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Learn how to reduce storm water run-off on your property

Build a rain barrel to take home at a rain barrel workshop on Wed., April 27



by Brenda O'Reilly

There is no doubt that storm water run-off is increasing as development expands and the pervious surfaces (like meadows and forests) that soak up the water naturally are disappearing. There are things that a homeowner can do to reduce the storm water run-off on his/her property and utilize the rain water in a beneficial manner, including installing a rain barrel.

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Farmers market opens at Crocker Park April 16

by Tiffany Leeper

Spring is in the air! What better way to celebrate than to join us for the opening of the eighth season of the North Union Farmers Market at Crocker Park?

This year's market opens on April 16 at 9:00 a.m. and is located on the corners of Crocker Road and Market Street. Join us in welcoming back your favorite farmers with spring greens, apples, maple syrup, honey, dairy, pasture-raised meats and much more! You'll even see some new faces behind the table with new products!

Our staff has worked hard throughout the winter contacting farms and vendors to continue this treasured community market. We even hosted a farmers' conference – A Time to Grow – in January which focused on growing the quality produce and pastures through healthy soil. Through this type of programming, North Union Farmers Market is ensuring that the highest quality produce, meat and dairy is being offered at the market!

Following tradition, we open with a blessing of the market by Rev. Philip G. Racco of St. Bernadette's with hopes for a safe and fruitful season. More highlights include sheep-shearing, live music by



Amish vendors sell their fresh produce at the Crocker Park Farmers Market last year.

local group Burning River Jazz Quartet and "Chef at the Market" featuring Chef Matthew Anderson, of UMAMI Asian Kitchen, who will prepare delicious breakfast samples using products from the market.

North Union Farmers Market is proud to announce that we will be accepting SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Cards at the Crocker Park Market. SNAP recipients may bring their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to the farmers market and obtain tokens

which may be used to purchase fresh local vegetables, fruits, dairy products, meat products, honey, preserves, baked goods, plants used to produce food at home, and more. SNAP recipients should first visit the "Market Information" table to receive tokens before purchasing items.

North Union Farmers Market will be open on Saturday, April 16, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine, at Crocker Park. It continues every Saturday through November 19, supplying locally grown products from Ohio farmers. ●

Porter Library issues spelling bee challenge

by Elaine Willis

Westlake Porter Public Library is issuing a spelling challenge to the Westshore area: Find out how well you can spell at the Second Annual Friends of Porter Library Spelling Bee. The Bee will be held as a special Friday evening program on May 13 at 7 p.m. It is open to teams of four to six.

The library will be fielding a team of spellers, and invites families, neighborhoods, civic and community organizations, local companies, and more to create a team and enter the spelling bee. Entry information and a word list are available at the library now. Spelling teams will compete for bragging rights as the Westshore's best spellers.

Last year's spelling bee was a hard-fought contest between six teams.

For more information, please call the library at 440-871-2600 or visit www.westlakelibrary.org. ●



Drug awareness and education program for middle school students

The Partnership at Drugfree.org tells us that children who learn from their parents about the risks of drug and alcohol use are up to 50% less likely to use than those who don't. So, let's talk about it!

The 2010 Cuyahoga County Youth Risk Behavioral Study, conducted on our Bay Middle School students by Case Western Reserve University, indicates that some specific drug use is down. Why? Is it because of the new Bay Family Services and the programs they offer? Is it due to the new approach of the D.A.R.E. program? Is it because of the drug awareness and education programs offered at Bay Middle School or the teachers who support these programs? Or is it because these support systems and programs have inspired parents to talk to their children about drug and

alcohol? Perhaps it's a combination of them all.

However, the study also indicates that nearly 25% of our middle school students have tried prescription medication one or more times without a doctor's prescription. That is an area of concern, so... let's talk about it!

A special program, designed for parents and seventh/eighth grade Bay Middle School and St. Raphael students (and open to all middle school students and their parents, as well) will be held on Monday, May 2, at 7 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

The program will cover:

- How do I talk to my child about drug experimentation and use?
- What drugs might my child be

exposed to?

- What about alcohol and other drug addiction?
- Why are some kids at a much higher risk than others?
- What signs should parents look for if their child makes the decision to try drugs?
- Who to call for help?

While these questions are being answered for parents, the children will be chatting about positive influences and ways to avoid alcohol and other drug use with Monica Marx from Bay Family Services and Mikey Pitts, Middle School Minister at Bay Presbyterian Church. Law enforcement and school administration personnel will also be available to answer any questions following the presentation. ●

BAY VILLAGE CITY SCHOOLS

Bay schools to offer math, science and technology summer program

This summer, incoming sixth-grade students with advanced math scores will be given the opportunity to participate in a ground-breaking program which will give students practical experience in applications of higher level science, math and real world problems.

The inaugural session of the Bay Science, Math & Technology program will run for three weeks this coming July and August.

The program was developed by Dr. Jim McGlamery, principal of Normandy Elementary School, and a core group of personnel from the Bay Village School District after parents and teachers repeatedly requested a more challenging curriculum for advanced students.

This year's enrollment will be limited to two classes of approximately sixteen students per class.

"The long term vision for the program is that it will be ongoing, providing world class learning options for our students for generations to come. I hope that we can move up one grade level each school year," said McGlamery.

"Another part of the vision is that a new class will start each year for students entering the sixth grade. So, in time, the program will be available for students entering grades six through twelve," he added.

A unique aspect of the program is

that it will be funded entirely by tuition payments and an endowment fund which McGlamery and the interim board set up with the Cleveland Foundation. As the endowment fund grows, the hope is that the tuition payments will eventually come down. Tuition for the summer 2011 program will be \$800.

"School budgets are in a constant state of change. No school district in Ohio can assume it has a solid financial base for more than three years... To provide a set of student learning options that is developed over a seven-year time period and that is focused on a curriculum that is not required, it is necessary to provide an external, stable source of funding. Without that stable base, long-term planning would not be possible," McGlamery said.

The program's financial base was officially established in September and October when district employees signed up to donate via payroll deduction. In October, the aforementioned endowment was established with the Cleveland Foundation, and on Jan. 28, 2011, a Board of Trustees was appointed.

The initial trustees are James McGlamery, president; Amy Huntley, vice president; and Kate Gluck, recording secretary. McGlamery was nominated to the board by the Superintendent Clint Keener, Huntley by the Board of Education and Gluck by the District PTA Council. ●



Last year's boating class students learn to safely operate a personal watercraft.

Safe boating program informational meeting April 13

by George Christ

Parents and children interested in learning about a free safe boating program for seventh-grade students should plan to attend an information meeting on Wednesday, April 13, at the Bay Youth Center. The meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. to distribute sign-up materials, discuss the program and answer questions.

This program is open to all seventh-grade children in the Western suburbs. Students enrolled in the program will complete the Ohio Boating Education Course which is required by law for any person born after 1982 to operate a power driven

boat over 10 horsepower. This class will be held on May 14 and 21 and is mandatory.

Students will also be instructed in safe operation of power boats, personal watercraft, sailboats, canoes and kayaks. These on-the-water classes are on June 13, 20 and 27 at Whiskey Island Marina near Edgewater Park.

For additional information or to print a brochure go to www.spiritofamerica95.org/cuyahoga.htm or email spirit44140@yahoo.com. This course is nationally recognized and is partially funded by the ODNR Division of Watercraft, The National Water Safety Congress, and associated with the Bay Village Schools. ●

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- 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

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- 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 and submit your stories & photos. Photos should be jpegs & a minimum of 2 megabytes in size. If you have questions, contact us at staff@wbvobserver.com.

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Bay Kiwanis present juvenile transport equipment to EMS



With Bay Village Kiwanis Club Community Service Chairman Jim Potter (right) assisting, Fire Department Captain Thomas Boatwright explains to Kiwanians how four new juvenile emergency transport backboards will help the city's EMS squads in immobilizing children with possible injury to get them safely to medical care. The Kiwanis Club bought the \$600 set as part of a state-wide effort by Kiwanians to survey the child transport needs of EMS organizations and help fill any gaps in equipment.

WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Music of Ireland delights crowd

by Marge Widmar

Numerous glances across the room at Westlake Porter Public Library during a Musical Tour of Ireland on March 22 captured members of the audience tapping their feet to the music, sometimes singing along, and pleasantly smiling. "Bald Paul" Hanchek, Paul Jr., and Don Wingenfled performed guitar, banjo, and accordion. Ben Clingain led the singing.

The musical tour began in Dublin and the song "Molly Malone." Audience members were asked to point out on a map of Ireland the location of Ireland's cities on the tour. Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough was the first member of the audience to happily point out the city of Dublin. He related that his family's roots are in the Dublin area. The tour continued through Belfast, Derry and Donegal,

on to Mayo and Galway, and finally to Tralee in County Kerry.

When "Meet Me in Tralee," the song of Westlake's sister city, was performed, a member of the audience came up quickly to point out Tralee, where she still has family and has visited many times. Also attending the program was Westlake City Council President, Michael Killeen, also of Irish descent.

