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LAKE ROAD BRIDGE OPENS

East-west traffic resumes on main route through Bay Village after six months

Bay Village residents breathed a sigh of relief on Sept. 24 when the long-awaited new Lake Road bridge opened to traffic. A couple dozen infrastructure enthusiasts attended a brief ceremony on Sept. 23 as Mayor Paul Koomar, City Council members and administration leaders cut a ceremonial ribbon to open the bridge on Sept. 23. After almost six months of minor traffic congestion due to the construction detour – sometimes jokingly referred to as “rush minute” in Bay Village – the bridge opened on time and at a cost of just over \$2.7 million. The project was fully funded by the Ohio Department of Transportation. ◆

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Kindness is contagious in Bay Village

by LESLIE SELIG

It has been a tough few months for a lot of people in our country, as the tragedies throughout our nation have affected many communities. But that doesn't mean that each of us can't make a positive difference in this world, or at least in our community.

I ran across a blog about kindness written by Chip Gaines of the television show “Fixer Upper.” In the blog, Chip challenged his readers to spread kindness throughout their communities, and I thought this was perfect for Bay Village.

The Community Services Department has designed several variations of kindness flyers. They are for all ages, and will be placed around Bay Village in businesses, schools, the senior center, or any place that wants them. Each flyer has eight tear-off acts of kindness, or you can create your own. Just tear one off and show that kindness to someone in the community. Then watch the reaction.

The great thing about kindness is that it's a choice, and it's a choice we can all make regardless of age. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture – just a smile, a thank you. Everyday kindness that makes the day a little nicer. It feels good to be both the giver and the receiver – so good that we want to spread it around because kindness is contagious.

We want to impact our community in a positive way. Kindness is contagious, but the spark has to start somewhere. Why not Bay Village? Why not now? ◆

Contentious Avon Road to close again

by DIANA PI

Avon Road between Bradley and Nagel is closing again, this time to less animosity.

In 2009, Westlake Mayor Dennis Clough placed a guardrail at the Avon border, effectively closing a quick access

for Avon residents to the Crocker Road I-90 interchange, among other destinations. His reasoning: The road was unsafe and too expensive to fix.

This occurred years before Avon got its own access to I-90 with the Nagel interchange, which is at the east end

of Avon road.

Avon's then-Mayor Jim Smith was upset. According to an April 2009 Cleveland.com report, he said he was given a “lead time of about a minute and a half” and called only when the barriers were in place.

Since then, the road was reopened twice – temporarily – in 2012 and recently to accommodate the overflow traffic from construction in Avon.

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The intersection of Avon and Bradley roads, looking west.

SPORTING VIEWS

Moving forward: The Tribe's M.O.

by JEFF BING

As we put the 2019 season to bed in Tribe Town, the Indians' season appears – at first glance, anyway – to have been a disappointment: no division title, and not even a wild card for a team that's been in the playoffs the last three seasons.

And not only that, but the team's best player – Frankie Lindor – has two (count 'em, two) more years in Cleveland after this one, and after that he, without question,

will be playing elsewhere. Add to that the idea that most scouts insist the Twins won't be going away any time soon, plus the White Sox and Royals have a lot of young talent which suggests they will be very competitive sooner rather than later. (Feel free to gulp and swallow hard here if necessary.)

But before you decide to hop on the elevator and execute a perfect triple gainer from atop the Terminal Tower, consider doing what I'm going to do: *embrace the future.*

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AVON ROAD

from front page

In a recent City Council meeting, Clough said he received a petition (among about 700 petitioners from all over Northeast Ohio, there are 197 Avon residents, 143 Westlake residents) requesting the road remain open permanently.

Clough thinks it will cost \$3 million just to fix the Westlake section of Avon road – about half a mile. Avon's section is a mile.

Why so much?

Bob Kelly, Westlake City Engineer, said, "The entire roadway will have to be re-constructed and the intersection of Avon Road at Bradley Road widened and a signal installed."

Avon Road, on the Westlake side, has only one residential house. On the Avon side, there are several houses and two subdivisions.

Avon City Councilman Brian Fischer, who lives in one of the subdivisions,

Willow Creek, conducted an unofficial poll in his subdivision about opening up Avon Road to through traffic. The result is split in the middle.

Fischer said his biggest concern is safety of the residents. Most of Avon Road has no sidewalk. (This reporter found an old, narrow, two-way road with limited, uneven shoulders and ditches.) The through-traffic may not know to watch out for pedestrians or cyclists. He supports placement of sidewalks if Avon Road is to be opened.

Clough and Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen met in mid-September. Jensen said he'd like to "work together as neighbors." There may be general funding, grant money, and increased gas tax to support building a new road.

A plan is in place for both city engineers to meet, as Clough said, to "work out some numbers."

Meanwhile, Clough plans to close Avon Road again in December when the construction on Nagel Road is completed. ●

TRIBE

from front page

Yes, it sounds crazy, but the future for the Cleveland Indians over the next several years looks very exciting. Before you accuse yours truly of being on the "take" from Paul Dolan, check out this list of reasons to be excited about the Indians.

1.) Out of necessity, they promoted and cultivated a new group of core pitchers that suggest a degree of pitching depth that will keep them playoff contenders for probably the next half-decade at worst. Mike Clevinger (age 28) and Shane Bieber (24) already stack up favorably with most upper level pitching staffs. Following them you have Zach Plesac (24), Adam Plutko (27), Aaron Civale (24) and Jeffry Rodriguez (25) who all have more than held their own versus big league hitters. And just suppose Corey Kluber returns even *close* to his former CyYoung self and Carlos Carrasco continues his remarkable recovery from leukemia. The results could possibly be *stunning*.

2.) Oscar Mercado. This guy is a legit big league hitter and fielder. Probably one of MLB's most exciting outfielders already, and he's only 24! Chalk up another one for the front office; they don't miss very often, do they?

3.) Jose Ramirez. Considered by many to be washed up at 26, Jose rediscovered the magic with his bat that had disappeared for almost 5 months, but was a major factor in the Tribe's second-half run at the Twins this year. He can (and did) carry the team for several stretches this year. He's without question a leader on this team.

4.) Franmil Reyes. He's the prototypical right-handed slugger the Indians have looked for for the past several years. Yes, he strikes out a *lot*, but then again, who *doesn't* these days? Oh yeah, he's just a baby at 23 and he'll be in a Tribe uni for a long time. An awesome return on the Trevor Bauer trade.

5.) Roberto Perez. Okay, a show of hands out there if you honestly thought Roberto was going to turn into a beast at (not behind) the plate? Exactly; I didn't see that coming either. Again, the front office knew what they were doing when they traded Yan Gomes.

6.) The front office. I cannot say enough about Team President Chris Antonetti or General Manager Mike Chernoff. These guys are so adept in their talent evaluation that they have more than offset the negative impact of the frugal owners of the Indians, Paul and Larry Dolan. *I will*, however, give the Dolans credit (even though it hurts me to do so) for being smart enough to stay out of the talent evaluation business and let the baseball experts in the front office do their thing. Because of their uncanny ability to swing deals that pay off (sooner rather than later) I don't even fear the loss of Francisco Lindor as much as I once did. My guess is he will be traded when the front office feels they can maximize their return for Frankie. Somehow, they will turn that huge loss into a plus.

So yes, we fell a little short this year, but the way I see it, the Twins' stay at the top of the division won't last too long. In fact, I have a message for the Minnesota Twins: "Enjoy your moment in the sun, because you're there on a short-term lease." ●

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Bay Kiwanis installs new officers for the 2019-2020 year

by STAN GRISNIK

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club installed the officers for the coming year at a dinner meeting on Sept. 24. The dinner was held at Mahle's Restaurant with outgoing President Rich Oldrieve serving as Master of Ceremonies, and former Ohio Division 15 Lt. Governor Matt Rawlings performing the installation of officers.

We would like to recognize and thank the outgoing officers for their help and support during

the past year: President Rich Oldrieve, Past President Foster McMasters, President Elect Pat Mosier, Vice President Linda Cleary, Secretary Ed Colleran, and Treasurer Russ Bauknecht. Their work to carry on the mission of the Bay Village Kiwanis Club for another year is appreciated.

Recognizing the incoming officers and thanking them for volunteering to support the club during the next year: President Pat Mosier, President Elect Linda Cleary, Past President Rich Oldrieve, Vice President Warren

Remein, Secretary Ed Colleran, and Treasurer Russ Bauknecht. They will provide the guidance and hard work to keep the club operating smoothly for another year. And what a year it will be, starting with the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner on Nov. 9 at Bay Presbyterian Church, and followed by the Christmas tree sales beginning on Nov. 29 in Cahoon Park.

Please plan to support Bay Village Kiwanis and our mission by attending the Spaghetti Dinner and purchasing a tree for the holidays. Through your support we are able to provide help to our community, and around the world.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, join us for dinner Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:15 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road. Visit our website at bayvillage-oh.kiwanisone.org and click on "Meetings" to see a schedule of meeting dates. ●



President Elect Linda Cleary, President Pat Mosier, former Lt. Governor Matt Rawlings, Past President Rich Oldrieve, Vice President Warren Remein, Secretary Ed Colleran, Treasurer Russ Bauknecht.

Pumpkins with purpose

by CINDY GULLEY

The largest pumpkin pie ever made was over five feet in diameter and weighed over 350 pounds. If you are interested in beating that amazing record, choose to pick up pumpkins at the Bay United Methodist Church pumpkin patch that opens on Oct. 12. The amount of pumpkins needed to create this tasty treat can help rebuild a home in Appalachia. That's right. This isn't just any old patch, the pumpkins sold there are pumpkins with purpose.

OK. So maybe you don't want the world's biggest pie and you just want a jack-o'-lantern for your front porch, a slew of toasted seeds, or a small delicate pie to offer your neighbor. The assumption is that we all love pumpkins and the tradition of picking out the perfect one. When you add supporting those in need, the tradition is so much sweeter.


The Bay United Methodist Church pumpkin patch is a fundraising event to support about 50 youth and 20 adults on a trip to

Appalachia with Appalachian Service Project (ASP) to help make homes warmer, safer and drier. The team fundraises and studies for a full nine months because they have a deep love for our southern neighbors and a desire to make their lives better.

This is the church's 30th year supporting this program. Well over 100 homes have been improved as a result. Bonds with the families and fellow team members have been forged. Many hearts have been mended and given hope.

The pumpkin patch is open 4-7 p.m. on weekdays and 11 a.m.-7 p.m. on weekends from Oct. 12-31. All pumpkins are offered on a donation basis. On Sunday, Oct. 27, from 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m., the children and youth will host the annual Family Fun Fest with a rock climbing wall, trunk-or-treat (noon to 2 p.m.), not-so-haunted house, face painting, bouncy house, food and more. The festival is free to the community.

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THE GREEN REPORT

A better way to celebrate?

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

I realize this column will may make me highly unpopular, especially with kids, but I feel I must address it.

