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has transformed their
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generational space with
rustic charm.



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become an A-list Hollywood
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Top Picks

Let's Make a Deal

The Dealership is how
Shaker's entrepreneurial
hub is now known.

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Indulge your craving
for home-cooked southern comfort food
at Sam Sylk's Chicken and Fish,
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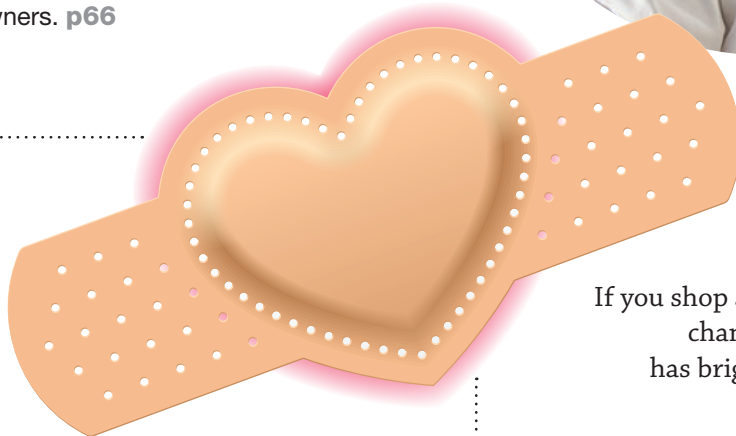
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James Rhodes, a nurse at the Woodlands
of Shaker Heights, is one of Moreland's
new homeowners. p66



Scene in Shaker

If you shop at Heinen's,
chances are Jackson Merriman
has brightened your day. p78





Living in a Dynamic City



SHAKER HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION



THE DEALERSHIP

SHAKER HEIGHTS



Let's Make a Deal: Introducing The Dealership

Take a look under the hood at The Dealership, 3558 Lee Road (former location of LaunchHouse), the prime co-work spot and entrepreneurial hub in the City.

Originally home to Zalud Oldsmobile dealership, the building has a new name that reflects the building's history and is a nod toward its future as a space where deals are struck, networks are created, and collaborations are forged.

The Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC) leased the building from the City of Shaker Heights, the owner, in July and relocated its own office there. The Dealership offers individuals and small businesses a place to rent an office, join the co-work space, and come to the many events that are planned.

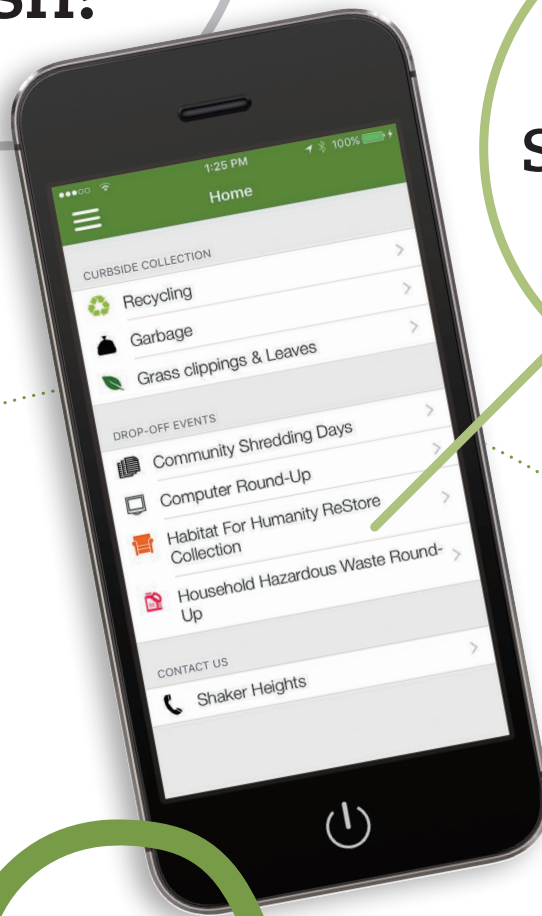
FASS Real Estate Services manages the property. As a locally owned company and a Lee Road neighbor with offices just down the street from The Dealership (see page 12), FASS has a clear understanding of the property, its location, and its mission. To further energize the entrepreneurial spirit that attracts so many, SHDC will engage an operator to manage the co-work space and event programming.

SHDC is leveraging its relationships to bring programming, office hours, and technical assistance from groups like the Small Business Administration, the Small Business Development Center, Economic Community Development Institute, the Women's Business Center, and Ingenuity Cleveland.

A dynamic co-work space at The Dealership is a critical element in the economic development of Shaker Heights and of the Moreland district in particular. Both are specific priorities of SHDC. In the late summer and fall, programming included hosting two artist focus groups. The co-work environment introduces entrepreneurs and businesses to the Chagrin-Lee area, provides a pipeline of potential office tenants for the area's vacant and underutilized buildings, and grows the commercial tax base over the long term through increased payroll income tax. For additional information, contact Nick Fedor, Executive Director, SHDC, at nick.fedor@shakerdevcorp.com or 216-491-1425.

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Pfaff Named Finance Director

David A. Pfaff became the City's new finance director in July. His career in public service and finance spans nearly three decades. Previously, Pfaff served as the finance director for the City of Beachwood. During his tenure there, Pfaff, a Certified Public Accountant, was actively involved in Tax Increment Financing and other complex financial transactions. In addition, for 16 consecutive years Pfaff received the Government Finance Officers Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

"David's comprehensive background includes all aspects of finance operations," says Mayor Earl M. Leiken. "His proficiency and experience make him well-suited to maintain Shaker's exceptional record of fiscal responsibility."

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Shaker Life won a second Apex Grand Award in the Design and Illustration category for "Art and Artists," a feature in the Spring

2015 issue about Wolfs Gallery in the Larchmere district. This international competition bestows awards on just five percent of the total submissions.

Each entry is judged for its communications excellence, whether in editorial content or graphic design. In the Design and Illustration category, 164 submissions were received and nine won Apex Grand Awards, the highest award possible.



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Lather Up!

Barr's Bars soap is now available at Eclectic Eccentric, 13005 Larchmere Boulevard. Home-based business owners Rebecca and Anthony Barchanowicz are the producers of the small batch crafted saponified soap made with carefully selected natural ingredients.

Fashion Forward

Catwalk, at 16802 Chagrin Boulevard, owned by Charles and Patrice Tucker, is the newest addition to Shaker Commons. The store carries women's clothing, shoes, and accessories. **SL**



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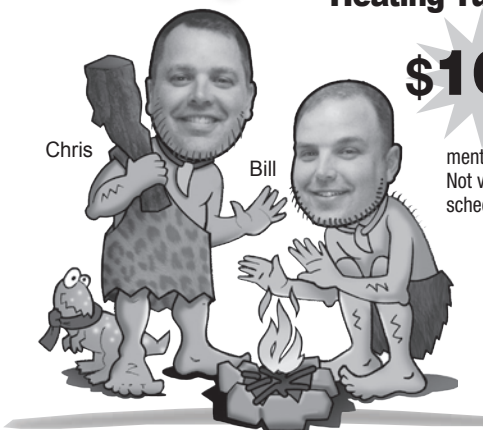
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Moreland RISING

They came, they spoke, they shared, they connected, they got involved, they planned and together, they created a shared vision and a shared purpose: **to see their neighborhood realize its full potential as a thriving and energetic place to live, work, and play.**

So who are they? Moreland residents and friends from other neighborhoods, too. Those who have lived there nearly a lifetime, and those newly arrived, young people and not-so-young people, families, kids, and single professionals, all with something to contribute: ideas, energy, skills, and dedication. Through monthly Neighbor Night meetings, a summer block party, discussion panels, a theater production, public art projects, and hot air balloon launches, community is being built and Moreland is rising.

Taking Center Stage

Making Our Own Space (MOOS Shaker) members (l-r) Lewis Fletcher, Myles Boykins, Karlee Williams, and Dariyae Siggers with the small stage they built in Moreland's Hildana Park in response to a need expressed by the neighborhood. David Jurca provided guidance to the young builders.



Shaker's Our Town

The Moreland Community Players production of "Our Town," starring Shaker resident Leon Bibb, brought together residents of all ages with roles both onstage and off. Auditions, rehearsals, set and costume design began in spring and culminated in two performances in late July.

Middle, l-r: Nevin Jenkins and Leon Bibb.
Bottom, l-r: Cassidy Lownes and Lorrainna Worthern.



Top, front row, l-r: Sabrina Fellingner, Cassidy Lownes.
Top, second row, l-r: LaVera Wingfield, Makayla Williams, Katie Lownes, Amanda Van Allen, Lorrainna Worthern, Demi McClain, Jewel Kirkland, Bertina Walker, Connor Speigner, Sonia Jordan-Winlock.
Top, back row, l-r: Edward Martin, Craig Stadden, George Eaton, Leon Bibb, Denise Smith.





Face to Face

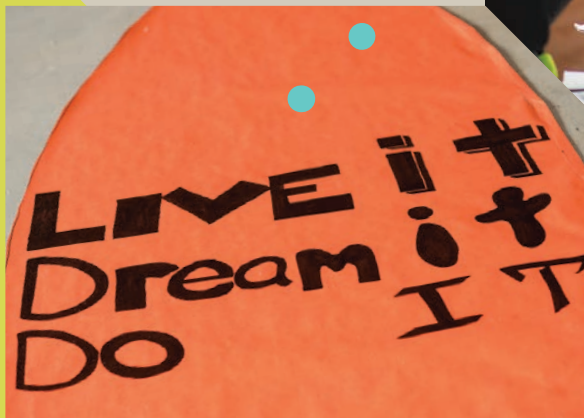
Sankofa mural artists Gary Williams and Robin Robinson (left) collaborated with residents to create a large mural at Chelton Park. The mural incorporates images of Moreland residents taken by Moreland residents. The images are presented as a series of puzzle pieces, reflecting the many faces that make up our community.



Photo courtesy of Kamla Lewis

High Flying Shaker Youth

Kent State's Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative/Making Our Own Space (MOOS Shaker), along with Executive Director David Jurca and architect Erick Rodriguez, worked with Moreland youth at The Dealership to create and launch a hot air balloon, surprising even themselves.



Top, l-r: Raysean Davis, Myles Brown, and Lewis Fletcher
Right, l-r: Myles Brown, Raysean Davis, Cotrell Hancock, Lewis Fletcher, David Jurca, Erick Rodriguez.



Earlier this fall,

MOOS Shaker youth worked with Alex Gilliam, founder of Public Workshop, on an engaging project that culminated in an exhibit at the IngenuityFest, Cleveland's festival of arts and technology. Public Workshop's mission is to create "uniquely engaging opportunities for youth and their communities to shape the design of their schools, neighborhoods and cities." MOOS Shaker youth explored this idea in all their projects. As part of his two-week residency, Gilliam presented "Start with Building," an evening event at The Dealership focused on topics of urban planning and design.



In October, the Shaker Arts Council presents SHAC Pops-Up in Moreland, a series of three weekend events at The Dealership: a FEST for families, kids, and the whole City, a Craft Art/Craft Beer event, and the Vintage Howl, featuring vintage clothing vendors and a Halloween theme.

On November 15, The Dealership hosts a panel discussion, "Entrepreneurship and the Development of Our Region," sponsored by Ingenuity Cleveland. During the month, the space will be enlivened with a photography exhibit documenting the work of MOOS Shaker youth as they shaped and engaged with their neighborhood.

Soul Food Heaven

SHAKER means BUSINESS

Indulge your hankering for home-cooked southern comfort food at Sam Sylk's Chicken and Fish, 3761 Lee Road. Sam's crew serves up sublimely marinated, battered, and crisped fried chicken

and fish, wings, and sandwiches alongside all the proper side dishes – coleslaw, mac and cheese, okra, string beans, and spaghetti. Round out the meal with a slice of citrusy 7-UP Pound Cake and you'll start planning your next visit.

Co-owner Zenobia Sylk – she's married to Sam, who rises early each day to check on his marinating protein before dashing off to host his weekday radio show on WZAK – says newbies must try the wings (they're fried whole and served with Sylk's signature mild sauce on the side) and the ocean perch.

Customer favorites include the \$1 leg and thigh special on Sundays and the \$3 1/4-dark chicken lunch special, which includes a leg and thigh, fries cushioned by a slice of bread, and coleslaw. The seasoning on the chicken and fish was created by Sam himself and, yes, it's a top-secret blend.

"We knew there was a need in the community for home-fried chicken," says Zenobia, who adds with her warm smile, "and we like to make people feel comfortable." The couple also chose Shaker to bring jobs to the City. Today, the restaurant has a staff of ten.

"You can get addicted to it very quickly," Sylk says. Addicted, for sure. Get your fix and order online at samsylkchickenandfish.com or by calling 216-921-7955. Sam Sylk's caters for larger parties, though customers can order 100 wings just an hour ahead. Some seating available.



Growing a Business FASS(T)

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Shaker residents interested in investing in real estate, buying/selling/leasing residential or commercial property, or who seek a property manager can turn to FASS Real Estate Services, 3705 Lee Rd. The full-service brokerage was founded in 2006 by Shaker native and CEO Akil Hameed (SHHS '96).

The company started as a way for Hameed and his wife Felicia (also a Shaker grad), to earn some passive income through real estate. Today, their client base includes property owners from around the U.S.,

China, Japan, Australia, and the U.K. Locally, FASS serves as the property manager for The Dealership, the Shaker Heights Development Corporation's hub for entrepreneurs (See page 4).

"Our families both had real estate as an asset and they made it important for both of us to understand the value of ownership," says Hameed. "We began managing our own properties, grew into third-party management, and now we're a full-service brokerage."

