

## ARTS & CULTURE

### International cast to perform excerpts from Handel's 'Alcina'

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

The FYI: Opera program on Wednesday, Oct. 8, features four talented voices from three countries, who will present an enticing menu of music created by George Frideric Handel almost three centuries ago.

David Bamberger, artistic director of the Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theater, will narrate the convoluted tale of love that Handel's music relates and music director John Simmons will accompany the voice students at the piano.

This exceptional music event takes place at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road.

Be it 1735 or 2014 love and lovers are a fascinating subject. Handel saw possibilities in the plot set on an enchanted island, ruled by a beautiful sorceress who wins lovers by casting spells over them, prompting a deserted fiancé, determined to recover her man, to infiltrate the island.

The CIM voice students who will present this appetizer of Handel's "Alcina" are Maria José Badano of Uruguay singing the title role of Alcina and Huiyu Zhang of China as Bradamante, the heroic woman out to save her lover.

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### An amazing migration

Normandy Elementary brings international monarch butterfly study to students



PHOTO BY JULIE HOLLAND

A monarch butterfly with an identification tag that was released at Normandy Elementary School in Bay Village.

by KAREN DERBY

Education is best when it is relevant for students, and Normandy Elementary School is using the annual migration of monarch butterflies from Canada to Mexico, and their Bay Village rest stop, to make learning about geography and science personal.

Bay Village is located right along the monarch butterflies' migration path, and students frequently see the beautiful-winged insects each fall and spring as the sojourners rest and replenish their nutrition during a journey that can reach 2,500 miles long.

Julie Holland, a Normandy

Elementary school librarian, is one of many people who watch for and record monarch butterfly sightings during the migration. She has been raising the butterflies from their eggs for 15 years. She tags and releases hundreds of them as part of an international effort to understand their migratory habits. Now she shares her excitement and knowledge with Normandy Elementary students.

This year, second-grade students in Mrs. Cathy Bogart's class are gaining a greater understand of where Bay Village is located in relation to the rest of North America, and they are learning how butterflies develop through four stages.

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OBSERVER SPECIAL FEATURE

### Bay councilman weighs in on deer decisions

by TOM HENDERSON

Deer. For many residents of Bay Village, that word elicits an emotional reaction. Some think of damage to their landscaping or remember when a loved one was injured in a deer-vehicle accident and wonder why the city isn't "doing something." Others think of the cute fawns in their back yard last spring or remember the joy of feeding them crabapples and wonder how anyone could ever consider "killing these beautiful creatures."

It's an emotional issue, but there are facts and research on the matter about which informed citizens should be aware. One way of framing the discussion is to focus on three key questions: Do we have a problem? If so, what should we do about it? Finally, how do we make sure our choices are safe, effective, and humane?

#### Do we have a problem?

Experts at the Cleveland Metroparks hold that a "deer problem" exists when the number of deer in a given area exceeds the environment's ability to support them. This includes situations where deer are negatively affecting the environment, as well as situations where deer-human interaction results in undesirable outcomes, such as landscape damage or vehicle accidents. Experts stress that it's all about "environmental balance."

Cleveland Metroparks and Cuyahoga Valley National Park reported that a population of up to 20 deer per square mile is reasonable in their parks. However, the "environmental balance" in a park differs from a suburb due to differences in forested versus developed space, vehicular traffic and the intended use of the land. The cities of Solon and Mentor decided that a population as low as 10 deer per square mile is reasonable for their communities.

By conducting aerial studies and engaging experts from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), officials determined that the city of Avon Lake contained 196 deer in March 2013 and 222 deer – 13 percent more – in March 2014. This equates to about 20 deer per square mile. Bay Village has not conducted a study to determine the number of deer in our city.

Avon Lake police recorded 26 deer-vehicle accidents in 2013 and collected several carcasses near the road, which police believe may be associated with unreported accidents. On two occasions, a deer has jumped into an Avon Lake resident's house – resulting not only in property damage, but also psychological trauma to the residents and an inhumane death for the deer. Bay Village police recorded 33 deer-vehicle accidents over the past year.

Residents of Ward 4, bordering Avon Lake, have issued several complaints to city council about the deer damaging their landscaping. This is less common in Ward 1 on the east side of town. This could reflect different realities on each side of town, since deer in Avon Lake may tread into western Bay Village – but this is not certain.

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A deer peers into a Bay Village home after nibbling on landscaping plants.

### FALLING INTO FUN AT THE WESTLAKE REC

by JIM DISPIRITO

Fall has arrived and the Westlake Recreation Department is ready to go. Three special events are on the calendar so stop on in and register before the leaves fall and you are left holding the rake!

First up is our second annual Spooktacular Scarecrow Contest. For \$20 you will receive the wood frame and straw. The rest is up to you. Deadline to register is Oct. 1, and then on Saturday, Oct. 4, you will stop in and pick up your supplies from the Recreation Department. Take them home and get your scarecrow together. Please return your assembled scarecrow to the Recreation Department by Oct. 16 for display and judging.

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Fall festivities abound at the Westlake Rec Center, including the annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Hunt on Oct. 11.





## BUTTERFLIES

from front page

"You can see how far it is from Bay Village to Disney World," Holland told students recently as she pointed to an interactive map of North America. "The distance from Bay Village to the El Rosario Sanctuary in Mexico, where the butterflies spend the winter, is much farther."

Students have watched monarch butterflies develop from an egg, to a caterpillar, to a chrysalis, and finally to an adult butterfly. They helped Holland release several monarch butterflies this year with lightweight, polypropylene tags attached. The tags, coated with a special 3M adhesive, are issued by an organization called Monarch Watch, based at the University of Kansas. They are numbered and identify the participant ordering them. Participants then record when and from where butterflies are released, and then they turn in the data sheets to Monarch Watch.

The second-graders are also participating in a "symbolic migration." They create the program's Ambassador Butterfly from their class, which carries a cluster of small, individually-colored butterflies and messages of friendship. The class will receive the same number of individual butterflies and messages from children across North America this spring.

Over the years, Holland has received word that three of the hundreds of tagged monarch butterflies she has released were found in Mexico. Two of the butterflies were raised by her from eggs, and



Julie Holland, a librarian at Normandy Elementary School in Bay Village, recently released some tagged monarch butterflies that will instinctively migrate to Mexico.

PHOTO BY AMY REED

one was caught with a net. "That told me that the butterflies I raised myself were as hardy as the one I caught," she said. "I even have the names of the people who found them. I hope to travel to Mexico to see the sanctuary, meet the people involved and possibly Skype back to students in our school."

No one really knows why monarch butterflies migrate to Canada and back to Mexico. Nor do we understand how the great-grandchildren who are born during the northbound trip find their way back to Mexico on their own. We do know that the population of monarch butterflies has been on a downward trend for many years due to a number of

factors, including loss of habitat and the use of pesticides.

Holland notes that we can do much as individuals to help save this beautiful butterfly from extinction. "Plant milkweed," she said. "Use it in a butterfly garden. There are many online resources to help you choose other plants to include. But please do not use pesticides. Remember, butterflies are insects."

A video of many of Normandy Elementary's monarch butterfly activities can be viewed at bayvillageschools.com/Normandy. More information on the monarch butterfly can be found at monarchwatch.org and journeynorth.org. ●

## ALCINA

from front page

Two Americans round out the cast, Rachel Kunce as Alcina's somewhat wacky younger sister Morgana and Kevin Adamik as Morgana's would-be lover Oronte.

Handel's opera "Alcina" premiered at the Covent Garden Theatre, London, on April 16, 1735.

More than 200 years later, in 1960, Australian soprano Joan Sutherland made her debut in Venice, Italy, in the role of Alcina and Renee Fleming sang the title role in 1999.

The Oct. 8 program is part of the FYI: Opera series which the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council has sponsored for over a quarter of a century, offering the programs FREE to the public. The FYI program offers an inviting sample of CIM's fully costumed production of "Alcina," which will be performed Nov. 5 and 8 at CIM's Kulas Hall in University Circle. Information and tickets for CIM's production are available at cim.edu/events/tickets.php or call 216-795-3211. ●



Cleveland Institute of Music's Alison Garrigan designed the costume, sketched above, for Morgana, Alcina's sister.

## Seasonal Job Opening

The Bay Village Service Department is currently accepting job applications for the 2014 Leaf Season. This is for seasonal employment to work mid-October through mid-December to work with our leaf crews on our curbside leaf collection program. Please call the Bay Village Service Department at 440-871-1221 or stop by 31300 Naigle Road to fill out a job application. The City of Bay Village is a equal opportunity employer.

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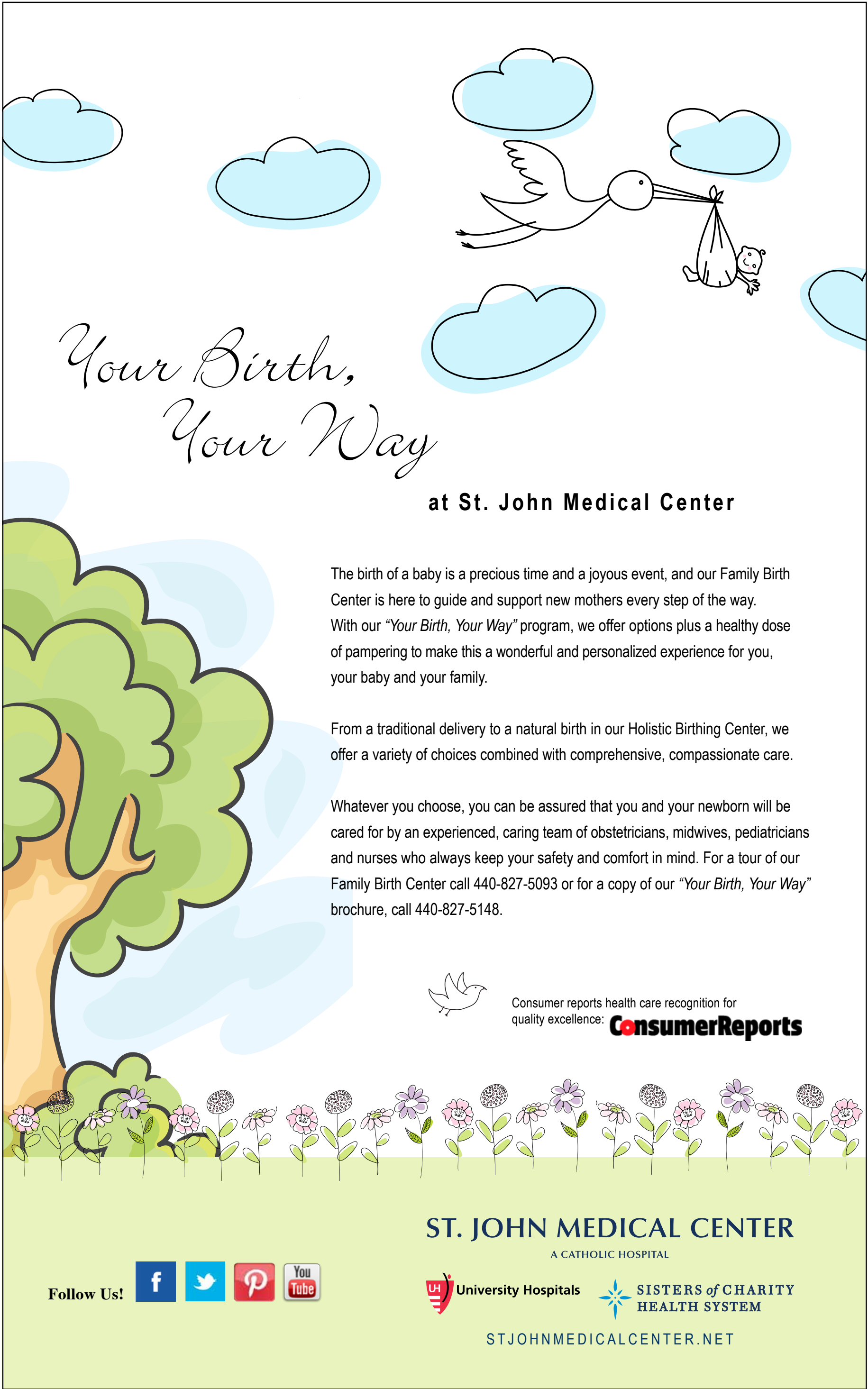
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## DEER *from front page*

Bay Village should work with the ODNR to determine our city's deer population, monitor deer-vehicle accident trends and evaluate methods to track and report residents' deer-related property damage throughout the city.

