

Westlake unveils new high school



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

The main entrance rotunda of the new Westlake High School adjoins the existing Performing Arts Center.

by DENNY WENDELL

On Sept. 21, a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place at the new Westlake High School, giving parents and the public a chance to tour the facility.

Westlake High School principal Timothy Freeman opened his remarks in the gym of the new high school by referencing the gym's location on the site of the old high school parking lot.

"We are actually sitting

on top of countless parking spaces that students and teachers occupied just less than three years ago. It's a pretty powerful feeling," said Freeman. "For me, I try to get in touch with the hope, the planning, the optimism, the energy and the joy that the spots we're standing on right now offered to people. I think some of that energy stays behind, and right now it exists in the foundations of this new building. ... I spent countless mornings

looking out the windows of the PAC [Performing Arts Center] watching the parking lot being disassembled and turned into this beautiful facility that you're going to see. It's a pretty cool moment to reflect on."

Conversely, the new parking lot, which is still under construction, will be situated where the previous high school building stood.

Freeman reflected on the process of building the new high school, starting with the

passage of a bond issue in spring 2010. The bond issue financed the construction of the new high school and the new Lee Burneson Middle School, which opened last month.

The new building offers "270,000 square feet of state-of-the-art educational space," Freeman said. "With responsible budget management, we were able to have over 60,000 additional square feet in this building for the same cost."

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Oct. 9 program offers help in aging lifestyle transition

by JOYCE ABLE SCHROTH

In the city of Westlake, the Community Services Department is all about successful aging. Programs of education, culture, physical activity, health, trips and social enjoyment are all offered through Fifty Plus Programs. Age is valued and experience is applauded as the staff creates solutions that improve the quality of life for mature adults. Although the department agrees that aging is about perspective (yes, age really is just a number) it is also important to recognize the various stages that fill our years and anticipate that next step.

On Wednesday, Oct. 9, the City of Westlake Community Services Department will offer a very special program which will answer everyone's questions as they look to a transition: How do I get from where I am today to where I want to be tomorrow? Designed for individuals and families who are considering a change in aging lifestyle for themselves or loved ones, this program addresses multiple needs. » See AGING page 2

BAYarts Moondance continues to shine

by PIXIE EMERSON

Under a beautiful moonlit night, more than 1,000 guests gathered on Sept. 14 for Moondance, BAYarts' annual fall fundraiser. Joe Bell and the Swing Lizards started off the evening with (what else?) Van Morrison's "Moon Dance." And a marvelous night it was: the precarious weather earlier in the day broke to reveal a clear, moonlit night.

Event co-chair Marianna Orro noted, "The event comes together each year like magic, the same teams show up and new volunteers come aboard, it's become like clockwork."

Bonfires dotted the campus with hay bale couches and cocktail-lounge seating. » See MOONDANCE page 19



Bay Schools creates BOE videos

Board of Education members discuss school topics in new video interview series

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village City School District is producing an online series of video interviews in which Board of Education members discuss school district challenges and the rationale behind important decisions. The series can be found at www.bayvillageschools.com/interviews.

The interviews, each about 15 minutes long, address a variety of important topics in education. Superintendent Clint Keener hosts the interview programs, which often include a Bay High student guest for the important student perspective.



Superintendent Clint Keener, board member Bob Piccirilli and student Alyse Arko discuss technology in a new Bay Schools video.

Two videos have been completed and are posted online. In the first, school board member Dr. Bob

Piccirilli and Bay High senior Alyse Arko discuss technology in the schools. » See VIDEOS page 2

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Attorney Robert M. Higgins will discuss power of attorney, trusts, wills, home sale contracts and legal questions surrounding a move. John Jolliffe of American Financial will include ways to protect funds and discuss affordability and family considerations. A duo of senior real estate specialists, Sherry Ascher and Maria McDonald of Howard Hanna, will talk about options in a move from selling to buying to renting. Christina Melaragno, Executive Director of the Gardens at Westlake Senior Living will speak to quality of life as we age and the transition that gives us the greatest happiness.

Just as the adage suggests, if you fail to plan you plan to fail, this program provides both questions and answers for the individual and family realizing a transition is in their future, whether it's today or tomorrow.

Offered without cost from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Westlake Center for Community Services, 29694 Center Ridge Road. RSVP to jrodriguez@cityofwestlake.org; 440-899-3544. ●

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In a second video, board member Dr. Gayatri Jacob-Mosier and her daughter, Bay High junior Jessica Mosier, discuss student activities and why they are important to Bay Village students, families and to the entire community.

Upcoming videos will feature board members Michael Caputo, Amy Huntley and Bill Selong. Topics will include school finances, the district's bond issue facilities work, community partnerships and academics.

Board of Education members set educational goals and establish policy for a school system based upon state laws and community values. In effect, they create the vision for the future of a school district.

Decisions are made only after careful study and many hours of discussion and evaluation of recommendations made by the district's superintendent, treasurer, other staff members and community members. The video series will demonstrate the complexity and the wide array of factors board members must consider when making their decisions. ●

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All welcome! Please join the HUGS Foundation's fifth-year Anniversary Celebration on Saturday, Nov. 9, hosted at the Cleveland Yacht Club in Rocky River. All proceeds will go towards helping families of chemically dependent young people with the cost of treatment that their insurance benefits do not cover.

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ONE SENIOR'S OPINION

My favorite season

by DIANNE BOROWSKI

At one time, spring was my favorite season. Now autumn holds that place in my heart. The crisp, cool air invites movement. Watching the green leaves of summer burst into fiery reds, oranges and yellows is amazing.

Soon pumpkins will dot the landscape. Chrysanthemums replace roses and azaleas. Wool, cable knit and flannel make a fashion comeback every autumn. A new school year heralds a new beginning. Students begin with a clean slate. Last years successes and failures are gone. Every student receives another chance to do well.

As the days shorten and darkness covers everything in its path each evening, I want to wrap

the bold colors of autumn in my arms and hold on tightly. As the brightness of this season slips into another winter I'll cling to the memory of falling leaves, bonfires, football games, Homecoming weekends and Halloween. I'll cherish each moment and record it in my memory.

When the gray of winter settles in for the long haul, I will have those glorious fall portraits painted in my mind to bring color and warmth to the darkness. When I sit, covered in a quilt, on a winter's night, wondering if the cold and chill will ever end, I can go quietly to another place to temporarily escape winter's reality. I can remember the brisk beautiful days of autumn and look forward to the coming of spring. ●



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Some of the features of the new school include press boxes in the competition gym and gently sloped roofs for low maintenance and efficiency. An auxiliary gym includes a track with a composite floor that enables use of the space for multiple sports activities. Security features include air-locked doors, requiring all visitors to be buzzed into the building from an enclosed entry area.

Projectors, smart board technology and classroom amplification systems were installed in all the instructional areas. A wireless environment was modeled after Cuyahoga Community College's wi-fi setup. Engineering, modular technology, computer-aided design rooms and a unique fabrication lab allow students to work with things they may later use in college.

Connecting the past to the future, the new school incorporates elements from the old Dover Village High School – later known as the Red Brick School House – including a brick-and-sandstone arch in the rotunda, the multi-use space at the entry that connects to the Red Brick Community Room, using materials

from the old Dover School.

Freeman explained that attention was paid to cost-saving, eco-friendly measures. "The building is energy zoned so that parts of the building can be shut down for specific events, like dances and sporting events. This allows us to only use the spaces that we need to save energy. In the rotunda, there is an energy dashboard – a live, real-time display that will allow teachers and students to view energy consumption of the building."

Senior student Jack Martello described the new school's impact on the city, saying, "Our new high school symbolizes more than a new beginning. It symbolizes the perseverance, motivation, organization, cooperation and leadership our citizens of Westlake have displayed. This building also creates a special bond among Westlake citizens, a bond that cannot be broken. With this new school comes new goals, new relationships, but most importantly a new motto – We are Westlake."

Joe Kraft, co-director of Citizens for Westlake Schools, the residents



group that worked on the bond campaign, thanked all those involved in the passage of the bond issue and construction of the school.

"Congratulations, Westlake," Kraft said, "this is really quite a community achievement, isn't it? Congratulations to our leadership for getting the job done right. Congratulations and thank you to Superintendent Dr. Dan Keener, president of the board Tom Mays, and the board of education. And of course, thank you, taxpayers: your support is profound. It's obvious you value education and our students of today and future generations." ●



Architectural elements from past were reused in the new school, like this arch from the old Red Brick School (inset).



Students gather for lunch in the bright rotunda of the new Westlake High School. The entrance to the Red Brick Community Room can be seen on the far wall.



The Westlake Schools "W" logo is embedded in the floor outside the media center.



The media center at the new high school.



Westlake High School students cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the school to visitors on Sept. 21.



The exercise/training room is available to all students in the new school.



The Red Brick Community Room is a multi-purpose room off the rotunda.

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HEALTH & WELLNESS

Avoiding the flu

by JOYCE ABLE SCHROTH

As we delight in the changing colors of leaves, mum plants of purple, yellow and orange, and Halloween candy, costumes and decorations, it is easy to forget that October means the beginning of flu season.

Each year more than 200,000 people are hospitalized for flu-related complications. Flu can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It is not to be confused with

stomach or intestinal distress.

Flu is unpredictable and how severe it will be can vary from one season to the next, but the Centers for Disease Control/CDC suggest a yearly flu vaccination, ideally in October. It takes about two weeks after vaccinations for antibodies to develop in the body and provide protection against an influenza virus infection, so the earlier a person is vaccinated the better they may withstand the flu.

If you get the flu vaccine, you are 60 percent less likely to need treatment for the flu. Early immunization is the most effective way to prevent the flu. People

65 and older should not wait for flu season to start because the body's immune system and its ability to fight illness decreases with age, meaning older adults are more vulnerable to the flu and its related complications. Every year in the United States, roughly nine out of 10 flu-

related deaths and more than six out of 10 flu-related hospitalizations occur in people 65 and older. It is also important that those who spend time with older adults get vaccinated.

People who have the flu often feel some or all of these signs and symptoms: fever or feeling feverish/chills, coughs, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, muscle or body aches, headaches, and fatigue. Complications from the flu include bacterial pneumonia, ear or sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic conditions.

You may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before knowing you are sick, as well as when you are sick. Most healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning one day before symptoms develop and up to five-seven days after becoming sick. Illness from seasonal flu lasts one to two weeks.

Talk to your healthcare provider about your vaccine options this flu season. Immunizations are available from physicians, clinics, pharmacies and community centers. Nurses from Maxim Health Systems will provide flu and pneumonia vaccines at Bay's Dwyer Center on Friday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments required; call 440-899-3409. And remember, *you cannot get the flu from the flu shot.* ●



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Jodi Rodriguez is immunized against the flu by Maxim Health Systems nurse Jan Radtke at Westlake Center for Community Services on Sept. 30.

Buried treasure:
Finding your ancestors
in Ohio's local
government records

by JAYNE BROESTL

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS) will host Chris Staats on Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

Mr. Staats is a professional genealogical researcher, presenter and writer, whose main area of expertise is in early Ohio, Pennsylvania and Delaware records. Chris currently serves as OGS trustee-at-large, newsletter editor for the Eastern Cuyahoga County Genealogical Society, and Seminar Chairperson for Western Reserve Historical Society's Genealogical Committee. He also maintains the Staats Place Blog (staatsofohio.com) and has contributed articles to Family Tree Magazine, Association of Professional Genealogists Quarterly, Ohio Genealogy News, Western Reserve His-

torical Society Bulletin and other publications.

Chris has valuable sleuthing knowledge to share with others. He suggests that when you have searched all the usual records readily available to you online, at courthouses and in local libraries, and your ancestor still manages to elude you, you should explore local government records, such as justice of the peace dockets, quadrennial census records, enumerations of youth, poll books, indentures and militia enrollment. But where are they?

Come and learn more about these records, who holds them and how to access them. The public is invited to attend at no cost. Program begins at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m. For additional information, visit www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs or email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●



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Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

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Wednesday, Oct. 2 (7-8:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS PARENT SPEAKER SERIES – A local pediatric expert will present on a childhood development topic. Childcare is available, but space is limited. You must RSVP by calling 440-250-5563. Topics are listed at connectingforkids.org.

Friday, Oct. 4 (10-11 a.m. OR 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS: “TEACH ME TO PLAY” – Experts from the Cuyahoga Board of Developmental Disabilities will lead this playgroup for children 3-6 years (siblings welcome). Its focus is teaching parents how to help their children engage in play and interact with peers, and positively discipline through hands-on modeling techniques. Caregiver must stay in the room. You must RSVP for the playgroup by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

Saturday, Oct. 5 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) STAR WARS READS DAY – The Force is with us! Oct. 5 has been designated Star Wars Reads Day. Stop in for crafts and games – you can even dress up as your favorite character!

Saturday, Oct. 5 (2-2:30 p.m.) JUNIOR BRICK BUILDERS! – Let’s build with Duplos! Bring your imagination and we’ll provide the bricks. Ages 3-5 only. No registration.

Monday, Oct. 7 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN

LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, Oct. 7 (7-8:45 p.m.) MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE – Join us for an award-winning documentary exploring the many versions of “the truth” around one family’s secret. Rated PG-13. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (10 a.m.-noon) CAREER TRANSITIONS CENTER: REINVENTING YOURSELF – Vision 21 Consulting will explore questions that get you engaged and excited, and which will assist you reinventing yourself and developing your future.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION – This month we’ll discuss “The Tiger’s Wife” by Tea Obreht.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 (10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11-11:30 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. Space is limited, so please arrive early enough to receive a ticket at the Pre-school Desk.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOOKS WITH BELLA – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 15-minute reading time with Bella the Bulldog! Bring your own book to share with Bella or choose one of ours. Registration begins every Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 (5-5:45 p.m.) THE BOOK-A-HOLICS: TWEEN BOOK CLUB – Join us for discussions about books, audio, apps and more. Grades 5-7. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) WEBELO ACTIVITY BADGE-SCIENTIST – Webelos in grades 4 and 5 can earn their Webelo Activity Pin in this 3-part program. Each Scout should be registered by his own parent, who should attend and will be asked to actively participate in the program. Registration begins Oct. 3.

Thursday, Oct. 10 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION – The October selection is “Turn Right at Machu Picchu: Rediscovering the Lost City One Step at a Time” by Mark Adams.

Friday, Oct. 11 (Siblings, Ages 1-6: 9:30-10 a.m.) (Toddler, Under Age 3: 10:30-11 a.m.) (Preschool, Ages 3-6: 11:30 a.m.-noon) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE – Connecting for Kids and the Music Therapy Enrichment Corps will teach parents and caregivers how to have a direct role in bringing music to life at home, at school and in the community. This session is geared to children 1-6 years of age. Siblings are welcome. You must RSVP for the session by calling 440-250-5563. Space is limited.

Friday, Oct. 11 (2-3:30 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY – Watch the fur fly as a new breed of super hero is born in Disney’s fun-filled epic adventure featuring adorable Golden Retriever puppies. This movie is not rated. Based on availability; movie titles may change without notice. Registration begins Oct. 4.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) Pokemon League – Bring your cards and accessories for a fun morning of play! For kids ages 6-12 only. Please, no younger siblings. Registration begins Oct. 5.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (3:45-5:15 p.m.) WILTRAVAGANZA – Join us for a fun-filled

afternoon of Wii and computer gaming, snacks and tournaments! Grades 7-12.

