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## ★ BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL ISSUE ★

### Meeting will explain proposed Westlake charter amendments

by Mel Maurer

Changing our charter, our constitution which spells out how our town is governed, is one of the most important responsibilities we have as residents. It is not changed often or lightly, so its essential we do it right, as we see fit to do as citizens of Westlake.

To help us all do it right, an informational meeting to explain the Westlake Charter Amendments that will appear on the November ballot will be held Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at Westlake Porter Public Library.

Westlake Law Director John Wheeler will explain, without using the legalese of ballot language, what each amendment means so voters may be prepared before voting. Please note that this meeting is not to argue for or against

the amendments – that is forbidden by city officials, by Ohio law.

These amendments have been developed over the last 18 months through the work of the 2009 Charter Review Committee, which I had the honor to chair last year, and then through the work of City Council in its review, discussion and amendment process. All of this happens as required by the Westlake Charter every ten years – resulting in placing the approved amendments before the voters for their votes (yes or no).

We encourage your attendance – we all know how tough it is to read and to understand the required ballot language on amendments when we're in the voting booths, or even at home as we cast our mail-in ballots. • *Mel Maurer lives in Westlake.*



### Cupola raised for Bay Village Bicentennial

The new Community House cupola, a centerpiece of the Bay Village Bicentennial celebration, was installed by Amish workmen on Monday, Oct. 4. The cupola will be lighted for the first time at the festivities' closing ceremonies at dusk on Sunday, Oct. 10.

### 'NOT MY CHILD' program to be held Oct. 21 at BMS

Alcohol usage and drug experimentation, abuse or addiction are not at the top of a parent's list of what they dream for their children. A natural response to any of these would be NOT MY CHILD! Unfortunately, experimentation, abuse and

addiction do occur among our children.

- Do you know that marijuana is "the drug of choice" of the majority of teens who seek treatment for drug abuse or dependence?
- Do you know that experimentation starts

in middle school but parents don't learn about it until they discover their

- Are you aware that teenagers whose parents talk on a regular basis about the dangers of drug use are 42% less likely to use drugs than those whose parents don't?

The parent drug awareness education

program, NOT MY CHILD!, returns to Bay Middle School on Thursday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. The program, developed by local parents who know because they lived it, aims to teach parents how to recognize the signs of adolescent drug use. Presenting will be Bay parents and expert panel members, who will also be ready to answer your questions.

Please join! All are welcome. •



### ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS

Mary Ellen Sullivan holds Lacey for a blessing by Father Steve Breck, as friend Joanne Tuckey looks on. The event drew a crowd of several dozen pet owners and their furry friends to St. Raphael Church in Bay Village on Oct. 4.

### Annual Costume, Jewelry and Miscellany Sale at Clague Playhouse

by Pam Kilpatrick

Just in time for Halloween and the holidays, Clague Playhouse will hold its annual Costume, Jewelry and Miscellany Sale on Saturday, October 16, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The sale offers great values on vintage, costumes, daywear, evening wear, accessories and decor items. Local boutiques also donate NEW elegant, evening wear and bridal gowns for purchase at the sale. Payment by cash, check, MasterCard,

Visa and Discover will be accepted. For more information, call the Clague Playhouse Box Office at 440-331-0403 Wed.-Sat., 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Clague Playhouse is located at 1371 Clague Road, south of Detroit Road off the I-90W Clague Road exit. Due to construction on Clague Road, Clague Playhouse may only be reached by traveling south from Detroit Road. Our website, [www.clagueplayhouse.org](http://www.clagueplayhouse.org), has detour information. Free parking. • Pam Kilpatrick is the Office Administrator of Clague Playhouse.



# Meet Flower Clown at Cahoon Park!

by Nancy Brown

Cleveland's premier master balloon twister will be at Cahoon Memorial Park to celebrate the Bay Village Bicentennial on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 12-4 p.m. Flower Clown will be entertaining at the Friends of the Bay Village Animal Kennel tent.



The Friends of the Bay Village Animal Kennel is not a rescue organization that takes animals. Our purpose is to continue to create awareness about the Bay Village Animal Kennel and assist the Animal Control Officer in raising funds for medical treatment, spaying and neutering, along with future immediate building renovations. We also ensure that all donations are allocated and uti-

lized for the animals and the kennel immediately.

The Cahoon family loved their pets and the Friends of the Bay Village Animal Kennel are honored to participate in the Bicentennial and keep the compassion and concern for pets a priority in Bay Village. Please direct all inquiries to Ruth Glasmire at 440-835-8139. •

*Nancy Brown lives in Bay Village.*

## CELEBRATE TEEN READ WEEK OCT. 17-23

by Liza Kahoe-Arthur

Every year libraries across the nation celebrate teens reading, writing and listening to books, music and more. The Bay Village Branch Library is no exception! On October 18 at 3 p.m. we'll have freshly popped popcorn for our teen customers.

Also, on October 19 get ready to celebrate Books with Beat @ Your Library! We'll have Rock Band, Wii Sports Resort and Super Mario Kart games starting at 3:30 p.m. We'll also have snacks and door prizes! Teens ages 11-18 are welcome to register at [www.cuyahogalibrary.org](http://www.cuyahogalibrary.org). •  
*Liza Kahoe-Arthur is Teen Librarian at the Cuyahoga County Public Library Bay Village Branch.*

# Bay photographer captures history in doors

by Juli Evans

In honor of our Bicentennial we have created a beautiful print of the homes of Bay Village. This print is an updated version of the previous Doors of Bay Village done over 15 years ago. We created this print as a fundraiser for our adoption of two boys from Ethiopia.

Our family decided to begin the process of adoption last January. We felt drawn to Africa and after much thought and research decided to adopt from Ethiopia. We have learned so much through this journey and met so many wonderful people.

Many of these encounters occurred as we spent the summer riding our bikes around Bay Village seeking out doors for our project. Even after living here my whole life I discovered homes I had never seen before and interesting architecture all over our city.

After much agonizing (and a few disagreements), we narrowed the print down



to 35 doors. We tried to find the most colorful and interesting doors on every street. Some of the doors have character, some are historical and some are just plain beautiful! We think the ones we chose represent Bay Village, some of our history and what makes us unique. We so enjoyed doing this project and met so many great neighbors.

The prints are available in two sizes: 8"x10" for \$13.00 and 18"x24" for

\$25.00. Custom sizes and products are also available. Order forms are located at Java Bay, Subway, Heinen's, Walgreens and Mojo's or go to [www.sephotos.net](http://www.sephotos.net) to order the print on line.

All proceeds from the sale of the artwork will go to the adoption of our boys from Ethiopia and to the children of Enat Alem orphanage in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. •

*Juli Evans lives in Bay Village.*

## Observer Guidelines

Want to submit an article to the Observer? We'd love to hear from you! Here are some guidelines to keep in mind when writing for the Observer:

- Anyone who lives, works or has a vested interest in Westlake or Bay Village is encouraged to contribute.
- Aim for 300-500 words.
- Check your facts. Take the extra time to ensure accuracy.
- Submit original stories and photos. Don't copy others' work and remember to credit your sources.
- Be respectful of others.
- Write for the community. Your stories will be read by people throughout Westlake and Bay Village (and beyond) so keep the audience in mind when choosing topics.
- Know you'll be edited. All stories pass through

editors who review stories for spelling and grammar. We try to keep the news as "unfiltered" as possible, but may edit length and content if necessary.

- Disclose your affiliation. If you have a personal or business relationship with the subject of your story, let your readers know.
- Don't write stories solely to promote your business—that's what ads are for.

Ask questions! We're here to help you at every step along the way. Don't hesitate to come to us for advice or help with topics, content or the submission process.

To join in, sign-up through the Member Center at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com) and submit your stories & photos. Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes. Contact us at [staff@wbvobserver.com](mailto:staff@wbvobserver.com).

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# Bay Bicentennial photo contest winner selected

by Eric Eakin

A photo of the sailboat sculpture in Bay Village's Cahoon Memorial Park at sunset has been selected by judges as the best photo submitted in the city's Bicentennial photo contest.

The photo was taken by Deborah Arcaro of Bay Village. "I just got a new camera for Christmas and am still learning to use it. I just love to take pictures, and this is the first time I have entered anything like this. I am honored, and flabbergasted."

The photo will be turned into a beautiful 18"x24" poster and offered for sale for \$10 by the Bay Village Historical Society to help fund its Bicentennial celebration. Only 200 prints will be produced.

"We had a number of terrific photos submitted, but this one really stood out," said Amy Laing and Sarah Edelman of Thomas & Thomas Photographers in Bay Village, two of the judges of the contest. "It really is a piece of art."



