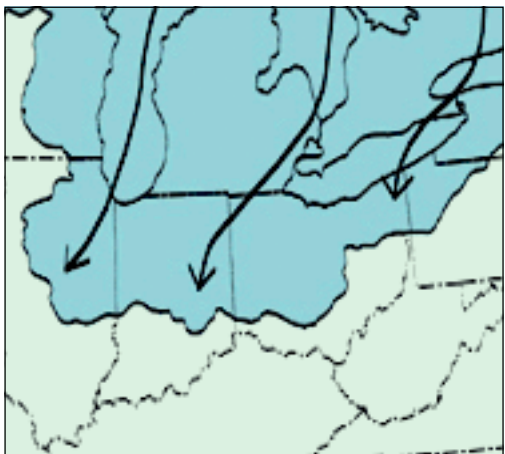


## DIGGING DOVER How glaciers shaped Dover

by WILLIAM KRAUSE

“A History and Civics of Dover Village” by Hadsell and Rutherford states that the rounded granite boulders (called glacial erratics) found dotting gardens and woods in the area were first brought to Dover between 25,000 and 50,000 years ago from northern Canada by glaciers two to three miles thick.

Dr. Brian G. Redmond, curator of archaeology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, wrote an article available online titled “Before the West-



An ice sheet gouged out the five Great Lakes with glaciers two to three miles thick.

ern Reserve: An Archaeological History of Northeast Ohio.” In it he states: “The landscape of northeast Ohio is a relic of the great Late Pleistocene Ice Age. The rugged terrain, which begins just south and east of Cleveland, is known as the Glaciated Allegheny Plateau, an ice-scoured portion of the western

foothills of the Appalachian Mountains.

“This land was once covered in thick Beech-Maple forest and small lakes and bogs left behind by the glaciers. The steepness of these ‘heights’ is set off by the nearly flat Lake Erie Plain that hugs the south shore of Lake Erie from Buffalo to beyond Toledo.

“At the time of white settlement, the mixed oak forest of this plain was interrupted by coastal marshes, small prairies, and wide river estuaries. Just west of the Cuyahoga Valley, the land flattens out to become the Central Till Plain, a rolling terrain of glacial soils still covered today in spots by native beech-oak-hickory woodland.”

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## Bay Men's Club aids city's needy

Volunteers from the Bay Men's Club, including spouses and children, turned out on a recent Saturday morning to help their fellow residents by raking leaves and cleaning the yards of a number of deserving residents, many of them seniors and disabled. “We are glad to help out our neighbors any way we can,” BMC President Iggy Gannon said. “It's a great opportunity to assist those who can use our help.”

## Westlake neighborhood reels after dog bites

by DIANA PI

On Sept. 11, 2019, Chelsea, a golden retriever, was walking with her owner in a peaceful Westlake neighborhood when a neighbor's two pit bulls attacked her.

Lester, one of the pit bulls, bit her. His owners were not home at the time. But an acquaintance was. Chelsea's owner was not hurt.

Lester has a history of biting. In April of this year, he bit a passerby on the thigh. The county investigated

and labeled him as a “dangerous dog.” But the city was not aware of the incident.

Westlake, in accordance with state law, classifies aggressive dogs into three levels based on their behavior, subject to different remedies, restraints and penalties:

- A “vicious” dog is one which has, without provocation, killed or caused serious injury to any person.
- A “dangerous” dog has caused injury (less serious ones) to a

person. Or, it has killed another dog or run loose three or more times.

- A “nuisance” dog has, while off the premises of its keeper, chased or approached a person in a menacing fashion or has attempted to bite another person.

A dangerous dog, like Lester, must be restrained with a chain-link leash and housed in a secure enclosure. The owner must also have liability insurance of at least \$100,000.

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## Light up Bay Village for the holiday season

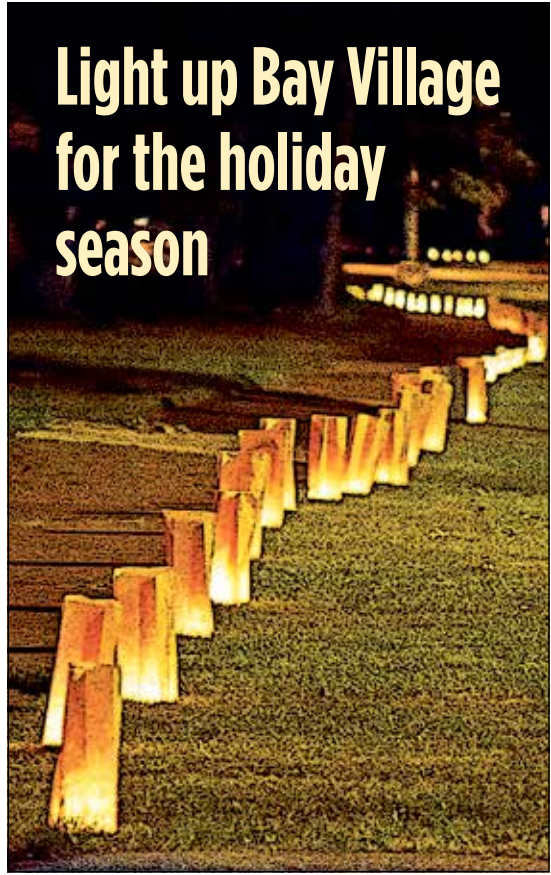


PHOTO BY DENNY WENDELL

by CYNTHIA EAKIN

Once again this holiday season, the Christmas spirit will shine a little more brightly in Bay Village.

The Bay Village Historical Society and the Bay Village Kiwanis are asking residents and children of all ages to join them in celebrating an old-fashioned community Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 1, noon to 3 p.m. A kickoff to the holiday season, the event will include the reading of holiday stories, caroling and crafts for kids in the Bay Village Community House, the Kiwanis Christmas tree sale, a visit by Santa Claus and the lighting of the community tree in the Cahoon Memorial Park gazebo.

Residents can help to “Light up Bay Village” by placing luminaries in their yards that evening.

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## Porter Library now offering a special needs literacy kit

by ELAINE WILLIS

Westlake Porter Public Library is now offering its users a special needs literacy kit specifically designed for individuals with developmental or learning differences. The kit features the book “Jay and Ben” by Lulu Delacre. The book is unique because it comes with communication symbols that children with special needs will find familiar. According to WorldCat, a global catalog of library collections, WPPL is one of only two libraries in Ohio to offer the kit.

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BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

# Nomination period opens for annual Bay Village honors

by TARA WENDELL

The final six weeks of the year are an opportune time for reflection and appreciation. The holidays bring friends and family together and give us a reason to celebrate. This season of good cheer also gives us a chance to look back on the year and acknowledge those who have influenced our lives.

The Bay Village Community Council has just opened the nomination period for the annual Bay Village Citizen of the Year and Project of the Year awards, to recognize those who have made a difference in the community.

The Community Council will accept nominations until Tuesday, Jan. 14, and selections will be announced soon afterward.

Citizen of the year nominees, either individual or couple, must be Bay Village residents that have provided significant community service without monetary reward. Although not necessarily an annual designation, special projects will be considered based on community impact and the involvement of volunteers and organizations.

Nomination forms are available at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com), City Hall, the Bay Village Branch Library, and from members of the Bay Village Community Council. Completed forms may be submitted via email to [tara@wbvobserver.com](mailto:tara@wbvobserver.com) or mailed to Bay Village Community Council, 350 Dover Center Road, Bay Village, OH 44140.

The Bay Village Community Council is where Bay's civic groups come together. Representatives from member groups meet quarterly to discuss upcoming events and initiatives, share ideas and look for collaboration opportunities. Annual dues are \$20 per organization. For more information about the Bay Village Community Council or the Citizen of the Year/Project of the Year awards, please email [tara@wbvobserver.com](mailto:tara@wbvobserver.com). ●

# Bay Village civic groups announce plans for holidays

by MARY KAY WILSON

The Bay Village Community Council met on Nov. 14 to discuss their groups' upcoming events. Here are some highlights.

**The Bay Village Educational Foundation** will hold a fundraiser on Jan. 26 called Celebrating Opportunities. Tickets are \$75. Go to their website for more details, [bayedfoundation.org](http://bayedfoundation.org).

**The Bay Village Foundation's** Annual Drive mailing was sent to all Bay Village residents and some outside of Bay. With the community's ongoing support, the BVF will continue to invest in our community, and make it an even better place to live for generations to come. Donations to the Bay Village Foundation help support our activities aimed at preserving the quality of life in Bay Village. All donations are 100% tax deductible and go to support The Bay Village Foundation projects. Their Grants Committee is accepting applications from nonprofit community groups for 2020 grants. These grants are awarded based on their ability to help improve life in Bay Village. Community groups are encouraged to submit an application, available on the Foundation's website. Applications are due Feb. 29. For more information visit [\[lagefoundation.org\]\(http://lagefoundation.org\).](http://bayvil-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**The Bay Village Garden Club's** "Greening" workshops will take place at Bay United Methodist Church on Dec. 3 and 4. Participants may make a lovely live holiday decoration for \$35 each. The club provides the greens, accessories, ribbons, decorations, instructions and assistance. Registration forms are found at [www.bayvillagegardenclub.com](http://www.bayvillagegardenclub.com). Proceeds are used for civic beautification around Bay Village.

