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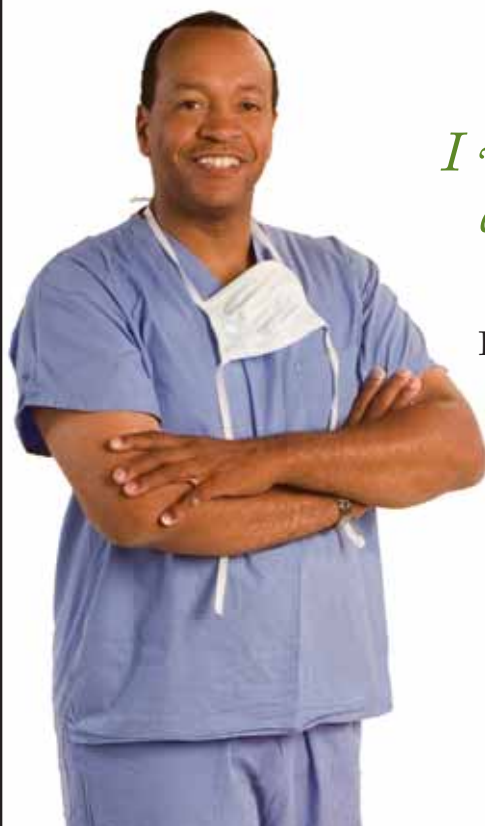
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## Shaker Heights History? There's an App for That!

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission and the Shaker Heights Public Library received a pair of grants to preserve and digitize historic resources. The Library received a \$3,500 grant from the Ohio Historical Records Advisory Board and the City received a \$14,175 grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Historic Preservation Fund. This collaborative project will make the Building Index Cards for Shaker Heights residences available online in a free, searchable database.

Meghan Hays, local history librarian and archivist at the Shaker Heights Public Library says, "Every week in the Library's Local History Collection, I help homeowners research the history of their homes. By digitizing the Building Index Cards, we can give Shaker residents direct access to the historical information they seek, such as the architects, builders, and original owners of their homes. In the future, the website will also bring together photos, blueprints if available, maps, and other details about the house, and we hope to enable residents to con-

tribute their memories and images of their homes to the online historical record as well."

In addition, a Shaker Historical smart phone app will allow users to find interesting people, places, and events in Shaker's history and take curated tours of the city. Initially, information about the area's 45 individual landmarks, two local landmark districts (Winslow Road and Shaker Square) and the Shaker Village National Register District will be included. The app will be launched to commemorate the City's Centennial in early 2012.

## Fire Department Open House: Saturday, October 1

Save the date for the Shaker Heights Fire Department Open House on October 1 from 1 to 3 pm. Help the firefighters kick off Fire Prevention week by getting a behind-the-scenes peek at the life of a firefighter. Enjoy refreshments, kids activities, station and fire truck tours, and visit the fire safety trailer. Firefighters will also be on hand to review home escape plans and provide fire safety related information, such as proper installation

of smoke detectors.

Bring the whole family, and have fun while learning to be safe. Don't forget to bring a camera.

## Building Department Closes at 4:30 pm for Contractor Permits/Registrations

To improve the efficiency of the Building Department, the business day for issuing contractor permits and registrations begins at 8 am and now ends promptly at 4:30 pm. The earlier closing time ensures that staff members can complete paperwork before the close of their business day. Homeowners with improvement projects may wish to let contractors know of this policy, which is also posted on the City's website.

## Be a Flu Fighter

The Shaker Heights Health Department makes it easy and affordable for residents of all ages to get a seasonal flu shot. Call to schedule an appointment beginning Tuesday, September



Shaker Heights was the site of county executive Ed FitzGerald's first town hall meeting, held on May 26.





6. The Health Department offers seasonal flu shot clinics throughout October, November, and December.

The first clinic date is Tuesday, October 4. FluMist, the nasal spray vaccine, is also available for people ages 2-49 years. The cost of the seasonal flu vaccine this year is \$30. Pneumonia shots are \$45.

Another convenient option for residents is the Point of Distribution (POD) drill, held at the Middle School on Saturday, September 24 from 9 am to 12 noon. The POD drill features walk-through and drive-through flu vaccine access, and has the added benefit of helping health care providers and volunteers prepare for emergency situations. Appointments will not be necessary for the POD Clinic this year.

The Shaker Heights Health Department also provides immunizations commonly required for travel outside of the country as well as all required and recommended back-to-school immunizations and TB skin testing for children up to 18 years of age. This includes the mandatory TDaP vaccine for seventh grade. Immunizations and TB testing are \$12 each. Appointments for these immunizations are required; please call 216-491-1480.

Check shakeronline.com for a list of all available vaccines and their costs, or call the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

### **"Asa Upson" Century Home Receives Landmark Status – and New Owners**

The Landmark Commission has granted official landmark status to the century home located at 19027 Chagrin Boulevard. The home was built circa 1836 by a settler named Asa Upson, and is one of only six pre-1851 homes in Shaker Heights. The property is located within the Shaker Village National Register Historic District, and is believed to be the second oldest house in the city.

The property's history illustrates the area's transition from undeveloped farm-

land to garden city suburb. Initially a 100 acre farm, the property housed a blacksmith shop in the late 1800s. In 1914, the remaining land was sold to the Van Sweringen Company and platted as Subdivision 25, now part of the Sussex neighborhood.

The house was donated by its previous owners to the Cleveland Restoration Society, which provided the home with a fresh coat of paint and several structural repairs. The home has since found new stewards, Derek and Jennifer Clayton, who purchased the home last March after attending an open house held by CRS. The couple previously lived in the Detroit-Shoreway neighborhood.

"We weren't even looking to buy a home, but we just fell in love with it. It immediately felt like our house," says Jennifer Clayton. Adds Derek, who is an executive chef for Michael Symon Restaurants, "We loved that it had so much character and history; it's not a run-of-the-mill newly-built subdivision type home."

Jennifer, a former editor for PR Newswire who now stays home with their 13-month old son, looks forward to planting a large kitchen garden on the substantial one-third acre lot. "We were also happy to move to Shaker because we've heard the elementary schools are great. And the neighbors have all been wonderful and so friendly."

The oldest part of the house was built in the mid-1830s, making it 175 years old. The newest additions to the house were constructed 70 years ago, in 1941. The older portion was constructed in the 1830s as a vernacular Upright-and-Wing structure in the Greek Revival style. Between 1870 and 1900 the house was enlarged and the façade refashioned in the Gothic Revival style. The last additions were completed in 1941 when it was radically refashioned in the popular Colonial Revival style.

The Claytons will do their part to maintain this historic gem by adding a new roof to the home this summer. Renovating the

kitchen and bathrooms is also on the list.

## **Business News**

### **A New Twist on Fitness**

Bikram Yoga Cleveland, the first of its kind in Ohio, opens at Fairmount Circle in August. Northeast Ohio native Jeanine LoConti studied with founder Bikram Choudhury in California and was certified by him to teach this specific style of yoga. Each 90-minute class follows a prescribed sequence of 26 postures and two breathing exercises in a 105-degree studio with 40 percent humidity.

"This is the original form of hot yoga," says LoConti. "There are other styles that imitate it, but there are currently no studios in Ohio that offer true Bikram Yoga. The next closest one is in Pittsburgh."

LoConti had completed one year of law school in Arizona when, she says, "I felt a strong longing to be back near my family. Law school was just not my cup of tea. What I really enjoyed was teaching yoga and interacting with people, so I followed my heart and came home to open this studio. It's very exciting to be a part of bringing something new to Cleveland." LoConti will be one of three licensed instructors at the facility.

The studio is located inside the CVS building at 20621 Fairmount Boulevard, and will be open seven days a week. Drop-in fees are \$15 per session, with student rates and package pricing available. Visit [www.bikramyogacle.com](http://www.bikramyogacle.com) for class schedules and fees. All levels, including beginners, are welcome. Participants are encouraged to bring their own yoga mat and a beach-sized towel, but mats are also available for rent or purchase.

### **Starting Off on the Right Foot**

The Cleveland Running Company opens this summer at Shaker Plaza, 20150 Van Aken Boulevard, in the space next to the Joseph Banks clothing store.

Co-owners Jeff Fisher and Kelly Green bring with them extensive experience as runners and in the retail running shoe business. Fisher, a former Shaker resident, worked for many years at a running specialty store in the area, and has also worked at Dick's Sporting Goods and at the Nike factory outlet store. Green ran track for Kent State University and is well-known on the local running circuit. She also has retail experience in the industry.

The store will focus on running and fitness shoes for both walkers and runners, and will also carry some apparel, accessories, and nutritional supplements. Customers can expect to find brands they know, such as Nike, Saucony, and New Balance, as well as some newer brands on the leading edge of the natural-style running movement, such as Newton, Out of Colorado, and Karhu, which is popular in Europe. The owners are also exploring several eco-friendly brands like Simple and Greenlayer.

Says Fisher, "What distinguishes us is the expertise we bring to fitting the customer. We have a lot of experience in matching the shoe to the specific foot type. We spend a lot of time with the customer, we watch them walk, run and jump in the shoe, to make sure we sell the appropriate product."

The store will be open from 9:30 am to 8 pm Monday through Thursday, 9:30 am to 7 pm on Friday, 10 am to 6 pm on Saturdays, and noon to 5 pm on Sundays. For more information, visit [www.clevelandrunning.com](http://www.clevelandrunning.com), or call 216-991-2000.

Fisher also participates in a Sunday running group that he hopes to extend to customers of the store. Dave Englander, assistant coach for the girls' track team at Shaker Heights High School, leads the group, which runs on trails at the North Chagrin Reservation. There has been some interest in launching a walkers group as well. Information on those groups will be posted to the store's website.

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## Opus Restaurant Promises "Casual, But Upscale" Dining Experience

Opus Restaurant opened in June at 20126 Chagrin Boulevard, in the space formerly occupied by the Middle East Grille. Owner Claude Carson presents a bill of fare that is "casual, but upscale" with entrees ranging from \$14 to \$49. The menu includes a variety of fresh seafood, steak, pasta, appetizers, and desserts. Sidewalk dining is available, weather permitting, and complimentary valet parking is offered on weekends.

Restaurant hours are 5–11 pm, Monday through Thursday, and 5 pm–1 am Friday through Sunday. For reservations or more information, call 216-991-OPUS (6787). To view the menu, visit [www.opus-restaurant.com](http://www.opus-restaurant.com).

## Neighborhood News

### Historic Winslow Road Receives Streetscape Improvements

The City received a \$100,000 grant to make infrastructure repairs and streetscape improvements along Winslow Road. A Public Open House was held in

January to share preliminary ideas for historic district signage, landscaping, and other streetscape improvements. Twenty residents and property owners attended to share their ideas and preferences.

Key elements of the final streetscape plan include historic district signs, street sign toppers, decorative flower basket brackets, and a small plaza at the corner of Winslow and Ingleside roads. The sign and flower basket brackets are custom-designed, and incorporate a scrolled "W" to reference the street name. Construction will be completed this summer.

## Shaker News Briefs

- The work of Shaker resident and photographer **David Bergholz** is on display through August 12 at the Maltz Museum of Jewish History, in an exhibit entitled *Walking Tel Aviv*. Bergholz and his wife, writer Eleanor Mallet, spent two weeks in Tel Aviv in 2008, where he captured more than 700 images.

"The photos show a vibrant metropolis of great energy and quirky beauty, contrasts of wealth and decay, and a distinct sketchiness in infrastructure that is both charming and a little scary," said Bergholz of the images he selected for the exhibit. "These photos present some of my impressions of this fascinating city, a place I have added to my list of powerful, exciting, urban communities I would return to in a minute."

Bergholz has exhibited at SPACES, Heights Arts, Murray Hill Galleries, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, and the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, among other venues. He was executive director of the George Gund Foundation for 14 years, and serves on the board of Policy Matters Ohio. He was a founding member of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, the public body that awards grants to the arts.

- **Stephen Gariepy**, a Shaker resident and alumnus of Shaker Heights High School, was named Lawyer of the Year for Cleveland Trusts and Estates by The

Best Lawyers in America. Gariepy is the first Cleveland-area attorney to receive this award, which is based upon exhaustive peer-review surveys of other leading practitioners. He is a partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, where he co-chairs the Estate Planning, Wealth Transfer and Preservation practice.

Gariepy is also an active member of the Cleveland arts scene, serving as trustee of the Great Lakes Theater Festival, as a director of the Cleveland International Piano Competition, and as a past chair of the Cleveland Museum of Art's Planned Giving Council.

- Shaker resident **Lawrence A. Mack** was honored with the 2011 Harley I. Gross Presidential Award at Montefiore's 129th Annual Meeting. The award recognizes Mack's significant contributions to the welfare of Montefiore and its residents. Mack is executive vice president, group head of private loan management at KeyBank.

Mack originally joined the Montefiore board in 1990. As a life board director of Montefiore and immediate past chair and honorary director of the Montefiore Housing Corporation, he has served on several key committees. He is proud of his contribution to the planning of The Weils - A Montefiore Senior Community in Chagrin Falls, and will work to insure its future success and growth. In addition, he established The Mack Family Endowment Fund of The Montefiore Foundation to enhance the lives of residents.

- Shaker resident **Robert (Bob) Rawson** was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Princeton University at its Commencement exercises last May. Rawson served from 1985 to 2005 on Princeton's Board of Trustees, including 13 years as chair of its executive committee. During his tenure serving three Princeton presidents, the University adopted its no-loan financial aid policy, designed the four-year college system now in place and renewed many beloved campus buildings.





While he was chair of the executive committee, the University celebrated its 250th anniversary, and the Anniversary Campaign for Princeton raised \$1.14 billion. He chaired the search for the University's current president, Shirley M. Tilghman.

A 1966 Princeton graduate who majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Rawson was a Rhodes Scholar before earning his law degree from Harvard University. Rawson is a partner at the Jones Day law firm, where he is highly regarded as a litigator, with particular expertise in antitrust matters. He was partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office for 15 years. He currently serves as the interim dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he has made his top priorities raising funds for scholarships and enhancing the school's career services.

His contributions to education also include service as a trustee of the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education, as vice chair of the board of trustees of Cleveland State University and as past chair of the Cleveland Initiative for Education, which marshals private resources in aid of the Cleveland Public Schools. Rawson is a life trustee of the National Civic League and a member of the board of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights.

• Longtime Shaker resident **Bobbie Schwartz** is the new president of the Association of Professional Landscapers. She was site chair of the organization's highly regarded international conference held in Cleveland in June. Schwartz is an award-winning certified landscape designer and owner of Bobbie's Green Thumb, a landscape consulting and design company. She specializes in renovations of older properties and creative problem solving for difficult environments.

## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturdays, August 6, 13 & 20 and September 17 in the Police

Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

**Block Party Requests:** Register at least two weeks in advance to close streets for block parties, races or parades at shakeronline.com.

**Computer Round-up:** August 20 & 21, 27 & 28, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Bring any of the following items: CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, printers, cartridges, cell phones & accessories. Info: 216-491-1490.

**Fire Hydrants:** The Fire Department will flush hydrants from September 20 through October 2. See the Calendar at shakeronline.com for streets schedule.