I attended the Bay Village Homecoming Parade on Friday, Sept. 20. The Homecoming parade is a celebration of community, and all ages come out to see it. While I enjoy the parade, especially the marching band, I have one major issue with it.

The reason for my column today is how the parade also pollutes our community and Lake Erie because of the candy being thrown at spectators. I personally watched candy go directly down the sewers on the road, which drains right to the lake. And what is candy wrapped in? Plastic.

Furthermore, I witnessed so much candy being thrown that children on the side of the road couldn't possibly collect it all, and it was being crushed and stepped on and then ignored and left there. In addition to candy,

I watched parade participants throw full plastic water bottles at spectators, as well as throw empty plastic candy bags and plastic candy containers out of the car.

When did this behavior become acceptable? Is our culture so accustomed to excess and waste that we do not even blink an eye to blatant waste and litter? It was horrifying to me to witness all of this, and I can't help but think this is the wrong message all around for kids... waste and excess and litter being essentially celebrated.

I have come up with a few solutions to this problem, the first being to not pass out candy at all – but I know that is most likely not feasible because it seems candy is expected. My second idea is to ask parade participants to actually hand candy to children, not throw it. Doing so will prevent a lot of waste and litter, plus the likelihood of someone getting hit in the



PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

Candy left in the street after a Bay Homecoming Parade.

face or eyes with candy is eliminated, making it a safer event as well. My third idea is to ask participants to distribute candy that is packaged in paper (i.e. Nerds, Milk Duds, etc.). If candy packaged in paper gets into the sewer or is accidentally left on the street as litter, it will biodegrade in the lake and not break into millions of tiny plastic pieces that fish will eat.

I am not trying to be a parade bah-humbug-er, I just wanted to provide another

way to view these types of parades with the hope that we as a society might be able to reign in the blatant excess, waste, and litter generated at these events. The excessive candy is not necessary and there are other ways to enjoy parades that provide an example to children that wastefulness and litter are not to be celebrated.

If you have any thoughts or ideas on this matter, please email me at jennifer@bayvillagegreenteam.org. ●

Tri-C Westshore offers overview of Islamic art on Oct. 9

by JOHN HORTON

Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) will examine the world of Islam through art during a “Learning for Life” lecture series program Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Westshore Campus.

The event will highlight key themes of Islamic art while inspiring greater cultural understanding of the world's second-largest religion. The presentation is part of the Cleveland Museum of Art's “Art to Go” program. The interactive session will allow participants to handle actual art objects while discuss-

ing the significance of the works, as well as materials and techniques used by the artists.

The program will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in room 310 of the Liberal Arts and Technology building at Westshore Campus, located at 31001 Clemens Road in Westlake. Registration is requested, but not required. Call 216-987-5968 or email kara.copeland@tri-c.edu for more information.

The “Learning for Life” lecture series covers a range of topics important to the community. Visit www.tri-c.edu/LearningForLife for a full schedule through April or to register for a program. ●

POETRY

Thoughts from my hammock under a very old pine tree

by GEORGE RYAN

Old white pine, I look at your strong trunk bent on the journey upward; I look at your lower dead branches that no longer serve and in time will fall away. I look at the upper limbs and crown, your top,

your zenith; your hope for long life; it always goes upward. In many ways you are like my life; I feel I was tall and straight, however now there are bends in my back. There are parts of my past that failed to survive and should be forgotten and fall away. Yet like this old tree I have thoughts of moving forward always upward yet I know my time will come, as the other trees in this little pine forest have already accepted their inevitable.



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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

Vaping casualties skyrocket

by DIANA PI, M.D.

Sept. 26, 2019: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) just updated vaping-related lung injury to 805 cases, 12 confirmed deaths. When I started this article a few days ago, the count was 503, 7 confirmed deaths.

By the time you're reading this article, I'm guessing it'll be past a thousand.

On Sept. 20, a 59-year-old Beachwood man became the first confirmed case in Cuyahoga County.

What's gone wrong? Vaping – the harmless steam smokers use to quit smoking – has been around for over a decade.

The FDA is hunting for culprits.

I don't know what they'll find. It's a bit like scouring the municipal garbage dump, trying to figure out what stinks, what stinks fatally, and for whom.

You see, cigarette smoke releases over 7,000 chemicals; over 250 are harmful, 69 are carcinogens.

Vaped nicotine releases fewer (not safer) chemicals. And these days, a mob of producers are adding, substituting, adulterating the stuff. FDA testing has found carcinogens, heavy metals, pesticides, and other how-did-it-get-there? poisons in e-cigarettes.

None of these chemicals should be in our lungs.

The casualty count is rising rapidly. I suspect that before CDC started tracking cases in April, people got sick from vaping but might've chalked it up to a viral cold, pneumonia, stomach flu, or other drug effects. Now we know better.

The doctor-in-me clicks every newsfeed containing the words FDA/vaping/lungs (yeah, a little obsessed), but the mother-in-me is alarmed by a much-less-talked-about number.

Between 2011 to 2019, the rate of vaping among high schoolers went from 1.5 percent to 27.5 percent.

Dr. Alain Braillon, a senior addiction consultant at University Hospital in France, wrote in the journal JAMA Oncology, "The concern is not a few deaths due a specific substance ... but a free race for nicotine and flavors which are gateways to addictions."

Vaping has become the most prevalent form of tobacco use among youth. Indeed, CDC recently announced that the surge in teen e-cigarette use has effectively reversed all recent progress in curbing tobacco use.

Habits form early. Who knows best? The tobacco industry. Nearly 90 percent of adult smokers start before the age of 18.

Despite whatever misinformation circulates on social media, vaping can deliver high-dose nicotine – which is highly addictive, impairs children's brain development, and is considered a gateway drug to cigarette smoking.

Most young users don't know that JUUL (the most popular e-cigarette brand) – *all* JUUL products – contain nicotine. According to the Surgeon General, a typical JUUL cartridge, or "pod," contains as much nicotine as a pack of 20 cigarettes.

Ohio has raised the legal age to purchase e-cigarettes from 18 to 21 and slotted \$4 million to educate kids and parents on the danger of vaping.

Is it enough? I hope. I pray. The opioid crisis is costing Ohio three times that amount daily (or an estimated \$4 billion to \$5 billion dollars annually, per a CNBC report).

Chinese fortune-cookie wisdom on addiction prevention: The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago; the second best time is now. ●

Medical marijuana: What you should know

by JOANNE PENKALSKI

The Westlake Garden Club welcomes Dr. Dvora Nelson, M.D., co-founder of the Lakewood Medical Clinic, who will discuss Ohio's newly implemented medical marijuana program. Join us for this free program at Westlake Porter Public Library on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 7-8:30 p.m.

Dr. Nelson appeared on Ideastream's "The Sound of Ideas" this past July to shed light on how medical cannabis can alleviate suffering from a range of severe and chronic conditions. She touched on the importance of working with your state-approved doctor who will evaluate your eligibility. Because there are many strains of cannabis, it is important to make sure the product you get is tailored to your disease or condition for the best possible outcome.

Currently, medical cannabis is not covered by insurance but is still an affordable option for many patients. Dr. Nelson will go over a few of the more prevalent

conditions from which patients seek relief. Ohio currently recognizes 21 qualifying conditions that may be eligible for a medical cannabis recommendation.

Founded in 1963, the Garden Club is dedicated to fostering beauty in the garden and home, and promoting horticultural education, civic beauty and community conservation. Regular Garden Club meetings are held at Westlake Porter Public Library on the third Wednesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. (March through December). "Medical Marijuana" is the second in a three-part series of evening presentations. Join us for the final program on Nov. 20, "Owls of Ohio," presented by Jim Tomko, president of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland.

Space is limited. Please register by calling Westlake Library at 440-871-2600 or clicking on "Attend Events" at www.westlakelibrary.org. For questions regarding Garden Club events or membership, please call Kathy Bruening at 440-385-7566 or at kebruen@att.net. ●

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7 Bay High seniors are National Merit scholars

by KAREN DERBY

Seven seniors at Bay High School have been recognized in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship program. These academic distinctions are earned through scores on the Preliminary SAT tests, taken in the junior year of high school, that fall within the top 3 percent of the 1.6 million student scores from 22,000 high schools throughout the nation.

Ben Anderson, Owen Meadows and Audrey Ray were named National Merit Semi-Finalists. The pool of Semi-Finalists, about 16,000, represents the top one percent of PSAT scores throughout the nation.

Commended Students are Kaia

Atzberger, Elizabeth Holup, Anne Lang and Patricia Yuhas. The pool of approximately 34,000 Commended Students earned PSAT scores around the top two percent of PSAT scores nationally.

While none of the recognized students have settled upon a college or university, most have decided on an area of study. Ben Anderson plans to major in engineering. Owen Meadows expects to major in biochemistry or premed. Audrey Ray is undecided about a major.

Kaia Atzberger hopes to double major in astrophysics and dance, Elizabeth Holup would like to pursue public policy or American studies, Anne Lang is interested in studying environmental science or environmental engineering, and Patty Yuhas plans to major in actuarial science or data analytics.

There is one thing all the National Merit scholars agree upon, and that is that Bay High School prepared them well on many levels. Ben Anderson cites the environment that let him succeed in athletics and in philanthropic and leadership endeavors like the Key Club Thirst project. Audrey Ray and Patty Yuhas, both part of a nationally-

ranked Destination Imagination team since fourth grade, cited the people and camaraderie at Bay High. Owen Meadows cited the people at Bay High who make the school great, and Annie Lang noted that while students can be competitive at the school, they are also very supportive of one another. Kaia Atzberger said her teachers encouraged her to aim high. Elizabeth Holup cited the passion for learning that teachers bring to their students.

"We sometimes forget what makes these awards so prestigious," said Superintendent Jodie Hausmann. "They truly represent the dedication to lifelong learning that these students practice. The National Merit award is a distinc-



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Bay High National Merit Scholars, from left, front row: National Merit Semi-Finalists Owen Meadows, Audrey Ray and Ben Anderson; back row: National Merit Commended Students Anne Lang, Patricia Yuhas, Elizabeth Holup and Kaia Atzberger.

tion that these students will carry with them for the rest of their lives."

Students earning these distinctions become eligible for a variety of scholarships offered by colleges, corporations and the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. ●

11 WHS seniors named National Merit scholars

by KIM BONVISSUTO

Eleven Westlake High School seniors were named scholars in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

Seniors Seohyun Choi, Richard Garber, Eric Kronz and Teagan Walsh are among the 16,000 students across the country who took the PSAT in their junior year and earned scores high

enough to qualify as Semifinalists. These students will move on to compete for approximately 7,500 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$31 million.

Seniors Yusra Albarghouthi, Ayah Aldosari, Chloe Chen, Molly Finucane, Nathan Hsiao, Benjamin Routhier and Jack Williams are among the 34,000 students to be named National Merit Commended Scholars for their outstanding academic promise. These students can become candidates for special scholarships provided by corporate and business sponsors.