**The Bay Village PTA Council's** Scholarship Auction, "Back to the '80s" will be held Saturday, Nov. 23. For details, visit [www.bayvillageschools.com](http://www.bayvillageschools.com).

**Bay Village Women's Club and Foundation** is selling afghans (blue, red and green, \$45), double-deck playing cards (\$15) and Cat's Meow water towers (\$12) in time for Christmas. Call Nancy at 440-334-7539 or Marilyn at 440-892-4344 to purchase them. Please put March 7 and 8 on your 2020 calendars for our 51st annual Antique Show held at Bay High School.

**Martha Devotion Huntington Chapter, DAR** is participating in a Wreaths Across America fundraiser. Wreaths Across America will place donated wreaths on the graves of veterans at our local Ohio Western Reserve

National Cemetery, in Rittman (near Medina) on Dec. 14. The wreaths cost \$15 each. The Chapter will receive \$5 per wreath to be used to help local veterans. The wreaths can be purchased at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org), via the "Donate" tab. Use the "Sponsor through a local fundraising group tab" and enter OH0132P or Martha Devotion Huntington to sponsor your wreaths. Chapter members will either participate in the wreath laying or the wreath removal.

**The Village Bike Cooperative's** Fix it Forward program continues with donations of refurbished bikes to Salvation Army and other charities. On Dec. 18, more than 30 bikes will be delivered to the Salvation Army for their Holiday Toy Drive. Although VBC cannot accept bicycle donations at this time due to storage limitations, Open Shop will continue during the winter months. Dates/times can be found on [www.villagebicycle.org](http://www.villagebicycle.org). Stop by to explore volunteer options, get bike repair advice and enjoy the workshop!

*The next meeting of the Bay Village Community Council will be Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020, at 7 p.m. at the Bay Village Library. Representatives of Bay Village's nonprofit and civic groups are invited to attend to share ideas and event schedules and promote their ideas.* ●

# LIGHT UP *from front page*

Tables in the Community House are available for the sale of Christmas ornaments and merchandise. Any civic or school groups interested in taking part in the festivities or selling holiday merchandise should contact Cynthia Eakin at [info@bayhistorical.com](mailto:info@bayhistorical.com) or 216-213-0312, or Rhonda Schneider at [baykiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:baykiwanis@gmail.com) or 216-225-6538.

Santa Claus will leave the Bay Lodge on a fire truck at about noon and will arrive at the Community House about 1:30 p.m. The Bay High Choraleers will sing holiday tunes. The Fairytale Foundation will provide photo opportunities. There will be a reading of "Twas the Night before Christmas." The tree lighting will take place at the gazebo at about 2:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. ●

# PORTER *from front page*

The author's website describes the book as "an interactive book developed for use with children with developmental and learning differences and disabilities, including – but not limited to – autism spectrum disorder (ASD), attention deficit disorder (ADD), attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia, and language delays. The book is designed to help educators, parents, and caregivers teach children about language, reading, story comprehension, functional skills, and basic concepts. Children with learning differences and disabilities exhibit a broad range of behaviors and abilities, and they require individualized instruction. 'Jay and Ben' may be used in a variety of ways to promote each child's educational progress and growth."

The book is a first of its kind for Westlake Porter Public Library and, possibly, for Ohio public libraries. For more information, call the library at 440-871-2600 or visit [www.westlakelibrary.org](http://www.westlakelibrary.org). ●

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## Celebrating 3 years of political activism in Bay Village

by MISTY ELEK

Following the presidential election in 2016, an interesting community began to build online among women who were dismayed over the outcome of the election. The media has covered this phenomenon with articles and segments noting that women – suburban women in particular – do not approve of President Donald Trump and have formed activist groups to organize and do something about it.

This phenomenon, this rush of energy coming from women motivated out of disgust over Trump and extremist politics, is happening in your backyard, right here in Bay Village.

On Nov. 10, 2016, a secret Facebook group was formed by a concerned mother living in Bay Village who needed to channel her anger over the outcome of the election into something positive. She realized she had found solace among a few like-minded moms and created the group to commiserate, plan and organize around change. Her initial goal? “Fight like hell for the 2018 midterm elections.”

This was the beginning of the Bay Village Nasty Women, a multi-generational group of women learning how to channel a fiery passion to support issues and causes they care about while also holding their legislators accountable.

The group started with about 50 members and grew to over 200 within a week. Today, the group stands with 566 members and counting. Borrowing a phrase Trump used to refer to Hillary Clinton during the final presidential debate, the term has become a phrase synonymous with female empowerment



PHOTO BY TARA WENDELL

Members of the Bay Village Nasty Women gather around U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur (in blue jacket) during the group's third birthday party on Nov. 7.

and members proudly refer to themselves as “nasty women.”

The Bay Village Nasty Women (BVNW) celebrated three years of activism on Nov. 7 with their annual “Birthday Party.” The highlight of the evening was a visit from U.S. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur, who talked at length about the importance of volunteering to work the polls on election day to ensure that every vote is counted correctly. She also explained that because of her gerrymandered district, everyone suffers.

Gerrymandering has contributed to the extreme bipartisanship statewide and nationally. Members of the BVNW were instrumental in leading the effort to get Issue 1 on the ballot in May 2018 to end gerrymandering in Ohio. Members gathered signatures for the petition, wrote postcards to voters and legislators and built wide-

spread awareness to inform why Issue 1 was important. Their efforts were rewarded when voters approved a constitutional amendment to redraw fair congressional and state legislative districts in Ohio.

Candidates running for office in 2020 addressed the group along with several organizations including Moms Demand Action, Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio, Preterm, Equality Ohio, League of Women Voters and the Bay Village Green Team. Members of the BVNW are actively involved in working with these organizations and the groups were present to recruit additional activist support.

The mission of Bay Village Nasty Women is to provide an online forum for Bay Village women that inspires, respects, supports, and empowers them to work toward social justice and political reform. ●

## The heART of Cleveland at BAYarts this December

by JESSICA STOCKDALE

Courtesy of curator and local artist Scott Kraynak, “The heART of Cleveland” is coming to BAYarts for the holiday season. The exhibition is based on the book of the same name, which was released last year. Artists from the current book, as well as a future book, will be featured.

It was at the Grand Canyon that Kraynak came up with the idea for the project. “I was just thinking about home, which was a common occurrence, and thought about all the great features of the city, but even more so, thought about all the great artists born and bred in Cleveland.” This led to the idea for a book of Cleveland artists of “all styles in all fields who are from the city.”

The next step was talking to his friend, Brandon Weil. “He loved the idea and said he would do the logo and book design. “So with Brandon on board, I knew we could come up with something great.” With this confidence, they moved ahead finding the artists to contribute.

What’s featured in the book are monuments that are Cleveland icons. It includes a mix of what you’d expect

(the West Side Market, Terminal Tower, Hope Memorial Bridge, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame) as well as some more rare gems (steel factories, “every day” Cleveland life, live music venues.)

As Kraynak puts it, Clevelanders know what’s best about their city. “I would summarize this book as being a collection of all the features and places and people that make Cleveland great and interesting, seen through the eyes of the city’s many, many talented native artists. For me, that this book exists, is a testament of how many people love this city and are proud of being Clevelanders. This idea was overwhelmingly supported from day one and I couldn’t have done this without the help and effort of so many others who feel as I do about our city.”

While working as a park ranger all over the country, Kraynak has always talked up Cleveland. “I tell people Cleveland is a hidden gem or an undiscovered treasure of a city,” he relays with great pride. “I say that Cleveland possesses all of the qualities and traits that great cities are measured by and then some.” Often, he has observed, people say other cities surpass Cleveland, but



“The heART of Cleveland” by Scott Kraynak

that isn’t necessarily the case.

“I explain that it’s cultural institutions, museums, food, music, architecture. I think people just remember the past like the river catching fire, the city defaulting and our crappy football team (though that is also current) and just automatically think Cleveland isn’t a nice place.”

Finally, what Kraynak loves the most about Cleveland is its people. “A great thing about this town is its citizens. We are hard-working, humble, and proud of our city, and I don’t think most of us care what others think. It’s their loss if they want to think like that because we don’t need them. We already know what we have.”

“The heART of Cleveland” exhibition opens during the BAYarts Holiday Shop open house on Saturday, Nov. 23, and runs through Dec. 22. A meet the artist’s reception will be held Friday, Dec. 6, from 7-9 p.m. ●

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## DOVER *from front page*

All of Bay Village and some of Westlake are on the Lake Erie Plain and have a preponderance of mixed oak (and hickory) forest as native trees that still dominate the natural areas and many yards. Bradley Woods Reservation is a beech-maple forest more typical of the Central Till Plain. The fact that Bradley Woods is a swamp forest growing on a shallow depth of topsoil above Berea sandstone makes it a very rare ecosystem.

It was the advances and retreats of later glaciers in our region which helped carve out the depression that became Lake Erie and control its initial drainage and water level. The glacial advances and retreats deposited distinct sheets of glacial till. The last glacier is represented by the brown silty clay that any gardener in the Cleveland area is familiar with, left between 14,000 and 15,000 years ago when the Great Lakes as we know them started their history.