**Grass Ordinance:** Grass may not be taller than 6 inches. Tall grass and weeds which are spreading or maturing seeds, or are about to do so, including ragweed, goldenrod, poison ivy, or poison oak are declared nuisances.

**Household Hazardous Waste Round-up:** September 17-18 and 24-25, from 8 am to 4 pm, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Includes oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, coatings (aerosols or liquids), varnishes, polyurethanes, paint thinners, pesticides, household cleaners, motor oil, car batteries, adhesives, driveway sealer, kerosene, gasoline, mercury, and fluorescent bulbs. No latex paint. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

**Phone Book Round-up:** Through September 17. Look for specially marked Phone Book Recycling dumpsters at Main Library, Nature Center of Shaker Lakes, Thornton Park, and City Hall parking lots. Info: 216-491-1490.

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# The Shaker Schools Update

## It's Float or Swim at the Woodbury Milk Carton Derby

Recipe for a milk carton derby: take 1,200 empty milk cartons. Add 12 dozen rolls of duct tape, all colors. Mix vigorously with three dozen fifth and sixth graders. Add water and see what develops.

For the fourth year in a row, members of Woodbury's after-school Science Club put their engineering and design skills to the test, working in teams to create nine boats out of nothing but empty milk cartons and duct tape. The students then raced their boats across the length of the Woodbury pool, using canoe paddles to steer and propel them, as an audience of students, parents, and teachers cheered.

Science teacher Amy Libman Brodsky (SHHS '99), the mastermind behind the milk carton derby, timed each boat over the course of several heats. The three fastest boats then competed in the final. This year's winner, with a time of 43 seconds, was the Orange Boat built and raced by Hannah Campanelli, Amelia Gingras, Gloria Ng, and Nicole Pollack.

Brodsky helped the students conduct research and test their ideas about buoyancy and water displacement before they created blueprints for their boats. For example, after learning that one empty milk

carton can support four pounds in the water, the students calculated how many cartons would be needed to support the collective weight of their team.

Says Brodsky, "The biggest takeaway from this activity goes beyond the scientific principles. These students have developed a love for and interest in science and engineering that will help keep them motivated to pursue higher-level science classes. And it shows the whole school that science can be fun!"



**Samantha Rose** and Sara Bagheri-Hamaneh (top) exude competitive spirit as the crew of the Green Boat in the 4th Annual Woodbury Milk Carton Derby. **Below:** Michael Kohler and Brian Amusat negotiate the optimal placement of milk cartons and duct tape to create a seaworthy vessel.

## Nathaniel Henry Named U.S. Presidential Scholar



**Nathaniel J. Henry** (SHHS '11) was honored in June as a 2011 United States Presidential Scholar, joining a select group of 141 high school seniors who demonstrated ex-

emplary academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community.

The Presidential Scholars award is among the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects one young man and one young woman from each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, and from U.S. families living abroad, as well as 15 chosen at-large and 20 Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Nat is also a National Merit Scholar and an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, and earned a perfect score of 36 on the ACT college entrance exam.

In addition to his academic accomplishments, Nat was a leader with Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Club at the High School, where he helped organize fundraising events and volunteered at soup kitchens and the Cleveland Food Bank. He also played euphonium with the marching band and was active with the mathematics club – all while holding down a part-time job at Heinen's grocery store.

Each Presidential Scholar is invited to designate one faculty member to receive



## NHD Making History

a special Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education. Nat selected his economics teacher, **Elizabeth Plautz**, for that honor. "She was the one who knew when to push me and helped me apply some of the interesting concepts she introduced me to, such as game theory and modes of human behavior," says Nat.

With Plautz's help, Nat pursued his twin passions for economics and social justice to develop a presentation on the social and economic impact of human trafficking and unpaid labor. "What impresses me most is not his outstanding academic achievement, which is impressive, but his caring, his humility, and his concern for social justice," Plautz says. "He is someone who will truly do good in this world, and I can't wait to see what he will do next."

Nat will attend The Ohio State University on full scholarship as a member of the Honors Collegium program this fall. He plans to pursue a degree in engineering and a minor in social science. He also intends to continue his study of Mandarin Chinese, which he studied for four years at the High School.

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was created in 1964 by executive order of the President to honor academic achievement. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional talent in the visual, literary, and performing arts. Previous Presidential Scholars from Shaker include **Alison C. Boyd** ('10), **Joanna D. Mitchell** ('08), **Abraham R. Kinkopf** ('99), **Shelli L. Calland** ('97), and **Shana E. McCormack** ('95).

Shaker students took National History Day by storm – again – claiming a first place win and several other top 10 awards. **Lukun Zhang** took the first place win for an individual website, with Kennedy's Kiddie Korps: Diplomacy by the Best and Brightest. [It can be viewed at [www.tinyurl.com/zhangnhd](http://www.tinyurl.com/zhangnhd).] **Joan Thompson** received second place for her research paper, "The Emperor Has No Clothes: How Hubris, Economics, Bad Timing, and Slavery Sank King Cotton Diplomacy with England." **Jonah Weinstein** took eighth place for his individual performance about British Imperialism, as well as a University of Maryland Scholarship award. **Hannah McCandless** took 10th place for her individual performance about Bernadette Devlin and Betty Williams. **Claire Lo** received a Best Project in Ohio award for her individual exhibit about the Suez Crisis.

Since the inception of National History Day in 1974, Shaker students have played a prominent role at every level of the competition – regional, state, and national. This year was no exception, with Shaker students capturing 30 out of 36 regional slots to advance to the state level, and 12 out of 18 Ohio slots to compete at the national contest, which was held at the University of Maryland at College Park in June. (A full listing of Shaker's

winners appears in the News section at [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org).)

High school faculty members Amanda Ahrens, Sarah Davis, Tim Mitchell, Dann Parker, and Elizabeth Plautz worked closely with their students to help them develop and research their unique and persuasive presentations.

Says Social Studies teacher Dann Parker, "In my 37 years of teaching [the last twelve at Shaker], nothing else has stood out as much as the astounding success, especially in the past few years, of Shaker students in National History Day."

Parker sees Shaker's continued success at NHD as the result of "a perfect storm" of three elements: tradition, creative and dedicated students, and a magnificent social studies department. He says, "NHD is part of the culture among the students in the Advanced Placement history classes. In the last few years it has ramped up, capturing at least as much recognition as any other high school in the nation. And every year, our teachers devote themselves selflessly to inspire students about the importance of history and lend their expertise."

In recognition of that expertise, history teacher Tim Mitchell received the Patricia Behring Teacher of Merit award for the state of Ohio, which carries a \$500 prize.



Teacher Dann Parker



# The Shaker Schools Update

## Leadership Team

### Appointments



Davis



Herbruck



Joyce



Robinson



Smith



Wigton

**Amy L. Davis** to principal of Onaway Elementary School, succeeding Lynn M. Cowen, who retired in June.

**Erin H. Herbruck** to director of Planning and Development, overseeing implementation of the recently adopted strategic plan, Race to the Top, and other special projects.

**Sara M. Joyce** to assistant principal at the High School, continuing her leadership role in the development of Shaker's International Baccalaureate program.

**Carina Robinson** (SHHS '88) to assistant principal at Lomond Elementary School.

**Ouimet Smith** to district registrar.

**Erica Wigton** to assistant principal at Woodbury Elementary School.

## Shaker Schools Foundation Trustees

Four new trustees joined the board of the Shaker Schools Foundation in June. They are:

**Amy Kerr-Thome**, community volunteer for the schools, Onaway Community Organization, Girl Scouts, and parent of three Shaker students.

**Paul Sauerland** (SHHS '79), director of marketing for Andeen-Hagerling, Inc. He and his wife are the parents of four Shaker graduates and one current student.

**Fred Widen**, a partner at Ulmer & Berne, LLP, and father of five Shaker graduates.

**Tom Wise**, an attorney serving as senior vice president and managing counsel for KeyCorp, parent of two Shaker students, and a past member of the Shaker Schools Foundation's Advisory Committee.

Officers for 2011-12 are **Kathy Jones**, president; **Ann Garson**, vice president; **Craig Stout**, treasurer; and **Steve Goldfarb**, secretary.

The Shaker Schools Foundation will celebrate its thirtieth anniversary in 2012. The first foundation in the state of Ohio to support a public school system, it provides resources to enrich the education of Shaker's children.

## Shaker Welcomes Chinese Delegation to Inaugurate Model Classroom



**Li Yaqing**, Principal of the Hebei International School in China, presented Superintendent Mark Freeman with traditional Chinese masks at the opening of the High School's Confucius Classroom in May. Confucius Classrooms serve as models for developing Chinese language teaching in American schools and are selected by the Office of Chinese Language Council International and the Asia Society. Shaker was chosen for this prestigious designation based on its exemplary Chinese language instruction, partnership with the Hebei International School, and longstanding Asian Studies program. A special delegation of Chinese educators attended the opening ceremony. Shaker students in grades 1-6 receive instruction in Mandarin Chinese and students may elect to study Chinese through level IV Honors at the High School.



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## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between March 1 and April 30, 2011 appear below. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2011 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
16620 ALDESYDE ROAD	\$ 385,000	\$ 470,000 (2010)
19027 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$ 92,500	\$ 200,000 (2004)
3260 DALEFORD ROAD	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000 (2010)
19553 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$ 102,875	\$ 133,334 (2009)
3104 FALMOUTH ROAD	\$ 326,500	\$ 345,000 (2009)
3557 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 157,500	\$ 145,000 (2003)
3698 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 134,900	\$ 159,000 (2001)
17414 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 126,000	\$ 173,000 (2002)
3101 LUDLOW ROAD	\$ 88,900	\$ 115,000 (2007)
3018 MORLEY ROAD	\$ 290,000	\$ 465,000 (2003)
3175 MONTGOMERY ROAD	\$ 550,000	\$ 570,000 (2010)
3616 ROLLISTON ROAD	\$ 50,000	\$ 46,000 (2009)
3692 ROLLISTON ROAD	\$ 77,000	\$ 25,000 (2009)
22475 RYE ROAD	\$ 165,000	\$ 208,000 (2002)
18225 SHERRINGTON ROAD	\$ 155,000	\$ 45,000 (2010)
19201 SOUTH PARK BLVD	\$1,480,500	\$1,098,625 (2003)
3589 STRANDHILL ROAD	\$ 170,100	\$ 50,000 (2010)
3712 TOWNLEY ROAD	\$ 170,000	\$ 180,000 (2008)
3109 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$ 160,000	\$ 84,000 (2010)

### LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 15 YEARS:

3012 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$ 190,000	\$ 190,000 (1999)
3325 CHALFANT ROAD	\$ 291,250	\$ 215,000 (1997)
19100 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$ 670,335	\$ 401,000 (1997)
3356 STOCKHOLM ROAD	\$ 192,500	\$ 141,000 (1998)
22725 WESTCHESTER ROAD	\$ 165,000	\$ 250,000 (1999)

### LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 20 YEARS:

23870 DUFFIELD ROAD	\$117,000	\$ 182,500 (1991)
2684 LONDON ROAD	\$390,000	\$ 341,000 (1991)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

### Certified Shaker Rental Homes continued

3470 Norwood Road (second floor),  
owner: Marie F. Ostergard, Trustee  
Certified: 2011.

3340 Stockholm Road,  
owners: James & Jennifer Walsh  
Certified: 2011.

3696 Townley Road,  
owners: Jeffrey D. Dillman &  
Frances S. Hasso  
Certified: 2011.

18008 Winslow Road (first floor),  
owner: Classic Rentals LLC  
Certified: 2010, 2011.

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Newly Certified and re-Certified Shaker property addresses and their owners' names are listed in this publication. The listings represent the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of Certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 216-491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Learn how to qualify by calling Jacqueline Patterson the Housing Specialist at 216-491-1333.

### Rental Homes:

3561 Daleford Road (second floor), owner: Grace Scales  
Certified: 2005-2009,  
2009-2010, 2011.

3459-61 Glencairn Road  
(second floor),  
owner: Glencairn Group Ltd LLC  
Certified: 2006-2009, 2009-2011,  
2011.

3559 Gridley Road (second floor),  
owners: Bruce S. Altchouler  
Certified: 2004-2009, 2009-2011,  
2011.

18318 Lomond Boulevard,  
owners: Bryan & Dena Smith  
Certified: 2011.

3658 Lynnfield Road (second floor), owners: Lawrence and Elizabeth Sargent  
Certified: 2006-2010, 2010-2011,  
2011.

## Susan Scheps Retires

Susan Scheps (pictured below), manager of the Library's Children's Services department, retired at the end of June after 28 years of service to the Library and the community. During her tenure at the Library, Susan supervised, coached, and nurtured a staff of 12 librarians and associates.

She also found time to: present storytelling workshops for Cuyahoga County Community College's Metropolitan Campus, develop and present children's reference resources workshops for library consortia, present story times for seniors at the local senior center, contribute articles to the *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries (JOYS)*, and *School Library Journal*, write a children's literature guidebook for parents who home school their children, and serve on the prestigious American Library Association's Caldecott Committee. Susan was included in *The Plain Dealers' World Class People for Children's Librarians* (March 4, 2005).

Under Susan's leadership, the Library and FamilyConnections implemented the Play and Learn Station at the Main Library. Now in its 13th year, the Play and Learn Station has pro-

vided families with free, drop-in literacy opportunities for parents and caregivers. This collaborative program has been used as a model for other libraries interested in establishing a parent center.

Armed with a strong belief in families and literacy, Susan continued to expand the library's Literacy Outreach, sending her staff to bring books and to tell stories to every preschool in the library's service area. Susan herself read outreach stories to the children who attend the Mental Retardation Developmental Disability preschool at Family Connections.

Susan served the community by responding to individual and collective requests for programs and services, and empowered and enabled her staff to be creative and to take risks in program offerings. She brought honor to herself and the library in 2009 when she received the Carolyn Grossman Award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to strengthening families and preparing young children for success in school and in life. Award recipients all share the conviction that strong families, communities, and parenting skills build strong children.

Thank you to Susan Scheps for shepherding so many children through summer reading programs and school years and always encouraging them to read.



## Meet Your Library Board of Trustees

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The Shaker Library Board of Trustees represents the community because it is composed of a diverse group of individuals of a variety of cultures, ages, ethnicities, and genders. Shaker is fortunate to have dedicated Library Board members who agree to serve for a seven-year term, and who work together to ensure that the library is well maintained, financially secure, and operating in the best interests of the community.

### Jeanne Shatten, President

Term: 2006-2013



Shatten

A resident of the Mercer area, Jeanne is the site coordinator for the Public Education Initiative of the Jewish Federation of Cleveland. She received her B.A. in Economics and

Environmental Studies from the University of Vermont and a Master of Nonprofit Organizations from the Weatherhead School of Management at CWRU. She has served on the boards of the Shaker Schools PTO, the League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights, Meals on Wheels, North Union Farmers Market, and the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation.

### Chadrick A. Anderson,

Vice President

Term: 2010-2017



Anderson

Chad Anderson is executive director of strategic planning for American Greetings. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and earned his M.B.A. from the University of

Chicago with a concentration in finance and marketing. A Mercer-area resident, Chad volunteers as a Cub Scout den leader.

