

Bay officials dedicate Ebert Field in Cahoon Memorial Park

by DWIGHT CLARK,
City Council President

There are only a handful of times in a city's history when a resident is permanently and publicly recognized for their noteworthy and selfless contributions to that municipality.

One individual has played both leadership and supportive roles in the personal and professional elements of his life in Bay Village over many years. His

involvement was always caring and passionate, whether as coach, father, board member, friend, community leader, councilman, law director, event planner, sponsor, mediator, philanthropist, volunteer, fundraiser, legal counsel and parish member, among other roles. Quite simply, he was, has been and continues to be a voice fully supportive of Bay Village.

Longtime Bay Village resident Gary Ebert was recognized

on Monday, June 24, for his contributions to our BayVillage youth baseball and city recreational programs; yet, this recognition was also representative of his decades of commitment to bettering our community as a whole.

During his 30-plus years of service to the city, Gary served as Ward 4 councilman, law director and two stints as acting mayor. He worked under six mayors and with 31 council members.

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Gary Ebert, right, was honored with a plaque dedicating a baseball field in his name, at the corner of Dover Center and Lake roads. He is pictured at the unveiling with his wife, Pamela, center, and children Amanda Liskovec, Brian Ebert and Carrie Bussewitz.

Westlake Special Olympics returns after 2-year hiatus



Westlake Schools Superintendent Scott Goggin leads Special Olympians around track.

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

Westlake Kiwanis and Westlake Schools held their Special Olympics on Saturday June 8, at Westlake High School's Lou Duchez Stadium. There were 57 athletes registered from all over western Cuyahoga and eastern Lorain counties.

Scott Goggin, Westlake Schools superintendent, led the athletes around the track carrying the Special Olympics torch to open the event. Members of the Westlake Aktion Club sang the national anthem. There were quite a few volunteers from Westlake Kiwanis,

Westlake City School District and Knights of Columbus. This event marked the return of the Special Olympics after a two-year hiatus due to the upgrading of the Westlake High track.

Athletes ran, jumped, walked and threw their way to gold, silver and bronze medals. There were 57 competitors and all were winners. It was hard to tell who enjoyed the competition more – the athletes or the volunteers. Everyone came away with smiles on their faces.

Everyone said they were happy the event had returned and were already looking forward to next year's Special Olympics. ♦

Porter Library debuts 'non-traditional item' collection

by ELAINE WILLIS

Are you interested in trying out an instrument or karaoke machine or borrowing one for a special event? Would you like to digitize your memories in the comfort of your own home? Want to teach your kids musical rhythm? Starting in mid-July Westlake Porter Public Library will be able to help with their Non-Traditional Item collection.

Included in the collection are musical instruments such as ukuleles, banjos, a drum machine and a portable keyboard, equipment for converting slides, audio cassettes and 8mm/Super 8mm film to digital formats, a karaoke machine, Music Kits for kids, VCR and DVD recorders, and

much more.

"We built this collection to give our patrons access to items they may want to test before buying or that they may only need to use once or twice," said Library Director Andrew Mangels. "We're always looking for ways to serve our community better, and this collection is our latest effort."

The collection will be housed next to the Reading Room door across from the Circulation Desk. Library cardholders need only take the placeholder boxes to the Circulation Desk to check out and receive the desired item. The loan period will range from one to three weeks, depending on the item.

For more information about the Non-Traditional Item collection, visit westlakelibrary.org/non-traditional. ♦



A sampling of some of the new audiovisual items available in mid-July to borrow from Westlake Porter Public Library.



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EBERT *from front page*

Bay Village Mayor Paul Koomar, Ward 1 Councilman/Council Vice President Dave Tadych and I were honored to speak on Gary's behalf at this memorable Cahoon Park event. And yes, the weather even cooperated for this special ceremony, giving all attendees a break from the periodic rounds of rain.

With able assistance from all of the Ebert grandchildren, we jointly unveiled a special plaque honoring Gary Ebert's contributions to our fine

city. As part of this well-deserved recognition, Dover 1 Field will now be known as Ebert Field.

"This is over the top," Gary said after the unveiling. "To have that baseball field and have this plaque here, it really means a lot. Bay's in my heart, it's always been in my heart."

Gary joins Bay baseball icons Joe Hartman and Joe O'Connor in the distinction of having a baseball field named in their honor.

When you have the chance, stop by Ebert Field to visit this classy, sculptured and permanent fixture ... it is well worth the visit! ●

Westlake Historical Society's Antique, Vintage & Craft Show is July 14

by LYSA STANTON

The Westlake Historical Society will host our 49th annual Antique, Vintage & Craft Show on Sunday July 14, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is our major fundraiser of the year. This event helps to cover the society's regular operating expenses.

The Clague House Museum is located at 1371 Clague Road. The event will include a variety of antique,

vintage and craft vendors, a snack bar, and free guided tours of the historic Clague House Museum. The rain date for the event is July 21.

Admission is \$3 for adults; children under 12 are free. As usual, parking is free! Vendors wishing to be a part of the show should call 216-848-0680.

The Westlake Historical Society is an all volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, visit westlakeohiohistory.org. ●



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

COFA deadline for art entries is July 12

by LOUISE SEEHOLZER

Artists are invited to submit mail entries of their work for the 19th Annual Community of Fine Arts Show by July 12. Artists, over 18 years old, are classified under two divisions, Amateur/Semi-Professional and Seasoned/Professional.

Cash awards in eight categories for both divisions are offered by this juried art show, which is presented by the Westlake-Westshore Arts Council at Porter Public Library from July 29 through Aug. 31.

The categories in which the art work is accepted are: Oil/Acrylic, Watercolor, Drawing/Pen & Ink, Charcoal/Pastel, Mixed Medium, Photography, Digital, and Printmaking. Judges, who will have examples of their work on display at the show, will be announced.

The \$45 entry fee includes a one-year membership to W-WAC. Entry

forms contain details and requirements and may be downloaded at the W-WAC website www.w-wac.org. Further information may be obtained by contacting Robert Pearl at 440-554-7522. ●



PHOTO BY BOB PARRY

"Child of the Snow," a pastel by Phyllis Barrett, won first place in the Amateur/Semi-Pro division in the 2018 COFA show.