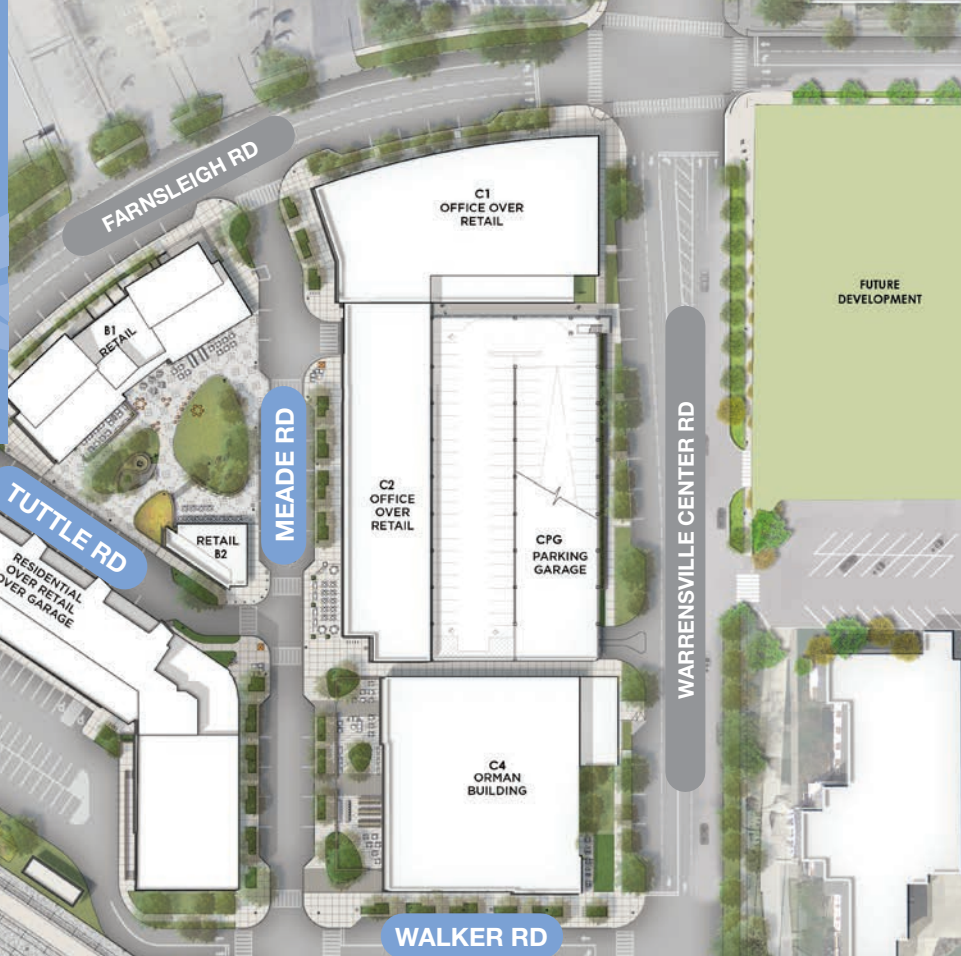
Hameed purchased his two-story building on Lee Road in 2012. He uses the first floor for FASS and leases the second floor to smaller, growing enterprises including Alive on Purpose, a suicide prevention non-profit; The Durable Slate Company; and JPC Financial Advisors.

Want to break into real estate? Hameed advises, "Always consult a professional. Ask questions, read up on the industry, and make sure you do your homework. Know what is entailed with making repairs to properties and the maximum carrying costs that you may incur as an investor." Contact FASS, 866-861-4761 or learn more at fass-res.com.

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Check the
online calendar at
bit.ly/morelandcal
for more information on
Moreland Rising events.

Van Aken On Track



The Brand

From the logo to the fonts, materials, color choices, and landscaping...the Van Aken District now has a distinct brand identity. After a deep dive into the values, history, and personality of the community, and months of study, concept development, and focus group meetings, RMS and their creative firm FRCH Design Worldwide translated what they learned into the look and feel of the District.

The brand reflects “A community that works together with grit and grace, combining tireless dedication with intense passion to craft something genuine and enduring. Inspired by the same spirit – Van Aken is a modern testament to the wonder of Shaker Heights, dedicated to uniting people for generations to come.” Visit thevanakendistrict.com.

The Office Tenants

Three major office tenants, ABA Insurance Services (ABAIS), RMS, and an established financial services firm, have signed leases for space in the Van Aken District. These tenants will occupy nearly 30,000 square feet, half the total of available office space.

ABAIS signed a 10-year lease for 17,000 square feet in the building that will anchor the corner of Warrensville and Farnsleigh roads. A well-established spin-off from Progressive Insurance Company, ABAIS offers professional liability and bond insurance, as well as property and casualty coverage to community banks and small businesses. ABAIS has 65 employees. It is expected to generate approximately \$175,000 in annual income tax for the City.

RMS, the developer of the Van Aken District, will locate its offices and 30 employees onsite. This family-owned company, whose principals live in Shaker, will embody the work live mission of the District. The third tenant is a financial services firm. Details to be announced soon.

The Roads

Hugs and kisses, cookies and milk, Shaker Heights and beautiful homes... it's impossible to imagine one without the other.

Nearly a century ago, the homes of Shaker Heights were built by architects whose commitment to exacting standards of quality and beauty produced distinctive homes that have endured, becoming a symbol of the City itself. To honor their work and their legacy, the last names of three notable architects will be used as street names in the new Van Aken District: Tuttle, Meade, and Walker. These architects, forever linked to our earliest days, will now pave the way to our future.

For more information on the Van Aken District and leasing opportunities, please visit thevanakendistrict.com and follow on Instagram @thevanakendistrict, Twitter @vanakendistrict, and Facebook @thevanakendistrict.

@ Shaker Schools



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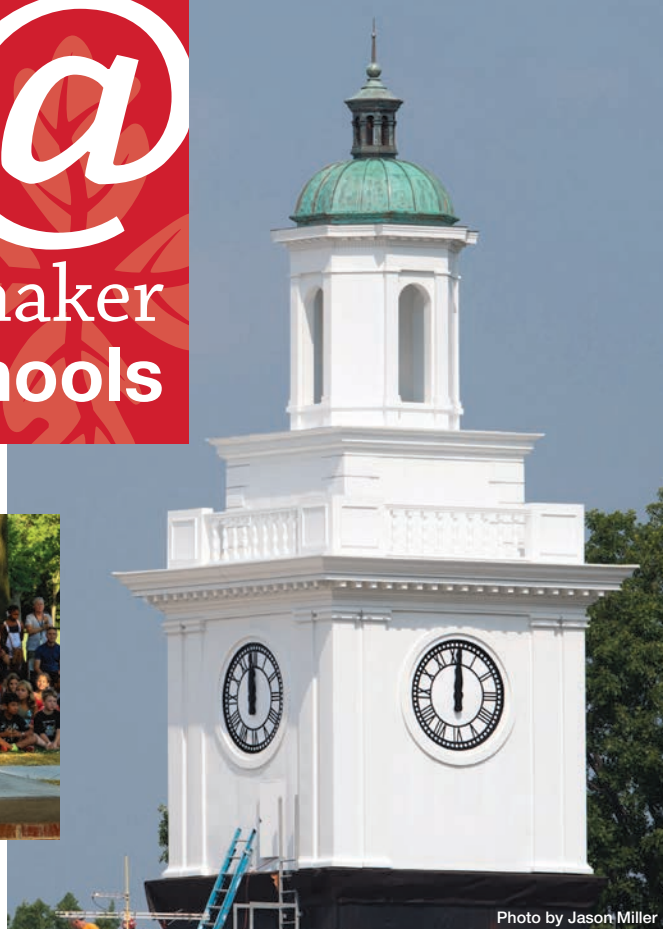


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An Icon Restored

The clock tower at Woodbury Elementary School has returned to its place of honor following a thorough restoration over the summer. Last fall, alert facilities staff noted that it was leaning from its normally upright position, and an engineering assessment determined it would need to be removed and taken off-site for extensive repairs.

During that process, the tower's 2,000-pound bell was removed and it was determined that it would be cost prohibitive to return it to the tower. The bell had not functioned for many years, though it originally rang daily on the quarter hour, and in later years was used at outdoor commencement ceremonies.

Now, the bell will be displayed prominently on a pedestal on the Woodbury front lawn with a removable protective cover, so that incoming fifth-grade students may touch it as they process into the school for the first time and again as they are clapped out at the end of sixth grade.

As a fundraiser, the Woodbury PTO has purchased decorative pavers to create four pathways to the bell on the front lawn, on which Shaker families, alumni, staff, and community members can purchase a unique inscription.

To purchase a paver, contact Heather Weingart at heather.weingart@yahoo.com.

When the clock tower was removed for restoration, graffiti was revealed dating back to the 1930s and '40s. To see a video and photos of the restoration process in action, visit shaker.org.

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District Welcomes New Leadership Team Members

Please join us in welcoming the following to their new positions with Shaker Heights Schools:



George F. Clark,
Assistant
Principal of
Shaker Heights
High School.

Clark formerly served as dean of students at Springfield High

School in Holland, Ohio, where he oversaw disciplinary procedures and actions, assisted teachers with social and emotional behavioral issues involving students, monitored and enforced attendance and tardy policies, and assisted the principal with a variety of other administrative duties.

Before becoming an administrator, Clark was an intervention specialist for eight years. In that role he taught students with disabilities and managed a caseload consisting of students with cognitive delays, emotional and learning disabilities, and autism. He also served for two years as assistant athletic director.

Clark was a member of his district's Grading Practice Committee, helped plan and was keynote speaker at the African-American Parent Forum in 2013 and served on the planning committee, and helped facilitate the African-American and Black Male Conference held at his school in 2009 and 2010. He holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Toledo and a master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Bowling Green State University.



Amy L. Davis,
Director of
Curriculum.

Davis had been principal at Onaway Elementary School since

2011, where she led the school's authorization process for the IB Primary Years Programme. She has also been instrumental in the expansion and

enhancement of the District's early childhood education programs.

Davis will oversee the development of a unified curriculum that provides continuity of instruction, aligns with the new state academic content standards, and leverages the benefits of the International Baccalaureate Programme for all students in grades PreK-12.

Davis joined the Shaker Schools faculty in 2004 and was both an American history teacher and chair of the special education department at Shaker Heights Middle School. She holds a bachelor's degree in French from Allegheny College, a master's in special education from Baldwin-Wallace College, and a master's in educational administration from John Carroll University.



Eric B. Forman,
Principal
of Onaway
Elementary
School.

Forman was the assistant principal at the

Campus International School at Cleveland State University, where he implemented schoolwide teaching and learning initiatives, teacher evaluations, school discipline structures, and operations. He also was a member of the leadership team supporting implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programme at Campus International.

Prior to joining Campus International, Forman served as director of curriculum and instruction at Entrepreneurship Preparatory School, a Breakthrough Schools charter school in Cleveland serving students in grades 5-8. He also has been assistant principal at Tompkins Square Middle School in New York City and taught seventh- and eighth-grade math at Tompkins Square Middle School and at Franklin D. Roosevelt Middle School in Cleveland.

Forman holds a bachelor's degree in human development and family sciences and a master's in elementary education, both from The Ohio State University. He also holds a master's in leadership in mathematics education from Bank Street College of Education in New York City.



Top three photos by Jason Miller

SELF STARTER: Shaker Schools Summer Program Wraps Up First-Year

Over the summer, 1,100 Shaker students took part in the District's SELF initiative, Summer Exploration, Learning and Fun, which offered more than 52 programs for students in grades 1-12. A wide range of offerings included world language camps, ceramics, culinary arts, creative writing, hands-on science, inventing, and academic enrichment. The Shaker Schools tapped into its talented teacher base and also partnered with local organizations such as Lake Erie Ink and the Great Lakes Science Center to provide the programs. **SL**



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Tweets

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● David Jurca @davidjurca

After an OSHA safety session, our #MOOS @ ShakerOnline students had their first experience with the mighty chop saw!



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● Youth Challenge @YCSports1976

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Posts

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Onaway Association

■ Neighbor #5 Went to the Dollar Store today to get a kite for my little friend. No luck. Went next door to Shaker Hardware and was told they haven't carried them for a few years. Then I did what I should have done right from the start – I talked to super employee Bonnie Sharp. She grabbed a flashlight and went deep into the darkest corner of the basement and came back in one minute with my new kite. Every hardware store should have a Bonnie! **SL**



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Onaway Association ■ Neighbor #1 As

your new neighbors on Fernway (and as your new SHHS principal), I want to offer a huge and sincere "Thank You!" to everyone for your gifts, your kindness, and for making me and my family feel so welcome. Please stop by the house or the school any time. We're looking forward to truly being a part of the community! ■ Neighbor #2 Welcome! You've picked the right neighborhood, we are happy to have you here! ■ Neighbor #3 Welcome to you and your family. ■ Neighbor #4 We are so glad that you are here! Welcome!



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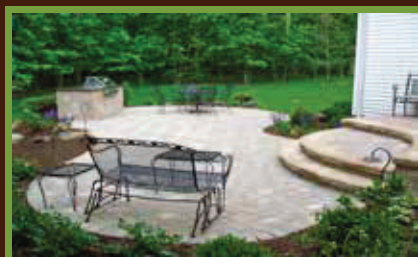
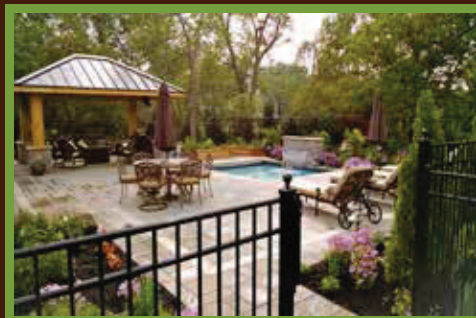
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A Letter from the Trustees

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Shaker Library is one of our city's valued civic institutions. It serves a population of roughly 32,000 people and circulates over one million items each year, which makes it one of the busiest libraries in the country on a circulation per-capita basis. Our Library attracts almost half a million visits every year and is regularly included on lists of the best libraries in the country for communities our size.