Sunday, Oct. 13 (1:30-2:15 p.m.) OWL READ YOU A STORY – Stop in for some owl stories, activities and a craft. It’ll be a hoot! Ages 4-7. Registration begins Oct. 6.

Sunday, Oct. 13 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) SUNDAY ZUMBA FOR ADULTS – Join us for a free one-hour introduction to this fitness craze. Wear comfortable exercise clothes and be ready to work up a sweat. Please register.

Monday, Oct. 14 (4-5:45 p.m.) TEEN LOUNGE – Need a place to hang out after school? Come to WPPL’s Teen Lounge on Monday afternoons! We’ve got computers, video games, board games, snacks and more!

Monday, Oct. 14 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) MEDICARE – Medicare Annual Open Enrollment runs from Oct. 15-Dec. 7. Receive an overview of Parts A, B, C and D. Learn the differences between Medicare Supplement Insurance and Medicare Advantage. Discussion covers the important decisions you will need to make. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 (10 a.m.-noon) RESULTS-ORIENTED RESUMES – This workshop will teach you what will catch the employers’ attention and make them want to call you.

Tuesday, Oct. 15 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOOK ART – What do we do with old books we don’t want anymore? We turn them into works of art! We’ll be taking discarded books and turning their pages into different crafts and works of art, all in celebration of Teen Read Week. Grades 7-12.

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

Solve a mystery at Unity’s Oct. 25 costumed dinner

by SHARON FEDOR

Imagine an entire evening with Prince Charming or Princess Charm. How divine it would be to converse, dine and dance with princesses or princes from the past, maybe even a dwarf or two, right here in Westlake.

But there’s more, so much more on this eventful October eve, let’s start with your costume, since costumes are required. After all, Cinderella has completely disappeared, so it’s your time to shine and write a whole new fairy tale. It’s not just Prince Charming of Cinderella fame who’ll be attending. Snow White will drop by, as will Ariel, a Fairy Godmother, and a Town Crier.

The Hostess and Town Crier will organize this assembly of Pixar, Disney and our best loved fairy tales together at Unity Hall on Friday, Oct. 25, starting at 6:30 p.m. Oh, and one more thing, someone has been “M’d”, yes murdered! Now it’s up to you to help solve this mystery before it happens again.

There will be a catered dinner with food stations, where mingling and detecting are encouraged, and a cash bar with wine or beer; sorry no special Princess

rates. When you are not busy sleuthing out the murderer turn your attention to some old-fashioned games, like Pin the Tail on the Donkey, or toss around a bean bag in friendly competition. Put down your sword or wand and ask the magical Fairy Godmother, or a handsome Prince to dance. For a small fee, have your photo taken in costume, or have your fortune told by one of our gifted psychics.

So no “come as you are,” register to come as the fairy tale character you’d love to be! Registration is from 6:30-7 p.m. followed by the formal announcements of who’s who and characters attending.

This fun-filled night of mystery and magic is Friday Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. to 11:59 pm, so no one’s carriage turns into a pumpkin, at Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road, Westlake. Cost is \$55 per person, group discount available.

Register no later than Thursday Oct. 10. Costumes required. Age 21 and over please. First come, first served for characters. To register, call USC at 440-835-0400, or visit www.UnitySpiritualCenter.com. For more info, call Michele Coles at 216-308-8436 or mcoles32@hotmail.com.

So bring your imagination, find the felon and don’t kiss any frogs. ♦

Bay Village & Westlake residents: Request your absentee ballot now for the November 5 General Election

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BAY VILLAGE BRANCH LIBRARY

Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by JOYCE SANDY

All has officially arrived with all of the accompanying activities and sights. It's a beautiful time of year here with many outdoor festivals, visits to apple and pumpkin farms, and simply taking time to enjoy the changing leaves. Be sure to make a visit to the library a stop during your day. Check out the changing displays, new books, or just browse the collection.

Stop into the Children's Room and ask us about the Toy Library Notebook. You'll find many toys for all ages arranged by category that can be requested just like books – patrons can check them out for a three-week loan and they can be delivered and returned to any of our branches. New and different toys can be a huge help if it's your turn to host the play date, or if your child wants to try a new toy but you don't want to make a financial investment before you see if it's a hit or not. Ask us about that, or anything else you'd like to find. Be sure to sign up for the following programs, too.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (10 a.m.) FIVE MILLION STEPS: THRU-HIKING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL – On his 170-day hike, author Bob Grau traversed 14 states and climbed 270 mountains. Once you hear the story of his determination, you'll have a real appreciation of what it takes to complete this remarkable effort. A book sale and signing will take place after the presentation.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (7 p.m.) GLUTEN MYTHS – Learn about the gluten-free diet, the difference between celiac disease and gluten sensitivity, and new as well as old gluten myths.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 (1:30 p.m.) WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK DISCUSSION – Join us as we discuss "The Master's Muse" by Varley O'Connor.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 (7 p.m.) GHOSTLY ZENTANGLE FOR ADULTS – Learn to relax by drawing repetitive shapes and designs with a ghostly theme.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, Oct. 1 (7 p.m.) WRITE INTO

COLLEGE – For grades 9-12. College and scholarship funders often decide who gets in and who gets money on the basis of an essay. Take control of your future by learning to market yourself through your writing. College Now Greater Cleveland will also help you build essay writing skills for the ACT and SAT tests.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (3:30 p.m.) ROUND T.A.B.L.E. – For ages 11 and up. Complete projects that serve the community, help the library, or just hang out and play video games. A permission slip must be signed in order to enjoy snacks.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Saturday, Sept. 21 (11 a.m.) MOVIN AND GROOVIN – Enjoy a story then put on your dancing shoes for some fun moving and grooving to the music!

Wednesday, Sept. 25 (4 p.m.) FUN WITH LINDSAY WARD – For ages 4-10. Children's author Lindsay Ward will demonstrate how she puts together a picture book. Her new book will be available for purchase and signing.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (11 a.m.) PRE-

SCHOOL PALS – For ages 3-1/2 to 5 on their own. Join us for a special storytime just for preschoolers! They will come in on their own while their adult caregiver relaxes in the children's room. We'll share books, songs, rhymes and fun!

Thursday, Sept. 26 (6-8 p.m.) READER BOOTCAMP – For grades 1-3. Parents and their children who are struggling with reading skills are invited to a pizza dinner and a two-part program of information and fun. Parents will join a learning specialist to learn tips for working with their children at home, while children remain with the librarian for fun, reading-based activities. Then, families participate together. This is a four-week program on Thursday evenings.

Thursday, Sept. 26 (3:30 p.m.) JUNIOR ENGINEERING – For ages 8-12. Bring your ideas and imagination! Get together once a month with other students and have fun creating all kinds of structures.

Please register to attend these programs online at cuyahogalibrary.org, calling 871-6392 or when you stop in at 502 Cahoon Road. We'll see you soon! ●

WESTLAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Westlake Historical Society dedicates new Ohio Historical Marker

by LYSA STANTON

A new Ohio Historical Marker will soon be added to the front of the Clague House Museum to recognize the historical significance of the Clague House and the significant contribution this family left to the citizens of Westlake.

The Westlake Historical Society is very proud to be able to dedicate this new Ohio Historical Marker on Clague Road to remind visitors and passers-by of the historical significance of this landmark building, placed on The National Registry in 1976, and the gift of a park, historical library and barn now known as the Clague Playhouse. We are also pleased

by and thankful for the support received from the City of Westlake, our generous members and the community at large who made the Clague Homestead Marker a reality. We collected "Pennies For The Plaque," as well as other fundraisers to help cover the cost of the marker.

The Clagues were not only one of Westlake's pioneer families, they were also known for their kindness to others. When they donated their house and farm in 1926, they wanted the land to become a public park, a place where the citizens of Dover could recreate.

The home, built in 1876, is actually the third residence on the land. The home is a reminder of

Westlake's past and the contributions of the Clague family.

The dedication will take place Oct. 12 at noon at the Clague House museum, located at 1371 Clague Road. Following the marker dedication, there will be tours of both the Clague House Museum and Clague Playhouse.

Refreshments will be served. For more information or to help support the work of the Westlake Historical Society, you may contact us at 440-808-1961, or email westlakehistory@yahoo.com.

The Westlake History is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization. Memberships are available throughout the year. The website for the society is www.westlakeohiohistory.org. ●



Brother and sister Walter Francis Clague and Sophronia Bernice Clague were the last surviving Clague children. This photo was taken in the parlor of Clague family home, which stands at 1371 Clague Road.

Unveiling the magic of 'The Magic Flute'

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

On Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m., Mozart's enthralling music from "The Magic Flute" will be front and center at the FYI: Opera program at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

This Mozart masterpiece is an allegorical opera, seemingly illogical today.

But the composer's magnificent music reflects 18th century Masonic symbolism and Enlightenment themes. He used intricately beautiful music for both comic and dark individuals and drew it together in a composition that continues to enchant audiences more than two centuries after its first performance in 1791, two months before his death.

At FYI: Opera, David Bamberger, Director of Opera Theater at the Cleveland Institute of Music, will provide a background of information and music around Mozart's final masterwork. Bamberger, an expert dispenser of opera wisdom, will be accompanied by talented CIM student vocalists to perform selected arias from the opera.

First time FYI: Opera attendees are awed at the delightful experience of hearing gifted voices singing great music in an intimate space within the framework of Bamberger's knowledge and humor. It has been dubbed a hidden gem of quality entertainment.

The Oct. 15 program, like all FYI: Opera programs, is offered FREE to the public by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council, which has sponsored the FYI: Opera programs for over 25 years.

The FYI program is a preview of CIM's full, new production of "The Magic Flute" which will be performed November 6-9. Informa-

tion and tickets for CIM's production are available at cim.edu/promos/magicflute or by calling 216-795-3211. ●

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Amazing Grace toy drive returns to Bay

by DAWN ENOVITCH

On Saturday, Oct. 12, the Amazing Grace Foundation will be hosting its 8th Annual Toy Drive in memory of Grace Enovitch. The Toy Drive will run from noon to 2 p.m. at Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Road. New toys, books and art supplies are being collected to benefit pediatric cancer patients and their families. There will also be Amazing Grace T-shirts for sale.

The Amazing Grace Foundation was created in honor of Grace Enovitch, who lost her battle with Neuroblastoma, a type of pediatric cancer, in 2006. The Foundation provides support to children with pediatric cancer and their families with gifts of toys, books and art supplies and by providing care packages to families which include gas and food gift cards to use while their child is in treatment.

The battle against cancer is long and hard. It can devastate families physically, emotionally, spiritually and financially. Treatments can span many years, and sometimes families must travel to other cities to find the best care for their child. The Amazing Grace Foundation uses the donations from the Toy Drive to help ease the burden of pediatric cancer on families, and provide some joy to children while they are going through treatment.

The Amazing Grace Foundation's toy drives have collected more than 5,000 toys, books and art supplies in the past seven years. The items are then donated to the Pediatric Cancer Department at the Cleveland Clinic, Ronald McDonald House, Give Kids the World Village and several other area hospitals.

Please visit www.amazinggraceenovitch.org to donate or for more information. ●

Compeer match celebrates first year of friendship

by DENISE AYRES

Steve is 55 years young and has solid bowling skills and enjoys bike riding. He has many interests including sports, history, music and trying new dining experiences. Steve manages a mental illness which resulted in a loss of confidence for him along with depression and isolation from his community. In August 2012 Steve agreed to be matched with a new volunteer in the Compeer Program at Far West Center, Dr. Ron Arndt, for a Compeer Friendship Match.

The Compeer Program at Far West Center matches adult volunteers, one to one, with same-gender adults who are in recovery from mental illness. Dr. Ron's role as a Compeer volunteer is to pro-

vide friendship and supportive encouragement to Steve and to plan opportunities for the two of them to socialize and enjoy community activities. Ron's commitment, warmth and enthusiasm has truly brought Steve out of his shell and has given Steve many new reasons to smile.

Steve and Ron's friendship has grown over the past 12 months and it is apparent that they enjoy each other's company. They look forward to their phone conversations, joining in on scheduled Compeer events, and they get together just about every week. Steve and Ron meet for lunch, shop at the West Side Market, join our Compeer



Compeer Match friends Ron, left, and Steve enjoy an afternoon picnic together.

Monday Nights Out, bike ride together and enjoy walks in local parks.

Ron was committed to keeping their friendship going even when he and wife Trish had lived in Arizona for a few months last winter. Ron weekly sent cards and gifts to Steve and they stayed connected by phone. This Compeer Friend-

ship Match with this special volunteer has taken Steve out of isolation and depression and given him more self-confidence in social situations. As a Compeer volunteer, Ron focuses on Steve as a kind and intelligent person and does not focus on mental illness. They laugh a lot together. Steve said to Ron, "I believe you are the best friend I ever had."

Last month Ron and Trish welcomed Steve and his niece Kate to their home for a summer barbeque. Ron grilled steaks and corn on the cob for his friends on his "Big Green Egg." For dessert they all enjoyed Trish's special peach pie and ice cream. The photos show how relaxed and happy Steve is as he shares this day with Ron and Trish! This was a perfect way for these two Compeer friends to celebrate the first year of their ongoing friendship.

The Compeer Program at Far West Center offers a unique and rewarding volunteering opportunity. Compeer offers Ron and all volunteers the flexibility to fit Compeer into their monthly schedules. Compeer offers training to volunteers and provides ongoing support. If you are interested in volunteering for Compeer and bringing friendship into someone's life, please call the Compeer Office at 440-835-6212, ext. 242. ●

Westlake students retire flag



PHOTO BY SHEILA GUZOWSKI

On Sept. 24, Mayor Dennis Clough joined the kindergarten children and staff of Westshore Montessori School in the first U.S. flag retirement ceremony at the school. The mayor was assisted by Patrolmen M. Arcuri and T. Doerr of the Westlake Police Department and Lieutenant Craig Dayton of the Westlake Fire Department.



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Voters' Guide 2013

**Bay Village
General Election**

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Absentee Voting Begins: Oct. 1
LWV Candidates Night: Oct. 2, 7 p.m.,
Bay High School

Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 7
Election Day: Nov. 5
Polls Open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Bay Village Mayor
Term: 4 years
Salary: \$81,153 (2014)
\$86,120 (2017)

**Answers to all questions
are available to view and
download online at
www.wbvobserver.com,
as are answers to the six
Mayoral Primary Election
Voters' Guide questions.**

**Questions for Bay
Village mayoral
candidates:**
1. What new ideas do
you have to meet the
challenges of the next
four years? How will you
implement them?
2. Our sewer, water and
electrical infrastructure
is aging. What is your
approach to planning

for and financing (or
encouraging others to
plan for and finance)
its maintenance and/or
replacement?
3. Discuss the budgetary
options and constraints
that the city faces in
negotiations with its
public service unions.
How can you reduce
expenditures with these
groups of employees

while maintaining and/or
improving morale?
4. Bay Village was
one of the Westshore
communities most poorly
served in the aftermath
of Super Storm Sandy.
In addition to improved
communication, what else
would you do to improve
service to the residents
should another similar
disaster occur?

5. State your position on
the need for an animal
control officer in the city
and for a stray animal
kennel operated by the city.
6. What is your vision for
the future of Cahoon Park?
Do you support additional
active recreational
activities and/or business
ventures on this land? Why
or why not?