**Kurt F. Miller, Secretary**

Term: 2008-2015



**Miller**

A retired biologist and laboratory consultant, Kurt Miller has a B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. in Biological Science from the University of Wisconsin. He has worked as an assistant professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine and the College of Veterinary Medicine, and was director of the In Vitro Fertilization Lab at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. A resident of the Boulevard area, Kurt is an active volunteer with the Shaker Schools, the Shaker Schools Foundation, and the League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights

**Judith C. Allen**

Term: 2009-2016



**Allen**

A resident of the Lomond area, Judith has a B. A. degree in history from Wesleyan University and an M.B.A. from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. She is the owner of Marketing Solutions and works as a consultant in the areas of marketing, communications, research, and training. She is also an adjunct professor for The University of Phoenix in Cleveland and Cuyahoga Community College and is a writer, book reviewer, and editor. Her work has been featured in The Plain Dealer, the Call and Post, and online at [www.aalbc.com](http://www.aalbc.com).

**David M. Hutt**

Term: 2007- 2014



**Hutt**

A Mercer resident, David is a physician specializing in infectious diseases. He was born and raised in Denver, Colorado and graduated from Harvard University where he majored in government. He earned his M.D. from CWRU and continued his medical studies at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where he was a Fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases. He is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases. He has been active in the Jewish community and synagogue life and is the past president of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah.

**Kenneth W. McGovern**

Term: 2011-2018



**McGovern**

An independent planning and development consultant, Ken is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania architecture school. He earned his master's in City Planning from Harvard University and has worked in senior management for Cleveland's public and private sectors for the past 25 years. A resident of the Malvern area, he has volunteered extensively for the City and the Schools.

**Donna M. Whyte**

Term: 2005-2012



**Whyte**

A resident of the Moreland area, Dr. Whyte is a graduate of The Ohio State University with degrees in Spanish and adult education and earned a Ph.D. in

Social Policy History from CWRU. Since 1985, she has worked at Cleveland State University where she currently serves as the Director of the Office of Diversity and Multicultural Affairs and teaches part-time in the History Department. A former Moreland School PTA President, Whyte also served on the Shaker Heights Board of Education from 1992-1995, and is currently on the board of the Ohio Consortium of Multicultural Centers in Higher Education.

## Constitution Read Aloud

The Library's annual Constitution Read Aloud, cosponsored with the Daughters of the American Revolution Moses Cleaveland Chapter, will be held at 7 pm Wednesday, September 21 at the Main Library. Local celebrities and elected officials will read the Constitution. Residents who wish to join in the Read Aloud should call the Main Library, 216-991-2030.

As an added feature to this year's read aloud, Friends of the Shaker Library is sponsoring a Constitution Day Poster Design Contest for youth ages 8-12. One winner and one runner-up will be selected. Contest rules are available online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org). All entries are due on September 17 (Constitution Day) and winners will be announced at the Constitution Read Aloud program on September 21.

## Computer Class Schedule at Main Library

Book a free class in the new Main Library Computer Center. Registration begins two weeks before each class, and reservations can be made online or by calling the Computer Center at 216-991-2030 ext. 3185.

### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

Learn to format documents using



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Microsoft Word software. Topics to be covered include: formatting text and paragraphs, text alignment, the use of toolbars, menus, and context-sensitive menus. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

### HACK OUR CATALOG

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Have you tried the cool tools that are in our new web catalog? You can share lists with the world and let others know your reviews and ratings, post to social web sites and stay connected to other readers. Please bring your library card with you, Mouse and basic Internet skills are required.

### EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

6:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS, AUGUST 3, 10, AND 17

6:30-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 7, 14, AND 21

2:30-4:30 PM

THURSDAYS, AUGUST 4, 11, AND 18

2:30-4:30 PM

THURSDAYS, SEPTEMBER 8, 15, AND 22

These classes meet three times. August 3-4 & September 7-8 : Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. August 10-11 & September 14-15: Using the Internet, Search tools, Getting an email address, Using email. August 17-18 & September 21-22: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them. Participation in this program requires providing some personal information to Connect Ohio for its grant reporting.

10 AM-1 PM

SATURDAYS, AUGUST 6 AND 20

10 AM-1 PM

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 3 AND 17

These classes meet two times. August 6 & September 3: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining

Files and Folders, Using the Internet and web browsers. August 20 & September 17: Getting an email address, Using email, Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them. Participation in this program requires providing some personal information to Connect Ohio for its grant reporting.

### WINWAY RESUME

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 11. This program offers video segments for learning, a manager for contacts and job leads, and search functions that gather resources into a single page. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

### EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

10 AM-1 PM

SATURDAYS, AUGUST 6 AND 20

10 AM-1 PM

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 3 AND 17

This class series meets two times. August 6 & September 3: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders, Using the Internet and web browsers. August 20 & September 17: Getting an email address, Using email, Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them. Participation in the ECO grant requires providing some personal information to Connect Ohio for its grant reporting.

### INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

#### ONLINE JOB HUNTING

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

This class is designed to help job seekers develop Internet and computer skills needed in online job hunting. Discover sites that can help create resumes and get an overview of local online resources, and tips for investigating local companies. Mouse skills are required for this class.

#### WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, AUGUST 8

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Learn how Windows works. This class is designed for those who can navigate the Internet and work with programs, but are not comfortable using multiple windows. Topics include opening, moving, resizing and arranging windows, copying and pasting, as well as tips and tricks for using the keyboard to make some activities easier. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

## INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and creating and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to drag and highlight.

## CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs. Learn the basic ways data can be charted, and review chart types to understand how they are used and with what kind of data. Some familiarity with Excel spreadsheets is expected.

## INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, AUGUST 22

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Put some power in your presentations. Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, edit slides, and add sound and animation. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

## GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Learn to create effective PowerPoint presentations by inserting clip art, Word Art, digital pictures, and even text boxes into slides. Basic familiarity with creating slides and slideshows is expected.

## ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Everything in a slide can be animated. Learn the important objects that can be added to a slide and the menus that control them. Participants should be familiar with the basics of creating a slide show, including adding new slides and using graphics. Using the mouse and searching on the Internet are required skills.

## WEB EMAIL

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Learn to access a web email account and to send, receive, reply, and forward messages, as well as how to delete, file, move, and print them. Participants must be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight and be able to navigate web sites and type URLs.

## FORMULAS FOR SPREADSHEETS

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

This class will concentrate on making formulas, which do much of the calculating work in a spreadsheet. We will use a few spreadsheet programs to become familiar with how a formula is constructed, how it works, and how to make new formulas.

## MAILMERGE

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

MailMerge utilizes list and address information from many sources, like Word tables, Excel sheets, and Access Data Tables. A form letter can be sent to a list of contacts, envelopes and labels can be created from the list information, and catalogs of items or directories of people can be created using MailMerge.

## OPENOFFICE.ORG

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Can't afford the high cost of software? Try OpenOffice.org, a free suite of software with features and functions much like the others. Some familiarity with word processing, spreadsheets, and presentation software is helpful, but not required.



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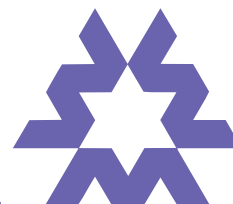
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## **PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

### **AT MAIN LIBRARY**

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

6-8 pm Tuesdays.

*No registration required.*

### **PLAY AND LEARN BABIES**

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months with their parents or caregivers.

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

*No registration required.*

## **PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

### **FOR CAREGIVERS**

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Wednesdays.

*One-time registration is required. Call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.*

*Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Family Connections.*

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Join us every Friday for facilitated playtime with your special needs child.

Ages 3-5 years

1-3 pm Fridays

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## **NESTLINGS (Birth to 15 months)**

It's never too soon to start sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs & rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies from birth to 15 months with a grown-up.

Fall Session:

September 19-November 8

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library  
 (This class will be held on the second floor in Meeting Room B.)

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*No registration required.*

## **FLEDGLINGS (15 to 23 months)**

Experience the wonder of words with your child through stories and songs, movement, puppets and fun in this story time for children 15 to 24 months (with a grown-up).

Fall Session:

September 19-November 8

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library  
 (This class will be held on the second floor in Meeting Room B.)

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*No registration required.*

## **TERRIFIC TWOS**

Stories, songs and movement for 2-year-olds with an adult.

Fall session:

September 19-November 9

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library

*No registration required.*

## **KINDERMUSIK FOR TODDLERS**

### **AT WOODS BRANCH**

Music and movement program for 1½- and 3½-year-olds with an adult

10-10:30 am Monday, August 29

Music and movement program for babies from birth to 18 months with an adult.

11-11:30 am Monday, August 29

*Register in person, by phone, or online.*

## **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

Stories, rhymes, and fun for 3, 4, & 5-year-olds.

Fall Session:

September 20-November 17

1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

*No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.*

## **PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH**

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult.

7:15 pm Monday, September 19

*Register online, in person, or by phone beginning Monday, September 5.*

## **BUTTERFLY HANDS**

### **AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K-4)**

4:15-5 pm

Mondays, October 3-November 14

*Registration begins September 19.*

(No program on October 31.)

## **BUTTERFLY HANDS AT WOODS BRANCH**

(birth-3 years with an adult).

10:45-11:15 am

Thursdays, October 6-November 10

*Registration begins September 22.*

## **WELCOME TO THE LIBRARY**

(For Families with Children of All Ages)

Learn what the Library has to offer your children. This program includes a tour of the Library, information about programs and services, and the opportunity to sign up your child for a library card.

Main Library:

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, September 13

Bertram Woods Branch:

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, September 14

*No registration required.*

**MEET AMERICAN GIRL KAYA****AT WOODS BRANCH** (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time and learn what life was like for Kaya in 1764, as you listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a video, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, September 17

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Saturday, September 3.*

**HOLDEN ARBORETUM TREE****TALE TELLERS**

(For School-Age Children)

Join our special guests, Holden Arboretum's Tree Tale Tellers, as they present a fun fall program, featuring tree-related stories with age appropriate activities.

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, September 21 at Woods Branch

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Wednesday, September 7.*

4:15-5 pm Tuesday, October 4 at Main Library

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Tuesday, September 20.*

**AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS****AT MAIN LIBRARY** (Grades 2-5)

Show your true colors as an artist! Create your own art in the style of Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Seurat, and other great artists.

4:15-5:15 pm First Thursday of the month (October 6-April 5)

*Register two weeks before each program in person, by phone or online.*

**WRITERS CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY**

(Grades 2-4)

An enriching program that encourages children to express themselves using their imagination and words. Poetry, creative fiction, letters, postcards and newsletters, menus, and maps are just some of the literary forms that young writers will

explore.

Fall Session: September 20-October 25, 4:15-5 pm Tuesdays

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, September 6.*

**Computer Classes** *continued***SOCIAL NETWORKING:****MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Social networking sites are used by tens of millions and are among the most visited on the web. Watch a demonstration to see why they are so popular, and discuss their joys and perils.

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****SCAMS AND SPAM**

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Criminals and thieves use the Internet to bilk people out of money. Learn to recognize and avoid the scammers and spammers.

**INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS™**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Learn to work with Microsoft's database program to build databases, use and create data entry forms, discuss ways to enter information into a data table, and generate simple queries and reports from the database. Access is for those who have tried to use a spreadsheet to store data and found it to be somewhat inadequate. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

**USING ONLINE AUCTIONS**

7-8:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Explore an online auction. Create an account at ebay.com and use it to search for items and consider bidding for them. An email address is required to create the account, but many auctions allow searching for items without registration. The class will also consider the pitfalls of online auctions

and security considerations to use them safely. Participants must be able to use the mouse and need to bring an email account username and password with them.

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NBA star Dwyane Wade is the Honorary Chair of National Library Card Sign-up Month, but Shaker Library wants to hear from its own Shaker stars. Tell us how your library card has helped you, and we'll take your picture with a giant Shaker Library Card and turn it into an 11- by 17-inch poster with your comments to display during September. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/6avvm02> to complete the form.

**A Fine Romance Programming Continues with a Book Discussion and Dance Class at Woods Branch**

The traveling exhibit, "A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs,"

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## Teen Scene

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Teens and their families are invited to tour the Teen Center, meet Teen Center staff and sign up teens as Teen Center Members.

Take the tour and win a chance to spin the wheel for new school supplies. Create something original for the art wall. Enjoy refreshments, Win door prizes.

6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday, August 30 at Main Library.

*No registration required. Drop in.*

### TEEN CENTER HOURS

3:30-8 pm Monday-Thursday beginning Monday, August 22

The Teen Center will be closed for cleaning Monday, August 15-Thursday, August 18.

### TEEN CENTER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Have a snack, play games, and get to know other Teen Center users.

4:15 Wednesday, September 14

*No registration required.*

### TEENS & BOOKS AT WOODS BRANCH

Teens in Grades 6 and up meet once a month to talk about books they've read, learn about new and upcoming titles, and have the chance to swap their old books for new titles.

7:15-8 pm Thursday, September 15

Attend one session or every month

*No registration required.*

### TAB MEETING IN THE TEEN CENTER

First meeting of the academic year for 2011-2012 Teen Advisory Board Members.

11-11:45 am Saturday, September 24

## A Fine Romance *continued*

which tells the story of Jewish composers such as Irving Berlin, Jerome Kern, and George Gershwin, who helped to create the Great American Songbook, will be on display until August 25 at the Main Library. A complementary art exhibit is also on display in the Art Gallery on the second floor of Main Library through August 25. All art with a musical focus is available for sale.

Companion programming includes a book discussion of *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow at 7 pm Thursday, August 11 at Woods Branch. Read and discuss one of the all-time great American novels that captures the spirit of our country in the era between the turn of the century and the First World War, a time of rapid immigration, cross-cultural improvisation, new forms of music, and new ways of being American. Doctorow's innovative novel illustrates the times that brought us a new American musical songbook.

At 7 pm Thursday, August 25, Verleza Dance members Sabatino Verleza and Tracy Pattison will teach the basic dance steps so you can move to the romantic sounds of the Fine Romance composers. Please register for each program online, or by calling Woods Branch at 216-991-2421.

## Math Review for Adults: It All Adds up at the Library

Are you returning to school after several years or considering applying for a vocational program? Do you need a math refresher? Adult education specialist Mary Scribner will review basic math concepts to help bring you up to speed. She will lead a three-session math refresher course from 7 to 8:30 pm Mondays, August 22, 29 and September 12 at Main Library.

Scribner taught adult basic education (math and literacy) and GED preparation for more than 20 years before retiring in June 2010.

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## Book Discussions in September at Main Library

Consider joining a book discussion group at the Library. For September, choose to read a novel by a great southern author, Pat Conroy, or try to figure out who dunnit in the latest mystery selection from Rosemary Harris. Sign up at the Main Library Information Desk.

10 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*South of Broad* by Pat Conroy

This sprawling novel is both a love letter to Charleston, South Carolina and a tribute to lifelong friendship.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

*Pushing Up Daisies* by Rosemary Harris

After finding a body buried in the neglected garden of her Connecticut home, a budding landscaper and recent New York City transplant, Paula Holliday, takes up the mantle of amateur sleuth.