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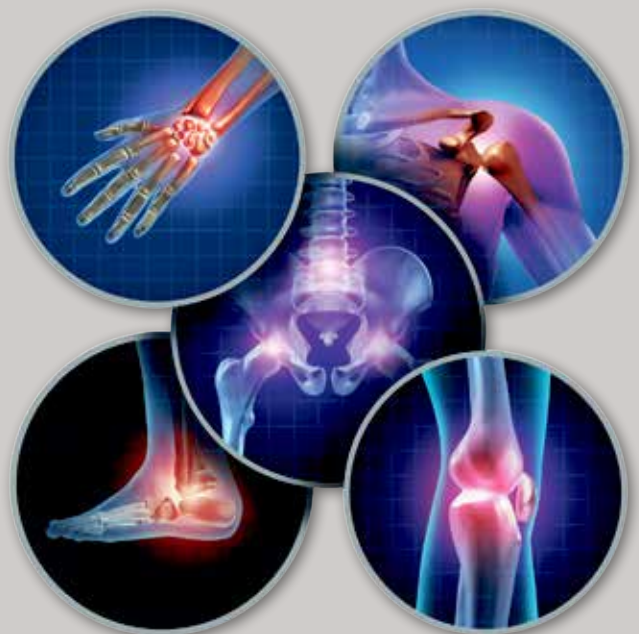
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SPORTING VIEWS

Tito's streak with Tribe one of team's best

by JEFF BING

Sometimes I'm accused of being too hard on Cleveland teams. It's either, "The Indians don't deserve your criticism," or "The Cavs don't deserve your criticism," or "The Browns don't deserve your criticism." Wait. Come to think of it, I've *never* heard that last comment. Sorry, Jimmy, I got carried away.

Anyway, while listening to the Tribe games on the radio during recent seasons, Indians announcer Tom Hamilton has talked of how the Indians haven't had a losing season since Terry "Tito" Francona has been manager, starting in the 2013 season.

Big deal, thought I. A few years of better-than-average performance doesn't assure a team of anything, especially in this town. Okay, maybe in politics, but not sports. Take a chill pill and stick to calling the game, Hammy.

Yet, it got me to thinking (unto itself a rarity) about the impact of a successful stretch of winning baseball on a team's overall success. I scurried (which, at my age, means I moved at a pace similar to that of when I wake

up at night to visit the bathroom) to the baseball record books in search of relevant data.

After hours upon hours of diligent investigation (I always wanted to be a private investigator when I grew up), I came up with the following data:

- The best stretch of baseball the Indians have had in almost 120 years of playing (defined as years at or above .500) was from 1947 through 1956, which was 10 years of non-losing baseball. The Indians won the World Series in 1948 and lost it in 1954, an impressive run.
- Second-best was a stretch of 8 consecutive winning seasons, between 1916 and 1923. The Indians were World Champs in 1920, which highlighted a good stretch of ball by the Tribe. This was the first of only two championships the team has captured, which automatically puts them in second place. Bummer that no one today was around to witness it.
- Third was also 8 years in a row, the Jacobs Field/consecutive sellout "glory years," between 1994 and 2001. Trips to the World Series in 1995 and 1997 and a potent offense

made for good times at the Jake.

- The next best would be 7 years in a row, which I *assume* will happen this year since, as of this writing, the Indians – despite a plethora of injuries – have started to play inspired baseball. If they finish with a winning record this year, it will be 7 consecutive years under Tito's direction that they've kept their collective heads above water. They went to the World Series in 2016 and, although most of us expected more, it's still indicative of a successful run.

- In fairness, it should be noted that for a 7 year stretch between 1934 and 1940, the Indians also played winning baseball. They rank behind the current team though, mainly because they have absolutely nothing to show for it; their best year was a second-place finish in 1940. *Yaum.*

Now, does this mean that if the Indians also win in 2020 and again in 2021, the 10 years of consecutive winning will assure Tribe fans of a third World Championship?

Do the math ... it's *inevitable*. Besides, have I ever steered you wrong before? *Lately?* ●

THE DIGITAL WORLD

Don't get phished

by TAK SATO

You've probably heard about "phishing" – how the nefarious use digital world communications tools such as emails and text messages to try to con you into giving up Personally Identifiable Information (PII) or your login credentials to banking or online shopping websites.

If the impersonating nefarious actor is not outright asking you for your PII or website credentials, the message will probably contain a clickable link that leads you to a legitimate-looking but "fake" website that opens up in your browser. Due to increased sophistication, it has often become indiscernible from the real website, thereby

increasing the risk of falling prey to the con.

If phishing, sometimes referred to as "bulk" phishing, is analogous to casting a wide net to catch a lot of fish, "spear" phishing is directed to a specific recipient. Phishing attempts I often see are of the former kind. People with huge fortunes or access to a bigger pot of ill-gained-gold can be spear phished. If successful, the latter is especially lucrative as "information" has higher value than greenbacks.

I wrote in my June 18 article that "we need to take ownership of what we 'can' control," even in light of massive data breaches that we had no ability to prevent, by learning good habits.

Phishing attempts are

unsuccessful if recipients ignore unsolicited messages. Sound familiar? Yep, it is the same as learning to ignore unsolicited robocalls and cold calls. Like I said before, your brain is the silver bullet as it can learn good habits.

Here's one example of how a phishing attempt may unfold. Mr. Nefarious made a fake website that looks eerily similar to the online banking website for MACS Bank. He crafted a message inviting customers to click on the enclosed link to log into the security-enhanced new online banking website using their usernames and passwords. Then with a click of the mouse, Mr. Nefarious sent it to 100,000 potential victims.

Before the cloud, making 100,000 telephone calls would've been a daunting task. The effort necessary to make 100,000 calls was disproportionate to the handful

who may fall for the con.

But with the advent of the internet, sending phishing emails to 100,000 potential victims takes only a second. Some recipients may not be MACS Bank customers and will discard the email after opening it. Some will be MACS Bank customers and will eagerly follow directions. Pretty effortless for Mr. Nefarious, unfortunately.