Before Lake Erie there were ancestral Great Lakes with various outflows whose levels are recorded in a series of beach ridges visible in the Dover area. The oldest is Lake Maumee which formed about 14,000 years ago; it is represented by a beach ridge at about 760 feet above sea level which Butternut Ridge Road in Olmsted Township was built upon. Next came Lake Whittlesey whose beach at 730 feet above sea level is now the location of Center Ridge Road. Finally, the lake immediately preceding Lake Erie was Lake Warren about 12,700 years ago – Detroit Road in Dover/Westlake was its old beach ridge at about 680 feet above sea level.

Present Lake Erie is 570 feet above sea level. Early Lake Erie had fluctuations in

water level which were controlled by varying inflow via Port Huron, Michigan, and the effects of the rebound of the land at the outlet at Buffalo, New York. The glaciers had been so heavy that when Lake Erie was new the land around the outflow at Buffalo was as much as 65 feet lower 10,500 years ago. Therefore the lake level would have been lower above sea level and the beach from that period is now under water in the current Lake Erie.

According to scientists, as recently as 3,500 years ago the surface of Lake Erie was 13 feet lower above sea level while about 2,000 years ago the surface of the lake was 16 feet higher above sea level. These later fluctuations would not have made much difference to the bulk of the land in Dover due to the high shale cliffs in Bay Village, but low areas around the creeks would have been inundated when the water was higher.

A nearby intriguing land feature is Avon's Mound Cemetery. For many years it was believed to be a prehistoric burial mound constructed by the Woodland Indians. It was later used as a cemetery by settlers of European descent. Microscopic analysis of the sand particles which form the crest of the mound in 2011 by Dr. Charles E. Herdendorf, local historian and professor emeritus of Geological Sciences



PHOTOS BY WILLIAM KRAUSE

Fairway Villas on Center Ridge Road near Meadowood Golf Course are constructed at the base of the ancient Lake Whittlesey beach.



Typical glacial erratics.

at Ohio State University, concluded that the mound is actually the remnant of an ancient sand dune created over 12,000 years ago on the shore of Lake Warren.

The quartz grains were most likely eroded from lake-cliff outcrops of Berea Sandstone nearby. Wave actions in Lake

Warren dislodged the individual sand grains from the bedrock. Because the shoreline (now known as Detroit Road) sweeps to the north in this particular spot, prevailing westerly winds were able to blow fine grains of sand into a dune near the southeast corner of present State Route 83 and Detroit Road. The dune probably predates aboriginal Indians in the area by several thousand years. But they possibly used this natural feature as a burial site much as the early white settlers of Avon did which is why it has the name "Mound Cemetery."

Except for the creek valleys, the topography of Bay Village and Westlake is so flat that one other topographical feature is evident. It is the area west of Columbia Road bisected by Westwood Road. It is another interesting glacier relic – a kame which runs roughly north and south, east of that intersection. A kame is a glacial landform, an irregularly shaped hill or mound composed of sand, gravel and till that accumulates in a depression on a retreating glacier, and is then deposited on the land surface with further melting of the glacier. This glacial kame provided a nice site for the circa 1834 Charles and Lucy Hall house on the northeast corner of Columbia and Westwood roads and other newer homes on the southeast corner of the same intersection.

One last living remnant of the glaciers in Dover are the Canadian Hemlocks which can still be found growing in Huntington Woods Reservation. ●

See more photos of glacial erratics used in Westlake at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com).

## Bay Village Kiwanis hosts successful spaghetti dinner

by STAN GRISNIK

The Bay Village Kiwanis Club held their spaghetti dinner fundraiser on Nov. 9 at Bay Presbyterian Church. Bay Kiwanis is carrying on the spaghetti dinner tradition started over 40 years ago by Bay Village Boy Scout Troop 235. The troop disbanded several years ago and coordinators from the troop, who are also Bay Kiwanis members wanted to keep the tradition alive. The spaghetti dinner features chef Tony Dostal's secret

pasta sauce which has attracted pasta lovers to the event these past 40 years. Through the help of Kiwanis members, the Bay High School Key Club, and the support from Bay Presbyterian Church, the spaghetti dinner has successfully completed its second year.

Bay Kiwanis would like to thank the North Olmsted Olive Garden for their donation of pasta, the Bromfield Café at Westlake Porter Public Library for supplying the coffee, Kiwanis members who donated the delicious desserts, and Bay

Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities. Most importantly, Bay Kiwanis would like to thank the local residents who attended the event. Without your help and support Bay Kiwanis would not be able contribute to the many worthwhile programs in our city, state, country and around the world.

Our next fundraising event is the Christmas tree sale that starts Friday, Nov. 29, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. After the opening day of the sale, the tree lot, located near the gazebo in Cahoon Park, will be open

Friday nights 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. until Dec. 15 or all the trees are sold. Douglas, Fraser, Canaan firs and Colorado Spruce will be available with heights from 6 to 10 feet.

If you would like to learn more about Bay Village Kiwanis and what we do, join us for dinner most Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. at Bay United Methodist Church. Visit our website [bayvillage-oh.kiwanisone.org](http://bayvillage-oh.kiwanisone.org) for more information and meeting dates. ●

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## SPORTING VIEWS

# First the helmet came off ... followed by the wheels

by JEFF BING

I remember “Beer Night” at Cleveland Stadium. It was June of ‘74. Nobody was paying to watch a marginal Indians team play baseball, but the deep thinkers who ran the Tribe’s promotions department figured folks just needed a little encouragement, so they came up with a 10 cent beer promotion. Unfortunately, 10 cent beer provided *too much* encouragement, a riot ensued, and, well, let’s just say things didn’t go as planned.

I remember “Bottlegate” at Browns Stadium. It was December 2001, only a couple of years after football returned to Cleveland after Uncle Artie shuffled off to Baltimore with what would become the Ravens. The Browns with a very un-Browns-like record of 6-6 were trying to make the playoffs. Long story short: late in the game, the refs reversed a call on the field, essentially halting any chance for a Browns comeback, and the Browns fans – impatient for a playoff team (tell me that statement isn’t laced with irony given what was to follow for almost more two full decades) – pelted the field and refs with plastic beer bottles. Coincidentally, plastic bottles were forever banned from all NFL stadiums when people realized that full bottles could do quite a bit of damage. “Projectiles” – I believe – was the descriptor NFL authorities used.

Now, I will have no choice *but* to remember “To Helmet and Back: The Defining Moment in Myles Garrett’s Career.” Understand that this will *not* be forever remembered by yours truly based solely on the idiotic actions of the Browns’ defensive star against an almost as idiotic display of stupidity by the marginal back-up quarterback of the Pittsburgh Steelers. No, it’s never quite that easy.

This will be memorable to me for several misdeeds by the Browns organization that – in my humble estimation – contributed to and led to the Thursday night lunacy. Let us look at a few:

First, the Browns have been an undisciplined group of thugs disguised as football players since they rolled up almost 200 penalty yards in week one against the Titans. It never got much better, as idiotic personal fouls have characterized this team since the start. This is a reflection of the coach, and undoubtedly is likely the final nail in

Freddie Kitchens’ coffin (which *already* had more nails than a three bedroom ranch). Freddie reminded me of an old coach of the Houston Oilers named “Bum” Phillips. Bum had that Gomer Pyle “G-o-l-l-e-e”-type personable quality, beneath which lay a highly competent coach. But unfortunately, the only quality Freddie seems to have is the “bum” part. But we can go further up the tree ...

Secondly, John Dorsey, the Browns GM who was still seen as the brainiac “Golden Boy” a couple of months ago, has seen more than a few chinks in the armor since the end of the 2018 season. Remember, Dorsey brought us Kareem Hunt, the guy who had anger issues and seemed to take them out on defenseless women. Anger issues, huh? Oh, probably just a coincidence ... never mind. Dorsey also traded OG Kevin Zeitler for Olivier Vernon. The Browns miss Zeitler terribly and Vernon isn’t exactly a household name in Cleveland. Odell Beckham IS a household name here but not because of any great accomplishments in Cleveland. So, yes, of late John Dorsey has looked more like Mike Holmgren than a great GM. But wait, there’s more!

Lastly – but not leastly – we have Jimmy Haslam. Anyone who has read me with any regularity (admittedly a test of mettle) over the last few years or so knows my opinion of Jimmy (and they ain’t, as they say, complimentary). In the hours that followed the helmet incident I waited patiently for the Browns owner to issue a statement condemning Myles Garrett’s actions, as one in power – and especially, *control* – of a football team should be expected to do. So I waited. Then I waited some more. Jimmy didn’t say a peep until the NFL suspended Garrett and others, and THEN – and only THEN – did the owner offer his thoughts, predictable as they were. No display of strength or conviction. In other words, pretty much as expected.

So, Myles Garret deserved to be suspended, and got what he deserved. The coach deserves to be canned as he unfortunately seems to be without hope. The GM has some ‘splainin’ to do, but doesn’t deserve to be tarred and feathered ... *yet*. The owner? Well, it’s his rodeo, and even though the horses change, the results are never as hoped. As long as he’s the cowboy, Browns fans can expect to be saddled with ineptitude. ●

## Tai Chi practice group moves inside

by GEORGE RYAN

Beautiful Huntington Park is the venue for the Tai Chi practice group, where they do exercises benefitting all parts of the body. As a bonus in the fall, there are golden colors in the trees and the ever-changing deep blue Lake Erie. However the chilly weather will soon turn colder.