More than 1.5 million juniors from about 21,000 high schools entered the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. Less than 1 percent of high school seniors make it to the semifinal round. ●



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Westlake High School National Merit Scholars are: (front row) Chloe Chen, Molly Finucane, Teagan Walsh, Yusra Albarghouthi, Seohyun Choi; (second row) Nathan Hsiao, Richard Garger, Eric Kronz, Jack Williams, Ayah Aldosari and Benjamin Routhier.



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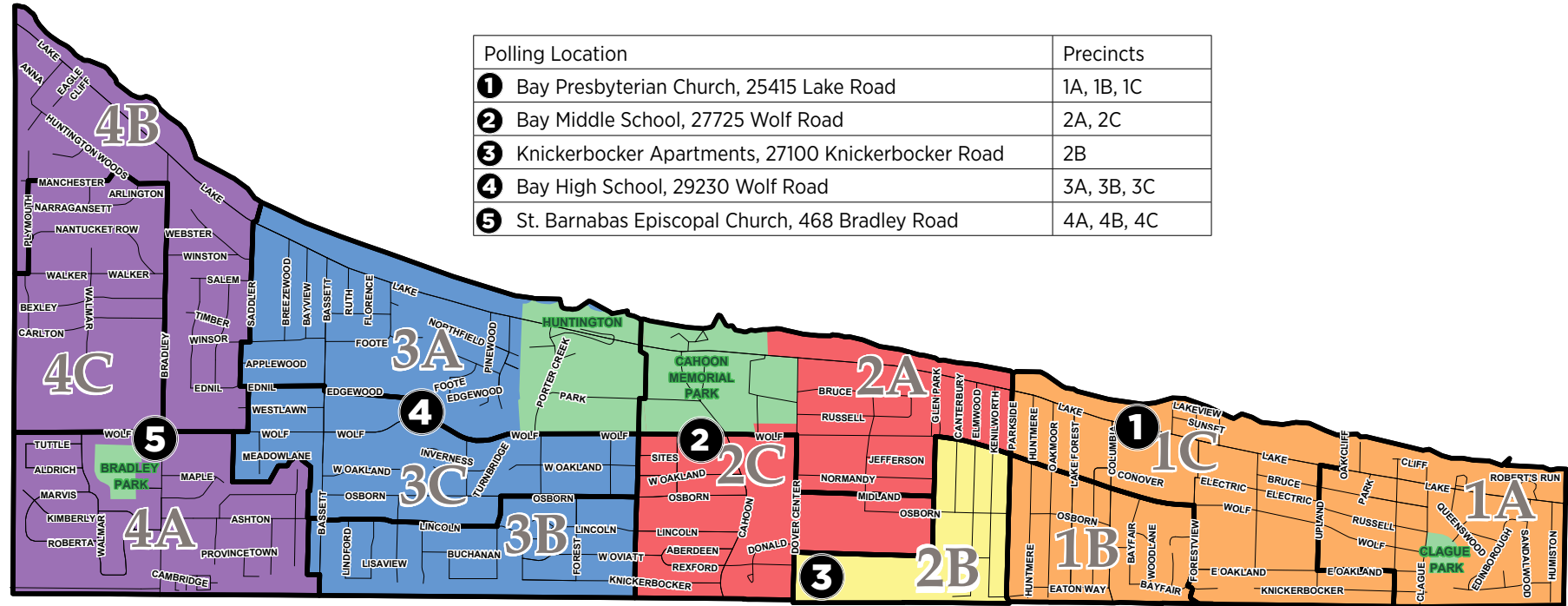
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Bay Village General Election

Voter Registration Deadline: Oct. 7 • Vote by Mail Begins: Oct. 8 • Election Day: Nov. 5, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Bay Village Precincts & Polling Locations



CITY COUNCIL

Bay Village City Council consists of a president serving a 4-year term; two at-large members serving staggered 4-year terms; and four ward members serving 2-year terms. All Council members and the mayor are also the Cahoon Memorial Park trustees, in charge of managing the park in accordance with the Cahoon Will. Council holds regular meetings on the first and third Mondays of the month in City Hall.

AT-LARGE CANDIDATES

Two candidates are running for the at-large seat expiring at the end of 2019. The other at-large seat, held by Nancy Stainbrook, expires at the end of 2021.

- Questions:
1. What do you see as the most pressing concern facing the city, and how would you propose to address it?

2. What strengths would you bring to Council that would benefit the legislative body and the city as a whole?

3. The current library building, which the city owns, is scheduled to become vacant next year when the new branch opens. What idea(s) would you propose to make use of the building after the library moves out?



THOMAS J. KELLY

Age: 43. In my 18 years practicing law, I have worked as prosecutor, special counsel, and in civil litigation. Locally, I serve on Planning Commission and as Juvenile Diversion Magistrate. My education includes St. Ignatius, University of Dayton (Economics), and a JD/MBA from CSU. My wife, Sarah, is trustee on the Bay Village Education Foundation. Our children attend Bay Middle School.

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1. Pressing concern:

Our most pressing challenge is our aging infrastructure and finding ways to pay for large-scale projects. While our road and bridge projects are very noticeable, our aging water and sewer lines below grade continue to deteriorate. Our creek culverts corrode or collapse. While the city has improved its capital budgeting, we must seek out partnerships and grants so major projects have the needed funding. Further, council should aid in lobbying county and state officials to prioritize road resurfacing projects on Wolf Rd. and Lake Rd. that we can not undertake without their financial assistance and involvement.
2. Strengths:

As the only attorney on council, I would help council write more effective and well-tailored legislation. With my business background, I represent another set of trained eyes to manage and protect the use of our community's tax dollars. As a trial attorney, I am accustomed to working out disputes publicly. However, as a former trustee for various nonprofit boards, I understand the need to build consensus around contentious proposals. By working to improve relationships and foster greater trust, council can achieve more of the community's goals and be better stewards for our shared future.
3. Library:

In the short term, the displaced Recreation Department should utilize the building. Allowing Bay Middle School to use the parking lot to alleviate congestion on West Oakland also has tangible benefits. As a town that is largely built out, a full study should be done to establish our best options and the associated costs and benefits before making any long-term decision. There are a number of possibilities for that site moving forward. Council must ensure that we find the highest, best use we can for that property.



MARTY MACE

Age: 63. Public Service is my life's work. Retiring in 2013 after 25 years serving Bay Village as a Firefighter/ Paramedic, and continuing that service during the last four years on City Council as an at-large representative, my experience as a member of the Bay Village team is unquestionable and unmatched. Also, I am an active parishioner within the St. Raphael community.

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1. Pressing concern:

Like other cities we are faced with aging infrastructure and mandates from the EPA to fix sewer problems. In July, the State increased the tax on a gallon of gasoline to help fund infrastructure needs. This tax revenue is estimated to bring over \$300,000 per year to our City. These funds need to be specifically dedicated to our infrastructure needs. I have supported the Mayor, his Administration and Council in current bridge repairs, and a consistently funded roads program. We need to continue addressing the EPA's concerns and identify other infrastructure needs within the City and take appropriate actions.
2. Strengths:

Appointed by Gov. Voinovich and having served on the Ohio EMS Board in Columbus for five years and being a member of City Council the last four years, I have a thorough understanding of the legislative process. With dedication to our community, understanding of its history, nature and values, I am able to work successfully with City leadership to get things done. Hearing the issues present before the City and finding the balance between being able to reach agreement and being economically prudent, we are able to keep the success of Bay Village moving forward.
3. Library:

The ongoing assessment of the financial cost needed for the building, is the necessary first step before determining any continued use. Past resident surveys have identified a desire for a recreation center in our community. Modern recreation centers have a walking/running track and small studio rooms for exercise classes such as yoga or spinning and larger gathering spaces available for community use. Collaborative efforts with medical centers in the area for rehabilitation from injury or illness are a feature that would be a great benefit to our city residents. Connection with the Community Gym could complete the conversion.



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UNOPPOSED COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Council president and all four ward members are incumbents running unopposed to retain their seats.

Questions:

- 1. The current library building, which the city owns, is scheduled to become vacant next year when the new branch opens. What idea(s) would you propose to make use of the building after the library moves out?**
- 2. The city's master plan, adopted in 2017, lays out a roadmap for future projects and development. What goal(s) specified in that document would you like to focus on in the coming term?**
- 3. What is your most proud accomplishment from the previous term?**



DAVID L. TADYCH, WARD 1

Age not provided. Ward 1 Councilman since 2002, Council Vice President since 2017, educated at John Carroll and St. Ed's, honorably discharged Coast Guard Corpsman, I'm retired from Mr. Coffee, Vice President Information Systems. As Finance Committee Chairman, with 16 years' experience, I have been involved in 4 wage negotiations, and have a thorough understanding of budgets, project assessments, funding and Council history.

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1. Library: In 2017, when running for my current seat on Council, the League asked me a similar question – my answer remains. The property size is 1.813 acres. I would take the entire tract of city owned land and focus on developing affordable cottage or cluster housing for Bay's seniors. It would include single level living with garage, in a more dense residential environment, adjacent to nearby shopping, beautiful Cahoon Memorial park and the planned new, multi-million dollar library. Long time seniors

have made Bay what it is today, they deserve to continue their lives in the city they love.

2. Master Plan: The 2017 Master Plan contains seven broad "visions" with subsets. It suggests modifying Bay's Charter, allowing Council, NOT VOTERS, to decide property rezoning, taking away residents voting rights! I fought to remove it then. My opposition continues. Infrastructure is paramount to all, sewer connections, storm water management, and basement flooding, while much improved, must remain our priority! The plan suggests a Tree Protection Ordinance, now in Council, that identifies, monitors, and maintains our tree canopy, now ranked 12th within 59 communities. If passed, it gives a commitment to place, influences development, and enhances parks and homes within our wonderful community.

3. Accomplishment: Accomplishments on City Council are achieved in small proud steps. I'm proud that I can provide an informed history when asked by my newer Council colleagues. I'm very proud of being Council Vice President and chairing the city's Finance Committee and maintaining a reasonable, sincere, and responsible financial standing for Bay. I'm proud of the many friendships I've made with residents, having valuable discussions. I'm proud that I have the time to spend on those various issues and concerns. And, most of all, I'm proud of the many years of support received from my Ward 1 residents. Many thanks, sincerely.



LYDIA DEGEORGE, WARD 2

Age: 63. I am a 32-year Bay resident with an extensive background in retail district management and childcare. I supervised merchandising, operations, wrote training manuals, and facilitated seminars. Via social media I stimulated civic engagement, increased communal awareness, and furthered communications with taxpayers. Thank you to the League of Women Voters Bay Village Chapter and the Westlake/Bay Village Observer for this opportunity.