### What should be done?

In July, Avon Lake's City Council concluded there is an "overpopulation of white-tailed deer within the city" which "negatively impacts public health and safety" and passed an ordinance to permit the culling of deer by archery within Avon Lake under certain conditions.

Landowners in Avon Lake who desire to participate in the program are required to seek a Deer Damage Control Permit (DDCP), from the ODNR. If the ODNR concludes that "actual and substantial" property damage has occurred as result of deer, it may issue a DDCP. The DDCP may include situation-specific restrictions.

Owners are then required to seek a Municipal Deer Control Permit (MDCP) from the City of Avon Lake. The applicant must provide, among other things, a map documenting the location from which shooting would take place (e.g., a fixed location in a tree-stand 10 feet above the ground to ensure downward shooting for safety in the event of a missed shot), angles from the shooting location limiting the directions a shot may be taken, the names and contact information of all shooters and proof of each shooter's licensing and educational requirements.

When an application for an MDCP is filed with the City of Avon Lake, all adjacent residents will be notified of the application by mail. Bay's administration has stated that it will work with Avon Lake's administration to ensure any Bay resident whose property abuts an Avon Lake property for which an application is filed will also be notified.

Finally, the Avon Lake Chief of Police will consider the totality of the application, the characteristics of neighboring properties and any issues brought forth by residents to determine whether or not to issue the MDCP. He may also place additional restrictions on the permit after inspecting the proposed location.

On Sept. 16, members of Avon Lake's and Bay Village's city councils met in a public meeting to discuss Avon Lake's new ordinance. Preliminary discussion about whether or not to consider implementing the program in Walker Road Park was also held.

Although Walker Road Park is in Avon Lake, Bay Village and Avon Lake jointly own the park. Therefore, if the two cities would like to jointly apply for an Ohio DDCP and an Avon Lake MDCP, they may do so. Neither city may act unilaterally. Neither city has decided to take action yet.

There are myriad safety concerns to be considered. For example, the park would need to be closed, barricaded and monitored since there are many points of entry. Residents would need to be notified by mail. Only professional sharpshooters hired by the city should be permitted to conduct the program. Residents, elected representatives, wildlife experts and public safety officials must take part in the discussion. Public meetings must pro-

vide the forum.

Ultimately, the best course of action may be to wait and see what effect Avon Lake's new ordinance has on the deer population without permitting it to be implemented in Walker Road Park.

### How do we make sure our choices are safe, effective and humane?

People continue to move into Avon Lake and Bay Village. Land is developed, traffic increases, deer-human interaction evolves and the "environmental balance" shifts. Residents can use repellents, erect barriers or install landscaping known to be less desirable to a deer's palate. However, these actions do not have any effect on the deer population.

Wildlife experts and researchers have studied multiple methods to address deer overpopulation, including contraceptive programs, trapping and relocating, and shooting.

Ohio's administrative code bans implementation of a contraceptive program to manage deer population outside of scientific research. Avon Lake attempted to work with Tufts University to this end, but the ODNR required that Avon Lake exhaust all other methods of deer population management first. Concerns related to this option include cost, since contraceptives are only effective in deer for one to two years, and the risk that a heavily hormone-treated deer may end up in the human food chain during hunting season.

Trapping and relocating subjects deer to the risk of duress, painful injury and death. Clover traps, a popular mesh-sided trapping device, have been found to result in the death of 1 in 5 trapped deer, often as a result of the deer harming itself while attempting to escape. Further, researchers have found that up to

75 percent of relocated deer die within one year of transplantation, often due to a lack of familiarity with food sources and predators in the new environment.

Since 1998, the Cleveland Metroparks have employed experienced and trained teams of law enforcement officers (rangers) who shoot with firearms, often resulting in near-instantaneous death of the deer. The venison is typically donated to the Cleveland Food Bank. Researchers have found that experienced hunters using modern archery equipment to hunt white-tailed deer hit their target 89 percent of the time.

If one considers "suffering" to be level of pain experienced multiplied by the length of time pain is experienced, then deer dispatched by professional sharpshooters are less likely to suffer as much as deer killed in deer-vehicle accidents or deer which are trapped and relocated. In this frame of mind, active deer population management may be

considered more humane than taking no action – particularly when the human safety and property damage concerns of deer-human interaction are taken into account.

As a community, we should determine if we have a deer problem, decide what to do about it and ensure our choices are safe, effective, and humane. Do your own research, develop your own opinions and engage your neighbors in conversation to understand their perspectives. Contact your local elected representatives to express your views and watch for announcements of public meetings to learn more and ensure your voice is heard.

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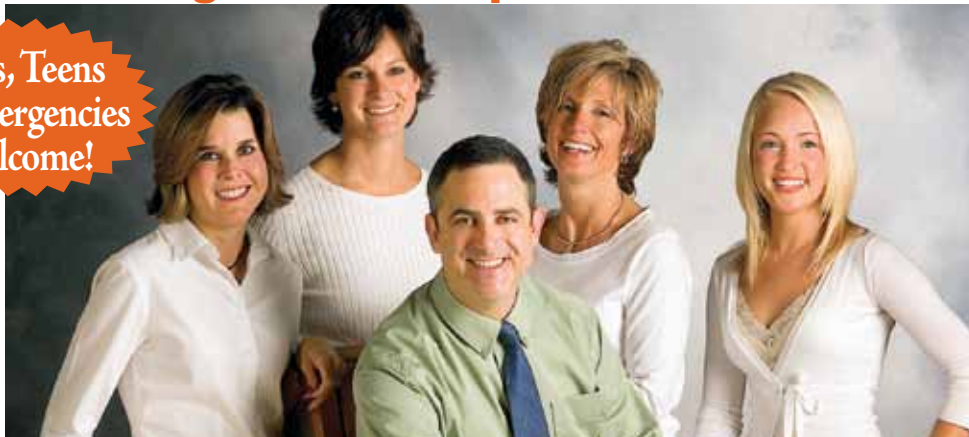


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Bay Councilman Tom Henderson, center, looks over an aerial map of Walker Road Park with Avon Lake Police Chief Duane Streator, Bay Councilman Dave Tadych, Bay resident Edward Papp and Bay Councilman Steve Lee following a Sept. 16 meeting on Avon Lake's deer culling ordinance.

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THE DIGITAL WORLD

# On the edge of the IoT revolution

BY TAK SATO

I hate needles. I like chronograph watches. I am a Type 2 diabetic. These are true sentences about me, but if mentioned without context, can seem unrelated and would make a boring article. But if mentioned during a discussion about “wearable technology” and what “Internet of Things” mean, latter being a more conceptual terminology starting to lap the tech jargon circuit, I can use them to connect the dots.

Let's start by demystifying Internet of Things, “IoT” for short. IoT is a conceptual term starting to lap the tech jargon circuit. It is a concept where all things in the digital world, aka gadgets, have intelligence to communicate with each other. Further this communication between gadgets is possible because of the ever-shrinking computer circuitry, aka “brains” of the gadget, that utilizes the internet to communicate.

Not to get the sci-fi geeks too excited, we're not yet talking about Terminator-esque “man versus machine” scenario. Rather, as it currently stands, we are able to do things that were unimaginable in the past without human intervention like taking our blood pressure, reading blood glucose levels, dimming the light in the living room or knowing that you have to stop at the store on your way home from work because you're low on milk.

Through the benefits provided by IoT, these can be done with accuracy and without much human intervention. In my case, technology to monitor blood glucose levels is almost here, without pricking my finger twice a day. The benefits are limitless, if anything bound only by our

imaginations. Just like the internet itself was a disruptive innovation that changed how we live our lives, IoT will further enable the effects of the internet to penetrate deeper into every nook and cranny of our lives.

However futuristic the above may sound we are already at the infancy of the IoT revolution and “wearable technology” is driving the market today. We have routinely explored the benefits ushered in by “Power of One” devices; smartphones and tablets can be operated with one finger and are so intuitive to use that these devices are appropriate for many. This is because traditional computers exude “everything but the kitchen sink” complexity. The current crop of wearable technology complements smartphones and tablets as they communicate with each other.

For instance, you may want to keep track of how much you have walked today without having to clip an unsightly pedometer to your waistband. Instead have your smartphone, that goes everywhere with you already, use its built-in global positioning system (GPS) to track your steps. Or do you fancy the watch Dick Tracy wore? It is already here as wearables, referred to as “smart” watches, with products such as the Samsung “Gear” and Apple's upcoming “Apple Watch.” And I'm sure you've heard about “Google Glasses,” which in my mind catapulted interest in wearable technology.

Wearable technology, once confined to geeks' love of gadgets, now is marketed as a fashionable complement to your smartphones. It's only the start of the IoT revolution!

*Next issue's topic: Our semi-annual update on trying to stay safe in the digital world. ●*

FAMILY OBSERVATIONS

# Morning Routine

by RJ JOHNSON, pastor of Advent Westlake

When Benjamin Franklin rose in the morning, he would wash, address the “Powerful Goodness,” and ask himself, “What good shall I do this day?”

The author P.G. Wodehouse would immediately go to his back porch to exercise, then make his breakfast. While he ate, he would read an adventure or mystery novel.

Other than being successful in their fields, these two men had something in common. Children were not part of their morning routines. If children are part of your morning routine, either Wodehouse's or Franklin's routine might sound like heaven, even if Franklin did rise at 5 a.m. every morning.

Although my morning routine is somewhat less predictable, I can safely predict the first two things that happen are letting out the dog and starting the coffee. If I do not do these two things before I am interrupted the results can be catastrophic.

At some point my son wanders through the kitchen on his way to the laundry room to pull a clean shirt out of his clean bin. That's the bin of clothing he was supposed to put away last night. He then sits at the counter and watches as I put his lunch together.

“What do you want for breakfast?” I ask.

“Can I have waffles?” he replies.

“We don't have time for waffles on a school day,” I remind him as I did yesterday, and the day before...

Then I pour him a bowl of cereal, or spread some cream cheese on a bagel and hand it across the counter to him.

At some point my daughter enters the kitchen, darting back and forth between the refrigerator and counter putting her breakfast together. I stand back, say a quick good morning, and let her get what she needs. I know better than to interrupt the morning routine of a teenage girl. The results can be more catastrophic than not letting the dog out.

The sound of paper tearing comes from the desk. “What is the cat chewing up now?” I ask.

My son wanders over, and picks up a piece of paper with one edge torn off, looks at it and shrugs. “It's my homework,” he says with in a matter-of-fact tone. I gave up on explaining that the cat could not chew on his homework if he put it in a folder some time ago. I trust that he will someday figure it out.

Eventually everyone is ready. I give them a hug and tell them to have a good day at “la escuela,” and they head out the door with my wife who will drop them at school.

The routines of Franklin and Wodehouse might sound like heaven in theory, but on those days when I sleep in, and do not get to tell my children to have a good day, I miss the reality of my morning routine. Family life can feel chaotic, especially in the morning before school, but it is what makes my home feel full. ●

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SPORTING VIEWS

# Tribe Swishing with re-Bourn roster

by JEFF BING

It was only about a month ago on these pages I wrote about the premature decline of departed Indians players Justin Masterson and Asdrubal Cabrera. I wish the list of disappointments ended there, but unfortunately – much like John Adams' trusty tom-tom – the beat goes on.