As of Nov. 4, the group meets at 10 a.m. at Unity Spiritual Center, 23855 Detroit Road, Westlake on Monday, Wednesday

and Friday until spring. The practice group has been led by Patricia Heinke for over 25 years; there is no charge and no membership application. Just come to enjoy exercise and a community of interest.

If one needs to further learn or improve their Tai Chi skills, there are classes through the Bay Village Senior Center. C. Michael Rhoades is the certified teacher who teaches the Simplified Short Form and the Wu Style Long Form; the emphasis is on practice for good health and wellness. ●

## LENSC Women’s Board to host fundraiser at Clague Playhouse on Dec. 8

by MORGAN PASKERT

The Women’s Board of Lake Erie Nature & Science Center will present “The Christmas Express” at Clague Playhouse on Sunday, Dec. 8. Refreshments will be served in the lobby at 1:15 p.m., followed by a matinee at 2 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the nonprofit Lake Erie Nature & Science Center’s free admission to exhibits, wildlife rehabilitation services and nature-based programs for children and families.

Synopsis: “This is the most hopeless place in the world!” Hilda intones as she and Satch, her assistant argue over what time it is. She dreams of far-away places and only finds tedium in running the Holly Railway Station. That

is, until Leo Tannenbaum drops in out of nowhere the day before Christmas Eve. Suddenly, an old radio that hasn’t worked in years springs to life. The local group of carolers begin to sound like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir and the whole town gets in the Christmas spirit. Coincidence? Or is Leo doing all of this? Even Satch changes his tune when it turns out that Leo might be on the run. This nostalgic theatrical greeting card is full of eccentric small town characters, wise-cracking their way to finding the true wonder of Christmas. And on the way, they make us all wish we could take a ride on The Christmas Express.

Tickets for “The Christmas Express” fundraiser cost \$30 per person and can be purchased by calling 440-670-6760 or 440-773-7743. ●

## Bay veterans groups add 6 names to honor wall

by FRED GREEN

The joint efforts of VFW Post 9693, American Legion Post 385, and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 249, along with the Dwyer Senior Center, officially added 6 new names to existing Veterans Honor Wall plaques at the Veterans Luncheon on Nov. 8. The Dwyer Center hosted the annual event. The 20 veterans in attendance were treated to lunch and a traditional veteran pinning ceremony.

The ceremony included a brief history of the Veterans Honor Wall and reading of the names of the deceased members being added. They were Timothy J. McAndrews and Alan Valenzano from the VVA; and Charles Holmes Jr., Clarence Engle, Ronald Tatarowicz and Robert Yates from the American Legion. A full plaque of VFW members would have been dedicated but it arrived too late to be mounted for the ceremony. It will be honored in May, at the next Honor Wall dedication ceremony.

The May dedication will be open to all organization members and local

veterans and family as well as interested citizens. It is being planned for the Saturday morning prior to Memorial Day.

The veterans groups recently decided to have all plaques specific to the organization – VFW, Am Leg, or VVA. There will be a plaque for what we are calling “Citizen Veterans.” These are deceased Bay Village veterans that have close ties to the city but did not belong to either of the participating posts. We have several reported, enough to start a plaque for dedication in May and future additions at every Veterans Luncheon in November and every Saturday before Memorial Day. Look for more information regarding this Citizen Veterans process in the future!

Hard-copy guidance to assist visitors in finding members on a specific plaque and some basic personal military information, if known, will be updated at every dedication to add new names and plaques. The format of this information was changed by the Veterans Honor Wall Committee and will be soon. ●

## Three Friends of the Library events in one weekend

by JENNIFER CIRINCIONE

Look no further than the Westlake Porter Public Library for your holiday gifts!

Portables Gift Shop’s annual Holiday Sale, located in the lobby of the Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Road, will be Saturday, Nov. 30, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 1, 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Portables sells jewelry, greeting cards, candles, clothing, Night Scout beanies, Simply Southern, household décor, seasonal

gifts, sundries and more.

Need a stocking stuffer? Visit the Book Nook used book room now through Monday, Dec. 2, for the Book Nook Half Price Fiction Sale. There are thousands of books, movies and games to choose from.

Finally, come bid on the Trees & Wreaths Silent Auction in the lobby. Over 20 community members donated decorated trees and wreaths. The bidding ends at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2.

All proceeds from these events go to support the library. ●

Join in at [www.wbvobserver.com](http://www.wbvobserver.com)



# DOG BITES

from front page

What Westlake does *not* do, according to Jim Wang, Westlake animal control officer, it does not discriminate against pit bulls as a breed. The dog is labeled based on its actions and behavior, not by its breed.

The City acts in accordance with an Ohio State Supreme Court ruling. In 2012, the Court declared breed-specific bans unconstitutional. Typically, these target pit bulls. But the ban can also apply to Rottweilers, Doberman Pinschers and other large breeds.

But many counties and cities have breed-specific bans. In Cuyahoga County, over 20 percent of the cities have such bans. Under their laws, pit bulls (and other large dog breeds) are labeled as dangerous or vicious and are restricted or banned from the city. This information is important for those looking to adopt dogs. Around the west side of the county, the list includes Olmsted Falls, North Olmsted, Fairview Park, Brook Park, Brooklyn, Middleburg Heights and Parma. See bslcensus.com for a statewide listing.

The American Kennel Club is against breed-specific legislation. They state, first of all, “pit bull” is *not* a specific breed. A pit bull is a mix of terriers, bulldogs, and can be confused with other stocky-head breeds like Cane



PHOTO BY DIANA PI

Lester’s owner handed out Halloween candy with a message.

Corso, Dogo Argentino, Mastiff, etc. “However,” the AKC writes on its website, “across the country, ownership of dogs that match these vague physical characteristics are being banned – regardless of their parentage.”

Second, the law is difficult and costly to enforce, and it tends to punish responsible dog owners and let irresponsible owners off easy. The AKC encourages “increased public education efforts to promote responsible dog ownership.”

Pamela Reid, vice president of the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said in a 2017 Today interview, “Pit bull-type dogs are more likely to end up homeless, and owners of pit bull-type dogs face housing restrictions and other repercussions of breed-specific legislation. As a result, pit bull-type dogs are the most at-risk population in shelters today, and in many communities, shelters take in more pit bulls than any other type of dog.”

In Lakewood, Charlie, a pit bull, became a news sensation

when he was ordered to leave Lakewood when he got loose. His plight propelled the “I’m with Charlie” and “All breeds Lakewood” movements. Since 2008 Lakewood had had a breed-specific ban that included pit bulls and canary dogs. On March 2018, the city council voted unanimously 7-0 overturning the breed-specific ban in favor of a breed-neutral, safety-focused, dangerous dog ordinance.

On Nov. 12, 2019, Lester’s case was brought to Rocky River Municipal Court. Both dogs’ owners described the traumatic changes in their lives since the dog bite incident.

Judge Brian Hagan found Lester’s owner guilty of “harboring a dangerous and vicious dog.” He will pay a fine of \$250 and a restitution of \$188.44 for the veterinarian bill. Lester is removed permanently from Westlake (he had been relocated to a different county since October). Wherever he lives, the local dog warden will be informed of his “dangerous dog” status.

## Which one is the pit bull?



K9 RESEARCH LAB

Pit bull-type dogs are often confused with other breeds. In the lineup above, the pit bull is No. 5. The dogs, from 1 to 6, are: American Bulldog, American Allant, Dogo Argentino, Presa Canario, Pit Bull Terrier, Cane Corso.

Judge Hagan admitted he had never had a dog and quipped that his brother-in-law might have gotten two Dobermans “just to keep [the judge] out of his house.” After listening to both sides’ concerns, he concluded,

“In a neighborhood, channels of communication can be opened without getting upset. Bring it up and address it. Don’t let it fester. “I pray for everybody in that neighborhood that there’ll be healing. It’s done.” ●

## THE DIGITAL WORLD

# Don’t get skimmed

by TAK SATO

With holiday gauntlet quickly approaching, travel – whether to see family or for a quick jaunt to a warmer climate – may be in your cards. Just like we rely on our smartphones to accomplish everyday

tasks, these days your smartphone can carry your airplane boarding pass or contactless payment credentials while traveling.

If your travel is on the longer end of the spectrum, let’s say more than 8 hours, you may be anxious about your smartphone battery lasting the entire duration of your trip. Gone are the days when smartphones had replaceable batteries where you could carry a fully charged extra battery to swap in if your battery dies mid-journey!

If you are traveling by car, you can buy one of those \$10 cigarette socket

battery chargers for your smartphone to quell the anxiety of premature smartphone death. But if you are traveling by other modes of transportation, for example an airplane, what options do you have?

Whether economy, business or first class, compared to five years ago chances are better that your seat will come with power ports to plug in and charge while up in the air. It has also become common that airports install charging stations where weary travelers can plug in their electronic gadgets for a quick replenishing of the battery during layover.

The question is, should you even use those free amenities provided in public areas?

You probably heard of credit/debit card or ATM card “skimmers” where the nefarious will put a little device over the original reader to steal your card information. True, with the advent of “chipped” credit/debit cards, it has become harder for the nefarious to skim but the fact remains that the magnetic strip still also exists on most, if not all, state-side-issued credit/debit cards due to the fact that not all merchants have invested in newer card terminals that accept chipped cards.