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1. Library: I would propose an open, transparent process with resident input at the forefront of ideas. Ideally, I believe the school district would benefit from securing the property for future needs, to grow and to enhance a school campus environment. Another option for the 1.8 acres would be to sell the property for residential purposes with specific performance. I'd rather taxpayers not incur the

expenses of staffing and maintaining the building.

2. Master Plan: I favor a focus on "Develop design guidelines that ensure future residential development is consistent with the character that makes Bay a desirable place to live." Additionally, to create and enforce environmentally sound practices, green efficiency for our community and the lake, dedication to our parks, and to continue the trend to grow and attract businesses that meet the needs of our community. I believe we can do this while simultaneously stepping back in order to maintain our existing basics and be attentive to our long held public concerns: infrastructure, improving traffic and pedestrian patterns, and the tree canopy.

3. Accomplishment: I'm proud of the ability of the City Council team to work through our diverse opinions and opposing viewpoints to achieve what we feel is in Bay's best interests. I am honored by the relationships with residents and business owners that I have created by working for them during this term. I enjoy the fact that our citizens can share candid exchanges with me so I can focus on their concerns and work toward solutions. Through my commitment to question, research and engage it is with pride that I represent each of you in Ward 2.



SARA BYRNES MAIER, WARD 3

Age: 40. I am a city planner with experience in grant writing and park, trail, and transportation planning. I served on the city's Master Plan citizen steering committee and Cahoon Park Area Connectivity Study stakeholder committee. I hold a Master of Urban Planning, Design and Development and was Treasurer of the Cleveland Section of the American Planning Association for a decade.

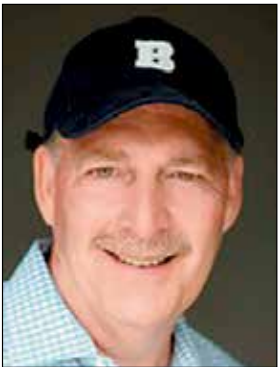
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1. Library: To understand the costs and benefits of how best to utilize the existing library site, City Administration has performed due diligence on the building to project its long-term operating costs and capital needs. This information helps Council to assess whether options like creating a permanent home for the recreation department, an expanded community gym, or even redeveloping the site are feasible. Ultimately, it is Council's responsibility to present viable options

to the community so that there can be discussion of how the site can best serve the ongoing needs for the city. I am open to exploring all ideas.

2. Master Plan: I remain excited about the potential to improve parks and trails in the city, and would like to build on the exciting momentum of the several funded projects at Cahoon Park to develop a cohesive vision and plan for this amazing community asset. Vehicular and pedestrian circulation, parking, and the overall flow, orientation, and condition of greenspace could be greatly improved within the park with even modest changes. Additionally, I want to continue the work Council and the administration has made to address and improve aging infrastructure, particularly our roadways and sewers.

3. Accomplishment: Working with the mayor and my fellow Council members to re-engage the library project after it was indefinitely postponed by the Cuyahoga County Public Library was the most significant accomplishment. Four of the seven Council members, including me, had just been elected, so we did not have a long history together; however, we worked as a team to help get the project back on track. While not everyone in the community agrees with all aspects of this project, I do feel that the new library will significantly benefit the city by creating a central and modern community gathering space.



PETER J. WINZIG, WARD 4

Age: 62. Graduate of SUNY Geneseo, 40+ years creating excellence in advertising, owner Ignition Idea Group, Past President and active member of Bay Soccer Club (20+yrs), BAYarts (15yrs.) and Bay Men's Club (20+yrs), currently President of FSRA Soccer Referees and VP BAYarts Campus Renovations, father of three amazing boys (Scott, John and Todd) and husband to Kathy, my love and my rock.

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1. Library: Rec Office & Community Center, Shared-Use Space with Schools, or Demo & New Housing. As a Rec Office & Community Center, the current layout allows for offices, storage and open programming space, with easy access for residents. In a Shared-Use scenario, the City and School District could use the space for offices, with ample space for conference/meeting rooms. As new housing, the City would need to work with a builder/contractor to demo the lot and reconstruct housing units and enclosed parking. City occupancy will require investments in structural, HVAC, roof,

brick, lighting to bring the building up to use standards.

2. Master Plan: As chair of Rec/Parks Committee, my goals support Masterplan visions on "commitment to place" and "quality" parks, through infrastructure upgrades, trail connectivity, better road crossings and strengthening access to our quality parks, recreation spaces and the Lake. Investments at Reese, Bradley and Cahoon Parks are evidence. Future efforts include plans to better "connect" our assets throughout Cahoon Park-from Bay Point and the historic buildings to Huntington Woods, the Pool, new Library, schools and City center. This involves environmental and engineering to improve our playing surfaces, maintain buildings and tree canopy and constructing the right connecting pathways for walking and biking.

3. Accomplishment: I am very pleased with our investments in infrastructure. As a member of the Finance Committee, working with the Administration, we've been able to support significant investments in personnel, service/police and fire safety vehicles, road resurfacing and park building upgrades. With the help of state, regional and citizen grants, we have invested in the Lake Road and Queenswood bridges, repaired the Columbia culvert, resurfaced Bradley Courts, purchased new playground equipment, repaired City buildings and improved data management/security. Plans call for new pickleball/tennis courts at Reese Park, new bathrooms/shed at Cahoon, and much needed repairs to the Rose Hill Museum foundation.



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UNOPPOSED COUNCIL CANDIDATES



DWIGHT A. CLARK, PRESIDENT

Age: 62. Bachelor's Degree - Miami University; Master's Degree - Cleveland State University. Currently lead sales and new business efforts for non-profit lending activities for Huntington National Bank throughout our geographic footprint. Serve on several Cleveland-based advisory boards and have actively supported Bay Village City and Schools for 20 years. Recognized as 2006 Bay Village Citizen of the Year.

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1. Library: Completion of and transition to the new library location is a #1 priority over the next 15 months. I am keenly cognizant the existing library sits on an important parcel in the central part of the City, adjacent to our Middle School. As such, we must evaluate renovation and use options in an open, sensible and practical manner. At this

early stage, I am not pre-disposed to a particular repurpose use of the existing library; yet, we should evaluate options which would benefit three important stakeholders in the ultimate decision.....our Schools, our residents and our City.

2. Master Plan: It is my sincere desire we, as a City, can visualize and implement specific elements of each of the seven highlighted objectives from our Master Plan. I firmly believe a firm focus on three important Plan components.....Building Community; Continuing a Dedication to Quality Parks, Recreation and Lake Erie; and Keeping a Commitment to Place. Completion of the new Bay Village library and the Liberty housing development will be the key ingredients to executing on this game-changing document, all while making Bay Village the #1 suburb in northeast Ohio.

3. Accomplishment: 1.) Collaborating with both Administration and Council to move numerous capital projects forward, all while insuring the long-term financial viability of Bay Village; 2.) leading the execution of our legislative docket in timely and efficient manner, while holding meetings with transparency, fairness and open dialogue for all; and 3.) hearing from our very own residents of their confidence in the accomplishments of the past four years and the positive direction of our fine city.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Five members serve staggered 4-year terms. The board usually meets two Mondays per month in the K.T. Allen building. Three candidates are running unopposed for open seats. Candidate Paul Vincent did not provide a response to the League of Women Voters' questions.

Questions:

- 1. Some neighboring districts, including Westlake, have instituted the International Baccalaureate program in their schools. Is that something Bay Village should consider?**
- 2. How can the district best prepare our students for a future of rapid workplace and societal change, with continuing advances in technology, automation, artificial intelligence, and other changes we may not now foresee?**
- 3. What is the most important thing you could accomplish during your term of office in order to be successful in this position?**

UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES



BETH LALLY

Age: 57. It is my honor to be currently serving in my first term as a Bay Village School Board Member, this year as President. I am a graduate of John Carroll University and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. I worked in New York City as a professional liability defense attorney, and later in Cleveland for a legal publishing company.

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1. IB Program: While the district is always open to new ideas, we believe that our current Honors, Advanced Placement (AP) and College Credit Plus (CCP) program offerings and their corresponding student participation are significantly enhancing Bay students in their preparation for college. These options provide many of Bay's students the opportunity to obtain college credit before graduating from Bay

Schools. Last year Bay High was proud to have 116 AP Scholars at various levels of distinction based upon their AP test scores. Of these Scholars, 3 Bay High students earned the highest designation of National AP Scholars.

2. Student Preparation: Bay Schools are continuously striving to stay abreast of ever changing technologies. It is obviously an ongoing discussion and investment. Bay's current model is looking to the future to what will be the emerging technologies in the year 2030. Of course, no one knows exactly what that technology will look like, but the district is investigating what opportunities we can provide to prepare Bay students for the year 2030. Bay may also partner with public and private industries to learn from experts on how best to prepare Bay students for the future.

3. Success: One of the most important things I can accomplish to be a successful Board of Education Member is to continue Bay School's excellent tradition and dedication to enrich the lives of Bay students in their education and continue to encourage them to share their talents and skills in our Bay community. In addition, this year Bay Schools will be embarking on district wide strategic planning that will help guide the future vision of Bay Schools.



DAVE VEGH

Age: 45. I graduated from the University of Dayton and work as a sales director at Hyland Software. I've coached recreational basketball and volunteer at Normandy School. Recently, I was on the Board of Directors for Cleveland Kids in Need (now part of Shoes and Clothes for Kids), a non-profit dedicated to providing free school supplies to children in Cuyahoga County.

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1. IB Program: The school district should always evaluate options to improve educational opportunities, including an International Baccalaureate program. In addition, the district should continue to look at enhancing and expanding AP offerings, and other dynamic courses and programs.

2. Student Preparation: Technology is ubiquitous and advancements occur daily so it's vital to be rigorous on how to best prepare our students for careers in this field – and in ancillary fields. A threefold approach should be taken: researching best practices and technology trends, reviewing and updating curriculum, and partnering with both private and public entities to create programs to develop students' skillsets.

3. Success: I would like to work with the board, administration, teachers, parents, students and the community to help create a long-term, strategic foundation to help the district continue to ensure our students' success well into the future.

VOTE!

in the Nov. 5 General Election

by mail: request an absentee ballot from the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298 or boe.cuyahogacounty.us

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Polls open 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

This Voter Guide was assembled by members of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, Bay Village Chapter.

- We selected the questions and placed word limits on the responses.
- Candidates' responses are printed verbatim.
- Candidates in contested races are listed in alphabetical order.

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Meet the Westlake Board of Education Candidates

The Westlake Board of Education consists of five members serving staggered 4-year terms. There are three terms expiring in 2015 and four candidates running unopposed for those open seats. The two board members with continuing terms are Barbara Leszynski (president) and John Finucane; both were elected to 4-year terms in 2017. Candidate Anne M. Barrett did not provide a letter for inclusion in this section.

Joe Kraft

My name is Joe Kraft. I ask the citizens and voters of Westlake to support my re-election to the office of Board Member – Westlake City Schools. I have truly enjoyed serving my City and making a difference the last 4 years.