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# Ride the trolley to the Bay library Oct. 9!

by Pam DeFino

Celebrate the Bay Village Bicentennial at the Bay Village Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library where history comes alive. On Saturday, October 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the library will be one of the stops on the Bicentennial Lolly the Trolley Tour. There will be a full schedule of crafts, stories, activities and displays. A story program for children ages 3-10 years will be offered throughout the day at these times: 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the large meeting room where

a display of quilts from the Bay Village Historical Society will provide a beautiful backdrop. Come see architectural renderings of various buildings throughout the history of Bay Village created by Normandy students whose art teacher, Jama Jennings, is teaching a unit on architecture to the first and second graders. There will also be a quilt coloring craft and a sheep craft for children with a quilt block matching contest for adults. Browsing is just the beginning! ● *Pam DeFino is Manager of the Bay Village Branch Library.*

# Bay Village Time Capsule deadline nears

by Eileen Vernon

The identification of the individuals and groups that exist today will paint a realistic picture of our city of Bay Village 100 years from now. There is still time to make your contribution of \$100 or more to have your name, or that of your club or organization, memorialized in the time capsule. The funds collected will be used to defray the expenses incurred by the

Bicentennial Committee for the jam-packed schedule of events that will make 10-10-10 a weekend to remember. Please make out your check for \$100 to: The Village Foundation 10-10-10 Fund. Mail to: The Village Foundation, P.O. Box 40122, Bay Village, OH 44140. Donations may also be made by credit card online at: [www.thevillagefdn.org](http://www.thevillagefdn.org). ● *Eileen Vernon is President of The Village Foundation.*

# Bay students to race clock in history hunt

## Kiwanis offers \$50 prizes to student groups for winning Oct. 9 Bicentennial History Hunt

by Tom Johnson

What Bay Village students in grades 5 through 12 know about their city's history may win their school club or organization a \$50 prize on Saturday, Oct. 9, during the festive community gathering at Cahoon Memorial Park leading up to the Oct. 10 Bicentennial celebration. The Bay Village Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a history hunt beginning at 10:30 a.m. at the Gazebo. Students will fan out across the park that morning, hoping to decipher clues that will lead them to dwellings, artifacts and historical secrets from 200 years of the city's history. They more clues they collect, the better the chance they have to win. The top winning team from each Bay Village public or private school will each receive a \$50 check made out to the club, school, organization or home room they designate. **How it Works** Students representing clubs, teams and recognized school organizations may form teams of from three to five players. Armed with printed riddles supplied at the Cahoon Park Gazebo, teams will begin their hunt at 10:30, searching for 20 different objects, buildings, and historical sites. As they solve the clues and locate each site, they will pick up an

easily-visible card that proves they found the site. A team representative must be in line to report to the judges by 11:30, one hour later. A bell will ring to signal the end of the contest. Four judges, two from the Kiwanis Club and two from the Historical Society, will note the time each team finishes, and check the number of cards each team has collected. In the event of a tie, a quiz prepared by the Historical Society will determine the winner. Kiwanis and High School Key Club Marshalls will be stationed near each site to ensure that teams follow rules and behave courteously. **How to Register** Students can register at Bay High School and Middle School by picking up History Hunt materials at their school offices beginning Tuesday, Sept. 28, or by registering at the event at 10 a.m. on Oct. 9. A \$5 registration fee can be paid by mail (check only, made out to the Bay Village Kiwanis Club), or by cash or check at the judging table before the event begins at 10:30 a.m. Bay Village private school students in grades 5 through 8 can request sign-up packets by calling or emailing History Hunt Chairman Tom Johnson at 871-0445 or [tomjocomm@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tomjocomm@sbcglobal.net), with History Hunt in the subject line. ●

# We are Bay Village

by Dianne Borowski

As a newer resident of Bay Village, I am quite interested in the city's history, especially now that the Bicentennial looms on the horizon. I wonder what life was like in 1810 for the first settlers? I'm sure they endured many hardships and challenges as they began building our community. When I moved to Bay Village I was unaware it had any historical significance. To me it was just that rather well-to-do suburb located near Lake Erie. Now that I call Bay Village home, I am learning how erroneous my perception was. Our community is more than just a place to live. It's a unique combination of people, businesses, land and heritage. From the school crossing guard who watches over our children come rain or shine, to the clergy who preach in our many churches, offering hope in these troubling times, to the many volunteers who reach out to our less fortunate, to our police and fire fighters who provide for our safety... and the list goes on and on. They are Bay Village, we are Bay Village. We are our businesses which keep us competitive and provide for our needs. We are the land which extends to the very northern shores of our country. We walk the same ground our forefathers walked and it is ours... every bit of concrete, every park, every grain of sand. It is a gift given from those who had a vision of what this community might become. We must remind our children to respect and care for that which our ancestors worked and fought for. Let's keep that vision from the past alive and growing for the next hundred years. ● *Dianne Borowski lives in Bay Village.*

# Fuller House renovation blends old and new

by Peter Winzig

As the Fuller House renovation continues at BAYarts, it is exciting to see the inventive genius of the architect and interior designers from YDesign Group take shape, as so much of the renovation revolves around the blending of old and new. Mark Yager, owner and President at YDesign Group puts it quite simply: "I knew when we started this project we had to do two things – inject new life into the interior spaces so visitors and students would be delighted, yet also preserve as much of the character and history of the old structure. Working with BAYarts, my designers and structural engineers, the Cleveland Metroparks team and general contractor Scott Adams, we were able to do just that." "When we first began our designs, we felt it was really important to showcase the old structure," said Yager. "We crawled into the attic, under the house, and spent time just sitting and studying the building from all angles. Since I grew up in Bay, and my kids took classes at what was then Baycrafters, I knew the building held a special, almost magical charm." The folks at BAYarts had a long list of requirements – big gallery, ample teaching space, bathrooms, an office, storage and more programming space for events. Since Yager's office has done a number of art, music, education and historic preservation projects, he focused on the gallery first, making sure visitors would love the unique atmosphere. "We were able to blend new, smooth, curvilinear surfaces with the old rustic ceilings and beams," Yager said. "We kept the ceilings open, so people can

look up into the original structure and see the inside framing from the 1890s. We also wanted the space to be flexible and unique, so we included floor-to-ceiling glass-door walls that can be open to let nature in." Yager and Peter Winzig, the Fuller House Renovation Coordinator, did hundreds of "lunchtime napkin drawings," pushing each other to be inventive yet practical given the limited budget requirements. "We agreed to wrap the porch around the building, add a second gazebo, an outdoor artist studio on the second floor and outdoor landscaped art areas for the kids," Yager said. "We also worked with the Metroparks and landscaping team at Maple Leaf Landscaping, to be sure the walkways and outdoor public space work with the house. The setting is so great, we just had to do all we could to bring the artists closer to the special Metroparks environment." As the renovation moves to the final third stage, the character of the new design approach is becoming more clear. "Now that we have the structure and roof done and the interior walls are up, we are beginning to apply some color, I'm really getting excited, as the blending of the old and new is apparent," said Yager. "I think we have a very special building, and I'm so pleased my company could not only help renovate the house, but also create a very unique environment. There is no gallery or art teaching space like it in this region of the coun-

try, so, for us, this has been great." BAYarts will hold an opening event called "Our Gift to the City" during the Bay Village Bicentennial weekend celebration and partially open the Fuller House for tours. Lolly the Trolley will be bringing guests to the Cleveland Metroparks. Renovation is slated to be complete in November. ● *Peter Winzig is project coordinator of the Fuller House renovation.*

## POETRY

### Fuller House

by Joseph Psarto, Westlake

*Fuller House  
Beautiful old house,  
you came to us sailing down  
Lake Erie's shore.  
How many of your order have had  
a sea-adventure like that?  
But no more water-trips for you,  
gallant one,  
you are home  
and here to stay  
forever and a day.  
Have no trepidations,  
Huntington is your family now,  
and we will love you evermore,  
brick by brick,  
wood by wood,  
room by room,  
door by door.  
And here's a buckeye  
for your boutonniere.*



# Bay Bicentennial 10.10.10



## The Dover Station on the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad

by Kay Laughlin

New and exciting sounds were heard in North Dover in 1882 with the beat of the steam locomotive exhaust, the shrill call of a whistle and the rumble of iron wheels on steel rails. Clifton Aldrich and his dad rode on their manure spreader to see the first green and red locomotive come through. Joel Cahoon was taken by his sons in their wagon to see the newly laid track that Joel always said would come.

The New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad was also known as the “Nickel Plate.” The generally accepted story behind the nickname has a newspaper editor calling it “the great, nickel-plated railroad” and the term became a nickname. Eventually, even the locomotives and cars were so marked. It was primarily a freight hauler but carried passengers, too.

The railroad station was the center of all the comings and goings in town. The Cahoon family negotiated the placement of the station on their property in Dover Township on the north side of the tracks in return for the track being laid through their property for lease.

Excerpted from the book “Bay Village: A Way of Life,” written by the Bay Village Historical Society, is the following explanation of a day at the Dover, Ohio, train station:

*An air of anticipation hovered about the station. ... Things were about to happen. Folks were gathering; the men in tight-legged trousers, high choker collars and derby hats; the ladies with wasp waists, bustles and voluminous skirts, all topped with impossibly huge hats. Baggage trucks were piled high with trunks, sacks of mail, boxes of grapes, crates of baby chicks, milk cans, and mysterious packages addressed to far away places. Then in the distance, the sound of the whistle. The train was coming.*

*The people could see it down the track and picked up their suitcases as it swept to a hissing, steaming halt before them. The brakes grinding, sparks flying from the wheels, the conductor stepped off almost before the train stopped. The ladies daintily lifted their skirts were helped on by the conductor, while the men followed. The baggage man boosted the trunks and mail and boxes into the baggage car. Then the word “Board” called as only a railroad conductor could call, a wave of the hand to the engineer, two toots of the whistle, the sharp bark of the engine, and the train rapidly disappeared down the track. The station was quiet again. Only the telegraph sounder clicked, and the wind hummed in the*

*wires overhead.*

*This little scene was repeated many times over the years at Dover Station in our BayVillage. The Traveler's Official Guide for June 14, 1893, shows eight passenger trains a day stopping at Dover, with trains to Cleveland, Conneaut and Buffalo, or westbound to Fort Wayne and Chicago. A Nickel Plate folder of 1909 entitled “Summer Outings” is illustrated with idyllic fishing and bathing beach scenes.*

A list of country homes for summer boarders shows Mrs. George Miller, who only accepted women at 75 cents a day and lived 200 feet from the track, and Mr. Henry Wischmeyer, who could board 40 people and charged one dollar a day to be on the beach.

North Dover businessmen caught the train at the station for Cleveland. They could conduct their business and be home in a day. The Cahoon sisters, who taught school in Cleveland, took the train to the station and got off at the Cahoon Store, were picked up there and taken to their home on Cahoon Road for the weekend. It made life so easy.