In this day and age, financial institutions do not ask for this information in a non-secure communication medium such as email or text. That should be another red flag that a message is a phishing attempt.

Ultimately, I hope you will develop good habits and ignore – i.e. not open – unsolicited emails and text messages altogether. Not acting on phishing messages will minimize the risk of being a victim. ●

Bay Village chapter of the League of Women Voters wants you

by JANE BLACKIE

Socialize and learn more about the nonpartisan League of Women Voters Bay Village Chapter at a backyard barbecue on Friday, July 19, from 6-8 p.m. Both women and men are invited.

If you've had enough of partisan

squabbling and government impasse and would like to see positive changes in our democracy, then the Bay Village Chapter is the place for you.

Last year, our organization contributed to the success of the anti-gerrymandering Fair District Campaign and this year, we'll be working on generating

lifelong voters through The Voter Girl Project and registering voters in the Cleveland metropolitan area. We'll also be involved in celebrating the 2020 centennial of women's suffrage.

We'd love to meet you! You can get more information for this event and RSVP to bayvillagelwv@gmail.com. ●

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SNIPPETS OF BAY VILLAGE

Fourth of July revisited

by KAY LAUGHLIN

About 10 years ago I mailed flyers to Bay High alums asking them to return the flyer completed to become part of Bay's history. I called it the Neighborhood Project and separated the information I received into east-end and west-end neighborhoods. I received some wonderful stories about life and neighbors living in Bay Village in the 1930s, '40s and '50s. I wish I had 100 more.

Interestingly, the most often mentioned favorite memory was the 4th of July. While sorting through a pile of my dad's papers in the attic, I found a roster of the events of the day and the people responsible for them for the July 4th celebration in 1944 which happened to be on a Tuesday that year. We only celebrated for one day back then, unlike the four days that make up the Bay Days celebration today. Enjoy the following memories.

Tuesday, July 4, 1944, in Bay Village

It was hard to fall asleep the night before the 4th of July just thinking about all the goodies that were going to be piled high under the big tree across from the Community House the next day. Checking it out was one of the wonderful parts of the day.

Up on top of the pile were the two bicycles, one boys and one girls, for the winning raffle tickets. Underneath were all the rest of the goodies: basketballs, baseballs, footballs, bats, baseball mitts, roller skates, tennis rackets and balls,

badminton sets, croquet sets, decorated wooden boxes, books and more.

For Mom and Dad, there were clocks, radios, mixers, toasters, hand-crocheted towels, pillow cases, hot pads, aprons, dishes and glass sets. It was a smorgasbord of goodies to see, and it was all donated by area merchants and villagers.

In the morning, in our best shorts and blouses, we headed for the park. The activities for the day were organized and run by our parents.

Here are some of the names on the 1944 roster of people who helped: Austin, Baldwin, Bellish, Benbow, Botts, Burt, Chamberlain, DuProw, Harter, Hoagland, Hockett, Holliday, Hook, Houk, Hudak, Jacobs, Knoll, Koelliker, Laverty, Leavens, Linsenmeyer, Mosely, Peterson, Potter, Pyle, Redinger, Rothaermel, Smith, Solt, Wendt, Wingard, and Wischmeyer.

It all started at 9:55 a.m. with an aerial salute and the raising of the flag by the Bay Village Scout Troops. At 10:05, a ball game featuring the Canterbury Tigers and the Bay Village All Stars began. At 11:00, the decorated Bicycle and Tricycle Parade started at Rose Hill, and at 11:30 there were bicycle races on Cahoon Road.

At 1:00 p.m., there was an assortment of choices. Down at the mouth of Cahoon Creek, motor and sailboat races commenced. In the park there were bowling, golf, horseshoe or beach ball contests. At 1:30, the Girl Scouts and Brownies had a sing at the Community House.

At 2:00, the games and races began for



Lawrence family children dressed in period clothes as Indians and early settlers for a Fourth of July parade and pageant.

the children. There was the three-legged race, the wheelbarrow race, the sprint, tossing the baseball the farthest, toss and catch and badminton fly. The top three winners got something from under that marvelous tree next to the Community House.

For Mom and Dad, there were the three-legged race, egg throw and who could wrap and unwrap dad with toilet paper the fastest. At 4:00, the firemen had a water fight with their fire hoses, and at 4:30, Bingo started in the Community House.

The dinner hour was at 6:00 p.m. and featured ham and potato salad or wieners and beans. Coffee was served by the Girl Scout mothers, and soft drinks were sold by the Boy Scout fathers. At 7:00 p.m., the flag was lowered and the band concert by the Parkview High School Band started. At 9:00 p.m., dancing in the Community House began, and a movie was shown in the valley.

Special events were the war stamp treasure hunt, time guessing contest and

largest fish caught. Prizes were awarded to all, and we watched the goodies disappear under the tree. Every hour there was a raffle drawing, and near the end of the day the bicycles were awarded to the lucky boy and girl with the winning raffle tickets.

We arrived for the evening events in our best dresses and summer sandals. My parents were often in charge of the dance. No matter the age, anyone could dance in the Community House to the 78 rpm records, with owner's names on them, loaned by the high school students. The fans were running overhead and with the windows open the sounds of "Opus One" and "Stardust" drifted out over the park. I can still hear them. There were no fireworks in the year 1944.