Four years ago, I asked for your trust and partnership to help make the district better. Together, we hired new visionary leadership. We empowered staff to create and improve academics and programming. We completed our facilities project with the new Westlake Elementary School, a design saving over \$1.2 million annually in operating budget. We are fiscally responsible. We passed a significant permanent improvement measure to take care of district capital. We improved the stature and reputation of Westlake City Schools. We formed growing relationships with citizens and City officials. These are just a few of the things we accomplished together. Let's continue our partnership.

We have more to accomplish. I want to work with all citizens on solutions for the District's unused real estate. Let's also create career paths for our future graduates. Courses and programs will continue to build knowledge and skills to prepare our students for jobs in Blockchain, Mars exploration, healthcare discoveries, new sustainable businesses and all the trades that support these industries. As our world moves faster and faster, let's make certain to keep our students healthy in mind, body and spirit as we prepare them for a bright future.

My name is Joe Kraft. I ask for your vote on or before Nov. 5.



Joe Kraft

Liz Pirnat

As a parent and active member of the community, I care deeply about the Westlake Schools.

My daughter has attended Westlake Schools since Kindergarten and is currently in 6th grade at Dover Intermediate. I've been involved with Westlake PTA units since she was born, beginning with Westlake Early Childhood PTA, followed by Bassett PTA. Currently I am involved with Dover Intermediate PTA and Westlake Council of PTAs. In these units, I've served in a variety of leadership positions, including Bassett PTA president, 2017-18.

I've also been involved in the Westlake Schools as a classroom volunteer and member of strategic planning committees, and have worked on several school ballot initiatives through Citizens for Westlake Schools.

I want to serve on the Westlake School Board because I can contribute to the Westlake Schools' plan of continuous improvement. We must continue to strengthen our communication and outreach to our families and the community. In a time of information overload, Westlake Schools needs to determine what is effective, and what is not, in its methods of communicating information.

During my five years as Westlake Council of PTAs' advocacy chair, I've attended most Board of Education meetings. I have learned to advocate for all Westlake Schools' students. I am vocal in praise, and vocal when there is a concern.

As a member of Westlake School Board, I would represent all of the Westlake community. I understand the challenges facing Westlake Schools and the opportunities that exist to make Westlake Schools even better.



Liz Pirnat

Robert G. Stoll

As a current Westlake School Board Member, I have achieved five main goals while focusing on students:

1. Opened a new elementary school (K-4) on time and on budget. The consolidation of four elementary schools into one saves over one million dollars each year.
2. Fiscally responsible – Westlake has not had an operating levy since 2006.
3. Hired a new superintendent and treasurer.
4. Improved City of Westlake and Westlake Schools working relationship.
5. 2019 Ohio Department of Education Report Card final grade is an "A"

If I have the privilege of being elected, I will focus on three areas:

1. Focus on safety and security of our students, staff, teachers and parents.
2. Provide our students the best education and technology while being fiscally responsible taxpayers.
3. Improve communication between the Westlake schools and the Westlake community.

Christine & I have two daughters who attended Westlake schools K-12. Brittany graduated in 2014 and is currently an BSN/RN at Sarasota Memorial Hospital. Jessica graduated in 2017 and is a senior at Ashland University majoring in Supply Chain Management.

I have 30 years of experience as an engineer, plant manager and technical director. In 2012, I joined Ashland University as a Professor in supply chain management, serving as Department Chair since 2016. I earned a B.S. and M.B.A. from Rochester Institute of Technology, an M.S.M.E from Case Western Reserve University, and a Ph.D. from Cleveland State University. I am the President of the APICS Cleveland Chapter.



Robert G. Stoll

Power your house with 100% renewable electricity today

by PATRICK MCGANNON

Did you know that the Cleveland-Akron-Canton metro area is ranked as one of the top 10 U.S. cities most polluted by year-round particle pollution? The American Lung Association's "State of the Air 2019" report indicates that particle pollution can increase the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and asthma, as well as interfere in the growth and general functioning of the lungs.

According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, Ohio is the third-largest coal-consuming state in the nation after Texas and Indiana, and nearly 90% of the coal consumed in Ohio is used for electric power generation. Fossil fuel-burning power plants, like NRG Energy's Avon Lake power plant several miles west of us, are contributors to the particle pollution problem.

On top of that, the Avon Lake power plant renewed, in 2018, a variance from the EPA that allows them to release mercury contamination into Lake Erie at levels nearly three times the EPA limit. These local pollution facts, on top of the global carbon issues surrounding burning of fossil fuels, should concern us all since they affect our health through the air we breathe and our region's source of drinking water.

One easy way to become part of the solution is to switch to renewable sources of electricity for your home. This does not require expensive solar panels on your roof or a wind turbine in your backyard. It is surprisingly easy to obtain clean energy right here in northeast Ohio with just a few clicks online. Doing so won't change who your electric bill comes from and won't even affect any existing auto-pay settings.

The great news is that renewable energy is now very competitive with, and often less expensive than polluting sources, like coal, nuclear and natural gas-generated electricity. And, being that the power grid is shared infrastructure, your power reliability will be exactly the same regardless of who you choose to generate your power.

The ease of changing who generates your power is due to the fact that the state of Ohio has a deregulated electricity market. From the consumer end, this simply means that we get to choose who generates our electricity. Because the role of generation (picture the Avon Lake power plant or a wind turbine) is separate from transmission & billing (picture power lines, telephone poles and your electric bill), we get a combined bill from The Illuminating Company/FirstEnergy regardless of who we pick to generate our power.

FirstEnergy is always responsible for maintenance of the power lines and sending you your combined bill. The generator of your electricity already shows up as a separate line item on your current FirstEnergy electric bill.

Furthermore, if you live in Bay Village, now is the time to opt out of the city-negotiated plan, recently mentioned in the mayor's "Bay Village News" letter. That plan was negotiated with FirstEnergy Solutions (a generator of electricity), which is a different company than FirstEnergy.

Instead, you can sign up with a 100% renewable plan using the Ohio Public Utilities Commission website. Prices for the renewable plans are currently less expensive than the city plan, with a shorter term.

Below are easy instructions on selecting your energy generator. Keep in mind that you may be subject to an early termination fee if you are currently under contract with another power generator. You can call the number on your power bill if you are unsure.

1. Go to Energy Choice Ohio www.energychoice.ohio.gov and click on "COMPARE OFFERS NOW."
2. Click on "ELECTRIC."
3. Click on "RESIDENTIAL" and then select your service provider (The Illuminating Company for Bay Village and Westlake).
4. On the Apples to Apples Comparison Chart, select The Illuminating Company, and filter for 76%-100% "renewable content" by using the left-hand panel.
5. Compare plans, paying attention to rate (variable or fixed), early termination fees and contract length.
6. Click on Sign Up under the supplier you wish to select. You will then be forwarded to the supplier's website to finish the process of switching electricity generators.
7. Let your friends know how easy it was to help push our region and country towards cleaner electricity and encourage them to switch to renewable too! ●

Bay Village Schools excel on state report card

by KAREN DERBY

Students of the Bay Village City School District are meeting and exceeding state academic standards, earning the district an overall grade of A on the recently released Ohio Report Card for 2019.

A comparison of the report card's Performance Index (PI), which factors in every test taken by every student, shows Bay Village ranking 6th of 31 districts in Cuyahoga County, and 10th (up from 16th last year) of 608 districts in the state of Ohio. The Bay Village district's PI score was 107.7 out of 120.0. (The top PI score in the state was 112.6, earned by Solon City Schools.)

"Our students, teachers and administrators should be extremely proud of this significant achievement," said Jodie Hausmann, Superintendent of the Bay Village City Schools. "Our parents, support staff, board members and community members should also celebrate the important roles they play in helping us reach this level of success. It truly takes everyone working together to provide the environment students need to learn and grow at this level."

A comparison of spending measures demonstrates that the Bay Village district is using resources in a way that is effective for student learning. Bay Village Schools are 14th in Spending per Pupil (\$12,398) out of 31 districts in Cuyahoga County and are the third highest in the county in percentage of revenue spent on classroom instruction (72.6%).

"When our spending measures are contrasted with our high level of student achievement, it is clear that our taxpayers are getting an excellent value from our schools," said school district treasurer, Nicole Spriggs. "We continue to carefully evaluate how we spend our dollars so that more can go directly to the classroom."

The Performance Index score has risen steadily over the past three years. A new indicator, met by the district, measures chronic absenteeism. "We know that attendance is a key factor for success in schools," said Hausmann. "We are focusing this year on devoting personal attention and strong commu-

nication in place to address attendance problems before they become serious. Parents and students need to know how important regular attendance is to achievement."

Another important measure that contributes to the overall A is the report card's "Gap Closing" category. This grade compares the achievement and growth of students with special needs and other challenges with the achievement of all students. The district met this goal by having supports in place, such as tutoring and extra assistance when participating in general education classes, to help them achieve at levels on par with their typical peers.

The district fell just short of receiving an A on Improving At Risk K-3 Readers, even though both elementary schools covering K-4 individually each earned an A. "We continue to see improvements in this category, and have insured that every single student has met the standard to advance to the fourth grade in reading," said Char Shryock, Director of Curriculum. "Our Summer Wild Reading Camp, along with our small group intervention time for our at-risk readers, is closing the gap for these students."

Shryock noted that gifted students are also being well served as evidenced by the high numbers of Accelerated and Advanced scores, as well as the Gifted Value Added scores. "We will see even more growth in this area as we continue to investigate approaches, including continuing our many Advanced Placement opportunities, to better serve our Gifted Students," she said, noting that the district has increased personnel to enhance services for students identified as gifted.

"We know that the Ohio Report Card measures are important to our community members," said Hausmann. "We also value the feedback they provide in helping us plan and adjust instruction. But it is the everyday, personal attention and dedication of our teachers and staff members that make such a difference. Having a personal connection at school can make all the difference in the life of a child, and I see those connections over and over again in our buildings. That is the heart of our success." ●

Wildlife photographer presenting at Women's Board meeting on Oct. 2

by MORGAN PASKERT

The Women's Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will host speaker David Dibbell at their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 2 at noon.

Dibbell, an Avon Lake resident, developed a hobby of wildlife and nature photography early in his retirement. He spends his mornings walking or biking the natural areas near his home, capturing shots of native flora and fauna. Some

of his favorite species to photograph are birds, butterflies and deer.

Members of the community are invited to enjoy refreshments beginning at noon followed by Dibbell's presentation at 12:30 p.m. He will share the stories behind his favorite images as well as tips for those interested in nature photography.

This presentation is free to the public. Please RSVP by calling Lake Erie Nature & Science Center at 440-871-2900 or by emailing info@lensc.org. ●



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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Bay Village civic groups discuss fall plans

by THERESE KOOMAR

The Bay Village Community Council, an assembly of representatives from many of the city's civic groups and nonprofit organizations, met on Sept. 18 to share news and notes about upcoming events. Here are some highlights.