### Recommended from the Library Bookshelf: Recent Mysteries

*Buried Prey* by John Sandford. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011. When the plastic-wrapped bodies of two sisters, missing since 1985, are discovered in a demolished house, Lucas Davenport of the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension is faced with a cold case that overshadowed the early years of his career.

*Cold Wind* by C.J. Box. Putnam Adult, 2011. Against a background of heated Wyoming politics and the potential gold mine of wind power, game warden Joe Pickett is reluctantly enlisted in the defense of his much-disliked mother-in-law, who is accused of murdering her fifth husband.

*The Curse-Maker* by Kelli Stanley. Minotaur Books, 2011. A holiday visit to the spa town of Aquae Sulis (Bath) in first-century-CE Britannia prompts an investigation by Roman physician Arcturus and his wife Gwyna into the murder of a notorious man whose death curses come true.

*The Devotion of Suspect X* by Keigo Higashino. Minotaur Books, 2011. Yasuko Hanaoka thought she had escaped her abusive ex-husband Togashi. When he shows up at her apartment, a confrontation ensues and Togashi ends up dead. Ishigami, a brilliant mathematician and Yasuko's neighbor, offers to help, not only disposing of the body, but also plotting an intricate cover-up.

*Night Vision* by Randy Wayne White. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2011. Doc Ford, Sanibel Island marine biologist and former black-ops agent, and his aging hippie friend Tomlinson are the only hope for survival of an immigrant Hispanic teen on the run who witnessed her trailer park manager commit murder.

*On Borrowed Time* by David Rosenfelt. Minotaur Books, 2011. Proposing to his girlfriend Jennifer Ryan and accompanying her to Kendrick Falls despite rumors that no man has ever gone to the falls with her and come back the same, Richard suffers a car accident on the journey only to discover that Jen has disappeared.

*A Red Herring Without Mustard* by Alan Bradley. Delacorte Press, 2011. When a Gypsy woman is wrongly accused of kidnapping a child in the English village of Bishop's Lacey, precocious young Flavia de Luce draws on her encyclopedic knowledge of poisons and Gypsy lore to discover what really happened, at the same time investigating the mystery of her own mother's fate.

*The Snowman* by Jo Nesbo. Knopf Publishing Group, 2011. In Oslo, after the first snow of the season, a woman disappears and a sinister snowman is left in her wake. When detective Harry Hole realizes that this is only one of many disappearances, he suspects that a serial killer may be at work, and may be intentionally drawing in Hole personally.

*Treason at Lisson Grove* by Anne Perry. Ballantine Books, 2011. Investigating the death of an informer who had vital information about a treasonous plot, Special Branch Inspector Thomas Pitt traces the killer to France while London Special Branch head Victor Narraway discovers a violent agitator from his past is operating in Ireland.

*When the Thrill Is Gone* by Walter Mosley. Riverhead Books, 2011. Struggling with economic setbacks, family conflicts, and his best friend's cancer, private investigator Leonid McGill takes the case of a beautiful young artist who paints a dubious tale about her reluctant marriage and threats on her life.



Math Review topics will include fractions, decimals, percents, measurement, basic formulas and problem solving. Additional topics may be covered based on time available and student interest. Participants should bring paper and pencils to the classes and plan to attend all three sessions. Class participation is limited to 12 people and registration is required. Call Main Library at 216-991-2030 or register online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org)

### Meet Joe the Coupon Guy

Meet Joe Daugirdas, aka "The Coupon Guy," when he shares his money-saving, savvy-shopping tips at 7 pm Tuesday, September 20 at Main Library. Daugirdas has been honing his shopping skills in Northeast Ohio for many years and typically saves between 70 and 80 percent when shopping for groceries. Much of what he purchases he donates to charita-

ble organizations, including the Cleveland Food Bank and local churches. Daugirdas recently spoke at Bertram Woods Branch to a standing-room only crowd, so be sure to reserve your place by phone or online.

In addition to his coupon class, Daugirdas teaches a Savvy Shopper class at Lakeland Community College and a Choosing Cell Phones class that is designed to help people find the best cell phone deals. He has also taught classes on how to save money on gasoline/natural gas, weddings, travel, as well as offering a cost-conscious class for teenagers. He has been active with Junior Achievement in schools across the Cleveland area where he teaches pre-teens and teens the value of fiscal responsibility.

A full-time employee at Applied Industrial Technologies, the energetic Daugirdas was also an auxiliary policeman for the City of Willowick for more than 17 years.

### Learn How to Become a Road Scholar and Travel the World

The Road Scholar program, formerly known as Elderhostel, is a nonprofit organization that leads educational adventure trips to all 50 states and more than 90 countries for anyone 21 years and older.

Learn about some exciting travel opportunities when Road Scholar and ambassador, George Shinas, speaks about his travels with the program at 7 pm Tuesday, September 27 at Main Library. Learn how to become a Road Scholar and enjoy an exciting and cost-effective way to travel the world.

Shinas is retired from the IRS and has been to all 50 States plus 50 other countries. When he's home in Olmstead Falls, George spends much of his time speaking about the Road Scholar program.

### Friends Sponsor What's It Worth? Antique Appraisal Program

Friends of the Library will again sponsor an antiques appraisal program from 6 to 8 pm Thursday, September 22 at the Main Library. Appraisers will include dealers from Larchmere Boulevard plus new dealers from other parts of Greater Cleveland.

Experts will be on hand to appraise items and to tell residents what their treasures are worth. If items are too large to carry into the Library, residents should bring clear photographs of their items noting any special markings. Appraisals cost a small fee. Watch the Friends' bulletin board at both agencies for more details on this event.

### Endnotes

- Main Library offers GED Classes this fall that meet from 9 am to noon September 20, 22, & 27. Interested students must register by calling ABLE/GED at 216-371-7138.



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• **Knits Nights** are held from 7-8:45 pm Thursdays, August 18 and September 8 at Woods Branch. Bring your project and get or give help at this creative evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.

• **English in Action**, a free program for those seeking to learn to read English, meets at 7 pm Tuesdays at Main Library.

• **Both libraries are closed** Monday,

September 2 for Labor Day. Both libraries will delay opening until 2 pm Friday, September 16 for a staff development day.

• In June, the Library was honored to receive three **Best of Show** awards from the American Library Association for its public relations material at the Annual Conference in New Orleans. Margaret Simon is the Library's public relations coordinator.



## Summer Snapshots What the Library did last summer....



Shaker Library's "precision" book cart drill team members pose before they march in the City's Memorial Day Parade.



Shaker Library's children's librarians perform on stage at Lomond School. Every year, the library visits the elementary schools to promote summer reading. Susan Scheps, Virginia Schoelch, and Mary Oluonye dance with library mascot, Bee A Reader, and sing, "We've got the whole world on our shelves," to promote the One World, Many Stories summer reading program.

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# Home Again

Three of Shaker's native daughters tell how satisfying it is to boomerang back home after their paths took them far and wide.

*By Julie McGovern Voyzey Photos by Janet Century*



**The Cade family**, with Kenyan exchange student Chrispus Muniwoki: Mhoire, Brian, Scott, Rowan, and Alex in the hammock.



**Mhoire McGrath Cade:** Seeing her childhood home through the eyes of an adult.

"We have now lived in Shaker almost longer than any other place we've lived before," says Mhoire McGrath Cade with a hint of disbelief in her voice. After growing up here and leaving for college, Mhoire settled happily in Chicago with her husband Scott. When an opportunity for both of them to transfer to the Netherlands presented itself, they jumped at the chance to give their two young sons the experience of living in Amsterdam.

While there, the Cades had a daughter and a few years later moved the expanded family to London. In 2004, the need to be near family in Shaker put the idea of moving home on the table for serious consideration.

Mhoire admits to feeling uneasy about returning to her childhood home, wondering if she could carve out a personally and professionally satisfying path. After some consideration, she became convinced that there were opportunities here for her, and they temporarily moved in with family while searching the East Side for a place to settle. In the end, they bought a house in the Mercer neighborhood.

"We just really loved Shaker," says Mhoire. After the experience of living abroad, Mhoire found Shaker to be a well-traveled, globally minded community, which helped to lessen the culture shock of returning home. The fact that so many people they met had lived in other places in the country and the world gave them a sense that it would be a good fit given their many years in Europe.

Although Scott landed here as a trailing spouse, he may be the biggest Shaker cheerleader of all. Originally from Cincinnati and Charleston, Scott "loves it here," says Mhoire. "He loves the affordability, the value for the money, the schools, and our friends."

Their children, who have a cosmopolitan outlook after spending much of their childhood overseas, now recognize and appreciate the international feel of Shaker. Mhoire attributes this to the fact that they now have their own friends who have traveled or lived abroad and are open to new experiences.

While boomeranging back to Shaker was not part of her original plan, the fact that the whole family has settled in so well is testament to all that Shaker Heights offers.

"As an adult, you realize how welcoming Shaker is. You realize the value for the money, the amazing schools, and the amount of school choice," says

Mhoire, expressing the satisfaction of seeing her childhood home through the eyes of an adult.

**Beth Meany:** "I realized I had spent my whole life looking for Shaker."

"If we hadn't come back to Shaker, I'm sure we would be back in Europe by now," says Beth Meany, who returned to her hometown almost three years ago after nearly 11 years in the Netherlands. Meany and her husband Bill Zempolich, who is not a native Clevelander, made the "radical" decision to move to Shaker when Bill's job required him to move back to the States. What made it radical? Bill's office was in Houston. The move to Shaker meant that Bill would commute to Houston on a weekly basis.

Along with their three boys, Bill and Beth had been coming home to Shaker Heights to visit family throughout their time abroad, though they never anticipated returning on a permanent basis. The family loved the Netherlands. Their ex-pat life was ideal in part due to the exposure their children were getting to people from all over the world. Once they settled into the idea of moving back home, they searched all over Cleveland to find the right place to live, only to end up exactly where Beth started: Shaker Heights.

"It was the only place that clicked for us. This is such an educated community. The fact that people know where The Hague is told me that people here had traveled and were interested in the world."

Having grown up playing the violin, Beth was enthusiastic about returning to a community that clearly values fine and performing arts and offers a breadth of opportunities for her children to further their interests in these areas. A musical family of string players, they have met many Shaker families through their involvement with the Cleveland Institute of Music.

The International Baccalaureate program in the Shaker schools has also been a huge bonus for their children, who attended an international school while in Europe. The global focus of the Shaker schools and the fact that their children can obtain an IB diploma (thereby enabling them to return to Europe for university, if they so choose) is icing on the cake of an already stellar school experience.

"The IB art program taught by Dan Whitely is phenomenal and helped to prepare our middle son for a fine arts degree in college. We are looking at art programs at colleges right now. Dan's IB art class is equivalent to a second year college class."

After living in Boston, Washington D.C., New



**Bill Zempolich** and Beth Meany at home with sons Grant, Patrick, and Alex.



York, Dallas, and the Netherlands, Meany says, "I realized I had spent my whole life looking for Shaker."

**Carey Jaros:** "It's heaven to be back."

With a management consulting career in Boston in full swing and professional opportunities that took them to London and Amsterdam, Carey Jaros and her husband, Brett Farmery, were on track to settle into the fast-paced, double-income, nanny-and-daycare-juggling life so common to East Coast professional couples. Their urban neighborhood felt familiar to Carey, almost a cross between Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights.

They could have made that life work, but in May 2009, with a baby on the way, an apartment in a fourth-floor walk-up, and a work schedule requiring weekly travel, they began to reevaluate.

"We were going from being urban singles to urban marrieds to an urban family," Carey says. As they contemplated those transitions, they realized that what they wanted for their family was unattainable in Boston.

The high cost of housing, which necessitated two full-time working parents and a full-time nanny, became less appealing. The couple had always been open to returning to the Midwest (Brett is from Western Pennsylvania) and found themselves realizing that they could make their vision into reality in Shaker.

As the birth of their first baby approached, Carey's mother, Susan [Shaker Life, January-February 2006], came to Boston to help, which made Carey realize the value of having family close by, and sealed the decision to come home to Shaker.

Carey and Brett moved back in June 2010, ultimately buying a home in the Mercer neighborhood, just around the corner from her parents.



**Harvard MBAs** Carey Jaros and Brett Farmery, with baby Frances and Moses.



"It is heaven to be back," says Carey. After 11 years at the same company, Carey was a little concerned about what was next for her professionally. Upon returning, she was amazed at the number of interesting job possibilities and has since transitioned happily into a new company. Her husband has had the luxury of exploring some of his own Internet-related business ideas, which would have been difficult had they stayed on their original track in Boston.

Having been in Shaker just over a year, Carey says, "Shaker has exceeded my expectations. We are both amazed at how inexpensive it is to live. We love our house, our neighborhood. This city rivals what you get in any city in the country or around the world. One of the defining characteristics of this community has always been that it is outward looking, embracing difference. There are so few places that are as tolerant, open, and racially diverse."



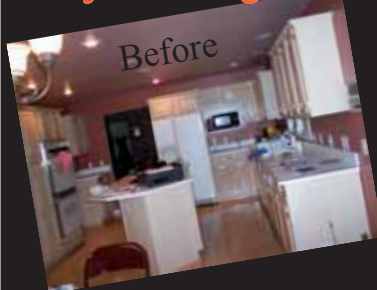
## *Parlez Vous Français (or German, Italian, Chinese, Japanese)?*

In order to create a robust and useful satellite office of the International Welcome Center, the City's Communications and Outreach Department invites any Shaker residents who speak languages other than English to become part of a world language database.

This database will be used as a resource to connect new non-English-speaking residents to someone who speaks their language. The City is also working toward creating dual language materials and banners, which will require translation assistance. Shaker is a unique community because of its warm, welcoming residents. What better way to make a new resident feel at home than to welcome them to Shaker in their native tongue?

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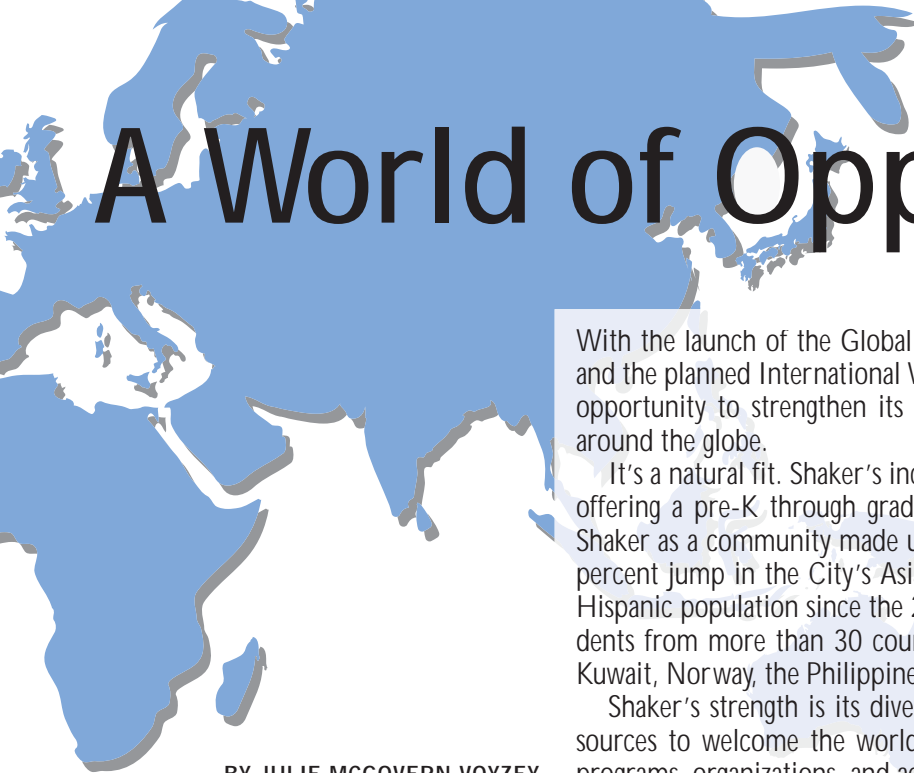
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With the launch of the Global Cleveland Initiative ([www.globalclevelandinitiative.org](http://www.globalclevelandinitiative.org)) and the planned International Welcome Center on Public Square, Shaker has a unique opportunity to strengthen its position as the premier suburb for newcomers from around the globe.