From 1920 to 1930, one of the station masters for the New York Central Railroad was Vivian Lyndon Peterson. His son would marry Marie Blaha whose family owned the grocery store and beauty parlor just north of the Cahoon store. Soon the train was not the only way to go. Horseless carriages became popular and offered more independence, and the trains no longer made a stop at Dover. Through the 1940s, the station remained in use to receive freight and express, before finally being closed.

In 1963, the station was generously given to Bay Village and today stands in Huntington Reservation. For many years it was the headquarters for Baycrafters. They used it as their Station Shop for the consignment of artists' works for sale. Some years ago a Victorian Tea Room was added in the back of the building with the consignments still in the front waiting room. A caboose was brought in next to the station to complete the scene. When Baycrafters became BAYarts, the station became the Vento restaurant. ●

Kay Rothaermel Laughlin is an author & Bay Village historian.



The Dover Station on the north side of the track.



The station in Huntington Reservation in 1963.



The station is now home to the Vento la Trattoria restaurant on the BAYarts campus.



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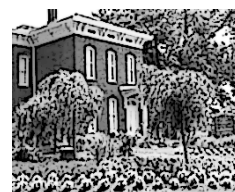


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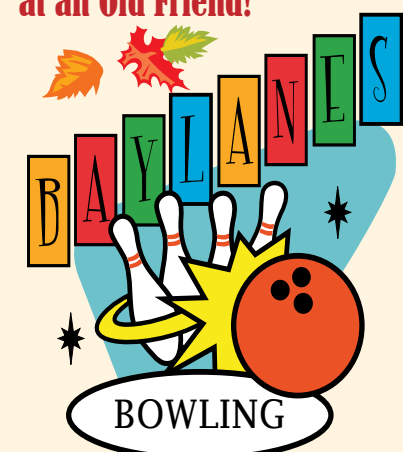
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# Celebrating 200 years: 1810-2010

## BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL



### BEGINNING OF Bay Village, OHIO

#### DOVER TOWNSHIP

The land west of the Cuyahoga River had been held by a number of Native American tribes, including the Erie tribe, who gave their name to the lake, and their conquerors, the Iroquois. The region was also part of the territory claimed by the colony of Connecticut and known as the Western Reserve. In 1795 the land was sold to the Connecticut Land Company, a group of private investors.

Although Moses Cleaveland negotiated a settlement with Native Americans for the land east of the Cuyahoga River in 1796, the land west of the river wasn't purchased until the Treaty of Fort Industry in 1805. The Wyandot, Ottawa, Chippewa, Munsee, Delaware, Potawatomi and Shawnee Indians agreed to relinquish their lands to the federal government in exchange for money and the right to fish and hunt within the territory. The following year, Abraham Tappan surveyed the region for the Connecticut Land Company and divided it into townships.

Nehemiah Hubbard and Joshua Stowe purchased a portion of this land, including Township 7, Range 15, which stretched along the lake from Rocky River to Avon, and south to the Township of Olmsted. The men named the township Dover, after their hometown in Connecticut, but left the settlement of the township to their agents.

Early settlers of Dover Township purchased their lots from agents working on behalf of Hubbard & Stowe.

#### First settlers, 1810.

Joseph Cahoon and his family arrive around noon on Lot #95 as the first white settlers in Dover Township on October 10. The Asahel Porter family, Reuben Osborn and Leverett Johnson arrive on Lot #94 later that day.



Upon their arrival in Dover Township, the Cahoons constructed a log cabin at the site of the present-day Bay Boat Club. In 1976 boy scouts built the Cahoon Log Cabin replica (above) in the valley of Cahoon Memorial Park using hand tools.

#### First child born, 1812.

Angelina Porter is the first child born in Dover township.

#### First business, 1813.

Joseph Cahoon was a miller and selected his land because it included the nearby creek. He constructed the first gristmill west of the Cuyahoga river, the frame being raised September 10, 1813, the same day as The Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812. Those building the mill heard the cannon fire of the battle taking place on Lake Erie.

**First Wedding, 1814.** Leverett Johnson marries Abigail Cahoon on August 15 in the Cahoon family log house.

#### First burial, 1814.

On April 1, 1814, Rebecca Porter, wife of Asahel, made a journey to Cleveland in an open boat with her one-month-old son Dennis, Noah Crocker and George Smith. Upon their return, they were overtaken by a storm at the mouth of the Rocky River. The boat capsized and Rebecca, her son and George Smith were drowned. Reuben Osborn, who was married to Rebecca's sister, Sarah, donated the land at Lakeside cemetery for the burial of Rebecca and her son.



October 10, 1810

# 1810



# 1812



# 1814



**The Connecticut Western Reserve** was an area in the Northwest Territory held and sold by the State of Connecticut in the years after the American Revolution.

**The State of Ohio.** On March 1, 1803, Ohio became the first state to be admitted to the Union from the Northwest Territory.

**Reuben Osborn**  
After arriving in 1810, Reuben went back to Camden, NY, returning to Dover in 1811 with his wife and children.

An early 1800s doll on display at Rose Hill Museum

Cahoon gristmill stone. The mill was located on Cahoon Creek below the family home.

**First House 1814.** The Reuben Osborn house is constructed. Originally located on Lake Road, the home was moved to the Rose Hill Museum area in Cahoon Memorial Park in 1995. It is now the oldest frame house along the lakeshore between Cleveland and Lorain.

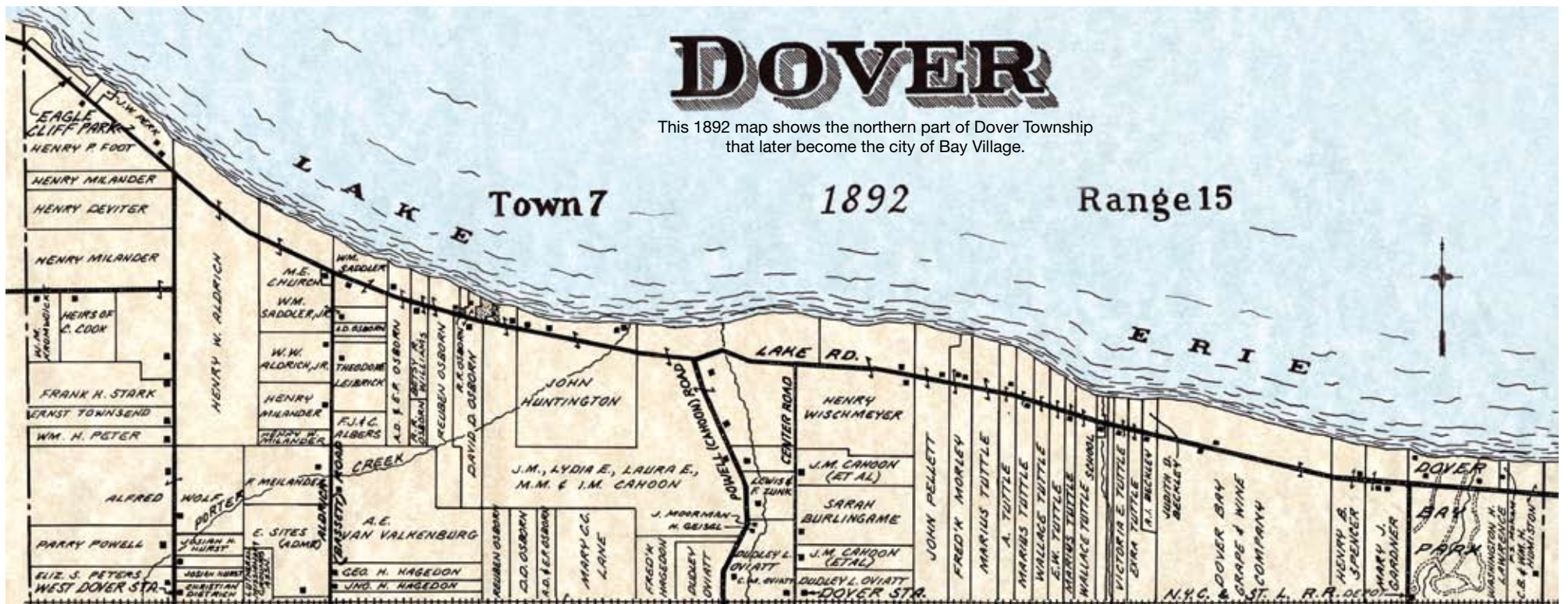
#### LIFE IN DOVER, 1810-1820

Settlement was brisk in the 1810s, with many New England farmers arriving in Dover Township and building homesteads along the lake road. Families, including the Cahoons, Osborns, Porters, Bassetts, Saddlers, Footes, Aldrichs, Winsors, Wolfs, Crockers and Clagues, braved the rough passage westward across the lake by canoe or along the lakeshore Indian trail by wagon.

When they arrived, the men built temporary log cabin dwellings to live in until more permanent frame houses could be constructed. They cleared the land and planted a variety of crops, including apple and peach trees, berries, grapes, oats, corn and wheat. In addition to their income from farming, the settlers earned money by hunting, keeping bees, making furniture and fishing.

The settlers quickly formed a working society, with trustees, a physician, a Justice of the Peace, postmaster and blacksmith. They built a schoolhouse, tavern, hotel, sawmill, gristmill and fish house.

Regular Sunday worshipping was held at one of the homes, usually consisting of prayers and hymns, unless a travelling preacher was in the area.





# Celebrating 200 years: 1810-2010

## LIFE IN DOVER, 1820-1850

Many of the farmers were thriving on their fertile land. Early log cabins were being replaced with grand frame houses.

Church services were moved out of homes and into schoolhouses, and soon church buildings were constructed.

Less than two decades after the first settlers arrived in Dover, the township had grown to 70 households and five school districts.