American Legion Post #385 will be providing prize bingo for hospitalized veterans at the Wade Park Veterans Hospital on Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. They have done this for many years with the assistance of

the Military Support Group from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Westlake. On Oct. 11, a representative of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs will visit our regular meeting and discuss the many services offered by the Cleveland VA. On Nov. 8, the Post will celebrate Veterans Day at our regular meeting, following our semi-annual retirement of old, torn or faded flags.

The Bay Village Garden Club meets the fourth Monday of the month at 11:30 at Bay Methodist Church for lunch and a speaker. Their only fundraiser is the Christmas Greening Workshop on Dec. 3 and 4. Participants purchase kits of greens and accessories and receive instructions in a class to make a lovely holiday decoration. Funds raised are used to purchase plantings for the city at the Gazebo, City Hall and the welcome signs at each entrance to Bay Village and the pots on Dover Center.

The Bay Village Green Team's next quarterly meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6:30 p.m., in the Huntington Beach pavilion.

VFW Post 9693 will host a veterans luncheon and Honor Wall update ceremony at the Dwyer Center on Friday, Nov. 8.

The Village Bicycle Cooperative is unable to accept bicycle donations through October because of lack of storage due to construction at

the Community House. VBC will be hold Open Shop hours, usually on Tuesdays and Thursdays, throughout the fall. Visit villagebicycle.org for times and details. VBC will be ramping up for Fix-It-Forward this fall, refurbishing bikes for donation to Salvation Army and other charities.

The Bay Village League of Women Voters has purchased a license for Voter Girl, an exciting program that works with Girl Scout troops to train young girls in what it means to be a voter. The Bay chapter has been working with other leagues to set up voter registration initiatives in under-served areas of Cuyahoga County. The 100th anniversary of the Women's Suffrage Movement is in 2020. Groups interesting in having a League member speak at their meeting may contact jane.blackie@gmail.com.

Bay Village Library will host "Shelter Dog Maker," where attendees make a no-sew fleece blanket for a shelter dog, on Saturday, Oct. 12, at 2 p.m. Other interesting programs include a Zero Waste program for sustainable lifestyles on Saturday, Oct. 19, at 2 p.m., and an Ohio POW camps program on Wednesday, Oct. 30, at 7 p.m. See cuyahogalibrary.org or pick up a Program Guide for a full list of programs.

The DAR Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter, based in Bay Village, is looking for new members. The Daughters of the American Revolution is a national service organization open to any woman, 18 years or older, who can prove lineal decent from a patriot of the American Revolution. Members support community service, preserving history, educating children, as well as honoring and supporting those who serve our nation. For more information, contact Mary Kay Wilson at MKW50@yahoo.com. The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, NSDAR, is accepting scholarship applications for the 2020 academic year. The NSDAR awards scholarships to students showing dedication to the pursuit of degrees in diverse disciplines including history, law, nursing, and education. For more information, go to dar.org/national-society/scholarships.

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Bay Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Nov. 2. The Key Club will report on their trip to the Thirst Project Legacy Summit at Pepperdine University at the Kiwanis meeting on Oct. 15. Christmas tree sales begin Nov. 29 in Cahoon Park. The Bay Kiwanis Foundation approved purchasing two Clevertouch boards for the Bay Village City School District.

Bay Village PTA Council will hold its Scholarship Auction on Nov. 23 at Wagner's of Westlake. BVECPA's "Santa Shop" at Bay Presbyterian Church will be on Dec. 7, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center Women's Board meets the third Thursday of each month from

10 a.m.-noon at the Center for "Teacher's Pet," where members work on crafts for children's classes and programs. The meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at noon at LENS will feature Christine Barnett, LENS Wildlife Program Specialist, on the life of a bee. The board's Clague Playhouse Benefit is a matinee performance of "The Christmas Express" on Dec. 8. Appetizers and beverages served before the performance. Tickets are \$30.

Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will host its annual Halloween Celebration & Hayride for all ages on Friday, Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. Put on your costume and trick-or-treat through our Wildlife Gardens! Make a Halloween craft, hop on a hayride and view the stars at a family-friendly holiday show in Schuele Planetarium. We'll provide dinner so you can relax by a crackling fireplace at this non-scary celebration. Hayrides run rain or shine. Fee: \$15/adults; \$10/child ages 2 and up; children 1 and under are free (includes dinner).

The Bay Village Foundation's annual run has a new twist this year with the renaming of the event as the Scaredy Cat Run/Walk. Scheduled for 9 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Bay Middle School, the event is for all ages with terrific prizes! Pre-registration is \$20 at bayvillagefoundation.org, race day registration is \$25 (cash or check only).

The Bay Village Historical Society's next potluck program will be on Nov. 21 in the Bay Lodge.

The Bay Village Men's Club kicked off its 103rd year in September at the Bay Lodge with a cookout and Mayor Paul Koomar's presentation of his state-of-the-city address. The October meeting will feature a perch and walleye feast donated by the membership and a yet-to-be-named speaker. The club is open to all men from Bay Village and adjacent communities. They meet the first Thursday of the month, September through June, at the Bay Lodge. Dues are \$60 per year, or \$50 for seniors. Call 216-386-5997 for more information or check out the club's Facebook page.

The Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation's meeting on Thursday, Oct. 17, will feature guest speaker Jessica Breslin discussing all the things that are available at our current library and what to look forward to in our new library. They will be meeting in the Bay Lodge at 12:30 p.m. and have a wine and cheese as a special treat. The Christmas luncheon will be held on Dec. 5 at Westwood Country Club.

Village Project will host a Breast Themography Class on Tuesday, Oct. 8, 7-8 p.m., with guest host Dr. Casen DeMaria at the Village Project, 27378 W. Oviatt Rd. Cost: Free with suggested donation of one item from "Most Needed Donations" List (see ourvillageproject.com for details). Whatever age you are, it is never too soon or too late to have a strategy to keep your breasts healthy. Learn how to support your hormonal system by using simple strategies. Monthly cooking classes are held with a registered and licensed dietitian; cost is \$50, learn more on the Village Project website. ●

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DIGGING DOVER

Dover's agricultural roots: Limpert's Fruit Farm, Part 4

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

Part four of a four-part series on the Limpert family and their bygone fruit farm on Detroit Road in Westlake. The property is up for sale.

At one time the Westlake Historical Society maintained tan colored loose-leaf binders of information, much of which was incorporated in the book "You've Come a Long Way Westlake..." by William Robishaw. One article that didn't make it into the book is a long letter written by Fern Standen Crehan to Mae Weston, dated Feb. 5, 1969. In this letter the elderly Mrs. Crehan reminisces about her childhood years growing up on her grandfather George Standen's farm. The Standen farmhouse was located where Earth To You is located now (26690 Detroit Road).

Fern describes in detail her neighbors from New England and those of direct English and German descent who occupied the farms along Detroit Road in the 1890s and early 1900s. She states that between Bradley Road and east past Clague Road grape vineyards lined most of both sides of the Detroit Road – or as they knew it, North Ridge Road. She said there were also patches of berries, orchards of plum, pear and apple, but vineyards took up most of the landscape.

Fern states that a bit east of Clague Road began to appear more vegetable gardens, especially as one neared Rocky River, because the soil was rich and black. Farther to the west, through Avon and French Creek, more market gardening predominated; melons, tomatoes, sweet corn and the like were raised there. The Limpert Fruit Farm was in the heart of this grape-growing stretch of Detroit Road. Grapes produce on less than ideal soil.

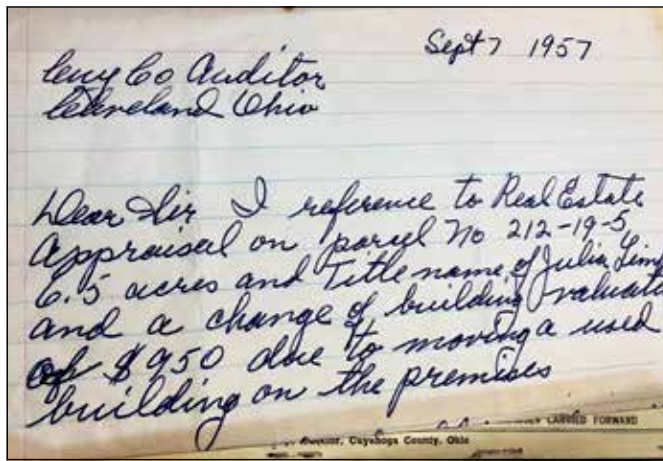
Most of the farmhouses and barns from this era on Detroit Road described by Fern Stan-

den Crehan are now gone but one notable one that remains is the former Yankee Mitchell barn at 26050 Detroit Road, across Detroit from Jefferson Square. It was converted into an attractive two-family home in about 1930. Its gambrel roof is an indicator of its earlier life as a barn.

The area around Cahoon and Detroit roads was identified as North Dover on a map of 1892 by George Cram. John Limpert's property is shown as having only one home on that map. This is one piece of evidence pointing to a construction date of 1893 for one of the twin Eastlake style homes still standing on the Limpert property. The tax records support this conclusion with an increase of value in 1892 and 1894 suggesting that one of the two homes was completed in 1891 and the other in 1893.

It is unusual for two homes to be constructed on the same parcel, also suggesting that they were built for and occupied perhaps by two successive generations of Limperts? Probably the parents John and Maria in one home and Charles M. and Minnie in the other, since both John and Charles had large fields adjacent to the parcel with the homes constructed on them.

These fields all became part of the Limpert Fruit Farm with the death of both parents and Charles by 1915 when the land all passed to Charles' wife, Minnie Limpert. She also inherited or purchased the original 11-acre Limpert parcel near Rose and Dover Center Road which was still occupied by Valentine Limpert in 1892. Minnie was the mother of siblings Herbert, Julia and Carl. It was Carl who willed some of the Detroit Road land to St. Paul Lutheran Church and passed the rest of the land to the current owner



Julia Limpert challenging the appraised value of a farm building they moved onto their property in 1957. Note is attached to building card for 28083 Detroit Road in Cuyahoga County Archives.

who has put it up for sale.

It seems like the growth in Dover, of both St. Paul Lutheran Church, and the Limpert family, are intertwined like a grapevine. Both established themselves in Dover in the 1850s. Based on information about St. Paul Lutheran Church in "You've Come a Long Way Westlake...", the church, is an offshoot of the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood.

The North Dover congregation first met in 1858 in a rented former Baptist church building located on the southeast corner of Detroit and Dover Center roads where the gas station is currently located. During this time they purchased land for a cemetery on the north side of Detroit Road west of Cahoon Road where the cemetery is currently located.

In the 1860s and 1870s both the church and the Limperts established themselves on the south side of Detroit Road next to each other and built their initial structures. In 1877 the congregation built a more substantial church building and in the early 1890s the Limperts constructed the current twin homes.