Those were the days. Although it was a sad time in Bay with our boys fighting in WWII, this was a day to remember. As a kid we wondered how it could get any better. ●

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Genealogical resources at Akron-Summit County Public Library

by JAYNE BROESTL

If you were disappointed when Jane Gramlich's presentation "Resources and Services in the Special Collections Division, Akron-Summit County Public Library (ASCPL)" was cancelled in April, you will be happy to know that Jane has been rescheduled for the Wednesday, July 17, meeting of Cuyahoga West Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society (OGS). Jane, a librarian in Special Collections at the ASCPL and vice president of Cuyahoga Valley Chapter, OGS will cover the genealogical and local history resources available including books, periodicals, databases, archival collections

and digital collections. She will also discuss the other services provided such as classes and programs, research assistance, lookups and copies, and their newsletter, Past Pursuits. While ASCPL's collection is primarily focused on Ohio and the surrounding states, you should note that they hold materials for the states of the eastern seaboard, New England and the South. The meeting will be held in the Porter Room of Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road. Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The public is invited, free of charge. For more information, email cuyahogawest@gmail.com. ●

BAYARTS

BAYarts market opens at last

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

The Cleveland area experienced a rainy June, and it was this very thing which impacted the first two BAYarts Farm & Art Markets. Despite holding out hope, Pam Mills (who manages the market and is the BAYarts Creative Programming Director) had to cancel them on account of downpouring rain. But the market now will continue on with a full slate of summer activities and market staples every Thursday from 5-8 p.m. on the BAYarts campus at 28795 Lake Road. Summer event schedule: July 11: Hoodoo BBQ, Feels Like OM goat yoga, health & wellness July 18: Yappy Hour, Cupcake Wars (kids decorating table & adult contest) July 25: Hoodoo BBQ (music) Aug. 1: Backyard Famliy Fun Night, Movie Under the Stars (Harry Potter) Aug. 8: Hoodoo BBQ (music), pie contest, Feels Like OM goat yoga Aug. 15: Yappy Hour, cooking demo by Buttercream & Olive Oil Aug. 22: Hoodoo BBQ (music), Yappy Hour



Kids try out goat yoga at BAYarts.

- Sept. 5: Chili cook-off
 - Sept. 12: Last market
- To participate in goat yoga, go to bayarts.net/events/market as you must register in advance. There will also be petting times available. To participate in the pie/cupcake/chili events please contact Pam Mills at market@bayarts.net. ●

Bay Maritime Explorer Club receives prestigious Army Values Award

by GWYNN MILLER SARAH KNOX and BODEN MCDUGAL

Congratulations to the Microfiber Fighters, who were chosen as the eCyberMission National Finalists along with 20 other finalist teams in the 2019 U.S. Army-sponsored competition. We were selected from 5,097 teams to attend a week-long National Judging and Educational Event (NJEE) in Washington, D.C. Activities included hands-on STEM workshops led by Army scientists and engineers, a special session hosted by the National Inventors Hall of Fame, a visit to Capitol Hill and Congressional Library, and a tour of the National Mall. In our visit to Congress we met with Senator Rob Portman's legislative correspondent, Sam Hattrup, who stated: "The health and well-being of Lake Erie is one of Senator Portman's top priorities; the senator would be interested in the research of Microfiber Fighters."

After a ride on the Senate train to the other side of Congress we met with Congresswoman Joyce Beatty who was also very interested to hear of our project to prevent microfibers entering out into lakes from washing machines. "Your achievements set you apart from the 5,000-plus teams competing this year – a true testament to your dedication, enthusiasm and quest for knowledge," said Major General Cedric T. Wins, Commanding General of the U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command. "Your outstanding efforts embody the U.S. Army's vision for providing a STEM education and career path." The highlight of the week was at the Friday awards luncheon and ceremony where the Microfiber Fighters were presented with the 2019 eCyberMission Army Values Award for "Our embodiment of the Army Core Values throughout the NJEE. This team consistently demonstrated those traits that define the very founda-

tion of the U.S. Army and its Soldiers: Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity and Personal Courage." As members of B.S.A. Maritime Explorer Club 360, sponsored by Bay Sea Scouts, we were excited to receive this

award as it demonstrates that we do strive to live by the Scout Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law. For details on joining our co-educational crew please contact Richard Gash at joinseascouts@gmail.com or 440-829-7048. ●



From left: Dr. Matt Willis, Director, Office of Deputy Assistant Secretary of Army; Sarah Knox; Boden McDougal; John Willison, Deputy to Commanding General, U.S. Army Combat Capabilities Development Command; Gwynn Miller; Richard Gash; and Sgt. Maj. David Snipes, Command Sergeant Major.

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DIGGING DOVER

Holy Moses! More Moses Cleaveland trees

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

One of the benefits of all the recent rain is that the trees in Westlake and Bay Village, both young and old, have never looked so lush.

After my article "Moses Cleaveland Trees in Westlake" appeared in the June 4 edition of this publication the editor was notified of another plaqued Moses Cleaveland tree still extant in Bay Village. It is located in a fenced yard at 24919 Sunset near the southeast corner of Sunset and Forestview roads.

The plaque identifies it as a black oak plaqued in 1971 during Cleveland's Super Sesquicentennial Anniversary (175 years). As the photograph shows, it is displaying the dieback of some of its branches that naturally occurs in trees of great age.

The same bloggers on “216years.blogspot.com” who in 2012 attempted to locate a number of the Moses Cleaveland trees plaqued in 1946 in Clague Park discuss two other 1946 plaqued trees in the Cleveland area which were known to still have their original metal 1946 plaques in 2012.

One was a massive white oak in a tree lawn on Summit Avenue in Lake-

wood which was just cut down in 2018 due to safety concerns. The approximately 320-year-old tree was rotting from the inside to the extent that the trunk was practically hollow, according to Lakewood Arborist Chris Perry. The other, located on Chagrin River Road in Hunting Valley, is a sugar maple that still appears healthy.

The sugar maple is located approximately one-half mile north of Shaker Boulevard near 3051 Chagrin River Road. I was able to locate and photograph it as well as the original metal plaque which reads:

SUGAR MAPLE

Acer saccharum

THIS IS A MOSES CLEAVELAND TREE

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The sentiments are excellent but unfortunately these trees do have a natural lifespan, which many of them are bumping up against. Unlike the sequoia or bristlecone pines which grow in the western United States and can live for thousands of years, the most long-lived trees here probably won't exceed 400 years.