MARTY MACE

Age: 56
martymace4mayor.org
440-665-3230

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

My career has been dedicated to
serving the public at the local and
state levels. A paramedic for 37 years, the last 24 were
with the Bay Village Fire Dept. I was appointed by
Gov. Voinovich to the Ohio EMS Board and served for
5 years. I am a member of Saint Raphael's Parish and
have owned a small business.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. New ideas: I will bring transparency to our city's
decision-making process and encourage citizen
involvement in city government. I will establish an
open door policy in the mayor's office and encourage
major proposals be brought before the voters for
approval, rather than implementing them without
citizen input. Citizens should know why and how
decisions are made to spend or save tax dollars. I
would also explore shared services with the county
and update the city's long-neglected master plan,
using realistic revenue estimates. My vision is to create
a more open, task-oriented city government.

2. Infrastructure: Currently, we are under EPA
mandates to make improvements to our sewer system.
However, other infrastructure-related issues remain,
such as blackouts and flooding. I will work with council
and our citizens to assess and prioritize potential areas
of need within the community. I will also work with
First Energy to ensure maintenance of our electrical
grid, address the brownout issue, and identify threats
to overhead electrical lines. Ensuring that Bay residents
have properly working infrastructure is a top priority
of my campaign, and as mayor, I will explore every
option to provide high quality services to our citizens.

DEBORAH L. SUTHERLAND

Age: 59
www.mayorsutherland.org
440-892-4626

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A Bay native and mayor for 13 years,
I have the executive-level human
resources and financial management experience
necessary to get the best value for our \$27 million
budget. In addition to my experience as mayor, I have
earned a Masters in Public Administration and have
served on City Council and numerous City Boards
and Commissions.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. New ideas: We will reorganize the Police Department
to include civilian dispatchers. Additional officers will
be on the street, increasing responsiveness and our
safety. Citywide, we will expand technology, improving
productivity and efficiency while giving residents a
greater voice. For example, if a resident spots a pot hole,
she can fill out a work order, either over the Internet or
with a mobile app. The work order will be forwarded
to the correct department, assigning and dispatching
a work crew. And, the work order will log the use of
equipment helping us to decide on the purchase, use
or lease of equipment.

2. Infrastructure: The City has made tremendous
improvements on sewers, helping prevent basement
flooding. In 2009, EPA mandates interrupted our
5-Year Capital Improvements Plan. The Westshore
Mayors and I recently met with Gov. Kasich and the
Director of the Ohio EPA to discuss funding for these
priority sewer projects. We have been very successful
in attracting state and county funding for our sewer
and road improvements, bringing in \$3.9 million in
the past three years saving local tax dollars! The City
does not have control over public utilities but partners
with them focusing attention on power issues like
Kenilworth's brown-outs.

Bay Village City Council

Term: 4 years, At-Large
2 years, Ward
Salary: \$8,138 (2014)
\$8,635 (2017)

**Questions for Bay
Village City Council
candidates:**

1. (At-Large candidates)
What new ideas would you
bring to the job that would
be of value to the entire city?
(Ward candidates) What
improvements would
you recommend in your
ward, given its unique
characteristics, that would
benefit the city overall?

2. Executive meetings,
special meetings,
suspension of Council
and Charter rules, and
emergency clause legislation
all reduce the opportunity
for public oversight and
input. Are they over-used?
If no, explain; if yes, what
would you do to reduce
their frequency?
3. Identify the services
whose costs might
be shared through

regionalization with
other communities or
with the county. Identify
what services could be
privatized.
4. Where and when is it
appropriate to use public
dollars to support private
business ventures in the
community? How would
you craft legislation to that
effect?
5. State your position on the
need for an animal control

officer in the city and for
a stray animal kennel
operated by the city.
6. What is your vision for
the future of Cahoon Park?
Do you support additional
active recreational
opportunities or business
ventures on this land? If yes,
what kind(s)? If no, why not?
**Answers to all questions
are available to view and
download online at
www.wbvobserver.com.**

AT-LARGE, Uncontested

DWIGHT A. CLARK

Age: 56
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440-835-2504

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Bachelor's – Miami University;
Master's – Cleveland State University;
SVP, New Business Development, Commercial Banking
– FirstMerit Bank; Trustee, Bay Village Education
Foundation; 2006 Levy Chair, Bay Village Schools;
Advisory Board, Hospice of the Western Reserve;
Former Board Member – Bay Rockets, Bay Band
Boosters, Bay High Field of Dreams; 2007 Bay Village
Citizen of Year; Council at Large, 2010 - Present.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. New ideas: I pledge to extend my years of practical
and professional industry experience to insure the
strong financial standing of Bay Village for years
to come. This would include working with our
Administration and Directors to develop long-range
operating and capital plans, geared to meet the current
and future challenges in funding our own municipal
government. I plan a more active leadership role, to
utilize my skills and Council experiences to enhance
communication between our legislative group and
the various working departments within the City.
Each of us is a principal stakeholder, and should be
accountable to our residents.

2. Meeting rules: From my perspective, material
elements of legislative action, including compensation
ordinances, rezoning considerations and annual
budget approvals, for example, firmly warrant full
vetting and the normal three-reading process.
Conversely, normal Council-matic actions, discussed
openly in public, can be approved in one-reading
sequence, increasing legislation efficiency. City
Council, through our normal Committee process,
endeavors to enhance transparency, hear and consider
the input of interested residents, all geared to insure an
open forum for items presented before final vote. We,
as Bay residents, owe this professional responsibility,
as elected officials, to our constituents.



Voters' Guide 2013 Bay Village General Election

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(Ward candidates) What improvements would you recommend in your ward, given its unique characteristics, that would benefit the city overall?

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3. Identify the services whose costs might be shared through

regionalization with other communities or with the county. Identify what services could be privatized.
4. Where and when is it appropriate to use public dollars to support private business ventures in the community? How would you craft legislation to that effect?
5. State your position on the need for an animal control

officer in the city and for a stray animal kennel operated by the city.
6. What is your vision for the future of Cahoon Park? Do you support additional active recreational opportunities or business ventures on this land? If yes, what kind(s)? If no, why not?
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AT-LARGE, Uncontested

STEVE LEE

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I am a 20 year resident and was appointed to Council last January. My wife, Diana, has lived in Bay since 1978, and we have two children at Bay High—Marissa and Jack. Every day I feel blessed to be raising my family in this community. I will work to preserve and protect all that makes our community so desirable.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. New ideas: I would pursue opportunities to better



inform residents on the city's finances and to seek more public input on decisions that go in to the annual budget. Your city government should be working creatively and collaboratively, and with public input, to figure out ways to continue to deliver the excellent services Bay residents expect in an environment of flat or declining city revenues. Although Bay Village is a very desirable place to live, we cannot be complacent and should be striving for continuous improvement and enhancement.

2. Meeting rules: Since joining Council, I have observed firsthand how public input improves local government. I welcome opportunities for oversight and support transparency. Even so there are limited

circumstances when the city's best interests are served through executive sessions, such as contract or litigation strategy discussions. As a member of Council, I would like to pursue ways to reduce use of the emergency clause. However, because city contracts involve the preparation of specifications, the open solicitation of bids and finally the awarding of contracts, adding multiple readings and delaying the effectiveness of legislation can result in projects not getting done on time.

** Mr. Lee was appointed in January 2013 to fill a vacated At-Large seat. He is now standing for election for the rest of that term, expiring Dec. 31, 2015.*

WARD 1, Uncontested

DAVID L. TADYCH

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

BACKGROUND: Councilman (10 Years); Initiated successful ward meetings; Mr. Coffee, VP, Information Systems; Bicentennial Chairman; Military, Coast Guard; 43 year resident. EDUCATION: St. Edward High; John Carroll University. EXPERIENCE: Committees/Commissions: Finance (10 years); Public Improvements; Services, Utilities and Equipment; Planning; Citizens Cable; Economic Development; County Citizens Advisory Board; Executive Board of Northeast City Council Association; St. Raphael; AARP Taxes.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: First, we must continue efforts to address city sewer flow and residents' personal basement flooding concerns. In this area, we have made good solid advancement. Additionally, addressing the following improvements will benefit both Ward and City.
• Intensify home and property inspections.
• Columbia Road Park- Lake Road crossing safety and park stairway renovation.
• Sunset Neighborhood- completion of road, sewer and area flooding improvement project.
• Clague Road Business Area- General area cleanup with signage; building, lighting and parking improvements. See ordinances: 80-87; 81-30; 83-2.
• Reese Park- Lighting upgrade and restroom

improvements.
2. Meeting rules: They are not over-used.
• Executive sessions are very necessary for privacy of wage/salary/contract discussion and legal matters.
• Special meetings are necessary for matters to be approved/disapproved when Council is not in session and results are timely.
• Suspension of Charter rules. These require 3 readings. In many instances, the approval impacts everyday issues and could delay these actions for weeks.
• Emergency clause is the most misunderstood rule. Simply stated by suspending this clause we are able to see passed legislation begin at signing.
• Council rules simply require that we receive legislation information 24 hours before discussion.

WARD 2

CLETE MILLER

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Ward 2 Councilman, 2012 – present; Member, Bay Village Planning Commission, 2005 – 2011; Bachelor of Architecture, The Pennsylvania State University, 1999; Member of U.S. Army Reserves, Military Police, 1985 -1989; Employed by WMF Inc., as a Project Manager of large-scale Architecture and Construction projects. I'm proud to have served as Councilman of Ward 2, knowing I have positively given back to [...]



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: I am currently Chairman of the Public Improvements Committee, and would continue addressing our antiquated or deteriorating infrastructure above and below the streets. The recent cleaning and modernization of our storm and sanitary systems has significantly reduced flooded basements. Rampant power outages or underages must be addressed for Ward 2 and city at-large by meeting with CEI staff willing to make changes now to support our infrastructure into the next century. As councilman of Ward 2, I have been proactive with our business owners who are expanding – an example of growth is "The Village Project".

2. Meeting rules: I believe they are not overused, as these exceptions to transparent government protect public employee and employer discussions involving employment issues, discipline or merit, compensation, attorney activities for either employees or city, and preparations or review of contract negotiations. Solar Power Generation is an example in which I didn't use emergency clause was during council review; council used three readings and adopted. On the contrary, contracts for construction projects or vended services often use the emergency clause to get that work or service underway and not wait forty-days for action.

PAUL W. VINCENT

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

My wife, Kateri, and I have been blessed with two children, Chloe and Lincoln. We've been very happy growing our family in Bay since 2010. I graduated from Walsh University and later from the UAkron School of Law. I'm an attorney, pizza shop owner with my two brothers, parishioner of St. Raphael and former member of Bay School's Advisory Committee.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: There are long and short-term improvements I would suggest for Ward 2. In the short term, I'd suggest more citizen involvement on issues of public concern. By utilizing social media and email, I will work to ensure that each resident has the opportunity to understand what is taking place in Council – especially for issues as important to our Ward as attached residences. In the long term, I'd like to add more opportunities for residents of all ages to live an active lifestyle; focus on improving our aged infrastructure; and develop mechanisms on advancing open government.

2. Meeting rules: Without question, there are certain situations that require swift action. However, this should be a rare occurrence. Our democracy thrives best when there is a diversity of ideas. Although final decisions come from Council, there should be adequate time for residents to voice their opinions on any issue that requires taxpayer dollars. We've seen that the unpredictable weather of Ohio can lead to scenarios where abiding by traditional legislative action can make difficult situations for families even worse. I'd propose adopting a procedure for giving more public notice when these mechanisms are used, which should naturally discourage their abuse.



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Westlake General Election

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Olmsted chapter

Absentee Voting Begins: Oct. 1
Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 7
Election Day: Nov. 5

LWV Candidates Night: Oct. 1, 6:45 p.m.,
Westlake Porter Public Library

**Questions for Westlake Mayor,
Director of Law and President
of Council candidates:**

1. What do you see as the two most
important issues facing the city of
Westlake in the coming four years?

2. What is your viewpoint regarding
regionalization and collaboration
arrangements with adjoining cities?

3. What is your vision of what
Westlake will be like in ten years?

4. What is your management style
and how will you work with City
Council?

5. What city services do you believe
could be contracted out in order to
reduce expenses?

6. How will declining revenues affect
Westlake's recreational facilities?

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online at www.wbvobserver.com.**

Westlake Mayor, Uncontested

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$143,000

DENNIS M. CLOUGH

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

MBA in Systems Management –
Baldwin Wallace University; CPA
– State of Ohio; BBA in Accounting
– St. Edward University; Completing 28th year as
Mayor of the City of Westlake; Served as Westlake
Councilman - 1982-1983; Served on Westlake Board
of Education - 1984-1985; Completed program for
Senior Executives in State and Local government at
Harvard University; Graduate of CSU Leadership
Academy, Leadership Ohio, Leadership Cleveland.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: Managing the American
Greetings project and the related growth and traffic
impact on the Crocker Road area.

Determining the future supplier of water for the City
of Westlake.

2. Regionalization: I fully support all regional and
collaborative efforts among our adjoining cities that
will improve the efficiency, effectiveness and quality of
services to all our residents; i.e. central dispatch, WEB
unit, mutual aid, hazmat team, bomb unit, swat team,
CERT, composting of leaves and branches.

3. Ten-year vision: I envision a very desirable, well
planned, residential community with great services
and a high quality of life with favorable tax rates,
quality schools, diverse economic base and a stable
financial outlook. A great place to live, work, recreate
and raise a family.

4. Management style: I subscribe to a management by

objectives style and encourage all department heads to
use their individual expertise to manage staff and fulfill
their job related responsibilities in a cooperative and
collaborative manner with our administrative team. I
will continue to work cooperatively with City Council
as I have for nearly 28 years to meet the demands and
challenges of providing quality service to the residents
of our great community.

5. Service contracting: Over the years, the city has
outsourced rubbish pick-up, grass mowing, catch
basin repairs, some technology services, sidewalk
repairs, EMS billing and other services as necessary. We
will continue to evaluate other services to determine
the cost/benefit of contracting out to reduce expenses
while improving the delivery of those services.

6. Recreational facilities: At this point, we are not
experiencing a decline in recreational revenues but
will adjust fees and programs as needed should a
prolonged decrease in revenues occur.

**Westlake Director of
Law, Uncontested**

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$87,500

JOHN D. WHEELER

The candidate did not
prepare a response.

**President of Westlake City
Council, Uncontested**

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$21,300

MICHAEL F. KILLEEN

The candidate did not
prepare a response.

Westlake City Council

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$14,200

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City Council candidates:**

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two most important issues
facing the city of Westlake
in the coming four years?

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and collaboration arrange-
ments with adjoining
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reduce expenses?

6. How will declining
revenues affect Westlake's
recreational facilities?

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WARD 1

LYNDA M. APPEL

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A 21-year resident, Lynda is a
dynamic community member who
has devoted much of her public life to community
service. She eagerly stepped up to help with Relay
for Life the first year it came here. She is co-founder
of the Westlake Parent Connection and the Parent to
Parent Network, non-profit organizations focused on
educating parents about risky teen behaviors.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: Currently we purchase our
water from the Cleveland Division of Water, but we
have an opportunity to make a change. I'm confident
that the current City Council is evaluating this from all
perspectives including possible job opportunities as
well as shared expenses.

Westlake is nearly built out so the constant increase in
fees that has fed the general fund will be slowing down.
We need to plan for this as well as keeping the industry
here in Westlake, we do not want companies to leave
the city for tax abatements in other cities.

