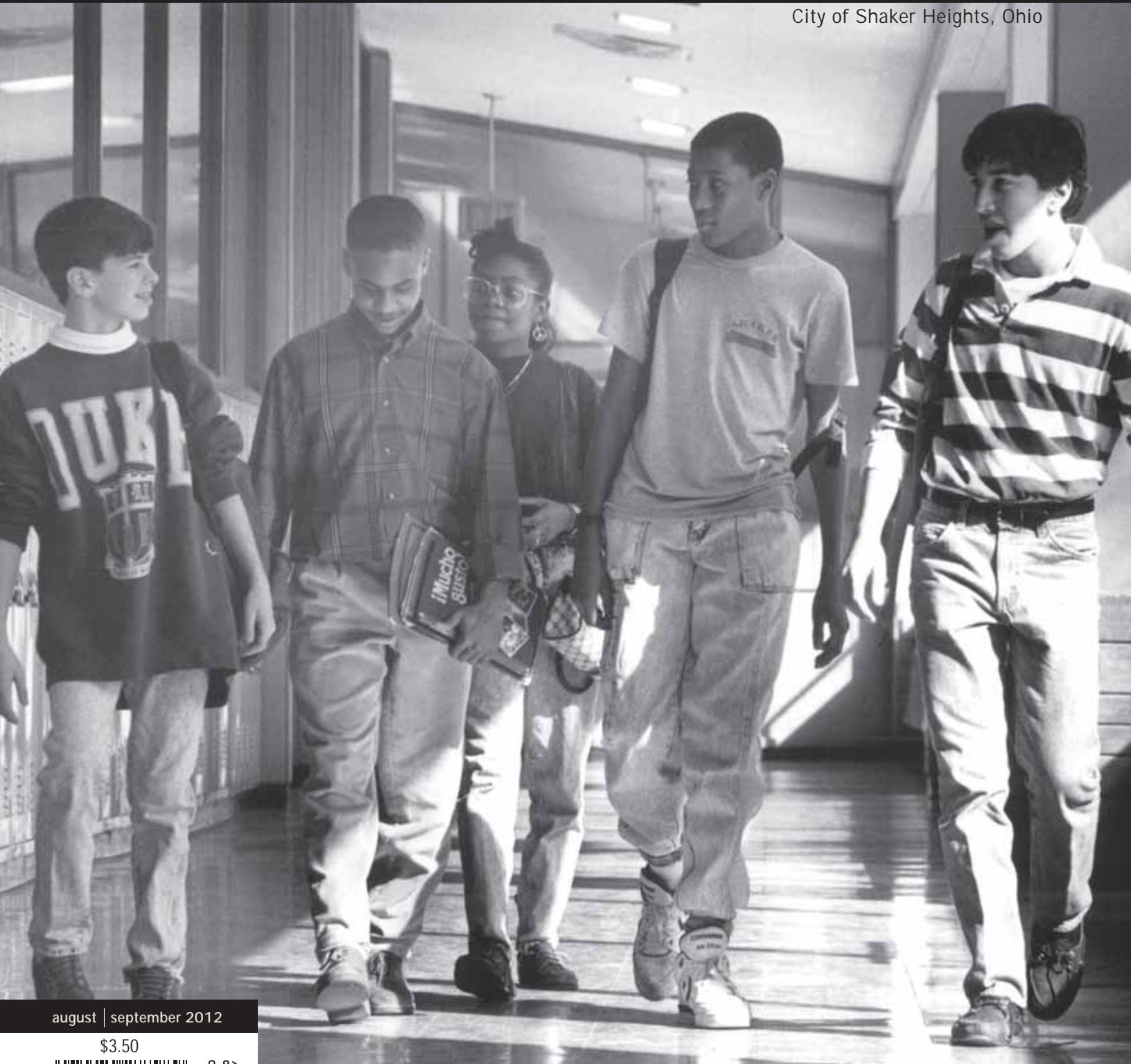


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Centennial Activities & Events

Come Back to Shaker Weekend

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Shaker Heights Birthday Party & Home Based Business Fair

11 am-1 pm

Horseshoe Lake Park

To register for this free event:

bit.ly/ShakerBdayParty

To register your Home Based Business:

bit.ly/ShopHBBizFair or email judith.steehler@shakeronline.comjudith.steehler@shakeronline.com

(Deadline to register a home based business for the fair is August 10.)

A free celebration for families with refreshments, games, and activities. Bring a picnic lunch and browse the talents and industry of Shaker's own entrepreneurs while the kids enjoy the park. What's a birthday party without cake? Dessert is on us!

Rockin' Party at Thornton Park

7 pm-midnight

Thornton Park

Purchase tickets by August 25 at:

bit.ly/ComeBackWeekend

Join other adults at a 'decked out' Thornton Park party with music, dancing, food and fun. Ticket price will include dinner and dessert; cash bar (beer and wine) will be available.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Shaker at 100: The past, present and future of an American Utopia

A talk by Steven Litt,

Cleveland Plain Dealer

1 pm

Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community

Building, 3450 Lee Road

To register for this free event:

bit.ly/Shakerat100

The Centennial of Shaker Heights is an opportune moment to consider the role of architecture and urban planning in the City's longevity. Along with its history of racial integration and strong public education, great design is a bedrock facet of Shaker's success. But how will future urban trends put the City to the test? Can Shaker last another century? And if so, what role will architecture and design play in its future?

Home Tour: Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Future: Architectural Aesthetics over the Century

1-5 pm

Various homes in Shaker Heights

Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 day of the tour, if available. Tickets are limited.

To purchase tickets:

bit.ly/ComeBackWeekend

Adults over 18, please; rain or shine

The house tour addresses the evolution of Shaker's residential architecture during the course of the century. As the needs of the family changed, so did architecture and interior design. From the early Van Sweringen ideals of life, free from the burdens of the big city, to today's LEED aesthetic, the tour showcases eight homes in several neighborhoods of Shaker. These homes follow the trends of the times from the Vans' concern for quality and detail to today's concern for energy efficiency and sustainable design. Architects representing Van Sweringen favorites are the focus of the tour: Philip Small; Bloodgood and Tuttle; Fox, Duthie and Foose; and James Reese, as well as American Institute of Architects members Kevin and Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells.

Lemonade Day

1-5 pm

Throughout Shaker Heights

(in conjunction with the Home Tour)

Lemonade Day is a national organization whose mission is to teach children how to start, own and operate their own business by running a lemonade stand. Lemonade stands will be set up at each house on the home tour and throughout the City using the how-to kit provided by Lemonade Day of Northeast Ohio. Kits are limited. Cups and napkins included, lemonade not included. For information contact judith.steehler@shakeronline.com.

Movie in the Park

Co-sponsored by

Moreland Community Association

7:30 pm, movie starts at dusk

Chelton Park

To register for this free event:

bit.ly/MovieCheltonPark

All of Shaker is invited to attend and enjoy family friendly games and activities, food and drink concessions, and a family-friendly movie. Bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the fun. All minors must be accompanied by an adult.

Elegant & Edible Series:

Preserve It: Freezing and Canning Workshop

Sponsored by the

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

August 1, 7-9 pm

Taught by Judi Strauss,

TheCharmedKitchen.com

2600 South Park Boulevard

Call 216-321-5935 to register

\$8 for members, \$10 for non-members.