As smartphone ownership and usage continue to have a captive audience in our real world, nefarious are also adapting and finding ways to con smartphone users. Similar to the hard-to-detect credit/debit



A portable “power bank” device can charge your smartphone or tablet while on the go.

card or ATM card skimmer apparatus, there have been reports of the nefarious resorting to “smartphone skimming” by taking over public charging stations or outlets.

So my answer to the earlier question of whether to use those free amenities will be, “Nah, you shouldn’t.” There’s always a chance that the free amenity provided with good intentions may have already been compromised by the nefarious to steal data from your smartphone if plugged in to charge the battery. This is because the smartphone charging cable has always been able to charge the battery *and* transfer data.

If you are worried about your smartphone running out of juice during your travels, purchase one of those “power banks.” Basically these are rechargeable batteries with big capacities that are capable of charging your smartphone a couple times over (depending on the size of the power bank of course). Better to be safe than sorry! ●

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## BAY VILLAGE COMMUNITY SERVICES

### The seniors are coming! The seniors are coming!

by LESLIE SELIG

The seniors are not only coming, they are already here. In fact, for the first time in history, the population age 65+ is greater than the population of children under age 5, and that trend is projected to keep on growing.

The term “Silver Tsunami” was coined to describe the anticipated retirement of the Baby Boomers. The growth in this population can be seen in the numerous new senior living communities sprouting up in many communities, and the number of commercials targeting older people. Aging is now big business.

But the Baby Boomers are not going quietly into old age. With Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney and others leading the way, this crop of seniors is more physically and intellectually active than ever before. Bay Village created the BV60+ group to serve this more active crowd, with programs and outings that are tailored to their

demands, from kayaking and pickle ball to concerts and plays.

The population in Bay Village is already a few years older than the national average, and will likely grow even older, as 95% of older adults want to stay in their own home as they age. The Community Services department is working to understand what services the city may want to offer, in anticipation of this population change.

At the same time, the staff of the Bay Village Senior Center is busy planning programs for next year. We are working to expand our educational and cultural programs to meet the demands of our current generation of seniors, as they, too, value learning and growing as lifelong endeavors. Senior centers are the cornerstone for healthy aging in a community, and Bay Village welcomes the growth to come.

For information about the Bay Village Senior Center or the BV60+ group, please contact me at [lselig@cityofbayvillage.com](mailto:lselig@cityofbayvillage.com), or 440-899-3409. ●

## WESTLAKE CENTER FOR SENIOR & COMMUNITY SERVICES

### December opportunities for the 50+ crowd

by LYDIA GADD

December is the busiest month of the year for ATM withdrawals. With that in mind, if you are a retiree looking for some low- or no-cost opportunities this month, here are ideas highlighted from our December calendar at the Westlake Center for Community Services on 29694 Center Ridge Road. You don't have to be a Westlake resident to partake in the activities, but *please* RSVP to 440-899-3544 so that we hold a spot for you! To see the entire monthly newsletter and calendar of events, visit [www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services](http://www.cityofwestlake.org/community-services), and/or stop by Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and ask for a tour.

**MUSIC, MORSEL AND MORE** – Friday, Dec. 6. Doors open at 10:30 a.m., entertainment begins at 11:00, and lunch is at noon. Join Debbie Darling and David Strieter in a sing-along as they perform some of the most beloved holiday music. In her usual style, Debbie will intersperse interesting anecdotes about some of our favorite songs. Lunch includes soup, a sandwich, dessert, and coffee or tea. RSVP by Dec. 2. The cost is a

donation of large jars of peanut butter and jelly for the Westlake Food Pantry.

**MEMORY LANE TRIVIA** – Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1:30 p.m. Our travelling trivia game will be hosted at the North Olmsted Senior Center this time. This is an interactive and mentally challenging game that has you competing with other teams from local west side senior centers to win prizes. Call to register your team (up to six) or ask to be placed on a team. A cocoa and cookie bar will be enjoyed by all. This month's trivia challenge will have a holiday theme. No cost.

**NEWS & VIEWS** – Wednesday, Dec. 4, 11 a.m. Our expert instructor and group facilitator examines current and world events and facilitates a lively but friendly discussion about trending news topics. RSVP by Dec. 2. No cost.

**AGING ALONE** – Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m. Don't be fooled by the name; this monthly pro-

gram is about aging successfully, together! Taking a deliberate approach to wellness pays off. When we are purposeful about our health, we see increased longevity and, perhaps more importantly, an improved quality of life. Susan Uranker-Todd of Brookdale Senior Living will join us to explore being well on purpose. End the year with a wellness plan for 2020. RSVP by Dec. 3. No cost.

**A NEW WEIGH OF LIFE** – Tuesday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m. Cooking at the holidays can seem so difficult when you are trying to stick to a wellness plan. At this time of year, it is so easy to let the wheels come off the bus and lose all of your good eating habits. We will discuss better ways to cook for the holidays and tips for you to stay on track while still enjoying all that the season has to offer. RSVP by Dec. 9. No cost.

**CLEVELAND'S HOLIDAY TRADITIONS** – Monday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. From early settler traditions to department store palaces, Cleveland has always embraced the holiday season in a big way. Share your memories of Mr. Jingeling and department store windows while learning about some of the lesser known holiday traditions of Clevelanders both then and now. Presented by the Cleveland History Center. Light holiday refreshments will be served. RSVP by Dec. 13. No cost.

**MERRY MONTH OF MOVIES** – All showings begin at 9:30 a.m. In addition to our weekly Thursday movies, we thought it would be festive to add a weekly Hallmark holiday movie paired with a festive treat. RSVP one week in advance for each film.

**“A Very Merry Mix-up”** – Monday, Dec. 2. A woman goes to spend Christmas with her fiancé's family but end up at the wrong house. She instantly bonds with the couple who live there and becomes attracted to their son.

**“The Christmas Ornament”** – Monday, Dec. 9. Kathy plans to avoid any holiday traditions that bring back memories of her late husband until she receives an ornament from a handsome shop owner. To move on from her loss, Kathy works for a balance between her memories and finding a future.

**“Hitched for the Holidays”** – Tuesday, Dec. 17. A man and a woman meet on a dating website and agree to pretend to be the other's betrothed during the Christmas holiday to fool their families.

**“The Christmas Train”** – Monday, Dec. 23. Based on the book by David Baldacci, a cynical journalist decides to take a train from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles for Christmas to get inspiration for a story in honor of his late father. He gets to know the other passengers and runs into an old flame while aboard.

**“One Christmas”** – Tuesday Dec. 24. A young man is set to visit his estranged father for Christmas in 1930 in New Orleans. Based on an autobiographical short story by Truman Capote. ●

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# Westlake Porter Public Library Late November Events

by ELAINE WILLIS

Wednesdays, Nov. 20 and 27 (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, Nov. 20 (3-4 p.m.) **Tips for Planning Your Trip to Africa** – “Know before you go” explore the African wilderness. Join Karen Kulow as she gives tips to help you prepare for your trip to Africa. Please register.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 (6:30-8:45 p.m.) **Cuyahoga West Genealogical Society** – Chris Staats will present “Beyond the Docket Books: Digging for Gold in Probate Packets.” Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 20 (7- 8:30 p.m.) **Garden Club Presents Owls in Ohio** – The Westlake Garden Club welcomes Jim Tomko, president of the Audubon Society of Greater Cleveland. Please register.

Thursday, Nov. 21 (noon-1:30 p.m.) **Small Business Lunch & Learn: Tips and Tricks for Successful Email Marketing** – Effective email marketing: learn what it really is (and isn’t), what it can do for your business, and the five easy steps to harness the power of the inbox! Please register.

Thursday, Nov. 21 (4-5 p.m., Grades 3-4) and Monday, Nov. 25 (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, Nov. 21 (Preschool session: 6:30 p.m.) and Friday, Nov. 22 (Preschool session: 9:30 a.m.; Toddler session: 11:30 a.m.) **Teach Me to Play** – Your child will enjoy playing with other children while practicing language and social skills. Since you attend together, you will have the opportunity to interact with our experienced early intervention specialist and speech-language pathologist who can provide strategies for dealing with problem behaviors and offer tips for increasing your child’s communication skills. Specifically designed for children ages 18 months-6 years who are struggling in an area of development. Register at [connectingforkids.org/register](http://connectingforkids.org/register) or by calling 440-250-5908.

Friday, Nov. 22 (10 a.m.-noon) **Fiber Fanatics** – A time for needlecrafters to share, solve problems, and show off.

Friday, Nov. 22 (11-11:45 a.m.) **Adapted Storytime** – This 30-minute storytime followed by a time for socialization is designed for children who may not be successful in a typical storytime experience. Content is geared to ages 3-7 but all ages are welcome. Siblings may also attend but must register separately.

Registration begins one week before each session.

Friday, Nov. 22 (4-4:45 p.m.) **Got Science?** – Help construct a life-size maze using algorithms. Grades 1 and 2. Registration begins Nov. 15.

Saturday, Nov. 23 (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) **Turkey Time!** – Celebrate Thanksgiving in Youth Services with fun turkey crafts to take home! All ages.

Saturday, Nov. 23 (10-11:30 a.m.) **Beginning Coding for Adults** – What is coding? Learn the basics of coding through self-paced online modules. An instructor will be on hand to help get you started and to facilitate lessons. The class focus is on HTML and CSS. Please register.