The program, free and open to the public, was one of Westlake-Westshore Arts Council's Quarterly Events. The next quarterly event will be held in conjunction with the Westlake Historical Society on June 21 at Porter Library. It will feature Scott Hagan, the artist who painted barns in all 80 of Ohio's counties for the Ohio Bicentennial in 2003. ♦

Marge Widmar is President of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council.



Paul Hanchek Jr., "Bald Paul" Hanchek, Ben Clingain, and Don Wingenfled performed Irish music at Porter Library on March 22.

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WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake schools named to top achievement list

by Kim Bonvissuto

The Westlake City School District is one of fewer than 400 school districts in the nation being honored by the College Board with a place on its AP Achievement List for opening AP classroom doors to a significantly broader pool of students, while maintaining or improving the percentage of students earning top scores.

From 2008 to 2010, Westlake increased the number of students participating in AP from 203 to 244, while improving the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of three or higher on a five-point scale.

The AP Achievement List is made up of all school districts that are simultaneously expanding opportunity and improving performance. The list includes 388 school districts representing 43 states.

“Participation in college-level AP courses can level the playing field for underserved students, give them the confidence needed to succeed in college, and raise standards and performance in key subjects, like science and math,” said College Board Presi-

dent Gaston Caperton. “The AP Achievement List districts are defying expectations by expanding access while enabling their students to maintain or improve their AP Exam scores.”

Inclusion on the AP Achievement list is based on the following criteria:

1. Examination of three years of AP data, from 2008 to 2010.
2. Increase in participation in/ access to AP by at least four-percent in large districts, at least seven-percent in medium districts and at least 11 percent in small districts.
3. A steady or increasing percentage of exams taken by African American, Hispanic/Latino and American Indian/Alaska Native students.
4. Performance levels maintained or improved when comparing the percentage of exams in 2010 scoring a three or higher to those in 2008, or the school has already attained a performance level in which more than 70 percent of the AP students are scoring a three or higher.

The complete AP Achievement List can be found at www.collegeboard.org. ●

Community musicians invited to join summer band

by Deb Yandala

Experienced band musicians from Westlake and surrounding communities are invited to join with high school musicians to perform in the Westlake Music Boosters’ 4th Annual Patriotic Band Spectacular at the Westlake Performing Arts Center.

This special summer concert will be held on Thursday, June 30. It features patriotic music and a special recognition of veterans. Four rehearsals will be held in June. If you would like to participate, please contact Mr. Ray Walczuk at 440-250-1014 or walczuk@westlake.k12.oh.us for further information. ●

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Recreation Department

by Beth Moffat

RUGBY CLINIC (TOUCH/ TAP, GRADES 5-8)

Saturdays, April 30 – May 28 (3-5 p.m.) – Must have a minimum of 20 players. Fee is \$50/residents, \$65/non-residents. Deadline to register is April 16 (late fee: \$10). Location: Diamond 1 Baseball Outfield (Dover Center and Lake roads).

VOLLEYBALL CLINIC (GRADES 4-8)

Wednesdays, April 13, 20, 27 (6:30-8 p.m.) – Refine your volleyball skills during the three-day clinic. Fee is \$65/residents, \$80/non-residents. Location: Community Gym (west-entrance doors of Bay Middle School).

BEAT THE RUSH! PURCHASE YOUR 2011 POOL MEMBERSHIP TODAY

Bay Village residents only. Early-bird special ends May 10. Purchase your membership with proof of residency at the Recreation Department office. Office hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Extended office hours from May 7-June 11: Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon.

SUMMER HOOPS 3 X 3 (BOYS AND GIRLS GRADES 3-8)

Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, week of June 20 – July 25. Gather your friends, form a team and play the exciting game of basketball. Register as a team or individually; max of 6 per team. Fee per player is \$55/residents, \$70/non-residents. In-person or mail-in registration only. Deadline to register is May 24 (late fee: \$10). Location: Bay Middle School Gym.

BAY VILLAGE USTA ADULT TENNIS LEAGUES

Join the Bay Village USTA Team this summer! This fun and competitive program runs May through July. Teams will play at Bradley Park courts against surrounding communities. Register your team today; if you don’t have a team, we will find you one! For more information contact Kristine Gambrell at 440-342-2791.

To register for these programs, visit www.bayrec.org. To learn more about Bay Rec’s spring/summer programs, visit our website, call us at 440-871-6755, or visit us at the Recreation Department, 400 Bryson Lane.

Readers’ Letters

Shoe roundup and sale a success

The Bay Men’s Club recently hosted its first annual sport shoe roundup and sale, and this letter is to thank all those who helped make this event a success.

The event was designed as a way for Bay Men’s Club to provide another needed community service. The focus of the sale was to raise money for the Bay Men’s Club Scholarship Fund, as well as provide a very inexpensive alternative for families to purchase gently-used athletic shoes and cleats.

The community was asked to donate used shoes and cleats at several different merchant locations, including Bay Lanes, True Value Hardware, Subway, and Arthur’s Shoes. More than 100 pairs of shoes and cleats, shin guards, softball and baseball mitts, and some other interesting items were donated, including ice skates, wrestling shoes, soccer bags filled with socks and much more.

Many of the shoes and cleats looked brand new. We sold more than 60 pair of shoes, shin guards and other items. We gave many pair away for people that asked and were in need.

Large families with obvious limited funds were able to outfit their entire family for a fraction of the retail cost.

We realized how much this really means to the many families that can gain from it. We saw it firsthand. We have offered the remaining equipment to local residents in need.

If anyone can still use a good pair of shoes, let us know. After that, whatever is left will be donated to a community that can use them.

Many thanks to the many anonymous donors of the shoes. Mothers and fathers stepped up and helped us. Much gratitude also to our city for assisting, as well as the Recreation Department, BMS Principal Sean McAndrews, Athletic Director Matt Spellman, and our merchants in Bay Village Square that accepted the donations.

Once again, thanks for all for their support.

– Kelly Brewer and Dominic Giovannazzo,
Bay Men’s Club

The Great Flood

I’ve been living in Westlake for 20 years now. Never did I think my investment, my life savings in my home would be in jeopardy. On Feb. 28 2011, at about 4:30 a.m., my basement began to fill with sewage from the floor drain connected to the sanitary sewer.

I understand many other people have had to deal with this as well. I tried to go back to sleep, but the fumes were awful so I had to check into a local hotel for a week. Have I been spoiled? Am I asking too much to have a sanitation system that does not fill my basement with sewage? Apparently so.

Had I known I was living in a mismanaged sewage area, I might have purchased elsewhere. Was anyone else notified by the city that poor management may fill your basement with sewage? Three times in the past six years this has occurred. Luckily I have not remodeled my basement yet and so only lost a washer and dryer.

Have others lost more? Of course. And now the city of Westlake is asking residents to accept a solution which will involve refraining from using any modern convenience which discharges sewage – showering, washing dishes, washing clothes, using the toilet, cleaning, etc., during a rain storm. I can see the sellers’ disclosure now: “You may have to wait until it stops raining to shower, wash clothes or dishes, or relieve yourself, or your basement may fill with sewage. But, we can’t say for certain when this will occur, or even if it will occur, just be vigilant.”

I know that when life gives you lemons, you are supposed to make lemonade. But what should one make when life fills your basement with sewage?

It is clear to me that the sewage system in this

area, which consists of the collection system (all the piping underground) and the Rocky River Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP), has been poorly managed. The collection system is managed by each individual city (Westlake, Bay Village, Fairview Park and Rocky River) and the WWTP by a managing committee consisting of individuals from each of the four cities.

Unfortunately, these two interrelated systems are managed separately and independently – and did I mention, poorly (but they have kept expenditures to a minimum)? And in case anyone is wondering how I have arrived at this conclusion – I have met with and spoken with the mayor of Westlake, the city engineer and the supervisor of the WWTP, and I am an engineer.

Many modifications have been made to the WWTP with no analysis of what the modifications will do to the overall system – only the result required by the EPA. And each city (some more than others) has grown and added users to the collection system with no regard that the effect the growth will have on the system. And the cities (at least Westlake) refuse to acknowledge that a problem exists (probably the result of the city’s law department issuing a gag order so as not to implicate the city managers in the mismanagement of the sewage system).

So it is up to all of us to force our city managers (mayor and city council) to publicly acknowledge this problem and find a solution. Please meet, call, write or email your council representative and mayor until we get a solution.

Gotta go now... it’s raining. Have to check my basement.

– Paul Makuh, Westlake

Compeer looking for stories of friendship

by Denise Ayres

Compeer is a program based on friendship and all the advantages that friendship provides to everyone's well being. In good times our friends celebrate, smile and laugh with us. Whether you're at a rock concert, enjoying the Blue Water Chamber Orchestra, or watching your daughter speed in for that homerun, a friend or two are right beside you. When you have good news to share, you call or email your friends.

Friends also help us through the tough times. Friends will walk the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for breast cancer research for you and with you. If your car breaks down, a friend comes to pick you up. For a crisis big or small, a friend can help you. Your friend can be your personal "cheerleader" or offer a warm, quiet place to ease your nerves.