It's a natural fit. Shaker's increasingly international population and a school system offering a pre-K through grade 12 International Baccalaureate program distinguish Shaker as a community made up of citizens of the world. There has been a nearly 41 percent jump in the City's Asian population and a nearly 85 percent increase in the Hispanic population since the 2000 Census. The Shaker Schools currently enroll students from more than 30 countries including Brazil, China, Egypt, Germany, India, Kuwait, Norway, the Philippines, Poland, Thailand, and the United Arab Emirates.

Shaker's strength is its diversity, with a resident population and a network of resources to welcome the world to our neighborhoods. Herein, a resource guide to programs, organizations, and activities to support new international residents – or any Shaker residents interested in expanding their knowledge of the world.

BY JULIE MCGOVERN VOYZEY

### International Welcome Center Satellite Office

In the coming months, Shaker Heights will be the only suburb with a satellite location of the Cleveland International Welcome Center. In collaboration with the Cleveland office, the City's Communications and Outreach Department will connect newcomers to organizations and people that will ease their transition to a new culture and a new community. Contact [julie.voyzey@shakeronline.com](mailto:julie.voyzey@shakeronline.com) for details.

### Shaker Heights City Schools [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org)

#### *International Baccalaureate Program*

The Shaker Schools have gone global with the implementation of a pre-K through grade 12 International Baccalaureate program, the only one in Cuyahoga County.

International Baccalaureate is an academically rigorous course of study with emphasis on global awareness, creative problem solving, hands-on projects, inquiry-based learning, and community service. When the phase-in is complete in a few years, every student in preschool through grade 10 will benefit from the

program. Already, students at every grade level now enter into buildings saturated with information from around the world, from maps, to flags, to clocks telling time across the globe. High school juniors can opt to pursue an IB diploma, which requires coursework designed to prepare students for success in a global society. The IB diploma is highly regarded by university admissions officers in the United States and abroad.

While the IB program helps to broaden and deepen global knowledge for all students, it is often particularly attractive to international families, enabling IB graduates to matriculate at universities all over the world.

Beyond the IB program, the Shaker Schools offer a world of opportunities for students to become global citizens. Students can choose from languages including Mandarin Chinese, French, German, Latin, Greek, and Spanish; host an international student; or study abroad through exchange programs in China, Costa Rica, England, France, Germany, and Japan. Band, orchestra and choir trips take students to Asia and Europe, where they share their music in tiny villages, major cities, and historic sites.

The goal: to produce students who are at home in the world.

#### *English Language Learners Program*

English language support is provided by a specialist to all students in need of such services, tailored to the individual needs of the student. Instructors, in partnership with the Parent Teacher Organizations, also help to connect international students and their families to many of the special activities in each school, including international family picnics and various cultural celebrations.

#### *Tutoring Centers*

The School District's tutoring centers are open to all students who reside in the District. The tutoring centers are especially helpful to new international students who need extra academic support as they make the transition into the Shaker Schools. For hours and locations, see the "For Parents and Students" section of the District's website.

### Shaker Heights Public Library [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org)

Shaker Library offers a touch of home through its catalog of material which is searchable in almost any language, from Abkhazian to Zuni. Through its mem-

bership in the CLEVNET consortium, operated by Cleveland Public Library, Shaker Library connects readers not only to its diverse collection, but also to the collections of more than 30 library systems in nine counties. Through the Greater Access Card, CLEVNET members share their combined resources, as well as those of the Cuyahoga County Public Library.

Both the Main Library and the Woods branch have a small foreign language deposit collection that is often accompanied by a booklist. For example, the Chinese language deposit collection has a booklist of titles written in Chinese. Also, readers can request that titles in their particular languages be delivered to the libraries.

Shaker Library's staff is as diverse as the community it serves, and many staff members speak languages other than English. A series of multicultural programs for families, Passport to Japan, Passport to China, and Passport to Vietnam, were implemented at the behest of multicultural staff members who also helped to ensure that they were authentic. Shaker librarians are well versed in multicultural reading and listening and are adept at making reading recommendations that can take readers to faraway places and open new worlds.

Last summer the Library joined the Summer Reading Col-

**Sybill Schomerus**, president of the International Women's Group of Cleveland, with husband Johannes von Lintig and sons Jan Hendrik and Sebastian at their Shaker home.



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laborative, a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide quality summer reading program material for children at the lowest cost possible for their public libraries. This year's themes were One World Many Stories for children, You Are Here for teens, and Novel Destinations for adults. The Library chose to join the collaborative this year not only because of cost savings, but also because its multicultural themes fit the Library's mission.

#### *English in Action Classes for Adults*

A structured introduction to English is offered from 7-9 pm Tuesday evenings at Main Library. For registration information, call Brondy Shanker, 216-561-1803.

#### *Play and Learn Station*

Located on the second floor of the Main Library, this free, preschool literacy program offers interactive opportunities for parents and caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years. Co-sponsored by Family Connections, preschool teachers monitor each session, and a special hands-on project is offered each week. Open to the entire community, families from many countries come individually or as a group to participate in the activities that provide excellent opportunities for children and adults to practice their English skills in a play-based setting. Call the library at 216-991-2030 for more information.

**Family Connections at  
Shaker Family Center**  
[www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org)

#### *Learning English as a Family (LEAF)*

[www.familyconnections1.org/programs/leaf.php](http://www.familyconnections1.org/programs/leaf.php)

The Learning English as a Family program provides international families an opportunity to connect with others who are new to the area and the country.

Weekly English as a Second Language classes are offered along with family so-

cial time. The program also provides individualized assistance to help newcomers with a wide range of support needed to get settled from simply explaining transportation options, to enrolling children in school, finding new doctors, and locating grocery stores that carry food products from their native countries.

Several major companies in Cleveland use the LEAF program when they bring international families here, although families can enroll individually as well. Fees are based on services desired. For more information contact the Shaker Family Center at 216-921-2023.

#### *Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom*

The Family Playroom offers a comfortable atmosphere where parents and their children (birth to 3 years old) can play and socialize. It is not specifically geared toward international families, but provides an opportunity to meet other families with young children. Call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.

#### **International Women's Group of Cleveland (IWGC)**

The purpose of the IWGC is to connect women from abroad who have relocated to the Cleveland area with compatriots and other women from all over the world. Connecting women who speak a common language and can help with the transition to a new country is central to the IWGC's mission.

In addition to holding monthly French, Italian, and German conversation groups, members share biannual potluck dinners, Saturday night wine and cheese tastings, and frequent outings to places such as the Cleveland Museum of Art, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, and Karamu House Theater.

While the group draws from the entire Cleveland/Akron metro region, a large contingent resides in Shaker Heights. Members come from countries across the globe from Korea to Germany to Italy. For more information contact IWGC President and Shaker resident Sybille Schomerus at [syb.schomerus@gmail.com](mailto:syb.schomerus@gmail.com).



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English as a Second Language classes are offered every Tuesday from 10-11:30 am at Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road. Interested adults do not have to register and are encouraged to bring friends and relatives to this free, informal class. It is also a good way to meet other international families. For information, contact Ellen Potter of Boulevard School at 216-952-7137.

**The Chinese Academy**  
www.chineseacademyofcleveland.org

The Chinese Academy of Cleveland offers language and arts classes on Saturday mornings to non-Chinese speaking adults and children. It is a unique opportunity to become immersed in the Chinese language and culture. The classes are held at Shaker Heights Middle School, 20600 Shaker Blvd. For registration or further information, please call 440-442-5865,

or email [Principal@ChineseAcademyOfCleveland.org](mailto:Principal@ChineseAcademyOfCleveland.org).

### Other Shaker-based Cultural Organizations

Shaker Heights is also home to other smaller organizations that help international residents maintain a connection with their home countries. One such organization is the Hindu Swayamsevak Sangh ([www.hssus.org](http://www.hssus.org)), a Hindu service organization with a chapter in Shaker Heights. HSS provides opportunities for youth and families to celebrate the Hindu culture. Contact Sudesh Agrawal at [agrawasl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:agrawasl@sbcglobal.net) or 216-283-1832 for more information.

The Lotus, a monthly publication of the Federation of Indian Community Associations ([www.ficacleveland.org](http://www.ficacleveland.org)) provides news and information for the Indian community and the community at large. It has been published since 1967. Contact Paramjit Singh at [ParamLinda@gmail.com](mailto:ParamLinda@gmail.com)

or 216-932-1265 for more information.

"Shaker en français!" is a Facebook group started by Shaker High French teacher Suzanne Gyurgyik. It affords students and other speakers of French with a forum for using the language and exploring the cultures of the francophone world. To join, visit [facebook.com](http://facebook.com) and search for "Shaker en français."

With the IB program gaining traction, and a growing international population, Shaker's reputation as a richly diverse suburb will continue to grow. That the City has a breadth of organizations, programs and people to help newcomers flourish speaks to the kind of open-minded, welcoming community that is Shaker Heights. It is truly a neighborhood of the world.

*If you know of other Shaker organizations that should be included in a resource list for international families, please contact Julie Voyzey at [julie.voyzey@shakeronline.com](mailto:julie.voyzey@shakeronline.com).*



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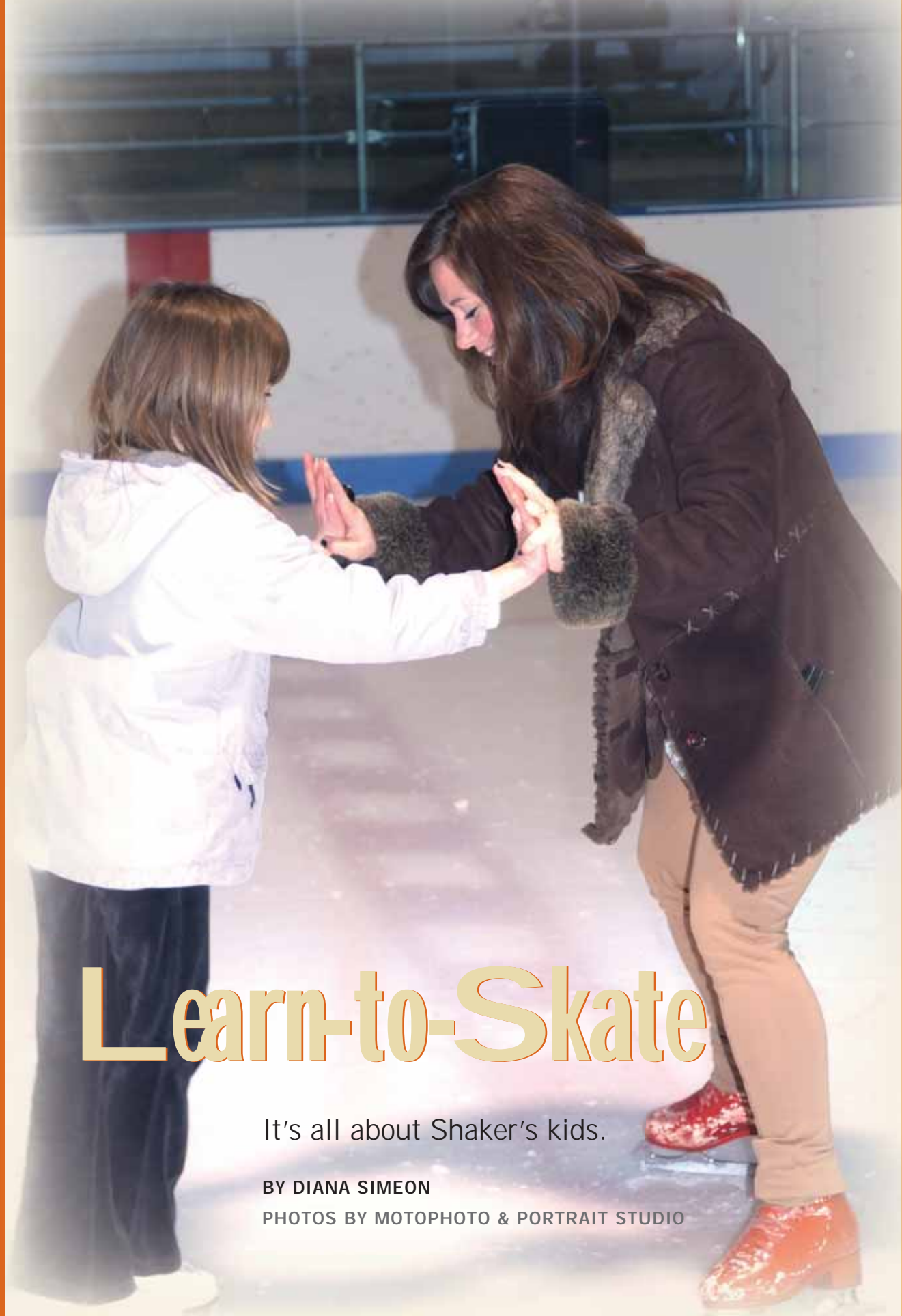
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# Learn-to-Skate

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## Figure Skating, Hockey, and Everything in Between

Once a Learn-to-Skate student has mastered the fundamentals of skating, Shaker offers several options for getting more serious about the sport – or for just enjoying some time on the ice.

**The Shaker Figure Skating Club** is for skaters of all ages interested in competitive figure skating. Founded in 1971, the club has more than 100 members, who work out with coaches at Thornton during daily club-designated ice times. Each year, the club's members compete in numerous regional events, such as the annual Cleveland Invitational Championships, and even some national events, including this year's Adult Nationals Figure Skating Championships in Salt Lake City. For more information, visit the club's website at [www.shakerfsc.org](http://www.shakerfsc.org).

**The Shaker Youth Hockey Association** is for boys and girls age four to 14. Players ages four to six typically enter the program at the Mighty Mite level in the fall, though a new Mini Mite summer program allows skaters as young as three to join. Next, players progress to the Mite C level, where the emphasis is on continuing to build hockey skills. Then comes competitive league play through the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League, which is made up of a score of hockey clubs around Northeast Ohio. Players play with their peer group, as a Squirt (ages nine and 10), PeeWee (ages 11 and 12), or Bantam (ages 13 and 14). Check out the association's website at [shakerhockey.com](http://shakerhockey.com) for more details.