Saturday, Nov. 23 (10:30 -11:30 a.m.) **Pokemon Fun!** – A fun morning of Pokemon-themed play, prizes and crafts! Ages 6-12.

Saturday, Nov. 23 (2-3 p.m.) **Brick Builders** – Bring your ideas and imagination! Lego and Duplo bricks provided. For ages 3-12.

Saturday, Nov. 23 (3-4 p.m.) **Find the Right Computer for You** – Buying a new computer can be stressful. How can you decide what computer is right for you? Learn how to avoid common pitfalls when buying a computer and how to find the right computer for your needs. Please register.

Sunday, Nov. 24 (2-4 p.m.) **Chess Club** – Hone your chess skills or learn how to play the game. Recommended for ages 6+, but all ages are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

Monday, Nov. 25 (1:30-2:30 p.m.) **Sensory Tea Time Play** – Encourage imagination and sensory play with this tea-themed playtime. This session is specifically for children ages 2-7 with special needs, their families, and their typical siblings/peers.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 (2 p.m.) **Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion** – We’ll discuss “Where the Crawdads Sing” by Delia Owens.

Wednesday, Nov. 27 – **Thanksgiving Eve: Library closes at 5 p.m.**

Thursday, Nov. 28 – **Thanksgiving Day: Library Closed.**

Saturday, Nov. 30 (2-4 p.m.) **Carry Out Crafts** – Stop by the Youth Services Department to see what our featured craft is this afternoon. We have all the supplies you’ll need to create something fantastic!

Saturday, Nov. 30 (3-5 p.m.) **Anime Club** – A great club for anime and manga lovers. All otakus and newbies are welcome! Grades 7 to adult.

**To register for any of the programs, call 440-871-2600 or visit [westlakelibrary.org/events](http://westlakelibrary.org/events).** ●

# Bay chapter of League of Women Voters to meet

by JANE BLACKIE

Partisan politics getting you down? Come to the nonpartisan Bay Village Chapter of the League of Women Voters that will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the Bay Library from 6-7:30 p.m.

Learn about the many ways you can be involved with the League including our Voter Girl program that teaches girls about the voting

process, advocacy opportunities throughout Cuyahoga County, the celebration of the League and women’s suffrage 100th anniversary, and many other projects we’re working on.

This is a great chance to learn how you can be involved in the League’s mission of empowering voters and strengthening democracy while meeting other League members. For more information, email us at [bayvillagelwv@gmail.com](mailto:bayvillagelwv@gmail.com). ●

# Bay Village Branch Library Upcoming Programs

by TARA MCGUINNESS

for all ages

What made Christmas extra-special to a Cleveland kid? Come relive some of your fondest moments as Gail Ghetia Bellamy presents stories and photos from her book “Cleveland Christmas Memories” at the Bay Village branch library on Monday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.

Take a trip down memory lane as you recall wonderful memories of Mr. Jingeling (the keeper of Santa’s keys) on TV or in person at Halle’s; gazing at the giant Sterling-Lindner tree; stopping at Higbee’s downstairs Frosty Bar for sweet relief after the long line to see Santa; mouthwatering treats from Hough Bakery and traditional ethnic flavors from the local market; the brilliant holiday lighting display at GE’s Nela Park. Plus, many more. A book signing will follow the presentation.

## CHILDREN

Storytimes will be on hiatus for the month of December. We will have a daily make-and-take craft in the children’s area from Dec. 2-20.

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** –

Monday, Dec. 2 (11 a.m.) **Homeschool: Bouncy Slime** – Make and test the properties of slime to see if it will bounce. Registration required.

Wednesday, Dec. 4 (7 p.m.) **Mad Scientists: Gingerbread** – Join us for a hands-on science program. Challenge your engineering skills to build a gingerbread house. Registration required.

Friday, Dec. 6 (10 a.m.) **Touch a Toy** – Ages 2-5 with caregiver: Come to meet friends and play with toys from the Toy Library. Take home a new favorite and learn how to look online to request more.

## TEEN

Wednesdays, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4 (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, Dec. 5 (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, Dec. 6 (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, “Ask Again, Yes” by Mary Beth Keane, is available at the library and BAYarts.

**Please register online at [cuyahogalibrary.org](http://cuyahogalibrary.org), call us at 440-871-6392, or stop by the library at 502 Cahoon Road and register with a librarian.** ●

# Holiday prep at Porter Library

by JOANNE PENKALSKI

and pots.

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, from 7-8 p.m., “Healthier For You Holiday Sides” will be presented by Fresh Thyme Farmers Market as part of the Healthy Communities Initiative between Cleveland Clinic and community partners to promote optimal health and wellness. A registered dietitian with CCF will be on hand to whip up some healthy recipes you can use at your holiday gatherings. Samples will be provided.

Both programs are free but space is limited. Please register by calling 440-871-2600 or online at [events.westlakelibrary.org](http://events.westlakelibrary.org). ●

Westlake Porter Public Library has two events coming up to get you in the holiday spirit. “Decorating with Dean’s” on Monday, Dec. 2, from 7-8:30 p.m. is becoming an annual tradition at WPPL. Staff from Dean’s Greenhouse in Westlake will give an overview of different types of greenery and show you how to create a beautiful porch pot to brighten your front door. They will also share some tablescape ideas and demonstrate how to create gorgeous bows to adorn wreaths



# Holiday Gifts & Events

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## Christmas Greening Workshops

Tuesday, December 3 & Wednesday, December 4  
Bay United Methodist Church, 29931 Lake Road, Bay Village

Visit [www.bayvillagegardenclub.com](http://www.bayvillagegardenclub.com) for details

Make the perfect handmade holiday decoration to adorn your home.

We provide all the fresh fragrant greens & assembly instructions.

You may also order a kit of all the supplies to construct another decoration at home.

Bay Village Garden Club

Wreath



Mini-Boxwood Tree



Centerpiece



Indoor/Outdoor



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## BAYarts HOLIDAY SHOP

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Community House  
303 Cahoon Road, Bay Village  
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## HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Saturday, Nov. 23 • 11 am - 4 pm  
Rocky River Civic Center  
21016 Hilliard Blvd.

Support Angels on the Avenue with raising money for the residents of St. Augustine Health Campus.  
Over 40 vendors and crafters, Chinese raffle, food and baked goods.

Bring the kids to enjoy the activities at the Kiddie Corner!  
FREE ADMISSION!

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4, 5-9 P.M.**

**PROJECT SHOPPE'S "HOLIDAY SHOPPE"**

Village Project, 27378 W. Oviatt Rd., Bay Village

Start your holiday shopping with us! Visit with local vendors and enjoy refreshments while you shop our unique, specialty food and gift items.

All store proceeds support Village Project's mission.

Admission is free with a donated item from our Most-Needed Donation List (see website).

Visit [ourvillageproject.com](http://ourvillageproject.com) or call 440-348-9401 for information.

Join the Bay Kiwanis and Bay Village Historical Society  
in welcoming Santa Claus to town!

## 7th annual Cahoon Christmas

Sunday, Dec. 1 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Bay Village Community House

- ★ Watch for Santa as he tours Bay Village in a city fire truck!
- ★ Santa lights the official Bay Village Christmas tree at 2:30 pm!
- ★ Children's activities 2-4:30 pm
- ★ Holiday songs by the Bay High Choraleers
- ★ The Fairytale Foundation will be on hand for photos
- ★ A reading of "'Twas the Night before Christmas."
- ★ Refreshments

## Santa's Route



## Kiwanis Christmas Trees

The Bay Village Kiwanis will be selling Christmas trees  
at Cahoon Memorial Park. Nov. 29 - Dec. 15  
Fridays 4-7 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 7 pm, Sundays 10 am - 7 pm.

We are selling Fraser Firs, Colorado Spruces, Canaan Firs, and Douglas Firs.  
Cash, checks and new this year, credit cards with a \$2 user fee.

The prices range from \$60 to \$140 depending on type and height of the tree. Sizes range from 6 foot to 10 foot. We will have a larger selection of 8 to 9 foot trees this year. Deliveries made in Bay are free, but donations welcomed. \$10 out of town fee.

For more information,  
email [baykiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:baykiwanis@gmail.com)  
or find us on Facebook.

**Kiwanis**  
CLUB OF BAY VILLAGE



## Santa returns to Clague House in December

by LYSA STANTON

As you start your holiday shopping list, please take time to stop by the Clague House Museum for your holiday pet photos with our lovable Santa Claus for a \$10 suggested donation. Families, individuals, groups and

children are also welcome to get photos taken with Santa. You are welcome to take your own photos too!

The photo dates available are Wednesday, Dec. 4, 6-9 p.m.; and Saturday, Dec. 7, noon-5 p.m. To make your appointment, please call Lysa at 440-808-1961 or 216-848-0680. Don't delay, time

slots fill up quickly!

The museum store will be also be open with Westlake-themed stocking stuffers and holiday refreshments will be served. The Clague House parlor will be decorated for the season.