Fortunately Westlake has had a tree ordinance

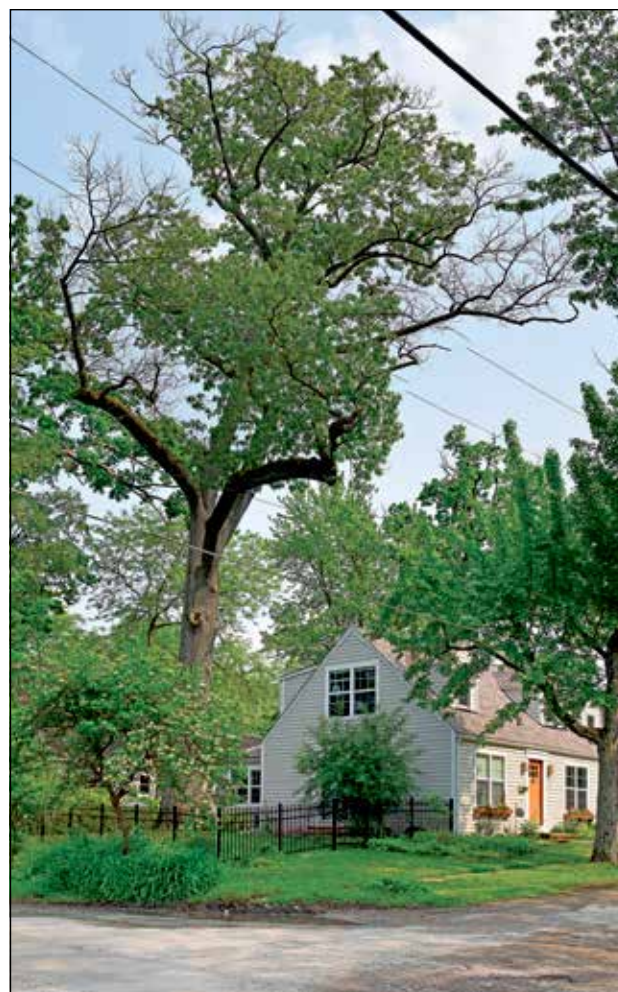
since 1989 which has saved tens of thousands of trees of many sizes and ages. Developers cannot just clear cut sites without a plan in place to preserve as many trees as possible. There is also a requirement to save or plant a certain number and caliper (diameter) inch of trees on a property which acts as an incentive to save trees because every caliper inch of tree that they save is one less caliper inch that they need to plant – so saving trees actually saves money at the front end of a new development, with large caliper inch trees the most valuable in this regard.

I learned that the Bay Village Tree Commission, Bay Village Law Department and Bay City Council are discussing a tree ordinance for Bay Village, recognizing that the mature tree canopy is an important part of Bay Village's character. Discussion of it can be found on the Bay Village website under the minutes for the Committee Meeting of Council held June 10, 2019.

Bill Sammon, the son of Abby Sammon who had lovingly cared for an approximately 340-year-old oak tree on her property for many years (discussed in the last article), told me that a Cleveland-based businessman Johnny Smatana (who goes by the name Johnny S) had collected acorns from that tree in 2017 and 2018 to propagate seedlings which carry

A black rectangular plaque with white text is mounted on a tree trunk. The text on the plaque reads: "MOSES CLEVELAND TREE", "BLACK OAK", "1796 SUPER SESQUI 1971", and "EARLY SETTLERS ASSOCIATION". The plaque is surrounded by green grass and moss.

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THE GREEN REPORT

Every city should strive to be twins with Minneapolis

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

I had the pleasure of visiting a close friend of mine up in the Twin Cities (Minneapolis/St. Paul) in early June. Minneapolis is doing an outstanding job being a green city.

While we were visiting, we went to see a Twins game at Target Field. To say I was impressed with Target Field is an understatement – the entire ballpark is waste-free! In fact, I could not locate a trash can!

What are they doing? Composting and recycling only. All of the bottles and cans go into the recycling can, and all food, cups, napkins, forks, etc. go into the compost can! These compost/recycling stations are everywhere inside of the park.

My son bought a pop, which came in a compostable cup, and when the food service worker gave it to him, she advised him to save it and fill it with water when he was finished. Yes, they have water-bottle refilling stations in the park as well!

Not only is all of the “waste” used by fans not ending up in the landfill, but the employees are receiving excellent sustainability training as well. Encouraging patrons to reuse items should be standard across all ballparks, whether they are compostable or not.

It was so refreshing and energizing

for me to witness how much the Twins are committed to sustainability. If the Twins can do it, any major sports team can do it. In fact, every major sports team should commit to becoming sustainability twins with the Twins!

During my visit we also spent time at the gorgeous Lake Harriet, in South Minneapolis, eating ice cream with the kids. All of the food containers at the concession were compostable, recyclable, or reusable. The concession did not sell plastic water bottles! They sold reusable stainless steel water bottles that they fill with water. While I’m sure they are not the highest quality stainless steel bottles, the fact that plastic water bottles are not being sold near the lake in order to curb pollution is wonderful and hopefully when people purchase the water bottles, they take them home to reuse them.

Sustainability and conservation of the environment are values that are seemingly ingrained in Minnesotans. We ate at Chipotle one day – and even Chipotle had composting bins and directions on how to sort waste!

Experiencing a city with such high environmental standards gave me so much hope but also made me realize that while Cleveland is getting there, slowly but surely, but we have a ways to go. ●



Target Field has composting and recycling bins for all fan-generated waste.

Knights of Columbus to host golf outing

The St. Ladislus Knights of Columbus Council will host a golf outing at Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon on Sunday, July 21.

The Council will host a 9 and 18 hole best ball scramble that day. The 18 Hole Scramble is \$99 with a 12:30 shotgun start and includes cart, lunch

and steak dinner. The 9 Hole Scramble is \$69 with a 2:30 shotgun start and includes cart and steak dinner. We are accepting foursome reservations at this time.

More information can be obtained by contacting Dan Barringer at 440-570-5294 or 55danref@gmail.com. ●

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Westlake Porter Public Library Upcoming Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, July 3, 10 and 17 (9:30 & 10:15 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.

Wednesdays, July 3, 10 and 17 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, July 11 and 18 (6:30-8 p.m.) BOW WOW BOOKS - Stop by Youth Services to sign up for a 10-minute reading time with a reading therapy dog. Registration begins Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Fridays, July 5 and 12 (2-4 p.m.) MOVIES @ YOUR LIBRARY - Enjoy a feature-length newly released DVD or favorite family classic! Contact the Youth Services Department for specific titles.

Saturday, July 6 (10-11:30 a.m.) BEGINNING CODING FOR ADULTS - What is coding? Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. Focus is on HTML and CSS. Please register.