In Compeer, we work on developing those important friendship connections. We are requesting "friendship stories" you would like to share with us! We would like to put together a collection of friendship stories for our cities. These collections will be shared and enjoyed at the 3rd Annual Compeer Night at Westlake Porter Public Library on May 9 at 6:00 p.m. Anyone interested may attend; please

call 440-835-6212, ext. 242.

I truly value my friendships, as I'm sure you all do. I email to a childhood friend who moved from Westlake to Texas years ago. He enjoys hearing about the great changes happening in Westlake. As we travel along life's journey we collect precious memories and stories of friendship. At parties you often hear people sharing their stories. At times, those stories are your stories, starting with "Hey, do you remember when you and I ...?" The connections of friendship play an important part in all our lives.

In some of my Observer articles, I share the Compeer friendship stories and hope they bring a smile to your face. Compeer has met numerous friendly people in Westlake and Bay Village.

It is our hope that you have a story to share with us. If so, please mail them to: Far West Center, 29133 Health Campus Drive, Westlake. You can also email them to: compeer@far-westcenter.com.

Who do you guess will share the most stories, Westlake or Bay Village? Both cities celebrate 200 years of making connections. Will it be women or men that send in more stories? Women are connection experts and men value their buddies. It will be interesting to find out! Please connect with Compeer and join in. ●

Village Food Project update

by Kimberly Rush

We're off and running! And doing well, thanks to an amazing group of 150 volunteers who willingly share their time and talents with us. Because of our team, The Village Food Project (VFP) is living its mission of coming together as a community of all ages, to love neighbors who are experiencing a cancer crisis by providing nourishing meal deliveries.

After only eight weeks of operation, the VFP kitchen, manned by over 36 teen volunteers and 24 adult supervisors, has served over 375 delicious and nutritious meals. The food is excellent and a true blessing.

One client who receives meals had this to share: "That was five-star, quality food. You have no idea how that meal helped us. I had an extra couple of quality hours to spend with my wife last night since I did not have to deal with cooking, and then cleaning the kitchen."

Another recipient graciously writes a weekly note to the kitchen volunteers and addresses them affectionately as "cherubs."

Most clients are estimated to remain in the program anywhere from 12 weeks to six months. For the first 12 weeks, meals are free. After that time, the clients are asked to make a donation if they are able. Since clients will graduate from the program at various times, there is an opportunity for new clients to be added, for a minimum of 12 weeks, on a regular basis.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a Village Food Project client, please email info@villagefoodproject.com or call 440-348-6401. The only requirements are that clients must live in Bay Village and currently be going through cancer treatment. VFP provides healthy, whole foods-based meals for the cancer patient, as well as for their family.

"This project has far exceeded my expectations," Executive Director Barb Harrell said. "Bay

Village is a wonderful community and its citizens have stepped up to really love and care for those experiencing cancer crisis. Serving is a privilege and an honor, but not always easily accepted. I am so grateful for our clients who have graciously accepted the meals. Their willingness to receive has been especially impactful on youth. These teens know that people of all ages can make a positive difference in the life of their community. Everyone has something to offer."

And the works continues this spring, as the ground begins to thaw. Then, seventh and eighth graders, supervised by adult volunteer gardeners, will begin working in the organic garden located at Forestview. The Bay Green Team has generously donated three plots to the Village Food Project.

The produce grown on these plots will be used in the VFP kitchen. Any extra produce will be donated to The Bay Food Pantry. Children younger than seventh grade may also help in the garden when accompanied by a parent.

Volunteers are also lending a hand in a number of other areas, including shopping, prayer teams, administration, composting, web design, publications, publicity, scrapbooking, card making, etc. We invite those interested in getting involved in The Village Food Project to attend our next Volunteer Orientation on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Bay Presbyterian Church.

Also, be sure to watch the VFP segment on "New Day Cleveland" on the Fox 8 News website at fox8com.

Finally, three fundraisers are being planned for the summer and fall. Please stay tuned for further information, as we'd love your support.

Until then, if you would like to make a donation to The Village Food Project, please do so by visiting our website at villagefoodproject.com or by mail at The Village Food Project, P.O. Box 40023, Bay Village, OH 44140. The project is totally run by volunteers, and therefore depends solely on donations for its operation. ●

POETRY

Last Snow of Winter

Joe Psarto, Westlake

It snowed last night
came down in a fuzzy dream barely remembered
but when I looked out my window
there it was waiting for me
old pal come to say goodbye till next season
for springtime is like that
pleasant enough but dismissive of old friends
trading white treasure for spangled flowers
so I took advantage one last time
and pushed my thoughts out the window
to be with the winter birds
sleeping in their warm twiggy nests
huddled together
feather to feather
dreaming of the fat summer worms
waiting for them just below the white blanket
lucky creatures these birds
apples of God's eye
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and of course no wars
myself the snow and the winter birds.

Bay engineer Bob Ziebarth running for vacant Ward 3 Council seat

Long time Bay Village resident Bob Ziebarth is actively campaigning for the Ward 3 City Council Seat being vacated by current Ward 3 representative Scott Pohlkamp, who has opted to run for an At-Large Council Seat in the upcoming fall election. Mr. Ziebarth is a licensed Professional Engineer in 15 States, including Ohio. "The Code of Ethics for a licensed Professional Engineer is to be dedicated to the protection of the public's health, safety, and welfare; and these are the same principals I will bring to this position," Ziebarth stated.

With a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Valparaiso University and a specialty in Fire Protection, Mr. Ziebarth would bring a unique skill set to the City that fits well with many of the issues we are currently facing. Some of these issues include storm sewer improvements to help reduce basement flooding,

upgrades and maintenance to many of the aging City owned buildings, and the need to still remain fiscally responsible with regards to the City's budget. Mr. Ziebarth is currently employed by Zurich Services Corporation, which is the Risk Engineering arm of Zurich Insurance, where he is a Senior Risk Engineer helping his accounts make decisions that balance their need to make a profit while still providing safe work environments. "Almost every recommendation I make to my clients has a cost associated with it, so I am always looking for the most cost effective solutions and I will bring that same thought process with me to the City Council" stated Ziebarth.

Mr. Ziebarth grew up in North Olmsted and first moved to Bay Village with his wife Michelle in 1992. After a short work stint in Michigan from 1998 to 2003, they moved back to Bay Village. "When



Bob Ziebarth announced his candidacy for councilman of Bay's Ward 3.

the opportunity to move back came up, we knew that Bay Village was the place we wanted to call home," said Ziebarth. "We had young children and knew that Bay Village offered everything we wanted for raising our family."

Mr. Ziebarth and his wife Michelle reside in Bay with their three children, Robert, Nora, and Chaeli. All three attend and are active in the Bay Village schools. ●

St. Raphael a 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence

by Dianne Borowski

St. Raphael School is one of fifty private schools across the country to be named a U.S. Department of Education 2010 Blue Ribbon School of Excellence (Bay High was also awarded one of 254 blue ribbons for public schools). This award is given annually to schools which excel in English/language arts and mathematics. This award confirms how diligently the St. Raphael staff, students and their parents work to accomplish academic excellence. Located at 525 Dover Center Road, St. Raphael School stands as a tangible reminder of the many young lives it has touched since its inception in 1948.

A total of 764 students are currently enrolled in St. Raphael School.

The majority reside in Bay Village and Westlake. The staff is comprised of thirty-four full-time teachers, two part-time teachers and several auxiliary staff. Forty-one percent of the faculty has a masters degree.

Upon entering the school it was evident that students are respectful of their learning environment as they move quietly from one area of the building to another. Broad smiles and sunny faces were everywhere. As I visited on St. Patrick's Day, an abundance of green was seen.

Principal Ann Miller spoke proudly of the school's many new projects. In February 2011, a new hot lunch program was implemented. This program uses a thumbprint screening mechanism to facilitate faster service. Beginning in the 2011-12 school year, St. Raphael will have

three all-day kindergarten classrooms in place. These classes will certainly be of help to working families during this tough economic period. These classes will also provide a jump start into the elementary program, preparing kindergartners for the often difficult transition into all-day learning.

A new computer lab is in the works. It will enable students to remain on the cutting edge of today's technology. Supervised care is provided before and after school. Students enrolled in this program have time to complete homework, participate in art and computer activities, enjoy field trips, tennis lessons and volunteer service projects. Parents are assured their children are well-cared for and having fun during these hours away from home.

For the past six decades, St.

Raphael School has played an important part in the lives of many children who live in the Westshore area, providing a comprehensive educational experience for those families who choose to enroll their children in a parochial school. Typically, graduates of the school move on to productive lives, giving back to our community and to communities across the country.

As a community, we value our children and should feel enormous pride in our schools. St. Raphael School may be one small part of our successful local school systems but it is a strong vital component of those systems which has touched young lives for many years and, hopefully, will continue to do so for many years to come. Congratulations, St. Raphael School! ●

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Porter Library offers four-part investing series

by Elaine Willis

Westlake Porter Public Library is offering a four-part investing series for the individual investor starting Thursday, April 7, at 7 p.m. The series will focus on charting – using technical analysis to chart stocks.