Proceeds benefit the Westlake Historical Society's outreach, community and children's programs. The Clague House Museum is located at 1371A Clague Road. ●



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## MAGICAL HISTORY TOUR

# Spiegel Grove: Home of President Rutherford B. Hayes

by RACHEL POLANIEC

*November's Magical History Tour takes us an hour and fifteen minutes west on I-90 to Fremont's Spiegel Grove, home of 19th President Rutherford B. Hayes. Magical History Hint: Bring your walking shoes, you'll be glad you did!*

A cool, leafy oasis rests amid the city of Fremont: Spiegel Grove beckons potential visitors with the promise of winding paths and welcome surprises throughout its verdant grounds. Once home to President Rutherford B. Hayes, the 25-acre estate now houses the Rutherford B. Hayes Library & Museums, which include a presidential library; museum; 31-room Victorian mansion belonging to Hayes and his wife, Lucy; the couples' tomb; and a mile of paved trails.

Shortly after Hayes' death in 1893, his second son, Colonel Webb C. Hayes, started planning a museum and a library to serve as a memorial to his father. The original Hayes Memorial opened on Memorial Day (May 30) 1916. It was expanded upon several times, the latest renovation occurring for its centennial in 2016. With nearly 25,000 artifacts to choose from, the museum is an impressive testament to not only the presidency of Hayes, who served a self-imposed one term, but also upon his life before and after.

Touring the museum begins with the Hayes presidency, set during the contentious campaign and election of 1876. Mired in an economic depression and tainted by the scandalous Grant administration, the floundering Republican

party nominated Ohio governor Rutherford B. Hayes. The exhibit pays close attention to the electoral process, providing details on the customs of nineteenth-century presidential campaigning, who had the right to vote in 1876 (not to be confused with who actually COULD vote), and the Disputed Election of 1876 itself, of which Hayes emerged the victor. With 185 electoral votes, Hayes won the presidency by merely one vote. He was sworn in secretly on March 3, 1877, in the Red Room of the White House.

The remainder of the first floor showcases the Hayes family's four years in the White House, including official policies and challenges of the Hayes administration, personal effects like clothing and china, daily life, and the post-presidency years.

Moving on to the lower second floor, visitors learn about Rutherford and Lucy's life before the presidency, covering early years, service in the Civil War, and terms in Congress and as governor. The history of Fremont, Weapons Room, and two rotating exhibit areas finish off the museum experience.

While the museum is self-guided, touring the Hayes Home requires a guide. I was with the delightful Kent and his Tabasco sauce tie, a former teacher whose enthusiasm is matched by his knowledge, and who peppers interesting trivia throughout his tour.

Originally owned by Hayes' wealthy bachelor uncle, Sardis Birchard, Rutherford inherited Spiegel Grove upon Birchard's death in 1874. Over the next 20

years, the two-story summer home built by the uncle was expanded on and remodeled by his nephew, becoming the 31-room mansion we see today.

The home was lived in by Hayes' descendants until 1965; they left all of the original furnishings belonging to Rutherford and Lucy. This made the 2011 restoration of six rooms on the first floor that much easier, especially when aided by the photographs Rutherford had a relative take of the rooms as he had them, which Kent hypothesized was for



Rutherford B. Hayes Museum &amp; Library.

PHOTOS BY RACHEL POLANIEC



A Chinese cannon, given to Colonel Webb C. Hayes by Russian Army officers during the Boxer Rebellion of 1900.

the benefit of future generations, should they attempt a replication. Blown-up images of the photographs are placed in each room for comparison, and comparisons are quite striking.

Highlights on the first floor include a portrait of George Washington that Hayes purchased during his term to hang in the White House; an elk antler chair made by mountain man Seth Kinman, gifted by him to President Hayes; and a most impressive surprise that I won't give away, but it has to do with the staircase.

The tour continues on the second floor of the Hayes House, where the rooms are as they were when the last of the family left in 1965. Here is seen the influence of Webb, who turned several of the

bedrooms into bathrooms and dressing rooms, and who may have been the originator for placing names for the rooms on their respective doors. His portrait hangs in the hallway, along with that of his wife, Mary, and other later members of the Hayes family.

Upon leaving the house, a visit to the burial site of President and Mrs. Hayes is only a short walk away; the tree-covered area was a favorite of the pair. Webb's grave is next to that of his parents.

One can then choose to follow the serpentine trail from the tomb, around the house and back to the museum, or one can follow its windings beyond into the wooded acreage of Spiegel Grove. The word



This sideboard was ordered by Rutherford and Lucy for use in the private dining room of the White House.

Spiegel is German for mirror; the estate was named such by Sardis Birchard, who was reminded of the German fairy tales of his childhood by the large pools of rainwater that collected under the trees.

It is not hard to imagine former President Hayes strolling through the groves, reflecting on his time at the White House as glints of sunlight reflected off the water, while simultaneously planning his and his family's future. Spiegel Grove was central to Hayes' later years; now we too can walk the paths under the trees, thinking about life and time gone by while looking forward to what lies just around the bend. ●



## LUNCH AND LEARN

## The Importance of Exercise and Keeping Our Joints Active

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THE MEDICAL INSIDER

# Corrections on fish oil and rabies, but not vaccines

by DIANA PI, M.D.

In three years of writing this health column, I've made mistakes. In my Oct. 15, 2019, column "Bacon and red meat: A hard 'no'?" I said, quoting from a 2018 JAMA article, that fish oil supplements were not helpful. But I failed to note a later study which showed that high-dose fish oil (4g daily) reduces cardiovascular events and death among a unique group of people – those with high triglycerides (a type of cholesterol) and at risk for heart diseases. The result of a similar study is about to come out. A correction is in order.

At times, I sacrificed science for the dramatic.

In my Aug. 15, 2017, column, "Zen and the art of backpacking," during a family trip to Ecuador, we saw a dog dying on the roadside.

My response: "Don't move," I said sharply to my daughter. "This dog is rabid."

Well, it turns out you really can't diagnose rabies based on looks. You need a brain biopsy.

A more scientifically sound and politically correct response would've been: "Megan," I said gently but firmly to my daughter, "this dog has a low to medium probability of being rabid. To properly diagnose rabies in animals, we need a brain biopsy, which is not possible unless the animal is dead. Meanwhile, don't move ... please."

Nope, I didn't do that.

Then there's the "we agree to disagree."

Weeks after my April 18, 2017, column, "The vexing anti-vaccine crusade" was published, a thick folder, weighted with colorful charts, graphs and a Dear-Jane letter, arrived at my old work address,

rerouted to me.

The letter started:

"Dear Dr. Pi,

I was a bit taken back by your recent article. ... It sounded as though you are unaware of the significant number of vaccine injuries that are occurring nationwide. ... You have a misconception about herd immunity, its origin and application. We feel this information is very important for mainstream medical professionals. ... We are happy to give you FREE admission [to a vaccine-injury meeting held locally] if you would agree to attend."

"Mark," I hollered to my husband, "somebody from Massillon read my article." I was ecstatic.

Upon hearing my story, Tom, my friend, quipped if I loved fan mail so much, he could write me once a week. At the time, I demurred. "No, thank you. Writing itself rewards me."

That's a lie.

Here's what I should've said, "Go ahead, Tom. Write away. Mix it up."

And to my Massillon reader – Ms. Anti-Vaxxer:

"Dear Ms. AV,

Thank you for your 12-page response to my column. No, I didn't know "herd immunity" was coined almost a century ago – an interesting tidbit of historical information.

But, no, 68 percent is not adequate for herd immunity. For as highly contagious a disease as measles, a herd-immunity threshold of 93-95 percent is needed to protect the community.

I vaccinate myself and my kids to protect myself, my kids, you and your kids. It's the right thing to do.

Thank you for being a loyal and reactive reader. It warms my heart." ●

# Start your holiday shopping at Village Project on Dec. 4

by DIANE FRYE

The clock is ticking. There are just five weeks left until Christmas. It's time to get a jump on holiday gift shopping so you will have more opportunity with your favorite people to enjoy the tastes, smells, emotions and experiences of the season.

The Village Project has your back. They are holding Holiday Shoppe, a special shopping event, at their Project Shoppe store on Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 5-9 p.m. to assist you in finding unique and locally sourced gift items for all the special people on your list. Project Shoppe is located within Village Project's headquarters at 27378 West Oviatt Road in Bay Village.

You will be able to shop and visit with local vendors onsite that evening, including Gourmet Firehouse Salsa, Hazelmade, NOSH Butters, Snowmon's Kombucha and Tootsweet Soap Shack.

Also onsite will be the popular and fun Wandering Wardrobe truck (think food truck, but offering the latest in women's clothing and accessories) and Opulenza Designs, who will be selling their high quality, unique, hand-crafted sterling silver



THE GREEN REPORT

# All of us need to keep our garb out of the garbage

by JENNIFER HARTZELL

Many people I know think of recycling in terms of plastics, cans, glass, etc. However, the world has a global problem when it comes to unwanted clothing. According to the EPA, 84 percent of discarded clothing ends up in the landfill. In that last 20 years, Americans have doubled the amount of clothes they trash per year from 7 million tons to over 15 million tons, which equates to about 80 pounds per person annually. Of this amount, only 2.6 million tons were recycled; 3.1 million tons were combusted for energy recovery; and 10.5 million tons were sent to the landfill.

The problem of what to do with unwanted clothing is so large that there is currently no good way to deal with it all. Instead of putting it in your trash, you may think that recycling it is a good idea. There are different ways to do this: you can put it in your Simple Recycle bags and place on the curb in Bay Village and Westlake, or you can bring it to a store with clothing recycling, such as H&M, to discard it.