Tons of tomatoes, a zillion zucchini, a raft of raspberries....What do you do when the bumper crop hits? Learn to get the most from your garden and summer pro-

duce specials. From canning basics to freezing, you'll learn to safely store many fruits and vegetables. You'll also receive recipes using fresh, frozen, and canned produce. Participants will sample some of the fruits of their labor in class.

Canning and Preserving Demonstration

Sunday, August 26, 2-4 pm
Donita Anderson, speaker,
North Union Farmers Market
Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road
Registration: bit.ly/EandECanPres

Keeping it FRESH! How to "put up" high nutrient food fresh from the farm. Learn how to create a healthy larder for winter meals. Spend an evening with Donita Anderson, chef, biologist, and executive director of the North Union Farmers Market.

Harvest Dinner

Sponsored by Shaker Historical Society
Saturday, September 8, 5:30-7:30 pm
16740 South Park Boulevard
Registration: 216-921-1201

Gather 'round the table at this family-friendly harvest dinner with hearty food crafted from locally grown ingredients with an eye on sustainability.

Preserving Herbs and Flowers for Kitchen Use and Gifts

September TBD
Cathy Manus-Gray, speaker
The Herbal Pantry
Registration: bit.ly/EandEPresHerbs

Learn to harvest and preserve herbs and create a variety of tasty items such as dried herb seasoning blends and rubs, herbal butters, herb infused honey, herbal jelly, vinegars, and oils to have on your pantry shelf for use through the fall and winter months.

Centennial Trees Grow in Shaker

Shaker's urban forest: a site to behold. From the massive oaks to the delicate weeping willows, Shaker's trees are as noteworthy as its distinguished homes. To honor this treasured asset and mark the City's Centennial, the Tree Advisory Board will mount a photo exhibit at the Main Library and bestow the annual Heritage Tree Award upon a particularly significant tree on South Woodland.

The photography exhibit features photographs by members of the Nature Photography Club of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and is on display from August 27 through October 5 on the second floor of the Main Library during regular library hours. Lauren Pacini, a past president of the club and Nature Center board member, says, "The photography ranges from documentary to fine art and displays a variety of photographic techniques, including extended dynamic range, infrared, black and white, and color. The photos were taken during all four seasons." Many photos are available for purchase.

The Heritage Tree Award recognizes a tree associated with a famous person or

significant event, a historical landmark, or a tree of unusual size, form, age or other quality. The 2012 Centennial winner of the Heritage Tree Award is an enormous Cottonwood tree located in front of the home of Bill and Andrea Grodin at 19400 South Woodland. Stretching 100 feet tall with a 100 foot spread, the tree towers over the corner of South Woodland and Courtland making it an easy landmark for friends visiting the Grodins' house.

"We estimate it is approximately 146 years of age...older than Shaker!" wrote the Grodins on their nomination form. They said, "When we told our young adult son (who lives out of town) that we bought this house, he asked, 'You mean the one that has the gigantic Cottonwood tree that I'm allergic to?'" Yep, that's the one!

Advisory from the Board of Elections

On August 7 voters will go to the polls in the City of Shaker Heights to cast ballots on a municipal income tax issue.

Voters will not automatically receive a Vote by Mail ballot application for this election. All registered voters may Vote by



The Tree Advisory Board designated a Dawn Redwood, or Metasequoia, from a local Ohio nursery to plant on the grounds of City Hall in honor of the City's Centennial. A plaque will denote the tree's special status. **From left:** City employees Marty Lehman, Fernan Echeverria, Pat Neville, and Earnest Thompson

Mail in this election, however voters must request, complete, and return their ballot application to Vote by Mail.

Vote by Mail ballot applications are available at the Board of Elections website, boe.cuyahogacounty.us, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298, or visiting the Board of Elections at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Ballot applications are also available at all public libraries.

Voters should check their voting information prior to each election. Voters may confirm their ward, precinct, and voting location at the Board of Elections website: boe.cuyahogacounty.us or by calling 216-443-3298.

Fund for the Future Donates Assets to Shaker Heights Development Corp.

Board members from the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights (FFSH), a non-profit organization established in 1985 to promote racial integration throughout the City of Shaker Heights and its school district, voted to donate the organization's assets to the Shaker Heights Development Corporation (SHDC).

In a letter to Fund for the Future supporters, Virginia Benjamin, the Fund's president, outlined the reasons for the donation. "Since its inception, FFSH has made more than 400 low-interest loans to assist buyers in the purchase of homes in areas of the City where buyers would enhance the racial diversity of the neighborhood. However, over the years, the demand for these loans declined dramatically, resulting in a cash surplus. Today, regulatory changes affecting the mortgage industry have made it almost impossible for home purchasers to obtain down payment assistance financing," wrote Benjamin.

Accordingly, the FFSH board of trustees determined that supporting the City's commercial and economic development effort is an appropriate way to continue

Neighborhood News: Lomond

Take a Stroll The refurbished Gridley Triangle Park, nestled in the Lomond neighborhood, is ready for its close-up. You are invited to stroll through the park, enjoy the new landscaping and play area, stop for a picnic with friends, or linger for a game of checkers at the new game table. Improved signage, lighting, and stonework complete the make-over of this neighborhood green space. Upgrades to the park were funded with \$155,000 in grant money from the county and \$30,000 from the City.



its commitment to developing strong, diverse, and vibrant neighborhoods.

SHDC agreed to appoint four board members recommended by the Fund for the Future, and will use the organization's donated funds to implement programs and strategies that strengthen economic, social, and racial diversity in Shaker Heights.

SHDC was re-established in 2011 to initiate and guide economic and community development projects in order to create jobs, seed businesses, provide educational opportunities, and to revitalize commercial districts and neighborhoods.

"The FFSH recognized that economic diversity is Shaker Heights' challenge in its next hundred years. Investment in the Lee Road commercial district will strengthen the surrounding neighborhoods by attracting new residents of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. We are so appreciative that the FFSH board has faith in our ability to carry their mission forward," says the City's Economic Development Director Tania Menesse.

Fire Department Open House: Saturday, October 6

Save the date for the Shaker Heights Fire Department Open House on October 6 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. Take advantage of the Health Department's flu clinic.

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

Don't Wait to Vaccinate

Is your student caught up on all necessary back-to-school vaccinations? Are you prepared for the next flu season? Will you be traveling out of the country? The

Shaker Heights Health Department makes it easy and affordable for residents of all ages to get the vaccinations they need to stay healthy, both here and abroad. Check shakeronline.com for available vaccines and their costs, or call the Health Department at 216-491-1480 for more information.

Residents may call to schedule an appointment for a flu shot beginning Monday, August 13. The Health Department offers seasonal flu clinics throughout September, October, November, and December (if needed).

The first clinic date is Tuesday, September 25. FluMist, the nasal spray vaccine, is available for persons aged 2-49 years. The high-dose flu vaccine for adults 65 and older is also available. The cost of the seasonal flu vaccine is \$12 for children aged 6 months to 18 years, \$30 for adults. Pneumonia shots are \$50.

Business News

Good Greens Grows; Shaker LaunchHouse Expands

Shaker LaunchHouse (SLH), the City's highly successful public-private entrepreneurial partnership, has an immediate need to expand its current space. City Council approved an appropriation of \$150,000 to build out the second floor of its current home on Lee Road, to provide an additional 3,400 square feet of office space and to replace the aging roof. The space will also have a separate entrance, HVAC, and electrical systems.