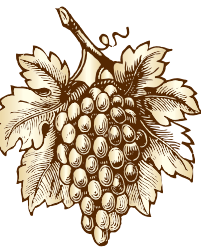
By 1850, land prices had soared to nearly \$22 per acre, up from \$1.25 per acre in 1810.



**Cahoon House, 1818.** Joseph Cahoon and his son, Joel, build a house to replace their original log cabin. The house was later named "Rose Hill" by Joel's wife, Margaret, because of the many rose bushes planted by Joel's mother. It now houses Rose Hill Museum.



**1874.** Henry Wischmeyer built a hotel above his wine cellar capable of accommodating 70 guests. The hotel was a regular stop for business travelers and wealthy vacationers. Wischmeyer, who had a two-acre vineyard on his land, was known for his fine wines.



**Dover Road Station**

**Railroad, 1865.** The New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railroad – nicknamed the "Nickel Plate" – lays track through Dover Township. The building was later moved and converted to an art gallery on the Baycrafters (BAYarts) campus in Huntington Reservation.

**Cahoon Barn, 1882.** Joel Cahoon erects the barn on his property shortly before his death.

1818



**First School Teacher, 1816.** Betsy Crocker begins teaching at age 14 in a log schoolhouse on the lakeshore at Bassett Road. After a fire destroyed the log building, a wooden frame schoolhouse was built near the same spot in 1830. A red brick schoolhouse replaced that in 1869 and operated for 72 years. Most children went no further than the sixth grade.



1827

**First Church, 1827.** Dover Lakeshore Methodist Episcopal Church begins worship in a schoolhouse at Bassett and Lake Roads. As the congregation grew, a wooden church building was erected in 1840. In 1909 it was replaced with a brick building, part of which still serves today as Bay United Methodist Church.



1842

**Joel B. Cahoon.** The third son of settlers Joseph and Lydia Cahoon, Joel arrived in Dover with his parents and helped to build the family home. Joel served in the War of 1812 until 1814. After travelling as a contractor for 20 years, Joel returned to Dover in 1842 with his wife, Margaret.



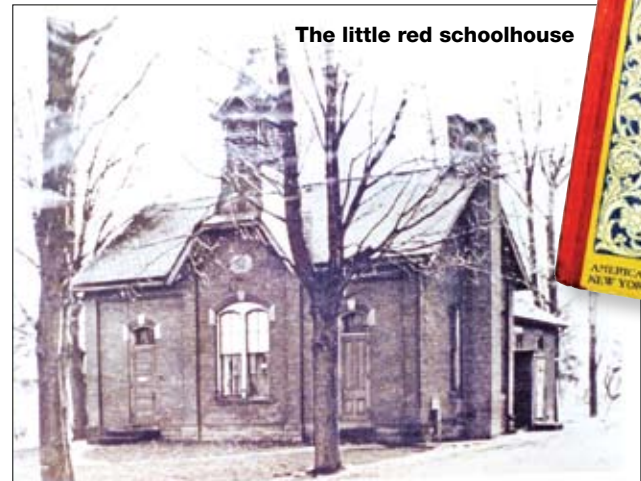
**The Civil War, 1861-1865.** This unidentified soldier was one of several men from Dover Township to serve in the Civil War.

1865

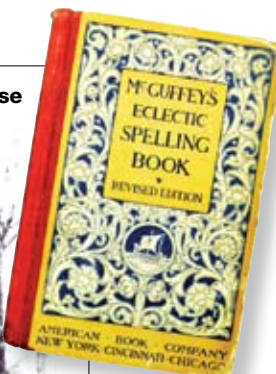


1869

**1869.** The little red schoolhouse is built on Lake Road. When the school system is divided into districts in 1888, it serves District No. 1.



**The little red schoolhouse**



## LIFE IN DOVER, 1850-1870

By the late 1850s, many Germans had settled in northwestern Dover Township. They established the German Lutheran Church at Detroit and Cahoon roads and introduced large-scale commercial grape growing.

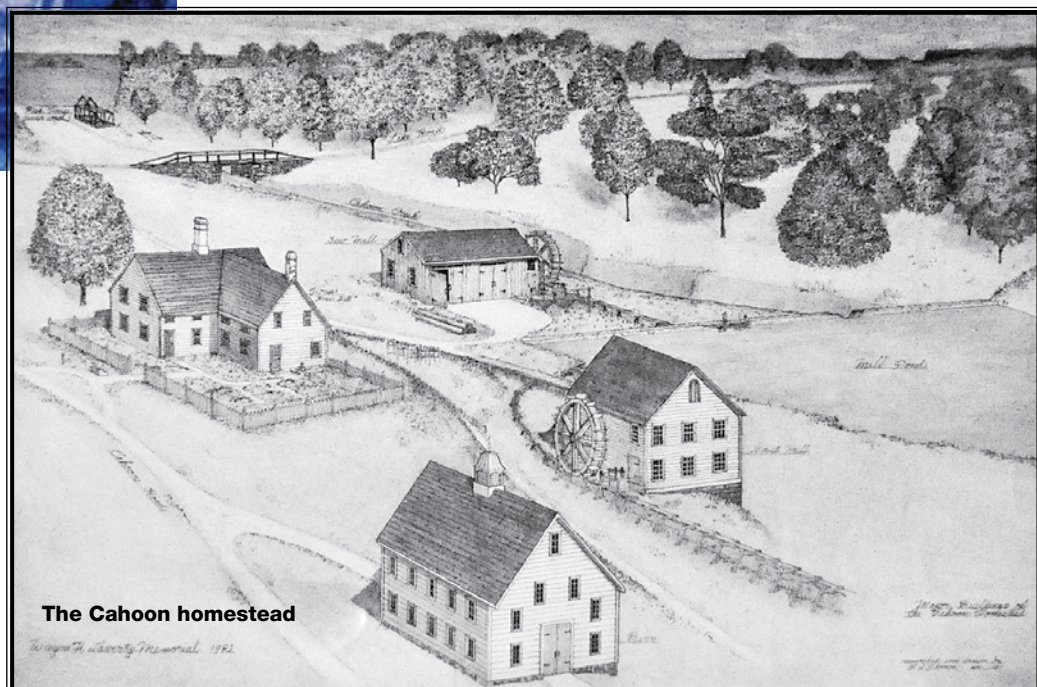
Lake breezes and sandy soil made the lakeshore a perfect setting for viticulture. Many individual farmers were growing grapes on their land, but the first commercial effort began in 1865 with the formation of the Dover Bay Grape & Wine Company. Before long, the company was harvesting one hundred tons of grapes per year.

Several men in the township served in the Civil War, some returning home ill or injured. Draftees were permitted to hire substitutes to take their place in the war, an option that a few men pursued.

Dover Township was organized into three hamlets: North Dover (roughly present-day Bay Village), West Dover (around Bradley and Naigle roads) and Dover Center (the largest; surrounding the town center at Dover Center and Center Ridge roads). Much of the township's business was transacted in the town square around Dover Center. North Dover was home to the Oviatt family sawmill and gristmill, the Cahoon fish house, a blacksmith and the Cahoon General Store.



Olga and Matilda Wischmeyer pose among the grapes in the family vineyard.



**The Cahoon homestead**

The Cahoon homestead in the late 1800s. The buildings shown are (clockwise from bottom): the barn, the family home and gardens, the sawmill and the gristmill. Also pictured are the fish house on the lake (far upper left) and a bridge on Lake Road.



# BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL

**1897.** The Lake Shore Electric Interurban railway lays track through North Dover.



North Dover splits from Dover Township

1897 1901

**LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF BAY, 1900-1930**

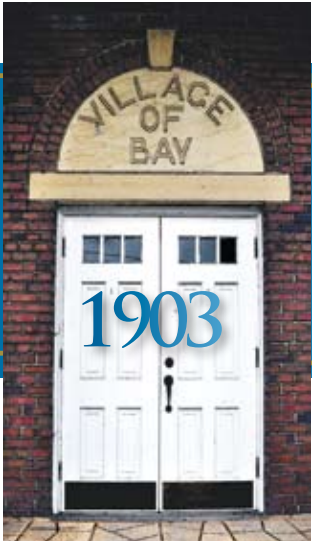
On July 20, 1901, North Dover seceded from Dover Township after disagreements over the spending of tax revenues. The split was contentious and involved a dispute over the railroad, which Bay was awarded in a case heard by the Ohio Supreme Court. In 1903, the state granted incorporation into the Village of Bay and Reuben Osborn was elected mayor.

Early in the 20th century, farmers on the east side of town began selling their land to people building subdivisions. The interurban line provided a quick commute to downtown Cleveland, and soon families were buying up the parcels of land.



Village of Bay town hall

**1903** North Dover becomes the Village of Bay.



**First Mayor, 1903.** Reuben Osborn is elected as the first mayor of the Village of Bay.



Washington Lawrence

**1914.** A town hall is built on land donated by Ida Cahoon.

**1917.** Ida Cahoon, the last surviving member of the Joel Cahoon family, dies, leaving the 115-acre family farm to the citizens of Bay in her will.

1914



**World War I, 1914-1918.** Robert Nelson's WWI army hat, on display at Rose Hill Museum.

**1924.** Bay Presbyterian Church purchases the red schoolhouse.

**First community clubs, 1917.** The Community Club (Men's Club) and Bay Village Women's Club are formed as the first clubs.



Lawrence (left) with son-in-laws on the family golf course.

In 1917, at the height of World War I, a small group of villagers – both farmers and businessmen – formed a Community Club to strengthen the community through social and civic activities. The club, known as the Bay Men's Club today, is still a vital part of the community.

Electricity came into the village with the interurban railway, and the first double sewer line was installed. Water lines were brought in from Lakewood in the 1920s, replacing wells and collected rainwater as sources of water.

The taxes on these new utilities were more than many of the farmers could afford. They began selling off acres of farmland to eager men returning from the war.