Saturday, July 6 (3:30-4 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME - An interactive family storytime featuring books, rhymes, songs, movement and a small craft. For families with children ages 2-6.

Sundays, July 7 and 14 (2:30-4 p.m.) AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE BASICS

- If you ever wanted to learn ASL, now is your chance! Join us for 8 drop-in sessions on Sundays. Instructor June Pritchard will teach the basics of this visual, gestural language used most often by the hearing impaired. Ages 16 and up.

Monday, July 8 (1-1:30 p.m.) YOGA TIME! - This is a perfect way to introduce yoga and practice simple poses. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or yoga mat. Ages 3 and up with a caregiver.

Tuesday, July 9 (1-3 p.m.) CAREER: INTERVIEWING WELL TO GET THE OFFER - Preparation is essential for a successful job interview. Research to ensure the job is right for your skills, and to learn about the company and the specific job so you'll be prepared to answer difficult interview questions.

Tuesdays, July 9 and 16 (3-4 p.m.) BRAIN GAMES - Keep up those skills by stopping by to play grade-appropriate educational games with our friendly teen volunteers. For students in grades 1-3.

Tuesday, July 9 (7-8:30 p.m.) TUESDAY EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION - We'll discuss "Pachinko" by Min Jin Lee.

Wednesday, July 10 (2-3:30 p.m.) INTRO TO SMARTPHONES - Learn the basics of using smartphones, such as screen brightness, wifi settings, adding apps and more! If bringing your device, bring all account passwords. Please register.

Wednesday, July 10 (3-4:30 p.m.) BOREDOM BUSTERS! - Are you bored? Drop by the Storytime Room and join in the fun! We will have different activities available each month. All ages welcome.

Thursday, July 11 (1-7 p.m.) AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

Thursday, July 11 (2-3:30 p.m.) GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSION PROGRAM ON WORLD AFFAIRS - Discuss critical global issues facing America today. At the beginning of each month a copy of the article may be picked up at the Ask Us Desk. Please read prior to the meeting. Please register.

Thursdays, July 11 and 18 (2-3:30 p.m.) TEEN CRAFTS - Bring out your creativity every Thursday throughout the summer! Drop-in for a new craft each week. While supplies last.

Thursdays, July 11 and 18 (4-5 p.m.) CODE CLUB! - Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Grades 3-4. Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, July 12 (10:30-11:15 a.m.) ADAPTIVE DANCE WITH INSPIRATIONS DANCE ACADEMY - Dance moves are taught in many different ways incorporating visual tools and sensory techniques to help each participant learn how their body best responds to dance while in a positive and accepting environment. Led by a physical therapist and lifelong dancer, this program is devel-

oped specifically for children with special needs. Ages 3-8. Siblings and typical peers are welcome. Registration begins July 5.

Saturday, July 13 (3-5 p.m.) ANIME CLUB - A great club for anime and manga lovers! All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

Sundays, July 14 and 28 (2-4 p.m.) CHESS CLUB - Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you have a chess set, bring it with you.

Monday, July 15 (1-3:30 p.m.) TEEN SUPER SMASH ULTIMATE TOURNAMENT - Battle it out in Super Smash Ultimate for Nintendo Switch to see who will take the top spot and reign as champion! Plus, retro game consoles and free snacks.

Tuesday, July 16 (10:30-11:30 a.m.) TABLET TUESDAY USER GROUP - This group will share tips and tricks with each other about using iPads and Android tablets. Kindle Fire users welcome! Bring your devices. Please register.

Tuesday, July 16 (6:30-8 p.m.) CONNECTING FOR KIDS' COFFEE AND CHAT - Join our interactive support group and meet other families facing similar struggles. Free, supervised children's activities are available, but adults and children must register separately. This month's topic: "Coping with Fear of the Future."

To register for any of the programs, please call 440-871-2600 or visit events.westlakelibrary.org/events.

Bay Village Branch Library Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

Fifty years ago, Apollo 11 landed on the moon. In celebration of this anniversary, The Great lakes Science Center will join us at the Bay Village branch library to present, "Legacy of the Apollo: The Greatest Leap" on Saturday, July 6, at 2 p.m. Find out more about the early days of spaceflight, the tragedies, and the triumphs.

Our annual ice cream social is a great way to enjoy all the library has to offer while enjoying free

Mitchell's ice cream. Join us on Monday, July 8, from 6-8 p.m. browse the library's collection, sign up for our summer reading program, talk to neighbors, enjoy balloon art, and cool down with a sweet treat.

CHILDREN

Weekly Storytimes:

- **Mondays & Tuesdays (10 a.m.) TODDLER STORYTIME** - ages 19-35 months.
- **Tuesdays (6:45 p.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

- **Wednesdays (10 a.m.) BABY AND ME STORYTIME** - ages birth-18 months
- **Thursdays (10 a.m.) PRE-SCHOOL STORYTIME** - ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)
- **Fridays (10 a.m. and 11 a.m.) FAMILY STORYTIME** - for all ages

Tuesdays (2 p.m.) POOLSIDE STORYTIME - Cooling off at the Bay Village pool? Splash over for stories with the Bay Village Library children's staff during the 2 p.m. rest period.

ADULT

Tuesday, July 9 (6 p.m.) LIBRARY FOR ALL: ADAPTED ADULT PROGRAMS - Join us for fun, adapted programs featuring stories, art, music and more, specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities and their caregivers. Adults (18+) of all abilities are welcome. Registration required; caregivers need not include themselves when registering.

Friday, July 12 (10 a.m.) BAYARTS BOOK DISCUSSION - Join friends, neighbors

and library staff for a monthly book discussion on the BAYarts campus. This month's book, "Waiting for Eden" by Elliot Ackerman, is available at the library and BAYarts one month before the discussion

Saturday, July 13 (2 p.m.) MOVIE: "FIRST MAN" - Join us for a showing of "First Man" featuring Ryan Gosling as Neil Armstrong. Refreshments will be served.

Please register to attend the programs online at cuyahogallibrary.org, call us at 440-871-6392, or stop by the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian.