The new space will be occupied by SLH anchor tenant Good Greens, maker of Good Greens Superfood Nutrition Bars, now the top-selling nutrition bar in Northeast Ohio. The bars are sold at more than 700 health food stores and retailers across the country, including Heinen's. The company is on track to produce a million dollars in sales in just the Ohio market in 2012. To keep pace, the Good Greens team grew to eight full-time em-

ployees and plans to expand to 12 by the end of the year.

Economic Development Director Tania Menesse says, "We are thrilled to see the vision of LaunchHouse come to fruition, both for Good Greens and for the many other tenants who are filling the incubator to its capacity. The build-out creates a flexible and open space that will remain highly marketable should Good Greens outgrow the space. This investment protects and improves the value of the only commercial office space owned by the City of Shaker Heights."

The Art of Deconstruction

When a building dies, where do its parts go? This is the question that Shaker-based Deconstruction Management has taken down to brass tacks – literally. Whereas demolition reduces a building to unusable rubble destined for the landfill, deconstruction is the practice of disassembling a building so that materials can be reused for new construction.

Deconstruction makes good sense on a number of levels: It reduces the consumption of new resources, minimizes landfill waste, and produces potential income or savings from either selling reclaimed materials or donating them for a tax write-off. Avoiding landfill tipping fees is yet another incentive, in addition to being more environmentally friendly.

Joe Rettman, president of Deconstruction Management, says, "Our business has developed a comprehensive network of regional providers and construction companies. We work with those providers to manage and monitor each stage of the deconstruction process, so that our clients can focus on the daily process of managing their business."

Deconstruction Management is located at 3261 Warrensville Center Road. For more information, visit deconmanagement.com, or contact Rettman at 216-857-4222 or jrettman@deconmanagement.com.

Calling all Home Based Business Owners!

The City of Shaker Heights wants to help you promote your business at the Home Based Business Fair at Horseshoe Lake Park, during the City's Centennial Birthday Party celebration. The fair takes place on Saturday, September 1, from 11 am to 1 pm as part of the birthday celebration. You are invited to showcase and sell your goods and services at the fair.

Home based business owners interested in having a presence at the fair need to register no later than August 10. To register, visit bit.ly/ShopHBBizFair, or email judith.steehler@shakeronline.com.

Coming soon: An expanded "Shop Shaker" campaign with an online database of Shaker businesses and a mobile app. All retail, service, and professional businesses – including home based businesses – can list pertinent data and promotions on the site. Stay tuned!



Shaker News Briefs

Unitarian Church Embraces Solar Power

The First Unitarian Church of Cleveland, at Belvoir Oval in Shaker Heights, is now home to a canopy of solar panels producing about 80 percent of the church's annual power consumption. Shaker resident Rob Martens' company, Bold Alternatives, installed the array of 380 panels in the parking lot at the rear of the church. Each panel produces 240 watts of power, and is expected to last between 30 and 50 years.

The value of the panels is \$500,000, but the church is paying nothing for them. Instead, Solar Action, a second company owned by Martens, owns the panels for 10 to 15 years. At that point, Martens will have it appraised and either donate or sell the system to the church. For now, Solar Action sells the power to the church at

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a price that is two cents lower per kilowatt hour than the Illuminating Company charges. According to Martens, the lower power payments, along with a federal tax credit, pay for the system.

The church's pastor, the Rev. Daniel Budd, explained that the solar project is part of the church's successful effort to become a certified Green Sanctuary, as designated by the Unitarian Universalist "ministry for the earth," a national conservation movement begun in 2006.

"The overall greening of the church is designed to move the congregation to adopt sustainable practices," says Nancy King Smith, a church member and former director of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. "It's a cultural change. It's thinking about how we fit in."

Shaker native **Carter Bays**, SHHS Class of '93, co-created a new comedy, "The Goodwin Games," set to air midseason on Fox. Bays is an Emmy-nominated writer for the "Late Show with David Letterman" and writer/producer of "How I Met Your Mother." His latest comedy is about three estranged adult siblings who return home when their father dies and unexpectedly inherit a fortune. It is one of only five new series on Fox for the 2012-2013 season.

Shaker resident **Noah Eisen**, SHHS Class of '12, received the 2012 Peace Award from Heights Christian Church. The



Eisen

award is presented annually to a Shaker Heights High School junior or senior student who demonstrates exemplary peace-making qualities and abilities. It carries a \$500 education stipend. Eisen is a Commended National Merit Scholar and AP Scholar, was active in Shaker's Student Group on Race Relations, and is a noted athlete, musician, and public speaker. Described as

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having “brains, humor and a love of life,” his teachers believe he has great life-long leadership potential. Eisen will be a freshman at the University of Michigan beginning in the fall of 2012.

Upcoming Recycling Events:



Computer Round-up: August 11–12 and 18–19, 8 am to 4 pm. Bring computer equipment to the Public Works Department, 15600 Chagrin Boulevard. Acceptable home computer equipment includes CPU's, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, and ink print cartridges. Cell phones and their accessories are also accepted. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up: September 22–23 and 29–30 from 8 am to 4 pm. Bring your items for disposal to the Public Works Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Boulevard. Items accepted: oil or solvent-based paints, sealers, primers, varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs, spray paints, automotive fluids, kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid, pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, paint thinners, mineral spirits, turpentine, caustic household cleaners, adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer, and mercury. No latex paint or materials from businesses will be accepted. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

Shredding Day: The Bi-annual Community Shredding Day will be held on October 6 from 9 am to 1 pm. Shaker residents may bring up to three bank boxes of paper to the Public Works Department at 15600 Chagrin Boulevard. Driver's license and proof of residency (such as a current utility bill) required. Staples, clips and other binding materials do not need to be removed. Stay and watch or leave the items to be shredded. There is no cost for the service. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

Seasonal Reminders

Bicycle Licensing: Licenses are sold from 9 am–3 pm in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents. Call for specific dates: 216-491-1220.

Child Care Seats: Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks on car and booster seats required by the state, by appointment only. Call 216-491-1200. Appointments are on Fridays, subject to technician availability.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to 216-491-1490.

E-News Updates: Don't miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about your community. Visit the homepage of shakeronline.com and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

Fire Hydrants: The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants from September 20 through October 2. See the Calendar at shakeronline.com for streets schedule. If you have any questions, please call 216-491-1200.

Health Services: Blood pressure screening for City residents is available on Mondays from 2 to 3:30 pm and Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 am. Blood pressure clinics are held at the Health Department, 3400 Lee Road, are free, and no appointment is necessary. Immunizations for children and adults are also available

by appointment. For fees and information, call 216-491-1480 or visit shakeronline.com.

Holiday Trash Collection: Monday, September 3 is Labor Day, and City offices will be closed. Monday through Friday trash collection will be delayed by one day. Monday, October 8 is the national observance of Columbus Day. There will be no trash delay on Columbus Day, but City offices will be closed.


Landscaper Registration: Landscapers and tree maintenance and removal contractors must register with the Building Dept. (\$100 fee).

Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Human Relations: Nominations are accepted at any time for this award, to be given to an individual or group exemplifying Dr. King's values. Find the nomination form at bit.ly/MLKAward.

Contractors: While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at shakeronline.com. Lists are updated regularly.

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

Jogging: Street joggers may not obstruct traffic and are required to wear reflective clothing at night.

Lost Pets: If you have lost a pet, call 216-491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 216-491-1499). 

For more information on the City's Codified Ordinances, visit shakeronline.com.