What sets our Library apart, however, is that it is truly a community asset. While the Van Sweringen brothers included many of the things that we appreciate most about Shaker in their initial plan for the city, a library wasn't among them. Shaker Library came from the interest of Shaker residents. Our Library is a legacy left to us by previous generations; they envisioned it, built it, and grew it into what it is today.

Shaker residents launched the library from a single room in Boulevard School in 1922. To meet the needs of a rapidly growing community, the Shaker Board of Education established the Library as an independent institution in 1937, and it continues to appoint the seven-member

Library Board as our Library's stewards.

Our Library's independent status grants Shaker residents local control over decisions shaping its future. This has allowed the Library Board to respond to

the changing needs of the community.

Following World War II, the Library built what is now the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building as its new home.

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Shaker Heights Public Library 2015 Revenue & Expenditures Report

2015 Revenue

Real Estate Property Tax	\$2,648,734
State of Ohio Funding	\$1,898,937
Fines & Fees	\$155,810
Contributions & Other	\$10,888
Investment Interest	\$2,986
Total	\$4,717,355

2015 Expenditures

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,188,652
Purchased & Contracted Services	\$653,243
Library Material & Information	\$592,784
Capital Outlay	\$38,234
Supplies	\$69,449
Other	\$18,667
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When it eventually outgrew that space, the Library began renovating the former Moreland School into the “new” Main Library. When it opened in 1993, its second floor remained unfinished. With the community’s approval of two joint School-Library bond issues, the Library completed the renovation, adding more meeting rooms, a teen center, computer center, training lab, art gallery, and additional office space.

Bertram Woods Branch exemplifies the commitment Shaker residents have to the Library they created. Bertram Woods, a retired railway engineer, bequeathed his estate, where the branch now stands, to “the library that served his home farm.”

Our Library’s collaborative programs demonstrate the important impact of local decision-making. Through the years, the Library Board and staff have identified opportunities to further serve Shaker residents through an array of collaborations with community organizations, including Bellefaire JCB, Family Connections, Shaker Arts Council, Shaker Heights Youth Center, and the Shaker Historical Society. And the Library continues to work to strengthen its partnerships with the City and the Schools.

Independence also helps to guarantee accountability. Our Board is composed of people who live here and we are answerable to our neighbors for the decisions we make. The 4.0 mills voters approved for the Library more than eight years ago represents under three percent of the real estate tax paid by property owners. While these funds may appear small in comparison to other institutions, to us they signify the trust Shaker residents place in their Library, and their willingness to invest in its future. We take our fiduciary responsibilities seriously as can be seen in our 2015 revenue and expenditures report on page 18.

Our Library – the Library that Shaker residents built for themselves – is an indispensable part of Shaker that brings people, information, and ideas together to enrich our lives. As your representatives on the Library Board, we are working hard to keep it that way.

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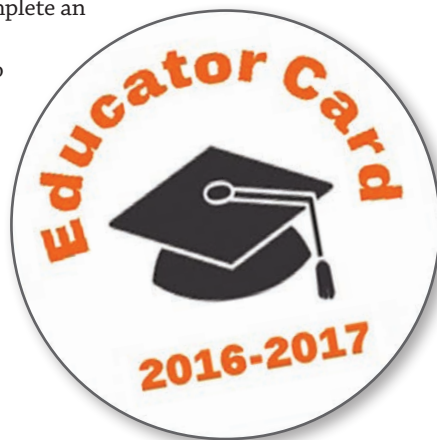
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Introducing the Educator Card

To aid in outreach efforts to schools, the Library offers expanded access to resources and services through our Educator Cards. These cards are issued free to an individual with proof of employment at a school or licensed preschool or daycare facility and a current government issued photo ID. Educators can choose to have a sticker affixed to their own library card or to complete an application for a separate card.

The Educator Card allows teachers to borrow up to 100 items for three weeks with no fines for overdue children's items. To request an application for an Educator Card, teachers must also provide proof of employment, such as a valid paystub within the last 30 days or a valid School ID badge.

Cards expire July 31 each year. To renew an Educator Card in the fall, teachers should present the same documentation provided for their initial registration.



Friends Corner

At its July meeting, Friends of the Shaker Library elected officers for the 2016-2017 Board. They are: Nancy Ryan O'Connor, president; Pow Joshi, vice president/membership; Lee Haas, vice president/book sales; Judith Karberg, secretary, and Evelyn Greene, treasurer.

New Board members include Connie Naugle and Roni Glassberg, energetic past volunteers who will chair the Friends Book Sales.

The Friends was founded in 1980 as the enterprising arm of the Library. Its volunteers solicit memberships ranging from \$20- \$100; sell merchandise, including ceramic mugs, canvas bags, and page-a-day calendars; run book sales in the fall and spring, and hold an annual Literary Libations fund-raiser in February. Remittance envelopes to join the Friends are available at both libraries or residents can join online at squareup.com/store/FOSL.



Susan Beaver, Business Manager/Fiscal Officer, joined the Library in July. She is a graduate of the University of Akron with a BS degree in accounting. Susan has more than 18 years of experience in governmental accounting. She has worked with receivables, payables, budgets, grants, state reporting, procurements, and audits. Additionally, she has managed multiple software

conversions and upgrades, including a new payables system.

Susan's past work experience includes nine years as bookkeeper for a family business. She was a staff accountant at Johnson & Higgins for five years, where she reconciled general ledger accounts and helped with budget, year-end forecasts, and finance projects.

From 1998 until she joined the Library, Susan worked for Summit County Children Services, maintaining multiple titles as she progressed to the position of manager of accounting services.

As a volunteer, Susan is an administrative officer with the regional staff for the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, where she helps with monthly and quarterly reports, prepares records for annual inspections, updates cadet/adult volunteer service jackets, and manages a tracking database of cadet and adult information.

According to Susan, "I am delighted to assume my new role as Business Manager/Fiscal Officer for the Library and look forward to working with the Library and the Board of Trustees to help provide financial management and oversight for the Library."

Meet New Staff at the Library



Drew Perkins, IT Technician, joined the Library's Digital Services team in March. He received his training at Erie Business Center where he graduated Magna Cum Laude and was on the Dean's List. He obtained his CompTIA A+ certification and is working on his Microsoft Certified Solutions Associate (MCSA). Before joining the Library, Drew worked for Elementum

Solutions performing system diagnostics, customer support, and new equipment installs. He looks forward to increasing his skills and improving the stability of the Library's information systems.



Jeff Bowen, Technology Trainer, is originally from Canton.

He graduated from the College of Wooster with a degree in geology and began work at the Cuyahoga Valley National Park's Environmental Education Center. He has worked as a seventh grade science teacher and as a teaching assistant at the college level, rewriting geoscience laboratory curriculum at the University of Iowa while attending graduate school. Jeff has a strong personal interest in technology and a commitment to staying abreast of the latest developments in computing. His professional background and personal interest in technology have led him to his current position at the Library.

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Book Discussions for a Variety of Reading Tastes

Join in conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors at one or all of the Library's Book Discussion groups.

New this season are two book groups at Bertram Woods Branch. **Cook the Book** is a read-and-taste book club. If you like cooking and trying new cuisines, then you will enjoy this group where members prepare recipes from the book, share samples, and discuss why they selected the recipe and what did (or didn't) work.

Cook the Book at Woods Branch:
Lorena Garcia's New Taco Classics
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Wednesday, October 5. Cook up some Latin comfort foods.



Barefoot Contessa at Home by Ina Garten, 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, November 2. The author's fifth cookbook features her uncomplicated but elegant recipes for the home cook.

Cookies to Die For! by Bev Shaffer, 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, December 7. Get ready for the holidays with our own cookie exchange and enjoy a visit from the author. Bev Shaffer is a chef, author, food writer, and culinary instructor, as well as Recipe Development Manager and Chef in the Test Kitchen at Vitamix headquarters.

Award Winners Discussions feature an award-winning book from the past:

Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies by Jared Diamond, 2-3 pm Saturday, October 15. In this 1998 Pulitzer Prize winner for nonfiction, an evolutionary biologist stunningly dismantles racially based theories of human history by revealing the



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The Known World by Edward P. Jones, 2-3 pm Saturday, October 19. The 2004 Pulitzer Prize winner for fiction is an epic story that takes an unflinching look at slavery in all its moral complexities.

Harriet Beecher Stowe: A Life by Joan D. Hedrick, 2-3 pm Saturday, December 17. The 1995 Pulitzer Prize winner for biography is the absorbing story of a gifted, complex, and contradictory woman and her life as a writer and shaper of public opinion.

Please register and pick up books at the Bertram Woods Branch Information desk one month before these discussions.

Book Buzz Discussions at Main Library

Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, 10-11:30 am Tuesday, October 11. A surgeon questions our approach to death, aging, and terminal illness and offers eye-opening considerations to improve the quality of final days.

The Swans of Fifth Avenue by Melanie Benjamin, 10-11:30 am Tuesday, Novem-

ber 8. This historical fiction opens the door on Truman Capote's scandalous, headline-making, and heart-wrenching friendship with Babe Paley and New York's society "swans" of the 1950s.

Fates and Furies by Lauren Groff, 10-11:30 am Tuesday, December 13. Readers are taken on an emotional rollercoaster of romance, intrigue, and heartbreak in this exhilarating and unpredictable work of fiction about what can happen in a 25-year marriage built on an unstable foundation of lies, told from the perspective of each partner.

Mystery Book Discussions at Main Library

A Decent Interval by Simon Brett, 7:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, October 11. Actor-sleuth Charles Paris is back on stage playing the roles of the ghost of Hamlet's father and the first gravedigger in a production of *Hamlet*. When a dead cast member is found on the dressing room floor he begins asking questions.

The Burning Room by Michael Connelly, 7:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, November 8. When a Mariachi musician dies 10 years

after a bullet wound paralyzed him, seasoned detective Harry Bosch and his new tech-savvy partner, Lucy Soto, discover evidence that links the shooting to a decades-old apartment fire where a group of children perished.

What You See by Hank Phillippi Ryan, 7:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, December 13. Out-of-work reporter Jane Ryland is covering the murder investigation of a man stabbed to death in broad daylight outside of Boston's Faneuil Hall when her sister seeks her help to find her fiancé's missing daughter.

Fourth Tuesday Afternoon Book Discussions at Main Library

Five Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital by Sheri Fink, 2-3:30 pm Tuesday, October 25. A Pulitzer Prize-winning writer gives readers an enthralling look at the turmoil inside a hospital in New Orleans during Hurricane Katrina and the legal and moral firestorm that followed.

The Marriage of Opposites by Alice Hoffman, 2-3:30 pm Tuesday, November 22. Set on the island of St. Thomas in the



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19th century, this is a story of the life and love affair of Rachel Pomie, mother of painter Camille Pissarro and a fascinating woman in her own right.

Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng, 2-3:30 pm Tuesday, December 27. The author of this award-winning literary thriller grew up in Shaker Heights. Her book is a portrait of a mixed-race family in suburban 1970s Ohio, thrown into chaos when the oldest daughter drowns.

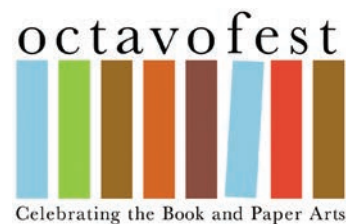
PubReads at The Academy Tavern

PubReads are held at The Academy Tavern at 12800 Larchmere Boulevard.

The Round House by Louise Erdrich, 7-8:30 pm Monday, October 10. In 1988, a terrible crime was committed against 13-year-old Joe's mother. Setting off to find answers with his friends, Joe learns that justice and adult life can be very complicated.

Frog Music by Emma Donoghue, 7-8:30 pm Monday, November 14. It's the summer of 1876 and San Francisco is suffering through a heat wave and a smallpox outbreak. Against this backdrop, Jenny Bonnet is murdered, and her friend is determined to bring the killer to justice. Unfortunately, doing so will expose secrets in both women's lives.

Please register for these book discussions at the Main Library Information and pick up books one month before the discussion dates.



Library Celebrates Octavofest

As in years past, the Library will participate in Octavofest, the month-long celebration of book and paper arts that brings exhibits, demonstrations, lectures, and workshops to sites throughout Northeast Ohio.

Shaker resident and former Friends president Bette Bonder, a member of Art Books Cleveland, has been working with the Promise Neighborhood project in Cleveland's Central area to engage children in making books and other art projects that promote literacy. Once a month, children come to the Sterling branch of the Cleveland Public Library to

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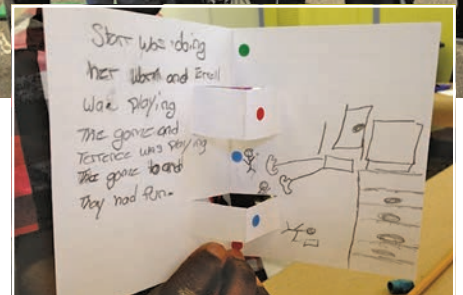
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make projects for a display at that library during Octavofest.

Bonder has also arranged for paper artists to display their work on the Main Library art gallery wall from October 1-31 along with an exhibit of altered books in display cases on the main floor.



The Library will host a Mural Making Program for teens from 3-6 pm Wednesday, October 5 when they can create a unique paper handprint to add to a mural display.

For more information about Octavofest, including a schedule of events, go to engagedscholarship.csuohio.edu/octavofest/2016.

Meet the Author: Joanna Connors

Meet Joanna Connors, author of *I Will Find You: A Reporter Investigates the Life of the Man Who Raped Her*, at 7 pm Thursday, October 13 at the Main Library.

While on assignment as a theater critic for The Plain Dealer, Connors was raped at knife point. In her book, she revisits that episode and tells the story of how the event permanently changed her. Kirkus Review has described her book as "A

courageous and unsettlingly forthright memoir of overcoming trauma."