An interesting story reminiscent of today's extreme weather is recounted in "You've Come a Long Way Westlake..." in the section about St. Paul

Lutheran Church:

"On July 11, 1874, a severe hailstorm swept through Dover, nearly destroying all of the crops of the congregation. The storm also severely damaged fruit trees of the community, and grape vines to the extent that they were non-productive for several years. The whims of nature thus set back the building of a new church building. However, early in 1877 the congregation met the challenge of building a new church home; the new building to be sixty feet long, thirty-four feet wide, with a seventy-eight foot high steeple. In that year of 1877, the congregation numbered four hundred."

Since the population of Dover was 1,445 in 1870 and 1,784 in 1880 that represents about 25% of the population of Dover.

A new church building in 1974 replaced the 1877 structure. It was most likely at that time, when the new school buildings expanded eastward, that a home, probably at one time the parsonage, with an address of 27951 Detroit Road, was moved



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

The old home at 27951 Detroit Road was moved behind 27909 Detroit to make way for St. Paul's expansion in the 1970s.



Photograph of a picture postcard of 1877 St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bob Collins' postcard collection.

behind another home at 27909 Detroit Road. To confuse the historical record, an Ohio Historic Inventory form and picture and description of 28083 or 28119 Detroit Road was mistakenly given the 27951 Detroit Road address in 1977.

This series of articles have demonstrated that the Limperts, St. Paul Lutheran Church, German immigrants and grapes have been an integral part of the Dover and Westlake community for 160 years. ●

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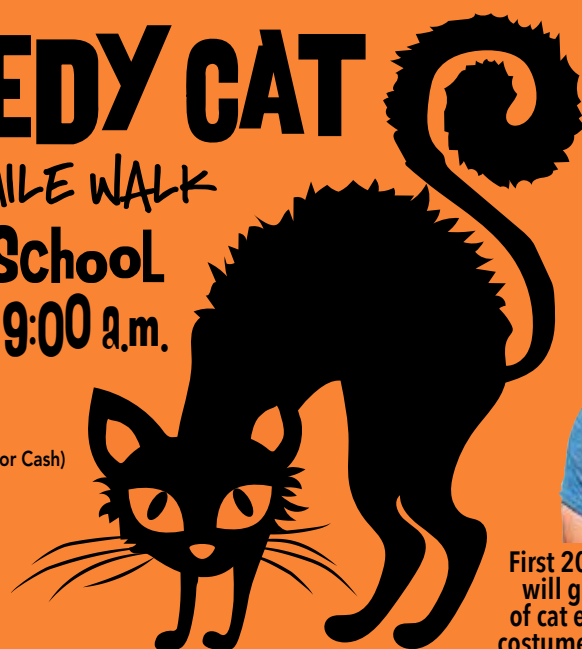
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Bay Village Branch Library

Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

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.) **Preschool Storytime** – ages 3-5 (not yet in kindergarten)

- Fridays (10 a.m. and 11 a.m.) **Family Storytime** – for all ages

Monday, Oct. 14 (7 p.m.) **STEAM On: Candy Corn Catapult** – Join us for a hands-on STEAM program. Build a catapult and see how far you can launch candy corn.

TEEN

Wednesdays (3-4 p.m.) **Teen Zone** – Grades 5 & up: Hang out with something fun to do after school – gaming, art, movies, technology and more! Parents/guardians must complete a Release and

Hold Harmless form.

Thursday, Oct. 3 (3 p.m.) **Write On** – Grades 5-8: Join us for fun, quirky and challenging writing exercises and activities to get your creativity flowing.

ADULT

Friday, Oct. 4 (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, "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens, is available at the library and BAYarts.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (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 disabili-

ties and their caregivers. Adults (18+) of all abilities are welcome. Registration required; caregivers need not include themselves when registering.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (2 p.m.) **Adopt a Shelter Dog Month Maker Program** – Come celebrate "Adopt a Shelter Dog Month" by making dog toys and "no-sew" fleece blankets to donate to the Animal Protective League (APL). Make one to donate and one to take!

Saturday, Oct. 19 (2 p.m.) **Zero Waste** – Learn about the Zero Waste movement and ways you can live a more ecologically-friendly lifestyle. Registration required.

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

Westlake Porter Public Library

Early October Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16 (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.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 (1-2:30 p.m.) **Cuyahoga West Genealogical Society Help Session** – Please join the genealogy group for an informal walk-in help session. Please bring pedigree and/or family group sheets to aid the volunteers in helping you.

Wednesdays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16 (4-5:30 p.m.) and Thursdays, Oct. 3 and 17 (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. Dogs will stay for 10 minutes past the last registered reader or 1.5 hours, whichever comes first. Sign-ups begin Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. and Thursday at 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 (6-8:45 p.m.) **CPR** – CPR and AED certification for adult, child and infant. Instruction by certified instructors/paramedics from UH St. John Medical Center. Must be 13 years of age. Participants under the age of 14 must have a parent/legal guardian with them in class. If any questions, contact the instructors at uh4cpr@gmail.com. Please register.

Wednesday, Oct. 2 (6:30-8:30 p.m.) **Horror Film Club** – Calling all horror film fans: Join us for another creepy classic from the vault ... if you dare! New members are always welcome, but children under 13 should be accompanied by an adult. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 3 (10 a.m.-noon) **Reverse Mortgages for Seniors** – Reverse mortgages are valuable tools for seniors 62 and older. There is almost no limit for use of the funds which come tax free. Keep Medicare from attacking your home equity. A complimentary quote to see how much you may qualify for is available. Please register.

Thursday, Oct. 3 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) **Write to a Friend** – Adults with special needs and their caregivers will decorate cards for friends or senior citizen pen pals. Several options for all abilities will be provided. No letter or card writing experience nec-

essary. Come early and bring your own lunch, if you'd like.

Thursdays, Oct. 3 and 10 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-4) and Monday, Oct. 7 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-8) **Code Club!** – Learn how to build an app, design a video game, and change the world through code! Registration begins a week before each session. Please register for just one session per week.

Thursday, Oct. 3 (6-7 p.m.) **Teen Trivia Night** – Get your team assembled and join us the first Thursday of the month for Teen Trivia Night! There will be different themes each month. Please register.

Thursdays, Oct. 3 and 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) **Calling Crafters: Fall Paper Leaf Wreath** – Adult crafters will have fun learning how to make a fall wreath using a variety of leaf shapes made from patterned papers. Take home your own creative wreath. Registration required; must be 18 or older.

Saturday, Oct. 5 (10 a.m.-2 p.m.) **ACT Practice Exam** – Get ready for test time with an ACT practice exam. Students will have the option to take the writing portion from 1-2 p.m. as well. Grades 9-12. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 5 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Beginning Coding for Adults** – 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. The class focus is on HTML and CSS. Please register.

Sunday, Oct. 6 (2-2:45 p.m.) **Yoga with Jen!** – Calm your mind, body and spirit in this yoga session developed for children in grades 1-4. Please register.

Monday, Oct. 7 (3-4:30 -p.m.) **Medicare Update** – Oct. 15-Dec. 7 is Medicare Open Enrollment. Join us for an Ohio Department of Insurance OSHIP presentation providing timely information regarding Medicare coverage options. Please register.

Monday, Oct. 7 (3:30-5:30 p.m.) **Teen Lounge** – We have computers, video games, board games, snacks and more! For grades 7-12 only.

Monday, Oct. 7 (7-8:30 p.m.) **American Sign Language Basics** – If you ever wanted to learn ASL, now is your chance!

Join us for drop-in sessions on Mondays. Instructor June Pritchard will teach the basics of this visual, gestural language used most often by the hearing impaired.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (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! Please bring your devices. Please register.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (1-3 p.m.) **Career: Networking 101** – Learn tips for maximizing your professional network to find your next job.

Tuesdays, Oct. 8 and 15 (2-3:30 p.m.) **Conversational Spanish** – Learn Spanish vocabulary and pronunciation with an expert instructor.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 (7-8 p.m.) **Teen Taste Test: Chips Edition** – Sample a variety of delicious and crazy chip flavors in a blind taste test. We'll determine fan favorites, and rate each on look, taste and texture. Grades 7-12. Please register.

Wednesdays, Oct. 9 and 16 (3-4:30 p.m.) **Tween Scene** – Drop in after school to play board games and video games with your friends. Snacks will be provided. Grades 5-6.

Thursday, Oct. 10 (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.

Thursday, Oct. 10 (7-8:30 p.m.) **A Conversation with Thrity Umrigar** – Join us for a conversation with bestselling novelist and CWRU professor Thrity Umrigar. Ms. Umrigar is the author of "The Secrets Between Us," the much-awaited sequel to "The Space Between Us." Please register.

Friday, Oct. 11 (9:30 and 10:30 a.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 12 (9:30 a.m.) **Music Therapy & More** – Designed for families and their children (ages 0-6 years) who are struggling in an area of development, this hands-on program teaches families how to use music to improve their child's motor, communication and social skills as well as behavior. Siblings (ages 0-6 years) may also attend but must register separately. Register at connectingforkids.org/register or call 440-250-5908.

Friday, Oct. 11 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Fun Science Friday: The Lifecycle of the Pumpkin**

– How does a pumpkin grow and change? Come and explore the lifecycle of a pumpkin with hands-on experiments and activities. For children 4 to 6 years old, in K or lower. Registration begins Oct. 4.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (9:30-11 a.m.) **Discovering Gold: How to Mine Your Life Experiences to Write a Memoir** – Join writer Marsha McGregor and come prepared to write in class as you gain tools and creative approaches to get your stories on the page. Writers of all experience levels are welcome. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (10 a.m.-noon) **Chainmaille Bracelet or Earrings** – Learn how to make a Chainmaille bracelet or pair of earrings. Chainmaille is a special way of putting jump rings together to make jewelry. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (11 a.m.-noon) **Author Visit with Adolphe Musanga** – Adolphe Musanga will talk about his self-published memoir, "From Congo to Cleveland," which recounts his journey of self-empowerment from Congo-Kinshasa to the American Midwest. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (1-3 p.m.) **Introduction to Line Dancing** – Learn the history of line dancing and an easy line dance. Watch professional line dancers as they do more complicated dance steps. Please register.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (3-3:30 p.m.) **Spooktacular Candy Houses** – It's time to create your own Halloween candy house! All supplies provided. Ages 8-10. Registration begins Oct. 5.

Saturday, Oct. 12 (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. Siblings welcome.

Sunday, Oct. 13 (2-4 p.m.) **800+ Chess Club** – A chance for those competing at an 800+ USCF Rating to work together on strategies, skills and game play. If you're a beginner, please attend our Chess Club on the last Sunday of the month.

Monday, Oct. 14 – **Columbus Day: Library Closed for staff training.**

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

BAYARTS

Night Gallery: An autumnal artistic fusion

by SUSAN MANGAN

Five years ago, I joined an enthusiastic team of volunteers at BAYarts. Through many enjoyable hours spent at the Fuller House and Sullivan Galleries, I met artists and antiquarians, readers and philosophers, nature lovers and gardeners, all connected by their shared passion for the arts.