The first session will be presented by Lou Floyd of the American Association of Individual Investors (AAII) and will cover noise-trend following vs. predicting the future, your investing personality, choosing your investing scales, and more.

The rest of the series are as follows:

- Thursdays, May 5 and July 7 at 7 p.m. – John Sawczak of

AAII will discuss Intermediate Charting: Using indicators and price patterns; using StockCharts.com to draw the lines and indicators MACD, ADX, Volume, Money Flow, etc.

- Thursday, July 21 at 1 p.m. – Floyd will cover Advanced Charting: Customizing Technical Analysis for one's unique use – adjustable parameters, indicator ratios, selecting minimum indicators for standard viewing, etc.

For more information or to register, please call the library at 440-871-2600 or visit www.westlakelibrary.org. Attendees may register for one or all of the sessions. ●

BAY VILLAGE DWYER CENTER

Royal wedding luncheon and fashion show to be held April 29

by Shirley Hostettler

Bay Village's Dwyer Center is celebrating the royal wedding of William and Kate. You are invited to celebrate with us at noon on Friday, April 29. A complimentary Royal Lunch prepared by Chef Jim of Avon Lake Community Towne Center will precede a vintage wedding dress fashion show by VIVA.

Dressing in your wedding finery is optional but encouraged. Cost is \$10. Deadline for the required RSVP to 835-6565 is April 21. Seating is limited. Dwyer Center is located at 300 Bryson Lane in Bay Village. ●



Women dress for the occasion at a 2009 royal luncheon.

Bay stroke survivor runs in second fundraising race

Bill Forester, a Bay resident and stroke survivor, will participate for the second year in the annual Lakewood Hospital Ambulance Chase run on May 1. Bill is celebrating his recovery from a massive, debilitating stroke in August 2009 that affected his speech, and the use of his arm and leg on his right side.

"I ate healthy, didn't smoke and was very active... it made no sense," Bill said. "It just goes to show that this can happen to anyone."

After his stroke, Bill began rehabilitation exercises through Lakewood Hospital's Rehab Services program. As part of his therapy, Bill began a serious running regime, something he had done very little of before the stroke. Through his hard work and endurance, and the dedication and encouragement of his therapists, he is now running half marathons.

"My first race was last year's Ambulance Chase, and I am running again this year – with an improved stride and a sense of great pride in giving back to Lakewood Hospital, because it gave me my life back," notes Bill, who is also a member of this year's race committee.

Since its inception in 2002, the Ambulance Chase has raised nearly \$300,000 for myriad programs and services at Lakewood Hospital, including post-acute rehabilitation and outpatient physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, as well as several other initiatives.

The Chase includes a 1.5-mile walk, 5K walk/run and a Children's Chase (for ages 8 and under). The event will take place at Lakewood Park on Sunday, May 1; registration begins at 7:30 a.m. To register online, visit hermescleveland.com. Teams of 10 or more runners will receive a discount and teams of 20 or more will have their team name printed on their race shirt.

To join Bill Forester's race team, register as a Team Member on the Ambulance Chase page on hermescleveland.com, select "Run Forester Run" as the Team Name and enter password: spring2011. ●

WESTLAKE-WESTSHORE ARTS COUNCIL

Opera program marks 20th year with first-class program

by Louise Seeholzer

Renowned music rendered by talented voices, supported by strong acting and costuming, and woven together with entertaining and informational asides brought the 2010-2011 FYI: Opera season to a festive conclusion. The March 29 program also added sheen to the 20th anniversary of the FYI: Opera series, which is offered free to the community by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council at Porter Public Library.

The program, presented by David Bamberger, Director of Opera Theater at Cleveland Institute of Music, three talented CIM voice students, and expert piano accompaniment by John Simmons, CIM music director, previewed the upcoming April CIM Opera Scenes production.

Tenor Jake Andricks began the program as Harlekin in Richard Strauss' opera "Ariadne auf Naxos," whose song is an attempt to cheer the love-sick Ariadne. Then Sarah Mossman, with her lovely voice and winning smile, sang the aria of the page boy from Verdi's "Un ballo in maschera."

When all three singers offered a vocal and visual depiction of scenes from Gilbert & Sullivan's only one-

act opera, "Trial by Jury," the already impressed audience was completely captivated. Appropriate costumes enhanced their excellent singing and acting performances.

"Trial by Jury" chronicles the trial of Edwin, a fickle young man, who broke his engagement and is being sued for breach of promise by Angelina, the young woman who feels she should be monetarily compensated for her "suffering." In starched collar, vest, coat, and red boutonniere, Andricks, as Edwin, sang "When first my old love I knew," explaining it is only natural that eventual boredom cooled his ardor.

Baritone Mark Wanich, as an appropriately attired British judge, describes his upstanding record, although he might be just a little sympathetic because he has divorced a wife. In a full production, a chorus underlines the judge's declaration by singing "and a good judge, too!" at appropriate places. Bamberger garnered audience participation and had them sing the chorus' refrain at the proper times.

Edwin pleads his case and then the suffering Angelina, sung by Mossman attired as a lovely bride, complete with veil, dramatically sings of her broken heart, which could be mended by money. All is not lost as



Photo by Elaine Willis, Porter Library

Jake Andricks as Edwin

she wins the heart of the judge, who decides to marry her himself, letting Edwin off the hook.

Bamberger's notes on Gilbert & Sullivan and the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company, which had exclusive rights to perform Gilbert & Sullivan's compositions for over a century, added color, humor, and interest to the presentation.

Following the program, the audience was invited by the WWAC to share an anniversary cake and acknowledge the service of WWAC member Jane Mueller, coordinator of the FYI: Opera Series for 20 years.

CIM Opera Theater presents its complete production of Opera Scenes on April 15, 16 and 17. For information and tickets, go online to cim.edu or call 216-791-5000, ext. 411. ●

Savannah under new ownership

New owners took over The Savannah Bar and Grille on April 1. Doug Lufkin, an experienced chef by trade, will now run the Westlake blues-infused restaurant, catering and entertainment destination.

Lufkin plans to keep The Savannah Bar and Grille's offerings identical to what its customers have grown to know and love. The menu remains similar and live music will continue seven days a week.

"We are thrilled to continue serving the community of such a well-known establishment like The Savannah Bar and Grille," said Doug Lufkin. While renovations and planned improvements are on the horizon, Lufkin assures guests, "while customers may notice construction occurring in and around our location, this will not affect the staff, restaurant, catering service or entertainment. We are open for business as usual." ●



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WESTLAKE RECREATION CENTER

Springtime equals shape-up time at the Westlake Rec

by Jim Dispirito

VIP SPECIAL NEEDS BASEBALL

Beginning Saturday, 16 (6 p.m.) – Starting its seventh season, the VIP baseball program is open to any school-age child with special needs from any community. Indoor Spring Training will be held at the Westlake Recreation Center. Practices will move outside in May and move to Sunday nights. For more information, please contact Jim Dispirito at 440-617-4420.

ENGLISH ROSE & BLACK TIE ETIQUETTE (GRADES 1-5)

Thursdays, April 14 – May 19 (6-7 p.m.) – This popular etiquette course will include materials and weekly class sup-

plies. Students are taught how to act in everyday social situations at home and away. Something fun and new is presented each week to help students be the best that they can be.

LEARN TO SWIM CLASSES

Next session begins the week of April 11. Various classes at various times are offered. For more information, please contact our aquatics department at 440-808-5700, ext. 3420.

GET FIT

Various fitness classes are offered at the Westlake Recreation Center including, Yoga, Zumba, Phenomenal Abdominals and Spinning, as well as other fitness-oriented classes. For more



information and class schedules, please visit our website at www.wlrec.org.

ADULT SOFTBALL LEAGUES

Westlake Recreation is now accepting teams for its various men's and coed softball leagues. Men's leagues include Sunday Men DH, Monday/Wednesday Men and Thursday Men DH. Coed leagues include: Sunday nights, Tuesday DH and Friday DH. Deadline to register is April 12. Season starts the week of May 1.

GOLF

Check out Westlake's very own golf course, Meadowood, or visit our website for upcoming golf classes held at the Golden Tee Golf Range in Olmsted Falls.

More information regarding all of these programs and more can be found at our website at www.wlrec.org or by stopping by the Recreation Center at 28955 Hilliard Blvd., calling us at 440-808-5700 or by picking up our new Rec Gazette. ●

BAYARTS

New Douglas Max Utter works at BAYarts this month

by Eileen Stockdale

A 2011 recipient of the Creative Workforce Fellowship through Cleveland Partnership for Arts and Culture, Douglas Max Utter is a force to be reckoned with. A prolific painter, writer and educator, Utter's career spans across the Greater Cleveland art scene and nationally.

He has shown and won numerous awards and accolades including Best Painting Award in the Cleveland Museum of Art's May show. He has been recognized for his painting and criticism with three Individual Fellowships from the Ohio Arts Council

and most recently was a recipient of a \$20,000 Creative Workforce Fellowship through Cleveland Partnership for Arts and Culture for 2011.