Connors' work has appeared in The Los Angeles Times, The Chicago Tribune, Glamour, and Redbook. Her journalism



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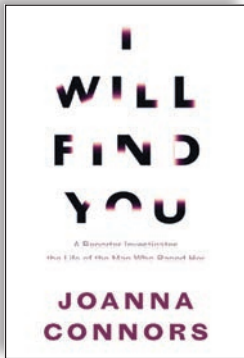
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Hot New Reads

Join Shaker librarians Stacie Anderson, Matt Grabski, Pam Tidwell, and Ed Rossman from 7-8 pm Tuesday, October 4 at Main Library when they talk about the hot new fiction and nonfiction titles coming to the Library this fall and winter. Be among the first to reserve one of these books. Refreshments will be provided courtesy of the Friends of the Shaker Library.

Friends Fall Book Sale

Friends of the Shaker Library book sale co-chairs – Lee Haas, Connie Naugle, and Roni Glassberg – are busy getting ready for the Friends Fall Book Sale. Residents who want to volunteer during the week of October 17-23 can email connieгнаugle@gmail.com or roni.glassberg@yahoo.com to express their preferred dates and times.

The sale begins 4-8 pm Wednesday, October 19 with the Friends Preview Sale. This sale is open to Friends members only; however, if you are not a Friend, you can join at the door. The sale continues from 9:30 am-8 pm Thursday, October 20, and 9:30 am-4:30 pm Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22. The popular Bag Sale will be held from 1:30-4 pm Sunday, October 23 when all bags of books will cost \$6 and items in the "specials room" are half price.

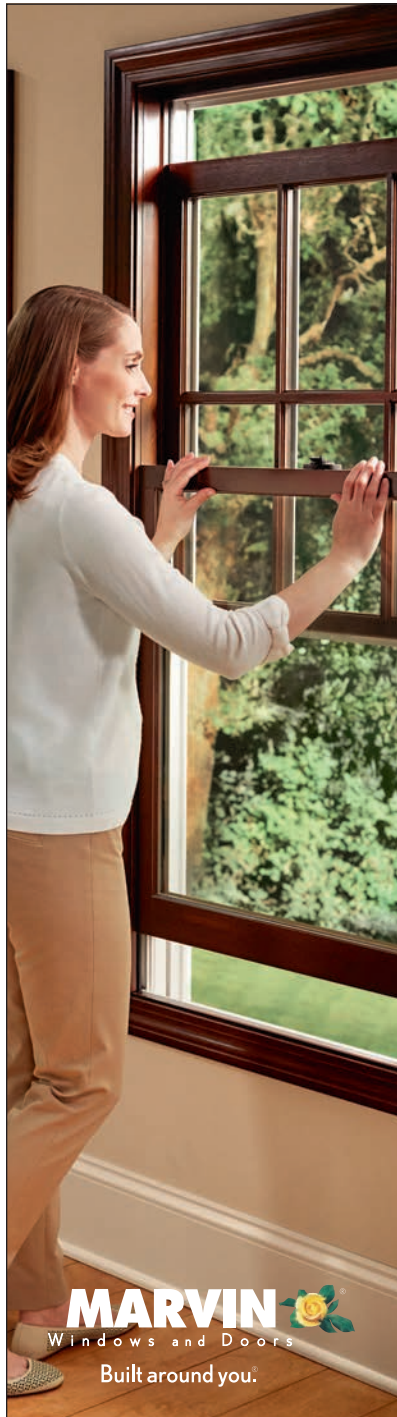


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Fatima Perkins, MNO, MSLIS, director of Community Outreach & Advocacy for WRAAA, will answer questions and talk about available services. Register at shakerlibrary.org or by calling 216-991-2030.

Sharing & Caring for Family Treasures: Why Are Old Things Special?

Want to learn more about how to care for your family heirlooms while sharing the history and significance of your treasures? Bring your children and grandchildren, along with a few small objects and photographs from your collection to Main Library.

From 2-4 pm Sunday, October 16, Shaker resident Jennifer Souers Chevraux will go through the basics of collections care at home, demonstrating ways to

properly handle and store your precious heirlooms. She will also facilitate family history discussions, to help you pass on the stories behind your objects and images from one generation to the next.

An understanding of family history can provide important context for young people, as they learn valuable lessons about the world today through an understanding of how people provided for themselves



and others in the past. Jennifer will bring her own collection of special items and old photos to share with the group to get the discussion going.

Chevraux has over 20 years of experience in the museum field serving as curator, exhibits director, educator, board member, and president of the Ohio Museums Association. Currently, she serves as education outreach officer at ICA-Art Conservation, the oldest nonprofit regional conservation center in the United States, where her primary objective is to ensure the preservation of artistic and historic works in Cleveland and across the state.

Medicare Sign-up Assistance at Main Library: Do you need accurate, unbiased information about Medicare? Representatives from Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Programs (OSHIIP) will be at Main Library from 10 am-2 pm Monday, November 14 to discuss the important 2017 changes to Medicare Part D and Medicare Advantage Plans. Be sure to bring your list of prescription drugs to compare plans for 2017.

You must make an appointment for sign-up assistance by calling the Library at 216-991-2030.

African-American Genealogical Society Meetings & Programs: Sunny McClellan Morton presents What's So Special about Special Censuses? from 9:30 am-1 pm Saturday, October 22 at Bertram Woods Branch. Sunny will discuss the extras in U.S. Censuses from 1840-1910, including Veterans, Mortality, Slave, Indian, Agriculture, Manufacturer, and Social Statistics Schedules.

Morton received a BA in history from Brigham Young University. She writes



for several genealogy publications and is a contributing editor and "Genealogy Insider" columnist for Family Tree Magazine. She teaches

family history and genealogy to local, state, national, and international audiences.

AAGS Special Interest Group update: On Saturday, November 26 from 9:30 am-1 pm at Main Library, hear updates from

each of the study groups formed to allow those with similar research interests to exchange ideas. These small groups use approaches such as sharing circles, demonstrations, problem solving, lab work sessions, and mentoring.

All are welcome at the brief business meeting of the AAGS each month, followed by the public program.

Learn a Language Online

Any Shaker Library cardholder has free access to the Rosetta Stone language-learning database, one of the highest-rated language courses on the market today.

Access Rosetta Stone from any computer, along with dozens of other databases, by navigating to the Research tab on the Library's website at shakerlibrary.org. A Shaker library card number is required, and first-time users must create an account with an email address and password.

From there, you can choose from 30 different languages.. For questions about Rosetta Stone, or other Library database subscriptions, ask a librarian.

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Great Shaker Homes

A Home RECLAIMED

AN ONAWAY COUPLE HAS
TRANSFORMED THEIR
COLONIAL INTO A MULTI-
GENERATIONAL SPACE WITH
AMPLE RUSTIC CHARM.

By Jennifer Kuhel
Photography by Kevin G. Reeves



Chris and Evangeline Ramsay

evaluated the tiny second-story porch with the rotted railing at the back of their 1926 Chadbourne Road home. They reached the same conclusion.

"We were like, 'We've got to get rid of this thing,'" Chris recalls.

So Chris, a graphic designer turned professional dog trainer, and Evangeline, a pharmacist, brainstormed possible improvement projects. Maybe an extra room on the back? Maybe a three-season porch? Maybe a covered porch?

In the two years that have since passed, the Ramsays' modest home has experienced a transformation that's nothing short of extraordinary. The porch is long gone. In its place is a spacious loft surrounded by a soaring contemporary three-story addition, complete with a crow's nest loft (more on that later) and abundant natural light.

The Ramsays also renovated their kitchen, dining room, and basement, added a mud room, and installed all new backyard landscaping. For sure, the scope of the project exceeded what the Ramsays originally had in mind. But that's because the couple was open to new ideas. And more importantly, because they had the foresight to consider a home that accommodates both the life they have now and the life they envision in their future.



Love Thy Neighbor

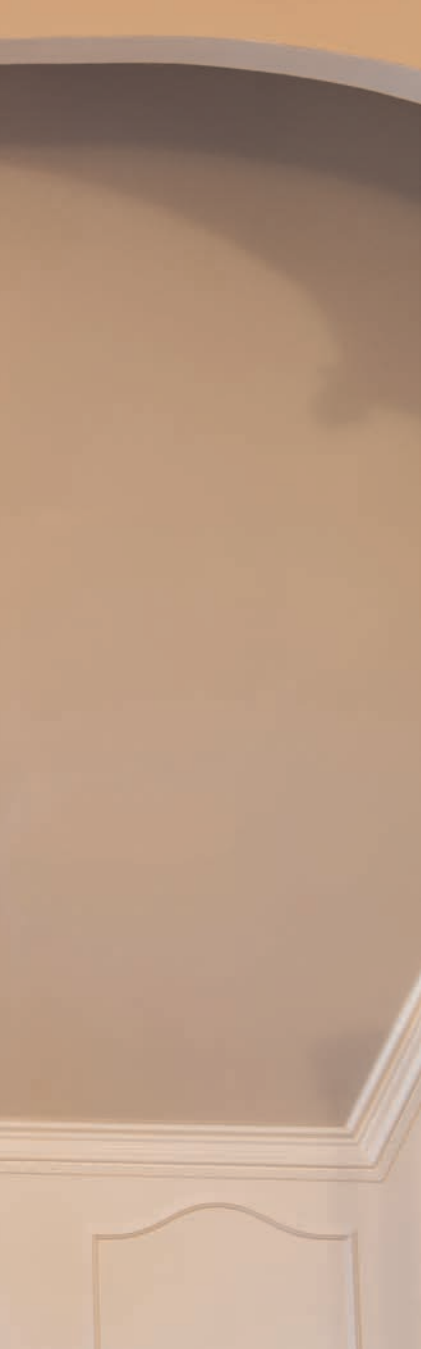
When the Ramsays bought their home in 1998, the Shaker real estate market was hot and homes would sell in a matter of days. With a two-year-old and newborn in tow and having just sold their Lakewood home, the couple wanted to put down roots sooner rather than later. “This house sufficed,” Evangeline says. “But it’s been a great house and it’s in a great neighborhood.”

In fact, the neighborhood is what sold the Ramsays on renovating the home they have, rather than buying a larger one.

“We looked at other homes in Shaker, but they had too much space or they didn’t have the space we needed,” says Chris, who operates a dog training business, Shaker Hound Academy, at the house.

“Plus, we’re so entrenched in the neighborhood. We started to realize that we wouldn’t just be moving, we’d be moving off our street and off our block. So we decided that this is where we’re planted and we’re just going to make it a little bit bigger.”

Before the addition, the home was approximately 2,200 square feet. Today, it’s just over 2,750 square feet. Step inside, though, and it feels like the Ramsays gained considerably more.



Chris Ramsay
and his
Shaker Hound
Academy clients.





Smart design. Cool spaces.

Designer/builder and remodeler Jim Karlovec approaches all of his projects with the principles of Sarah Susanka – an architect famous for her book *The Not-So-Big House* – uppermost in his mind. His work on the Ramsay home is no exception.

“The idea is to create spaces that are built for specific goals and needs and to consider how a family evolves over time,” says Karlovec, who lives in and operates his business from his renovated two-family home in the Winslow Road Historic District. “It’s less about more land and more square footage and more about better design and better craftsmanship.”

The only way to learn more about a family’s specific goals and needs is to spend time with them. Lots of time.

“Jim came to our house at least five times. He talked to all of us, saw how we lived and how we go about stuff. He’d just watch us in the kitchen and see us bumping into each other,” says Chris. “I’d show him where the dogs would eat, their crates, where I keep the food, where they sleep. Dogs are a part of my business and my house and Jim picked up on that right away.”

It was also critical to the Ramsays to have space to accommodate large gatherings. The couple has three children, ages 20, 18, and 16, who often bring friends to the house.

Evangeline is the youngest of five children and has a large extended family, while Chris’ twin brother is just starting his family. Ensuring that adults, teens, and children alike would have pockets of private space for conversation, playing, or watching television would be key.

The right amount of space for specific storage was important, too. “I went through our old kitchen and measured every pot and appliance we had,” says Chris. “It wasn’t just, ‘Oh, we need cabinets.’ It was, ‘We need cabinets that are tall and we need drawers inside that pull out.’” This combination of observation, planning, and precision was worth the effort.



Old and New and Newer

Enter the Ramsays' colonial through the front door and at first glance, it seems like most other center-hall homes in Shaker: The staircase is straight ahead and a living room is to the right. The differences begin with a look left: The former separate dining room and kitchen is now one combined space where it's easy to imagine enjoying a laid back home-cooked dinner in the company of close family and friends.

A rustic table with a tufted leather sofa-style bench and chairs comfortably seats ten. Behind the table, barstools provide more seating at a two-sided peninsula and an elevated view into the kitchen space. Open shelving constructed of stained wood and metal pipes suggests an appreciation for organization and minimalism. Hand-distressed cabinets with reclaimed hardware and counters complement and incorporate the room's overall color palette.

The interior brick wall that runs the length of the room anchors the large space and accents the casual décor, much of which was created from salvaged or reclaimed materials the Ramsays found themselves. Their most enviable innovation: a reclaimed wood island with salvaged casters that can be rolled to the middle of the room for more prep space or hidden under the two-sided peninsula to accommodate more cooks in the kitchen. The idea is so ingenious yet so simple that it's hard to believe more kitchen renovations don't consider this kind of mobility.

Just off the kitchen at the back of the house is the primary thoroughfare. "All of the traffic patterns go through the center of the house, so now all the work spaces are on the outside," explains Chris. This rear thoroughfare/hallway links all the rooms on the back of the house, from the kitchen to the powder room to the new mudroom to the existing den to the addition. Pocket doors and an elevated ceiling in the mudroom give an otherwise boring space some visual appeal and a sense of openness. An old pizza peel (a wide, flat "shovel" for sliding pizzas into the oven) and grain shovel suspended on the hallway wall add to the salvage charm.