Recall just under two years ago when many of us rejoiced the fact that the burdensome contracts given to such players as Grady Sizemore and Travis Hafner had expired, freeing up some cash which would enable the Tribe to hopefully pluck some gems from the free agent market.

The Indians went out and promptly signed free agents Nick (Mr. “Bro-hio”) Swisher and Michael Bourn. To say that they adequately replaced Hafner and Sizemore would be the more diplomatic way of stating the issue. To say that they are no longer burdened with ill-advised contracts would not.

What's not to like about Swisher's 30 homers and 105 RBI? Outside the fact that it took *two* years to achieve those numbers, nothing much. And, speaking of nothing, that's what they've basically received from Michael Bourn in his two years with the Indians (as of this writing). A batting average in the .260's, with 33 stolen bases and an alarming 18 “caught-stealing's” (again, over two years) from the guy who was supposed to make us forget about Kenny Lofton? Heck, Bourn's barely made me forget about Casey Kotchman.

And Swisher even has me longing for – gulp – Johnny Damon.

I have to admit, I was a little leery at the time about the signing of Swisher, but I thought Bourn would be the lead-off hitter we'd needed since Grady Sizemore was healthy, the last time of which I believe coincided with the sighting of Halley's Comet. Of course, by now, I should be leery about *anyone* the team of Shapiro/Antonetti signs.

What should be terribly disconcerting for manager Terry Francona is that we have Swisher and Bourn “locked up” for another two seasons. And, yes, given the success (obviously, I use the term loosely) rate of the Indians front office when it comes to free agents, there are others I wish were also “locked up” – if you know what I mean.

The real shame of the two-year wait we have staring us in the face is that the Indians have the makings of a top-notch (read: contending) pitching staff, but a second-rate offense and a bitterly putrid defense. And, oh yeah: Get ready to hear the front office sing the blues over the winter about how poor the attendance was in 2014 – as the excuse for not going after some legitimate hitters as well as their need to stay within “budget” – because we've all heard that song before. Never mind the fact that the level of confidence the fans have in this ownership group is about as low as possible; it will be *our* faults again for not supporting these guys.

Ah, 2017 ... I can hardly wait! ●

# Westshore CERT training starts Oct. 4

Whether everyday emergencies like injuries, fires, outages or large scale disasters, community preparedness starts with you. If you were there, would you be part of the problem or solution? The Westshore Regional Community Emergency Response Team (WSC) is offering free classes on topics such as disaster preparedness, emergency medical considerations, search and rescue procedures, fire suppression, disaster psychology and more.

The 20-hour FEMA course is conducted by local safety professionals. Westshore residents

who are over 18 years of age, successfully complete training, and pass a background check are eligible for team membership. Visit westshorecert.org for more program and team information.

Training begins Saturday, Oct. 4. The five consecutive Saturday morning classes will be held at the Westlake Service Center from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Do your part to keep your family and our neighborhoods safe and prepared. To register or for more information contact WSC Coordinator Tricia Granfors at 440-716-4135 or granforst@north-olmsted.com. ●



# Bay Community Council meets to discuss upcoming events

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

The Bay Village Community Council met recently to discuss plans for fall and early winter events. The Community Council is made up of representatives from the city's many community organizations. Following are some of the events discussed at the meeting.

The Bay Village **American Legion Post #385** sponsors boys and girls state representatives, participates in Eagle Scout Honor Courts, conducts an official flag retirement twice a year, and hosts bingo night at the VA Hospital three times a year. In recognition of the new buildings at Westlake High School, the Legion presented the principal and student body president with a new, full-size, American flag for the school's flagpole. As part of this year's Veterans Week program, the Legion will place special markers on the graves of veterans buried at the St. Paul Cemetery in Westlake.

The **Bay Village Community Band** has announced its 2014 concert schedule. Concerts are free and open to the public. The Second Annual Band Spooktacular, a program of spine-tingling Halloween music in a kid-friendly atmosphere, takes place at Bay Middle School on Oct. 22, 7 p.m. Costumes for concert goers are encouraged. Last year's event had some great sponsors and great prizes. Visit [www.bvcb.org](http://www.bvcb.org) for details.

"Cleveland's Lighthouse History" was the topic of a presentation by author Janice Patterson at the Sept. 18 meeting of the **Bay Village Historical Society**. The talk was accompanied by a display of artwork showcasing lighthouses, created by local artist and Bay Village Historical Society member Marge Gulley. Other upcoming historical society programs include, "Ohio's Unsung Heroines," a presentation about women during the Civil War, on Nov. 13. Speaker George McNulty will relate the history of Playhouse Square, including current development, at the Feb. 20 meeting. Bay Village Police Chief Mark Spaetzel will discuss the unsolved Amy Mihaljevic case that occurred in 1989. That meeting will be in the spring of 2015. The historical society is planning narrated tours of Lakeside Cemetery in Bay Village on Oct.

26. Tours will leave from Huntington Playhouse, where refreshments will be available. Present a promotional flyer to your server at TGI Fridays on Oct. 8, 11 a.m. to midnight, and 20 percent of your food order will benefit the Bay Village Historical Society. For more information, visit [www.bayhistorical.com](http://www.bayhistorical.com). The Bay Village Historical Society also has a Facebook page.

The **Bay Village Education Foundation** is preparing for its grant-giving cycle. About \$10,000 in grants for educational programs are awarded annually. The foundation's annual fundraiser at Arrabiatta's restaurant is Jan. 25, 2015. Visit [www.bayedfoundation.org](http://www.bayedfoundation.org).

The **Bay Village Fireworks Fund** committee will resume its fundraising efforts in February. Prizes are being sought for the annual raffle. Contact Eric Eakin at 440-835-2718 or email [ericjeakin@gmail.com](mailto:ericjeakin@gmail.com).

The **Bay Village Branch Library** and the **Westlake | Bay Village Observer** are teaming up to present the Bay Cares Fall Fest on Oct. 4, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the library. This fun, family-friendly outing will showcase many of the community organizations that help to make Bay a great city. The indoor and outdoor event will include the DonutLab food truck, kids' crafts, music by a Bay Community Band ensemble and tables with representatives of Bay's civic organizations. The event is free and open to the public. For information, visit [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com).

The **Bay Village Garden Club** has placed a Blue Star Memorial in the rose garden and decorates the planters at the entrances to the city. The annual Greening of Bay is Dec. 3 and Dec. 4.

The **Bay Village Kiwanis** pancake breakfast is Oct. 12 at Bay Middle School. The annual Christmas tree sale begins Thanksgiving weekend. The group recently presented the Early Childhood PTA with \$15,000 towards a new playground at Normandy School. The Kiwanis group sponsors the Academic Achievement awards ceremony at Bay High School in the spring.

**Cahoon Community Christmas** returns to the Community House on Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Community groups are invited to place decorated

trees along Rose Hill Lane. Santa Claus will arrive at the Community House by fire truck to greet the children and hear their Christmas requests. Civic organizations interested in participating with a table in the Community House or a sponsorship can contact Rhonda Schneider at [rdschneider56@gmail.com](mailto:rdschneider56@gmail.com) or Cynthia Eakin at [case915@aol.com](mailto:case915@aol.com).

The next meeting of the **Bay Village Women's Club** will be Oct. 9 at the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center. Light refreshments will be served at the 12:30 p.m. meeting, followed by a presentation in the new Planetarium. The holiday luncheon and raffle is slated for Dec. 4, Westwood Country Club. The annual antique show is at Bay High School on Feb. 14-15, 2015. Bay memorabilia, including afghans, cookbooks, miniature houses and playing cards are for sale. Visit [www.bayvillagewomensclub.org](http://www.bayvillagewomensclub.org) or call Nancy at 440-334-7530 for information. Purchases support Women's Club civic contributions to the community and scholarships for Bay High seniors.

The **Bay Village Men's Club** meets the first Thursday of each month, September through June. The club is celebrating its 100th anniversary next year. The annual Lake Erie perch fry takes place in October. Visit [www.baymensclub.org](http://www.baymensclub.org) for membership information.

The **Martha Devotion Hunting-ton Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)** is continuing the Fly-a-Flag project with Kiwanis and American Legion Post #385 until Veterans Day. American flags and brackets are provided and installed for Bay residents unable to do this themselves. Contact Deb at 440-871-7680 or email [deb@spffutures.com](mailto:deb@spffutures.com). Contact Doris Gorgas at [lablady76@wowway.com](mailto:lablady76@wowway.com) for chapter membership information.

The **Peter Navarre Chapter United States Daughters of 1812** continues to offer War of 1812 coloring books. Volunteers are needed to help with the online index to Ohio grave records of servicemen of the War of 1812. Visit [www.ohiodaughters1812.org](http://www.ohiodaughters1812.org) for details. Contact Marlene Wilkinson at [marwilk32@hotmail.com](mailto:marwilk32@hotmail.com) for chapter membership information.

The **League of Women Voters Greater Cleveland, Bay Village Chapter,**

is having its next chapter meeting at the Bay Village Library on Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. The guest speaker is Ward 2 Councilman Paul Vincent. He chairs the council's Services, Utilities and Equipment Committee and is a member of the Planning, Zoning, Public Grounds and Buildings Committee and Recreation and Park Improvements. He is also council's representative to the Architectural Board of Review. The public is invited to attend. The deadline to register to vote in the Nov. 4 election is Oct. 6. Registration forms are available at the library, city hall and the Dwyer Senior Center, or you can visit [www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://www.boe.cuyahogacounty.us).

The **Lake Erie Nature and Science Center Women's Board** Oct. 1 meeting will include an update by Katherine Timko on the new Planetarium. The annual holiday Carousel crafts show is Nov. 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Center.

The **Bay Village Early Childhood PTA** is holding its annual Children's Resale Event on Oct. 4, 8 a.m. to noon at Bay High School. Admission is \$5 before 9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon. Bay High Homecoming is Oct. 10. Attendees can get a Rocket Meal Deal for \$5 after the parade and before the football game. The "Hidden in Plain Sight" drug prevention program is Oct. 1, 7 p.m. at Bay High School. The PTA Council is again offering a Love and Logic class this fall. The program begins Sept. 30 and runs for six weeks. Visit [www.bayvillageschools.com](http://www.bayvillageschools.com) for information. The PTA Scholarship Auction is Nov. 8, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., at Rocky River Memorial Hall. Tickets are \$35 a person at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). The annual fall rake-out is Nov. 14.

The **Bay Village Foundation** has grants available for community groups. Grant applications are reviewed in March and awarded Memorial Day weekend. Bay Village Foundation representatives will talk with your group about applying for grants. Contact Evelyn Allen at 440-871-6681. The Bay Village Foundation is sponsoring a five-year program to renovate Play in Bay playground. ●

*The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council is Nov. 11, 7 p.m., hosted by the Village Project, 27378 W. Oviatt Road. All community organizations are invited to attend.*

## Researching WWI and WWII military records topic of meeting

by JAYNE BROESTL

Ken Burns' well done 14-hour documentary "The Roosevelts: An Intimate History" aired on PBS beginning on Sept. 14. The series explored the relationship of Theodore, Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt, in two-hour segments each night for one week. Most interesting was the historical account of their roles, during World War I and World War II.

If you are a baby boomer, it is likely that your father and/or grandfather served in one, or both, of these wars. Many did not talk about their experiences during their lifetime. Have you ever desired to explore the sacrifices your family member made to insure our freedoms and way of life? October is Family History Month and Veterans Day is close at

hand on Nov. 11. Now is a good time to honor their service by beginning or furthering your search for their military records.