0.5% Income Tax Increase on August 7 Ballot

For the first time since 1981,

an income tax increase for the City of Shaker Heights will be on the ballot this year.

Residents will have the opportunity to vote to maintain services but it will require a tax increase.

The City has faced two major financial challenges since 2008:

- The severe economic and housing downturn.
- Actions taken by the Ohio legislature in 2011.

Impact of the Economic Downturn

From 2007 to 2010, operating revenue (excluding estate taxes used largely for capital expenses and debt service) *declined from \$36.9M to \$34.7M – a loss of \$2.2M*. Shaker has aggressively reduced costs to make up for lost revenue through:

- *Elimination of 58 positions* (16% of work force) including
 - 10 police officers
 - 12 public works employees
 - 14 firefighters
- *Furloughs of City employees* equivalent to a 10% cut in wages for a six-month period.
- *Cancellation of labor contract wage increases* through negotiations.


These actions have allowed the City to achieve a balanced budget in 2010 and 2011 and fiscal stability while maintaining services at their prior level. The City is continuing its aggressive efforts to overcome challenging conditions in the national and regional economy.

Actions by the Ohio Legislature

In 2011, the Ohio Legislature repealed the Ohio Estate Tax, cut Local Government Fund support to cities by 50% and eliminated Commercial Activity Tax (CAT) reimbursement. Resulting losses to Shaker:

(\$ 742,500)	Local Government Fund (projected loss)
(160,000)	Commercial Activity Tax
(5,581,762)	Estate Tax (average per year 2002-11)
(\$ 6,484,262)	Total Loss to Shaker from Legislative Actions

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The City has relied on these funds for capital expenses, debt service, and to support general operations.

As a result of these losses, projections show that by 2014 the City will run out of money to fund operations and capital needs unless significant cuts in services are made.

The Decision to Place the Tax Increase on the Ballot

Because Shaker has already dramatically reduced its work force, it is not in a position to make the further reductions that would be needed to make up for the financial losses caused by state legislative reductions without significantly reducing services.

Based upon findings by the independent Mayor's Financial Task Force, a group of residents with public and private business and financial experience, the City would need to significantly reduce or eliminate many programs and services to close the revenue shortfall. The Task Force report, in recommending a 0.5% increase to produce \$6M a year, noted that without the increase:

Shaker would need to eliminate *“at least 50 more employees including a significant number of police officers, firefighters and public works employees as well as entire departments such as Housing Inspection and Neighborhood Revitalization.”*

It went on to say that

“...these drastic actions would imperil safety, EMS response time, snow removal, trash pick-up and quality of life throughout Shaker, especially in our most vulnerable neighborhoods...We do not recommend pursuing this extreme route which would seriously compromise or eliminate existing key services and programs.”

The full Task Force report is available at shakeronline.com.

If Approved, the Tax Would Apply to:

- Earned income from payroll,
- Income from self-employment, and
- Net profit income from employment.

If you earn \$50,000/year, you will pay an additional \$21/month.

It does not apply to investment income, pensions, bank interest or social security since these are not subject to local income tax.

All members of the Mayor's Financial Task Force, Shaker Heights City Council, the Shaker Heights League of Women Voters, along with the Mayor, have concluded that **the tax is necessary to maintain city operations**. They support the tax increase to maintain the quality of life in the community. However, the ultimate choice to maintain services or maintain taxes at their current level is for the residents of Shaker to make.

We encourage you to learn more about this important issue and to express yourself at the ballot box on August 7. Those who cannot vote in person may request an absentee ballot online from the Board of Elections at boe.cuyahogacounty.us.

A Souper Impact

With the help of some of Cleveland's culinary superstars, Woodbury students learned first-hand about the power of a big idea at the school's first ever Souper Bowl. The blockbuster event combined art, cuisine, and social justice to make a big impact for local families in need, drawing 800-plus attendees and raising more than \$6,000.

Under the direction of Woodbury art teachers Deanna Clemente-Milne and Robert Bognar, every student in the school created, painted, and glazed a uniquely designed soup bowl. The bowls were then filled with delicious soups donated by renowned local restaurateurs and sold for a suggested donation of \$5 per bowl. Staff and community members also got into the action, helping to create a total of 1,000 bowls for sale – a big goal for a first-time fundraiser.

Clemente-Milne was inspired to create the event after she learned of a hunger awareness project involving papier-mâché bowls. “I wanted to take it to the next level and have our students make something ceramic,” she says. The school's two kilns were kept busy around the clock for weeks in anticipation of the event, with beautiful bowls filling every available space in the building. “I couldn't wait to open the kiln each day and see what amazing surprises were waiting in there,” said Clemente-Milne.

More than 20 area restaurants generously donated soup and bread for the event, providing flavors from around the world, including Pearl of the Orient, Sergio's Sarava, Los Habaneros, Fire, and Zanzibar. Chefs in residence included Shaker parents Matthew Anderson, chef of Umami; Andrea Landow, of Stress Less Gourmet; and Jonathon Sawyer, of Greenhouse Tavern and Noodlecat, as well as Shaker grad John Pistone of J. Pistone Market and Gathering Place. Nationally known food writer Michael Ruhlman, a former Shaker student, greeted guests as they arrived, even signing a few autographs for fans.

Proceeds from the event were donated to four local organizations: The Hunger Network in Shaker Heights; Family Promise, which provides interim housing and assistance for homeless families; Family Connections Play and Learn program; and the Get Ready program at Carol Nursery School, which provides a ramp-up for children who have not had school experience prior to kindergarten. Students were encouraged to vote their conscience by placing a ticket in the designated jar for the charity of their choice.

“I firmly believe in integrating social justice with art,” says Clemente-Milne. “It fits so perfectly with our International Baccalaureate curriculum, as it involves empathy and creative problem solving. And we have such a great local food scene, I wanted to tap into that as well.”



A Woodbury student (top photo) adds a design to a ceramic soup bowl. **Middle:** Souper Bowl attendees browse the selection of handmade community bowls. **Bottom:** Proceeds from the Souper Bowl were donated to local charities. Students voted for their charity of choice by placing a ticket in a jar.

SHHS Regional Reunion: September 1

The Shaker Schools Foundation invites all Shaker graduates and their families to a Regional Reunion on September 1 at Shaker Heights High School. The event features a cookout on the front lawn from 11:30 am to 1 pm, self-guided tours of the High School from 12:30 to 2:00 pm, and an opening ceremony for the new track and field, followed by the Shaker-JFK football game at 1 pm. Raider fans are also invited to come cheer on the women's field hockey team at 6:30 pm on Friday, August 31, and the women's soccer team at 5 pm on Saturday.

There's still time to register! Lunch reservations are \$10.50 for adults and \$6 for children up to age 12. Tickets

for the football game will be on sale at the cookout and at the gate. No reservations are required for the self-guided tours. For questions, or to make lunch reservations, call 216-295-4329 or visit shaker.org/foundation. The deadline for lunch reservations is August 29.

This special event is part of a week-end-long "Come Back to Shaker" celebration, in honor of the centennial of the Shaker Schools and the City of Shaker Heights, as well as the 30th anniversary of the Shaker Schools Foundation. The City of Shaker Heights will host a number of family-friendly events throughout Labor Day weekend; visit shakeronline.com for more information.

Raider Roundup

After 66 years of competing in the Lake Erie League, Shaker left the conference on a high note, winning league championships in 12 varsity sports. In recognition of its stellar final year, Shaker was awarded the LEL Principals' Cup. Starting this fall, the Raiders will compete in the Northeast Ohio Conference.