Finally, hang a left through the den and step down into the addition. Everything about the room – the dyed concrete floor with radiant heat (easy to clean and expedites thaw on snowy dog fur), the comfortable couches, the woodburning stove, the white walls with high ceilings, and the ample natural light provided by three stories of windows and skylights – says the Ramsays are people who want their family and guests (the four-legged variety, too) to stay, lounge, and relax.

"One of the key goals that I established early on in the design relationship with the Ramsays was the need to integrate the outdoors into the interior and the need to create a bright, happy space," Karlovec explains. "Even on a cloudy Cleveland day, the addition interior is bright and happy."





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The interior-exterior flow


is also enhanced with the concrete floor that extends to the porch just outside the addition. Open the glass doors to the covered porch and the view of the Ramsays' freshly landscaped back yard is enchanting. A candle chandelier hangs from a pergola that frames the outdoor dining space. Chairs surround a firepit and await a chilly night under the stars. The east side of the house is home to a secluded seating area built just for two. "It has this village bed-and-breakfast feel that we wanted for everything," Chris says.





Back inside, the second-story loft extends overhead into the addition with a full-sized couch and space for reading, playing a game, or catching an afternoon nap. Carpet squares give the floor texture and make for easy cleanup.





Perhaps the most impressive view of the addition comes from the third floor, where a crow's nest loft is perched outside Chris' office. "The workers had built this catwalk up here that was sliding, so we'd go up there and hang out," Chris says. That led to the idea of building something more permanent. "You can sit back up here and nobody knows you're here," he says, reclining in one of the loft's two cozy chairs.

Walk down three flights of stairs and enter the renovated teen basement, complete with a slouchy sectional, television, fridge, foosball table, and clever built-in storage. Many of the finishing touches in the room were hand-distressed or created by reclaimed/salvage materials, including a butcher block bar that Chris found on Facebook for \$10.

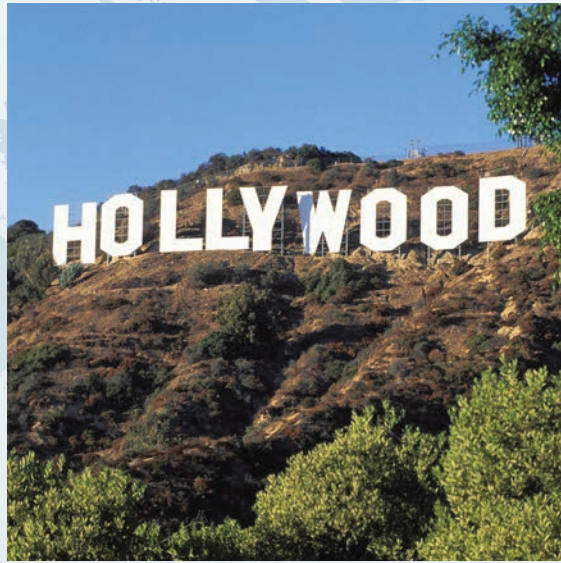


Their Dream Home

Just over a year after the Ramsays broke ground on their addition, Chris and Evangeline have their dream house. “When we started doing the drawings and it started coming together, I knew it was going to be really cool,” Chris says. “And now, it has so exceeded my expectations.”

Karlovec says these types of projects thrive with homeowners who really think about their goals. “People who are grounded and in it for the long haul finish a project like this and they’re happy. Like 24/7 happy. These are the types of decisions that are life-changing,” he says.

Evangeline agrees. “We have a great place to stay.” **SL**



A FEARLESS PURSUIT

Shaker's Jamie Babbit has become an A-list Hollywood director despite not attending film school. Her success has come through passion, determination, and a lot of talent.

By Beth Friedman-Romell

Photography by Gary Adams
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A FEARLESS PURSUIT



Jamie Babbit (SHHS '89) is the embodiment of the old Nike slogan, "Just do it!" Without a film school degree or inside connections, Babbit worked her way up from the bottom of her industry with sheer determination, ultimately establishing a successful directing career in television and film.

She has directed dozens of TV episodes for shows including "Gilmore Girls," "Girls," "Malcolm in the Middle," "United States of Tara," "Ugly Betty," and many more. Her 1999 groundbreaking indie comedy "But I'm a Cheerleader" was instrumental in broadening the depiction of gay characters in the movies. Committed to supporting other aspiring filmmakers, particularly women, Babbit also maintains a strong connection to her hometown, returning frequently to visit family and friends, and mentor Shaker High theatre students.

Jamie and her brothers Ross and Rider were raised in Shaker by an attorney father, Harold, and a psychologist mother, the late Nikki Babbit. While both parents were interested in the arts, Jamie's fearless, single-minded pursuit of an artistic career often bemused her Midwestern father, who favored a more conventional life path.

"Any time she had an important decision to make, I would point out that it's too much risk. She ignored my advice every time," Harold says. "I'd tell her, what scares me about Hollywood is, there are no rules. She'd say, 'Isn't that great?'"

Jamie's mother undoubtedly embodied tenacity, creativity, and courage for her daughter. In 1980 Nikki founded New Directions, a local addiction treatment center for adolescents, one of the first in the nation. Like Jamie, Nikki "was never interested in working on something that was already established," Jamie says. "Her motto was: Learn how to do things, and go out and do them."





Jamie and her father Harold Babbit.

Staying in the Moment

Jamie credits her early training at Shaker Heights High School's Ensemble Theatre program for developing skills that she draws upon every day in her work.

"The key to being a director is being a good listener. I learned that from Ensemble," she explains. "The most important thing for me as a director is staying present in the moment for the actor, for what adjustment they need to open them up to a better performance."

"Ensemble wasn't about singing, it wasn't about memorizing lines, it was about seeing the world from an artistic perspective, and also about the connection between the body and the mind. It was like yoga training, breathing, being in touch with yourself, opening yourself to creative expression. That program really helped me to begin to know myself as an artist."

(One way in which the Babbit family preserves Nikki's legacy is through the Nikki Babbit Memorial Award, awarded yearly by the Shaker Schools Foundation to a graduating senior who has done outstanding work behind the scenes in the Shaker Theatre Department.)

In addition to acting and working behind the scenes in the theatre department, Jamie also made her directorial debut while at Shaker for Terry Pollack's history class. Jamie and two classmates scored second in the U.S. National History Day competition for their experimental treatment of the theme of the Alaskan frontier.

Jamie recalls they "wowed the judges" with their unique, minimalist approach. "But we picked a boring subject, so that's why we lost," Jamie laughs. "I learned from this experience that you can be a great director, but if the source material is kind of a dud, it's hard to take it all the way."

Jamie soon found more interesting subject matter to pursue. While an undergraduate majoring in West African

Studies at Barnard College, she traveled to Ghana, where she made her first film, an undergraduate thesis project on taxi-driver art. After graduating, Jamie cobbled together her own sort of graduate school in film, taking some classes at NYU and UCLA while working on as many film projects as possible, in order to learn every aspect of her craft.

"I think film school is fantastic, if you can get there," she says. "But I was worried about the debt I'd take on with graduate school."

Instead, Jamie worked many side jobs to make rent while she developed scripts, saved money, and learned from professionals – both good and bad – on sets. She also kept track of talented people with whom she'd like to work once she landed in the director's chair.



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At a Crossroads

According to Harold, Jamie finagled her way on to the sets of films directed by the likes of Martin Scorsese, John Sayles, and David Fincher, through her unique blend of “aggressiveness and charm.” She was named script supervisor for Fincher’s “The Game,” starring Michael Douglas and Sean Penn, in 1997. She was next offered the job of script supervisor for “American Beauty.”

But she had second thoughts because her career was at a crossroads.

“If you don’t work on your own material at the same time as other people’s, you’ll always be an assistant. I was worried I would work on other people’s movies my whole life. I’ve seen lots of people compromise once they’ve made a niche for themselves – they’re good union jobs,” she explains.

So at age 24, Jamie turned down the six-figure assignment on the big-budget movie, which went on to win five Oscars, including best picture, in order to make her first independent feature film, “But I’m a Cheerleader.”

“I’ve never made a dollar to this day for Cheerleader. I was very nervous to quit the union to go start being a director. You make money from the jobs you get after your breakout film. It’s a long investment in your future,” Jamie says.

“But I’m a Cheerleader” is a sunny, absurdist parody of so-called conversion therapy, a now-discredited practice that aimed to turn gay people straight. Jamie says she was inspired to make the film both by her mother’s work founding New Directions, and her own desire to share a positive perspective on being a lesbian.



(Above) Jamie Babbit with spouse Karey Dornetto and Natasha Lyonne, the star of “But I’m a Cheerleader” and “Addicted to Fresno.” Dornetto wrote the screenplay for Fresno, which also featured Shaker native Molly Shannon. Lyonne currently plays Nicky Nichols in the Netflix hit series “Orange is the New Black.” (Opposite) A Twitter selfie. Photos courtesy of Jamie Babbit.



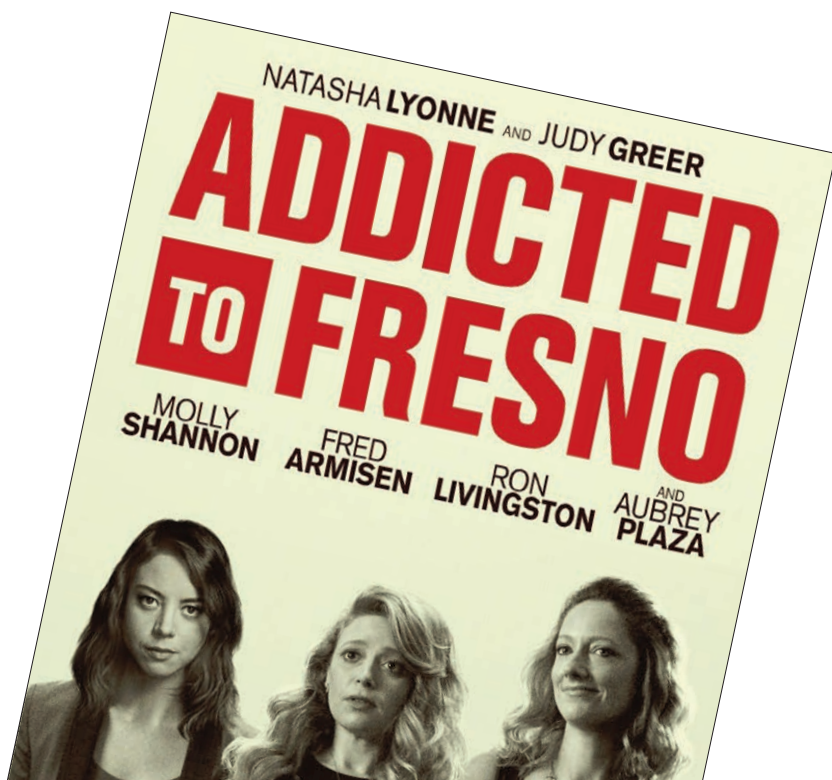
“I did a lot of Internet research about Exodus International [a defunct organization that practiced reorientation therapies] and I found so much humor, so many ridiculous claims from the people who had been there – it made them more nuanced liars! So I thought, I gotta make a comedy about this.”

In addition, Jamie had grown up learning about rehab first hand through New Directions.

“I thought I could actually talk about what it’s like to be in rehab day-to-day, bring a black comedy to it....Ultimately I wanted to make a

love story that was hopeful and funny, infuse it with my general optimism about life, my excitement about being gay.”

Jamie believes her film tapped into a hunger for self-representation among young LGBTQ people, which has grown substantially in subsequent years. “In 1999, we didn’t have ‘Glee,’ we didn’t have any clear representation in media,” Jamie reflects. “I would like to think *Cheerleader* was one of the first things that brought those stories to the media.”



While Jamie states that she did not know she was gay until toward the end of college, she makes an effort to speak to members of Shaker’s Gay Straight Alliance whenever she gives talks at Shaker High.

“It’s really great to talk to the GSA,” she says. Even at Shaker High, LGBTQ students may struggle with acceptance of parents or peers. “They tell me, you have such an easy life, you’re married, you have kids. Life in California is easier, it’s harder for us.”

(Opposite and above) On the set of “Addicted to Fresno.” Photos opposite and above courtesy of Jamie Babbit.

Sharing the Passion



Jamie's wife and artistic collaborator is screenwriter Karey Dornetto, whom she married in 2014. They share custody of their two daughters with Jamie's previous partner, producer Andrea Sperling. Jamie divides her work time between directing TV shows, which pays the bills, and her passion for making independent films such as "Itty Bitty Titty Committee" and "Addicted to Fresno." She says that motherhood has increased her awareness of creating a legacy, a body of work that will "say something important...that my daughters can watch and feel close to me." She compares this legacy to New Directions, which she views as a tribute to her mother's vision, energy, and commitment.

"She started New Directions from the ground up. It's like making a film – you raise the money, you raise awareness, you get excited about the vision, the passion. She never considered it a job, it was a life passion. I feel blessed to have the same thing in my life."

Jamie is excited to share her passion and foster it in others. Theatre department faculty member (and former chair) Christine McBurney marvels at Jamie's support of Shaker students.

"She volunteers to talk at school, she gives kids her email, she mentors them," says McBurney. "She tells them, there's lots of jobs in Hollywood, go out there and get one! She's very nurturing."



Davionne Gooden (SHHS '16) met Jamie when she was inducted into the SHHS Hall of Fame in 2013. When Davionne introduced himself as an aspiring filmmaker, Jamie gave him her email address. She has since advised and supported Davionne in many ways, offering to help him visit California and even contributing to fund his short film, "Roxanne in Wonderland."

"I was having trouble editing my last movie, before Roxanne," Davionne says. "I told her I had a bad reel in my hand, what can I do? She gave me tips for editing, adding narration and music, and the actual movie turned out a lot better than I thought."

Even more than her technical support, Davionne appreciates Jamie's faith in him.