**Public skating sessions** are available almost daily at Thornton Park. Admission ranges from \$1.50 for pre-schoolers to \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Non-residents are \$5.50. Season passes are also available. Most weeks, Thornton also puts on Friday Night Skate, which is popular with many Shaker students. Go to [shakeronline.com/recreation](http://shakeronline.com/recreation) or stop by Thornton Park for a current schedule.



Thornton's skating professionals from left: Graziella Tasca, Rachel Novick, Valerie Yax, Chuck Rossbach, Melissa Driscoll, Coordinator Erin Schopf, Ryan Zeltner, Scott Sheets, Alex Fusco, and Susan Lindway.

# Swizzle

Wiggle. Bunny Hop. Spiral. Rocking Horse. Shoot the Duck.

Sounds like a list of dance crazes circa 1950. But in fact these are just some of the ice skating techniques covered in Shaker's popular Learn-to-Skate program for students age three and up.

Learn-to-Skate, which is offered from September to May at Thornton Park, is designed to teach students the fundamentals of the sport.

Shaker parents whose children participate in Learn-to-Skate are more than enthusiastic about the program as a family activity. Learn-To-Skate is in fact one of the most popular ways in Shaker for family members to interact with each other, and with other families. But first, the lessons.

"If you really want your kids to learn how to skate, I can't recommend a better place," says Randy Solganik, whose daughters Sophia and Maya have been in the program for many years. "The teachers are wonderful. They are dedicated and they love the kids. They really make sure the fundamentals are strong on a particular level before they move on."

"The goal is to build the foundation on which a student can become an accomplished skater," says skating coordinator Erin Schopf. "Then if they decide they want to take a competitive route, they can join the Shaker Figure Skating Club or the Shaker Youth Hockey Association. Or they can just skate recreationally at public skate or Friday Night Skate."

Classes are organized into three categories: Snow Plow Sam, Basic, and Freestyle. Snow Plow Sam is geared toward the five-and-under set.

"We teach the skills in a fun and low-key way, so they enjoy skating," explains Schopf. "We sing a lot of songs, blow bubbles, play games."

Students six and up, meanwhile, start the program in Basic, where there are seven levels. Instructors make sure students are adept at one level before moving them onto the next.

"As you master each Basic level, you're building a set of skills. So it's a cumulative process," says Schopf. "Basic 1 is forward skills, Basic 2 is



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backward skills, in Basic 3 you start working on edges, and so on."

"I always say you can't build the upstairs before you build the basement," she adds.

Students who graduate from Basic are eligible for Freestyle, which, says Schopf, is "where we start incorporating jumps and spins." There are six Freestyle levels.

"We're loving it," says Jyotsna Mishra, whose daughter, Asha Jha, started Learn-to-Skate in January. "The instructors are thoroughly professional and they know exactly what my daughter's talents and weaknesses are."

Learn-to-Skate follows curriculum guidelines set out by the United States Figure Skating Association. The program's instructors, all longtime skaters, are required to be members of the organization, as well as belong to the Professional Skaters Association.

"We're accomplished skaters, but first and foremost we love to work with children," says Schopf, who has been teaching and coaching for 18 years.

Classes run for 30 minutes and are offered throughout the week. A typical session is six weeks and costs residents \$60. Shaker's Community Life Department also offers a winter break mini-session and a popular summer Glide and Slide Camp, where campers age five and up can learn to skate and swim. This year's session is August 15-19.

"As a mom of three kids, I appreciate the flexibility of so many days and times,"

says Stephanie Silverman, whose daughter Laine is currently enrolled in the program. "There's a big convenience factor."

Parents say they also enjoy the social atmosphere at the Thornton rink.

"We're here every Saturday," says Solganik. "Everyone knows we're here. My parents will even stop by."

"I like that we know so many people and get to see them," adds Mishra.

Learn-to-Skate culminates in May with the Shaker Spring Ice Spectacular, a two-day show featuring the program's students and members of the Shaker Figure Skating Club. The show is open to the public. Tickets go on sale in early May.

The Ice Spectacular is a chance for skaters to strut their stuff. There's an annual theme (this year was fashion) and the Thornton Park rink is transformed into a set straight out of Stars on Ice, complete with a red-carpet entrance by the performers. Glamorous costumes and a dance-in-your-seat soundtrack round out the event.

"The show is awesome," says Solganik, whose oldest daughter has been in the Ice Spectacular eight times. "You see the whole community coming together."

"It's a huge, huge production," adds Schopf, who directs the show. "It's all about Shaker's kids and they love it."

For more information on Learn-to-Skate or the Ice Spectacular, visit the Recreation Department's webpage at [shakeronline.com/recreation](http://shakeronline.com/recreation).





# There's No Place Like It

For first-time homebuyers in Sussex and Lomond, their mantra is more than location, location, location. It's amenities, architecture, and appreciation of everything Shaker has to offer.

By Rita Kueber  
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Kevin G. Reeves





**Previous page** and above: the Chase family at home in Sussex.

*"There's a charm to the entire area. Every house is different; you really learn to appreciate that. You value the time and effort that went into building these houses." – Margi Chase*

Dr. Jared and Margi Chase have been married for eight years, and in that time have lived in four or five places, mostly rentals, but it's Shaker Heights that has captured their hearts.

"This is the longest we've ever lived in any place. We're excited to buy here and plant roots here," Margi says. The family includes Audrey, 4, John, almost 2, and a baby girl due in September. The other tenant of the Chase household is Dodger, the Boston-Rat Terrier mix, whose name reflects the fact that Jared is originally from the Los Angeles area, while Margi grew up in Salt Lake City.

The Chase Family came to Shaker Heights when Jared landed a residency with the Cleveland Clinic in Anesthesiology. A resident's life is a bit of a gypsy life, and after attending medical school in Missouri, the young family lived in Detroit for a year. Knowing Jared would work at the Clinic, the couple traveled back and forth from Michigan to Ohio to look at homes for sale.

"Looking online, I could tell the difference between cities that had to make up something to say and those that really had something to say about their quality of life, their services," Jared says. "I knew

a friend from med school lived in Cleveland but I didn't know exactly where. It turned out to be on Glencairn Road."

"My mom lives in Washington State now, and she mentioned Cleveland to a friend, who recommended Shaker Heights," Margi adds.

"We looked throughout the city, in Mercer and Lomond," she recalls. "We looked at 20 houses or more and our realtor got a sense of our style." Their realtor finally found what they were looking for in the Sussex neighborhood.

"We wanted a brick house in reasonably good shape," Margi says. "We like do-it-yourself projects, but with two small children, we're not going to re-sand the floors or anything."

The Chase house is a classic colonial with high ceilings and an easy flow. "We made updates to make the place feel like ours," Margi says, glancing at the striking sage green walls of the living room with its ivory trim. The house, built in 1936, has three bedrooms plus a finished bedroom and bath on the third floor. Owners in the 1950s added a family room onto the back with its own bathroom. "If we have to move again, we want to scoop up this house and replant it," Margi says with a smile.

Audrey attends a local nursery school. Margi got the kids to the pool at Thornton Park "right away." They enjoy the proximity of Legacy Village in Lyndhurst for its



summer concerts, Horseshoe Lake, and Shaker Library, as well as the convenience of the restaurants at Van Aken Center and Shaker Plaza.

Margi also was captivated by the porter system at Heinen's, whereby groceries are brought to your car. "For a mom with two kids...." she says with a grateful smile. Jared in turn was struck by Shaker's trash/recycling system, as well as the history of the community from the Van Sweringens on. He takes South Park Boulevard to work just to look at the houses and be inspired by the gardens he passes. They both mention their appreciation for the flower baskets that the Sussex Association places on lampposts, and the ongoing improvement to Gridley Triangle. "You can see where your taxes are going," Margi says.

Schools are a primary concern to the couple. Should they stay after Jared's residency, they are very much interested in Shaker schools.

"We've been here a year and really like it," Jared says. "There are lots of places where young families can go. This is a nice neighborhood where strollers are everywhere, and playgrounds are close by.

"Compared to the West, things here are so affordable," he says. "We're grateful to be here."

*"We don't have much of a backyard, but Lomond is our yard – there's a playground, a huge field, and places to ride your bike that's not a parking lot."* – **Miata Hunter**

Miata Hunter is well versed in the area surrounding Lomond School. Her family moved to a house on Ingleside when she was in the third grade. Growing up, her best friend lived a few blocks from the school. Currently her mother lives



**The Hunter family** at home in Lomond: Aaron, Amira, and Miata.

on Chelton and is "never going to leave." Miata always had a sense that she wanted to move into the area.

A graduate of Shaker Heights High School (class of 1992), Miata holds degrees in mathematics from Cleveland State University and the University of Minnesota, Duluth. She is the chair of the Mathematics Department at Shaker Heights Middle School, teaching geometry, algebra, and pre-algebra. She recently earned a School Principal Certification from Cleveland State University.

The Hunter family includes Miata, Amira, 12, and Aaron, 8. The family moved into the 1940 colonial in March. The house is a four-bedroom, 3-1/2 baths with a basement, attic (now a bedroom), living room, dining room, study, and an enclosed back porch, totaling 1900 square feet, plus a two-car garage.

"I just love being here," Miata says. I felt bad for the family that lost it, though.

They were here for 30 years. There was an illness in the family and they couldn't hold onto the house."

Previously Miata owned a home in Maple Heights. "I loved the neighbors," she recalls, "but when Amira was small, the neighborhood pool was closed by the city and never reopened." For a short period Miata and her children lived with her mother on Chelton Road. Miata asked her realtor to keep an eye open. "When Terry (Chmielewski, the realtor) showed me this house, I was just astonished. I really liked the neighborhood."

She points to the local amenities from Thornton Park to the libraries, the convenience of Heinen's, and all the activities offered for children. Aaron has participated in basketball, soccer, and swimming. Amira studies tap, jazz, ballet and hip hop but wants to pursue a sport next year – maybe volleyball, as Miata coaches the sport.

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As an employee of the Shaker Schools and a parent, she points to the pride residents have in the system. "We pass levies," she says. "It shows how important education is here. There are people who live here who don't even have children in the schools – that tells a lot about our community."

"It's just a lovely area with beautiful homes," she says. "I love the architecture of the houses. My mom likes older things and antiques, and I'm her daughter. We have details newer houses don't."

"It's a comfortable feel, like a small town. People are friendly and know each other, and it's close to areas with real nature." – **Anne Evans**

Brandon and Anne Evans are just emerging from the final phases of student life. A few years ago Brandon completed his master's degree in computers and engineering at Case Western Reserve University and currently works for Phillips as a software engineer. This spring, Anne completed her law degree from The Ohio State University. The couple is ready to settle into their home near Lomond School.

While they were students at Case, the couple became familiar with the near East Side. They had several apartments in Cleveland Heights, and they rented a house on Strandhill in Shaker before moving to Columbus. Brandon commuted until he landed a full time job, and then they (mostly he) house-hunted in Cleveland, University Heights, and Shaker Heights seeking a "nice but affordable" neighborhood.

In June, 2010, they found their home through an email tree: They described their ideal home and the area they wanted, and sent it off to friends in the area, asking them to pass the request along. It worked. Friends of friends knew their current house would soon be for sale.

Built in 1950, the house is a three-bedroom, 1-1/2 bath colonial with a full basement, attic, and two-car garage. The previous owners renovated the upstairs



bath and kitchen floor. Having moved into the house in summer, the Evans reaped the benefits of the large vegetable garden the previous owners had planted. "The eggplant was really prolific," Brandon says. "We had more eggplant in our backyard than we've ever seen."

Brandon recalls that Anne tried to plant carrots last year in late summer, but came away with "stubs" about an inch high. "You just want to take a cupful of this dirt and throw it on a potter's wheel," Anne laughs.

The couple quickly grew close to their neighbors: Within a month of moving in, they were invited to help celebrate a birthday party. When they accidentally got locked out, neighbors helped them "break into" their house.

Brandon grew up in Boston, and Anne in Salt Lake City. "For the last 20 years, the style out West has been these huge stucco giants, these subdivisions that are really pre-fab," Anne says. "When you're a little kid and everyone's house is exactly the same, it's nice to know where the bathroom is, but when your house could be my house, it gets a bit old. There's little character to them."

And this is what the couple loves about their neighborhood. "We like the variety of architectural styles," Brandon says. They love taking their dog Greta for walks at the Shaker Lakes and Gridley Triangle, and "stealing ideas" from other people's gardens. They enjoy the North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Square, as well as shopping at Fresh Market and Heinen's. They have attended the Independence Day fireworks since they were students at Case – and they love Shaker's libraries.

They admit owning a home is vastly different from living in an apartment, but welcome the change. "We are learning to be our own landlords," Brandon says, pointing to evidence of minor water damage in the front room. "We're not handy – Anne likes projects more than I do, but we're learning. It's important because people really take care of their homes here," he says.

Both Brandon and Anne rejoice in their



**New Lomond residents** Anne and Brandon Evans. Greta is on the alert.







Anne and Brandon Evans living it up in Lomond.

## Renting vs. Buying

Is it better to rent or buy? Myra White, branch manager of Shaker's Howard Hanna office is, naturally, all in favor of buying. And she makes a pretty solid case, based on two compelling arguments: financial and emotional.

Financial: "Right now, there are great deals available in the Sussex and Lomond neighborhoods. You can get a brick home in move-in condition in those neighborhoods, right now, for less than \$200,000. Great neighborhoods, air conditioning (often) and walking distance to one of Shaker's best schools – Lomond Elementary.

She and Howard Hanna's branch finance manager, Fred VanderPeet, quickly crunch the numbers based on a Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgage: After the down payment, with mortgage, taxes, and all insurance, the monthly payment on a \$160,000 home comes to about \$1,477.

"Approximately \$300 of that is tax sheltered," Myra points out. Moreover, there is the potential for an equity build-up of about \$14,000.

The interest on an FHA mortgage is currently about 4.5 percent for a 30-year and about four percent on a 15-year. "These are the lowest rates we've seen in decades," says Fred.

Myra points out that \$160,000 will get a fixer-upper in the Fernway and Onaway neighborhoods, "with a potential resale value of about \$250,000," she says.

Speaking of rehab: Myra mentions that all homebuyers might want to look into the FHA Purchase Rehabilitation Loan, which is solely for owner-occupied homes. The rehab loan is made on top of the mortgage loan for a total loan amount. The rehab funds are meted out as needed under careful supervision. Certain conditions must be met; for example, the work has to come up to certain standards using only licensed contractors on Shaker's approved list.

"This is a great opportunity to turn a house into a home, says Myra, leading into the emotional argument.

"I can't emphasize enough the emotional benefits of home ownership," Myra says. "To live in your own house is to be, well, really home. It's yours. You can enhance it in any way you want."

First-time homebuyers in Shaker should also check out a presentation by Richard Bertman, a mortgage officer at Fifth Third Bank, at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, the evening of August 25, 7-9 pm. Bertman will discuss the do's and don'ts of buying a first home. There will be a realtor and a representative from the City to answer questions as well.

"The presentation will focus on first-time homebuyers, but will be helpful to others as well," Bertman says.



close proximity to Lomond School. "The kids were so cute the other day," Anne says, "they were chasing handmade butterflies through the garden. There's lots of happy noise." They describe how the sounds of softball games fill the air on Saturdays and Sundays. Brandon is pleased with the huge field so close to the house, and someday, when they have children of their own, they can send them across the street to school.