However, only 0.1 percent of clothing collected for recycling is actually recycled into new textiles. So then you think, "Maybe I'll donate my unwanted clothing to Goodwill." This is also a great idea; however, charities such as Goodwill and the Salvation Army only sell between 20-40 percent of clothing being donated. The clothing they are not able to sell is sold to textile recyclers. The United States produces so much clothing that there is not a need for as much unwanted clothing as we have, even among the "needy."

Textile recyclers then sort the clothing into several categories. About 30 percent is turned into wiping rags for industrial uses, and another 25-30 percent are recycled into fiber for use as stuffing for upholstery, insulation and others. The remaining 45 percent continue as clothing. Japan will purchase vintage or American high-end fashion. The clothing that is not in that category will be exported to developing nations.

The advent of low-cost, low-quality (also known as "fast fashion") clothing suppliers such as H&M, Forever 21 and

Old Navy has increased the problem exponentially. When fashion is available inexpensively, people do not feel the need to wear it more than a few times. Further, the point of fast-fashion is to get styles quickly to consumers, and stock new styles in the store, so the \$10 skirt may only be in style for a short time. Compared to 15 years ago, the average person today buys 60 percent more items of clothing every year and keeps them for about half as long, generating a huge amount of waste. The annual environmental impact of a household's clothing is equivalent to the water needed to fill 1,000 bathtubs and the carbon emissions from driving an average modern car for 6,000 miles. If the average life of clothing was extended by just three months, it would reduce their carbon and water footprints, as well as waste generation, by five to ten percent. The recycling of two million tons of clothing per year equates to taking one million cars from U.S. streets.

What can you do? This is a great question. For the clothing you already own that you do not want, please donate it, put it in a Simple Recycling bag, or bring to a retailer such as H&M. While these are not perfect options, they are much better than putting it directly into the landfill trash.

In the future the best thing to do is to purchase your clothing thoughtfully. Please consider how much use you are going to get out of it before you buy it. If it's a cheap item that you think you'll only wear a couple times, do not buy it. Concentrate on stocking your closet with high quality pieces that are stylish but not super trendy. The super trendy items are the ones that are discarded the most. Think of it as an investment as well; buying higher quality clothing will last you much longer and save you money in the long run rather than stocking up on cheap clothing that will be out of style very quickly or not last very long.

And lastly, a super eco-conscious way to purchase clothing is to buy it second-hand from a consignment or thrift store. Each of us can make a difference when we become thoughtful about how we discard clothing and what clothing we purchase next. ●

jewelry for that evening only.

Make sure you check out the cute and cozy knit hats and scarves from Love Your Melon and headbands from Headbands of Hope—apparel brands dedicated to supporting the fight against pediatric cancer. Project Shoppe also offers fun, witty and fragrant candles from Furbish & Fire Candle Co., The Home Pantry jams made from top-quality ingredients sourced from local farms, delicious loose leaf teas from Steeple House Teas and a variety of holiday and themed gift items. You will also find specialty vinegars, granolas and herbed salts made right in the Village Project kitchen using the freshest, organic ingredients.

Don't forget that pooch on your gift

list. Fresh, organic dog treats and other pet-themed gift items – all of them Ernie-approved – will be available at the Holiday Shoppe. It will be sure to earn you plenty of wet kisses and wagging tails.

Grab a friend or two for a fun evening out on Dec. 4. At the same time, experience the joy of giving by shopping at this local gem, knowing that proceeds from store purchases help support the Village Project's mission of coming together as a community of all ages to provide nourishing meals and extended care to our neighbors who are experiencing cancer. This event is free with the donation of one item from Village Project's "Most Needed Donation Items" list available at [ourvillageproject.com/kitchen-wish-list](http://ourvillageproject.com/kitchen-wish-list). ●

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# Westlake Kiwanis enlists large group of volunteers for kids

by VICTOR RUTKOSKI

The Westlake Kiwanis enlisted a large and diverse group of volunteers for their RePlay For Kids workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 5, at Westlake Porter Public Library. There were 25 volunteers present including Westlake Kiwanians, Lakewood Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, Westshore Young Leaders and several walk-ins from the library. They spent the evening adapting new and used toys for children with disabilities. The toys are adapted with switches, making them able to be operated by blowing into a tube or touched by the side of the head.

The workshop was headed by Natalie Wardega and her assistants Edie Dale and Amy Davarpanah from RePlay for Kids. They directed the volunteers in adapting the toys by soldering, gluing and sewing the toys.

Anyone interested in this project and other Kiwanis activities, or in joining Westlake Kiwanis, please contact Suzanne Rusnak at 440-334-3336 or [srusnak916@gmail.com](mailto:srusnak916@gmail.com).



Adriana Gadd, Key Club member at St. Joseph's Academy, helped adapt toys for kids with disabilities with her mother, Westlake Kiwanian Lydia Gadd.



Natalie Wardega from RePlay for Kids shows Westlake Kiwanian Alex Krystnak how to adapt a toy for a child with disabilities.

PHOTOS BY VICTOR RUTKOSKI

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Post your group's free community events online at [wbvobserver.com](http://wbvobserver.com)

### Thursday, Nov. 19, 7-8 p.m. DESSERT AND DIALOGUE

The Bay Village Board of Education, in partnership with Bay Village PTA Council, invites all community members to hear an update about the schools and to have an opportunity to get questions answered. Superintendent Jodie Hausmann will review the district's progress in the areas of academic achievement and school safety. School treasurer Nicole Spriggs will give a brief update on the district's finances. School board President Beth Lally will discuss the district's upcoming strategic planning process. And Bay High students will give a brief overview of student athletics and activities. *Bay Middle School library, 27725 Wolf Rd.*

### Wednesday, Nov. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. THE SWEET ARTS CAFE

Free arts enrichment and socialization café for those with memory loss/dementia and their care partners (spouse, child, caregiver). It begins with a brown bag lunch and is followed by an arts, music, storytelling or dance activity. Pre-register at 440-414-0434. *The Center for Artful Living, 26633 Detroit Rd., Westlake*

### Wednesday, Nov. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. CUYAHOGA WEST CHAPTER OF THE OHIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Guest speaker Christopher Staats will present "Beyond the Docket Books: Digging for Gold in Probate Packets." Program begins at 7:00 p.m. Social time, with refreshments, is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. For more information, email [cuyahogawest@gmail.com](mailto:cuyahogawest@gmail.com). *Westlake Porter Public Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd.*

### Thursday, Nov. 21, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. SENIOR RESOURCE FAIR

Visitors will have the opportunity to meet reps from local independent living, assisted living, memory care, skilled nursing, elder law attorneys, home care and hospice organizations. *UH St. John Medical Center, Bldg. 2, Aud. A & B, 29000 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

### Thursday, Nov. 21, 6:30-8 p.m. GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS FOR THOSE COPING WITH CANCER

Practical advice for coping with loss during the holiday season. Advance registration required: 216-595-9546. *The Gathering Place, 25425 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake*

### Thursday, Nov. 21, 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*

### Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 a.m.-noon BULLDOG TURKEY JOG

This family-friendly event includes a 5K chip-timed race, a 1 mile walk/run and a free 400m kid's dash. Participants can expect music, holiday-themed prizes and food and features such as "Cider Stops" along the course. Fees: Ages 0-5, free; ages 6-17, \$20; over 18, \$30. Register at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). *St. Bernadette School, 2300 Clague Rd., Westlake*

**Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.  
OPEN STUDIOS & HOLIDAY SHOPPING**  
Support local artists and their small businesses by shopping local this year. Stop by for demos & holiday preview events. Free parking & admission. *Lakewood Screw Factory, 13000 Athens Ave.*

### Saturday, Nov. 30, 4:30 p.m. FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Join us for our last meal of 2019. This meal is hosted by Church of the Redeemer and Clague Road United Church of Christ. No carry outs. The church is accessible to the physically challenged. *Clague Road UCC, 3650 Clague Rd., North Olmsted*

### Sunday, Dec. 1, 6-9 p.m. TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Join us for the City of Westlake's annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. The 2020 Mr. & Mrs. Westlake will be recognized by the Westlake Town Criers at the event. *Westlake City Hall, 27700 Hilliard Blvd.*

### Wednesday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. HEARTSAVER CPR/AED CLASS

The Bay Village Fire Dept. will be offering this AHA-certified class quarterly. It is free for residents. *Bay Village Police Dept. Community Room, 28000 Wolf Rd.*

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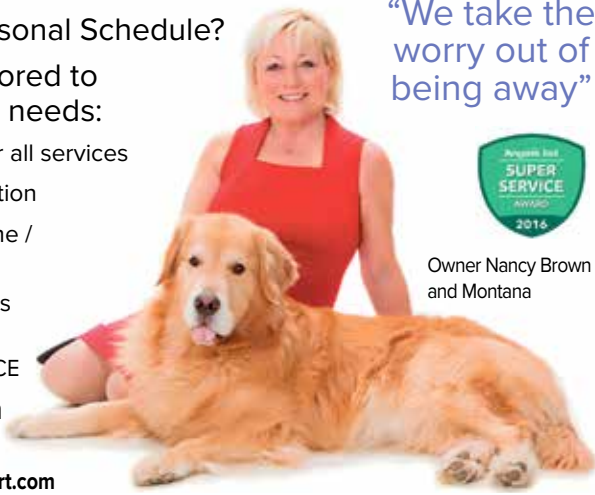
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