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Boom! Doggy storm phobia!

by NANCY BROWN

It's a really good thing my storm-phobic dog can't read Facebook. The "boom" postings would totally send her to the moon and back!

Are you fearful and reactive to thunderstorms? Sometimes we can unknowingly displace our personal fears of storms on our dogs. Dogs read humans' and other animals' body language. Odors can be given off that we do not smell but they do, causing them to react or respond. Some dogs are genetically predisposed to be extremely sensitive and their natural response to fear most times is to flee.

My storm-phobic dog was shipped from the south to a local hunting club and hated the sound of the guns to the point she would not eat and the kennel master could not be rid of her soon enough. I'm grateful he did not just let her run in the woods and get lost. Many irresponsible hunters do this instead of properly training their dogs with qualified sportsmen dog trainers on confidence, desensitization and recall.

She started pacing when the wind chime made noise from the wind. I now

find her peaceful in her crate with the crate door open when a storm is on the horizon. It took patience but she is more peaceful now with storms.

It is a key point when considering bringing a dog into your home that you understand the need of the breed. Can you provide the proper stimulation and exercise for the dog's genetic disposition? Do you have the patience to work with a dog that might have "baggage" or be phobic? The consequences? The expense?

I cared for a black lab mix who would round up the other animals in the house to go into the bathroom and shut the door whenever there was the slightest sign of a storm. I would find her in the tub behind the shower curtain, flatter than a pancake, shaking and drooling.

One of my personal rescue dogs was abused by someone that liked to blow cigarette smoke up her nose to make her sneeze. Fires started by lightning strikes and the smallest amount of smoke made that poor dog have a total meltdown.

Veterinarians and board-certified veterinary behaviorists have made great accomplishments in helping us understand the storm-phobic dog, treatments,



training, accessories and desensitization for this behavior.

Understand that many times this behavior might escalate before it improves or might not change at all. That is why the first thing you should do is work directly with your veterinarian. There are medications, holistic options, techniques and certified pet care professionals that your animal hospital team members can direct and guide you to for the optimum results.

Reinforcing calm behaviors, staying busy, favorite toys, creating a safe place (a crate, dog bed, or specific room) and

doing this repetitively when there is not a storm are great training techniques and could make for a great bonding and exercise situation. Try doing some activities together with a thunderstorm CD playing softly in the background.

Discuss with your veterinarian the effectiveness of products like the Thundershirt, Storm Defender cape and pet anxiety wraps.

Do not believe everything you read on the internet or go crazy googling. The safest and best results will be with you working directly with your animal clinic. ●

Discount programs available to Cleveland Water customers

by JOHN GOERSMEYER

At Cleveland Water, we work hard to provide safe, quality drinking water at a fair and reasonable rate. We know that's not always enough though.

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To enroll in the Homestead Discount Program, customers must complete and submit an application. To download a application, visit clevelandwater.com and look under water rates. You can also call 216-664-3130 to have one sent to you. Once enrolled, your program eligibility period is good for 3 years, after which a renewal application is required.

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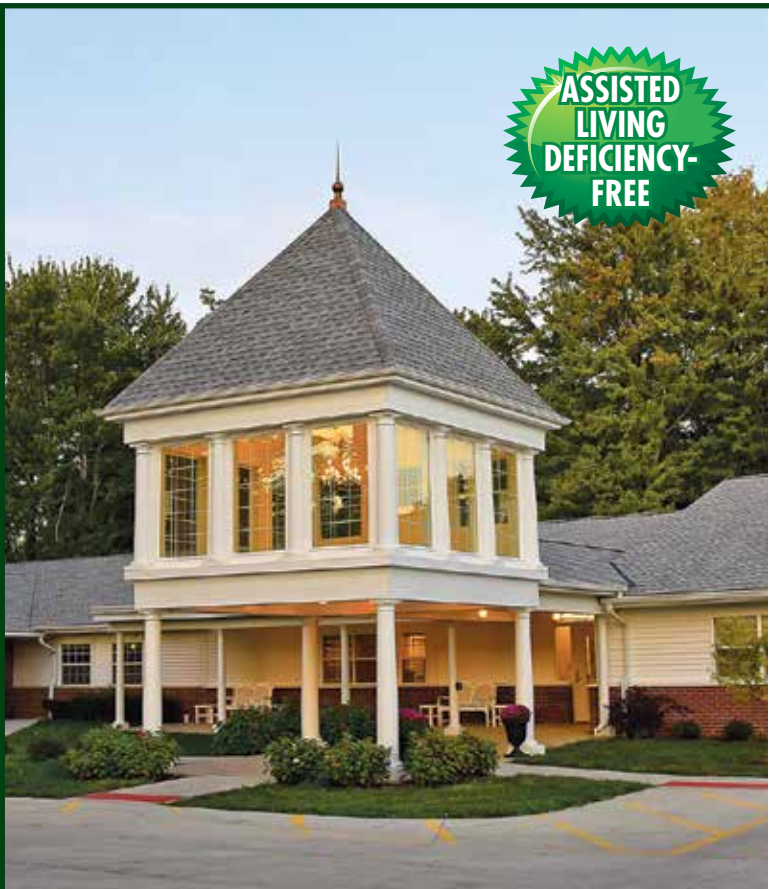
administered by CHN Housing Partners offers a 40% discount on water charges. To qualify, customers must:

- Own and live at the applying service address; and
- Have a total household income at or below current income guidelines.

CHN Housing Partners also offers a variety of services and programs to help lower utility-related costs, assists residents in paying past due utility bills, establish reasonable payment plans, and avoid service interruptions. For income guidelines, questions, or an application, visit chnhousingpartners.org or call 216-774-2349. ●

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Parking changes for Bay Days

Cahoon Road will be closed between Lake Road and Wolf Road from Tuesday, July 2, at 3 p.m. through Sunday, July 7, at 6 a.m. for Bay Days. Please note this additional detour as you travel the city.

Due to the wet spring, vehicle parking will not be permitted on the grass in Cahoon Park during Bay Days. Additionally, rides

and attractions are being moved south of the Community House to the parking area surrounding the Rose Garden and RTA stop.