Shaker's LEL champions in 2011-12 included the men's and women's tennis teams, men's and women's cross country teams, men's and women's swim teams, women's golf team, women's track team, men's baseball team, men's soccer team (an All-Ohio Academic team and district runner-up), women's soccer team (also an All-Ohio Academic

team), and men's basketball team, who were undefeated at home and made it to district semifinals. In addition, the women's basketball team finished second in the district.

In non-LEL sports, the women's lacrosse team went two rounds in the postseason playoffs, field hockey was district runner-up, ice hockey made it to the state qualifying semifinals, rugby progressed to the state quarterfinals, women's crew had two crews in the semifinals at the Midwest Scholastic Rowing Championships, and the fledgling men's rowing team had one crew reach the semifinals at the Midwest Championships.

Get Ready for School

Get those pencils sharpened and backpacks ready: The first day of the 2012-13 school year is around the corner, on **Monday, August 27**. To provide a solid start to the year, the first week of school will be a full week for students in grades 1-12.

Kindergarten students ease into school with an orientation by appointment on August 27 or 28, followed by half-days on August 29, 30, and 31. Full-day kindergarten classes begin on September 4. Information regarding the kindergarten orientation and phase-in process will be mailed home before the start of the school year.

New in town? The Shaker schools provide a number of activities to welcome new families and help them become familiar with their student's new school. A complete listing of new family orientation activities is published in the online calendar at shaker.org and in the printed PTO/District calendar, which will be sent home in August to all families with children enrolled in the schools.



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Twelve Facts About the Class of '12

- It is Shaker's 95th graduating class. The first consisted of one graduate, Beatrice Wall.
- There are 58 Advanced Placement Scholars so far (more will be announced in the fall).
- Students have won more than \$3 million in scholarships.
- 1 National Achievement Scholarship winner and 3 National Achievement Semifinalists.
- 4 National Merit Scholarship winners, 10 National Merit Semifinalists, and 22 National Merit Commended Scholars.
- 3 National Hispanic Scholars, a school record.
- A Gates Millennium Scholar, a Coca-Cola Scholar, and an A.B. Duke Scholar.
- The class has Shaker's first graduating cohort of International Baccalaureate Diploma candidates.
- Students have been admitted to more than 130 colleges, including all the Ivies, state-supported schools in Ohio, flagship universities in Michigan, Wisconsin, and North Carolina, and other highly selective private colleges and universities.
- Average SAT composite score: 1853 on a 2400-point scale, compared with a national average of 1500.
- Students have more than 13,500 collective hours of community service.
- The oldest diploma recipient: Anna Lupica, age 97 (see related story).

Anna Lupica, 97, Receives Diploma

The year was 1933, and the new Shaker Heights High School building had just opened when Anna Lupica learned she wouldn't complete her education.

With the nation in the grip of the Great Depression, Anna's father needed her help to run the family business, a butcher shop in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. Like many young people of the era, Anna dropped out of school to help support the family, then married and raised a family of her own, but always regretted not finishing high school.

On June 6, Anna Lupica – now known as Ann Colagiovanni – finally got her Shaker diploma at age 97. Saying she had earned “credit for life experience,” Superintendent of Schools Mark Freeman presented Colagiovanni with an honorary diploma in a special ceremony arranged by her daughter, Emilia Vinci. Just a day later, Vinci's son Thomas graduated with the class of 2012.

Dressed in a cap and gown and surrounded by family members and friends, Colagiovanni tearfully accepted the certificate. With a TV camera rolling, she recalled the Depression years.

“One dress was all I had, and I was glad to have that. I washed that dress at night and ironed it in the morning to go to school,” she recounted.

Although her father needed her help during those trying years, he always hoped she would complete school.

Said Shaker's oldest graduate, “He'd be the happiest man on earth to know his daughter finally got a diploma.”

Superintendent of Schools Mark Freeman presents Anna Lupica, now known as Ann Colagiovanni, with an honorary diploma.



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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between April 1 and May 31, 2012 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. 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	2012 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3299 BRAEMAR RD	\$203,000	\$235,000 (2006)
3105 CHADBOURNE RD	\$222,000	\$190,500 (2006)
19996 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$350,000	\$350,000 (2008)
2662 CRANLYN RD	\$630,000	\$579,000 (2007)
3256 DALEFORD RD	\$276,000	\$340,000 (2004)
3397 DALEFORD RD	\$115,000	\$ 80,000 (2010)
2979 EATON RD	\$530,000	\$565,050 (2009)
2737 ENDICOTT RD	\$372,000	\$450,000 (2004)
17130 FERNWAY RD	\$202,000	\$160,000 (2004)
3388 GLENCAIRN RD	\$209,500	\$167,500 (2007)
3299 GRENWAY RD	\$180,000	\$187,500 (2003)
21449 HADLEIGH BLVD	\$180,500	\$250,000 (2010)
2953 LITCHFIELD RD	\$439,900	\$420,000 (2010)
18117 LOMOND BLVD	\$178,000	\$212,000 (2004)
3581 LYTTLE RD	\$125,000	\$147,500 (2007)
3336 NORWOOD RD	\$251,000	\$250,000 (2008)
2684 ROCHESTER RD	\$264,000	\$335,000 (2007)
23299 SHAKER BLVD	\$392,000	\$355,000 (2009)
14717 S WOODLAND RD	\$170,000	\$172,500 (2008)
3613 STRANDHILL RD	\$166,500	\$177,000 (2008)
3683 STRATHAVON RD	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,100 (2003)
2758 W PARK BLVD	\$500,000	\$636,000 (2006)
22550 WESTCHESTER RD	\$182,500	\$216,000 (2008)

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

22475 BYRON RD	\$151,000	\$230,000 (1999)
22149 CALVERTON RD	\$399,500	\$320,000 (2001)
20925 COLBY RD	\$345,000	\$335,000 (2001)
14405 DREXMORE RD	\$192,000	\$264,000 (2000)
22087 RYE RD	\$150,000	\$205,000 (2000)
23850 S WOODLAND RD	\$204,000	\$250,000 (1999)

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

2670 GREEN RD	\$221,000	\$152,000 (1994)
3316 INGLESIDE RD	\$116,000	\$172,500 (1996)
2553 KENDALL RD	\$ 40,000	\$ 85,000 (1994)
20856 S WOODLAND RD	\$289,000	\$207,000 (1993)
3561 TOLLAND RD	\$130,000	\$129,000 (1996)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Build a New Home in Shaker Heights

The City of Shaker Heights resumes a tradition begun 100 years ago, offering new construction of architecturally superior homes designed by respected architects.

There are now opportunities to build affordable homes on vacant lots in several Shaker neighborhoods. What's more, the City can make a number of pre-approved home construction plans available to the prospective buyer. And builders, such as Home Again Restoration Company, which has experience building in Shaker Heights, will work with the new homeowner to put together financing and to see the house completed with a minimum of red tape. Presto! A new home is built in Shaker Heights.

Pre-approved plans are designed to blend architecturally into Shaker's neighborhoods and feature energy efficiencies that modern homebuyers seek. Like the model homes of the Van Sweringen days, examples of several new home designs have already been built at 3636, 3666, and 3680 Strathavon Road as well as at 3730 and 3734 Lindholm Road.