About this new body of work, Utter explains: "Nothing in the world is truly still, or remains long the same; in the course of our own human transformations we are always haunted by hidden forms; secret signs blink on and off. These paintings concern themselves with the fluid motions of presence and appearance. Identity is to be found in the motions of things and persons, as they shift subtly towards a different state of being. These days

as a child some thirty years later. A woman unfolds herself and becomes a lion. Another finds a yellow bird, in a yellow field. There are spirits in the world, and we are of the same immaterial nature, despite all our ordinary needs and concerns."


This will be Utter's first show at the new Sullivan Family Gallery in the renovated Fuller House at BAYarts. The show will open with a reception on April 8 from 7-9 p.m., and remain through the month. An artist talk will be on April 20 from 6-8 p.m. and is free to the public. For additional information on Douglas Max Utter, visit www.douglasutter.com. ●



"The Birdcatcher" by Douglas Max Utter. His new works will be on display at BAYarts throughout April.



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Westlake Bicentennial, 1811-2011

A yearlong celebration of Westlake's history

In this issue:
1850-1869

Dover Township and the Civil War

by Mel Maurer

April 12 marks the 150th anniversary of the start of America's Civil War. It was on that day in 1861 that South Carolina, having previously declared itself seceded from the United States, fired its cannons on Fort Sumter, a U.S. fort in the middle of Charleston Harbor.

Those shots reverberated across our country into every community – North and South – including Dover Township. Its people knew that the long-simmering differences between states over “states rights,” principally the right to own slaves, would be settled in battles. These would pitch Americans against Americans and brothers against brothers – every loss, a loss for our country.

Each side called for volunteers to fight its battles. Many were needed as there were only 15,000 men in the U.S. Army as the war began and these would be divided by loyalties. Thousands of young men answered President Lincoln's call to service, including at least 120 men from Dover Township.

These men, divided among several regiments, saw action throughout the war years (1861-1865), engaging in some of the war's most significant battles: Chattanooga – under General Grant in the taking of Lookout Mountain and Missionary Ridge – and at the siege and surrender of Vicksburg which opened up the Mississippi River to Union forces.



This unidentified Union soldier was one of at least 120 Dover men to fight in the Civil War.

Photo courtesy of the William Robishaw Collection, Westlake Porter Public Library.

They were also sent to guard Washington and were there to defend the city against an aggressive attack, witnessed by Lincoln, not far from the White House.

It's easy to picture life in Dover during those days with parents, wives and girlfriends worried about their men and boys; waiting for letters and any news of their regiments, while fearing to look at the casualty lists printed in local papers after battles. Lists that kept growing as the war went on.

It's believed that 11 Dover men gave their lives in what Lincoln called “the last full measure of devotion” to their country. One of these was John Albert Clague who died at age

23 of an illness after he had fought in the Battle of the Wilderness. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

Other Dover men were wounded and still others survived without physical harm. But no man returned home the same as he had left. In honoring the men and women who serve in any war, we honor those who served in all the engagements of our armed forces over the years.

The Revolutionary War gave us our country but left undefined what that country was: a loose alliance of states or a permanent union of states. Before the war, our country was always referred to in the plural – as in, the United States “are”. After the war, it became the United States “is.” Our Dover men had helped to make our country one Nation. ●

Dover Fair, 1857-1897



The Dover Agricultural and Mechanical Fair was held each year from 1857-1897 on grounds located behind the current Lee Burneson Middle School on Dover Center Road.

The fair was put on by the Dover Agricultural and Mechanical Society, an organization formed to promote improvements in those two fields. The festival normally lasted two days and was usually held each September.

The Society itself was purely a Dover Township affair, but the fair attracted visitors in large numbers from surrounding towns.

The fair typically included livestock shows, a fine arts hall, horse exhibits, and – the big attraction – a one-third mile horse racing track. Also offered was a “warm lunch” hall, two refreshment areas and a bandstand.

As time went on, a movement began to establish a county fair. The first Cuyahoga County Fair was held in 1896 in Berea (where it remains) and the last Dover fair was held in 1897. ●

Jack Miner: Westlake's world-famous conservationist

by Lysa Stanton and Dave Pfister

Jack Miner was born April 7, 1865, in the section of Dover Township that was known as Dover Center. He lived in a small weather-beaten home with a leaky roof, just south of where Jenkins Funeral Chapel now stands, on Dover Center Road near Westown Blvd. Young Jack was one of 11 children, born of English parents who made a meager living in the brickyard across the street from their home. Jack's father worked long hours to form the bricks that were sold for \$3.50 per 1,000.

As a young boy, Jack liked to work in the brickyard instead of attending school. He was not fond of school because he was teased for his English ancestry, fiery red hair and freckles. At age 12, Jack returned to school

at the urging of his friends, and felt a sense of belonging when his teacher, Miss Minnie Chubb, gave him the job of starting and tending the fire in the schoolroom stove. He learned a few basic reading skills in school, but did not truly learn to read until he was around 35 years old.

Jack spent hours at Cahoon Creek near his home studying the lessons of nature. The creek was both a laboratory and play-yard. With great enthusiasm, he studied the habits of all that crept and swam. In addition, he learned lessons on birdlife that formed a foundation for his life's work.

When Jack was 13 years old, hard times hit the state of Ohio.

The Miner family reluctantly decided to move the family to Kingsville, Ontario, Canada. Although it was difficult leaving friends like Mr. and Mrs. John Cooley and the Pease family, the move provided a new income for the family and supplied new wildlife for Jack.

Jack went on to become a great conservationist (once named the fifth-best-known person in North America) and conceived the idea of reforestation and a sanctuary to protect wildlife.

He began the practice of banding Canada geese to study their migration habits and turned his sprawling farm into one of North America's first bird sanctuaries, earning him the nickname “Wild Goose Jack.” He also lectured throughout the United States and Canada and was the first to use the word “pollution” in the way we use it today.

Auto pioneer Henry Ford once said, “Jack Miner's



Jack Miner gained fame for his pioneering work in conservation.

Photo courtesy of the Whitehern Historic House and Garden, Canada

companionship with the birds and his service to them have made his work known and have warmed the hearts of good people everywhere. He has taught us all that there is always something to do for one who looks for something to do.”

In Jack's autobiography, he wrote, “It must be remembered that I was born, and spent my innocent boyhood days, in that dear old Dover Centre, Ohio; and I love the descendants of the men who were kind to me in my bare-foot days... And some day I expect to go there and get a few bagfuls of earth from the spot where I was born, and make a ‘Buckeye’ flower garden under my observa-

tion window.”

In August 1961, Manly Miner, Jack's son, rode with Westlake's mayor in a local parade to celebrate the 150th birthday of our city. Then a truckload of dirt from Jack's birth place was loaded in a truck and shipped to his Kingsville home by the local Kiwanis club for the “Buckeye” garden he wrote about.

In 2009, the Westlake Historical Society, in conjunction with the city of Westlake, refurbished the original Ohio historical marker that was placed in 1975 near the site of Jack's birth. With help from the members of Rock Point Church, a memorial planter was built at the base of the huge rock located at the memorial.

This year's annual Jack Miner Day will be celebrated August 21. To learn more about Jack Miner and his life, please visit the Westlake Historical Society museum, or check our website at www.westlakeohiohistory.org. ●



Jack Miner was one of the first to band Canada geese to track their migration. Photo courtesy of migrationfestival.ca

Pancakes for Westlake

by Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis will hold their spring pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Emily's Rainbow Run on Sunday, April 10. The breakfast will take place from

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Breakfast includes all the pancakes you can eat! Plus, sausage, orange juice, milk, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$6.00. Children six and under eat for free. The breakfast will be in the Westlake High School cafeteria, 27830 Hilliard Blvd. A portion of the proceeds from the event will go to Emily's Rainbow Fund benefiting pediatric cancer research at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.

The rest of the proceeds will go to promote various causes throughout the Westlake community such as Holiday Food Baskets for the disadvantaged, Student Scholarships, Westlake Relays, "Salute to Excellence" – a student recognition program, the Westlake High School Key Club, Builders Club, and Relay for Life. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. ●



Bob Clancy mixes the batter for last year's pancakes.

Show Your Colors art show held at Bay Library

by Liza Kahoe-Arthur

Bay Village Branch Library's annual Show Your Colors art show reception commenced on March 19, 2011. Students in seventh and eighth grade who live in Bay Village were invited to submit one piece of original artwork to this juried show. There were 58 pieces submitted by Bay Middle School students on display during the month of March.

The judges this year were Marge Widmar and Jean Povinelli, of the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council and Sarah Kepple, visual artist and Youth Programming Specialist for Cuyahoga County Public Library. All three judges were impressed with the caliber of artwork submitted this year and spent a lengthy amount of time choosing winners. The Friends of Bay Village Branch Library pro-

vided all the cash prizes awarded to the students.

Congratulations go out to all the winners!