"Plus, our yard is a killer location for a lemonade stand," he jokes.

Most of all, Brandon and Anne like the history of their house. They are only the fourth owners. Occasionally they find vestiges of previous owners; a dog collar and license for "Penny" from 1970 and an old locker from a golf club association in the basement.

"We've lived in so many apartments," Anne says, "it's nice to live with the history here. We are part of history and making history too."



**Shaker Middle School** math teacher Miata Hunter conducts study time at home with Amira and Aaron.

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# An Edible Education

Shaker Heights High School's learning garden is transforming the courtyard – and the lives of students

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

There is perhaps no better metaphor for life than the sense of purpose and accomplishment, along with a healthy dose of frustration, that come from cultivating a garden. The Learning Garden at Shaker Heights High School provides the perfect environment for students of all abilities to bond over their collective efforts to nurture, grow, and enjoy the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor.

For decades, the large, grassy courtyard in the center of the Shaker Heights High School campus was largely ignored by students and faculty alike, used only for the occasional event or as a shortcut across the quadrangle. But now, thanks to the imagination of a wide range of students, and the support of a few key staff members, this underutilized space is gradually becoming an outdoor learning laboratory and welcoming haven for relaxation and the enjoyment of nature.

It all started a few years ago when a group of special education students in Stacey Steggert's English class read Paul Fleishman's *Seedfolks*, a novella set in Cleveland that charts how people from different ethnic backgrounds come together to start a community garden.

"The students wanted to start growing some plants, so we started indoors, with seeds in pots," Steggert recalls. "As they got more into it, they decided to ask permission to take the project outside, and made a presentation to Michael Griffith, the principal, to set up a compost bin. They did a lot of research on growing seasons and conditions, and made decisions about what they wanted to plant. They did scale drawings and picture icons of the plants to mark the garden plots."

The idea quickly caught on among students, faculty, administration, and parents. Last year, the High School PTO



**Shaker Heights High School** English teacher Stacey Steggert gives Robert Sharp, Rachel Shafran, and Claire Lo some pointers on growing Brussels sprouts. PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MCCREARY & STACEY STEGGERT



made a grant of initial funding; the administration arranged for beds to be dug and fencing erected around a 700-square-foot section of the courtyard. Some of the beds are raised so that students in wheelchairs can reach them.

Faculty members Paula Damm (school nurse), Ken Kangas (physical education), Jeanne Wiemer (biology), and Dan Whitely (art) have all been working on the project. Students from the Green Club, the International Baccalaureate program, and Advanced Placement Biology are collaborating with peers from the special education program on every aspect of the garden. Those whose disabilities preclude planting and weeding are able to participate by using their sense of smell or touch. More than 100 students have been involved in the garden so far.



In the summer of 2010, students grew a variety of vegetables, herbs, and flowers, and started an asparagus bed. Over the summer, volunteers came in weekly to weed and harvest whatever was ripe. Once school resumed, students enjoyed cooking and eating the fruits of their labor, preparing delectables like vegetable soup, cabbage with noodles, and eggplant parmesan.

Alicia Berry (SHHS '11), who aspires to a career in horticulture, loves being able to eat the food she grows. She envisions some fruit trees and strawberries in the garden's future.

Designing and maintaining the garden is a multi-disciplinary exercise. Students made signage and collected vegetable matter from the lunchroom for their compost bin. Others created colorful banners illustrating International Baccalaureate principles. Eagle Scout Ian Lippke-Calger (SHHS '11) made several wooden benches for break times. During the 2011-12 school year, art students will fashion sculptures for the space.

**Opposite:** Elana Curry, Nora O'Connell, and Anthony Taylor prepare a bed for planting. **At right:** Stacey Steggert shares the tactile sensation of a Lamb's Ear with Patrick Lewis by the wheelchair-accessible planting bed.



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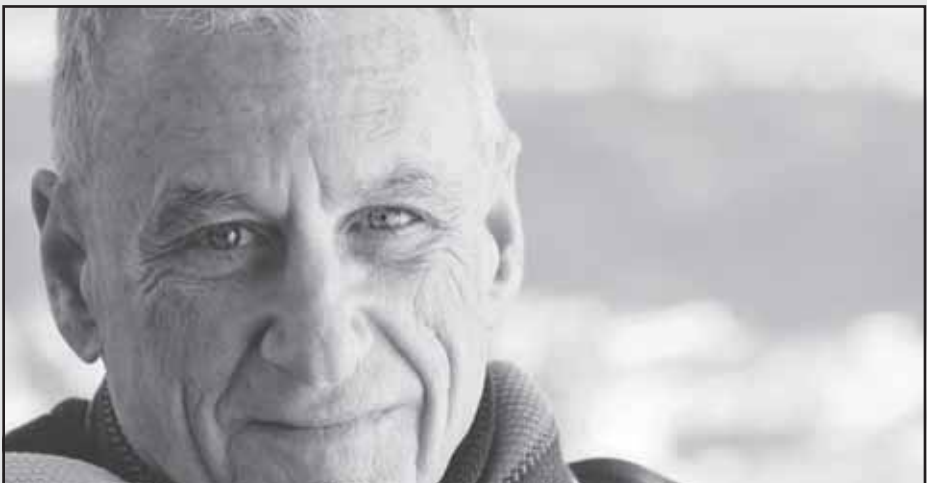
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In the spring of 2011, the students came up with another great idea – expanding the garden to four quadrants, with a different theme for each. Proposed themes have included Asian plants, sustainable agriculture, native plantings, and possibly a butterfly garden. After careful research, students met with a landscape architect to help plan each of the areas. Pathways, benches, and tables will encourage students to spend more time outside during lunch and free time.

Shaker's learning garden was recognized last year with a \$1,000 community service award from TrueHero.org.

"This project presents a unique opportunity for students who don't normally interact to work together," says Stegert. "They get to see how what they learn in the classroom has practical applications, and also how all the different academic disciplines work together – science, math, and reading – all useful for one project. This is a great way to integrate learning, especially in high school, when classes can be perceived as so fragmented from one another."

Green Club advisor Jeanne Wiemer agrees. "In the biology class we study classification. Living plants are a great way to study that concept. Also, gardens are a great place to look at biodiversity and interdependence." Wiemer also gives high marks to the students for beautifying the grounds and creating an attractive outdoor space for gathering and study.

Last spring, Kelly Holmes ('13) was in charge of researching the Asian portion of the garden and helping out with planning and installation. "I want to make the environment beautiful and transform the courtyard into something lovely to look at," she says.



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## Ongoing Activities for Families

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON,** THE PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Stay cool in the air-conditioned indoor playroom, where parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 5 years old can play and make friends. Playroom is also open 4-6 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, & Fridays. Use of gym and muscle room during specific hours also included. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. Evening hours: 6-8 pm Tuesdays. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop in literacy play sessions just for home day care providers and their children birth to age 5, co-spon-

sored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children 3-5 with Special Needs, 1-3 PM,** PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, facilitated play for parents with children ages 3-5 with special needs. Special activities held on second, third, and fourth Fridays of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Make Room for Daddy, for Families Raising Children 3-5 with Special Needs, 10 AM-NOON.** THE PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for fathers with children ages 3-5 with special needs two Saturdays per month. Grandfathers or siblings under 5 are welcome. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: Birthday Parties, 11 AM-1 PM OR 2-4 PM,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Family Connections at Shaker Family Center is the perfect place to hold a birthday party for your young child from birth to 6 years. Enjoy private

use of the gym filled with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**TUESDAYS: English in Action, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Free English classes led by Brondy Shanker. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON.** SHAKER SQUARE. Meet local farmers and buy fresh, flavorful produce.

## Events for *August*

*Thru August 25:* **A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs, 1910-1965,** MAIN LIBRARY. A colorful exhibit that celebrates the Jewish composers of the American songbook. Nextbook, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting Jewish culture and ideas, and the American

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*Calendar listings were correct at press time, but please call ahead to confirm.*

## Destinations...

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216-991-2421

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
16500 Van Aken Boulevard  
216-991-2030

**THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES**  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
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**SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
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**SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
& MUSEUM**  
16740 South Park Boulevard  
216-921-1201

**SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
20600 Shaker Boulevard  
216-295-4100

**THORNTON PARK**  
3301 Warrensville Center Road  
216-491-1295

# August

## highlights

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		9 Babes in Nature: Nature's Colors 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 54)  Freezing & Canning Workshop 6:30 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54)	10 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	11 Getting Back to our Roots with Root Candles 7 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 52)  Book Discussion 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 52)	12 Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children with Special Needs Ongoing. 1 pm, Main Library. (p. 49)	13 Learn about Becoming a Foster Parent noon, Bellefaire JCB. (p. 52)  Concert on the Square 6 pm, Shaker Square. (p. 52)
14	15 Jewish Food and Culture Festival 11 am, Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. (p. 56)	16 Stone Oven Days 2267 Lee Road. (p. 54)  Band Concert 7 pm, Lake View Cemetery. (p. 56)	17 Shaker Heights Community Band 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 52)	18 Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 52)	19 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	20 11th Annual St. Dominic Block Party 4 pm, St. Dominic Church. (p. 52)  Concert on the Square 6 pm, Shaker Square. (p. 52)
21 20th Annual British Car & Motorcycle Show 9 am, Shaker Square. (p. 52)	22	23 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)	24 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	25 Dancing to the Songs 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 52)	26 Beer Wars 7 pm, Cleveland Museum of Art. (p. 57)	27 North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 49)  Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)
28 Biathlon & Family Walk 8:30 am, Bellefaire JCB. (p. 53)	29	30 Teen Center Open House & Registration 6:30 pm, Main Library. (p. 53)  English in Action Ongoing. 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 49)	31			



# September

## highlights

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11	12	13 Babes in Nature Flying Away 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 54)	14 Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture 7:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (p. 57)	15 Environmental Town Hall 7 pm, Nature Center. (p. 54)	16 IngenuityFest 9/16-18 Veterans Memorial Bridge (Detroit Superior). (p. 57)	17 Chalk Festival 9/17-18 Cleveland Museum of Art. (p. 58)
18 Ride for Miles 10 am, John Carroll campus. (p. 58)	19 League of Women Voter's Local Candidates Night 7 pm, Middle School. (p. 53)	20 Joe the Coupon Guy 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 54)  An Evening with Dr. Michael Thompson 7 pm, University School. (p. 54)	21 Constitution Read Aloud 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 54)	22 What's It Worth? 6 pm, Main Library. (p. 54)	23	24 Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines 9 am, Middle School. (p. 55)  Dike 14 Open House 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 54)
25 Rainbow 'Round the Zoo 5K Run & Walk 8:30 am, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. (p. 58)	26	27 Learn How to Become a Road Scholar 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 55)	28 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 49)	29 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 49)		

## out & about

Library Association Public Programs Office, developed the exhibit. The national tour of the exhibit has been made possible by grants from the Charles H. Revson Foundation, the Righteous Persons Foundation, the David Berg Foundation, and an anonymous donor, with additional support from the Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life.

**Romancing the Song:** An exhibit of local art focusing on song complements the exhibit, and is on display on the second floor at Main Library.

**August 6: Vaccination Clinic, 10 AM-1 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS FIRE HOUSE, 17000 CHAGRIN BLVD.** The City's Health Department will administer childhood vaccines to all children 6 weeks to 17 years, including the TDaP required for seventh grade. TB skin tests will also be available. Everyone who receives an immunization will be entered to win a free flu shot in the fall. \$12/immunization. INFO: SANDI HURLEY, 216-491-1480.

**August 6: Concert on the Square, 6-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE.** Revolution Pie, a Beatles tribute band, performs. Bring a blanket or lawn chair or listen from a restaurant patio. Free.

**August 11: Getting Back to Our Roots with Root Candles, 7 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Learn about the history and legacy of Amos Ives Root, his love for beekeeping, his flagship company Root Candles, and his close friendships with the Wright brothers and Helen Keller. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**August 11: Book Discussion, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Read and discuss *Ragtime* by E. L. Doctorow. This program is offered in con-

junction with the exhibit, *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs* at Main Library. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 13: Learn about Becoming a Foster Parent, NOON-2 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** RSVP TO LORE AT 216-320-8640.

**August 13: Concert on the Square, 6-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE.** Horns and Things performs contemporary jazz. Bring a blanket or lawn chair or listen from a restaurant patio. Free.

**August 17: Shaker Heights Community Band, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE, CORNER OF CHAGRIN AND VAN AKEN BLVD.** Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the summer sounds of the community band. In the event of rain, the concert will be held inside the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Free. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-2595.

**August 18: Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Bring a knitting project and get or give help at this evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 20, 21, 27, & 28: Computer Round-Up, 1-4 PM, PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, 15600 CHAGRIN BLVD.** Recycle CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink printer cartridges. Cell phones and accessories are also accepted. INFO: 216-491-1490.

**August 20: 11th Annual St. Dominic Block Party, 4-10 PM, ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, 3455 NORWOOD RD.** Outdoor Mass, "Animal Idol" pet talent show, picnic, kids games, entertainment, music. INFO:

216-991-1441.

**August 20: Concert on the Square, 6-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE.** Passport Project performs music and dance from around the world. Bring a blanket or lawn chair or listen from a restaurant patio. Free.

**August 21: 20th Annual British Car & Motorcycle Show, 9 AM-3 PM, SHAKER SQUARE.** The Brits are back with the Jaguar and Triumph. INFO: 440-286-4878.

**August 22: Ninth Grade Orientation, NOON, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL.** INFO: 216-295-4200.

**August 22, 29 & September 12: Math Review for Adults, 7-8:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Adult education specialist Mary Scribner leads a free three-session math refresher course. INFO: 216-991-2030.

### School Bells

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**AUGUST 23:** Shaker Schools open.

**AUGUST 24:** Laurel School opens.

**AUGUST 24:** St. Dominic School opens.

**AUGUST 25:** Hathaway Brown School opens.

**AUGUST 25:** University School opens.

**August 25: Ninth Grade & New Family Meeting, Activity Fair and Ice Cream Social, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL.** Get the scoop on your new school. INFO: 216-295-4200.

**August 25: Dancing to the Songs, 7 PM, SHAKER LIBRARY, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** This program is offered in conjunction with the exhibit of *A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs,*



1910-1965. Verlezza Dance members Sabatino Verlezza and Tracy Pattison will teach basic steps so you can dance to the sounds of the fine romance composers. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 28: Biathlon & Family Walk, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM**, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Register by calling Jane at 216-320-8276 or visit [www.bjcb.org](http://www.bjcb.org).

**August 30: Teen Center Open House & Registration, 6:30-7:30 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Teens, ages 12-17, and their families are invited to tour the Teen Center, meet Teen Center staff and sign up as Teen Center Members. Take the tour and win a chance to spin the wheel for new school supplies, help create something original for the art wall, enjoy refreshments, and win door prizes. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 8: Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM**, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a knitting project and get or give help at this evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman, INFO: 216-991-2421.