The process for becoming the newest home builder in Shaker Heights is simple:

1. Purchase a low cost City-owned lot (list available at shakeronline.com).
2. Contact a builder such as Home Again Restoration Company (contact Lisa Saffle at 330-958-6238).
3. Either design your dream home or select a low-cost pre-approved plan available the City's Planning Department (216-491-3216).
4. Plan to move into your new home in about 90 days!

To register online for Library programs or reserve a meeting room, visit shakerlibrary.org and click on the links under Tools.

75 Years of Shaker Library Directors

The Board of Trustees of the Shaker Library first met on April 22, 1937. The first librarian was Ellen Ewing, who was hired in May 1938. Born in China to missionary parents, Ewing earned her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College and her library degree from Western Reserve University. She worked at Mansfield and later was the head librarian at Bellevue, where she also served as Vice President of the Ohio Library Association before coming to Shaker.

Ewing dedicated the first library facility in a storefront on Lee Road near the current Main Library. It opened June 25, 1938, with 6,500 titles. She was successful in obtaining bond issues of \$150,000 in 1945 and \$250,000 in 1948, to build a new structure. Tragically, Ewing died of asphyxiation due to a fire on the Great Lakes cruise ship, S. S. Noronic, docked at Toronto, in September 1949.

Virginia Robinson took over the reins to fulfill Ellen Ewing's vision of a modern library. The new Library (now the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building) opened January 3, 1951, and boasted a collection of 30,000 items. Robinson also oversaw construction of the branch Library with a small portion of the cost donated by its namesake, Bertram Woods, a retired railroad engineer who grew up on a neighboring farm.

Robinson retired in 1969 after 20 years. She was replaced by Margaret Campbell, who had served as the first manager at Bertram Woods. Campbell passed the Library's first one-mill operating levy in 1974. Shortly thereafter, she instituted Sunday hours. She retired in 1975, and was succeeded by Barbara Luton, who had also served as Woods manager.

Luton, a native of Massachusetts, attended Flora Stone Mather College where she met her professor husband, an

Englishman. They relocated to England for a few years but returned to Ohio in the late 1950s. She began working at the Library in 1962, earned her library degree at Western Reserve, and moved to Shaker in 1968.

As director, Luton helped pass several ballot initiatives and had raised the Library levy to three mills by the time she retired in 1994. Her crowning achievement was the renovation of the former Moreland School, which was opened as the new Main Library August 30, 1993. She was also instrumental in establishing the Friends of the Shaker Library in 1980, and that group honored her on her retirement by establishing the Barbara Luton Art Fund to purchase art to enhance the Library.

Francis Buckley became Director in 1994, after serving as deputy director at the Detroit Public Library. During his tenure, circulation first exceeded one million items in 1996, and he was responsible for the creation of a Local History Collection and the hiring of an Archivist/Local History Librarian. Under his leadership in 1996, a joint bond issue was placed on the ballot with the Shaker Schools that included \$1.5 million for library capital improvements. He also helped pass a four-mill operating levy in 1997, before leaving in 1998 to become U.S. Superintendent of Documents under President Clinton.

Edrice Ivory became the Library's first African-American director in 1998. She oversaw the Main Library's second-floor renovation, which included expanded meeting rooms, new Computer Center and Training Lab facilities, a Teen Center, and an Art Gallery. Under her direction, the Library and Shaker Family Center (now Family Connections) created the Play and Learn Station on the Main Library's second floor. Her other successes included passing a continuing operating levy in 2001, refurbishing Bertram Woods

Branch in 2003, and passing a bond issue with the schools in 2004 that yielded \$1.5 million for library capital projects.

Luren Dickinson became Director in 2005, following years of experience running libraries in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Under his leadership, a new slate roof was added to Main Library. Other enhancements included security upgrades, installation of automatic doors and time-and-print management systems, significant improvements in computer bandwidth, and new computer and training facilities, which opened in 2011. Since 2009, the Library has received four consecutive 5-Star awards from Library Journal and has been listed as a Top 10 library in the past two Hennen's American Public Library Ratings.

Strategic Directions Dictate Internal and External Work

The Library's Balanced Scorecard strategic plan has led to the creation of an Implementation Team, composed of administrative supervisors and managers to oversee the plan's many projects.

Several of the items on the internal checklist have gone unnoticed by the public. A former staff locker room has been converted into storage space for the Friends of the Shaker Library book sale. The 19-year old staff break room at the Main Library, which was furnished with items well over 20 years old, has been repainted, re-carpeted, and refurnished.

The Library is also in the process of converting from a traditional telephone system to a Voice over IP (VoIP) system, which utilizes the Internet through computer cables. Upfront costs to replace the old system will be recouped in just over three years with the elimination of annual maintenance fees. The VoIP system is coordinated through the Cleveland Public Library and will allow free calls to all participating CLEVNET member libraries.

More visible projects include the painting of handicapped railings at the Main Library entrance and tread repairs and repainting of internal stairwells. At Bertram Woods Branch, landscaping enhancements will be completed. Major work has been finished on the Main Library's cupola, with flat and slate roof repairs and the final repainting of the cement bands on the south façade.

The biggest upcoming endeavor will be the move to self-checkout for the public at the Main Library, which will require a major shifting of collections. What is now the Movies & Music area will become a Quiet Study Room, including an adjacent enclosed group study room for up to six people that is now available. The audiovisual collections will then move to a more central area on the main floor. It is estimated that the transition to the new format will begin in January-February 2013.

Deborah Abbott Presents Introduction to Genealogy and African-American Genealogy Workshops at Main Library

Learn how to discover your roots when **Deborah Abbott** of the African-American Genealogical Society of



Abbott

Cleveland explains the tools and methods to begin a study of your family tree from 7-8:45 pm Tuesday, September 4 at Main Library. A follow-up program from 7-8:45 pm Tuesday, September 18 will focus specifically on African-American research resources, such as the Freedom Bureau's records.

Abbott is an adjunct faculty member at the Institute of Genealogy & Historical Research at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama and currently serves as a trustee of the Ohio Genealogical Society. She is the immediate

past-president of the African-American Genealogical Society, Cleveland, and a retired professor of counseling from Cuyahoga Community College. She holds a bachelor of science and a masters of education degree from Tuskegee University and a Ph.D. degree from Kent State University.

Abbott specializes in African-American genealogy, slavery, and court records, as well as methodology. Her genealogical research project about an African-American family from Kentucky entitled "From Slavery to Freedom to Antioch" was highlighted in The Cleveland Plain Dealer in 2008.

Abbott is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild, the National Genealogical Society, the Federation of Genealogical Societies, and other local and state genealogy societies. She has been researching in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, and Kentucky since 1990.

Online or telephone registration is required for each program.

Neighbors and Staff Do Make a Difference

KeyBank employees Mary Murray and Mike Jackson, a Shaker resident, did a tremendous job in May as part of the bank's "Neighbors Make a Difference Day." Mary and Mike cleared the Main Library planting beds of overgrowth and weeds, as well as planted new flowers, grass plants, and bushes, all topped with a fresh layer of mulch. Library Director Luren Dickinson served as their "assistant" for the day. Library staff members Patty Golden and MarneyJean Careaga helped complete the project by planting flowers.

Monday Morning Jobs Club

Need a Career JumpStart? Come to Main Library on Monday mornings for a Jobs Club, moderated by Career Transition

Center's Bonnie Dick. Meet other people in transition and share job leads and opportunities. The program held on the last Monday of each month features a keynote speaker.