Writer, lecturer, GeneaBlogger and former Ohio Genealogical Society trustee Wally Huskonen will present "Researching WWI and WWII Military Records" at the next Cuyahoga West Chapter, OGS meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Cuyahoga West Vice President Debby Basiewicz will also share how, and what, she learned about her father's service in WWII. The public is invited. Program begins at 7 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7 p.m.

For additional information, go to [rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs](http://rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohcwogs) or email [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com). ●

## Get your game on at Porter Library!

Westlake Porter Public Library has a new way for video gamers to get their game on. The library has introduced a revolving video game collection for users. The collection, which includes titles for Wii, PlayStation and Xbox, is made available through the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System, a regional library consortium.

The games available include popular titles such as Just Dance, Super Mario Brothers, Halo, Call of Duty, Batman, Star Wars, Naruto, and many more. The collection will rotate, so different titles will be available every three months.

Library cardholders will be limited to two checkouts per week from this collection. The loan period is seven days, with no renewals. The library's standard fine and fee structure applies to this collection.

For more information about the collection, call the library at 440-150-5447 or visit [www.westlakelibrary.org](http://www.westlakelibrary.org). ●



**BAY VILLAGE GREEN TEAM**

# Community House's future is brighter with recent upgrade

by PATRICK MCGANNON

On Sept. 24, four members of the Bay Village Green Team gathered to install energy efficient lighting upgrades on the main floor of the historic 132-year-old Community House in Cahoon Park. The Green Team has been conducting its meetings at the Community House for most of its 7-year existence and recently decided to donate the project as a way to thank the city for its support. The project is also a way to show how energy efficiency upgrades can quickly pay for themselves and save money in the long run, even in old structures.

A total of sixty 13-watt, compact florescent lamps (CFLs) replaced sixty 60-watt incandescent bulbs. That reduced the energy consumption of the lighting from 3,600 watts down to 780 watts without reducing the light output (measured in lumens). In fact, the light output of the new lighting is noticeably brighter. The old incandescent bulbs gave off 780 lumens each and the new CFLs are rated at 900 lumens each.

Some people associate florescent lights with a blue-color lighting that is not pleasing to the eye. This is not an issue with the lighting chosen for the Community House. The correlated color temperature, rated in Kelvins (K), of the chosen CFLs closely matches that of the incandescent bulbs that they replaced. This makes it very difficult to tell that the bulbs are not the old incandescent.

The 60 CFLs cost the Green Team \$80, but will save many times that during their lifespan. Based on the average usage and current cost of electricity for the facility, the new lighting will save about \$145 in energy costs in the first year of operation alone. This more than pays for the cost of the upgrade.

If rental hours in future years remain the same as this past year, then the new lighting should last more than 15 years before needing to be replaced. Typical incandescent bulbs last around 3,000 hours and the new CFLs should last around 10,000 hours. During the total lifespan of the new lighting, it should save the city \$2,197 in utility costs, assuming the utility costs remain the same for the next 15 years. Additional savings will be gained from reduced bulb replacement by city workers. Instead of replacing incandescent bulbs every 4.5 years, they will now only need to change bulbs every 15 years with the new CFLs. If utility rates rise, then even more savings will be realized.



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Bay Village Green Team members Pat McGannon, Warren Remein and Brenda O'Reilly replace lightbulbs in the Community House with energy efficient CFLs.



The new CFLs, right, last three times longer and save four times the energy of incandescent bulbs.

If you would like to upgrade incandescent lighting in your house to more energy efficient lighting, then consider CFLs or LEDs. Both will save you money in the long run, despite a slightly higher up-front cost.

If matching the color of your existing incandescent lighting is important to you, then be sure to choose bulbs with a Kelvin rating of 2700K. Because all manufacturers of bulbs are now required to print the Kelvin rating and lumen output on the box, you can easily find this information when shopping.

When the CFLs eventually die, be sure to recycle them, for free, at your local home improvement store. The CFLs contain a very small amount of mercury and should be recycled to prevent its release into the atmosphere. LEDs, on the other hand, do not contain mercury.

Visit [www.bayvillagegreenteam.org](http://www.bayvillagegreenteam.org) or stop by the Green Team's table at the Bay Cares Fall Fest, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bay Library to learn more ways to reduce your energy usage. ●



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## COUNTY COUNCIL

### I Want To Earn Your Vote on Nov. 4

by DAVE GREENSPAN

January 1, 2011, was the day in which a voter-supported referendum designed to transform our government from a three-member Board of County Commissioner structure to a County Executive and Council form of representation went into effect. I am honored to serve you on our inaugural County Council.

This was not the first time that I was elected to serve on an inaugural legislative body. In 2005, I was elected to serve on the first City Council of the City of Sandy Springs, Georgia. This experience and more importantly, this relative experience of forming a new governmental structure has proven invaluable as we forge forward in Cuyahoga County. This experience coupled with my professional executive background has afforded me the tools necessary to effectively represent this district and county.

It's my belief that an elected official should be well rounded and present legislation that crosses multiple areas of interest to the residents of our County. I am proud to report that I have done just that. I have sponsored legislation in the areas of ethics and transparency, finance and budget, veteran's affairs, public works and community engagement, just to name a few.

It's my hope, that my record and my commitment to the residents of this district and county will be recognized by the voters in District 1 and that you will return me to continue to work on your behalf.

I want to earn your vote, again, on Nov. 4.

Thank you for your continued support. ●



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### It's All About Jobs!

by NAN BAKER

Thank you to the Westlake | Bay Village Observer for giving me the opportunity to share some of the exciting work we've accomplished in this 130th General Assembly. I am serving my sixth year at the Ohio House as your District 16 State Representative representing Bay Village, Fairview Park, North Olmsted, Rocky River and Westlake.

I currently chair the Economic Development and Regulatory Reform Committee and serve on the Ways and Means and Labor and Commerce Committees. In 2011, we were faced with balancing a budget with an \$8 billion budget deficit. Our budget is now balanced and we enacted pro-job legislation, making us now a much stronger, productive Ohio.

During those very difficult times, balancing our state budget had to be our highest priority. We asked every state agency to tighten their budgets as our taxpayers and businesses had already done. Increasing taxes on our struggling Ohioans was not an option. Now, in 2014, Ohio is successfully emerging from one of the most pivotal economic periods in history.

I am proud to say that over 250,000 new private sector jobs have been created since January 2011 (we lost nearly 400,000 jobs prior to 2011) and according to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, Ohio is again a national leader in job creation: No. 1 in job creation in the Midwest since January 2013 and No. 7 in the nation in job creation in the past year. Our focus in the next General Assembly is to reinforce our workforce training initiatives. ●



## STATE REPRESENTATIVE

### You Have A Choice!

by TODD LEVECK

When the race for State House District 16 began in the spring, many voters had never heard of me. I've never held an elected office; my life experience has been raising my family, serving my country, teaching kids and paying my bills. But I've also been paying attention to what goes on in Columbus.

What I see are representatives in the Ohio General Assembly who seem to be most interested in taking care of special interests, raising campaign contributions, and furthering their own political careers.

I am running for State Representative because I feel that we need a representative who will support our public schools, local governments, seniors and middle-class families.

Our legislators continue to advance an agenda that benefits the well connected and the wealthy at the expense of workers, seniors and the middle class. In the most recent budget, we saw the elimination of the Homestead Exemption for many of our seniors, massive cuts to our schools and local government funds, and an increase in the sales tax. Meanwhile, Ohio's economy continues to stall, as we led the nation in jobs lost in July.

By Election Day, we will have knocked on over 10,000 doors and made over 20,000 phone calls to voters in the district. Our message has been well-received at the doors, and I believe that voters in our district are ready for a new direction.

I am excited about the opportunity to bring a fresh perspective and the voice of workers, homeowners, and middle-class families to Columbus. ●



## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### October is Voter Education Month

by CONDA BOYD

If you have the right to vote, you also have the responsibility to research. Below is a listing of voter education resources and websites compiled by the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland. Visit [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com) for direct links. **Your Registration, Ballot and Polling Place:** Visit [boe.cuyahogacounty.us](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us) to verify your registration, find your polling place, view your ballot, request a vote by mail application, track your ballot, register to vote, and update your address.

**Vote by Mail:** If you request a Vote by Mail ballot, please use it. If you go to the polls instead, you will have to cast a provisional ballot.

**Voter Guides:** Links are available here: [lwvgreatercleveland.org/observer-reports/voter-guides-forum-video](http://lwvgreatercleveland.org/observer-reports/voter-guides-forum-video)

#### Forums and Debates:

- Ohio Governor and Lieutenant Governor: No forum is scheduled.
- Ohio Auditor of State: Bob Bridges, John Patrick Carney and Dave Yost debated at the City Club: [cityclub.org/events/ohio-auditor-of-state-debate](http://cityclub.org/events/ohio-auditor-of-state-debate)
- Ohio House District 16 (Baker vs. LeVeck) and Cuyahoga County Council District 1 (Greenspan vs.

Szabo) candidates met for an LWV forum at Westlake Porter Public Library. Video will be available at: [lwvgreatercleveland.org/forum-video](http://lwvgreatercleveland.org/forum-video)

- US House of Representatives District 16: Pete Crossland and Jim Renacci debated at the City Club: [cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-district-16-congressional-debate](http://cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-district-16-congressional-debate)
- Cuyahoga County Executive: Armond Budish and Jack Schron debated at the Renaissance Hotel: [cityclub.org/events/cuyahoga-county-executive-debate](http://cityclub.org/events/cuyahoga-county-executive-debate)
- Oct. 1 – Ohio Attorney General: David Pepper, the Democratic candidate, will explain his platform and qualifications to the City Club at noon. (The incumbent is not participating.) [cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-attorney-general-forum](http://cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-attorney-general-forum)
- Oct. 6 – US House of Representatives District 9: Marcy Kaptur and Richard May will debate at the City Club at noon: [cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-district-9-congressional-debate](http://cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-district-9-congressional-debate)
- Oct. 15 – Cuyahoga County Executive candidates Budish and Schron will meet for a forum at 7 p.m. at Kulas Musical Arts Building, Baldwin Wallace, 96 Front St., Berea.
- Oct. 28 – Ohio Secretary of State: Nina Turner, the Democratic candidate, will explain her platform and qualifications to the City Club at noon. (The incumbent is not participating.) [cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-secretary-of-state-forum](http://cityclub.org/events/ohio-s-secretary-of-state-forum)

#### Issues:

- List: [boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf\\_boe/en-US/2014/04Nov2014Issues.pdf](http://boe.cuyahogacounty.us/pdf_boe/en-US/2014/04Nov2014Issues.pdf)
- Guide: [lwvgreatercleveland.org/observer-reports/voter-guides-forum-video](http://lwvgreatercleveland.org/observer-reports/voter-guides-forum-video). ●

## LWV offers voter guide help

by JANICE PATTERSON

What good is an online voter guide if you're uncertain about how to use it? The Westlake-North Olmsted Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland will tackle this dilemma in two public sessions during October.

The free hands-on sessions will take place on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 1 p.m. and Monday, Oct. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Computer Lab at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Attendees from all local communities will be able to take home a printout of their selections to use as they cast their ballots for the Nov. 4 election.

The LWV of Greater Cleveland has teamed with the Northeast Ohio Media Group to prepare an online voter guide covering the Nov. 4 elections. The voter guide at [vote.cleveland.com](http://vote.cleveland.com) is expected to be up and running by

Oct. 1. This resource follows the League's longstanding non-partisan format for candidate-supplied information that is disseminated exactly as prepared by the candidates. The League of Women Voters does not support or oppose candidates.

For further information about the help sessions, call Carole Koscielny at 440-356-4544.

Oct. 6 is the last day one can register to vote or update personal information on the voting lists. Absentee voting begins Oct. 7. Requests for absentee ballots are due to the Board of Elections no later than noon on Nov. 1.