"One of the things I learned is not to be afraid to ask for help. A lot of people in this world want to help you. It's a pretty nice thing to discover." **SL**



(Above) Jamie Babbit meets with Shaker High School theatre students in October 2015. Christine McBurney (bottom) of the Theatre Arts faculty poses with her famous alumna. Photos above courtesy of Christine McBurney.







A Keen Eye for Details

Meet the New Shaker Heights High School Principal

By Jennifer Proe
Photography by Jason Miller

The answer: He is a one-time “Jeopardy” contestant, professional singer, avid runner, husband, father of three girls, Philadelphia Eagles fan, and the new principal of Shaker Heights High School.

If you responded, “Who is Jonathan Kuehnle?,” congratulations – you qualify for the next round. But only if you can pronounce his name correctly.

“That’s easy,” says the one-time game show contestant. “You will now be keenly aware of how to pronounce my name.” That mnemonic device no doubt will help students, staff, parents and community members to address him by name when they see him in the halls, shopping at Heinen’s with his wife, Kimberly, a special education and history teacher, or out running in the Onaway neighborhood where he and his family have settled.

Says Kuehnle, “Everybody has been extremely welcoming, and almost disarmingly nice in a very genuine fashion, even before they knew I was the new high school principal. You hear about places like this, but it’s amazing to realize that now we are actually living in one.”

In true Shaker fashion, the Kuehnle family’s neighbors greeted them almost instantly with cookies and wine, and they invited the family over the same evening to roast s’mores. They warmly welcomed the couple’s three daughters, Hayley, 20, and identical twins Eavan and Ella, 12, who are in the sixth grade at Woodbury. “The girls are very excited to have a pool at their new school,” says Kuehnle, “and we love that we can all walk to our respective schools.”

A PASSION for History

Prior to coming to Shaker Heights, Kuehnle was the campus director for three years at Springfield High School in west-central Ohio. He also served as principal of Circleville (Ohio) High School for three years, helping to achieve the school's first "excellent" rating on school report cards and raising the graduation rate from 78 to 91 percent. He began his career in education as a middle school social studies teacher in the Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland and in the Northwest Local School District near Cincinnati.

History was one of three degrees Kuehnle achieved as an undergraduate at Miami University of Ohio, along with bachelor's degrees in education for social studies and in diplomacy and foreign affairs. Fluent in German, he briefly considered a career in the foreign service after taking (and passing) the entrance exam on a dare from a friend – but happily stayed the course on teaching. He went on to the University of Cincinnati to complete his master's in educational administration and then to Ohio State for his superintendent's license.

Though born and bred in Toledo, Kuehnle spent most of his formative years in the Philadelphia area, where he traces his passion for history.

"My parents divorced when I was young, and we ended up moving in with my grandmother in Philadelphia to make ends meet," he explains. "Every day on my way to school, I passed the eternal flame dedicated to George Washington, walked across the bodies of Revolutionary War soldiers who were buried by the British head-down (so as to speed their descent to Hell for rebelling against the Crown), past Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. There's so much essential history there, and being able to soak that all in as a kid was incredible," says Kuehnle.

That love of history, combined with a knack for trivia, is what propelled the self-described "repository of useless knowledge" to his brush with fame as a contestant on the popular quiz show "Jeopardy" in April 2014.

"I was on one episode, so that tells you how I did," says Kuehnle. However, he is proud of having met his three goals: "I got a Daily Double, I beat the defending champ, and I came away with enough winnings to cover my expenses on the show and then some," he reports. (At the end of this article, you can try your luck on the Final Jeopardy answer to which Kuehnle gave the correct question, but was edged out by the other contestant for the win.)

Though he didn't come out on top that day, his students were impressed with his performance. They told him, "Hands down, Mr. Kuehnle, you're the smartest principal in Clark County!"

And naturally, he managed to turn the experience into a teachable moment for them. Building on their excitement, Kuehnle organized a Jeopardy-style tournament at Springfield High between staff and students. That effort grew into an academic challenge team, which is still going strong.

CHEERING for a Cause

Kuehnle and his family left behind another legacy in Springfield that they hope to replicate in Shaker. Ella Kuehnle has a rare form of Down syndrome. She also has a passion for cheerleading, which led the family to create an event called Cheer for a Cause.

"Two years ago, we teamed up with the varsity cheerleaders, the Rotary Club, and the County Board of Developmental Disabilities to put on a free event where people of all ages and various disabilities performed the half-time show at a Friday night varsity basketball game," says Kuehnle. It was a huge success, and was repeated the following year.

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The Kuehnle family has already connected with the local chapter of the Up Side of Downs so they can continue to support this cause. Kuehnle enjoys partnering with Ella for the organization's annual Buddy Walk that raises awareness about Down syndrome. He also laces up his Shaker-red running shoes on a regular basis to participate in regional runs and races and has competed in six marathons to date. (You may see him out training with the family's German shepherd mix, Vinny.)

Kuehnle has a few other personal goals he hopes to achieve in his new hometown. "I would love to become a member of the Cleveland Orchestra Chorus and to sing the National Anthem at a Tribe game." (Despite his unfortunate allegiance to the Philadelphia Eagles football team, he is a longtime fan of the Cleveland Cavaliers and the Indians.)

Kuehnle got his start as a professional singer at age 9, singing with the St. Peter's Episcopal Church Boy Choir in Philadelphia for \$15 per week. He's been singing ever since, with the Miami University Men's Glee Club and Chamber Singers, in churches and temples, at sporting events, and most recently, with the Springfield Symphony Orchestra.



Jonathan Kuehnle with his wife, Kimberly, and daughters, 20-year-old Hayley (far right) and 12-year-old twins Eavan (front left) and Ella (front center).

BUILDING Relationships

Kuehnle is proud of his track record in helping both of his prior school districts increase their graduation rates by double digits, watching with joy as many of his students became the first in their families to attend college. But he was ready for a new challenge.

“What attracted me to Shaker was not only the academic rigor, but also the additional opportunities: the arts curriculum, the extra-curricular activities, all the things it takes to prepare a well-rounded individual,” he says. “I think it’s amazing that we offer both the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate courses of study here.”

Kuehnle is very familiar with the IB Diploma Programme, which was offered at Springfield High. “While I certainly want to see continued growth in that program here,” he says, “not everybody has to be an IB Diploma student to benefit from being part of an IB District. The goal of the IB experience is to emerge as someone with knowledge and compassion for your fellow humans and to be intelligently prepared to engage in the world.”

As for his educational philosophy, he says, “I’m a strong believer that all students can achieve highly. Some may need additional support or additional time, and that’s fine. As educators, it’s our job to provide that. Some students may have lofty college and career aspirations, and others may have different dreams. It’s our job to prepare them for success in high school and far beyond.”

As principal of Shaker Heights High School, Kuehnle is prepared to do a lot of listening.

“My mission this year is to build relationships,” he says. “I’m not coming in to make any seismic changes. I want to get to know people and learn what we do well and where we have opportunities for growth. You have to be willing to engage with all parties and to have honest conversations. As an educator, I’m an expert on

teaching and learning, but as a parent, you’re the expert on your child.”

While he is responsive to e-mail and can be found on social media (follow him on Twitter @ShakerPrincipal), he prefers face-to-face communication for getting the whole story. He looks forward to those honest conversations, whether they happen at the high school, at community events, or in the aisles of the grocery store.

“I would like to tell members of the community the same thing I have said to my staff: Come on in, my door is open.”

READY for Final Jeopardy?

A: This product exits its original container at the speed of .026 miles per hour.

Q: What is Heinz Ketchup? **SL**

Winterizing Your Home and Garden

By Michael Peters

Shaker Life's sustainable building expert* conducts a roundtable discussion with home improvement professionals.

In the spring, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes hosted the quarterly meeting of the Sustainable Homes Network. This group, open to all, is composed of local and regional professionals who are passionate about improving the comfort, health, and energy-efficiency of our homes. I sat down with several members, including founder Hallie Bowie, to discuss steps you can take to prepare your house and yard for winter.

All based in or near Akron, the group I interviewed included Nate Adams of Energy Smart Home Performance, Hallie Bowie of New Leaf Home Design and the founder of Sustainable Homes Network, and Sabrena Schweyer of Salisbury-Schweyer, a landscape design firm.

* Michael Peters is a member of the Shaker Heights Climate Change Task Force (see sidebar on Page 65).



Q MP: Nate, Shaker Heights has many homes built before we understood the importance of air sealing, insulation, and proper roof ventilation. As a result, many of our homes suffer from ice damming – freezing gutters, icicles, and water leaks on exterior walls. What causes ice damming?

A NA: The root cause is the same thing that melts ice everywhere – heat. It’s tempting to try band-aids like increased attic ventilation, gutters, or heat cables, but none of those addresses the root cause. In beautiful (but drafty) older Shaker homes, by far the most important thing to tackle is reducing air leakage.



Q MP: What are some steps we can take to address these issues? Just add insulation in the attic?

NA: In making homes comfortable and efficient, which almost always substantially reduces ice damming, I say there are five priorities: air seal, air seal, air seal, insulate, and the right HVAC. Air sealing is king, and the critical factor in 99 percent of Shaker homes. Air leakage is measured with a blower door. I strongly recommend testing before, during, and after a project. Energy auditors help with this. We see 20-55 percent air leakage reductions from attic work alone. After air sealing, insulate. This will reduce the heat flow melting the snow and hence ice dams.

A MP: That sounds like a big job. We’re often told that the simple solution is to install “heat tape” or a heated cable along the roof edges. Isn’t this an easier fix?

NA: Yes. But so is grabbing a donut instead of making a healthy meal. The engineer in me finds that particularly inelegant. That said, in some instances where there is far too little gutter to drain a large section of roof, heat cables are sometimes the best insurance.

Q MP: Hallie, many Shaker Heights homes have older single pane or leaded glass windows and in the winter we see condensation on the interior. What causes this moisture to form on the interior of windows and should I be concerned?

A HB: Those are really good questions. Moisture forms on the inside of the windows when the humidity inside the house meets the cold surface of the window. It is a cause for concern, because it can cause the window sashes to become moldy and is also a signal that you may have mold elsewhere in the house. Don’t blame the old windows, though. If you have made the house more energy efficient with air sealing, you are trapping more moisture in the house along with the heat. Ventilation is important. Be sure to run your bath and kitchen fans, and be cautious about using humidifiers. Try to keep the humidity in the house below 40 percent when it’s 20 to 40 degrees outside, and lower as it gets colder. Once you have done that, you might look at the windows themselves.

Q
A

MP: Are new double or triple pane windows always the answer or are there other options for homeowners?

HB: New windows are rarely the best answer for older homes, especially like the ones in Shaker Heights. It is true that having double or triple panes will make the surface of the window warmer, which will reduce condensation. But interior or exterior storm windows perform nearly as well as new double pane windows, cost a lot less, and preserve the historic character of the house.

Q
A

You want to get the most energy saving you can for every dollar you spend. Usually investing in air sealing, insulation, and efficient equipment are more effective ways to reduce your energy use.

MP: Any window replacement in Shaker Heights has to be approved by the Architectural Board of Review. Are there manufacturers that make modern windows that emulate historic styles but are high performance?

HB: The most important thing in maintaining the historic look of a window is having mullions that project to the outside of the glass. In old single-pane windows, these mullions actually held separate small pieces of glass. In order to get the energy efficiency and comfort of double pane glass, many manufacturers offer so-called "simulated divided lights." These have mullions on both the interior and exterior with dimensions similar to the mullions in older windows. Most Architectural Review Boards [including the Shaker Heights ARB] accept these as in keeping with the historic character of older neighborhoods.



Q

MP: Sabrena, as winter sets in many homeowners don't realize that their yard needs to be winterized, too. What are some common steps homeowners should take to protect their plantings?

A

SS: First, proper garden clean-up. Remove weeds and the leaves of those plants that are diseased, but leave most perennials standing for the winter. This helps protect more tender plants and provides food and habitat for birds. Other than a few evergreen branches for holiday decoration, don't prune shrubs or trees until late winter.

Second, unless we have ample rain, water evergreens or newly planted trees around Thanksgiving.

Third, add one or two inches of mulch between Thanksgiving and Christmas, the ideal time to do so. This will moderate temperatures. Early spring mulching is not ideal, despite what most landscape crews do.

Fourth, winterize your fountains, rain barrels, and outdoor spigots. Remove leaves from ponds, lawns, and rain gardens.

Q

MP: We hear about the importance of native plantings, reduced irrigation, and storm water management. Why are these important considerations in a landscape plan?

A

SS: Let's consider this from the larger perspective. We are all part of an amazing living organism, the Earth. It has an amazing power to heal itself if it's not abused.

We have a great opportunity to be of benefit by using nature's gifts – plants, birds, bees, rain – in our landscapes. Native plants help pollinators and birds; these will then benefit those up the food chain, ourselves included.

Water should be thought of as the precious resource it is, rather than as something to waste, or to eliminate from your property as a "problem." By choosing the right plants and/or by watering your plants minimally, roots grow deeper, the soil becomes more absorbent, and water can better soak in where it falls. Better still, catch and hold storm water for short periods of time in rain barrels or attractive rain gardens. By reducing runoff into storm sewers, we can reduce harm to our rivers and lakes – and to all the creatures supported by these bodies of water.

Q

MP: While spring seems far off, what can we do to prepare for its arrival?

A

SS: Winter is the time for planning. This is also when my company spends the most time educating others and ourselves. Gather photos of landscape ideas that you find inspiring. Learn about nature and ecology. Contemplate and observe. Dream your personal, nature-based garden landscape. **SL**

Sustainable Practices

Shaker's Climate Change Task Force is a group of residents, City employees, and Council members working to implement sustainable practices in Shaker. Mayor Earl Leiken created the Task Force when floods in 2014 raised concerns about stormwater management and other environmental issues.