Wanting to expand my involvement in the exciting educational scene at BAYarts, I discussed the possibility of beginning creative writing classes for both adults and children with BAYarts Executive Director, Nancy Heaton. I envisioned courses dedicated to writing as a way of further enriching the already vibrant and diverse selection of classes available to the public. Prior to my years spent as a stay-at-home mom to my three, now almost grown children, I had the privilege of teaching English at Bay Middle School. I always enjoyed working collaboratively with art teachers Gloria Wilder, Sherri Bauer, and Ruth Purdy, to make the study of literature and writing more accessible, and creatively inspiring.

Nancy Heaton embraced my vision. BAYarts Writer's Salon for adults and Adventures in Writing summer camp for middle-school-age children was born. Each Wednesday evening from 7-8:45, adult writers – seasoned, novice, and multi-generational – join together to explore their voices as poets, essayists, readers, thinkers, and ultimately, friends during Writer's Salon. Our sessions begin and end with each new season. By the end of our 7-week course, each student has produced an original work of written art.

This fall, we at Writer's Salon are excited to join our talents and creative energies with visual artists led by BAYarts Artistic Director Karen Petkovic. One day Karen came to me asking if I were familiar with the supernatural cult classic "Night Gallery," a Rod Serling television series which ran from 1969-1973. She had this wonderful idea to join forces with students from Writer's Salon to create an innovative autumnal exhibit loosely based on the series, as a means of showcasing the talents of our writers and the many artists who make BAYarts so dynamic.

Over the summer, interested Writer's Salon students created suspenseful short stories, vignettes, and poetry that encapsulate the mystery of fall. Ms. Petkovic paired each of the written submissions with talented artists who then interpreted the written art and expanded the poignancy of the selections through visual art. Psychological thrillers, time travel science fiction, haunting poetry, and downright ghostly ghost stories, coupled with unique and thrilling interpretive artwork will delight all who attend the exhibit, opening Friday, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m., in BAYarts' Dianne Boldman Education Gallery. The exhibition will be on display through Nov. 8.

People of any skill level can sign up for the Winter Writer's Salon at bayarts.net on Nov. 5.

While autumn winds howl through the Huntington Woods, come join us at BAYarts for Night Gallery, a collaborative exhibit that will ignite your creative fall spirit, but may just cause you to pause and look twice over your shoulder. ●

Bay school board looking for Citizens Advisory Committee members

by KAREN DERBY

The Bay Village Board of Education is inviting interested Bay Village residents to apply to be part of its Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), a research and recommendation arm of the school board.

Past CAC studies have included literature reviews and benchmarking of best practices in other school districts in areas like student learning, transportation, facilities, school practices and more. The studies have informed and influenced important decisions. This year, the CAC will be asked to be a part of a Strategic Planning process.

CAC members serve a three-year term, but because the committee has been on hold for the past several years due to a state focus on business advisory efforts, new CAC members may be asked to commit to a variety of lengths of service in order that terms may be staggered. The CAC meets once a month, with members determining regular monthly dates each year. School board members propose topics for study, but CAC members may also propose topics for board approval. Our board approves 9-12 members to serve. You can find the Charter for the Bay Village Citizens Advisory Committee, as well as an application, at bit.ly/BayVCAC. ●

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Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6:30-8 p.m.
GREEN YARDS & HEALTHY HOMES WORKSHOP

Hosted by Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District and Bay Village Green Team. All are welcome. RSVP at www.cuyahogascwd.org/events.
Bay Village Police Station Community Room, 28000 Wolf Rd.

Tuesday, Oct. 1, 7 p.m.
WESTLAKE CANDIDATES FORUM

Hear from the four candidates running for three open seats on the Westlake school board. Hosted by the League of Women Voters, Westlake-North Olmsted Chapter.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 1-2:30 p.m.
FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
Members of Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society will offer assistance to the public. If you have data recorded to pedigree and/or family group sheets, please bring these forms with you, to help volunteers help you.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 2, 7-9 p.m.
MEET & GREET BAY VILLAGE CANDIDATES
Sponsored by the Bay Village Chapter of the League of Women Voters of Greater Cleveland, this is a great opportunity for residents of Bay Village to speak one on one with candidates for city council and the school board.
Bay Middle School, 27725 Wolf Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 3, 6:30-7 p.m.
15TH ANNUAL PET BLESSING
Individual blessings will be given to each animal. Dog and cat treats and giveaways will be distributed. A garden statue of St. Francis will be given away. The event is free and all are welcome. Dogs should be on leashes; cats and other pets in carriers or cages. The event will be cancelled if it rains.
St. Raphael Church, 525 Dover Center Rd., Bay Village

Thursday, Oct. 3, 7-8 p.m.
WESTSHORE LIONS CLUB
Mr. Ken Redd will speak on the Ohio Library for the Blind and Disabled. Any Ohio resident/ or Ohioan living abroad who is unable to read or use standard printing materials as a result of a temporary/permanent visual, physical, or neurological limitation is eligible to receive service, and Mr. Redd will discuss opportunities that are available. Call the WestShore Lions at 440-250-5564 to reserve your seat.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 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

Friday, Oct. 4 and Saturday, Oct. 5, 8 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 6, 3 p.m.
"THE LADIES FOURLSOME"
Bay Village Community Theater production. Tickets: \$14 General Admission; \$12 Students and Seniors. Call 440-847-8494 or online at BayTheater.Yapsody.com.
St. Barnabas Church Parkside Hall, 468 Bradley Rd.

Sunday, Oct. 6, 4-7 p.m.
WESTLAKE MEALS ON WHEELS FUNDRAISER
Join us at for a fall multi-course fundraising dinner benefiting Westlake Meals on Wheels. Tickets are \$100 per person. Space is limited, please contact 440-292-6093 or email director@westlakemealsonwheels.org.
La Campagna Restaurant, 27337 Detroit Rd., Westlake

Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11 a.m.
WHAT'S ON YOUR FINANCIAL BUCKET LIST?
Join attorney Todd W. Bartimole for a discussion on topics such as estate planning, probate, wills, trusts, and disability and healthcare planning. Todd practices elder and disability law, with many years focused on Medicaid planning and appeals, nursing home, and long-term-care patient advocacy. RSVP by calling Kim at 440-333-5401.
Breakwater Apartments at The Normandy, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m.
HERB GUILD GARDEN CLUB
The meeting starts at 10 a.m. After lunch at 11:30, a guest speaker from florist Danielion will teach us all how to transition our fall flower arrangements to make them last through December. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit theherbguild.org. If you would like to consider becoming a member, you can contact Dottie Farrar at 440-842-5863.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 5:30-7 p.m.
THE HEALTH BENEFITS OF CBD
Join Dr. Jim Collins, author, gerontologist, and owner & operator of Sapphire Essentials, for a 1-hour continuing education course that provides information on how cannabidiol (CBD) can help several physical, emotional and neurodegenerative disorders. Learn what the endocannabinoid system is and how CBD works in the body and brain to provide health benefits. 5:30

registration; 6:00 presentation. Heavy appetizers & wine. RSVP by calling Kim at 440-333-5401.
Breakwater Apartments at The Normandy, 22701 Lake Rd., Rocky River

Wednesday, Oct. 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
CUT THE CABLE - REVISITED
New options for edutainment, including hardware as well as services, come (and go) in the marketplace. If you'd like to know more about antennas, hot spots, streaming services and more, join us for this video presentation by Stew Bottorf of Tampa, Florida. Stew was finally able to fire his cable company, saving \$1,200 per year while adding additional TV channels and maintaining his Internet and Google home phone connections. Come hear about his journey to "cut the cord." Conversation and refreshments at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00. All are welcome. For more information, go to neopc.org.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 12:30 p.m.
BAY VILLAGE WOMEN'S CLUB
Discover how today's library facilitates learning, research and reading enjoyment. Services include print, video, audio and digital media; computer use; informational programs, homebound book delivery and much more. Jessica Breslin, branch manager in Bay Village, will also provide an update on the status for building the new library. Free and open to the public.
Bay Lodge, 492 Bradley Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 6:45-8 p.m.
WORD WARRIORS TOASTMASTERS MEETING
Learn to become a more confident speaker, communicator and leader on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. Guests are always welcome! Contact Kitty Brandal at kittybrandal@gmail.com for more information.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 10, 7-9 p.m.
CRAFTS, COOKIES, AND COCKTAILS
Make autumn-themed crafts, cookies and cocktails with the Westlake Women's Club.
Wyndgate clubhouse off of Crocker Road

Friday, Oct. 11, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16, 10-11 a.m. and 2-3 p.m.
TRI-C FALL VISIT DAYS
Tour the campus, learn about admissions and enrollment and explore financial aid and scholarship opportunities.
Tri-C Westshore, 31001 Clemens Rd., Westlake

Friday, Oct. 11, 7-9 p.m.
BAYARTS OPENING RECEPTIONS
Robert Hartshorn & Sharon Pomales: "Just Add

Water" in the Sullivan Family Gallery. "Night Gallery" in the Dianne Boldman Education Gallery. Both exhibitions run through Nov. 8.
BAYarts, 28795 Lake Rd.

Monday, Oct. 14, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PERI CHAPTER 91 MEETING
Members will hear reports from those who attended the Public Employee Retirees Inc. statewide meeting in Columbus and options being considered for pensions and health care benefits. Public sector retirees are welcome to attend. Light refreshments are served.
Fairview Park Branch Library, 21255 Lorain Rd.

Monday, Oct. 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
ROCKY RIVER CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY CONCERT
A musical grand tour of Hungary featuring composers Johannes Brahms, Bela Bartok, and traditional folk music from Central and Eastern Europe. Performers consist of five musicians from The Cleveland Orchestra and the nationally renowned master of the cimbalom, Alexander Fedoriouk. No admission charge.
West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, 20401 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River

Wednesday, Oct. 16, noon
COLLEGE CLUB WEST LUNCHEON
Leon Bibb, beloved legendary Cleveland news broadcaster, will be discussing "Everyone Has a Story." Cost is \$40 for presale only by Oct. 10. Information and reservations at collegeclubwest.org or collegeclubwest@gmail.com.
Lakewood Country Club, 2613 Bradley Rd., Westlake

Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Genealogical Roundtable Sharing: "Honoring Our Ancestors Who Served in the Military." Social time is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. The general public is invited to attend, free of charge. For more information email cuyahogawest@gmail.com.
Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 19, 5-9 p.m.
CLAMBAKE-ON-THE-LAKE
The Village Project fundraiser will be hosted at the lakefront home of Bill and Lisa Priemer. Each clambake guest will enjoy one dozen middleneck clams, a seasoned half-chicken, sweet corn, sweet potato, cole slaw, dinner roll, beer, wine and a specialty drink. Tickets are \$80 each and must be ordered by Oct. 12. They may be ordered online at ourvillageproject.com/events. Only 150 tickets will be sold.
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