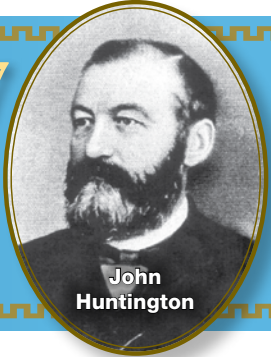


**First Bay Village post office, 1927.**

The first post office for the Village of Bay is built on Dover Road. The same year, the U.S. Post Office issues a stamp honoring Charles Lindbergh's flight alone across the Atlantic.



1927



John Huntington

**1920s.** The Zipp Manufacturing Co. produces root beer, ginger beer, jams, flavoring extracts and syrups in their factory on Dover Road across from the train station.

**First Library, 1921.** The Dover-by-the-Lake Library opens in the Cahoon house with sisters Emma Paul Pope and Olive Paul Bailey as its librarians. The library became part of the Cuyahoga County Public Library system in 1949 and a new building was constructed at the corner of Dover Center and Wolf roads. The library moved once more, to its present location at Cahoon and W. Oakland roads, in 1981.

**John Huntington Estate, 1927.** Cleveland Metropolitan Park System buys the 100-acre lakeshore property of John Huntington. The land is now home to Huntington Beach, BAYarts, Huntington Playhouse, Vento la Trattoria and Lake Erie Nature & Science Center.



The water tower on the Huntington estate



Huntington Beach



**Dover Bay Park, 1880.**

Dover Bay Park was a summer retreat for affluent people east of Clague Road containing cottages, a clubhouse and golf course. Washington Lawrence later purchased the land and converted it to the Dover Bay Country Club. The Lawrence mansion became the Bay View Hospital in 1948 and later was converted into condominiums. Ranch homes were built on the golf course in the 1950s. The Irene Fuller House was moved from the area to the BAYarts campus in 1984.



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## BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL

### LIFE IN THE VILLAGE OF BAY, 1930-1950

In 1933 the Cahoon family barn was transformed into the Community House as a Works Progress Administration (WPA) project. The new gathering place replaced the old red schoolhouse as the center of community activities.

Lake Road was also the beneficiary of a WPA crew, who tore up and re-laid the entire length of the brick road.

Many boys from the village enlisted in World War II, and the entire community participated in patriotic endeavors. Blackouts, in which the lights were turned off and shades drawn, were practiced regularly by all.

In 1950 the Village of Bay was certified as a city having 6,917 residents. Names for the new city were put to a vote, and the winner was "City of Bay Village."

### Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 1945.

Dr. Elberta W. Fleming opens her home to area children, displaying bunnies, mourning doves, turtles and nature specimens. In 1950, the Center was incorporated and moved to the Cahoon homestead. Ten years later the Center moved to its current location in Huntington Reservation, and now attracts over 180,000 visitors offers more than 2,300 programs per year.



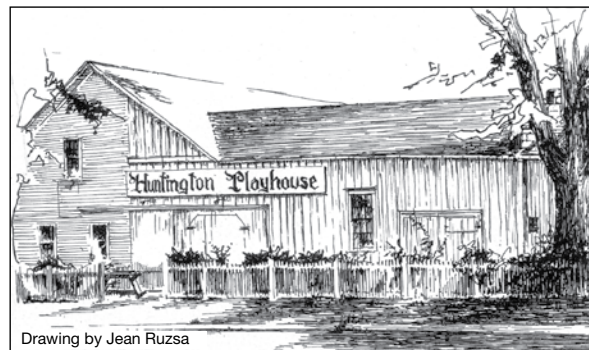
**BAYarts, 1948.** Originally called Baycrafters, the non-profit arts organization is founded by a group of Bay Village residents. Classes and meetings were held at various locations until the old railroad station was purchased for \$1 and moved to the present location in Huntington Reservation. The campus also houses a Norfolk & Western Railroad cabooses, the caretaker's house from the John Huntington estate and the Irene Lawrence Fuller House.

**Churches, 1946-1956.** St. Raphael Catholic Church, St. Barnabas Episcopal (Anglican) Church, Bethesda-on-the-Bay Lutheran Church and Bay Village (CrossRoads) Baptist Church begin worship.

**Sheppard Trial, 1954.** In a controversial and high-profile trial, Sam Sheppard is tried for the murder of his wife in their home on Lake Road. Despite his claim that his wife was killed and he was attacked by a "bushy-haired" intruder, he is convicted and serves nearly 10 years in prison. The ruling was later overturned by the U.S. Supreme Court, citing the "carnival atmosphere" created by media coverage of the trial, and Sheppard was acquitted in a new trial in 1966.

### Huntington Playhouse, 1958.

The community theatre group forms and moves into the old John Huntington carriage house and barn. The structures burned down in 1970 and a new building was raised on the same site. The Playhouse remains true to its roots with open auditions and an all-volunteer cast and crew, and has entertained more than 375,000 guests in the last 40 years.



Drawing by Jean Ruzsa

**Bay Village Bicentennial, 2010.** Bay Village celebrates its 200th birthday on October 9 and 10, 2010, with festivities throughout the city. Ceremonies are capped off with the lighting of the newly-installed cupola on the Community House. **HAPPY 10.10.10!**



**1963.** Bay Village is assigned postal zip code

44140



**1950.** The Village of Bay becomes the City of Bay Village.



**1974.** Rose Hill Museum opens

### Fuller House Move, 1984.

In danger of being demolished, the Irene Lawrence Fuller House is acquired by Baycrafters (BAYarts) and floated along the lakeshore to Huntington Reservation.



1984

World War II  
1939-1945



1948



The City of  
Bay Village

1950

1958



October 10, 2010

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## BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCT 9, 2010 FAMILY FUN DAY

Parking available southwest of Cahoon behind the concession stand and east side of Cahoon around the RTA bus station

### ACTIVITIES IN CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK

- 9:00:** 5K Race & Walk (Sponsored by The Village Foundation)
- 10:00:** Shuttle Bus for prepared events at Bay Library, Lake Erie Nature Center, BAYarts & Lakeside Cemetery. Tour departs from North Cahoon & Lake Roads every 30 minutes
- 10:15:** Historic City Trolley Tours. Six tours 45 minutes each. Departs from RTA Bus stop (South of Rose Garden)
- Departure times: 10:15, 11:15, 12:15, 1:15, 2:15, 3:15
- 10:30:** Kiwanis Scavenger Hunt at Gazebo
- 11:30:** Beard Growing Contest at Gazebo
- 12 noon:** Vintage Base Ball Game in west field north of concession stand – Cleveland Blues vs. the Bay Men's Club in vintage uniforms using 1860 base ball rules. First pitch by Mayor Sutherland
- 12 noon - 5:00:** Giant 30' kite flying demonstrations in Cahoon Park west field by the Ohio Society for the Elevation of Kites. Build and fly your own kite free workshop (kits provided 1:00-2:00 and 3:00-4:00 in children's activity tent)
- 1:00 - 2:30 & 3:00-4:00:** Caricature Artist – Free
- 2:00** Tower City Barbershop Chorus at Gazebo

### ON-GOING EVENTS IN CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK 10-5

Arts & Craft Demonstrations • Wurlitzer Military Band Organ  
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### ACTIVITIES AT SURROUNDING SITES

- 11:00-2:00:** Make and take a wildlife mask that you can wear to or in the Bay Bicentennial parade on Oct. 10. (Lake Erie Nature & Science Center)
- 10:00-5:00:** Bicentennial crafts, stories and activities for all ages. (Bay Library)
- 2:00-5:00:** The long-awaited unveiling of the 120-year-old Fuller House. Tours and refreshments. Bay Village artists will be showcased in the new Sullivan Family Gallery. (BAYarts)
- 3:00:** A family-friendly historical wildlife presentation, telling tales of the wildlife that roamed Bay when settlers arrived 200 years ago and relating them to some of our current wild animal residents. Live wildlife encounters included! (LENSC)
- 3:00:** Bay Village artists Marge Cutter and Marge Gulley join for a celebration of their work in the Dianne Boldman Gallery. (BAYarts)

## SUNDAY 10.10.10 CELEBRATION OF LIGHT

**3:00:** Grand Parade – From Glen Park continuing west on Lake Road to Cahoon Park. 55+ parade entries and over 500 participants.

### ACTIVITIES IN CAHOON MEMORIAL PARK

Bring your lounge chair(s) and pack a picnic

### Dick Feagler – Emcee

- 4:00:\*** Bay Community Band Concert on our giant Bicentennial Stage – Kevan Stuber, Director
- 5:30:\*** World famous Singing Angels concert
- Birthday Celebration – Ceremonial cake & cupcakes donated by Heinens
- 6:30:\*** "Bay Village – A Painted View of History" giant screen video projection
- Bay Choraleers singing National Anthem
- Proclamations and Presentations

**DUSK CELEBRATIONS:** Lighting the Way: Ecumenical service represented by six Bay churches with lighting of 1,500 taper candles. Choir of 200 church members

- "Reflections from Ida"
- "Celebration of Light" lighting of cupola by early settlers' descendants.

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# Huntington Playhouse to hold clambake fundraiser

by Tom Meyrose

For the first time in many years, Huntington Playhouse is holding a fundraiser to raise money for their capital improvement fund. The theatre is in the beginning stages of developing a plan for improvements to the facility. Proceeds from this event will help give the organization the funds to begin the process of developing a plan for improvements.

To do this, Huntington Playhouse is holding a Clambake/Silent Auction on Saturday, October 16, from 6-10 p.m. at the theatre. The cost is \$60 per person and includes one dozen clams, a half chicken, potato, corn, roll, butter, beverages and entertainment. For those who wish to only have chicken, tickets are \$50. Tickets are limited to the first 100 people.