Early voting hours at Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, 2925 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, are: weekdays, Oct. 7-31: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 25: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 1: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, Nov. 2: 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, Nov. 3: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. ●



# WESTLAKE REC

from front page

The annual Fall Festival & Pumpkin Hunt will be held on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 1-4 p.m. on the grounds of the Westlake Recreation Center. Come for this fun-filled festival for ages 9 and younger with a pumpkin hunt, face painters, hay rides, refreshments and more fun and games than you can imagine.

Following last year's Tales from the Trail is the new Trick or Treat Trail. On Saturday, Oct. 18, starting at 7 p.m. and lasting until 9 p.m., participants can walk the Trick or Treat Trail on the grounds of the Westlake Recreation Center. The trail will have numerous decorated areas and scary scenes. Along the way families can trick-or-treat at various stations. Once you have made it through the Trick or Treat Trail, you can then take a hayride back to the main staging area.

All family members must be registered in order to participate. Cost is \$2 for residents and \$3 for non-residents. Please register in advance, however, we will take registrations the night of. We encourage all participants to dress up as well and try to scare our ghosts and goblins. All areas are appropriate for all ages. ●



Spook yourself with a walk through scary scenes in the new Trick or Treat Trail at the Westlake Recreation Center on Oct. 18.

## Westlake High has 7 National Merit Semifinalists

Seven Westlake High School students were named 2014 National Merit Semifinalists in the National Merit Program. Less than 1 percent of the 1.5 million high school seniors who took the PSAT in their junior year make it to the semifinal round. The WHS semifinalists, pictured from left, are: Wendy DeFeo, Alan Garber, Kartik Dhinakaran, Ameesh Shah, Aswin Bikkani and Thomas Reusser. (Not pictured: Nicholas Craven)



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## Join Bay volunteers in caring for distressed animals

by NANCY BROWN

The sweet, skinny, young adult black cat pictured here was recently found abandoned on Huntmere Drive in Bay Village. This is one of multiple cats and kittens that the Friends of the Bay Village Kennel are currently assisting. FOBVK reminds residents to advise the Bay Village Police Department of all animal-related issues.

The city's current kennel only houses dogs, which are transported to the Cuyahoga County Dog Kennel if not claimed. Cats and kittens must fend for themselves on the streets of Bay Village. If you are concerned with the safety of Bay Village's pets, please join us to ensure that the city of Bay Village undertakes the construction of a new kennel.

Until further notice, FOBVK will continue to assist distressed animals through the use of generously donated monies for the purposes including: spaying and neutering, other veterinary care, food, medications, etc.

FOBVK continues to have the support of a benevolent benefactor willing to fund the construction of a new kennel facility within the city. However, this facility would be owned by the city with conditions requiring city participation and cooperation. FOBVK would be happy to volunteer to help with the operation and maintenance of this kennel.

Visit our website at [friendsofbayvillagekennel.com](http://friendsofbayvillagekennel.com) and visit our table at the Bay Cares Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bay Village Branch Library for more information and free giveaways while supplies last. ●



PHOTO BY NANCY BROWN



# Lake Erie Nature & Science Center successfully releases bald eagle

Wildlife specialists from Lake Erie Nature & Science Center successfully released a male bald eagle back into the wild on Thursday, Sept. 25.

Initially admitted on Sept. 1, the bird was found weak, unable to stand, dehydrated and underweight. As with most wildlife patients, the cause of the injury or illness is unknown. Initial treatment consisted of fluid, anti-inflammatory and antibiotic therapy. Once stabilized and rehydrated, the animal was transferred to Medina Raptor Center (MRC) for additional conditioning in large flight cages. All caregivers agreed the animal was ready for release and were pleased at its quick response to treatment.

The bald eagle is a hatch-year bird so it is believed to be about 1.5 years old. It does not yet have the identifiable snowy white feathers on its head and neck as bald eagles do not fully develop their adult plumage until 5 years of age. Thanks to the restoration efforts by protection agencies such as U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services and Ohio Department of Natural Resources and efforts of organizations like Lake Erie Nature & Science Center and MRC, the bald eagle is no longer considered an endangered species.

Upon release, the bird left the cage immediately and flew across the field where it spent some time in a tree. It stayed close for awhile, circling the area, before heading off. The site was chosen as it was close to where the animal was rescued and being near Lake Erie provides bald eagles with a great habitat. Young eagles tend to roam until adulthood when they establish a territory and raise young.

Eagles scavenge many meals. Fish is a main staple of their diet but they will also hunt mammals and waterfowl. During the its rehabilitation, the male eagle was fed chicks, mice and rats, said Amy LeMonds, the Center's wildlife director.

Release back to their natural environment is the goal for all of the 1,000 patients admitted to the Wildlife Rehabilitation program each year. This service is provided to the public free of charge thanks to the generosity and support of donors.

"We're the only ones in Cuyahoga County who have a wildlife rehabilitation center and we work hard to maintain high standards. We have state and federal permits that allow us to do this work and it's a real privilege to be able to educate people about wildlife through our rehabilitation program," said Catherine Timko, the Center's executive director.

Anyone who encounters wildlife that may be in need of assistance is encouraged to call the staff at Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 7 days a week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 440-471-8357 before intervening. ●



Amy LeMonds, Director of Wildlife at the Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, opens the cage to release the bald eagle on Sept. 25 in the Huntington Reservation.

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LAKE ERIE NATURE & SCIENCE CENTER

Wildlife Specialist Tim Jasinski holds the juvenile bald eagle that he rescued on Labor Day. Eagles grow their identifiable white feathers at about 5 years old.

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NATURE

Mum’s the word

by KATHY LUENGO

Pssst ... to let you in on a little personal secret, if asked for a quote to describe a favorite facet of fall, it would have to be, “There’s no such thing as too many mums.”

Choosing from rows of colors, bloom sizes, styles, and shapes from local nurseries or other flower purveyors can be overwhelming.

While mums are plentiful at nurseries this time of year, mums pushed in carts or hand-carried by smiling customers to waiting cashiers are also spotted at area grocery stores, and it doesn’t stop there. One local hardware store has sported a great-looking outdoor display of rather large, symmetrical specimens suitable for planters on the porch, or for an extra lush landscape display.

If you’re not finding mums for sale when out and about, don’t worry – they’ll find you!

It’s little wonder that local fall flower fanciers struggle to suppress the urge to buy just *one more* mum each time they venture out. It matters not whether local residents display a single specimen on a porch, stoop or balcony, or flaunt a pair of mammoth dome-shaped mums in planters gracing the entrance to a mansion. Consider mums as the growing season’s grand finale! Mums add warm colors and texture to the fall palette. How pleasing!

Those reaching into their wallets to buy mums do more than help the local economy. Mums represent a glorious season that many claim to be their favorite for a number of reasons. For the sports-minded, these include: time spent throwing a football with the kids in the yard, going to football games and tailgating. Think marching bands, homecoming dances and, of course, chrysanthemum corsages and boutonnieres!

Mums may lack the delicate fragrance of spring or summer bouquets, but their earthy



PHOTO BY KATHY LUENGO

It’s no secret that autumn is the favorite season of a number of Westshore area residents, and it appears that some four-legged community members couldn’t agree more!

and mildly pungent aroma is reminiscent of the harvest, of leaves crunching underfoot, of smoke from a crackling wood fire, and of so many things that we enjoy about this sensational season.

Mums in bloom also signal the season when we pick pumpkins (just not by the handle) and enjoy refreshing northerly breezes. Who doesn’t mind sporting a sweater and taking a walk, bike ride or drive amidst fall foliage? Think of the taste sensation of cold, fresh-pressed cider on a bright autumn afternoon when the sun still warms, or that of hot cider garnished with a cinnamon stick on a crisp autumn night!

Wait! We’re not quite done with mums just yet! Those with exotic tastes searching for another fall refreshment may want to sip chrysanthemum tea which is popular in eastern Asia.

Planting hardy mums of mixed colors, textures, heights and maturity results in a rich autumn tapestry from September through October and, if Mother Nature cooperates, well into November, especially for those living in the lakeshore communities.

Alternately, potted mums are thoughtful gifts that bring the outdoors in as they brighten interior spaces!

Now, go forth and reap the best that autumn has to offer, and remember that “mum’s the word!” ●

Bay Village hires new community services director

by DENNY WENDELL

The City of Bay Village has hired Leslie Selig as its new director of community services, replacing Debbie Bock who left in July after accepting a position as head of Rocky River’s senior center. Ann Orin served as the department’s interim director until Selig’s hiring.

Selig will bring her expertise in working with the elderly to her new position. She owned a senior home care business for the past five years, focused on keeping seniors safe and independent in their homes as long as possible.

Her commitment to helping the elderly is apparent. “I wanted to stay in the senior care field because I have a love of senior citizens, and an appreciation for this group of people. I’ve had it since I was a little kid, from my own family.”

Selig, 57, and her husband live in Tremont and have two grown daughters. Although she has only been in the city for a short time – her first day on the job was Sept. 25 – she said she was eager to get started and meet the people in the community.

“Bay is a lovely, lovely city. I look forward to meeting folks that walk in the door.” ●



Leslie Selig, Bay Village’s new director of community services

Village Bicycle Cooperative ride postponed

by JENNIFER SMILLIE

The History Mystery (“Hi My”) Ride schedule for Oct. 4 has been POSTPONED until April 25. However, Village Bicycle Cooperative invites the community to visit us on Oct. 4 for our open shop hours from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Refreshments will be provided, and if the weather is pleasant a local rock ‘n’ roll band will perform.

During this time, you can meet our knowledgeable volunteers and learn more about our upcoming Fix It Forward program. This program was started last year and entails volunteers refurbishing bicycles to donate to kids in need. We are

looking forward to expanding the number of bikes we donate this year, so it is a great time to get started volunteering. Volunteer nights are every Wednesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

We will also have a table of information set up at the Bay Cares Fall Fest on Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bay Village Branch Library. To provide our services, we need more than just mechanical help, but also people that can help with data entry, improving our retail experience, and learning how to become a ride leader.

Stop by either venue and see how you can get involved with helping others pedal safely! ●



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# Westlake honors military members

by TARA WENDELL

The city of Westlake held its annual military reception prior to the Sept. 18 City Council meeting to recognize the service of Westlake residents serving in the armed forces. The ceremony served as the official retirement of the military banners hanging at the intersection of Dover Center and Hilliard, a tradition that Dave Rencehausen of the city's sign shop began several years ago.

"On behalf of Council, I believe I speak for everyone when I say Westlake has always been proud of the volunteer spirit," said City Council President Michael Killeen, "and no one shows that volunteer spirit more, or to a greater degree, than our citizens who actually serve us in the armed forces. We are grateful for their service ... and whatever

we can do to honor them is not enough, but hopefully we show our respect and our admiration."

One of the evening's honorees, Matthew Michelich, was in attendance with his parents, Rob and Kim, and his sister Katie (pictured above right with Mayor Dennis Clough), and grandmother Rita. Michelich recently completed a 4-year term of service in the U.S. Marine Corps, achieving the rank of corporal. A 2010 graduate of Westlake High, Michelich served in Texas, with a 6-month stint

in Japan.

Kevin Basch, also a Marine, was recently promoted to the rank of first lieutenant and is currently stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. His mother, Linda Basch (pictured above left), accepted the banner in his honor. Kevin, a 2007 WHS grad, was the first of her children to serve in the military, and she said that his 9-month deployment to Afghanistan this year was nerve-wracking. She was grateful for Skype, which she used to communicate with Kevin twice

a month, and cell phones. "I told him to text me when he landed in the States [returning home from Afghanistan]. I burst into tears when I got it."

Mayor Clough thanked all service-members for their sacrifice.