2. Regionalization: I support regionalization and
collaboration if it optimizes our resources. Many
municipalities are exploring ways to share resources
that affect our bottom line. For instance, employment
and law related services and computer related services
can be shared between cities as well as engineering
and building inspection services. Fire inspection
duties is another area that should be explored as fire
inspectors require a certain training and experience
that is not city specific.

SHAMUS CUSICK

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Graduate Class of 1981 Geneva
High School; Den Leader Cub
Scout Pack 76; Asst. Scoutmaster Troop 77; Member
West Side Irish American Club; Member Westlake
Kiwanis; 31 yr member of a large Construction
Association and Affiliated Councils; I have been
privileged to serve as a Delegate, Trustee, Examining



Board, Recording Secretary, Executive Board, Business
Representative and currently Serve as President.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: The transition of the water
provider from Cleveland to Avon to give Westlake
more control over development/maintenance of our
infrastructure. Secondly and just as important, that
during a time when budget cuts from the Federal and
State levels do effect us, is to continue with the great
job that the Mayor, Council and with the help of so
many who take responsibility to serve and guide this
city to maintain and even expand the quality of life for

the residents and entities that do business in Westlake.

2. Regionalization: My first loyalties lay of course
with Westlake. Be that as it is, we do benefit from
regionalization and collaboration with the county as a
whole and the other Westshore Communities. I believe
that the Mayor and Council historically and currently
do a good job in marrying with outside entities to get
great value and benefit for the city and her residents. I
also feel that the relationships that I have built over the
years all over Northern Ohio if elected can also be of
great benefit in this arena.



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Westlake City Council

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$14,200

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WARD 2

NATE CROSS

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Personal: married, two children, long-time Westlake resident;
Professional: Executive Director, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Career spent managing several local and national charitable organizations; Education: Bachelor's & Masters Public Administration degrees: Cleveland State University; Civic: Westlake School Board (elected in 2009), Westlake Planning Commission (2007-2009), Founder/Chairman: St.



Bernadette Community Carnival & Night at the Races, Crocker Park Civic Development Committee, Westlake World Partners.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: Water suppliers: Switching from Cleveland's Division of Water to Avon Lake Municipal Utilities is an effort I support in the interest of saving taxpayer dollars and giving Westlake more local control over this vital utility -- provided savings can be realized with services delivered at equal to or at a greater value than our current service;
Taxes/Funding: Westlake has one of the lowest property tax rates in the West Shore area. I fully understand the balance necessary to maintain the value we currently

enjoy, and will continue to provide leadership so the interests of all residents can be served.

2. Regionalization: As Westlake continues to thrive and mature, it is more important than ever that we collaborate in a thoughtful manner, so that we can stretch our tax dollars and other valuable resources. This is something I have supported during my term on the Westlake School Board, as we continually work to collaborate with other school districts to achieve cost efficiencies. This same approach occurs and should continue at City Hall, as I firmly believe that only through collaboration will our greatest achievements and the best value be realized.

NICK C. NUNNARI

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A Westlake Ward 2 resident for 40+ years, I'm well prepared to serve as your voice on council. I attend city council meetings regularly and build solid working relationships. I'm versed on residents' concerns and passionate about community service: PTA member, PSR teacher, youth sports coach, community event organizer. University



of Toledo graduate. Currently, assistant service manager at AutoNation Ford.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: Key issues for Westlake in the coming four years both include a fiscal component: continued cost savings for our citizens; and strategic economic development. The proposal to switch water suppliers from the city of Cleveland to Avon Lake should result in financial savings to citizens as well as delivery of better service, and should contribute more jobs for collaborating communities. Additional regionalization opportunities should be entertained as

they materialize. Strong economic development plans focused on maintaining, growing and attracting new business and subsequent jobs will remain important.

2. Regionalization: It would be prudent to be open-minded to explore regionalization and collaboration with adjoining communities. Similar to Greater Cleveland's economic development lead of marketing the 18 county region, bedroom communities can align forces to realize cost savings and achieve enhanced combined impact. Especially as expenses rise, a collective cluster of communities could exponentially increase opportunity.

WARD 3, Uncontested

DENNIS J. SULLIVAN

The candidate did not prepare a response.

WARD 4, Uncontested

MICHAEL F. O'DONNELL

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I have been serving as a Westlake councilman for 14 years and I am seeking my 5th term in office. I currently serve as Chairman of the Westlake City Council Information Technology and Safety committees and have served on the Westlake Charter Review and Sidewalk Apportionment Boards. I am also a Director of



Information Technology at American Greetings Corp.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Most important issues: a) The ability to build the infrastructure to provide the Westlake residents with the opportunity to purchase drinking water from an alternative source like Avon Lake. Ultimately we would like to keep both Cleveland Water and Avon Lake as options.
b) The relocation of American Greetings World Headquarters to Westlake.
Our challenge will be to accommodate the growing traffic flow at the I-90 Crocker, Bassett and Detroit

Roads, without impacting other businesses and the shopping experience at Crocker Park.

2. Regionalization: I am in favor of regionalization where communities can work together to collectively lower operating expenses for cities in the region. It helps cities and townships qualify for Federal, State and County programs as a larger district. If done in a collaborative manner, it eliminates redundant administrative offices, purchases and programs for each municipality and allows them to leverage the cost savings and successes across all cities.

WARD 5, Uncontested

KENNETH R. BRADY

The candidate did not prepare a response.

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Westlake City Council

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$14,200

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6. How will declining revenues affect Westlake's recreational facilities?

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WARD 6

MARK R. GETSAY

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Career: City of Westlake, Ohio, Council Member – Ward 6 (2009 – present); Sea-Land Chemical Co. (a specialty chemical distribution company), Westlake, Chief Financial Officer (2005-present); Hillow, Getsay & Connors, Ltd (a CPA firm), Westlake, Principal (2000-05); Moore Stephens & Apple, CPAs, (Formerly: Hillow, Gornik & Co.), Westlake, Senior Accountant (1987-00).



Education: Defiance College, Defiance, BA degree in Accounting & Marketing.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. **Most important issues:** Westlake has a long history of solid financial management and has one of the lowest cumulative tax rates in Ohio. In order to continue, Council and the Administration need to continue to plan for the future and the challenges down the road. Long-term planning and vision will be the key to Westlake's continued success. In the near future, we will need to make a final decision on who will provide water service to the citizens of Westlake. We have a chance to improve the water

service, and at the same time, provide water at a reasonable and controllable rate.

2. **Regionalization:** Westlake has always collaborated with the adjoining cities when it is appropriate. For example, the Westshore Dispatch Center and the various mutual aid agreements for police and fire. While some city services could be more economical and efficient, many cannot. We have been studying a fire district for years, and it may make some sense to combine those services. The local Mayors meet on a regular basis to discuss these types of agreements and options. I encourage them to continue to discuss any services that would be good for the citizens of Westlake.

ROBERT J. KOENIG

Age: No response
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Graduate of Westlake High School; Graduate of the Ohio Army National Guard Military Academy; Graduate of 3B's Captain's School. Occupation: Rocky River Service Department; R.J.K. Aeration Owner and Operator; U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner.



Community Involvement: As A I am a voter 12 years ago with a group of people helped get videotaping of City Council Meetings on TV.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. **Most important issues:** American Greetings and the water switch from Cleveland Water to Avon Lake water.

2. **Regionalization:** We really need to take a look at regionalization as a way to deliver the services that residents expect while also realizing the cost savings that tax-payers demand. Not every regional initiative

will provide immediate and substantial savings. But they almost always improve the quality and efficiency of services, and generally result in savings over long term. I believe the state should provide incentives and assistance for regionalization efforts. With collaboration arrangements you need to train and work well with others and communicate well so everyone understands. It's important.

Westlake Board of Education

Term: 4 years
Salary: \$125 per meeting

Questions for Westlake Board of Education candidates:

- 1. What do you see as the two most important issues facing the Board of Education?

- 2. What ideas do you have for reorganizing resources to use tax dollars as efficiently as possible?
- 3. How would you further citizen awareness (transparency) of the Board of Education's agenda?

- 4. What experience do you have that will make you an effective leader on the Board of Education?
- 5. What additional technological initiatives should be introduced to the Westlake schools?

6. What programs that have been implemented in other communities would you like to see happen in Westlake?

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JOHN J. FINUCANE JR.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

My family moved to Westlake 9 years ago to raise our children in the Westlake Schools. I am the President/COO of PartnerShip, a Westlake company. With an MBA and a Bachelors, 25 years of business management experience, I have the education, experience, and leadership skills to be a successful board member. I am personally and professionally, "Invested in Westlake".



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. **Most important issues:** School funding will always be a major issue. If the 5.4 mil levy does not pass this November, student services will be dramatically cut which will directly affect the quality of education. An investment in our schools is an investment in our community. Additionally, we must focus our efforts on those educational areas that help prepare our students to be successful as they enter college or the workforce. We need to look at all options such as cost sharing, other sources of revenue, and doing more with less to address our funding issue, to prepare our students for their future.

2. **Tax-dollar efficiency:** Every functional area of the school district's operations should be analyzed to determine if greater efficiency can be achieved. For example, the school district should explore the possibility of sharing certain expenses with other local school districts. Currently, Westlake is participating in group buying efforts which have resulted in cost reductions. As a result of the district's effective management of its resources, the last levy was stretched from five to seven years. A long term strategic idea would be to consolidate our four elementary schools into three, which would drive greater efficiencies and lower costs.

BRAD LAMB

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I am a graduate of Westlake High School (Class of 1993) and The Ohio



State University. I am currently work for the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Prior to moving to Westlake I served for 6 years on the Fairview Park Board of Education (2 years as the Board President). I am presently serving on the Westlake Planning Commission.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

- 1. **Most important issues:** The two most important issues facing the Westlake Board of Education are finances and curriculum.
- 2. **Tax-dollar efficiency:** I would work with the Treasurer to look into a Performance Audit of the District to see where saving could be identified.

BARB LESZYNSKI

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Westlake School Board Member, unanimously appointed in 2012 from 19 applicants; B.S. and M.A. in Education Retired teacher; Past President, Teachers' Association PTA, Past President; College Club West, Past President; Fairview Hospital, volunteer Patient Advocate; Dover Elementary, volunteer tutor; Nursing Home and Food Pantry volunteer; 33 year resident; 3 children



graduated from WHS, 4 grandchildren currently attending Westlake schools.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. **Most important issues:** As a current Board member, I see the most important issue as continuing to prepare our students to compete in a challenging, dynamic world. They need the necessary knowledge and skills to be productive citizens and to achieve success in their career goals. Secondly, we need to accomplish this goal by using resources as efficiently as possible, remaining current in best practices, hiring the best employees, and providing great service to our community, all while enduring the loss of state funds. Our excellent school programs are in

jeopardy if the levy does not pass in November.

2. **Tax-dollar efficiency:** Westlake taxpayers need to know that we are in the bottom 25% of school taxes while rating in the top 5% in excellence. All resources must be aligned to our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), a plan developed with individuals from the community. If spending is not aligned with that plan then we shouldn't be spending it. We are a model, 1 of only 4 districts recognized statewide, for using Shared services. We belong to Suburban Health Care Consortium, Ohio Schools Council, and Ohio Schools Plan. Purchasing through consortiums saves us money and is an efficient way of using tax dollars.



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Rocky River Municipal Court Candidates

The Nov. 5 General Election ballot will contain candidates for Judge and Clerk of Court for Rocky River Municipal Court. The court serves the cities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake, and the Metroparks. Both positions have six-year terms and are full-time.

Brian F. Hagan is a candidate for Judge.
Deborah F. Comery and Jeanne Gallagher are candidates for Clerk of Court.

For further information on these candidates:

Brian F. Hagan: judgepedia.org/index.php/Brian_F_Hagan
Deborah F. Comery: [facebook.com/FriendsOfDebbieComery](https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfDebbieComery)
Jeanne Gallagher: [facebook.com/JeanneForClerk](https://www.facebook.com/JeanneForClerk)

Cuyahoga County Issues

The League of Women Voters has prepared explanations and pros/cons for the following; see www.lwvCuyahogaArea.org.

Issue 1: Proposed Tax Levy (Replacement and Increase)

“A replacement of 2.9 mills of an existing levy and an increase of 1 mill, to constitute a tax for the benefit of Cuyahoga County for the purpose of supplementing general fund appropriations for health and human or social services at a rate not exceeding 3.9 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 39 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 80: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal and Increase) – Metroparks

“A renewal of an existing levy of 1.8 mills and an increase of 0.9 mill to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District (known as Cleveland Metroparks including the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo) for the purpose of conserving the natural resources and maintaining, repairing, improving, planning, acquiring, developing, protecting and promoting the use of existing and future lands and facilities, and for any other lawful purpose of the park district, at a rate not exceeding 2.7 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 27 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for ten years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 82: Proposed Tax Levy (Renewal) – Cleveland-Cuyahoga Port Authority

“A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority for the purpose of providing funds necessary for the Port Authority budget at a rate not exceeding 0.13 mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 1.3 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for five years, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 2: Proposed Charter Amendment

“Shall Article II, Section 2.03(2) Powers and Duties of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to extend the term during which Council may act on Executive appointments, and add an interim appointment provision?” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 3: Proposed Charter Amendment

“Shall Article II, Section 2.03(12) Powers and Duties, and Article IX of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to rename the “Human Resource Commission” the “Personnel Review Commission,” to provide that the County Council shall have the authority to appoint and remove members of the commission, to clarify the commission’s administrative powers and duties, and to formally establish an office of the Director of Human Resources?” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 4: Proposed Charter Amendment

“Shall Article III, Section 3.10(5) Organization, Rules and Procedures of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to specify actions of Council that do not require Executive approval to be binding?” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Issue 5: Proposed Charter Amendment

“Shall Article VI, Section 6.02 Board of Revision of the Charter of the County of Cuyahoga be amended to clarify the role of the Board of Revision?” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

Westlake Issues

Issue 73: Special Election by Petition – Local Liquor Option - Sunday Sales

“Shall the sale of wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of ten a.m. and midnight by Riser Foods Company dba GetGo 3316, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a neighborhood convenience store at 25476 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145 in this precinct?” *A majority affirmative vote in Ward 2, Precinct A is necessary for passage.*

Issue 74: Special Election by Petition – Local Liquor Option - Sunday Sales

“Shall the sale of beer, wine and mixed beverages be permitted for sale on Sunday between the hours of eleven a.m. and midnight by Speedway, LLC dba Speedway 7690, an applicant for a D-6 liquor permit, who is engaged in the business of operating a neighborhood retail convenience store at 2726 Dover Center Rd., Westlake, OH 44145 in this precinct?” *A majority affirmative vote in Ward 4, Precinct C is necessary for passage.*

Issue 88: Proposed Tax Levy (Additional) – Westlake City School District

“An additional tax for the benefit of the Westlake City School District for the purpose of current expenses at a rate not exceeding 5.4 mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to 54 cents for each one hundred dollars of valuation, for a continuing period of time, commencing in 2013, first due in calendar year 2014.” *A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.*

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Voters' Guide 2013 Bay Village General Election

Bay Village City Council

Term: 4 years, At-Large
2 years, Ward
Salary: \$8,138 (2014)
\$8,635 (2017)

Questions for Bay Village City Council candidates:

1. (At-Large candidates) What new ideas would you bring to the job that would be of value to the entire city?
(Ward candidates) What improvements would you recommend in your ward, given its unique characteristics, that would benefit the city overall?