On Monday, August 27 at 11 am professional sales training specialist, motivational speaker, and author **Marvin**



Montgomery

Montgomery, will speak about the "Keys to Sales Success." Montgomery is an experienced keynote speaker and professional sales training specialist who has helped hundreds of

organizations improve productivity. He is also the author of Practice Makes Perfect: The Professionals' Guide to Sales Success.

As director of sales for one of the country's largest jewelry chains, Montgomery has applied his compelling training for the benefit of employees of all industries that provide a product or service. During his presentation, attendees will learn a professional approach to customers and the sales tools needed to be successful.

On Monday, September 24 at 11 am **Lisa P. Gaynier** will speak about effective leadership. Gaynier has 30 years



Gaynier

experience as a business owner, leadership coach, and consultant. Her special areas of practice are leadership development, building culturally competent organizations, and executive coaching.

In 1997, after three years with the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research, Gaynier integrated her business experience with the field of organizational development and founded creativechange.biz. Since 2006, she has been the director of the master's program in diversity management, an organizational leadership program for mid-career



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adults at Cleveland State University.

Gaynier has an M.A. from Cleveland State University and a B.A. in social science from Michigan State University. In addition, she has extensive post-graduate training from the Gestalt Institutes of Cleveland and Cape Cod.

Shaker residents may remember Gaynier from a meet-the-author program a few years ago when she spoke about her award-winning cookbook/memoir of Hawaii and its foods, *Remembering Diamond Head, Remembering Hawai'i*.

Career Transition Center Offers Free Workshops

Ann Hunter and Bonnie Dick, employment counselors in the Library's Career Transition Center, offer a variety of free two-hour workshops that focus on resume preparation and job interviewing skills.

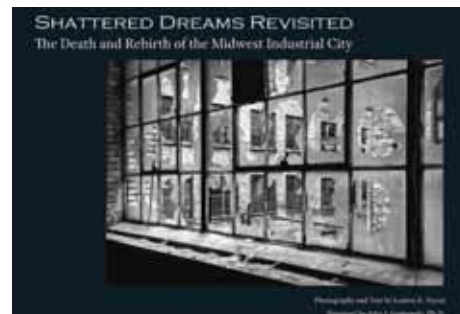
Upcoming workshops include "Results Oriented Resumes" on Thursday, August 9 from 10 am to noon. Competition is tough and employers are swamped with resumes for every position they post. This workshop will teach you what will catch an employer's attention and make them want to interview you.

"Improving Interviewing Skills" is offered from 10 am to noon Thursday, August 23. Attendees will learn how to find as much information as possible about a prospective company and job, how to prepare answers to difficult and probing questions, and how to discover what the employer seeks.

Meet the Author

Meet Lauren Pacini, author of *Shattered Dreams Revisited*, at 7 pm Thursday, September 27 at Bertram Woods Branch. Published in co-operation with the Western Reserve Historical Society, the book is a collection of 54 black and white photographs examining the death and the rebirth of Cleveland.

The photographs are accompanied by



the author's narrative and prose and poetry inspired by the photographs, submitted by Cleveland-area students. While the story takes place in Cleveland, it also occurs throughout America's post-industrial Midwest. Books will be available for sale and signing.

August & September Computer Classes

To register for these free classes call the Main Library Computer Center at 216-991-2030 and choose option 8.

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHER 2010

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Explore the desktop publishing tool and learn to use it to create flyers or brochures to help with business marketing and communications.

INTRODUCTION TO ONENOTE 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY AUGUST 14

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 29

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, formatting and design, printing options, and creating and using basic formulas.

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EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

10 AM-NOON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15,
22, & 29

This class meets three times. August 15: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. August 22: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address and using email. August 29: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

6:30-8:30 PM THURSDAYS, AUGUST 16,
23, & 30

This class meets three times. August 16: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. August 23: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address and using email. August 30: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010®

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics.

ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT 2010®

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

Learn the objects that can be added to a slide and the menus that control them.

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, AUGUST 20

Using a Web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet, and invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively.

CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Learn how Excel can display data as charts of visual information and review chart types to understand how they are used and with what kind of data.

WORKING WITH WINDOWS 7

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 28

Learn to open, move, resize and arrange windows.

EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

10 AM-NOON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5,
12, & 19

This class meets three times. September 5: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. September 12: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address and using email. September 19: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

6:30-8:30 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6,
13, & 20

This class meets three times. September 6: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. September 13: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address and using email. September 20: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

FORMULAS FOR SPREADSHEETS

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Learn to make formulas and sample some spreadsheet programs to become familiar with how a formula is constructed, how it works, and how to make new ones.

MAIL MERGE IN MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Learn how to combine 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 list information, and catalogs or directories can be created using the merge tool.

MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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Book Discussions in September at Main Library

New in town? A good way to meet people is by joining one of the Library's many book discussions. Morning and evening opportunities are available. Register and pick up your books at the Main Library Information Desk.

Book Buzz

10 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

The Art of Fielding by **Chad Harbach**

A formerly flawless shortstop suddenly becomes unable to complete routine throws to first base in this debut, coming-of-age novel about baseball, ambition, and friendship.

Mystery Book Discussion

7:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Borderlands by **Brian McGilloway**

When the corpse of a teenager turns up in the borderlands between the north and south of Ireland, Inspector Benedict Devlin heads up an investigation and his only clues are a gold ring and an old photograph.

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion

7:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Cutting for Stone by **Abraham Verghese**

Born from a secret love affair between an Indian nun and a British surgeon in Addis Ababa, twin brothers come of age in Ethiopia on the brink of revolution, where their love for the same woman drives them apart.

The Bookshelf: The Lighter Side

Enjoy some light reading this summer with these humor titles guaranteed to bring a smile.

Bad Dogs Have More Fun: Selected Writings on Family, Animals, and Life from The Philadelphia Inquirer by **John Grogan**. Vanguard Press, 2007. (Also available as six-disc audio & Playaway digital audio.) Columnist and author of *Marley and Me* muses about the foibles of suburban life in this unauthorized collection of his columns.

Bossypants by **Tina Fey**. Little, Brown & Company, 2011. (Also available in large print, five-disc audio, eAudio & Playaway digital audio.) This memoir from the creator of "30 Rock" is a coming-of-age story that includes her comical experiences as a television writer.

Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang by **Chelsea Handler**. Grand Central Pub. 2010. (Also available as an eBook.) The late night TV star aims her sharp wit at her family, her sex life, her career, and her distinctively outrageous worldview.

Fierce Pajamas: An Anthology of Humor Writing from The New Yorker edited by **David Remnick & Henry Finder**. Random House, 2001. (Also available as a five-disc audio.) Representing more than 75 years of outstanding humor writing from *The New Yorker*, this entertaining anthology features hilarious spoofs, parodies, short fiction, reviews, and reporting by James Thurber, Dorothy Parker, Woody Allen, Garrison Keillor, Steve Martin, Roz Chast, Vladimir Nabokov, and others.

50 Funniest American Writers: An Anthology of Humor from Mark Twain to The Onion

According to Andy Borowitz by **Andy Borowitz**. Library of America, 2011. The Shaker High graduate and National Press Club Award winner selected pieces by Mark Twain, James Thurber, Dorothy Parker, Jean Shepherd, Hunter S. Thompson, Nora Ephron, Dave Barry, George Carlin, and David Sedaris, and the book was a best seller the day it was released.