"We appreciate the freedoms that we all have in this country but also, of course, in the city of Westlake," Clough said. "We're very appreciative of the efforts of those who step to the plate and volunteer a portion of their lifetimes to help keep this country safe." ●



PHOTOS BY DENNY WENDELL

## Battle of Lake Erie commemorated

by DEB MARISCH

The Peter Navarre Chapter of the United States Daughters of 1812 participated in the annual commemoration of the Battle of Lake Erie. A wreath-laying ceremony was held by the Early Settlers Association on Sept. 10, 2014 – the 201st anniversary of the battle.

The event took place at the Oliver Hazard Perry statue in Fort Huntington Park, at the corner of Lakeside Avenue and West Third Street in Cleveland.

The Bicentennial of the War of 1812 is in the final year. The Treaty of Ghent was signed on Christmas Eve 1814, and ratified soon after by the British. Due to lengthy travel time across "the pond," the United States did not ratify the treaty until Feb. 17, 1815, at which time the war officially ended.

During this time period, Andrew Jackson defeated the British at the Battle of New Orleans, Jan. 8, 1815. Battles continued on the high seas after the war until news of the war's end reached ships at sea.

Members of U.S.D. 1812 have proven lineal descent from an ancestor who served the United States in a civil



Members of the Peter Navarre Chapter of the U.S.D. 1812, from left, Lucy Moon, Deb Marisch, Marlene Wilkinson, Dorothy Laurianti and Doris Gorgas, commemorated the Battle of Lake Erie at the Oliver Hazard Perry statue in Fort Huntington Park.

or military capacity during the years 1784 to 1815. For membership information, contact Marlene Wilkinson, marwilk32@hotmail.com. ●

## Rotary Club serves dinner



On Sept. 11, members of the Rotary Club of Westlake-Bay Village had the privilege of serving dinner at the Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. In fulfilling its mission of service, Rotary members served over 70 dinners to patients, their families and staff. In addition, piano students, ranging in age from 9 to 14, taught by Ashley Baker of Rhapsody Music Studio, played throughout the dinner.

Rotary is an international organization, made up of neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. If you are interested in joining the Rotary, please contact Doug Lawton at lawty1@gmail.com, or stop by the Bay Cares Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Bay Village Branch Library. ●

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Upcoming programs at Bay Village Branch Library

by TARA MCGUINNESS

October is National Book Month, so why not stop by the Bay Village branch library to pick up some books? As the weather cools down, it is the perfect time to cozy up with a great read. While you're here check out one of our programs. We have something for all ages.

Also, please stop by the **Bay Cares Fall Fest on Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**, to learn about the many volunteer opportunities in Bay Village. Take your hobby or interests – gardening, biking, writing, acting, music, democracy, education, history, sustainability, animals and more – to the next level, make new friends and make a difference in our community!

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

**Thursday, Oct. 2 (11 a.m.) WHOOO'S READY FOR SCHOOL?** – Help your pre-schooler make the transition into their first year of school. Explore hands-on alphabet activity stations together to build early reading and writing skills. For ages 4-5 with a caregiver.

**Tuesdays, Oct. 7 and 14 9 (9:30 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** – Caregivers and their children ages 19-35 months are invited to join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

**Tuesdays, Oct. 7 and 14 (1:30 p.m.); Thursdays, Oct. 9 and 16 (11:00 a.m.) PRESCHOOL STORYTIME**– Caregivers and their children ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten) are invited to join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and stories.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 (7 p.m.) TOTS DANCE AND MUSIC** - Families with children ages 2-1/2 to 6 years will have a great time dancing and moving to music with bean bags, scarves and more. Get your boogie shoes on and feel the beat!

**Wednesdays, Oct. 1, 8, 15 (9:30 a.m.) BABY & ME STORYTIME** – For caregivers and their children ages birth to 18 months. Join us for rhymes, songs, fingerplays and books.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1 and 8 (7 p.m.); Fridays, Oct. 3 and 10 (9:30 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** – Children of all ages and their adult caregiver are invited to join us for stories, songs and fingerplays.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8 (4 p.m.) BRAIN BUILDERS** – Build your brain power with hands-on activities that revolve around math.

**Saturday, Oct. 11 (10:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** – This storytime is

designed specifically for children with special needs and their families. This program incorporates a schedule board, double visuals, and sensory opportunities for participants as well as a half-hour socialization time following the program.

TEEN DEPARTMENT

**Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (3:15 p.m.) TEEN ZONE** – Video games, challenges, arts and more. Join us for something fun to do after school most every Tues/Wed/Thurs. Check for details. Parents must sign one permission form that is good for all fall programs.

ADULT DEPARTMENT

**Saturday, Oct. 4 (11 a.m.-2 p.m.) BAY CARES FALL FEST** – Join us for the second annual Bay Cares Volunteer Fair, a partnership between the library and the Westlake | Bay Village Observer. This event will be expanded this year as part of a Fall Fest. Community groups will have informational tables throughout the library, with fall crafts, music and even tasty refreshment from the DonutLab food truck outside! Refreshments sponsored by the Friends of the Bay Village Library.

**Monday, Oct. 6 (7 p.m.) WALT'S WORLD! THE LIFE OF WALT DISNEY** – For 43 years, Walt Disney gave us more than 100 award-winning films, documentaries and television shows and built an empire that lives today. In this fascinating Lives and Legacies presentation by Carol Lucas, we'll learn about Walt's life and times, and how he and his peers worked their magic.

**Thursday, Oct. 9 (7 p.m.) NO MOPES ALLOWED** – If you like no-nonsense crime-busting, straight-shooting opinions, and offbeat humor, join Chief David Oliver from the Brimfield Police Department as he shares stories from his book, “No Mopes Allowed: A Small Town Police Chief Rants and Babbles about Hugs and High Fives, Meth Busts, Internet Celebrity, and Other Adventures.” A book signing will follow the presentation.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 (10 a.m.) ROCK AND ROLL HISTORY: A JOURNEY IN SOUNDS, 1949 TO 1964** – Join us for a trip down memory lane. Joel Keller will present the pioneers of rock 'n' roll that you may have never heard of. Listen to “one-hit wonders” of the ‘40s and ‘50s as different genres are presented...

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Scare up some fun with a good book

by Anne Lynch, children's librarian

*What do most people think of when they hear the word “library”? Reading, of course! 2014 is the year to “Reconnect with Reading 365” at the Cuyahoga County Public Library. To celebrate this initiative, the Bay Village Branch Library staff and customers will be sharing our suggestions from various genres each month here in the Observer.*

October is a great month for readers to curl up with a spooky or scary tale in honor of Halloween. I talked with Bay Village resident sixth-grader Lizzy to check in on her favorite type of chiller. Lizzy's recommendation is for the series: “Bad Girls Don't Die” by Katie Alender. The first book is a combination of horror with a haunted Victorian house and the demonic possession of the main character's sister. Her reading place of choice is in bed under the covers nice and cozy, so that the scary stuff doesn't seem so frightening!

Lizzy says “the best things about these books are that they are page turners and every chapter has some kind of cliffhanger that makes you want to keep going and not put the book down. Even after you have closed the cover, the character and situation stay in your mind and make you wonder what will happen next.”

Lizzy also enjoys “Goosebumps” by R.L. Stine and spooky stories told aloud along with SyFy Network TV shows like “Fact or Faked: Paranormal Files” and “Paranormal Witness,” which do experiments to prove if something could be real or not. Young readers interested in this type of paranormal phenomena might also enjoy the non-fiction series “History's Most

WHAT YOUR NEIGHBORS ARE READING at the Bay Village Branch Library  
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Haunted,” which includes volumes by various authors on hauntings at notable landmarks such as Alcatraz, Edinburgh Castle, Gettysburg and the White House. When reading spooky tales, take Lizzy's advice and remember that “what you are reading isn't real and if you think logically it is not as scary.”

For the younger readers, some great read-aloud short story choices are “Dare to Be Scared” and the many “Short and Shivery” tales by Robert D. San Souci or the ever popular “Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark” by Alvin Schwartz. Another good choice is the “Bunnicula” series by James Howe for those readers who prefer spooky animal stories. Don't be afraid to try some haunted reading this October!

For grown-ups with Facebook looking for a great next read – spooky or otherwise – stop at the library's Facebook page for the weekly after-hours Night Owls book discussion each Thursday from 9-10 p.m. Join expert readers' advisors, friends and avid readers from all over for an hour-long virtual bookchat. Visit our website at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org) for more details on Night Owls and other reading recommendation tools.

*Remember to check the Observer next month to see What Your Neighbors are Reading on the November theme – Whodunnit?! – and visit the Bay Village Branch, 502 Cahoon Road, where the staff would be very happy to give you personal reading recommendations too. We hope to see you soon! ●*

READER'S OPINION

Bullying not welcome at any age

by BRUCE LEIGH

I was recently reminiscing about my childhood when I realized that even though I'm a senior citizen, some of my friends and acquaintances still act like children. Comb-over hair styles are big in the senior circle. Bald is big, as we don't have to shave our heads anymore. We older folks are still concerned with size and weight just like younger people. Some things don't change.

I've been thinking about how there was always competition among the guys in the neighborhood. Then I realized even though we're senior citizens sometimes we still act the same way we did in our younger years. Some of my friends and acquaintances act as if they're still in high school. Many times even when people get older they still think like they did when they were young. I've even noticed some bullying

behavior among my peers.

Guys, get real. We now have heart problems, pacemakers, and other ailments. Instead of ragging on your peers, get yourself to the gym or exercise class. This will help your body and keep your mind in shape. When our aging minds still believe we are teenagers, we get in trouble. How about trying a little compassion? Friendliness is also appreciated. Looking at people and grunting is not appreciated. Be nice. You can catch more bees with honey and more friendships, too.

The same goes for all the middle, high school and college gents. Bullying isn't a good way to get noticed. You can have fun without pranks or trying to humiliate someone. Try being a friend. Get to know people who are different than you. Accept people as they are. As my mum would say, “Always be a gentleman.” It's not outdated, it works. ●

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# Upcoming events at Westlake Porter Public Library

by ELAINE WILLIS

**Wednesday, Oct. 1 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE!** – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1 (1-2:30 p.m.) SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION ON ENERGY HEALING WITH LINDA STREET** – Small group discussion with local author, established spiritual teacher, energy channel and intuitive Linda Street. Please register.

**Wednesday, Oct. 1 (1-2:30 p.m.) CUYAHOGA WEST GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** – Please stop by for free genealogy help!

**Wednesday, Oct. 1 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 3 (Basics Sessions: 10 & 11:30 a.m.; Advanced Session: 1 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS “TEACH ME TO PLAY”** – For children 3-6 years old. Join us for this hands-on program designed to help parents positively discipline and facilitate playdates. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development. You must RSVP to attend. Register by calling 440-250-5563 or at [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org).

**Saturday, Oct. 4 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) SENSORY STORYTIME** – Join us for a storytime for children with special needs and their parents/caregivers. The program includes interactive stories, rhymes, songs and movement activities, followed by 30 minutes of play. Content is geared to ages 3-7. Please call with questions or to register.

**Saturday, Oct. 4 (2-3 p.m.) UNIQUE PHOTO DISPLAY BOARD** – We’ll create a photo board so you can display your photos in a cool and interesting way. For children entering grades 4-6 in the fall. Please register.

**Sunday, Oct. 5 (2-3 p.m.) AMERICAN GIRL, CAROLINE** – Caroline’s bravery during the War of 1812 will inspire us to be everyday heroes. A nautical-themed craft will be part of our adventure. Ages 6-10. Please register.

**Sunday, Oct. 5 (2-4 p.m.) CARRYOUT CRAFTS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what each day’s featured craft is! Tables will be set up with all of the supplies needed.