2. Executive meetings, special meetings, suspension of Council and Charter rules, and emergency clause legislation all reduce the opportunity for public oversight and input. Are they over-used? If no, explain; if yes, what would you do to reduce their frequency?
3. Identify the services whose costs might be shared through

regionalization with other communities or with the county. Identify what services could be privatized.
4. Where and when is it appropriate to use public dollars to support private business ventures in the community? How would you craft legislation to that effect?
5. State your position on the need for an animal

control officer in the city and for a stray animal kennel operated by the city.
6. What is your vision for the future of Cahoon Park? Do you support additional active recreational opportunities or business ventures on this land? If yes, what kind(s)? If no, why not?
Answers to all questions are available to view and download online at www.wbvobserver.com.

WARD 3

WALTER D. HALUN

Age: 68
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Cleveland State University, BA; Baldwin Wallace University MBA; Supply Chain Contracts Manager for several corporations in the greater Cleveland area. Obtained the best value and best contract terms to ensure completion of high quality work. I can apply that experience to achieve cost savings and efficiencies for Bay Village.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: a. Organize a campaign to raise funds to help defray costs associated with replacing ornamental trees on tree lawns that have been lost through the years..
b. Encourage community spirit to assist elderly residents who may need assistance with raking leaves or snow removal.
c. Institute a review and approval process to maintain architectural charm of Bay Village homes when older homes are torn down and replaced. Neighbors who will be impacted by rebuilds should be invited to the

Council meeting where this will be discussed and voted on.
2. Meeting rules: Yes, I believe they are overused. Citizens should have advance notice of the agenda for Council meetings and should be encouraged and invited to attend. Emergency meetings should be reserved for true emergencies, such as situations that would disrupt the normal operations of the city, weather calamities, accidents, etc. To ensure trust and support of city government, transparency is essential.

KARENA A. LIESKE

Age: 63
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
EDUCATION: Master of Public Administration, University of Cincinnati. EXPERIENCE: 2 years Councilwoman; Chair, Recreation and Park Improvement Committee; Environment, Safety and Community Services Committee; Services, Utilities & Equipment Committee; Cahoon Park Trustee; Bay Emergency Task Force; 12 years Bay Village Board of Education, President 3 years; Assistant Director, Career Services,



Cleveland State University; Bethesda on the Bay; 33 year resident.
RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS
1. Improvements: I would recommend the following improvements in my ward that would benefit the city overall: Monitor and enforce deer legislation, continued upgrade of storm sewers to address basement flooding, continued monitoring of debris and yard waste dumped in creeks, review need for parking requirements for home businesses, as well as intensify and resume city-wide home inspection program. I also would work with residents of Saddler Beach Association to resolve easement and storm water issues and enforce speed on Beach Lane.

2. Meeting rules: Not over-used.
• Official business must be conducted in open meetings unless exempt by ORC 121.22. Personnel, purchase of property, contract and legal matters are allowed. Anticipate fewer when contract negotiations are completed.
• Special meetings (Sec. 2.11 of Charter) address emergencies, bids, contracts and issues where time is an issue.
• Suspending Council and Charter rules (Sec. 2.13) are necessary because there is not always time for 3 readings before action must be taken.
• Emergency clause (Sec. 2.15) allows Council to determine when an ordinance takes effect. Charter places some restrictions on what is allowed.

WARD 4

THOMAS HENDERSON

Age: 34
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440-823-4306
BACKGROUND INFORMATION
Tom holds an MBA in Finance from Case Western Reserve. He began his career at Deloitte, honed his financial skills at Key Bank and currently works in corporate finance at the Cleveland Clinic. Tom is a director on the board of a nonprofit that helps Northeast Ohioans start small businesses and he serves as a volunteer teacher for Junior Achievement.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: I have been exchanging ideas with many residents. My favorite concept is that Bay could partner with Avon Lake to build a year-round recreation center with an indoor pool, exercise equipment, group exercise space or other amenities at Walker Road Park, which these cities jointly own. Bay's pool, which is closed in the winter and on Sundays, generates more revenue than it costs to operate. If an operating model could be developed to allow a recreation center to be financially self-sustaining, I would lead the effort to develop a bond proposal for the residents of both cities to consider.

2. Meeting rules: Bay suspended charter rules requiring three separate readings on 93% of ordinances passed thus far in 2013, compared to 36% in River and 77% in Westlake. Bay adopted 100% of these ordinances as emergency measures, while River and Westlake did so 76% and 47% of the time, respectively. These actions improve governmental efficiency for routine legislation when properly employed, but should never be used to limit public input on important decisions. I will consider the importance and time-sensitivity of every ordinance, vote accordingly and encourage other council members to do the same while monitoring Bay's ratios for improvement.

MIKE YOUNG

Age: 57
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION
I'm a Manufacturer's Representative and 29-year resident of Bay. From 2004-05 I served as a citizen member of the Contiguous Property Committee which drafted buffering/zoning legislation and on the City of Avon's I-90 Interchange Committee. Since 2006 it's been my honor to serve as Ward 4 Councilman and since 2012 as City Finance Chairman and Vice President of Council.



RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Improvements: Council is currently debating changes to our Attached Residence code which was drafted in the 70's. Any change must reflect the character of Bay, and allow for the varying feel of each Ward. While I support attached residence development, I believe it should be limited to areas envisioned in the master plan. With completion of the I-90 Interchange and the Bradley/Naigle intersection project, the intersection of Bradley/Lake has moved to the top of safety and commuter traffic issues in Ward 4. A traffic study needs to be ordered for this intersection to determine if indeed a traffic light is warranted.

2. Meeting rules: There isn't an instance I know in which a special meeting, emergency clause, or an executive session was called with the intent of bypassing public comment or scrutiny. Council votes on suspending these rules each time. If they are not warranted, Council can and should vote against their use. There are more important issues to debate: Westlake is looking to cut our southern water line connections and move to Avon, not Cleveland, Water. How will that affect our water pressure and quality? Should we join them? The E.P.A. has mandated \$3.2 million in sewer improvements. How should we fund them?

This Voters' Guide was assembled by members of the League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga Area, Bay Village Chapter.
• We selected the questions and placed word limits on the responses. Truncated responses are denoted by the [...] symbol.
• Candidates' responses are printed

verbatim, up to the word limit.
• Candidates are listed in alphabetical order.
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Voters' Guide 2013 Bay Village General Election

Bay Village Board of Education

Term: 4 years

Salary: \$125 per full

Board meeting
(usually twice
per month)

Michael Caputo, Amy Huntley and Gayatry Jacob-Mosier are current Board of Education members. They are running unopposed in this election and declined our invitation to be included in the Voters' Guide. As is the League's custom, the questions we posed are printed below. To learn more about the Bay Village City School District and to ask any questions you may have, plan to attend the annual State of the Schools Report at Bay Middle School on Tuesday, Oct. 29, 7:15 p.m.

1. The 2012-13 State Report Card indicates Bay School District needs to improve its grades for gifted student value added, disabled value added, and lowest 20% growth. What steps will be taken?

2. What should be the top

educational priorities for Bay Schools?

3. The city and school board have established a partnership on several projects in recent years. What do you see as the future direction of that partnership? Please note

any specific initiatives you would like to see happen.

4. Identify the school system's participation in the multistate endeavor known as Common Core and indicate your views on the new set of Common Core tests.

5. What has the school district done to address the youth drug problem in the community? What other steps might be taken?

6. What ideas do you have to delay the next operating levy?

Bay Village ISSUE 6: Proposed Zoning Amendment

"Shall Ordinance No. 13-56 amending the Zoning Map of the City of Bay Village to change the classification of Permanent Parcel Numbers 203-09-017, 203-09-018, 203-09-019, 203-09-020, and 203-09-021 located on Cahoon Road containing approximately 2.349 acres from its present zoning classification of Third Residence District to Attached Residence District, be approved?"

A majority affirmative vote throughout the City and in Ward 2 is necessary for passage.

The PRO position that follows was prepared by City Council President Paul Koomar. The CON position was prepared by Richard Majewski, who is a member of the Planning Commission. Both were informed that their statements would be printed in their own words and that each would be solely responsible for the content of their statements. The League of Women Voters - Cuyahoga Area, Bay Village Chapter neither endorses nor opposes either view.

PRO

In August 2013, City Council passed legislation to submit to the voters the re-zoning of 5 parcels of property located at the southeast corner of the intersection of Cahoon and Wolf Roads. Measuring 2.349 acres, these parcels lie adjacent to Cahoon creek and are currently zoned for detached single-family homes.

On the Nov. 5 ballot, residents will vote on the rezoning of this property to allow for the development of attached residences (townhouses). By City Charter, rezoning only becomes effective if approved by a majority of the votes cast city-wide as well as a majority of the votes cast in the particular ward where the property is located – in this case Ward 2.

In the City's last Master Plan completed in 1999, the property was identified as an appropriate location for the construction of attached residences. The current property owners support the re-zoning. The property could be developed separately or in conjunction with the development of attached residences on the east side of Cahoon creek (the former Shell gas station property). The rezoning of the east side properties for attached residences was approved by the voters in 2010.

In response to inquiries from the public, Council passed a resolution confirming that if the zoning is approved and the property is developed as attached residences, Council would not be in favor of granting tax abatement in connection with the development.

Approval of the rezoning by the voters could result in: (1) development of currently vacant property, (2) additions to the City's tax base, (3) alternative housing option (townhouses) for City residents within walking distance of the City's retail hub.

CON

The issue Bay Village voters will see on the ballot asks to rezone parcels of land on Cahoon Road. The real issue is HOW the rezoning found its way to the ballot.

Chapter 115 of our Administrative Code sets forth the process that zoning ordinances are subject to before adoption. That process, much of which is to occur before the Planning Commission, was not followed.

Section 7.4 of our Charter requires "Mandatory Referral" to and formal action by the Planning Commission *before* zoning ordinances can be adopted. The ordinance in question never appeared on the Commission's agenda and, to my knowledge, was never seen by the Commission's members. Planning Commission certainly took no formal action.

The voters of Bay Village have a reasonable expectation and trust that ballot issues placed before them have been properly reviewed under the procedures set forth in our Code and our Charter.

In my opinion, in Council's haste to rush this issue to the ballot, Council adopted the ordinance at "Special" meetings during summer recess, ignoring the required process and procedures and violating the public's trust.

As a voter, Planning Commission member and public servant, I cannot, in good conscience, support this issue.

Cuyahoga County Issues

The Nov. 5 General Election ballot will contain three county tax levy requests and four County Charter amendments. The ballot language of these items, as well as

LWV explanations and pro/con arguments are available at www.LWVCuyahogaArea.org under Voter/Citizen Info – Voter Guides.

Rocky River Municipal Court Candidates

The Nov. 5 General Election ballot will contain candidates for Judge and Clerk of Court for Rocky River Municipal Court, serving the cities of Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake, and the Metroparks. Both positions are full-time, six-year terms.

Brian Hagan is running unopposed for Judge (judgepedia.org/index.php/Brian_F_Hagan). Clerk of Court candidates are Deborah Comery (facebook.com/FriendsOfDebbieComery) and Jeanne Gallagher (facebook.com/JeanneForClerk).

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BAY LACROSSE TO HOST OSU WATCH PARTY

by ANNE KERKA

Bay Village Lacrosse Association (BVLA) will sponsor its second annual "Football Watch Party" fundraiser featuring the Ohio State vs. Penn State game on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Copper Cup, 680 Dover Center Road in Westlake. In addition to the OSU game, there will also be a live feed to a local football game.

Event proceeds will benefit BVLA to help fund the group's capital equipment drive, support Bay Village boys' and girls' lacrosse programs and provide lacrosse scholarships to student athletes in need.

In addition to football, a lot of lacrosse will be on tap at this fun-filled fall event. The BVLA "Football Watch Party" will feature a 50/50 raffle, football squares games and a silent auction with items ranging from lacrosse gear to many household items from local merchants. In addition, a wheelbarrow laden with a variety of adult beverages will be raffled off at the event. Door prizes will also be given out during the game.

Ticket cost is \$30 per adult or \$55 per couple. Ticket price includes beer, wine, pop and heavy appetizers during the game. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Mike Voll at 440-570-4263 or email mike.voll@conxx.net.

Bay Village Lacrosse Association was founded to initiate and support student lacrosse programs. BVLA offers lacrosse programs to students in third- through eighth-grades and supports the high school programs. There are more than 220 students participating on lacrosse teams in Bay. ●

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FEATURED STUDENT: Paige Bowman

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by Kim Bonvissuto

Paige Bowman leaves a lasting impression on everyone she meets.

The Parkside Intermediate School sixth-grader in Westlake is described as an absolute pleasure to be around and someone who takes the Parkside Peacemaker mantra to heart.

At Parkside, students are recognized and rewarded in a variety of ways for displaying appropriate behavior, achievement and organizational behaviors. Panther Paw tickets are handed out school-wide to recognize appropriate behavior. Each quar-

ter, students who display behavior that exemplify the Parkside virtues paint that panther paw onto a column in the cafeteria. During third quarter each classroom selects one of its members to be named a Parkside Peacemaker to exemplifying the virtue of tolerance and the value of diversity.

As a fifth-grader, Paige was a student council representative whose enthusiasm for the school was contagious. She assisted with multiple tasks around the classroom and quietly helped other students in need without being asked. She plays the trumpet in the school band and sings in the choir.

Paige has a keen inter-

est in animals and did a lot of research two years ago when the family added Sloane, a Labrador retriever puppy, to the family. She has taken on the responsibility of walking Sloane and Sally, the family's other dog.

Over the summer she played softball, soccer and basketball. She also swam, took piano lessons and participated in theater classes at Huntington Playhouse after an appearance as a munchkin in the WHS production of "The Wizard of Oz" gave her the acting bug. She also enjoys cooking and has attempted several recipes that generally involve a lot of chocolate and sprinkles.

Paige has a brother, Casey, a third-grader at



Paige Bowman

Dover Elementary School, and parents Marti and Daniel Bowman. Her favorite subjects in school are math and science, and she plans to study at the University of Notre Dame or Miami University to become either a veterinarian or an orthopaedic surgeon when she grows up. ●

Westlake team named top fundraiser in local Alzheimer's walk

It might have rained all morning at All Pro Freight Stadium in Avon, but that didn't stop Team Arden Courts Westlake from having fun at the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 21. "We had a lot

to celebrate," said Lisa Anthony, the marketing director at Arden Courts. "Our team received the award for the Top Fundraising Team in the Healthcare/Senior Living Division and we are very proud."

The Walk to End Alzheimer's is the primary source of funding for the Cleveland Area Alzheimer's Association. This year the Association is hosting three walks, the first of those was held last weekend at All Pro Stadium in the pouring rain. Arden Courts, an assisted living dedicated to the care of individuals with memory loss, have always supported the Walks, but this year was even more exciting given their first place award.

"We would not have done as well without the support of our staff and both current and previous families," Anthony said. "Our top fundraiser was one of our current care partners and her husband, Catherine and Tom Murray." Catherine has been with Arden Courts for nine years taking care of folks with Alzheimer's disease. When asked how they raised over \$3,700, Murray said, "My husband and I decided to start early. We wrote a personal letter and gave it to everyone we saw over the summer. Tom didn't want to tell anyone until the end how much we raised. Everyone, including Tom and I, were shocked at how well we had done."

For more information regarding either of the two upcoming Walks to End Alzheimer's contact the Cleveland Area Alzheimer's Association at 216-342-5566. ●



Team Arden Courts Westlake braves the rain at the Alzheimer's Association's Walk to End Alzheimer's on Sept. 21 in Avon.