- 7th Grade Winners:
1st place: Josh Chaney
2nd place: Claire Mohney
3rd place: Jacob Sooeey
Special Recognition: Olivia Bechtel, Ivan Roybal and Lindsay Lieber
Best of 3-D: Emma Smith
Special Recognition, 3-D: Magdalene Haffey and Annie McArn
- 8th Grade Winners:
1st place: Trevor Lake
2nd place: Sean Steckle
3rd place: Tommy Leamon
Special Recognition: Hannah Daugherty, Marina Marconi and Billy McClain
Best of 3-D: Susan Shaw
Special Recognition, 3-D: Cullen Brewer and Schyler Bennett. ●



Winners from the library's Show Your Colors art show display their artwork. Pictured are: (back row, left-to-right) Ivan Roybal, Josh Chaney, Trevor Lake and Jacob Sooeey; (front row, l-to-r) Claire Mohney, Susan Shaw, Emma Smith and Schyler Bennett.

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WESTLAKE CITY SCHOOLS

Westlake Science Olympians to compete in Columbus

by Kim Bonvissuto

Two Westlake Science Olympiad teams are going to state competition after placing at the Lorain regional competition. The LBMS team - a mix of sixth to ninth graders - captured a third-place victory against 13 teams, earning one of the four available state spots. The WHS team earned second place against 16 teams, earning one of five available state slots. The state competition will be held April 30 at The Ohio State University.



ABOVE: The LBMS team (l-to-r): Coach Melissa Crist, Nick Irwin, Kal Patterson, Francesca Savona, Alex Lathem, Jane Fitz, Aswin Bikkani, Peter Slater, Tom Reusser, Alex Ikezawa, Chris Stone, Taeho Kim, Fahad Rhaman, Ethan Fitz and Yan Kwok.



LEFT: The WHS team (l-to-r): Libby Goldberg, Wan Kwok, Sairekha Ravichandran, PranayAthora, Han Kwok, Tom Carroll, Pegah Rashidnia, Kyle Lathem, Matt Canestraro, Colin Graber, Maranda Haas, Bryan Anstead, Coach Michael Kula and Avery Starin.

Bay automated trash about to begin

by Tara Wendell

BayVillage's transition to the new, automated trash and recycling program will kick into high gear this month. The new carts will be delivered beginning Wednesday, April 6, at the rate of 1,000 homes per day. It will take up to a week before all households receive both a trash and recycling cart, which may be delivered at separate times. Residents are encouraged to start using the new carts immediately, although the automated collection trucks won't begin service until the beginning of May. Drivers are currently being trained on the new equipment. Trash collection day will soon switch to Fridays; notification of the date of that switch is forthcoming. Until that time, pickup will continue on Tuesdays. During the first week of

the switch, trash will be collected on both Tuesday and Friday. The default size for trash carts is 95 gallons, although requests for smaller, 65- or 32-gallon carts will be honored. Residents who would like to downsize after trying the 95-gallon cart will be allowed to do so. Recycling carts are 65 gallons. The city will monitor the transition and respond to residents' difficulties. At a recent public meeting, Mayor Debbie Sutherland acknowledged that the new system will take some getting used to, and encouraged those with concerns to contact her office. "It's very difficult to devise a program for 6,200 homes in the city of BayVillage that all have different circumstances," Sutherland explained. "Just keep the lines of communication open and we'll do the best we can to make everybody as happy as possible."



Jim Sears, part-time city hall employee, peers into the new 65-gallon recycling cart on display at city hall. Also pictured are the 95-gallon and 32-gallon trash carts.

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT! PARENT & CHILD DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM MONDAY, MAY 2, 7PM BAY MIDDLE SCHOOL

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WESTLAKE PORTER PUBLIC LIBRARY

Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by Elaine Willis

Thursday, April 7 (7-8:30 p.m.) INVESTOR INTEREST GROUP – Lou Floyd will discuss “Beginning Charting Part 1: Using Technical Analysis to Chart Stocks”.

Friday, April 8 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Friday, April 8 (6, 7 and 8 p.m.) MINI-GOLF IN THE LIBRARY – The Friends of Porter Library invites you to get your teams of at least 4 people (any ages) together and come mini-golf in the library! The cost is \$15 per team. Funds raised will go towards library programs and services. Stop by Circulation to register for your tee time.

Saturday, April 9 (10:30-11:45 a.m.) ADVENTURES IN ART – Take an adventure as we explore the works of famous photographers then snap our own photos with disposable cameras (provided).

WPPL celebrates National Library Week with special programs

Westlake Porter Public Library will celebrate National Library Week with special programs for kids and adults during the week of April 10-16. National Library Week is an annual observance of the contributions of libraries and librarians sponsored by the American Library Association and the nation’s libraries. This year’s theme is “Create Your Own Story @ Your Library.”

Planned programs include the following:

Monday, April 11 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) PLAYAWAY DAY @ WPPL – A Playaway representative will be here to explain how to request and check out Playaway titles, and to discuss the great new content coming out on this format. The first 200 visitors will get a FREE pair of earbuds!

Tuesday, April 12 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – This month’s selection is “People of the Book” by Geraldine Brooks.

Thursday, April 14 (8-9:30 a.m.) INVESTOR BREAKFAST – Business Specialist Cynthia Hall will share the resources the library has available to the individual investor. Continental breakfast provided by the Friends. Please register at the Information Desk.

Thursday, April 14 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The April selection is “Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea” by Barbara Demick.

Friday, April 15 (7-8 p.m.) ROCK ON WITH SCRIBBLEMONSTER! – Join us for an evening of creative music, dance and play with Scribblemonster! Their fun, high-energy music is great for the whole family. Free tickets available at the Youth Services desk starting April 8. Limit four tickets per adult. Sorry, no phone or online reservations.

Saturday, April 16 (2-3:30 p.m.) STAR WARS FAMILY FUN DAY II – The Rebel Legion and the 501st Brigade are coming back! Stop in from 2-3:30 p.m. for games, crafts and fun activities. Dress up in your favorite character gear and BRING YOUR CAMERA for special photo ops with the “good” guys and the “bad” guys.

For more information about any of these programs or to register please call the library at 440-871-2600 or visit www.westlakelibrary.org.

Grades 3-5. Registration begins April 2.

Wednesday, April 13 (7-7:30 p.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

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

Sunday, April 17 (2 p.m.) SUNDAY SOUNDS – Join the Friends of Porter Public Library for this free musical afternoon featuring Mike and Mary show standards.

Monday, April 18 (7-8:30 p.m.) CAREERS FYI – CCC Career Transition Specialist Jeannette Galati will present the third of a 4-part series for individuals planning to change jobs, find a job, or brush up on job search process. The topic for this session is “Grapevine: Taking Control Through Networking.” Please register.

Monday, April 18 (7-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE: “MORNING GLORY” – A TV producer is brought in to save a flagging morning program in

this film starring Rachel McAdams, Diane Keaton, and Harrison Ford. Rated PG-13. Please register.

Tuesday, April 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.

Wednesday, April 20 (10:30-11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE! – Join us for a fun session of singing and dancing. For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. No registration required.

Wednesday, April 20 (6:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGY SOCIETY

Wednesday, April 20 (7-8 p.m.) PAWSITIVE READERS – That super canine listener Baby is back and she can’t wait to hear your stories! Kids in grades K-2 can sign up for a ten-minute read time with Baby! Call the Youth Services Department to sign up. Limit 5.

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

Westlake Bicentennial Poetry Contest

The contest is open to all Westlake residents in grades 1-12. Poems of no more than 150 words should reflect the theme of “200 Years of Westlake History.” Poets will be divided into three age groups: Grades 1-4, 5-8, 9-12.

Entries will be judged on three criteria: sense of history, writing quality and creativity.

The grand prize winner from each age group will receive:

- \$50 in cash;
- A Bicentennial-themed gift basket from the Westlake Historical Society
- A Friends of Porter Library gift basket
- A book of their choice from Gray & Company, Publishers
- Special recognition by the Mayor and City Council
- A copy of their poem included in the Westlake Bicentennial Time Capsule

Two runners-up in each age group will receive \$25 each and their choice of book from Gray & Co. All winning poems will be published in the Westlake | Bay Village Observer newspaper. Cash prizes provided by Mel Maurer, The Belvedere of Westlake and Minotti’s.

Poems will be evaluated by a panel of judges made up of a Westlake poet and representatives of the Westlake Historical Society, Westlake Porter Public Library and Westlake | Bay Village Observer.

Deadline for entries is April 30. Winners will be notified on May 13. Poems will appear in the May 17 issue of the Observer and winners will be recognized at the May 19 meeting of Westlake City Council.

WESTLAKE BICENTENNIAL POETRY CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Name: School: Grade: Phone #:

Enter poem below or attach to this form (150 words or less):

Open to all Westlake residents in grades 1-12. Poems judged on sense of history, writing quality and creativity. Deadline for entries is April 30. Questions may be directed to Zac Springer at 440-250-5486.