The silent auction features artwork from Mary Deutchman, an autographed football from Mohamed Massaquoi of the Cleveland Browns, autographed boxing gloves

from Middle Weight Boxing Champion Kelly Pavlik, lunch with Dick Feagler, a family membership to the Cleveland Zoo, Lake Erie Crushers tickets, Cleveland Playhouse tickets and much, much more.

This is going to be a great time for everyone. Bay residents Victoria DehMalo and Keith and Carol Stevens have really been the driving force behind this event. John Lanigan from WMJI will also be at the fundraiser. They realize the theatre is an asset to the community and hope the community will help to ensure the theatre continues to provide theatrical opportunities for performers and to audience members.

To get clambake tickets, contact the box office at 440-871-8333 or go the theatre website at [www.huntingtonplayhouse.com](http://www.huntingtonplayhouse.com). Huntington Playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road in Bay Village and is an affiliate of the Cleveland Metroparks. ● *Tom Meyrose is Managing Director of Huntington Playhouse.*

# Bay Village Education Foundation announces third annual Ten Campaign

by Bev Walborn

The Bay Village Education Foundation (BVEF), which has provided grant money, scholarships and awards for 25 years to benefit Bay Village Public Schools, is pleased to announce the start of their 3rd annual Ten Campaign. By asking parents to donate \$10 per child, the Foundation hopes to raise funds for future grants and awards, and 10% of the total campaign will be awarded to the school with the highest level of participation to support an innovative project or program of their choosing.

The campaign also hopes to share information about the many projects and programs the Foundation has already funded to communicate the tangible ways in which the Foundation supports innovative educational experiences.

“The Ten Campaign is all about

community participation and awareness,” says Joann Watterson, co-chair of this year’s campaign, along with Melissa Haley O’Leary. “When people hear of the Ten Campaign we want them to think, ‘\$10 per child, I can do that – I want to do that – because I understand that means a Strings program at the high school, an iPod touch technology pilot for the middle school, Lego Olympiad for West-erly and cooperative play activities for Normandy – it means that the work of the Foundation is active in students’ lives every day, creating opportunities that might not otherwise be funded.’”

Principals, teachers, staff and anyone interested in supporting education in the Bay Schools are also strongly encouraged to contribute to the campaign which runs from now until December 10. Donations to the Ten Campaign can be sent to BVEF, P.O. Box 40262, Bay Village, OH 44140. ● *Bev Walborn is a member of the Bay Village Education Foundation Board.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Bay zoning amendment allows for growth

Dear Editor:

The Bay Village City Council has approved a proposed zoning amendment which will appear on the November 2nd ballot. The amendment adds another permitted use to the Retail and Commercial Business Districts allowing for attached housing with a minimum development site of one (1) acre and a maximum density of eight (8) units per acre.

Our current city ordinances only allow for development on properties of at least five (5) acres with a maximum of six (6) units per acre. This has ensured only the possibility of large-scale projects, which is difficult to achieve in Bay Village due to the lack of buildable property.

The new concept is to allow for housing complementary of the retail areas, increasing density in the town center and providing additional housing alternatives. We believe this could strengthen our retail areas, making them more viable while at the same time allowing for some creativity in building alternative housing.

Bay Village land currently zoned retail business and commercial include in Ward 1: Speedway, Green Island and Avon Cleaners building at Columbia and Eaton Way; Clague Parkway shopping and professional offices; Ward 2: Bay Square shopping center including the prior Shell station property; Post office on Dover Center and E. Oviatt Rd; West side of Dover Center from Donald south to W. Oviatt then west on W. Oviatt to Cahoon; East side of Dover Center from E. Oviatt south to Knickerbocker; East side of Dover Center from Knickerbocker to the railroad tracks – this includes several properties east on Knickerbocker both sides of street; Dover Commons shopping center.

The issues must pass by a majority in the wards affected (wards 1 & 2) in addition to city-wide.

We cannot effect positive change in our under-utilized retail areas and provide alternative housing without this amendment. We encourage Bay Village residents to support this ballot initiative.

Sincerely,  
Brian Cruse, Council President  
Dwight Clark, Council At-Large  
Paul Koomar, Ward 2  
Scott Pohlkamp, Ward 3  
Mike Young, Ward 4  
Debbie Sutherland, Mayor

### Bay levy necessary to avoid cuts

To our fellow Bay Village citizens:

We have been hearing from a number of residents with questions, and we want you to know we are listening carefully to concerns about increasing budget projections in light of our levy request.

School levies are never popular, and we hate having to ask our residents for funding increases. Unfortunately, this is the only way we have to fund our schools. It would be nice to say we could put a complete freeze on spending until the economy recovers in a few years, but it is just not that simple:

1. Enrollment is increasing. We have seen a small but steady increase in student enrollment (average of about 25 students per year since the last levy). We do not have the option to turn students away if they live in Bay Village.
2. Costs for everything from utilities to fuel to textbooks and supplies are expected to rise. State requirements are increasing. We need to hire more teachers and tutors to meet legal requirements like all-day Kindergarten and achievement levels for both special education and advanced achievers.
3. Teachers have accepted a freeze on their base salary this year and all employees are paying more for their healthcare premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

We understand that the current sentiment is that our employees should sacrifice even more. As we have been in recent years, our board is committed to making sure future employment agreements consider the economic challenges being faced by our community. Every potential expenditure will be up for consideration even if the levy passes.

We have dropped in ranking on education spending in our

county since the last levy request. In 2006, we were ranked 22nd out of 31 districts on education spending in the county. The most recent comparative data ranks us 27th in education spending in the county. Our salary schedules put us at the mid-point in the county. We are proud of the excellent educational program we offer, and we are especially proud of how these comparison statistics demonstrate strong fiscal management of taxpayer resources in our district.

We know our residents’ taxes are higher in Bay Village due to being a predominantly residential community. In addition, we face state funding cuts because Bay Village residents are highly educated and have higher income levels than most in the state. These socioeconomic funding factors are out of the control of our Board of Education. Nonetheless, we assure you we will continue to scrutinize all financial factors within our control, keeping the quality education we offer our students at the top of our priorities.

We believe the operating levy, after being deferred for a year, is absolutely necessary this year if we are to avoid significant cuts to our program. It is tough to rebuild programming after it is lost. Therefore, we are placing the levy on the ballot so that the community can decide if we continue educating at our current level of excellence.

Sincerely,

Bay Village Board of Education  
Bill Selong, President  
Amy Huntley, Vice President  
Michael Boeckman  
Michael Caputo  
Gayatry Jacob-Mosier

### Medical mart will keep new county council busy

The Medical Mart – boon or boondoggle? The new County Council Members will play a large role in answering this question. The outgoing Commissioners will leave us with a \$425 million project budget – correction, it’s jumped \$40 million to \$465 million. Oh, and total square footage has shrunk by 20 percent, from 400,000 square feet to 322,000 square feet. So we are paying more for less. The cost per square foot has jumped a whopping 36 percent – and a shovel hasn’t even touched dirt yet! The new Council will have plenty to do.

Between the culture of corruption and the dancing budget, one thing is clear: We ought to stop the music before the new county government is seated – the government that we the people created. The Medical Mart / Convention Center will be the biggest business that the county will have to build and manage. True, it will be “managed” by MMPI, but we the taxpayers are footing the bill and we’d best have representatives on the new County Council who have business experience and will look after the taxpayers’ interests.

That’s why I’m supporting Dave Greenspan for Cuyahoga County Council District 1. He has the knowledge and experience needed to oversee this project, and make certain Cuyahoga County benefits from it. He has presented an ordinance that will require a county-wide vote to increase the county’s portion of the sales tax rate. No more surprise sales tax hikes.

We need a person representing us who has business sense and common sense. We need Dave Greenspan for District 1.

Stephen Merkel  
Bay Village



# Fall festivities at the Westlake Rec

by Chris Haldi

The Westlake Recreation Center is in the full swing of fall programming. We have fitness classes, classes for the kids and teens, family programs and more. As the weather forces you inside, don't fall into the rut. Stay busy and venture on up to the Rec Center to see what we have to offer.

We have several family programs coming up. To start off we have the Funutation Family workshop, Family BINGO, the Haunted Chalk Walk and the Fall Festival. Take a look at our website or the current issue of the Rec Gazette for dates and times.

Don't worry kids, we have programming that is just for you. Junior Hapkido is a fun way to learn martial arts. The DEN Instruction class will teach you the importance of exercising and nutrition. Under the Sea Tea is a great for the little ones to make a craft, have a snack and read a fun story. Learn Karate and its hidden values or watch a Magician work his tricks and then learn some magic of your own.

Parents, if you're looking for school-oriented programs we can help you out. Starting October 14 tutoring will begin for reading and math for kids in grades K-8. As we're on the school subject, we can also help you out when the kids don't have school. We offer a No School Day Camp that will be taking place Friday, Oct. 15. Sign up soon as spots are filling up fast.

There are plenty of programs

for adults, too. Getting used to the fitness room equipment can be confusing; luckily we have a class to help you out. Fitness equipment instruction will go over the Cybex equipment and will have you working out in no time. Rookie rotations will cover basics of Spinning, then you will be on your way to spin more often. If you have already taken this class or have been Spinning for a while, the Cycle and Core will be a challenging work out that will get your legs pumping and your abs crunching.

Calling all moms: We know that it's hard to get a workout in with having to find someone to watch your little one or to find the time to fit exercise into your busy schedule. The Mom and Munchkin class can help you out. While you are in class, our staff will look after your child.

Looking for a challenge? Try one of these classes instead: Tai Chi uses gentle movements, steady breathing and promotes health and well being. The fluidity of these movements will help you reduce your stress. Or for some high energy moves, try Zumba and dance your way with the music and have fun burning calories.