After issuing a wide-ranging report in 2015 entitled "Building A Resilient City," (bit.ly/resilientsh) the Task Force is now focused on a few specific goals:

- Promoting Renewable Energy by urging residents, businesses, non-profits, and municipalities to buy electricity generated from renewable sources, taking advantage of recent attractive pricing, and to reduce their dependency on the grid by using solar power.
- Advocating for RTA Funding by leading an effort with the business community and other cities.
- Promoting Recycling by communicating with residents about the proper way to recycle and trying to improve Shaker's recycling rate. Visit shakeronline.com/city-services/recycling.

Other topics under discussion include potential updates to the City's building code, promoting passage of a complete and green streets ordinance, bringing electric vehicle charging stations to Shaker, eliminating pesticides on public land, and reducing the use of plastic bags.

An interactive public meeting is scheduled for October 20 at 7 pm in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building meeting room, 3450 Lee Road, to provide an update on the Task Force's work, solicit feedback, and set goals for 2017, such as strengthening collaboration with the Shaker Library and partnering with SHHS students on senior projects.

The current members of the Task Force are residents Neil Dick, Austin McGuan, Anand Natarajan, Michael Peters, Timeka Rashid, and Norman Robbins and Council members Julianna Senturia, Anne Williams, and Sean Malone. For more information, please visit the Sustainable Shaker Facebook Page or contact Sean Malone at sean.malone@shakeronline.com.





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Photography by Janet Century
Interview by Jennifer Proe

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Who: James Rhodes

Where: Moreland neighborhood

Business: Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) for the Woodlands of Shaker Heights, an assisted living and memory care facility at 16333 Chagrin Boulevard.

Professional Mission: I work part-time at the Woodlands on the overnight shift so that I can continue my coursework at Tri-C to achieve my Registered Nurse degree. I'm helping people who no longer have the independence to do things for themselves that we take for granted. In the future I would like to be involved with care planning and reimbursement for long-term nursing.

What I Love About My Work: My grandparents had a lot to do with my upbringing, and my grandmother now suffers from Alzheimer's disease. It's rewarding to be able to give back to a generation that gave so much to me. To be able to be part of someone's care on a daily basis makes you feel like you're doing something important. It's not something that everybody can do.

Personal Background: I grew up in the Seven Hills-Parma area, and I worked at a sister facility to the Woodlands in Rocky River for one year before coming to Shaker in 2015. Last year, I bought a home in the Moreland neighborhood. There are actually quite a few Moreland residents who work here. ¶ A number of my family members are in health care, so I had some interest because of that. My grandfather was both a doctor and a pilot, and growing up I thought I would either want to be a pilot or an air traffic controller. I became turned on to nursing after I had a bout of kidney stones when I was 18. I had a lot of respect for the people taking care of me at Parma Hospital. They were so knowledgeable and professional. I did get my pilot's license at age 20, but I realized I was satisfied enough that I didn't need to make my living doing that. Now that I am doing health care, I know I'm in the right place. ¶ When I'm not working or going to school, I try to get out running. I like to run in the various Shaker neighborhoods and around the track at Shaker Heights High School. I also participate in a lot of 5K and 10K races in the area.

On Working and Living in Shaker Heights: Since moving to the Moreland neighborhood, I've had the best neighbors of my life. My next-door neighbor lent me his lawn mower when I first moved in. Some other neighbors invited me to join the Moreland On The Move Community Association, and I've gone to several meetings. I really like to be involved and give back to my community. We had a Moreland block party this summer and everybody was hanging out and having a good time. It's a harmonious place to live. ¶ I have memberships at the Shaker Historical Society and the Nature Center because I love that we have places like that here. One of the things that drew me to Shaker was reading about the Van Sweringens and about the history of racial integration here. ¶ I like shopping at Heinen's because with my card I can select to give money back to the schools. I've always believed that schools are what make a community. I also like shopping at the Rite-Aid on Chagrin Boulevard and at Shaker Hardware. They're very helpful. ¶ I really like the convenience of living in an inner-ring suburb. I'm an Indians fan, and it's easy to get downtown to a game. It's also easy to get to University Circle, which I love. If I get a chance to eat out, I like Zanzibar at Shaker Square, especially their chicken and biscuits. And Simply Delicious pies has the best pies I've ever had. **SL**

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Life Writing Class: 2-3 pm Saturday, October 1, November 5, and December 3 at Main Library

Everyone has a story and The Life Writing Club is here to encourage you to write it. Each month we'll provide the material and the prompts to get you started – you provide the words. Write as little or as much as you like.

ABLE/GED Class: 10 am-1 pm Mondays through Thursdays at Main Library
Tri-C offers free basic education classes to help students ages 16 and older who have skills below a 12th grade level. Students will acquire the necessary skills to be successful in post-secondary education, training, and employment. Classes offer help with math, reading, and writing, and assist with GED® test preparation. You must register in advance online at tri-c.edu/able-ged-esol or call 216-371-7138.

Learn Chess for Fun: 2-4 pm Saturdays, October 1 & 8 at Main Library

Learn how to play chess or polish your skills with Mike Reeves, retired state championship chess coach and national chess expert. Attend one class or both. Register in advance at shakerlibrary.org or by calling 216-991-2030.

Chess Club: 6-8 pm First & Third Mondays at Main Library

A fun chess club for both teens and adults of all levels and abilities. Mike Reeves, a long-time instructor with Progress with Chess and the Shaker Heights High School Chess Club, will facilitate the club. The Library will provide the chess sets and refreshments will be served. No registration is necessary.

English as a Second Language: 7-8:30 pm Tuesdays at Main Library

ESL, a free program for those seeking to learn to read and speak English, meets at 7 pm every Tuesday in a meeting room on the second floor of the Main Library.

Knit Mornings: 10 am-noon Wednesdays October 5, November 2, & December 7 at Main Library

Join this fun group of knitters and crocheters to give and get help. All experience and ability levels welcome. Moderated by experienced knitter Elfriede Heaney.

Knit Nights: 7-8:45 pm Wednesdays October 19, November 16, & December 21 at Woods Branch. Moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.



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Coloring Club for Adults at Main Library: 10:30 to 11:30 am Saturdays October 15, November 19, & December 17 at Main Library

Join other adults who have rediscovered the calming and creative pleasure of coloring intricate images made just for us. Friends of the Shaker Library provides refreshments and coloring pages and colored pencils on a different theme each month.

Shaker Heights Ukulele Club: 6-6:45 pm Thursdays October 6, 13, & 27, November 3 & 10 at Main Library

Join teaching artist Sheela Das and learn how to play the ukulele or improve your skills in a fun group setting. Both returning and new members of the club are welcome at this program for all ages. Children ages 8 to 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Bring your own instrument or borrow one. You must register in advance by calling 216-991-2030 if you want to use one of Sheela's ukuleles.

Das is a Shaker resident who has served hundreds of northeast Ohio groups with music enrichment programs since 2007 through her company, Creative Concepts in Music. She is a member of an Ohio Arts Council Touring Band and musician in several Ohio Arts Council programs serving the community.

Enrichment Opportunities for Children & Teens

The Library offers storytimes for preschoolers, plus a variety of activities for children of all ages. For a complete list of programs, visit the Library and take home a quarterly flyer, or visit our website at shakerlibrary.org.

For Children

Drop-in Days at Main Library and Woods Branch for children ages 6-12 feature a Kids' Game Day on Monday, October 3 when they can play a variety of board and card games. From 2-4 pm Wednesday, October 12 make ordinary objects extraordinary with the decorative magic of washi tape when the Library presents Wa-Wa-Washi Tape Day at Main Library.

Children can participate in a November Scavenger Hunt at either branch. Discover what treasures are found on the shelves by following the clues (and learn-



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ing about the Library) during the month-long event.

On Tuesday, November 8, the Library's ballot box will be open to kid voters who can choose to elect either a unicorn or a dragon to lead a fantastical country.

Maker Monday Craft Club at Main Library: Itching to do some stitching? Want to create with pens and paint? If you like arts and crafts, visit Main Library from 4:15-5 pm Mondays through October 17 for some afterschool creative fun for children ages 6-11 years. No registration required.

STEAM Programs for Grades 1-3 at Main Library: The Library is STEAMing up to offer creative, scientific fun for children in grades 1-3. Budding engineers can build a unique Lego structure or a massive marble run out of cardboard tubes. Young scientists can create flubber or make a Play-Doh volcano erupt. These afternoons of inventive fun are offered from 4:15-5 pm Thursdays, October 6 and 13 and November 3 and 10. Required registration begins two weeks before each program.

For Teens

Monday Fundays from 3:30-5 pm Mondays through October 31 at Woods Branch await students in grades 7-8. Visit the Library after school to make, play, read, or just visit with others.

Got fines? Read them down. Teens ages 12-17 can present their own library card to earn "library bucks" to pay off current overdue fines on Shaker Library material. Read-down days are held from 3-5 pm Tuesdays, October 18, November 8 and from 10 am-noon Tuesday, November 8 at Main Library, and from 3-5 pm Fridays, October 7 and November 18 at Woods Branch.

Write Letters to Veterans at Main Library from 3-6 pm Wednesday, November 2. The Library has supplies and ideas to help give your letter a jumpstart; veterans at the Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center will appreciate them.

From 3-6 pm Wednesday, November 9 at Main Library, **Speak Out** on your views of the election and how you feel about the future and the next four years.

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For Families

Get your game on when the Library presents **International Games Day** from noon to 5 pm Saturday, November 12 at Woods Branch. Come for an hour or the entire afternoon to play an assortment of board and card games or help piece together puzzles. No registration is required.

Giving

Donations in the second quarter of the year include unrestricted donations from Gloria and Myron Chernin, Carol and Daniel Clancy, Florence Dobrin Enid, Irving Kushner, MD, and Lois Weiss in memory of Brondy Shanker. Courtney Young and Donna Villareal donated to the Library in the memory of Kathryn Venditti.

Carolyn Grayson donated to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund in honor of Randy Kammer, and Randy Kammer made donations in honor of Luren Dickinson and in memory of Suzanne Bernard and Donna Scoates.

Local History Donations included a 1959 SHHS Gristmill yearbook and commencement program from the estate of 1959 graduate Eric Carson.

Quarterly Closings

Thursday, November 23 Libraries close at 5:30 pm.

November 24 Thanksgiving.

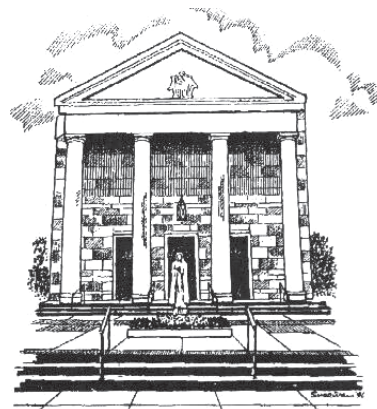
Friday, December 9 Libraries open at 10:30 am.

Saturday, December 24-26 Christmas holiday.

Sunday, January 1-2 New Year's holiday.

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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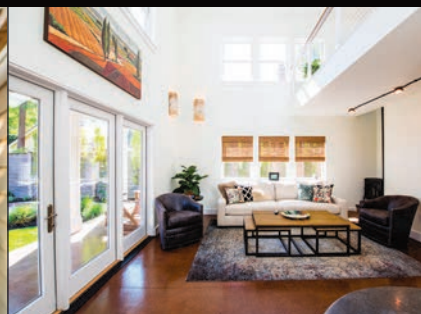
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The Bookshelf:

Local Authors

***Eyes Like Mine* by Lauren Cecile**

CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2015. When an aristocratic black woman in Jim Crow America falls in love with a Jewish lawyer who fled Nazi Germany, they defy family and societal expectations. Told from alternating viewpoints, their story reveals their experiences involving race, class, and the sacrifices they make. The author is a judge in Cleveland. A graduate of SHHS (1980), Spelman College, and CWRU law school, she is a member of the Ohio Bar Association and the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association where she serves on the Board of Trustees. She lives with her husband and two children in Shaker Heights.

***The Gentleman from Ohio* by Louis Stokes and David Chanoff.**

Ohio State University Press, 2016. In his autobiography, Louis Stokes details his long history in national politics as the first African American elected to represent Ohio in the United States Congress. He served for 30 years and paved the way for African Americans in mainstream politics. The Shaker resident and criminal defense lawyer was an activist in the Ludlow Community Association and the NAACP, and upon his retirement, taught at the Mandel School at Case.

***The History and Uncertain Future of Handwriting* by Anne Trubek.**

Bloomsbury, 2016. The author argues that the decline in cursive handwriting does not indicate the end of civilization, but rather is an inevitable step in the evolving history of communication. The New York Times Book Review calls this latest work “intriguing” and “revelatory.” The Fernway resident and Oberlin professor is the founder of Belt Publishing and Rust Belt Chic.

***The Midwife and the Assassin* by Sam Thomas.** Minotaur Books, 2016. In Thomas' fourth book of his *Midwife's Tales* series, Bridget Hodgson travels to London where she is forced into a new profession as a spy. Thomas, who lives in Fernway with his family and teaches at University School, encountered the historical Bridget Hodgson in 2001, while he was conducting research for his doctoral dissertation. By chance, he opened a box of wills from 1685, and saw the words, "I, Bridget Hodgson, of the City of York, Midwife." This was the first time Thomas had seen a woman describe herself by her profession.

Pogue's Basics: Life: Essential Tips and Shortcuts (That No One Bothers to Tell You) for Simplifying Your Day by David Pogue. Flatiron Books, 2015. In his latest book, The New York Times best-selling author on technology offers life hacks. The SHHS (1981) graduate is the founder of YahooTech.com. He's also a monthly columnist for Scientific American, host of science shows on PBS's "NOVA," frequent public speaker, and a science/tech correspondent for "CBS Sunday Morning." He graduated summa cum laude from Yale with distinction in Music, and spent 10 years conducting and arranging Broadway musicals. Watch his Simplicity Sells TED Talk to will see how he makes music, science, and technology work together. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and three children.