Return this form:

IN PERSON: Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

BY MAIL: Send to Westlake Historical Society, P.O. Box 45064, Westlake, Ohio 44145

BY EMAIL: Send to Tara Wendell at tara@wbvobserver.com (include name, school, grade and phone number)

CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY BAY VILLAGE BRANCH

Upcoming programs at the Bay Village Branch Library

by Joyce Sandy

This snow seems like an April Fool's Day trick, but we're thinking spring at the library! Join us for these programs and check out what's new on the shelves. Take time to share books at home – we'll help you find just the right one for entertainment or information.

The Teen Department has an exciting mystery program for grades 6-9. Come on Tuesday, April 19, to investigate the crime scene and examine the evidence. Did the music librarian have a heart attack – or was it murder? Help to solve the crime and enjoy pizza, too!

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Thursday, April 7 (7 p.m.) AUTHOR JOHN STARK BELLAMY – Cleveland's master of historical crime and disaster will return to the Cleveland area to talk about his new book "The Last Days of Cleveland." A book signing will follow the presentation. Sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

Thursday, April 20 (7 p.m.) THE MYSTERIOUS CLEVELAND CONNECTION TO "THE KING'S SPEECH" – Did you know that Cleveland has a connection to the Academy Award-winning move "The King's Speech"? Local historian Dan Ruminski has discovered a most amazing story about Cleveland's past that starts on Millionaire's Row, has an unexpected twist with a Rockefeller, and includes Wickliffe, Ohio. "It's the best and most exciting story I have

done thus far," quotes Ruminski. Join us to find out! Please register as seating is limited.

TENN DEPARTMENT:

Tuesday, April 12 (3:30 p.m.) ANIME CLUB – For ages 11 and up. If you love anime and manga, this club is for you! Watch anime, discuss your favorite manga books and make a creative project or two.

Tuesday, April 19 (3:30 p.m.) MURDER MYSTERY PIZZA PARTY – For ages 11-14. Can you solve the Rock and Roll Over Dead mystery? Investigate the crime scene, collect the evidence, snack on pizza, and solve the mystery.

CHILDRENS DEPARTMENT:

Monday, April 11 (3:30 p.m.) POP INTO SPRING – For ages 8 - teen. What goes pop in the spring? This thrilling pop-up workshop is a spring favorite. Medina, Ohio, author Laurie Lazzaro Knowlton will help you spring into action while learning the basics of paper engineering and the creation of pop-up books.

Thursday, April 14 (7 p.m.) FAMILIES READING TOGETHER – For families with readers ages 8-12. You're invited to discuss a good book, try a related activity and enjoy a treat.

Please register for these programs by calling 871-6392 or go online to cuyahogalibrary.org. We look forward to seeing you!

Friends of Bay Village Library book sale set for April 15-18

by Linda Lamb

The annual spring book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library will be Friday, April 15, through Monday, April 18. The book sale is held during regular library hours on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, but closes at 7 p.m. on Monday evening.

There is a wide range of adult and children's hardback and paperback books, as well as DVDs, CDs, books on tape and magazines. Items are priced to sell and have been categorized for easy selection. Monday, the last day of the sale, is "bag day" when patrons can buy a bagful of books for only \$1.00. Bags are provided by the library.

Volunteers are needed to help with the book sale and other library-related projects sponsored and funded by the Friends of the Bay Village Library. For information on volunteering, the book sale, or becoming a member of the Friends of the Bay Village Library, visit the library at 502 Cahoon Rd. or call 440-871-6392. ●

FOOD & TRAVEL

Soup or salad, sir?

by Robin Benzle

The following story is true. The names have been changed to, well, to avoid embarrassment of my old boss, Mike.

Once, about 20 years ago, I had accompanied my old boss, Sid (not his real name) on a business trip to Los Angeles. I joined him for dinner one evening at an appropriately-lighted, plant-infused southern California restaurant. Always mindful of what he ate, I never saw Sid order anything other than either the "diet plate" (which in those

days was a grilled sirloin patty, an ice cream scoop of cottage cheese and a littering of mealy pink tomato wedges; or a big, green salad.

Sally, the waitress, (could be her real name) approached, a pleasant enough gal with purple eyeshadow probably aspiring to be an actress. (But shouldn't.)

"What do you have for the lighter appetite?" Sid asked, proudly patting his washboard stomach.

"Well, we have soup or salad," Sally sang out helpfully.

"Perfect," Sid said. "I'll have one."

"One what?" Sally asked, confused.

"One of those Super Salads."

"Well, which will it be?" Sally asked, again.

Sid looked her in the eye. "The Super Salad would be just fine, thank you."

Sally paused, thinking about it, cleared her throat and started over, her pencil poised for action. "Sir, will you be having the soup or salad this evening?"

"Maybe you didn't hear me. I said yes, that would be fine," Sid said.

"I have to know which one so I can put the order in!" Sally said, growing exasperated.

"Do you have more than one Super Salad?" Sid shot back.

"No!"

"Well then give it to me, darn it, before I starve to death," Sid shouted, pounding the table.

At that point, I erupted in laughter to the point of snorting, and through gallons of tears, eventually broke up the disjointed conversation by ordering for my boss. I didn't even get fired that night.

Ever since, whenever my family and I are having soup or salad for dinner, we occasionally do the Super Salad Comedy Routine, kind of like a Who's On First. Here are two of our favorites: Spaghetti and Meatball Soup; and Chateau Salad, inspired by one that they serve at the Chateau du Chassan in the mountains of Auvergne, France. ● Robin Benzle lives in Bay Village. For more recipes, visit www.robinbenzle.com.

SPAGHETTI AND MEATBALL SOUP

Serves 8

MEATBALLS:

- 1 1/2 lbs. ground sirloin
- 1/2 lb. lean, ground pork
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup fine, dry bread crumbs
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 Tbsp. fresh, chopped oregano leaves (or 1 tsp. dried)

SOUP:

- 1 1/2 quarts (6 cups) beef stock or broth
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1 can (28 oz.) crushed tomatoes
- 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp. each dried rosemary and basil
- 2/3 lb. spaghetti noodles, broken in thirds

In a large bowl, mix all meatball ingredients together with hands. Form into 1" balls and place in large, deep skillet. Pour water over to cover and cook over medium heat, turning, until done, 12-15

minutes. Drain liquid off.

Meanwhile, make soup. In large kettle, place beef broth, water, tomatoes (include juice), cheese, rosemary and basil. Bring to a boil, lower heat, and simmer 20 minutes, uncovered. Add meatballs, bring to a boil and add noodles. Simmer, stirring, until noodles are tender. Serve with big chunks of garlic bread.

CHATEAU SALAD WITH CHUNKY GOAT CHEESE DRESSING

Serves 8

SALAD:

- 2 lbs. fancy mixed greens, such as red leaf, endive, watercress, romaine, dandelion leaves
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts
- 1/3 lb. sliced Canadian bacon, cut into matchsticks
- 3 Bosc pears, cut into thin slices

DRESSING:

- 2/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup white wine (or other) vinegar
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup crumbled goat cheese (Chevre)



Rinse greens in cold water, wrap in a tea towel and refrigerate. Melt butter in small skillet and saute walnuts 2 minutes. Remove to a small bowl. In same skillet, cook bacon until very brown.

Make dressing by whisking oil, vinegar and mayonnaise together in a small bowl. Fold in goat cheese.

In a large bowl, toss greens with dressing. Divide among individual serving plates. Arrange pears on top and sprinkle on walnuts and bacon. Spoon dressing over and serve immediately.

BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM

Habitat for Humanity collection coming to Bay police dept. parking lot

by Brenda O'Reilly

Planning any Spring cleaning this year? Do you have any gently used household items that can be donated to a worthy cause? One such organization is Habitat for Humanity.

Two Habitat for Humanity Donation Drop Off dates have been arranged for your convenience at the Bay Village Police Department Parking Lot.

The drop off dates and times are:

Saturday, April 16, and Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Bay Village Police Department Parking Lot, 28000 Wolf Road, Bay Village.

If you have large items, you can also arrange for home pick up by contacting Jerry Jarc at 440-823-4579 (prior to April 16 or May 21)

Items Accepted: Furniture, windows, doors, kitchen and bath cabinets, lighting fixtures, sinks, tubs, showers, plumbing/electric/HVAC items, tools (hand, power, yard), lumber, landscaping items, tile, wallpaper (full rolls) and MORE. Items must be in good, usable condi-



Bay Village Green Team volunteers Christine Demeter and Steve Slane (and a truck-load of collected items).

tion. Items can be as small as cabinet handles or as large as a Jacuzzi.

Items NOT Accepted: Mattresses, paint, clothing.

If you are planning to remodel in the future, donate your old cabinets, sinks, hardware, etc, by calling 216-429-3631 or have your remodeling contractor call.

You can also drop off items directly at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, located at 2110 W. 110 St., Cleveland, from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Tuesday through Friday. Visit www.clevelandrestore.org for more info.

Did you know?

Rebuild! Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that offers qualified families an opportunity to build and buy a home. Your donations are sold to other homeowners through the Habitat for Humanity ReStore, and the money is used to purchase building materials to make home ownership a dream for deserving families.