More information regarding all of these programs can be found at our website at <http://www.cityof-westlake.org/recreation>, by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd, calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

*Chris Haldi works for the City of Westlake Recreation Department.*

# Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

October will be a busy month at the Bay Library with something for everyone. Special programs plus ongoing storytimes add up to a harvest of fun and discovery. As the weather becomes chilly, Fall is the perfect time to get wrapped up in a book. Take time out of your busy day to unwind, and share a story with little ones in your life. Everyone will benefit from time spent together!

## ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Wednesday, Oct. 6 (7 p.m.) CIVIL WAR MONUMENTS** – Harold George will give background on who built them and why, where they are located, and the types of materials used to build them. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

**Tuesday, Oct. 12 (6:30 p.m.) OVER 50 AND OUT OF WORK** – Join our Career Center Counselor to explore new resources and tips to find employment.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20 (7 p.m.) START YOUR OWN BUSINESS: ENTREPRENEURSHIP 101** – Join us to find out how to research and develop your business concept with experts from Business Advisors of Cleveland.

## TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Monday, Oct. 18 (6:30 p.m.) ACT STRATEGY SESSION** – Did you take advantage of the free ACT Practice Test on September 25? If you did, come to this session to go over your scores. Parents and students are welcome to learn time management and test taking techniques.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19 (3:30 p.m.) G2P: BAND HERO** – For grades 6-12. Celebrate Teen Read Week by playing cool games. There will be food and door prizes!!!

## CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT

**Thursday, Oct. 7 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER** – For families with readers ages 8-12. We'll discuss "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules," try a related activity and share a snack. Pick up your copy of the book at the library.

**Saturday, Oct. 9 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) BAY VILLAGE BICENTENNIAL OPEN HOUSE** – Celebrate the Bicentennial and Bay Village as it used to be with stories, crafts, and fun!!

**Friday, Oct. 15 (11 a.m.) PUPPETS WITH PIZAZZ** – For ages 3 and up. Nancy Sander is back with an all new show: "Rumpelstiltskin." Come see a master puppeteer's hilarious twist on this classic tale.

**Please register for the above programs by calling 871-6392 or register online.**

# WPPL's calendar of events

by Elaine Willis

**Tuesday, Oct. 5 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) SCHOOL OF ROCK** – Learn how to become a rock star! Members of a legendary local rock band will teach you everything you need to know about starting a band. Live music included! For grades 6-12.

**Wednesdays, Oct. 6-Nov. 17 (4-5 p.m.) WII WEDNESDAYS** – Come play Wii with us Wednesdays after school! We'll feature a different game each week. Ages 10-18.

**Thursday, Oct. 7 (6:30 - 8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP** – Lou Floyd of AAI will discuss "Connecting the Stock Market to the Economy." Please register.

**Thursdays, Oct. 7-21 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) KIDS' SMART START FINANCIAL LITERACY SERIES** – Parents and teens will learn about financial management together. Bring your teen and learn how to make wise financial decisions from the get-go! Sessions are as follows:

- 10/7: **FINANCIAL TOOLS FOR TEENS** – For parents and teens ages 13 and 14
- 10/14: **DRIVING INTO THE FUTURE** – For parents and teens ages 15 and 16
- 10/21: **NEXT STEPS** – For parents and teens ages 17 and 18

**Monday, Oct. 11 COLUMBUS DAY – LIBRARY CLOSED**

**Tuesday, Oct. 12 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – The October selection is "American Wife" by Curtis Sittenfeld.

**Wednesday, Oct. 13 (7-8 p.m.) PAWSITIVE READERS** – That super canine listener Baby is back and ready to hear you read! Kids in grades 1-4 can sign up for a 10-minute time slot with Baby by calling the Youth Services Department.

**Thursday, Oct. 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The

October selection is "Long Snapper" by Jeffery Marx.

**Friday, Oct. 15 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys, songs and rhymes for ages 2-5 and their caring adults. Please register one week before each session.

**Friday, Oct. 15 (2-3:30 p.m.) FRIDAY MOVIE SPECIAL** – Join us for an action-packed afternoon with the karate kid! Rated PG. All ages welcome, but some material may be unsuitable for young viewers. Please register starting October 8.

**Friday, Oct. 15 (2-3 p.m.) WWE WRESTLEMANIA READING CHALLENGE KICK-OFF PARTY** – Dress as your favorite WWE star and join us for games, crafts and prizes as we kick off the annual WWE Wrestlemania Reading Challenge. Grades 5-12. Register anytime starting October 8.

**Saturday, Oct. 16 (10:45 a.m.) WEST SIDE WRITERS**

**Saturday, Oct. 16 (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) IN STITCHES!** – Learn the basics of cross stitch, try some specialty stitches and do some fun projects! Grades 5-7. Please register starting one week prior to each session.

**Saturday, Oct. 16 (2-2:45 p.m.) GOT WORRIES?** – Learn to make your own worry doll with us! Grades 3-5. Please register starting October 9.

**Monday, Oct. 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE** – Before "Twilight" and Edward Cullen there was this classic vampire film starring Bela Lugosi. Please register.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19 (7-8:30 p.m.) MAD4MANGA** – M4M is everything manga! We talk about manga, create manga art, discuss & watch anime films, and more! For teens in grades 6-12.

**Tuesday, Oct. 19 (7:30-8:45 p.m.) WESTLAKE WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL** – Cleveland Institute of Music's David Bamberger will present an opera program.

**Wednesday, Oct. 20 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETING**

**To register for any of the programs, please call (440) 871-2600 or visit <http://signup.westlakelibrary.org/8080>.**



# BAYarts 48th annual juried show showcases area talent

by William Chill

This year’s annual juried show at the re-vamped BAYarts in Bay Village proved to be a watershed event by showing that this enduring institution, quite simply, has moxie.

Arriving at the opening reception promptly at 6 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10, I was surprised to see that the parking lot was already full and a packed house had gathered inside the historic building on the edge of the Huntington Park Reservation. There was electricity in the air as a curious mix of Cleveland art scene regulars mingled with local Bay Villagers.

The first piece that caught my eye was a mixed media portrait by John Carlson titled “Portrait (My Grief).” The piece depicted a Giacometti-like head down drawn with energetic charcoal gestures placed perfectly off-center within the picture plane that drew the viewer in unmercilessly. The head was carved into a milky off-white background that reminded me of the pallet of Giorgio Morandi.

To the right of Carlson’s piece was realistic oil by Erin Schectman called “Two Red Daisies.” The painting depicted a subway car scene where a young girl holding two daises passes them off in a gesture that seems to contain a secret message that we will never know. I noticed people seemed to stop and linger in front of this painting for while.

Another intriguing painting was an oil called “Brick Wall” by Karen Petkovic which explored the interplay between realism and abstraction using a carefully controlled earth-toned pallet. Hung in an unfortunate corner was a brilliant acrylic by Emily McMahon called “Pretending” which incorporated hard-edged organic abstraction and the design of Gustav Klimt.

The show also included works by Edward Beyer, who had two robust black pastels, “Appalachian” and “Aborigene,” which had a rich graphic quality and displayed great technical acuity; long-time Cleveland artist Judith Brandon, who won the Best of Show with her mixed media “Barataria Estuary”; a traditional and colorful watercolor by Barbara Hall titled “Do You Wanna Dance”; and an abstract acrylic



by Marco Vaccher which recalled the work of Fernand Leger and Piet Mondrian during the heyday of abstract expressionism. It was aptly titled “American Abstract.”

The show included a well-considered mix of the traditional, the abstract, and the conceptual with a broad mix of artists. This was quite a feat to pull off much to the credit of the jurors: Cleveland artist and writer Douglas Max Utter, and Ross Lesko, director of the Kenneth Paul Lesko Gallery in Cleveland’s Gordon Square Arts District.

The resultant show was a reflection of Doug Utter’s conceptual and intellectual tastes and the no-nonsense art street-smarts of Mr. Lesko. Teaming up an established gallerist and local artist as jurors was a brilliant move by the Gallery Coordinator, Eileen Stockdale. The pair certainly brought together a show with the depth and bandwidth to put BAYarts back on the map as a serious art venue.

As one travelled through the show, you got the sense that the momentum of BAYarts will quickly bust out of the smallish, (may I say frumpy) gallery space that has been the site for these shows for years. But never fear, the construction going on in the Fuller House directly behind the gallery building will soon house a new contemporary gallery space which should launch BAYarts into a new era very appropriately.

The new space was designed by architect and designer Mark Yager, a Bay Village resident whose firm is located in none other than... the Gordon Square Arts District. Don’t look now, but thanks to BAYarts, some downtown chic is moving into Bay Village. ●

*William Chill is an artist and lives in Bay Village.*

# Project S.T.O.P. holds mini golf tournament

by Kevin Burns

If you care about children and enjoy making special family memories, join Project S.T.O.P. (Stop The Oppressive Predator) for its Family Mini Golf Tournament Fundraiser event from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the All American Sports Center, 37500 Center Ridge Road, North Ridgeville.

Bring your family and friends to this exciting event. Your support will help kids learn skills to protect themselves from child predators.

Project S.T.O.P is a school-based program created by Westlake resident and Lee Burneson Middle School teacher Cathy DuBois that aims to empower children by providing them with the knowledge and skills needed to prevent or stop child molestation.

Tee times will be at 3, 4 and 5 p.m., with a shotgun start. Tee times will be assigned at

registration. The cost is \$20 per person or \$75 per foursome, with registrations of foursomes preferred.

The price includes 18 holes of miniature golf, pizza, pop, 8 tokens, entrance into the lowest score competition for a cash prize, and other family entertainment.

This event will be great time for a great cause. Visit [www.ReinventingTheCycle.org](http://www.ReinventingTheCycle.org) for details, downloadable flyers and registration forms. Registration forms should be sent (with checks payable to Reinventing the Cycle) to: Reinventing the Cycle, c/o Cathy DuBois, 31205 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145.