***Princess Cupcake Jones and the Missing Tutu* by Ylleya Fields; illustrated by Michael LaDuca.** Belle Publishing, 2013. When her beloved tutu goes missing, Cupcake learns the importance of cleaning up and putting everything in its proper place. Unable to find many books featuring African-American characters, the author created her own series of children's books that present valuable lessons in a gentle, rhyming cadence.



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Tales from a Mad Man's Wife by Marilyn Miller Skylar. Dog Ear Publishing, 2014. A former Plain Dealer writer offers a behind-the-scenes look at the real advertising "Mad Man"

David Skylar, known as "the Green Hornet" by his employees for his creativity and craftiness. In addition to his many ad campaigns, he devoted himself to charity work and became a confidant to mayors, senators, judges, and governors. After her husband suffered a debilitating stroke, Skylar wrote her memoir detailing their life experiences to help him regain past memories.

Trashed by Derf Backderf. Harry N. Abrams Cinixarts, 2015. The author of *My Friend Dahmer* is back with a semi-autobiographical graphic account of a young man who works as a trash collector on a sanitation crew.

Along with the entertaining story of trash collecting, he points out some disturbing facts about the amount of waste our society creates. The writer-artist attended The Ohio State University on a journalism scholarship, where he drew political cartoons for the school paper and where *The Derf Collection*, including three decades of original art and papers, is part of OSU's Billy Ireland Cartoon Museum. He received a Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for political cartoons in 2006 and an Angoulême Prize for *My Friend Dahmer* in 2014.

Yehuda Moon & the Kickstand Cyclery Vol. 6 by Rick Smith. This is the sixth volume in the on-road and retail adventures of Yehuda Moon, who owns the Kickstand Cyclery with his friend Joe, and the challenges they face in their daily bicycle commute and with the customers at their bike shop. The Digital Experience Manager at Progressive Insurance writes the cycling-themed daily comic strip that appears in *Bicycle Times* and online at yehudamoon.com. Tania Menesse, director of Economic Development for the City of Shaker Heights is his wife, editor, character inspiration (Thistle), and sometime co-author. **SL**



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10/14

11 am-2 pm Friday

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Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Bldg.
3450 Lee Road
216-491-1360 or shakeronline.com

10/17

7 pm Monday

Book Signing by Phoebe Robinson

Stand-up comedian, podcaster, and Cleveland native Phoebe Robinson debuts her hilarious and moving essay collection *You Can't Touch My Hair: And Other Things I Still Have to Explain*, a witty look at race, gender, and pop culture. Relegated to the role of "the black friend," questioned for liking "white people music," and followed around stores by security guards, Robinson takes on these topics with humor and heart.

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10/21

6:30-8:30 pm Friday

Annual Campfire Night

Everyone's favorite fall activity is back. Enjoy night hikes, s'mores, stories, songs, and skits based on real and imaginary creatures of the Shaker Parklands. \$5/person (\$25 max per family, up to 6 people). Register by Wednesday, October 19.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
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10/26

1-2:30 pm Wednesday

Halloween Ball and Luncheon

Bone appetite! Share a *ghoul* time with friends age 50+ and see why Halloween is not just for kids. Come in costume for a chance to win a prize.
\$9/person due by October 21.

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Bldg.
3450 Lee Road
216-491-1360 or shakeronline.com

10/27

5:30-7 pm Thursday

Halloween at the Myers Mansion

Celebrate all things that go bump in the night with your favorite ghosts. Crafts, games, and a costume show and contest for kids of all ages. \$10 per family. SHS Members free.

Shaker Historical Museum
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201 or Shakerhistory.org

10/28

7:45-9 pm Friday

Friday Night DJ Skates

Have fun skating with a live DJ. Times and dates are subject to change. Public skating admission fees apply. Also November 4, 11, 18, and December 9.

Thornton Park
3301 Warrensville Center Road
216-491-1295 or shakeronline.com

10/29

10 am-noon Saturday

Bat Box Building Workshop

Help bats recover from white nose syndrome and set a world record for the most bat boxes built in one day. \$30 registration fee includes supplies for one bat box, tools, and instruction on how to build the box and place it on your property to attract bats.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
2600 South Park Boulevard
216-321-5935 or shakerlakes.org

10/31

4-7 pm Monday

Halloween Candy Run

Merchants offer treats to little goblins.

Larchmere Boulevard
Larchmere.com

NOVEMBER

11/2

6 pm Wednesday

Guided Tour with the Director

Take a behind-the-scenes tour with Dr. Ware Petznik. Regular admission fees apply.

Shaker Historical Museum
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201 or Shakerhistory.org

11/6

3-5 pm Sunday

The Arts & Crafts Movement

Shaker resident Don Czapski is passionate about restoring his home using original techniques. Learn about the Arts and Crafts Movement and how it developed when many Shaker Heights homes were being built. \$5 admission; SHS members free.

Shaker Historical Museum
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201 or Shakerhistory.org

11/10

7 pm Thursday

Broadsides & Ephemera

Spoken word showcase by and for local writers. This is a perfect environment for shaping, sharing, and improving your poetry, prose, songwriting, playwriting, and performance art.

Loganberry Books
13015 Larchmere Boulevard
216-795-9800 or Loganberrybooks.com

11/12

3-5 pm Saturday

Geology Feature and Sunset Hike

Explore rock formations, cliffs, rushing waterfalls, and ancient trees in Doan Brook while learning about the natural and human history of the area. Hike starts at Roxboro Road and North Park Boulevard. \$8/members; \$10/non-members.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
2600 South Park Boulevard
216-321-5935 or shakerlakes.org

11/12

6-10 pm Saturday

6th Annual Movers & Shakers:

An Evening Celebrating

Shaker Heights Visionaries

Canterbury Golf Club honors the dreamers and doers of Shaker Heights: Sandra and Martin Kolb, David and the late Erica Weiss, and emerging movers and shakers Neema and Ryan Mayhugh. Dinner, dancing, and silent auction to benefit the Shaker Historical Museum. Tickets: \$175-\$250 per person.

Canterbury Country Club
22000 South Woodland Road
216-921-1201 or Shakerhistory.org

11/18

6:30-8 pm Friday

ESL Districtwide

International Family Potluck

Shaker's international families are invited to mix and mingle with others. Bring a dish to share.

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Shaker Boulevard
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11/21 & 22

**7 am-6:30 pm
Monday & Tuesday**

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Sponsored by the Shaker Recreation Department. When school is out in October and November, fun is in for students in grades K-8. Activities at Woodbury School include sports, games, and crafts. Field trips include a visit to the Professional Football Hall of Fame on Monday the 21st, and the Great Lakes Science Center on Tuesday the 22nd. \$35/residents; \$45/nonresidents. You may pay by phone, fax, or online using credit cards. Registration is required at least one business day prior.

Shaker Recreation: 216-491-1295

11/25-27

**10 am – 5 pm
Friday, Saturday & Sunday**

Holiday Stroll

Stroll the Boulevard and get ideas for holiday gift giving. Then relax and enjoy the atmosphere in one of the eateries.

Larchmere Boulevard
Larchmere.com

DECEMBER

12/1-3

7 pm Thursday-Saturday

Urinetown: The Musical

Shaker Heights High School students perform in the musical satire of the legal system, capitalism, social irresponsibility, populism, bureaucracy, corporate mismanagement, municipal politics, and musical theatre itself. Get your tickets or *urine* trouble!

Shaker Heights High School Auditorium
15911 Aldersyde Drive
216-295-4200 or shaker.org

12/1

7 pm Thursday

Folknet Open Mic

Mallory SanMarco of Folknet emcees this all-acoustic open mic. Fifteen-minute slots are available for interested musicians, but you don't have to play to enjoy the tunes. Come hear what's going on in the neighborhood, and relax while sampling some homegrown talent.

Loganberry Books
13015 Larchmere Boulevard
216-795-9800 or Loganberrybooks.com

12/4

3-5 pm Sunday

Holiday Open House

Join the Shaker Historical Society to celebrate the holiday season with carols by the Nightingales. Free.

Shaker Historical Museum
16740 South Park Boulevard
216-921-1201 or Shakerhistory.org

12/9

5 -7 pm Friday

Artist's Reception

Print artist Maria Kaiser uses woodcuts and etchings to depict the beauty of a vanishing natural world. Her work will be exhibited through March 6. Free with light refreshments.

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes
2600 South Park Boulevard
216-321-5935 or shakerlakes.org

12/12 & 13

9 am-5 pm Monday & Tuesday

Used Toy Donation Drop-off

Donate your gently used or like-new children's toys, books, games, puzzles, riding toys, and baby equipment and receive a tax deduction. Items must be clean, in working condition, containing all pieces and parts, and age appropriate. Please include batteries for items that require them. Plush animals and car seats are not accepted.

Shaker Family Center Gym
19824 Sussex Road
216-921-2023 or FamilyConnections1.org

12/12

7:30 pm Monday

Winter Choir Alumni Concert

Students and alumni lift their strong voices in song.

Shaker High School Large Auditorium
15911 Aldersyde Drive
216-295-4200 or shaker.org

12/14

1-2:30 pm Wednesday

Holiday Luncheon

Annual lunch for adults 50+. Join friends and community members to exchange holiday greetings. \$9/person. Reservations required by Friday, December 9.

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building
3450 Lee Road
216-491-1360 or shakeronline.com

12/14 & 15

6-7:30 pm Wednesday
& 9 am-noon Thursday

Used Toy Sale

Holiday buys for babies and kids. Browse the collection of gently used and like-new items to find great gifts for your little ones at great prices. Adult shoppers are preferred; please supervise accompanying children.

Shaker Family Center Gym
19824 Sussex Road
216-921-2023 or FamilyConnections1.org

Upcoming Events in January 2017

Watch for these events in the new year...

1/3

1-3 pm Tuesdays

Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom

Cabin fever? Come to the indoor playroom, a great place for families with children ages birth to five years to meet other parents/caregivers while their children explore and play. Also open other days and times. Call for fees and info.

Shaker Family Center, 19824 Sussex Road
216-921-2023 or familyconnections1.org

Tuesdays

Stone Oven Tuesdays

Stone Oven donates a percentage of every Tuesday's sales to the Nature Center programs. Enjoy a good meal and support the Nature Center.

Stone Oven, 2267 Lee Road
216-321-5935 or shakerlakes.org

1/5

Call for Artists

Applications for the 18th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition will be available at the Library information desks and on the Library's website. Actual art entries will be accepted in March. Get out your paints and pencils!

Shaker Library, 16500 Van Aken Boulevard
216-991-2030 or shakerlibrary.org

1/9

9 am-noon Saturdays

Indoor Farmers Market

The weather outside may be frightful, but the food inside is fresh and local. The indoor market welcomes families, foodies, farmers, and all who appreciate local food and products. Every Saturday through March 26.

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Scene in Shaker

By Beth Friedman-Romell

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Jackson Merriman lives up to his surname. If you have shopped at the local Heinen's over the past 10 years, Jackson has undoubtedly lifted your spirits while he's bagging and loading up your groceries. He brings natural warmth and friendliness, along with a knack for remembering details about his customers, to the job he's loved ever since he began at the store as a tenth-grader at Shaker Heights High School ('08 grad).

For example, I've always appreciated that Jackson remembers I'm Jewish, and asks me how my holidays have been – and not just the major ones.

"I like getting to know my customers," Jackson told me when we met for coffee recently at Gimme Java, just around the corner from Heinen's. "Especially the little kids. They run up to me, they call my name, they hug me...it's great!"

This 26-year-old Shaker resident is enthusiastic about his hometown and everyone in it. He has fond memories of close friends, nice teachers, and playing on sports teams while growing up with his parents, Tom and Anne, and three younger siblings, Dylan (24), Kiki (22), and Izzy (17). Jackson still lives happily in his childhood home in the Fernway neighborhood. He's proud to contribute to the household in many ways, including cooking dinners and helping out with the cleaning.

For fun, Jackson enjoys attending action-adventure movies with his long-time school friend, Nate, going out to dinner with family and friends, working out at Lifetime Fitness, attending Cleveland sporting events, and traveling to tropical islands with the family.

"I'm half Puerto-Rican, half-Italian, so I tan easily," he jokes.

Jackson explains that the Merrimans adopted him when he was two months old. "I was lucky," he says. "I'm the only one that was adopted in my family." Typically, where others might see a glass half-empty, Jackson sees it as overflowing. He's grateful that from a young age, he's been able to have a good, open relationship

with his birth mother and her other child.

Jackson's positive attitude no doubt aided his recovery from a recent series of frightening health challenges. It all began with surgery to repair a knee injury, which resulted in a staph infection. During the course of treatment, doctors discovered he had Brugada Syndrome, a rare heart condition that frequently results in sudden cardiac arrest. After Jackson wore a cumbersome defibrillator vest at all times for about six months, his doctors were able to implant a small defibrillator in his shoulder, which keeps him healthy and "doesn't bother me at all."

Again, he describes himself as lucky. "If I hadn't needed surgery on my knee, they never would have found out about the other problem. I'd probably be dead."

Jackson is similarly open and sanguine about another medical condition that is often misunderstood in our culture. "Another thing you don't know about me: I have Tourette's Syndrome, which means I have facial and vocal tics. It's nothing serious. I was diagnosed in middle school. People used to make fun of me, but I ignored them. You get used to it." Medication has made a huge difference for Jackson's condition. "Basically it doesn't interfere with my life at all."

"It's nothing serious." That's Jackson. He exudes optimism and love, and everybody loves him back. You can tell from the huge smile and greeting he gets from Al Plummer, proprietor of Gimme Java, where Jackson's a regular. You can tell from the little kids who gleefully shout his name as they give him a big hug at Heinen's. You can tell from the dozens of customers who asked after his welfare, sent cards, and even visited during his illness. As Plummer puts it, "He's one of those people who brings about an everyday smile and laughter, who creates lasting relationships. That's an integral part of what Shaker Heights is all about." **SL**

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