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

LWV candidates forum video screening

by CONDA BOYD

If you can't be at the League of Women Voters Bay Village Candidates' Night on Oct. 2, 7 p.m. at Bay High School, see the video:

- Oct. 17 at 1 p.m., Bay Village Branch Library meeting room, 502 Cahoon Road
- Oct. 23 at 1 p.m., Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane

- Online at LWVCuyahogaArea.org under Voter/Citizen Info - Voter Guides ●

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Voter information from the Board of Elections

by PATRICK O'MALIA

Voters in all of Cuyahoga County's municipalities will be included in the Nov. 5 General Election. Municipal, judicial, and school board candidates are on the ballot as well as county and local issues.

To avoid lines on Election Day, and to allow extra time to study the ballot, all registered voters may Vote by Mail. Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website: www.443VOTE.com, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-VOTE,

and at all public libraries.

It is important for all voters to be prepared to cast their ballots. The voter registration deadline is Oct. 7. Voters who have moved or changed their name since they last voted need to complete and return a new Voter Registration Card.

Voters who are interested in serving as poll workers may call 216-443-VOTE or apply online at: www.443VOTE.com. ●

Patrick O'Malia is the community outreach coordinator for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections.

Autumn is awesome at Bay Rec

by SARAH GILBERT

The weather may be cooling off, but Bay Village Rec programs are just heating up! Register for any of our programs online at www.cityofbayvillage.com or visit the Recreation Office, 400 Bryson Lane. Questions? Call us at 440-871-6755.

Preschool Playtime

Spend your mornings with Bay Rec! Tumble mats, bouncing balls: a perfect opportunity to get your child out of the house, release some energy and make new friends! Program begins Sept. 30. Parent supervision required. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday/Thursday, 10:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Location: Community Gym. Fee: \$2/child; \$4/non-resident.

Creative Cupcakes

Let your child's creativity shine in this cupcake decorating class! Students will learn how to decorate festive cupcakes for the holidays and bring their tasty artwork home to share. All supplies included. Location: Bay Lodge. Fee: \$28/session; \$43/non-resident.

Thanksgiving Cupcakes: Saturday, Nov. 16; Ages 5-8, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Ages 9 and up, noon-1:30 p.m.

Christmas Cupcakes: Saturday, Dec. 14; Ages 5-8, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Ages 9 and up, noon-1:30 p.m.

Little Hoopers (Ages 3-5)

Back by popular demand! Tuesday evenings, Nov. 12 to Dec. 17, at the Community Gym. Times: 6:30-7:15 p.m. and 7:15-8 p.m. Fee: \$65; non-resident: \$85.

Feeling Fit

Stay in shape this winter! Class will increase your energy level, help lower body fat, tone muscles and relieve stress. Monday/Wednesday/Friday, 9-11 a.m. Location: Community Gym. Drop-in Rate: \$7/class; \$8/non-resident. Discounted day passes available.

Adult Yoga

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ger and more flexible. Class is offered at two convenient times: Saturday mornings, 9:45-11 a.m., Oct. 12 to Nov. 16, at the Police Station Community Room and Thursday evenings, 7-8:15 p.m., Oct. 24 to Dec. 12, at the Community House. Fee: \$60/session; \$75/non-resident. Drop-In Rate: \$11/class; \$12/non-resident.

Full Body Fitness with Cathy

Join certified kickboxing, boot camp, modern Pilates and weight training instructor Cathy DuBois for this full body workout. Class is designed to challenge YOU, at your own personal level. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Location: Community Gym. Drop-in Rate: \$7/class; \$8/non-resident. Purchase your punch pass today!

Zumba Fitness

Join the biggest dance/ aerobic craze! Thursday mornings, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the Community Gym; Monday evenings, 7-8 p.m. at Dwyer Center; Thursday evenings, 7-8 p.m. at Bay Middle School Gym. Drop-in Rate: \$7/class; \$8/non-resident. Purchase your punch pass today!

After School Youth Tennis

Hold off on homework and burn off some energy with Kris and staff. Mondays and Thursdays at Westerly School Gym. Session I: Sept. 30-Oct. 24; Session II: Oct. 28-Nov. 25. Grades 3/4: 2:15-3:10 p.m., Grades K-2: 3:10-4:05 p.m., Grades 5-8: 4:05-5 p.m. Fee: \$70/session; \$75/non-resident. *\$5 discount for one day per week.

Youth Basketball League

Teams practice for one hour per week with games played on Saturdays. Location: Community Gym/Middle School Gym. Scrimmage: Saturday, Nov. 16. Games: Saturdays, Nov. 23-Feb. 22. Fee: \$83; \$98/non-resident. Deadline: Oct. 17 (\$10 late fee).

American Red Cross Babysitting Course

Open to girls and boys aged 11-13. Class taught by American Red Cross certified instructor. Certificate received upon completion. Bring a lunch, snack provided. Nov. 2, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Dwyer Center. Fee: \$80. ●

SPORTING VIEWS

It's no cyn to be cynical

by JEFF BING

Okay, I admit it: It's been fun watching the Indians this summer, and the recent play of the Browns has been a source for some optimism, too. *Be still, my heart!* Here's hoping that by the time you read this, the Indians are *still* the talk of the town with regard to their march toward the playoffs, and the Browns are *still* stirring up chatter as they begin their march to ... well, maybe not the playoffs, but how 'bout we shoot for – as sister Aretha puts it – “a little respect”? Considering where we've been since '99, respect is mighty lofty stuff.

Much has been written and said about the Indians' lame record against the better teams in the American League, as well as their incredible record against the bottom-feeders. Supporters – those who defend the Tribe's so-called “legitimacy” to be in the wild-card race – will be the first to remind us that, as far as wins go, they “all count the same.” I can't argue with that statement; for if they didn't all count the same, baseball's credibility would take a heck of a hit. Kind of like it did with the steroids thing. But that's a topic for another day.

I will argue, however, that playoff baseball does have this funny little rule which stipulates that the better teams advance to the playoffs, and the lousy ones stay home and start coordinating their tee times. So while the statement “they all count the same” is fairly secure, my insecurity comes from the fact that as a whole, we don't play very well against the

teams we'd most likely face in the playoffs. I mean, where are the White Sox when you really need 'em? Against them, to paraphrase Tony the Tiger: “We're grrrrreat!” On second thought, do I really want to be quoting a “Tiger”?

Yes, I do, because it serves as a handy little segue into my point about playing Detroit, who we absolutely pulverized four out of 19 tries this season. Or how about Boston, upon whom we showed no mercy when we annihilated them once in seven meetings this year. *Take that, Bosox!* Or perhaps Tampa Bay, who was our likely Wild Card foe when this column was written. We demonstrated who was boss two out of six chances against the Rays this year. Believe you me, they're *still* licking their wounds. The one playoff team we actually did dominate this year was Oakland, though it's not likely we would meet them in the first round. How's that for luck?

What's that you say? You say you detect a hint of sarcasm in my words?

Okay, maybe just a little. Perhaps it's the memory of our colossal collapse in 2007 against Boston. Or maybe it's the fast starts of the previous two seasons which subsequently went up in flames. Too many fresh wounds from recent past, I guess.

But then I recall meeting my wife-to-be some forty-plus years ago – and how I thought I'd never stand a chance of ending up with someone that special, but somehow did – and I remind myself of one thing:

Anything's possible! ●

Huntington Playhouse plans NYC theatre tour

by TOM MEYROSE

Huntington Playhouse is planning a four-day New York City Theatre Tour from June 19-22, 2014. The trip will include tickets to two Broadway musicals, three nights at the Milford Hotel, one group dinner, tours of the NBC studios and The World Trade Center Memo-

rial, and more. Those interested should contact the theatre for details, 440-871-8333 or www.huntingtonplayhouse.com.

“Swinging on a Star,” a musical revue featuring the songs of Johnny Burke, continues its run at Huntington Playhouse through Oct. 13. The playhouse is located at 28601 Lake Road. The box office phone number is 440-871-8333. ●

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In memory of a friend

On Sept. 19, 2013, the Knickerbocker community lost one of its own. Clara J. Cuthbert was a longtime resident who was very active in the kitchen and the many events held at the Knickerbocker. She was well known for her potato salad. She spent many volunteer hours cooking for the Knickerbocker family with a smile.

One of Clara's specialty

events was an annual clambake with her special chowder. Her own family planted flowers in the courtyard every spring. There are many residents who contribute daily to Knickerbocker events but Clara was one of the special people. She will be missed but not forgotten.

– Diane Vincent, Dianne Borowski, Phyllis Schroth, Betty Kotkowski

BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay groups plan fundraisers, sponsor events

by ERIC EAKIN

The members of the many Bay Village civic organizations are busy planning fundraisers and other events to keep the community vibrant and active. Here is a list of what's going on:

The **Bay Village Education Foundation** was the recipient of the proceeds from this summer's Tour de Bay event. The foundation received \$1,905 to be used for grant funding. The foundation provided grant applications to Bay Village teachers earlier this month, asking them to submit their grant proposals for projects that will enhance their classrooms. The winning grants will be selected at the Bay Education Foundation meeting on Oct. 15.

The foundation is once again conducting its Ten Campaign, starting on Oct. 10. Each family with a child currently in the Bay Village schools, or with children who have attended in the past, is asked to donate \$10 to help fund additional classroom grants. Community members are invited to follow the Bay Village Education Foundation on Facebook.

Bay Village American Legion Post 385 recently served as the color guard for the Bay High homecoming parade. The group participated in three honor courts recognizing new Eagle scouts. The post hosted the 2013 Buckeye Boy's State representative Daniel Hippler and Girl's State representative Aylse Arko and parents at their monthly meeting. They also co-sponsored, with the Bay Village VFW, a production of "Swinging on a Star" at Huntington Playhouse.

The **Bay Village Kiwanis** donated \$2,000 to the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center for the new planetarium; purchased a new industrial-strength dishwasher for the Village Project, and four large flower pots for the patio behind Huntington Playhouse. The group donated \$1,000 for the 2014 Bay fireworks, \$500 to the Gathering Place and \$250 for the new projector at the Bay Village Senior Center. Members labored 105 man-hours to paint the railings around the porch at the Fuller House in Huntington Park.

They provided Providence House with \$500 worth of children's essentials and donated 165 mail boxes to the Knickerbocker senior apartments. More than 260 meals were served at the Kiwanis pancake breakfast on homecoming weekend. The Bay Village Kiwanis just added eight new members, including six women.

The **Bay Village Historical Society** hosted a wine tasting and appetizer potluck on Sept. 19 at the Bay Lodge. The speaker was Lee Klingshirn, owner of Klingshirn Winery in Avon and president of the Ohio Wine Producers Association. He gave a very interesting presentation about the history of wine making in Northeast Ohio, with photos of many of the old wineries and area farms. The group's next potluck is Nov. 21 at the Bay Village Community House. The public is invited and admission is free.

On Sept. 25, the historical society welcomed the Institute of Learning in Retirement of Baldwin Wallace University. The goal of the class is to introduce people to the area's rich local history. Docents conducted tours of Rose Hill Museum and the Reuben Osborn Learning Center.

The Bay Village Historical Society is working on a joint event with the Bay Village Kiwanis. They are co-sponsoring a Cahoon Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 8, at the Bay Village Community House and Rose Hill Museum. The holiday program will include caroling, a visit by Santa Claus and the official lighting of the city Christmas tree at the gazebo. The Kiwanis will have Christmas trees for sale and there will be an area for donations of non-perishable food items for the Bay Village Holiday Caring and Sharing Program. Other interested community groups are invited to participate. Contact Cynthia Eakin at 216-213-0312 or case915@aol.com.

The **Bay Village chapter of The League of Women Voters** has assembled a general election voters' guide and will distribute printed copies at the Bay Library and at Candidates' Night on Oct. 2, 7 p.m., at Bay High School. The guide will be printed in the Westlake | Bay Village Observer on Oct. 1 and will be available

online at www.wbvobserver.com. The Candidates' Night forum will be videotaped by the League. It will feature the two candidates for Bay Village mayor, two of the three unopposed City Council candidates and the six candidates for contested council seats. The film can be viewed until Election Day at www.lwvcuyahog-aarea.org under Voter/Citizen Info-Voter Guides. There will be additional viewings of the taped form at the Knickerbocker apartments, Dwyer Center, Bradley Bay and the Bay Library.

The **Bay Village Branch Library's** upcoming adult programs include "Egyptian Mummies: Technique and Ritual" on Oct. 23 and "JFK Assassination: What We Know 50 Years Later" on Nov. 5, 7 p.m. A Zombie Party, with makeup applications courtesy of Katie Lane from the Legion of Terror, is planned for Oct. 5, 1 p.m. Visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org for program information.

The **Village Project** has moved into its new facility on West Oviatt Road in Bay Village and is once again supplying healthy meals to area cancer patients and their families. To support the group's efforts, there is an ongoing capital campaign. The Village Project is assembling a quilt, with quilt squares available to area community groups and individuals for \$100 each. Plans are in the works for a 2014 bike ride, with sponsorship, through Bay Village, parts of Avon Lake and Rocky River.

The **Bay Village Men's Club** held its third annual Baytoberfest celebration and scholarship fundraiser at the Bay Lodge on Sept. 28. The Men's Club installed 25 American flags at Bay Village business locations over the summer.

The **Bay Village Garden Club's** annual Greening of Bay event is slated for Dec. 4 and Dec. 5. Details will be available at the library and online at www.bayvillagegardenclub.com.

The **Bay Village Women's Club** recently enjoyed a planetarium show at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. The group's next meeting is on Oct. 10. Their annual luncheon and raffle is Dec.

5 at Westwood Country Club. The annual antique show fundraiser is Feb. 15 and Feb. 16 at Bay High School. Visit www.baywomensclub.org for details.

The **Lake Erie Nature and Science Center's** annual Christmas Carousel craft show is Nov. 2.

The **Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** is continuing its Fly-the-Flag project with Kiwanis and the American Legion next spring, making American flags available to Bay Village residents. The group sponsors student scholarships, welcomes new citizens at Naturalization Court and supports the Fulton House which helps mainstream veterans back into society.

The **Peter Navarre Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812** participated in Peter Navarre Day in Toledo. Peter Navarre was a scout for General William Henry Harrison in the War of 1812. The group also attended the memorial service for the Battle of Lake Erie Bicentennial in Put-in-Bay and the dedication of the marker at the gravesite for two unknown War of 1812 seamen in Lake Shore Cemetery, Avon Lake.

The **Bay Village Council of PTAs** is conducting its annual membership drive. A six-session Love and Logic parenting program runs on Mondays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Nov. 4 at the Bay Middle School library. Cost is \$70 per person. Register at www.ChidseySeminars.com. The Normandy School PTA is having a Bay sportswear sale through Oct. 4. The Soles4Souls Cleveland Shoe Drive is Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. Drop off used shoes for the needy at collection boxes located in all Bay Village schools. The Bay Scholarship Auction is Nov. 9, 6:30 p.m., at LaCentre in Westlake. The wine tasting dinner and auction helps raise funds for scholarships for students in the Bay High class of 2014 who are interested in pursuing a career that promotes the welfare, protection and education of youth. The Bay Village Early Childhood PTA Homes for the Holidays house tour is Nov. 10. Visit www.bay-hometour.com for details. ●

HUMOR

The Table Caper

by DIANE VINCENT

On a sunny May day my friend and I went for a ride to visit my childhood neighborhood. On the way we spotted a large yard sale. My friend fell in love with a large six-foot table. Her car is a compact model and the only way to transport it would be to put it on the top of the car with the legs up. We dove to Home Depot for some rope and a furniture pad. I tied the table to the top of the car going through all four windows. That table was trussed up like a turkey.

