiencing taxes issues? Legal Aid may be able to help! To apply for assistance, call 888-817-3777, or complete an online intake 24/7 at lascleve.org.*



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# LAKWOOD BUSINESS



The Historic block owned by Angelo Skantos, completely restored to its original glory. Lower right, when the facade fell.

## Lakewood's Shore Restaurant Receives Statehouse Recognition

by Joshua Meek

State Representative Michael Skindell recently presented Lakewood's historic Shore Restaurant a recognition from the Ohio Statehouse. Rep. Skindell honored the family run diner for its more than 38 years of being part of the Lakewood community.

Founded in 1986 and operated by Lakewoodites Angelo and Tina Skantzios, the Shore Restaurant has become a beloved establishment. Located on Detroit Road at Hopkins Road, it is renowned for its dedication to all-American food and warm hospitality. The Skantzioses are aided in the kitchen and dining room by their sons Steve and Mike.

"Whether catching-up with friends over bacon and eggs or a



Above - State Representative Michael P. Skindell with the State House Recognition awarded to Tina and Angelo Skantzios.



stack of blueberry pancakes and a cup of coffee or discussing work or local and national events with colleagues, the Shore Restaurant is the breakfast or brunch place to go," said Representative Mike Skindell.

The Shore Restaurant had a setback in April 2014 when the ornate façade of its 100-year-old building suddenly collapsed. Without hesitation, Angelo Skantzios was committed to rebuild the damaged portion of the building as close to the original design as possible. The work was completed in 2016.

"The Statehouse recognition of the Shore Restaurant is befitting," said Skindell. He added: "Its success is a testament to the vision, hard work, and perseverance of Angelo, Tina, and their sons and the dedication of its staff."

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# COVE COMMUNITY CENTER

Meet Us At Cove:

## Margaret Ford-Taylor And Terri Taylor

by Nancy Feighan

We're thrilled to introduce you to the remarkable Margaret Ford-Taylor and her daughter, Terri Taylor, a dynamic mother-daughter duo at Cove Community Center.

Margaret Ford-Taylor is a two-time Emmy-nominated playwright, director, and actress. With acclaim from the Kennedy Center and Emmy nominations for her work on "American Women: Echoes and Dreams and The Second Reconstruction," Margaret has made significant contributions to the arts. Her impressive career includes directing and acting in productions like "A Raisin in the Sun" and "Double Nickel Blues," as well as appearances in films such as "Antwone Fisher." Recently, she shared her inspiring journey with the Library of Congress, where footage of her unedited interview and personal papers will be preserved.

Terri Taylor brings her own rich experiences to the mix. Between high school and college, she joined the US Military, driven by a desire to explore the world. A proud Lakewood resident for nearly 30 years, she has witnessed Cove's transformation from a church into a vibrant community center full of activity.

**A fun fact about Terri:** while Margaret was rehearsing, she was sometimes babysat by the legendary Nina Simone! She also fondly remembers meeting Michael Jackson and his brothers rehearsing at the Palace Theater nearly 50 years ago.



Multi nominated Emmy nominated playwright, and mother, Margaret Ford-Taylor

In August, Margaret and Terri had a fantastic time at "MJ the Musical," sitting in the second row at Playhouse Square with the original Broadway cast. This time, Terri enjoyed watching her mom revel in the performance, rather than critiquing the actors' movements. They both savored every moment of the show!

Margaret and Terri love participating in activities at Cove, such as Silver Strength, Tai Chi, and the occasional bingo session. Their unique blend of glamour and warmth enriches our community, and we're delighted to have them with us at Cove.

We invite you to join Margaret and Terri in exploring all that Cove Community Center has to offer—there's something for everyone!

## Spread Holiday Cheer With The Giving Tree At Cove

by Nancy Feighan

We're getting a jump on the spirit of giving this year with our Giving Tree at Cove.

Here's how you can help families and seniors in need:

- 1) Pick a tag from the tree
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Bucket Wish Series:

## Part 1 - A Thrilling Day At The Cleveland Browns Game



by Nancy Feighan

Thanks to a generous grant from the Healthy Lakewood Foundation, Lakewood's Division of Aging kicked off the first of three Bucket Wish adventures with a thrilling trip to a Cleveland Browns game! On October 20th, ten lucky seniors took their seats at a packed Huntington Bank Field for the highly anticipated Browns vs. Bengals showdown. The atmosphere was electric as fans cheered for the return of the man himself, Nick Chubb, and rocked out to



a halftime performance by Foreigner, just hours after their induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!

Despite a tough loss (Bengals 21 - Browns 14), spirits were high as the group enjoyed perfect sunny weather and a smooth experience, thanks to their amazing Browns liaison, Joshua. The day was filled with laughter, great company, and plenty of excitement!

"I had an awesome time at the game, even though the Browns didn't win. The halftime show with Foreigner was the bomb! I can check that off my bucket list now. Thanks for the gift of the game and some spending money!"

— Trish

"I had a great time seeing everything from way up high in the stadium. Watching Nick Chubb back in action, cheering for the Browns, and even spotting rock stars' planes flying over the stadium was a real treat. Thank you to everyone who made it happen!"

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