Limited parking will be available off Cahoon Road. Handicap parking will be available in the lot at the corner of Cahoon and Harvey Yoder Parkway. Those who wish to drop off others for the festivities will be

able to enter Cahoon from Wolf, drop off and exit back to Wolf.

Signs will be posted around the area directing guests to available public parking areas. We expect those areas to fill quickly, so we encourage residents to walk or bike to Bay Days this year whenever possible. This will be especially true on July 4 for the fireworks. ●



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	12 Noon – 5 pm	\$19 One Price Ticket for All Rides
	7 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – Geez Cats
Thursday, July 4	8:30 am	Bay Days 5 Mile Race and Kids 1 Mile Fun Run Starts at Bay High School. For more info and to register: www.clewestrunningclub.org
	11:30 am	Children's Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade – Meet at Gazebo
	12 Noon – 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon – 5 pm	\$19 One Price Ticket for All Rides
	1 pm	On the grass at the Gazebo – Dr. U.R. Awesome, Bubbleologist
	2 pm	Vintage Base Ball Game – Bay Men's Club Villagers vs. Whiskey Island Shamrocks at south end of Cahoon Park
	7 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – Sloppy Joe Band
Friday, July 5	12 Noon to 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon to 5 pm	\$19 One Price Ticket for All Rides
	7 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – Bay Community Band
Saturday, July 6	12 Noon – 10:30 pm	Booths and Rides Open
	12 Noon – 5 pm	\$19 One Price Ticket for All Rides
	5 pm	Classic Car Cruise-In with DJ Cadillac Mike
	7 pm	Live Music at the Gazebo – The Dan Zola Orchestra (Big Band Music)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group's free community events online at wbvobserver.com

Wednesday, July 3, 7-8:45 p.m. WESTLAKE UNITY TOASTMASTERS

Improve your speaking and leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment. Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month.
Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Rd., Westlake

**Wednesday, July 4, 10 a.m.-dusk
WESTLAKE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**
The day kicks off at 10 a.m. with a parade from Lee Burneson Middle School, down Dover Center to Hilliard and then east to Clague Park. At 11:15 a.m., Mayor Dennis Clough and members of City Council honor America's birthday. The festivities continue with a classic car show, free rides on the Rocket Ship car from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and a dog show and martial arts demo from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Food vendors will open at 4 p.m. and music begins at 6 p.m. Fireworks at dusk!
Clague Memorial Park, Westlake

**Wednesday, July 4, 11:30 a.m.-dusk
BAY VILLAGE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**
The Children's Bike, Trike and Wagon Parade starts at the Gazebo at 11:30. Enjoy Bay Days from noon to 10:30 p.m. At 1 p.m. there will be a bubbleologist by the gazebo. At 2 p.m., a vintage base ball game will begin at the south end of the park. The Sloppy Joe Band plays at 7 p.m., followed by a fireworks display at 9:45 p.m.
Cahoon Memorial Park, Bay Village

**Friday, July 5, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**
Manna and Donut Lab will be serving lunch and sweet treats. There's plenty of parking and picnic

tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

**Sunday, July 7, 6:30-8 p.m.
WESTLAKE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
Blue Lunch will play jazz and swing. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Free.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

**Sunday, July 7, 7-9 p.m.
BAYARTS CONCERT SERIES**
Rockport brings rootsy rock with soulful harmonies. Wind down your weekend on the beautiful Huntington Reservation campus. Delicious summer fare, concessions and libations to purchase.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

**Wednesday, July 10, 10 a.m.
HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB MEETING**
The meeting will start at 10 a.m. New members and guests are welcome. Following lunch, guest speaker Pete Kamples will talk about solutions for senior citizens who want to remain in their home. His business, "One Call for Seniors," is located in Bay Village and offers help finding reliable people to take care of everyday problems like household chores and other things, such as plumbing, heating and lawn care. The service is free for those 50 and older. For more information on the meeting, visit theherbguild.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

**Wednesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
NEOPC MEETING**
Northeast Ohio PC Club's President, Bruce

Brockman, will review his experiences with computing. Join us to hear about Bruce's tips, tricks and regrets. Come at 6:30 for refreshments; the presentation will start at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, go to neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

**Friday, July 12, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY**
Off the Griddle and Sweet! The Mobile Cupcakery will be serving lunch and sweet treats. There's plenty of parking and picnic tables are available.
Bay Village City Hall parking lot, 350 Dover Center Rd.

**Friday, July 12, 7-9 p.m.
BAYARTS JULY EXHIBITIONS**
Join us for opening receptions for Christy Gray's "Liquid Invitation" in the Diane Boldman Education Gallery and Misty Hughes's "Experiential Poetry" in the Sullivan Family Gallery. Both exhibitions run through Aug. 3.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

**Sunday, July 14, 6:30-8 p.m.
WESTLAKE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**
Swing Time Big Band will play favorites from the big band era. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a variety of music. Free.
Westlake Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd.

**Sunday, July 14, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT**
We will be honoring America and our veterans by playing selections that showcase our American heritage including marches, patriotic suites and more. Come join us as we celebrate our grand

land and those who have served in our nation's armed forces.
Cahoon Park Gazebo, Bay Village

**Sunday, July 14, 7-9 p.m.
BAYARTS CONCERT SERIES**
Gringo Stew plays American music with a touch of Southwestern spice. Wind down your weekend on the beautiful Huntington Reservation campus. Delicious summer fare, concessions and libations to purchase.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

**July 16-18, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**
Kids age 3 through sixth grade are invited to join us for a free Vacation Bible School! This year's theme is "The Incredible Race," where kids will discover that we are all part of the same race, the human race, as they enjoy songs, crafts, games, goodies and dramas. Register your child at www.parknaz.org, or just come to the church at 6:15 p.m. on July 16 to register.
Parkside Church of the Nazarene, 23600 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake

**Tuesday, July 16, 7 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE WATERWAYS CLEANUP**
Join the Bay Village Green Team in cleaning up Columbia Beach and Tuttle Creek. Garbage bags and recycling bags will be provided. Dress appropriately. Bring any gloves or tools you wish to use. For the adults joining, we will be meeting at Ironwood after for drinks.
Columbia Park, corner of Lake and Columbia roads