Much to my dismay, when we went to get into the car I had tied all the doors shut. It would not

have solved the problem if I retied anything because then the doors wouldn't close. The yard sale man brought out a chair for us to climb through the windows and onto the seats.

Here's a mental picture. My friend and I are in our mid-60s and both full-figured women. I kept having images of us getting stuck and 9-1-1 being called. Thankfully, that did not occur. Later I wished someone had videotaped us because we certainly would have won the grand prize on "America's Funniest Home Videos." When we arrived home I climbed out the window to untie everything so my friend could exit normally. As they say, the rest is history. ●

HUMOR

Collecting Quarters

by BRUCE LEIGH

Washing clothes is a boring but necessary chore. Mum always said to wear clean socks. I always answered, "OK mum, I'll change them."

That was great because mum had a washing machine and she did the family laundry. I live in an apartment and have to do my own laundry. Having enough quarters to feed two washing machines is a real challenge.

When I insert the coins into the slots, the tinkling actually makes a nice musical sound, tinkle, tinkle, tinkle. The hot water entering the machines makes a nice humming sound. The swishing sound of the clothes during the rinse cycle is almost hypnotic.

The washers were singing and I was paying for them to entertain themselves. The sound was catchy and before long I began to sing a little song of my own in time with the wash-

ers. They had a nice beat. The beat kept getting faster and faster. The washer was humming and the clothes were jiggling around. I felt the music in my bones, remembering all the songs I've ever known from lullabies to easy swing. My soul was singing along with the washers.

When the clothes were done and put away it was time to hit the shower. Singing in the shower was not an option as I had soap in my mouth but humming like the washers worked well. As the water went down the drain the song in my heart came pouring out. No one could hear it. I had the TV turned up and anyway no one was there to listen, not even the washing machines.

I decided I'm tired of saving quarters for the washing machines so I'll cut back on the number of times I need to do laundry. I'll fix those money-making, quarter-guzzling washing machines. The local big box store has a sale on undergarments and socks. I'm going so I have enough socks, etc. to cut down on my washing. I'm putting a bunch of jingling quarters in my pocket to help pay the bill. ●

Westlake neighbors enjoy a musical celebration

by MARY SCHORDOCK

Summer was a little longer for Westlake students this year, but once again a certain neighborhood celebrated in an unusual way!

Readers may recall last year's article sharing the backyard performance of "Astrius," an outdoor production telling the story of a princess and her journey.

This August, 34 neighbors and friends attended the evening premier of "Mandy's Story," an original musical production written and directed by 14-year-old Emily Schordock.

For nearly two months the cast gathered for daily rehearsals. It was wonderful seeing how seriously the kids took their roles, always bringing their script binders and a snack. Even a broken wrist sustained by one of the cast members was not enough to slow them down. This year Emily added a sticker incentive, encouraging the kids to memorize their lines and songs in a timely fashion. It worked like a charm and she purchased gift cards for the "winners."

Emily decided to stage the performance inside the family's lower level theatre, limiting seating a bit but allowing for the addition of stage lights, more elaborate scene changes and better control of sound (especially important when producing a musical). In anticipation of the large audience, the cast decided to perform two shows back to back and their

moms provided snacks for the patrons to enjoy before and after each performance.

The excitement in the theatre was palpable. Just before the curtain went up, the cast got together back stage, held hands and had a prayer. Following the final performance, they stayed downstairs to exchange gifts, came up to eat, then delighted in running around the yards for an hour – releasing the tension and excitement that had been building all day.

This year's cast included Jessica Bernath, Lily Derrick, Avery and Grant Junkins, and Alex and Anna Rendziak. Adam Schordock championed the lighting and sound details while Michael Derrick handled the multiple scene changes. Emily Schordock was back stage playing the keyboard for all five of the original songs. The children ranged in age from 7 to 14 years old.



"Mandy's Story" tech crew members Adam Schordock and Michael Derrick, with the play's writer/director, Emily Schordock.



PHOTO BY MARY SCHORDOCK

The cast of "Mandy's Story," from left: Avery Junkins, Alex Rendziak, Anna Rendziak, Melissa Derrick, Jessica Bernath and Grant Junkins.

The musical tells the story of how Mandy learns about bravery. The play opens with a compelling monologue of Mandy's, followed by a scene in the family kitchen where Mother shares with her children Mandy and Maggie through a beautiful yet sad song that their father isn't returning from the war. Maggie is enraged to learn that their mother kept this from them while Mandy is just heartbroken.

A little while later we see Mandy sitting on a bench where she is surprised to meet Tom and Ted, two boys from the land of Euphorbia who promise Mandy through a delightfully executed song that they can make things better. Tom and Ted are successful in convincing Mandy to travel to Euphorbia, a beautiful and colorful land. Mandy is filled with wonder as she listens to birds chirping and gazes

upon the magnificent flowers.

Led by yet another new set of friends, Grace and Lydia, it is here that Mandy meets The Lady Lily, a gentle woman who is revered by the people of Euphorbia. Thanks to the Lady Lily, Mandy comes to understand that bravery is not only within her reach, but something to be shared with others. It is a tearful farewell as Mandy leaves this magical land, promising to return one day and in the meantime to dedicate her life to sharing the valuable lesson she has learned.

The sense of camaraderie with this cast warmed everyone's heart and the adults were once again reminded how a group of children can bring a community together. One can only wonder what these exceptional children will continue to accomplish in the future! ●

Zombies are coming back to Bay Library!

by SUSAN BALLARD

The Bay Village Branch Library staff are preparing the undead for the Third Annual Zombie Party on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1-3:30 p.m. Katie Lane from the Legion of Terror will be back to apply and demonstrate zombie make-up from 1-3 p.m. Families with children ages 5 and up are invited to participate or just watch the make-up demonstration, play games, make crafts and march in the parade.

Ms. Lane is the co-owner of local design and production company Raven's Wolf and has been involved in the haunt industry for over a decade. She specializes in training actors and makeup artists across the country, working with haunts,

entertainment venues, theater groups and schools.

Zombie Party schedule:

- 1-3 p.m.: Zombie make-up application/demonstration. Registration is required for those who want to participate in the make-up application. People under 18 getting made up must have a parent/guardian sign a permission form before the event at the Children's Desk.
- 1-3:30 p.m.: Games and crafts. No registration necessary.
- 3:15-3:30 p.m.: Zombie parade. All attendees are invited to march in the parade around the outside of the library.

We're DYING to see our zombie friends at the Bay Village Branch Library! ●



PHOTO BY SUSAN BALLARD

Local zombies are shivering with excitement as the 3rd Annual Zombie Party approaches. The event will be on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 1-3 p.m. at the Bay Village Branch Library.

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Election 2013: Meet the Candidates

Westlake City Council, Ward 1: Lynda Appel

I am a dynamic community member and have devoted much of my public life to community service. I eagerly stepped up to help with Relay for Life the first year it came to Westlake, securing Deacon Dave Kinzel as the honorary chair and helping to educate the community about what Relay for Life is.



that reached parents across Ohio.

My proactive approach, consistent follow-up, attention to detail and my ability to consider all stakeholders' needs and roles will allow me to contribute to the effective running of our city and needs of Ward 1. Others have

stated, "when you have the privilege to work with her, it enhances your own capabilities."

I plan to listen to the concerns of Ward 1, ask questions to gain understanding, and make thoughtful decisions that benefit the most people while keeping the goals of the city and the needs of the ward in balance.

I have been married to Jeff for 22 years. We have one son, Paul, and two daughters, Julie and Michelle.

— Lynda Appel

From 1999-2003, I lived with my family in Wisconsin, but we were eager to return to Westlake. We did not look at any other communities, we had confidence in the city government and the schools, we knew this was where we wanted to raise our family.

Over the next nine years, I co-founded the Westlake Parent Connection and the Parent to Parent Network. I used my technical skills to build the websites and communication tools

Westlake City Council, Ward 6: Mark Getsay

Since 2009, I have had the privilege of serving on Westlake City Council – Ward 6. As a resident of Westlake, I have seen it grow into the great community it is today. My father was a minister, and he taught my brother and me how important it is to give back to your community. A lesson I am teaching my two sons.



Westlake will face new challenges as we continue to mature as a community. We must continue to provide premier services to our seniors, diverse recreational options to our children, and strong opportunities to our businesses, while continuing to provide the first-in-

class services to which our residents are accustomed.

Westlake has a history of strong financial management, solid long-term planning and sound decision making. I intend to continue that tradition of providing the services the residents expect in a reasonable, efficient, cost effective and honest manner.

I respectfully requested your continued support on Nov. 5, and look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Ward 6.

— Mark Getsay

I came to Westlake to work for a local accounting firm as a CPA, and in 2005, I went to a Westlake company as the Chief Financial Officer. Through the years, I have served on numerous boards, including the West Shore Chamber of Commerce, North Coast Health Ministry and the City's Civil Service Commission.

My financial and management background, along with my extensive community service, has proven invaluable while serving on Council.

Bay Village City Council, Ward 4: Tom Henderson

My name is Tom Henderson and I'm asking for your vote as Ward 4 Council Representative. My wife, Melissa, and I moved to Bay five years ago and look forward to raising a family here. I've entered this election because I believe



Clinic, I manage the financial aspects of acquisitions and joint ventures. I have prior experience in management consulting, investment banking and international operations. I'm also a Director on the board of a nonprofit

organization that helps people build small businesses and hold an MBA in finance from Case Western Reserve.

Financial expertise is vital on City Council and I believe that I have the education required to evaluate budget proposals and the experience necessary to recommend sound fiscal policy. If elected, I will seek to ensure Bay maintains its investment grade credit rating so we can continue to invest in our future and make Bay a great place to live for this generation and the next! Learn more at www.henderson4citycouncil.com.

As a Senior Project Manager in corporate finance at Cleveland

As your representative, I will listen to opinions, research facts, make informed decisions and communicate openly. Bay will thrive if it is a community where young people choose to move, families choose to live and seniors choose to stay. This requires our city to provide services, facilities and infrastructure we desire while holding taxes steady.

As a Senior Project Manager in corporate finance at Cleveland

— Tom Henderson

Candidates running for local office are welcome to introduce themselves in the Observer with a 250-word letter to the community. The final issue in which letters will be printed is Oct. 15. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 11. Submit letter and photo to editor@wbvobserver.com.

Appalachian Trail hiker to visit Bay Library

by BARB ISAACS

Berea resident Bob Grau saw a Ken Burns documentary segment about the Appalachian Trail in 2009 and was so impressed by it that he became determined to make the 2,182-mile trek through 14 states from Georgia to Maine over 270 mountains.

In March 2011 he began his journey and has now written a book of his experiences during the hike, which less than 25 percent of aspiring thru-hikers are actually successful in completing. Even more remarkable was that Bob was undeterred by a broken ankle during the

last 380 miles of the trip. He has many stories of how he met many interesting people along the way and of the various rock formations on the trail making passage somewhat difficult.

Join us at the Bay Village Branch Library on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 10 a.m. to hear about it all! A book sale and signing will follow the presentation. Registration is requested by calling Dwyer Memorial Senior Center, 440-835-6565, or the Bay Village Branch Library, 440-871-6392, or online at www.cuyahogalibrary.org.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Branch. ●

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Bay Homecoming Parade

Photos by Denny Wendell



The horn section of the Bay High School marching band.



Bay Homecoming King Josh Liegl and Queen Alyse Arko wave to the crowd on Wolf Road.



Student-athletes pass out candy to eager youngsters during Bay Village's Sept. 20 Homecoming Parade.

Westlake Homecoming

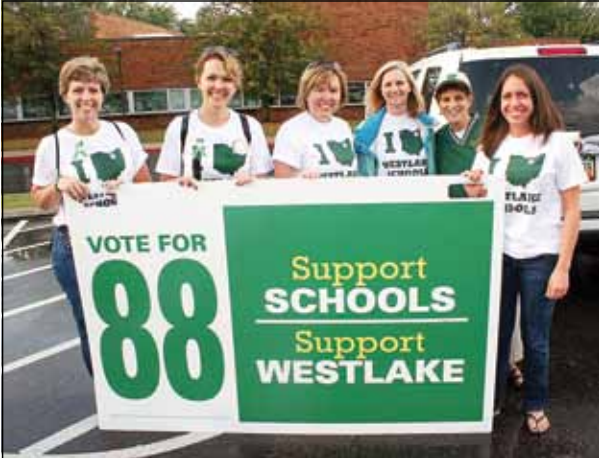
Photos by Carol Maat



Holly Thomas and Jacob Cox were crowned Westlake Homecoming Queen and King.



Kids of Westlake teachers join in the Sept. 20 parade.



Citizens for Westlake Schools display their support for the upcoming school levy.



Westlake High School cheerleaders



Sophomores show off their Homecoming Parade float.

Westlake safety forces honored for life-saving rescue

Ross Brochhagen walked into the Westlake fire station in August and said to Lieutenant Clayton Kovats: "Hi, I'm the guy that died on Arthur Avenue." That was two months after he was found unresponsive by his wife, Janice, in their Westlake home. The appreciative Brochhagen spent three hours having coffee at the station with the men that had saved his life after suffering a cardiac arrest in June.

Recalling that June day, Kovats said, "We have drilled, rehearsed and done our training for this type of call. The police officer was doing compressions and I was doing the breathing. If anyone would have broke the chain, you'd wouldn't have had a good success."

Firefighters, police officers and a dispatcher were honored with awards from St. John Medical Center at the Sept. 19 city council meeting for their participation in

the lifesaving effort. In addition, the hospital donated to the Westlake Police seven portable automated external defibrillators and bleeding control kits for use in the department's patrol cars. ●



Recognized at the Sept. 19 council meeting were: Fire Chief Jim Hughes, patrol officer Nathan Fox, patrol officer Anne Smith, WESTCOM dispatcher Dan Reinholz, firefighter/paramedic Glenn Netkowicz, firefighter/paramedic Todd Spriestersbach, rescuee Ross Brochhagen and his wife, Janice, firefighter/paramedic Steve Schneid and Lieutenant Clayton Kovats.