**Sunday, Oct. 5 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – Hone your chess skills (or learn how to play the game) through WPPL’s new Chess Club on Sunday afternoons. The club is recommended for kids ages 6+, but all ages are welcome to attend. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

**Monday, Oct. 6 (3:45-5:30 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! Grades 7-12.

**Monday, Oct. 6 (6:30-7:30 p.m.) MEDICARE ANNUAL OPEN ENROLLMENT**

**INFORMATION** – Gain a better understanding of Medicare and the differences between Medicare Part A, B, C (Medicare Advantage) and D (Prescription Drug) as well as Medicare Supplement Insurance (Medigap) and Medicare Advantage. Learn how to ensure coverage and avoid penalties. Please register.

**Tuesday, Oct. 7 (10 a.m.-noon) ROAD MAPPING YOUR FUTURE** – What direction are you headed? Where’s your road? Learn how to navigate your own road map, whether it be a new job, your current job, retirement or starting your own business.

**Tuesday, Oct. 7 (7 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS COFFEE & CHAT** – We will serve coffee and eat delicious desserts as we laugh and discuss the month’s topic. This program is a combination book/article club and support group. The group discussion is facilitated by a professional. Free child care is available, but registration is required at [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org) or call 440-250-5563. This month’s topic: “How to Maintain a Healthy Romantic Adult Relationship When a Child Struggles.”

**Wednesday, Oct. 8 (10:15 & 11 a.m.) LET’S SING AND DANCE!** – Sing and move to the music with Miss Nancy! For children ages 2-6 with a caregiver. Please arrive early to receive a ticket at the Preschool Desk.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8 (4-5:30 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS** – Stop by the Youth Services Department each Wednesday and sign your child up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog! Bring your own book or choose one of ours. Registration begins each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 8 (7:30-8:45 p.m.) FYI: OPERA** – The Westlake-Westshore Arts Council presents David Bamberger with Cleveland Institute of Music students performing excerpts from Handel’s “Alcina.” Free and open to the public.

**Thursday, Oct. 9 (4-5 p.m.) MAGIC TREE HOUSE BOOK CLUB** – Do you already love the “Magic Tree House” adventures or are you curious to find out what the fuss is all about? Join us for one of the “Magic Tree House” books, discussion and craft related to the book. Grades K-2. No registration required.

**Thursday, Oct. 9 (7 p.m.) NON-FICTION BOOK DISCUSSION** – The October selection is “The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War” by Daniel Stashower.

**Friday, Oct. 10 (Family Session: 9:30 a.m.; Toddlers: 10:30 a.m.; Preschool: 11:30 a.m.) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Join us as we play instruments, sing, move to music and discuss how to carry over the music therapy experiences into the home. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development. You must RSVP to attend. Call 440-250-5563 or visit [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org).

**Friday, Oct. 10 (10-10:45 a.m.) COME PLAY WITH ME!** – Open playtime with age-appropriate toys. Teaches sharing and socialization. For children ages 2-5 with a caring adult. Siblings welcome! Registration begins Oct. 3.

**Friday, Oct. 10 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) IPAD USERS GROUP** – Listen to a brief iPad topic

then talk and share tips and techniques with other iPad users. Must bring your iPad with you. Registration required.

**Friday, Oct. 10 (1-2:30 p.m.) FANTASTIC FRIDAYS FOR HOMESCHOOLERS** – Calling all homeschoolers! We are beginning our homeschool Fridays with a primer on using the library catalog and a tour of the library. We will also discuss our activities for the next 9 months. Ages 6-9. Registration begins Oct. 3.

**Saturday, Oct. 11 (Family Session: 9:30 a.m.; Preschool: 10:30 a.m.) MUSIC THERAPY & MORE** – Join us as we play instruments, sing, move to music and discuss how to carry over the music therapy experiences into the home. This program is geared toward children struggling in an area of development. You must RSVP to attend. Call 440-250-5563 or visit [www.connectingforkids.org](http://www.connectingforkids.org).

**Saturday, Oct. 11 (2-3 p.m.) THE PILLOWCASE PROJECT** – The Pillowcase Project, presented by the American Red Cross and sponsored by Disney, is designed to educate children about disaster preparedness in a fun and constructive way. Each participant will receive a pillowcase and activity to start their own personalized disaster kit and preparedness plan. Grades 3-5. Registration begins Oct. 4.

**Sunday, Oct. 12 (2-3 p.m.) MEET-UPS** – Interactive games and activities for socialization and play among children with special needs ages 6-11 with their caregivers. Registration begins Oct. 5.

**Sunday, Oct. 12 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB** – Hone your chess skills (or learn how to play the game) through WPPL’s new Chess Club on Sunday afternoons. The club is recommended for kids ages 6+, but all ages are welcome to attend. If you have a chess set, please bring it.

**Sunday, Oct. 12 (3-4 p.m.) NIA** – Enjoy this blend of dance arts, martial arts and the healing arts that will invite your spirit, mind, body and emotions to play and find joy! Class is for all age and ability levels. Wear clothing for movement and athletic shoes and socks. Please register.

**Sunday, Oct. 12 (3-4:30 p.m.) MAGIC: THE GATHERING** – Magic: The Gathering is the world’s premier trading card game. It was the first of its kind, and it’s still the best and the biggest. Come and learn to play the game, or bring a group and fight with other planeswalkers for glory, knowledge and conquest. Players must furnish their own cards. Grades 7-12.

**Monday, Oct. 13 – Columbus Day – Library Closed**

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 (10 a.m.-noon) RESULTS-ORIENTED RESUMES** – In the current job market, competition is tough and employers are swamped with resumes. This workshop will teach you what catches employers’ attention and makes them want to call you.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 (7-8 p.m.) COLLEGE 101** – Patty Saddle of the College Planning Center will go over all the different factors that go into finding the best college fit. Open to both students and parents! Registration begins Oct. 5.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14 (7 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION** – In October we’ll discuss “Meet Me at the Emotional Baggage Claim” by Lisa Scottoline.

**To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit [signup.westlake-library.org:8080](http://signup.westlake-library.org:8080).** ●

# Customer Appreciation Week is out of this world at WPPL

Westlake Porter Public Library staff members think their customers are out of this world. That’s why they’re treating them during Customer Appreciation Week, Oct. 5-11.

In addition to special space-themed programs for all ages, the library will thank customers for their support and usage with giveaways, cookies, an opportunity to get your photo taken with an “astronaut” and discounts at Portables (show your library card at the Friends-operated gift shop on Oct. 8-10 to get yours!).

Planned programs include: **UFOs and Aliens Discussion Group**

Sunday, Oct. 5 (2-3:30 p.m.) – Small group discussion of personal experiences with UFOs and Aliens with Tom Wertman of MUFON Ohio and The Cleveland Ufology Project.

**Monday Night Movie: “The Fault in Our Stars”**

Monday, Oct. 6 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) – Rated PG-13. Please register.

**Blast Off Into Outer Space!**

Wednesday, Oct. 8 (7-8 p.m.) – Travel through “space” as we enjoy stories about rocket ships and the planets. We will also have astronaut activities and a fun craft. Ages 3-6. Registration begins Oct. 1.

**Living in Space**

Thursday, Oct. 9 (7:15-8:45 p.m.) – Jeffrey M. Woytach from NASA will give a presentation on the topic “Living in Space.” Please register.

**Night Sky Star Lab**

Friday, Oct. 10 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) – Find out what’s up in the current night sky. Lake Erie Science and Nature Center’s Star Lab will show you the constellations and position of the planets and moon. Viewings available every 30 minutes starting at 3:30. Tickets are available at the Reception Desk.

**Shredding Day**

Saturday, Oct. 11 (9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) – All Ohio Secure Shred is back for Customer Appreciation Week! Please bring any secure papers needing shredding.

**Star Wars Reads Day**

Saturday, Oct. 11 (10 a.m.-5 p.m.) – Star Wars Reads Day strikes back! Stop in for crafts and games – you can even dress up as your favorite character!

*For more information or to register, please call 440-871-2600 or visit [signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080](http://signup.westlakelibrary.org:8080).* ●



# Author Les Roberts to visit Westlake

by JANE LASSAR

Author Les Roberts will meet and greet fans and autograph copies of his new book, “Wet Work,” on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 1-3 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Crocker Park. The event is free and open to the public.

“Wet Work” is the second novel in a new suspense series by Roberts featuring hit man Dominick Candiotti. Dominick is a dangerous and conflicted assassin who first appeared in “The Strange Death of Father Candy.” Fan requests prompted Les to bring the character back for more action.

In the latest book, Candiotti learns a deadly truth: you can’t simply retire from being a professional killer. The fast-paced plot leads him through several U.S. cities and beyond, including Cleveland,

Indianapolis, New Orleans, Baltimore and Denver.

Les Roberts is the author of 17 mystery novels featuring Cleveland detective Milan Jacovich, as well as nine other books of fiction. The past president of both the Private Eye Writers of America and the American Crime Writer’s League, he came to mystery writing after a 24-year career in Hollywood. He was the first producer and head writer of the Hollywood Squares and wrote for the Andy Griffith Show, the Jackie Gleason Show, and the Man from U.N.C.L.E., among others. In 2003 he received the Sherwood Anderson Literary Award. A native of Chicago, he now lives in Stow, Ohio, and is a film and literary critic.

For more information about the book signing event at Barnes & Noble, call 440-250-9268. ●

# Herb Guild meeting: fall garden chores

by SHIRLEY SWINDELL

Let’s celebrate together autumn in all its splendor at The Herb Guild Garden Club’s Wednesday, Oct. 8, meeting and program at Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. This month’s featured program, “Putting Your Garden to Bed: Fall Garden Chores That Make a Difference” by Mary Alice Mastrovito will cover the fall garden chores that make a difference to your gardens longevity, health and success.

Mary Alice Mastrovito is a garden/landscape designer who works with

nature, the garden, and is the owner of Garden Focus. Her program will prove to be educational, interesting and entertaining. The Herb Guild welcomes the public to join us for the presentation at 12:30 p.m. in the Porter Room for the program and informative question-and-answer session ... and perhaps a chance to meet some new gardening friends along the way.

For further information about The Herb Guild Garden Club and our programs please visit our website: [www.theherbguild.org](http://www.theherbguild.org) or call 440-353-9764. ●

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# Bay Cares Fall Fest

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*A free, fun event to learn about Bay's many community groups and to find out how you can make a difference!*

Looking to volunteer in Bay Village, or just want to enjoy a beautiful fall day? Stop by for a fun, family-friendly outing and learn about the many community organizations that help to make Bay the great city that it is.

This indoor/outdoor event will feature free, freshly made treats from the DonutLab food truck, kids’ crafts, a performance by members of the one and only Bay Village Community Band and tables with representatives of Bay’s civic groups and nonprofit organizations.

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# Students plant ‘pinwheels for peace’



Students across the country celebrated the annual International Day of Peace on Sept. 21 by creating and displaying colorful pinwheels. In Westlake, students from Dover, Hilliard (left) and Holly Lane elementary schools and Dover Intermediate School (above) created theirs in art classes and “planted” them on the front lawns of their schools. The kindergartners of Westshore Montessori School also decorated pinwheels for their school’s lawn (right). The pinwheels are meant to create a visual public statement about peace.



## READER’S PHOTO



Mother Nature sometimes saves her most glorious scenes for early risers. Carol Maat of Westlake snapped this picture of the sun rising over Lake Erie at Bay Point Marina in Marblehead.

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# BAYarts Moondance a night to remember

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

More than 1,200 guests filled the BAYarts campus in Hunting-ton Reservation on Sept. 13 for the annual Moondance benefit, raising over \$90,000 for the non-profit.

BAYarts is an arts education campus serving greater Cleveland with art classes, exhibition and community. Funds raised by this event make it possible for BAYarts to keep other events free throughout the year, including gallery exhibitions, summer concerts and the annual Art & Music Festival. In 2015, a summer farmer's market will become part of the offerings, and the new ceramics studio will be open for business.