**September 10: Doggie Dip, 10 AM-NOON**, THORNTON PARK. *Thornton Park goes to the dogs...* to swim, wade, and run around in a fenced-in area. A lifeguard is on duty if owners wish to swim with their dogs in the unheated and unchlorinated pool. Misbehaving mutts require a muzzle. Dog treats for dogs; arts and crafts projects for kids; and T-shirt sales to benefit the Recreation for Youth scholarship program. \$5/adults, \$3/children. INFO: 216-491-1295.

**September 10: Learn about Becoming a Foster Parent, NOON-2**

PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. RSVP TO LORE: 216-320-8640.

**September 10 & 11: Garlic Festival**, SHAKER SQUARE. Follow your nose when the North Union Farmers Market presents an aromatic week-end celebrating garlic. INFO: 216-751-7656.

**September 12: Shaker High School PTO Meeting, 7 PM**, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL SMALL AUDITORIUM. Come back to school for the first PTO meeting of the year, which includes the PTO budget approval as well as a teacher panel on High School Success Strategies.

**September 19: League of Women Voter's Local Candidates Night, 7-9 PM**, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Meet local candidates running for office and hear them speak.

## Events for *September*

**Thru September 30: Gardening Shaker Style: Getting Back To Our Roots**, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Exhibit of the Shakers' highly successful gardening industry, including seeds, herbs, and botanical remedies. \$4/adult non-members. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**September 3: Larchmere Sidewalk Sale, 10 AM-5 PM**, LARCHMERE BLVD. Looking for a *malternative*? Browse and buy along the boulevard.

**September 5: Labor Day**. City offices, schools and libraries closed.

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**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days**, 2267 LEE RD. The Stone Oven donates a percentage of Tuesday sales to the Nature Center programs. *Dine and donate!*

**SATURDAYS: Hike with a Friend**, 3:30 PM. Bring a friend or hike with a new one at the Nature Center and share your knowledge and favorite spots around the Shaker Parklands. Free.

**August 9: Babes in Nature: Nature's Colors**, 10-10:45 AM. Greens, yellows, whites, and more grace the natural landscape this time of year and lead to moments of great discovery, especially if you're less than three feet tall! Join us to see what colors pique our interest and curiosity. Stroller fee: \$5/members, \$7/non-members.

**August 9: Freezing & Canning Workshop**, 6:30-8 PM. Find out how to freeze and can your summer fruits and vegetables and enjoy them all year long. Join us to learn how to use a water bath canner and pressure canner, tips on canning tomatoes, and freezing fruits and vegetables. \$5/members, \$7/non-members. Optional USDA home canning guide is \$10.

**September 13: Babes in Nature Flying Away**, 10-10:45 AM. As summer ends, our feathered friends may be getting ready to leave, too. Join us to discover the wonders of birds. Stroller fee: \$5/members, \$7/non-members.

**September 15: Environmental Town Hall: Art & Design for Eco-Change: Water Harvesting Ideas for Form & Function**, 7-9 PM. This workshop focuses on functional and ecological art and design as inspiration for cultural, civic, and community change. Presenters include: Elisa Gargarella, professor of Art Education, University of Akron; Jean Marie Hatman, associate professor, Landscape Architecture, Rutgers University, and Daniel Coffield & Joe Czalkiewicz, artists/educators, University of Akron.

**September 19: BIG/Little: Monarch Mania**, 10-11:30 AM. Say goodbye to our fragile orange and black butterfly friends as they migrate to Mexico and other southern places for the winter. Learn about their perilous journey over thousands of miles and the energy it takes to travel so far. \$8/members; \$12/non-members. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**September 24: Dike 14 Open House**, 7:30 AM-3 PM. The Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative provides guided, one-hour hikes of the 88-acre wildlife haven on Cleveland's Lake Erie shoreline at the mouth of the Doan Brook. 216-321-5935 or [cuyahogawcd.org](http://cuyahogawcd.org)

**September 20: Joe the Coupon Guy**, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Get the scoop on savings from the expert. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 20: An Evening with Dr. Michael Thompson**, 7 PM, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL, 20701 BRANTLEY RD. Michael G. Thompson, Ph.D., an internationally known psychologist and the co-author of The New York Times bestseller *Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys*, will kick-off University School's 2011-2012 Distinguished Speaker Series. A book signing and reception follow the lecture. INFO: 216-321-8260.

**September 21-30: Pre-Sale Discount Ticket Sale for Family Fall FunFest**. Buy tickets for the October 2 Family Fall Funfest, NOON-5 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Exciting family event with activities for children of all ages and games, inflatables, pony rides, balloon twisters, rocket car rides, food, and more. Proceeds benefit Family Connections. INFO: Tickets available at Shaker Family Center and Coventry School, 2843 Washington Blvd., by calling 216-921-2023 or online [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org).

**September 21: Constitution Read Aloud**, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Hear the powerful words of the Constitution read aloud by community members. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 22: What's It Worth?**, 6-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library sponsors an antiques appraisal program with dealers from Larchmere Boulevard and dealers from other parts of Cleveland. FEES & INFO: 216-991-2030.



**September 24:** Landlord Training, 8:45 AM-4 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Free, interactive discussion for landlords on real-life situations and circumstances, including Ohio landlord-tenant laws and legal issues, fair housing laws, the eviction process, city requirements, regulations and programs, property & business management, property maintenance, and marketing strategies. Register by calling Darlene English at the Housing Research & Advocacy Center, 216-361-9240.

**September 24:** Flu & Pneumonia Vaccines, 9 AM-NOON, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. The Health Department offers flu shots for adults and children (between 6 months and 18 years of age). Flu mist also is available as well as pneumonia immunizations (\$45). Reservations are welcome, but not necessary. \$30/adults; \$12/children. INFO: SANDI HURLEY, 216-491-1480.

**September 27:** Learn How to Become a Road Scholar, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. World traveler George Shinas speaks about the "road scholar" program. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 29:** Rosh Hashanah. Shaker Schools closed.

## In the Circle and Beyond

THRU AUGUST 21: Walking Tel Aviv, MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Photography exhibit by Shaker resident David Bergholz, who spent two weeks in Tel Aviv where he photographed more than 700 images. FEES & INFO: 216-593-0575.

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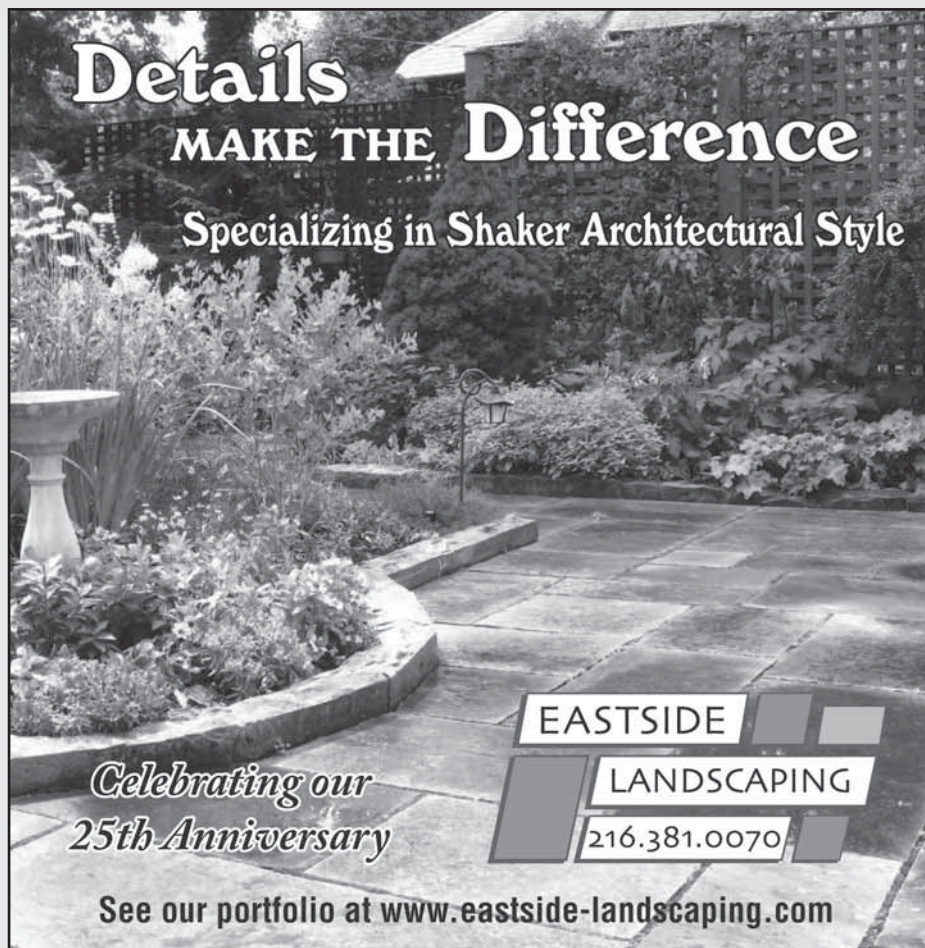
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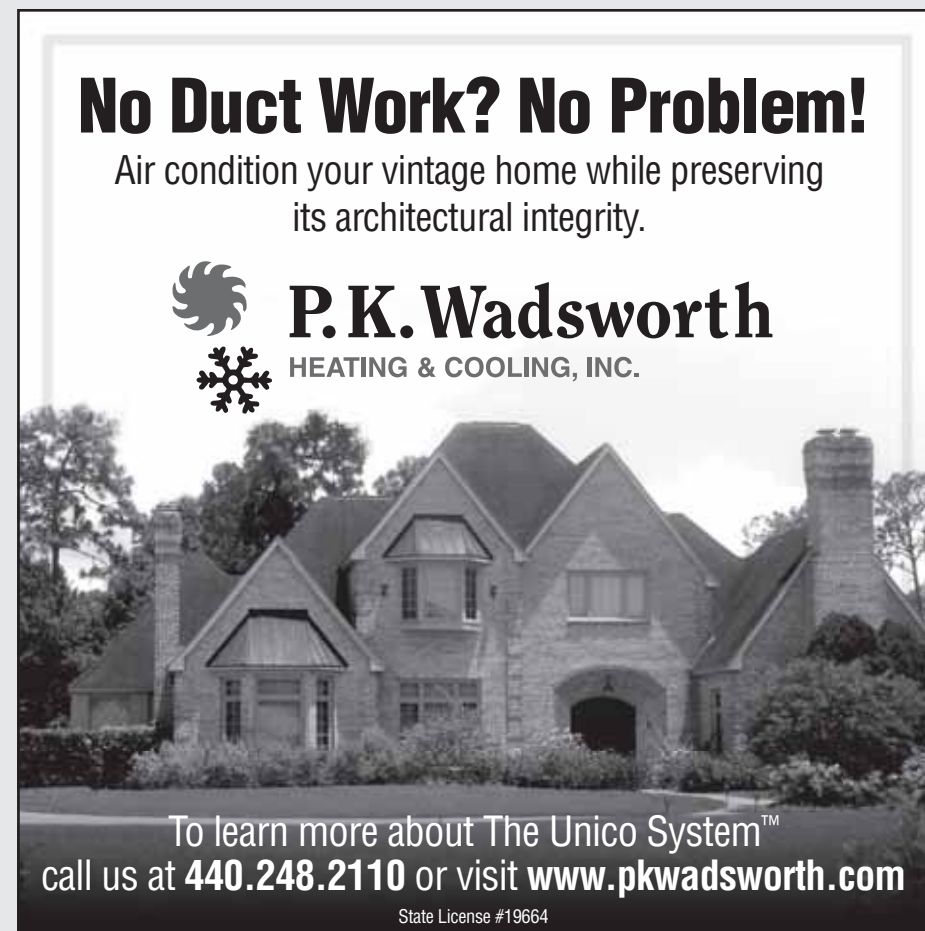


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BY JOHN R. BRANDT

It's hard to be cool in this self-conscious little paradise we call home, especially if you're Shaker Man, and even more especially if you've entered what used to be called middle age (50 is the new 30, after all). Defeated by his home ("Who installed it *this* way?" blurted by too many repairmen) and overwhelmed by his yard ("Is your lawnmower broken?" asked by too many neighbors), Shaker Man has decided, at last, to look within himself for the elements of cool, including:

**A New Look:** It suddenly hits our hero: The only other men he sees wearing golf shirts, stonewashed jeans, and white tennis shoes are also ordering off the 4:30 p.m. Earlybird Special Menu at Cracker Barrel while they complain about their prostates. He immediately buys a new wardrobe of black jeans, black shirts, and black shoes ("Oh, man," says a buddy. "The full Johnny Cash is *not* a good look for you."), and allows his sideburns to bloom at lengths not seen since Jimmy Carter was President. His children are not amused:

"Dad," his 14-year-old son says, sitting next to him in the car and staring at the side of Shaker Man's head as if a tarantula were threatening him. "What's with the sideburns?"

"They're cool. Everybody's wearing them. Look at yours."

"Yes," says 14, "But mine are young and luscious. Yours are gray and... *old*."

"Thanks a lot, Mr. Smartypants. For your information, I'm growing a goatee, too."

"I thought you just forgot to shave. And that's gray, too, you know. You'll look like you're Amish. Now *that* would be cool."

"Not what I was going for."

"You could get a straw hat—"

**A New Attitude:** Maybe, Shaker Man thinks to himself, I just haven't been exposing myself to enough cool things. He tries listening to rap at full volume (YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PLAY IT LOUD," he tells Ms. 18, freshly home from college. She responds: "YOU'RE A DORK."). He tries eating at très chic new restaurants ("Sir, would you like the large-print version of the menu?"). Mostly, though, he decides to take seriously the words of every country song ever written and Live Like He's Dying/Etc., which means, unfortunately for his kids, singing and dancing at every

opportunity. There are two problems:

1. When Shaker Man sings, it does sound Like He's Dying, and

2. There are exactly zero (0) dance moves that a 50-something male can make and look cool. Not the Locomotion ("Wow, Dad, nice time travel to the '70s"). Not the Electric Slide ("What the heck is *that*?") Not the Moonwalk ("Oh, God, Dad, please.") And certainly not hip-hop ("Are you having a seizure? Should I call 911?"). In fact, even Shaker Man's normal, smooth, I've-been-doing-this-since-I-was-22 moves have been outlawed by the newly formed Household Committee on Cool.

"You look like you need medication," says 18.

"I'm just grooving—"

"No," says 14.

"Do you always point your fingers like that when you dance?" asks 18.

"Showing you I got the beat, Baby."

"Not so much," says 18. "Really."

"But—"

"This party's over," says 14, turning off the music. "Go play some golf or something."

**A New Way to Connect:** It was bad enough for Shaker Man's kids when he discovered social media ("Dad," 18 once said via phone. "There are 500 million people on Facebook. Only one of them calls or emails me every time he thinks he's posted something interesting. And, no, you still can't friend me. Bye.") Now, however, he's acquired texting fever, sending cryptic messages to both of them — *how r u? LMK 411 re wknd. craZ weathr hr, OMG. Did u c SNL 1st wk? LOL* — until he receives this response from his daughter:

*Dad – none of my friends text like that. And even if they did, you only get one acronym per 140 characters. Love, 18.*

*P.S. You are still a dork.*

Shaker Man shows the message to his son, who nods sagely.

"Well," says 14. "You still got that Amish thing going for you."





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