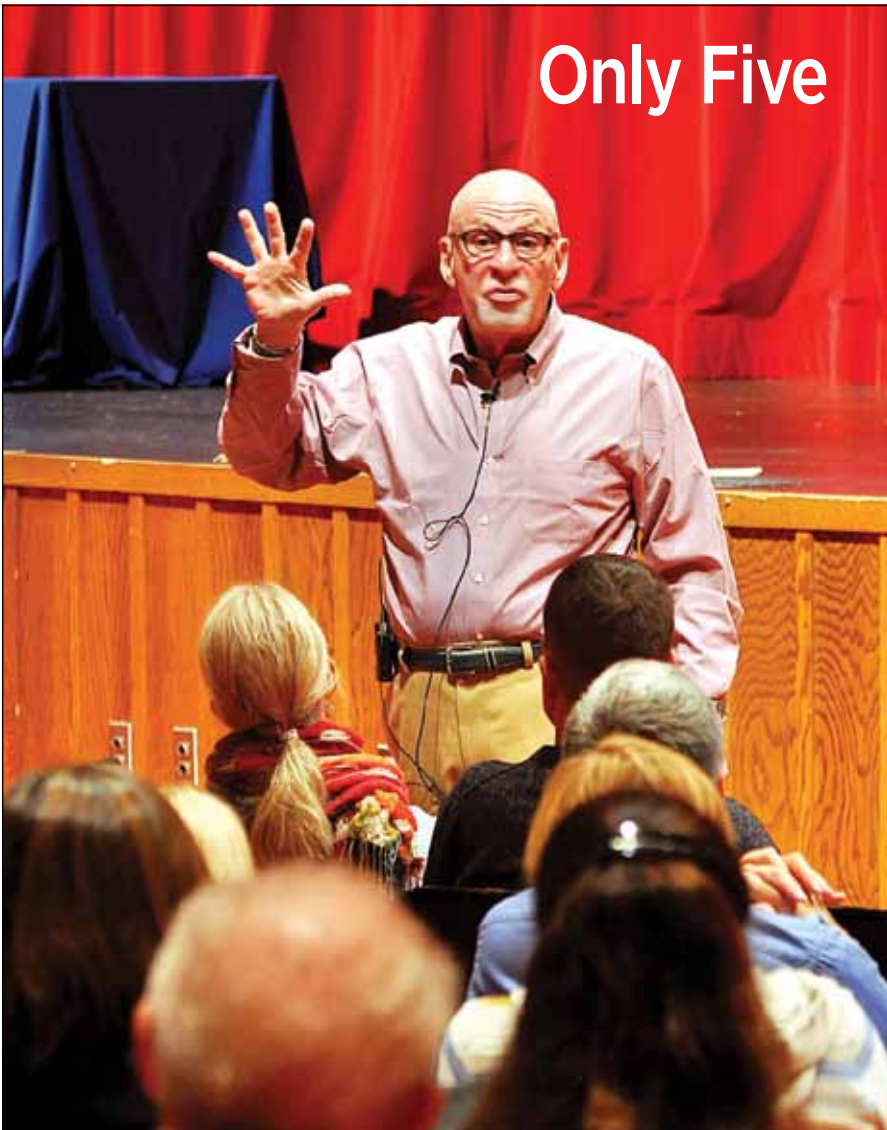


PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

During his Sept. 17 talk on drug abuse at Bay High, former DEA agent Bob Stutman asked the audience of around 300 parents how many of them keep their medications under lock and key. The response? Only five audience members raised their hand. Stutman focused much of his talk on the trend of teens starting drug experimentation at earlier ages than a generation ago. He emphasized throughout his talk that most teens and pre-teens start down the drug addiction path not by buying from a drug dealer, but by raiding the medicine chests of their parents and grandparents.

Bay High announces 3 National Merit Commended Students

Bay High seniors Elizabeth Auckley, Meghan Farthing and Edward Hughes were named Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Elizabeth Auckley plans to follow a pre-medical academic track at The Ohio State University next year. Meghan Farthing is planning to study biology and may attend the College of Wooster. Edward Hughes will major in chemical engineering and is hoping to enroll at Cornell University.

Commended Students placed among the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students based on their Preliminary SAT scores. The PSAT tests are taken in the students' junior year. ●



Bay High seniors Elizabeth Auckley (left), Meghan Farthing and Edward Hughes are Commended Students in the 2014 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Westlake High has 8 National Merit Semifinalists



Eight Westlake High School students were named 2014 National Merit Semifinalists in the National Merit Program, and will compete for about 8,300 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$34 million. They are, from left: Deepak Kumar, Apshara Ravichandran, Krish Shah, Sameena Khan, Jacob Wise, Paavani Reddy, Ethan Fitz and Michelle Adamczyk.



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MOONDANCE *continued from front page*

The sold-out crowd feasted on a variety of offerings from local restaurants including new additions The Root Cafe, Deagan's and Taki's. Returning favorites included Ironwood Cafe, 87 West, The Cabin Club, Sweet Melissa, Cafe Melissa, Great Scott's Bakery & Deli, Italian Creations, Carrabba's Italian Eatery and B Spot. Sweet Melissa and Costco provided desserts, and BAYarts' own Mojo's provided coffee. Great Lakes Brewing Company provided beer, Euro Fine Wines provided wine. RPM, Pat Catan's/Prizm and 21st Century Concrete were naming sponsors for the event.

"We only do one fundraiser a year, so we do it big," said Executive Director Nancy Heaton. "It allows us to provide free events the rest of the year. The community is incredibly supportive."

The event raised \$80,000 for operating expenses for the coming year. Save the date: Moondance 2014 will be Sept. 13. ●



Moondancers on the Sullivan Gallery wrap-around porch.

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Cleveland's Rust Belt group takes over BAYarts

BY PIXIE EMERSON

They do it collaboratively, they do it spontaneously and they do it live! Cleveland's Rust Belt Monster Collective is comprised of six area artists and they make improvisational artwork as a group all before the public's eye. Named "Best Local Artist" by Scene Magazine, the team is made up of Tim Switalski, Randy Crider, Erin Schechtman, Craig Worrell,

Ben Hale and Jim Giar. The collaborative efforts of this amazing assemblage has just wrapped up a 15-hour stint at Cleveland's Ingenuity Festival where they completed a 24-foot mural over two days. Two such murals hang at BAYarts where the group will take over the Dianne Boldman Gallery through October. Using unconventional canvases and their unique blended style, the monsters will breathe new life into forgotten objects. Their debut show opens Oct. 11 at BAYarts with a reception from 7-9 p.m. For details, visit bayarts.net or rustbeltmonster.com. ●



A segment of the most recent mural the monsters created at the Ingenuity Festival.



The paint-splattered Rust Belt Monster Collective break from their mural for a photo.



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Tuesday, Oct. 1, 10-11 a.m.

Book Study for Moms of Special Needs Kids

Please join us every other Tuesday for support, coffee and to share in our journey as moms of special needs kids, as we read the book, "They Say My Child Isn't Perfect: Seeing God's Plan for Your Special-Needs Child." We assume we'll be given a healthy child. So when God blesses us with a child with disabilities, we may get angry. We may ask, "Why me?" This study is designed for moms of special needs kids, to help answer the questions we have and help us on our journey. Free professional childcare is available. Please call the church at 440-871-3088 or email westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org to reserve your spot. Please note: This book is available in digital format only and can be purchased on Amazon for \$2.99. If you don't have an e-reader, you can read it on your computer. *Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.*

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 12:30-4:30 p.m.

AARP Driver Safety Class

Cars have changed, as have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day. Refresh your skills and save on premiums with some insurance companies (check yours). Cost is \$12 for AARP members and \$14 for non-members. Make checks payable to AARP. Call 835-6565 to register. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:45 p.m.

Westlake Candidates Forum

A classic League of Women Voters format will be used, with each candidate in a contested race giving short opening and closing remarks and an LWV moderator posing audience questions that have been screened for duplication, clarity, relevance and appropriateness. The candidates for Board of Education will appear first, followed by the contested candidates for Wards 1, 2 and 6. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Oct. 2, noon-12:30 p.m.

Developing Healthy Habits

Do you know what to do to be healthy but just don't do it? Are there people in your life that could benefit from a change of habits to help improve their quality of life? Join Drs Anthony and Casen DeMaria as they help you with accountability and developing new easy habits that will set you up for healthy success! Free and open to the public. *Gemini Bldg. #2, 2001 Crocker Rd., Ste. 100, Westlake*

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.

Free Family History Research Help Session

If you need help getting started or have come to a "road block" in your journey to find your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will be available to assist you, at the computer terminals, in the computer lab of Westlake Porter Public Library. There is no charge for this service. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7 p.m.

Bay Village Candidates Forum

A classic League of Women Voters format will be used, with each candidate in a contested race giving short opening and closing remarks and an LWV moderator posing audience questions that have been screened for duplication, clarity, relevance and appropriateness. The two mayoral candidates will appear first. Then the uncontested City Council candidates will speak for 3 minutes each. Finally, the six candidates in the contested elections for City Council Wards 2, 3 and 4 will

discuss their visions and plans for Bay Village. *Bay High School auditorium, 29230 Wolf Rd.*

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7-8:30 p.m.

Behavior Basics

Does your child listen to what you say? Does he/she throw long tantrums? Does your child have issues such as hitting or biting? Learn "Behavior Basics" from Christie Kimbler, M.Ed., Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This two-part series – Oct. 2 and Oct. 29, from 7-8:30 p.m. – is applicable for children with and without formal diagnosis. The first part of the lecture series will focus on teaching parents the tools to analyze the causes of their children's behaviors and simple strategies to prevent them. The second part will take the discussion to a deeper level and provide small group coaching with child intervention specialists. Parents MUST attend Part One to attend Part Two. Childcare is provided but space is limited, reserve a spot by emailing sarahrinta-maki@connectingforkids.org. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6-6:30 p.m.

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Do you know what to do to be healthy but just don't do it? Are there people in your life that could benefit from a change of habits to help improve their quality of life? Join Drs Anthony and Casen DeMaria as they help you with accountability and developing new easy habits that will set you up for healthy success! Free and open to the public. *Gemini Bldg. #2, 2001 Crocker Rd., Ste. 100, Westlake*

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-8 p.m.

Big Emotions, Practical Solutions

A therapeutic series to help you cope with emotions: anger, fear, anxiety and guilt. Learn coping strategies that can improve quality of life when coping with a cancer diagnosis. Meets Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6:30-8 p.m. Attend any or all 4 sessions. Advance registration for each session required by calling 216-595-9546. *The Gathering Place West, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.

Levy Information Night

Westlake Superintendent Dan Keenan and Cris Kennedy, chairperson for Citizens for Westlake Schools, will inform the community about facts regarding the Westlake City Schools' 5.4-mill operating levy – Issue 88 – on the Nov. 5 ballot. There will be an opportunity for audience questions. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Friday, Oct. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Flu Shots

Flu shots protect against this year's strains. Some insurances will cover the \$30 cost (check with yours to be sure). You will need both your Medicare card and insurance card. Or payment may be made by cash or a check payable to Maxim Healthcare. Please wear short sleeves. Appointments required, call 440-899-3409 or 899-3442. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Friday, Oct. 4, 6-9 p.m.

Fall Family Hayride Night

Fun for the whole family! Gather up the family and enjoy a pizza and salad dinner, hands-on fall activities for the kids, planetarium programs, live wildlife encounters and hayrides for all ages! Hayrides run rain or shine. Cost: \$12/adult, \$8/child. Please register in advance, 440-871-2900. *Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd., Bay Village*

Saturday, Oct. 5, 11 a.m.

2nd Annual Pet Blessing

In recognition of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Bishop A.J. Quinn and Deacon John Travis will individually bless all pets. The event will take place at the back of the Church, rain or shine. All dogs, cats and other household animals are welcome. Pets should be on leashes or in cages. Aside from the blessing, a limited number of St. Francis pet medals will be given away. Our pets are a blessing from God, so why not have them blessed? If they could talk, they no doubt would say: "Take me to the pet blessing!" *St. Ladislav Church, 2345 Bassett Rd., Westlake*

Sunday, Oct. 6, 9:30 a.m.-noon

Asian Missionaries to Speak

Rev. Tim and Rev. Lily Kinhead will be sharing at CrossPointe Community with a Q and A at 9:30 a.m. followed by worship with a presentation at 10:30 a.m. from the Kinheads of compassionate ministry in Kaohsiung, Taiwan. There will be a carry-in luncheon following and all are invited. *CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Rd., Westlake*

Sunday, Oct. 6, 2:30-3:15 p.m.

3rd Annual Blessing of the Pets

Lutheran Home Chaplain Jim Kulma will preside over a brief ceremony in the Chapel honoring St. Francis. The Lutheran Home's "Main Street" bird friends – from the indoor duck pond and finch aviaries – will also be blessed that day. The event is open to our residents and their families, our employees and the community. All "well behaved" animals on leashes or in carriers, are welcome! If your pet does not travel well, a photo will suffice. For more information contact Janice Snyder at 440-847-1031 or jsnyder@concordreserve.org. *Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 1 p.m.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame: Meet "A League of Their Own" Member

Meet Audrey Daniels, a Bay resident who was a star pitcher for the short-lived All-American Girls Professional Baseball League featured in "A League of Their Own." Watch the movie at 1 p.m. and then listen to Audrey share her experience and memorabilia afterwards. RSVP is required. 440-835-6565. Limited seating. *Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane, Bay Village*

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

E-books and Audio-books Update

Northeast Ohio Personal Computers' October meeting features Mary Pamela Myers from Porter Library's Popular Materials desk. Pam will cover Zinio, which allows you to instantly view magazines on most internet-enabled devices, as well as the new interface from Overdrive. Come at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the program at 7 p.m. This program is free and open to all. For additional info, go to www.neopc.org. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 7-8 p.m.

Evening Bible/Book Study for Parents of Special Needs Kids

Join us for support, coffee, and to share in our journey as parents of special needs kids as we read the book, "Unlocking the Treasure: A Bible Study for Those Entrusted with Special-Needs Children." This study is open to both moms and dads and is a great introduction to helping parents of special needs kids find hope and encouragement for our journeys. The group will meet every other

Wednesday evening, starting Oct. 9, for six weeks. Free professional childcare is available. Contact the church at 440-871-3088 or westlakeumc@westlakeumc.org to reserve your spot. *Westlake United Methodist Church, 27650 Center Ridge Rd.*

Thursday, Oct. 10, 12:30 p.m.

Bay Village Women's Club Meeting

The club will hear a presentation by former do-cent, Harlan Peterjohn, about Cleveland's oldest building, the Dunham Tavern, which dates back to 1824. This former stage coach stop was a political gathering place. *Bay Village Police Station community room, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:30-7 p.m.

Meet the Friends of Porter Public Library Board

The Friends of Porter Public Library's Board invites you to an Open House. Chat with the Friends Board, enjoy refreshments, and learn about Friends membership benefits and volunteer opportunities. *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

Saturday, Oct. 12, 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Spiraling Inward: A Time of Growth and Reflection

Create a personal and unique collage card, intuitively making visible what is within your heart, mind and soul, using the simple tools of scissors, glue and images. Come join us, as we blend the Labyrinth, an ancient tool for transformation and contemplation, with SoulCollage. Payment of \$20 due for registration by Oct. 4. *Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

Saturday, Oct. 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Better Business Bureau Free Shredding Event

The BBB and its partners will hold their bi-annual Secure Your ID Day in Westlake. Residents and small businesses are encouraged to attend the event and take a key step in identity protection by shredding and properly disposing of their sensitive paper documents as well as CDs and floppy discs. Bring up to 2 boxes or bags of items for shredding. *Rad Air Complete Car Care, 27051 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

Monday, Oct. 14, 7-8 p.m.

LIFE Anonymous

Dealing with personal life issues that are not substance abuse issues but nonetheless make life something less than happy, healthy and peaceful. The life stuff that you know is the right thing to do but you end up doing the wrong thing. Or the things that you should not do and you end up doing anyway. That describes the "human condition." This 12-step program seeks to address those issues and provide a means to experience real change. *CrossPointe Community, 1800 Columbia Rd., Westlake*

Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery

All are invited to help St Ladislav celebrate their 40th anniversary by attending "Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery." Art Hildebrandt, USNR, will lecture for 3 evenings. Lecture One will discuss the transition from estate to cemetery. Lecture Two will discuss the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier from WWI, WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Lecture Three will discuss JFK and the Kennedy Gravesite. Admission is FREE with all donations to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. *St. Ladislav Parish, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake*

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