Executive Director Nancy Heaton said Moondance was once again a sell-out. "I think people like our event because, just like everything else we do, it's fun. We don't make speeches, we just share our beautiful venue, have great food and music and you get to see neighbors and friends you haven't seen since the last event." Heaton said one shortcoming was that food vendors ran out of food earlier than expected, but already the event team is recruiting more great restaurants and a few food trucks to accommodate the hungry crowd next year.

Returning this year was Joe Bell and the Swing Lizards, and swing they did. Playing on the Fuller House gazebo, the porch provided a perfect dance floor surrounding the band. Special guest Todd Allen played solo guitar in a quieter nearby tent.

The event was made possible by the support of long-time sponsors Great Lakes Brewery and Euro Fine Wines, while guests were able to sample from ten of the area's best eateries. The range of tastes was wide, with offerings from 87 West, Cabin Club, Euro Fine Wines, Great

Lakes Brewery, Ironwood Cafe, Mojo's Coffee and More, Michael Symon's B Spot, Pearl of the Orient, Rich Clark and Sue Stewart Catering, Sweet Melissa's and Taki's Greek Kitchen.

For their funding and support of the Karen Ryel Ceramic Arts and Education Center, Brian and Gretchen Colleran were prominent guests of honor. The center is due to open for winter 2015 classes.

Members of The Bay Village Green Team successfully executed a Zero Waste event. Only compostable items were used and disposed of in a mannered system. In total, there were fourteen 65-gallon totes of compostable material diverted from the landfill. Behind the scenes, the bottles of wine and cardboard boxes were recycled. Future Organics provided compost receptacles, and Pure Water Technology provided fresh water stations, both free of charge.

Mary Conway Sullivan, Board Development Chair, returned as the event organizer, saying that the best part of all the planning and execution is the team who puts it together year after year. "My favorite part of Moondance is relaxing at the end of the night around one of the fire pits with the staff and our many volunteers, sharing stories of how much fun we saw people having and conversations we had."

With the new ceramics studio and expanded class selections, the art campus has become a cultural destination, attracting new audiences each year. Nancy Heaton explained the importance of Moondance, saying, "This is an important benefit for one reason: our number one job is to serve our community, so we serve them a good party that in turn will sustain what we can offer to them in the year ahead; the support of this community inspires us to be better!" ●

# BAYarts exhibition explores Cleveland's endurance

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Cleveland is cool again, or didn't you know? Artist Julie Cikra has noticed that Cleveland now has promising potential in the eyes of new generations who are invested in building up the city. For her first solo show, "Migration," Cikra explores this very theme. "I wanted to comment on the state of my resilient, little homestead." And the message presented might surprise some who are still not ready to embrace this plum of a city.

Working out of Cleveland's West Side, Cikra's job puts her in a place that's key to local arts. Since 2010, Cikra has been with BAYarts, and she now holds the title of Education Assistant and Class Registrar. Inspiration has not been difficult to harness in this environment of community love and artistic support.

"I have the pleasure of working in an artistic atmosphere each and every day and I cannot discount how that has helped me to develop the tone of my exhibition," Cikra said. "Each day I am surrounded by some of Cleveland's well known artists and some of our Cleveland's most diligent students. It's a perfect cocktail of inspiration and focus. Looking around at what inspires the artists of the Greater Cleveland area made me realize that it is in fact, those same artists that are a huge part in what makes Cleveland so exceptional. The true grit, resilience and perseverance of the spirit of Cleveland's inhabitants which makes this city what it is."

But what has changed about Cleveland? First, it's important to recognize what Cleveland has been known for. Problems. And Cikra knows exactly what those problems have been. "We aren't topping population charts, we aren't a tropical oasis for vacationers, and we've tumbled through economic turbulence. It's not a place not everyone would say they are proud to be from."

But hometown pride is actually what colors the theme of Cikra's art here. With waitlists being created for living in a downtown life, and Ohio City being a stylish, new neighborhood, the artist says, "To me, this movement back



Julie Cikra's "Migration" is one of the works in her solo show of the same name at BAYarts.

to the city is worth celebrating."

Cikra doesn't disregard the past history of the city. One of her pieces is an acrylic painting, titled "Ninety Seven Years." The subject there is the Detroit-Superior Bridge (aka Veterans Memorial Bridge) which Cikra says "is not only aesthetically beautiful, but also has a remarkable existence," adding that it is "a strong, resilient structure that has weathered the test of time."

The steel and reinforced concrete bridge was constructed in 1917 and remains important to this day.

"This bridge connects our city's entertainment and civic districts with the west side of Cleveland," Cikra said. "To me, a west-sider, this bridge represents the bright transition Cleveland is going through. Twenty five years ago, this bridge connected Clevelanders' habitats to the city. Now it's harder to define that line. Today, that bridge is simply a connection piece from one side of the Cuyahoga River to the other."

The opening reception for "Migration" is Oct. 10 from 7-9 p.m. in BAYarts' Dianne Boldman Education Gallery. The show runs through Nov. 6. Visit [www.bayarts.net](http://www.bayarts.net), as well as the BAYarts Facebook and Twitter pages (@bay\_arts) for images and ongoing coverage of the exhibition.

For those with an interest in the past, present and future of Cleveland – this show is not to be missed. ●

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**Tuesday, Sept. 30. 7 p.m.**  
**Bay Village Wards 2 & 3 Meeting**  
Bay Village City Council representatives Paul Vincent, Ward 2, and Karen Lieske, Ward 3, will hold a Town Hall meeting on topics including: financial update; Chapter 1158, attached housing legislation status; deer concerns; Westlake recycling proposal; website broadcasts of city council meetings; residents' questions and concerns.  
*Bay Village Community House, 303 Cahoon Rd.*

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, noon**  
**Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board Meeting**  
The Women's Board of LENS-C would like to invite any prospective new members to join us at our monthly meeting. We gather at the Center on the first Wednesday of each month at noon for social time with the meeting starting at 12:30 p.m. The Center's Executive Director, Catherine Timko, will present updates and insights on the activities, accomplishments, and future plans for LENS-C. The Women's Board has supported the Center and its mission through service, leadership, community awareness and fundraising since 1954.  
*Lake Erie Nature & Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.*

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 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 path to finding your ancestors, members of the Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will volunteer their time and talent to assist you, at the computer terminals. Please bring a copy of your pedigree chart and/or relevant family records.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 1 p.m.**  
**Westlake Police K-9 Presentation**  
Westlake police officer Dennis Funari will visit with the best friend of the force and star of the department, his handsome K-9 companion, Chico. We will learn about the dog's training and his capabilities. RSVP, 835-6565.  
*Dwyer Senior Center, 300 Bryson Lane*

**Wednesday, Oct. 1, 6:30-8 p.m.**  
**KidShop**  
Workshop for children and teens who have an adult family member with cancer. Utilizing art, play and discussion, children and their parents interact with families in similar situations. Advance registration required; call 216-595-9546 or visit [touchedbycancer.org](http://touchedbycancer.org) for more information.  
Wednesdays, Oct. 1 & 15, Nov. 5 & 19, & Dec. 17.  
*The Gathering Place, 800 Sharon Dr., Westlake*

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 2:30-3:30 p.m.**  
**Creating a Sense of Well Being Through the Arts**  
Community members are invited for an informative presentation as speaker Alie Brooks from Hospice of the Western Reserve discusses how to use the arts to promote health and well being. For more information, call 440-892-9777.  
*Gardens at Westlake, 27569 Detroit Rd.*

**Thursday, Oct. 2, 6:30-7 p.m.**  
**Pet Blessing**  
Individual blessings to each pet. Free dog treats and free raffle for St. Francis garden statue.  
*St. Raphael Parish lawn, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village*

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 7:45 a.m.-noon**  
**Roc the Croc**  
This event includes a 5K run at 8 a.m., live bands playing from 7:45 a.m.-noon, face painters, still walkers, magicians, jugglers, and a parade at 9:45 a.m. (that will celebrate kids who are fighting cancer). The parade will include the National Guard, local high school bands, the Burning River Roller Derby Girls, Westlake fire truck, and an antique fire truck. Hosted by Roc 4NB Cure, a nonprofit in Bay Village founded by John and Stacy Rocco after their daughter, Julia, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma at 11 months old. Race pre-registration is \$20; sign up at [hermescleveland.com](http://hermescleveland.com).  
*Crocker Park, Westlake*

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 8 a.m.-noon**  
**BVECPTA Annual Fall Kids' Resale**  
The sale will feature gently used baby and children's clothing (sizes newborn - 14/16), baby items, toys and games, books, and large items such as strollers, cribs, high chairs and outdoor play

items. Admission is \$5 from 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to noon. Shoppers with strollers are welcome!  
*Bay High School, 29230 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m.**  
**Bay Village League of Women Voters meeting**  
Ward 2 Councilman Paul Vincent will be our guest. Bring your questions and a beverage - we'll bring the cookies! Members of the public are always welcome and encouraged to attend.  
*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Road*

**Saturday, Oct. 4, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
**Bay Cares Fall Fest**  
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*Bay Village Branch Library, 502 Cahoon Rd.*

**Sunday, Oct. 5, 2:30-3:15 p.m.**  
**Pet Blessing**  
Chaplain Don King will preside over a brief ceremony in the Chapel, blessing the relationships of "pet guardians" with their animal companions. 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 call Janice Snyder at 440-847-1031.  
*Lutheran Home at Concord Reserve, 2116 Dover Center Rd., Westlake*

**Monday, Oct. 6, 7:30-9:30 p.m.**  
**Rocky River Chamber Music Society Concert**  
The Rocky River Chamber Music Society presents renowned pianists Thomas Labé and Hyunsoon Whang performing on one piano with four hands. Their program includes spectacular selections from the piano repertoire such as Schubert's Fantasy in F minor and a piano arrangement of The Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas. Free admission. For more information call 440-333-4296 or visit [www.rrcms.org](http://www.rrcms.org).

*West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River*

**Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1-2 p.m.**  
**Year of the Brain Brown Bag Lunch Lecture**  
*Topic: Multiple Sclerosis. The Tri-C Brown Bag Lunch Brain Series brings together like-minded individuals to view the PBS Brain Series and encourage discussion around the topic of the day, while contributing to the nation-wide BRAIN Initiative.*  
*Tri-C Westshore Campus, Room 112, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake*

**Wednesday, Oct. 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Ebooks, Hoopla, and Other Updates**  
Frances Brawner of Westlake Porter Public Library will discuss Hoopla, a new digital service that offers movies and television shows for patrons via their computers, smart phones and tablets, as well as changes in Overdrive and the availability of Lynda.com at the library. Come early at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments, followed by the program at 7 p.m. This event is free and open to all.  
*Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

**Thursday, Oct. 9, 12:30 p.m.**  
**Bay Village Women's Club Meeting**  
A general meeting and light refreshments will be followed at 1 p.m. by a tour of the newly transformed Walter R. Schuele Planetarium led by Executive Director Catherine Timko and a visual journey through the universe. Prospective members are welcome. For information call 440-334-7539 or 440-835-8877.  
*Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, 28728 Wolf Rd.*

**Saturday, Oct. 11, 8 a.m.-noon**  
**Westlake Kiddie Kioset Kids Resale**  
The Westlake Early Childhood PTA (WECPTA) will feature gently used baby items, kids clothing, toys, games, furniture and maternity clothes. Admission is \$5 from 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m.-noon. Cash sales only. Please, no bills larger than \$20. Small bills appreciated at the door. Everyone that pays for early bird admission between 8-9 a.m. will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Gymboree gift certificate. The winner will be drawn at 9:15 a.m. and must be present to win. For more info, visit [wecpta.org/kiddiekioset](http://wecpta.org/kiddiekioset).  
*Westlake High School, 27830 Hilliard Blvd.*

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