Sponsors for holes also are sought. If you can’t make the event but would like to make a donation or sponsor a hole, contact Cathy at [Cathy.DuBois@ReinventingTheCycle.org](mailto:Cathy.DuBois@ReinventingTheCycle.org). Register today to ensure your spot. ●

*Kevin Burns lives in Westlake.*

# Local CPA firm relocates to former Shoreline office space

by Julie Ifft

Furrer & Associates Inc., a full service CPA firm serving the west side of Cleveland, recently moved to 28045 Clemens Road, Suite B in Westlake. This office park, located next to Five Seasons is now owned by Clemens Road Real Estate Holdings LLC, associated with Stephen J. Furrer, CPA. Shoreline Contractors Inc. moved out with the sale of the building.

After seven years in the Westlake Woods office park, Furrer & Associates relocated in July 2010. In order to better suit the needs of a growing accounting practice, the space underwent a two-month construction renovation. Additionally, a new parking lot was put in to support the three other tenants also in the office park.

F&A offers an array of corporate and personal tax, accounting, financial advisory, financial statement preparation and QuickBooks services. Detailed information on Furrer & Associates is available at [www.furrerpcpa.com](http://www.furrerpcpa.com) or by calling 440-899-7116. ●

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Skateboard enthusiasts try out their skills at the Bay Skate & Bike Park on Oct. 4. Final details, including landscaping and signage, should be completed in time for the Grand Opening on Oct. 7 from 3-7 p.m.

## Ministry team brings joy to Bradley Bay residents

by Kim Althausen

Sunday afternoon usually means football, chips and salsa. But this Sunday afternoon is different.

In a welcoming room tucked away in a shady street in Bay Village, a woman with soft white hair hasn't spoken for days. But this Sunday, she quietly sings the words to "Great Is Thy Faithfulness," a familiar hymn she learned as a girl.

"It's amazing how a person who I have seen every other week for a year can't remember me, but lights up at the familiar lyrics of hymns they sang as a young person," says Erin Hubbard, a member of the Bradley Bay ministry team of Providence Church.

Every other Sunday afternoon, the

ministry team drives to Bay Village after attending services at Providence Church in Avon. The team spends the afternoon giving the gift of worship, Scripture, and smiles to the residents at Bradley Bay Health Center. Many of the residents sing along with the time-tested melodies that they learned long ago. Some even remember the familiar passages of Scripture that are read.

After the short service, members of Providence Church shake hands and exchange smiles with the residents. Some sit next to wheelchairs for conversations with residents who have become long-time friends. The team has been visiting Bradley Bay for more than three years.

The residents enjoy seeing the team each time they arrive. "They love it. They

absolutely enjoy it," says Sarah Duley, activity director at Bradley Bay. "It's a rewarding thing. The residents here can become very isolated, so unless the community comes in to them, they don't get to experience something like a church service. It makes them feel good," when groups of all ages, especially kids, come to sing, play, or just talk.

But the Providence team has found that they receive as much encouragement as they come to give. Hubbard tells of one of her good friends, Timothy, whose wife, Joan, "has had severe Alzheimer's since we've been doing services" at Bradley Bay. Timothy faithfully attends the service each time the Providence groups comes by.

"I have been incredibly struck by his

commitment to her," Hubbard recalls. "He was always holding her hand and rubbing her arm. It was such an amazing testimony to me of what marriage is in how he continued to care for her in her debilitating illness."

Joan has since passed away, but Timothy still comes to worship his God and encourage the team with his unselfish love.

Too often, these inspirational stories do not get the opportunity to surface, since these members of the community are often forgotten. "I have served in many types of ministries and this has been the most amazing experience," Hubbard says.

Maybe missing one game of Sunday football wouldn't be too bad after all. ●

## Friends of Porter Library present Oberlin College trio

by Elaine Willis

The Friends of Porter Public Library will present their monthly Sunday Sounds program on Sunday, October 24, at 2 p.m. Featured will be an Oberlin College Conservatory trio, who will present an afternoon of classical music. The trio consists of:

- Simon Bilyk, a recent graduate of Oberlin Conservatory. He is a violinist who now freelances in the greater Cleveland area. His interest in both orchestra and chamber music has led him to diverse places like Beijing, Shanghai, New York City, Manchester, Vt., and Bangor, Maine.
- Marina Kerze, a Russian-born pianist, moved to the United States in 2005. She received her Master's Degree and is currently working for her Artist Diploma at Oberlin Conservatory. She made her debut with a symphony orchestra at the age of 12, won piano competitions, and has participated in many concerts as a soloist and member of a chamber ensemble.
- Scott Ness, a student in his final year at the Oberlin Conservatory and is originally from Albert Lea, Minn. He has spent his summers at many highly revered chamber music institutes such as the Quartet Program in Fredonia, N.Y., and the Bowdoin International Music Festival. He is currently a student of Darrett Adkins.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the program. ●

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Oct. 6, 6-7 p.m.  
Huntington History Hike

Celebrate Bay's Bicentennial with a guided Huntington Reservation hike through history. Time travel from the glaciers to the Native Americans, all the way to Bay's first family, the Cahoons. Trek to the site of John Huntington's farm, discovering more about this noted philanthropist along the way. Hike on easy terrain, paved and unpaved, approximately one mile. Please dress appropriately. Program is for adults and requires pre-registration at \$5 per adult. Call 440-871-2900, ext. 218. Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village

Oct. 7, 8-10 p.m.  
County Executive Candidate Forum

The League of Women Voters and Baldwin-Wallace College have partnered to present a nonpartisan candidate forum for Cuyahoga County Executive Candidates. All county residents are encouraged to attend. The six official County Executive Candidates invited are: Edward FitzGerald (D), Matt Dolan (R), David Ellison (G), Ken Lanci (I), Tim McCormack (I) and Don Scipione (I). For more information call the League office at 216 781-0555 or visit [www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org](http://www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org) for a map listed under "Calendar." Baldwin-Wallace College, Strosacker Hall (College Union), 120 E. Grand Street, Berea

Oct. 8, 4:30-7:30 p.m.  
Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Bay High Senior Class Parents of 2011

The meal includes pasta, meatballs, side salad, rolls/butter, dessert and beverage. Cost is \$5; children under 5 free. Bay H.S. Cafeteria, 29230 Wolf Rd.

Oct. 9, 10  
Bay Village Bicentennial Celebration

See page 10 for events listing. Cahoon Memorial Park, Lakeside Cemetery, Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, BAYarts, Bay Library

Oct. 10, 3-6 p.m.  
Project S.T.O.P. Mini Golf Tournament

See story on page 14 of this issue. All American Sports Center, 37500 Center Ridge Rd., North Ridgeville

Oct. 11, 1:30-2:30 p.m.  
Exercise Class For Those Touched By Cancer

Conducted by a certified fitness trainer, the mild intensity class includes cardiovascular and resistance training using light weights, bands and balls. Written medical authorization from your physician and a fitness assessment is required. Please call first to meet with our exercise specialist, 216-595-9546. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Oct. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Northeast Ohio PC Club (NEOPC) General Meeting

Dan Stasiewski, Marketing Associate of OverDrive Inc., will speak on "Westlake Porter Library's Overdrive System": eBooks, audiobooks, music and video downloads. Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Oct. 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Costume, Jewelry and Miscellany Sale

See story on page 1 of this issue. Clague Playhouse, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

Oct. 16, 11 a.m.  
Swing for the Greens Golf Outing

A golf outing to raise money for the U9 and U10 Bay Village Boys Travel Baseball Teams. Four-Person Scramble: \$85 per person includes Greens Fees on the Legacy 18 course, cart, beverages, lunch & dinner. Registration and Lunch at 11:00. Shotgun start at 12:00. Awards immediately following dinner. Prizes for Skins, Pins, Hole-in-One, Skills Challenge and String Game. 50/50 Raffle and Mulligans for sale. Sponsorship opportunities available: \$100 Hole Sponsors. To register a foursome, sponsor a hole or donate a gift, please call 440-250-0250. Sweetbriar Legacy 18 Golf Course, Avon Lake

Oct. 16, 1 p.m.  
Fall Festival and Pumpkin Hunt

A fun-filled festival with a pumpkin hunt, face painters, hay rides, treats, hay maze, pet costume show, inflatables and much more. Free and open to the public. Event is geared for kids under age 10. Pumpkin Hunt will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m. Westlake Rec Center Grounds, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

Oct. 17, 3-5 p.m.  
Kid's Sunday: Pumpkin Decorating & Crafts

Join us for free pumpkin decorating and crafts. Museum tours will be available and fall refreshments will be served. Clague House Museum, 1371 Clague Rd., Westlake

Oct. 21, 6:30-8 p.m.  
Couples Night For Those Touched By Cancer

The stress of a cancer diagnosis affects not only the people with cancer but their partners as well. Learn tools to cope with this stress as we explore how cancer changes the physical, emotional and spiritual lives of couples. Pre-registration required. The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake

Oct. 21, 7 p.m.  
NOT MY CHILD - Parent Drug Awareness and Education Program

See story on page 1 of this issue. Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

BAYarts benefit draws 700



Seven hundred guests enjoyed fabulous food, great weather, music and art on September 18 at the BAYarts "Moonlight" benefit. The sold-out annual event, held on the BAYarts campus in Huntington Reservation in Bay Village, raised \$50,000 for the non-profit organization.

Inside the cupola



Inside the cupola of the Community House, Bicentennial chairperson Dave Tadych (left) and architect Doug Gertz attach a board signed by Bay Village residents.

See coverage of the Bay Bicentennial weekend in our next issue.

Join in and submit your own stories and photos of the weekend's Bicentennial events by Thursday, Oct. 14, for publication in the Oct. 19 issue.

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