RECYCLE! The ReStore, operated by Greater Cleveland Habitat for Humanity, is one of the largest reuse

and recycling centers in Cuyahoga County.

REUSE! The ReStore recycles and resells salvaged and reclaimed building materials, fixtures and tools that are in good condition.

REDUCE! The ReStore diverts thousands of tons of usable materials from local landfills.

To view all upcoming Bay Village Green Team events, visit <http://events.bayvillagegreenteam.com>.

Get involved, make a difference! ● Brenda O'Reilly is Co-Chair of the Bay Village Green Team.

RAIN BARREL

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According to Amy Roskilly of the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District, a rain barrel is a container used to collect and store rainwater that would otherwise be lost to run-off and likely diverted to a storm drain. Collected water may then be used to water lawns and gardens. The benefits of rain barrels are multiple:

- **WATER CONSERVATION** – Approximately 60% of our municipal water supply goes directly to watering our lawns. By using rain barrels, you lessen the amount of water flowing into our storm drains, sewer systems, and ultimately local waterways. This water can then be used during hot or dry spells to water your garden.

- **PROTECTION OF LOCAL WATERSHEDS** – 70 million pounds of pesticides are applied to lawns each year, contaminating storm water (rainwater) runoff. Fertilizers and pesticides are the primary source of water pollution. By collecting rain water, you prevent that runoff from picking up and carrying these harmful pollutants into our local waterways.

- **NATURAL GARDENING** – Using rainwater to water your garden is natural and healthy. Plants and beneficial microbes like rainwater because it is naturally soft – free of chlorine, fluoride, and other chemicals. ●

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

Presented by: Amy Roskilly, Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD)

Date & Time: Wednesday, April 27, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Location: Bay Village Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

Cost: Rain Barrels are \$60. This includes the barrel and the diverter kit.

To register: Contact Amy Roskilly at 216-524-6580, ext. 22, or aroskilly@cuyahogawcd.org. Registration is required.



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Do you have a haven?



by Julia Shutt

We all use our patios to grill summer meals for our families. We entertain friends and socialize around our fire-pits after dark. But do you have a place to just sit? A garden haven is a place to “just be” in nature.

A pathway that leads to a sitting area will also beckon you to it. Planting cultivars that are textural along with mixing in tropical plants creates interest and whimsy. Try using Elephant Ears (Colocasia), Ornamental Kale and Rubrum grass ‘Prince’ around your sitting areas.

When we take time to sit quietly and observe nature, we revitalize. ● Julia Shutt is a master landscape designer in Bay Village.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

View more events and post your own on the Observer homepage at www.wbvobserver.com.

April 9, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Bay Rec. Dept. Bunny Hop

Storytime, crafts, Easter egg hunt, and a special visit from the Easter bunny! Free for residents of Bay Village. Questions – call 440-871-6755. Bay Community Gym (West entrance doors at middle school, 27725 Wolf Rd.)

April 9, 11 a.m.-noon

Vegetable Gardening Seminar

Vegetable gardening basis for those who want to enjoy their own delicious fresh vegetables. Free. Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

April 9, 1-2 p.m.

Fruit Trees and Small Fruits for the Home Garden Seminar

Growing fruit crops in your home garden can be a rewarding experience and a source of enjoyment for many years. Learn how to plant, prune, fertilize, water and harvest your plants. Free. Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

April 9 & 10, see times below

26th Annual Swim for Diabetes

Individuals of all ages and abilities can participate in this event and have the opportunity to earn great prizes. Participate by swimming laps, walking in or around the water, or making a donation. Register at www.swimfordiabetes.com or at the event. Call the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland at 216-591-0800 for more information. Times and locations: April 9, 9 a.m.-noon: Five Seasons Sports Club, 28105 Clemens Rd. April 10, 8-11 a.m.: Westlake Rec Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. April 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., West Shore Family YMCA, 1575 Columbia Rd.

April 10, 8 a.m.

3rd Annual Emily's Rainbow Run & Westlake Kiwanis Breakfast

This event is held in honor of Westlake's Emily Lewis, who passed away in August 2009 after a three-year battle with cancer. It includes a 4-mile race, 2-mile run/walk, kids run and more. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer research at UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital. Westlake Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast at WHS cafeteria; 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Visit www.EmilysRainbowFund.org for details. Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

April 11-16

Westlake Computer Round-Up

Westlake residents only may drop off their unwanted computer equipment. No businesses, churches or schools. Items accepted: CPUs, monitors, keyboards/mice, printers, modems, software, cell phones/accessories, ink cartridges. Westlake Service Center, 741 Bassett Rd.

April 11, 6-8 p.m.

Student Art Exchange Reception

Westlake City Hall will host "Send-Off to Tralee," the first phase of the Sister Cities Student Art Exchange between Westlake and Tralee, Ireland. The reception will feature a dedication by Mayor Clough, followed by comments by Superintendent Daniel Keenan and City Council President Michael Killeen. The artwork will be on display at city hall April 11-19 (closed Sunday, April 17). Westlake City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.

April 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Bay Village Green Team Meeting

Join us at the Bay Village Green Team's monthly meeting – get involved, make a difference! Upcoming events being planned for include a Compost Seminar, Rain Barrel Workshop, Riverway Clean Up and Habitat for Humanity Collection. Bay Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.

April 14, noon

Westlake Garden Club's Fete des Fleurs

Fundraiser luncheon with speaker and honorary chairperson, Dawn Kendrick, formerly with Channel 19 News. Style show by Marcell at Crocker Park, Chinese raffle, silent auction, bakery sale, and cash wine bar. Donation of \$30 will benefit community and educational projects. Call Nancy Chopp 440-899-1969 for tickets. Wagner's Country Inn, 30855 Center Ridge Road, Westlake

April 14, 6:30 p.m.

When Roles Reverse

Care Coordinator Terry Fries-Maloy, who has more than thirty years of experience in geriatric social work, will provide practical tips for adult children who anticipate "parenting" a parent. She will share with you her knowledge of elder issues, family dynamics, communication challenges, and community resources. Refreshments will be provided. RSVP to Carrie Zdilla, 440-250-2300. Devon Oaks, 2345 Crocker Rd., Westlake

April 15 & 16, 7 p.m.; April 17, 2 p.m.

Westlake High School Players present "The Pajama Game"

The Westlake High School Players proudly presents the their production of the musical comedy "The Pajama Game." The show is based on the novel "7 1/2 Cents" by Richard Bissell. Tickets may be purchased at the door. General admission tickets are \$7.00; Students and seniors are \$5.00. Westlake Performing Arts Center, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.

April 16, 11 a.m.-noon

Sun Perennials for Spring & Summer Color

Learn about the basics of sun perennials, including garden design, plant selection and care. Free. Gale's Westlake Garden Center, 24373 Center Ridge Rd.

April 16, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Festivus III

Urban artfest, fundraiser, anniversary party. Proceeds to benefit The Gathering Place. Food, drink, free samples, live DJ, prizes, raffles and silent auctions. Cleveland-area artists and jewelry makers will be displaying their threads, wares and other lovely things for purchase. Admission is \$5. Festivities at two locations: The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr.; VANITYLAB, 24945 Detroit Rd.

April 17, 7-8:30 p.m.

Alcoholism and its Impact on the Family

Come to a free program that will address criteria for diagnosis of addiction, the influence of addiction on spouses, children and the family system, and the steps family members can take towards recovery. The speaker will be Laurie Knowlton LISW-S, of Glenbeigh. For more information, please call 440-331-0834. Church of the Redeemer UCC, 23500 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake

April 17, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Boy Scout Troop 225 Pancake Breakfast

Spend your Palm Sunday being served by the courteous and trustworthy scouts of St. Bernadette Church Boy Scout Troop 225. Enjoy all the delicious buttermilk, blueberry or chocolate chip pancakes you can eat. Unlimited sausage, orange juice and coffee will also be served. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$3 for students. Children four and under eat for free. Delicious pies, cakes, cookies, and other goodies will also be available at the scout bake sale. For more information, contact Bill Altman at 216-244-4007. St. Bernadette Church, Dempsey Hall, 2256 Clague Rd., Westlake

Westlake cleaning company works to ease burden on families facing cancer

by Katherine Bulava

Two years ago, Mike Franks, owner of The Cleaning Authority Cleveland in Westlake, learned about Cleaning For A Reason, a national non-profit organization that works with cleaning businesses

to offer cancer patients free house cleanings, and decided to get involved.

"We've done close to 50 free cleanings through Cleaning For A Reason since getting involved and it has been a joy to be able to lighten some of the burden for these families through something as

simple as cleaning their homes," said Mike. "This year, I decided we needed to do more."

To do more, the company is donating 10% of all proceeds earned during National Cleaning For A Reason Week – April 17 to April 24, 2011 – to Cleaning For A Reason

so that more families confronting cancer can enjoy this great free service.

Residents and businesses in Bay Village and Westlake can help Mike help cancer patients by getting a cleaning from The Cleaning Authority Cleveland during the week of April 17 to April 24, 2011. Call 440-617-0311 for a free estimate or to schedule a cleaning. ●



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