How to Be Black by **Baratunde Thurston**. Harper, 2012. The Harvard-educated editor of *The Onion* presents a tongue-in-cheek, guide to being black, and pokes fun at the alleged experts who profess to speak for the entire black race.

Humor Me – An Anthology of Funny Contemporary Writing Plus Some Great Old Stuff Too by **Ian Frazier**. Harper-Collins Publishers, 2010. The Cleveland-born humorist has compiled a collection of some of the funniest writers at work today including essays by Veronica Geng, Garrison Keillor, Steve Martin, Calvin Trillin, Andy Borowitz, Larry Doyle, Simon Rich, and David Sedaris.

I Remember Nothing – and Other Reflections by **Nora Ephron**. Vintage Books, 2011. (Also available in large print, three-disc audio & eAudio.) The humorist, novelist, and screenwriter-director offers a humorous collection of personal essays about her life and career.

If It Was Easy, They'd Call the Whole Damn Thing a Honeymoon: Living With and Loving the TV-Addicted, Sex-Obsessed, Not-So-Handy Man You Married by **Jenna McCarthy**. Berkley Books, 2011. Author, blogger, and frequent magazine contributor offers a laughable look at the state of matrimony.

Last Testament: A Memoir by GOD by David Javerbaum. Simon & Shuster, 2011. The Emmy Award-winning comedy writer offers his observations, from God's perspective, covering topics such as Adam and "Steve," prayer in school, evolution, and what Super Bowl team to support.

Life Would Be Perfect If I Lived In That House by Meghan Daum. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. An L.A. Times columnist chronicles her obsession with finding and fixing up the perfect house.

Other People's Rejection Letters: Relationship Enders, Career Killers, and 150 Other Letters You'll Be Glad You Didn't Receive edited by Bill Shapiro. Clarkson-Potter, 2011. This treasury of rejection letters, some to Jimi Hendrix and Andy Warhol, features entries ranging from Dear John letters and child runaway notes to stinging employer turn-downs and insurance denials.

Quite Enough of Calvin Trillin: Forty Years of Funny Stuff by Calvin Trillin. Random House, 2011. This anthology presents some of the best of one of today's funniest and most prolific humorists.

There's No Toilet Paper...on the Road Less Traveled – The Best of Travel Humor and Misadventure edited by Doug Lansky. Travelers Tales, Inc., 1998. This collection of humorous travel writing includes contributions from Bill Bryson, Steve Martin, Dave Barry, Art Buchwald, David Letterman, Paul Theroux and others, with stories ranging from surviving in a nudist camp to learning how to use an ice-sheet outhouse in Antarctica.

Teen Scene (Grades 7-12)

Main Library Second Floor
3:30-8 pm Monday-Thursday

TEEN CENTER SUMMER HOURS

1-6 pm Monday-Thursday
August 1-16 (closed August 20-23)

FALL TEEN CENTER HOURS

Beginning Monday, August 27, 3:30-8 pm Monday-Thursday

TEEN CENTER BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH

Come to the Teen Center for snacks, crafts, and prizes. Plus, take your turn to spin the wheel to win new school supplies.

3:30-5:30 pm Wednesday, August 29

Register in person, by phone, or online at www.shakerlibrary.org, beginning August 15.

READING PAYS OFF FOR TEENS!

Teens ages 12-17 can present their own library card at the Youth Services Desk to earn coupons towards paying off current overdue fines on Shaker Library materials. Earn a \$2 Library Buck coupon for every 15 minutes spent reading with the potential of earning \$8 in one hour at one or all of these times and places:

2-4 pm Friday, August 3 at Main Library
6:30-8:30 pm Wednesday, August 8 at Main Library
2-4 pm Saturday, September 8 at Main Library
2-4 pm Saturday, September 22 at Main Library

6:30-8:30 pm Monday, August 6 at Woods Branch
2-4 pm Monday, August 20 at Woods Branch
3-5 pm Thursday, September 13 at Woods Branch
3-5 pm Thursday, September 27 at Woods Branch

YOUR PLACE IN THE WOODS (Grades 7-9)

Join friends in the Dietz Community Room at the Bertram Woods Branch after school beginning September 10.

3-4:30 pm Mondays
No registration required.

TEEN CENTER TALK LIKE A PIRATE DAY!

It really is **International Talk Like a Pirate Day** today all around the world so come enjoy some seaworthy snacks, learn how to talk like a...well...you know! Send a message in a bottle; catch some fish, and more!

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, September 19

Register in person, by phone, or online at www.shakerlibrary.org beginning September 5.

Kids' Corner

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Family Connections.

A free preschool literacy program offering interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with children, ages birth to 5 years of age.

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 offering interactive opportunities for non-parent caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years.

10 am-noon Wednesdays

A one-time registration is required; please call Family Connections: 216-921-2023.

FAMILY FUN FRIDAYS AT PLAY AND LEARN FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Facilitated playtime every Friday with your special needs children ages 3-5 years.

1-3 pm Fridays

For information, please call Family Connections: 216-921-2023.

Play and Learn Station will be closed the week of August 20-25 for cleaning.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORIES ON A SHAKER SCHOOL BUS

(Ages 3-5)

Listen to stories told on a bright yellow school bus parked at the Library.

10 am Tuesday, August 14

at Woods Branch

10 am Thursday, August 16

at Main Library

NESTLINGS (Birth-15 months)

It's never too soon to begin to share books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies from birth to 15 months with an adult.

Fall Session: September 10-October 30

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

FLEDGLINGS

(Babies 15-23 months)

Experience the wonder of words with your child through stories and songs, movement, puppets, and fun in this story time for children with an adult.

Fall Session: September 10-October 30

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

TERRIFIC TWOS

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

Fall Session: September 10-October 31

10 am Mondays and Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

PRESCHOOL STORIES (Ages 3-5)

Stories, rhymes, and fun.

Fall Session: September 11-November 1
1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

READ TO KING AT MAIN LIBRARY

(School-age children)

King is certified with Therapy Dogs International and loves to hear stories. Sign up for a 15-minute time slot. Bring a favorite book or choose one of our titles.

10 am-noon Friday, August 24

at Main Library

Register in person, online or by phone beginning two weeks before the event.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Monday, September 24

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, September 10.

New this fall!

SATURDAY FAMILY STORYTIME

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Stories and fun for the whole family.

Fall Session: September 15-November 3

10 am Saturdays

No registration required.



WRITERS CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades 2-4)

Do you like to read comic books and graphic novels? Have you ever thought of writing one of your own? If so, sign up for this six-week session of the Writers Club and put your skills to work as you learn the key elements that go into the creation of a comic book or graphic novel.

Fall Session: September 11-October 16
4:15-5 pm Tuesdays

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, August 28.

AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS

AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-5)

Show your true colors as an artist! Explore different styles and techniques in this afterschool art program.

4:15-5 pm Thursday, September 6 & October 4

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

AMERICAN GIRL DOLL PROGRAMS

AT WOODS BRANCH (For grades 1-5)

Travel back in time to learn what life was like for Kaya in 1764 as a member of the Nez Perce tribe and for Felicity in 1774 Williamsburg, Virginia. Programs include a reading from one of the books in the doll's series, a craft project, and a snack.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL KAYA

2:30-4 pm Saturday, September 15

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Saturday, September 1.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL FELICITY

2:30-4 pm Saturday, October 13

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Saturday, September 29.

Free Computer Classes

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in Microsoft Office 2010 to accomplish tasks more efficiently.

Constitution Read Aloud

The Library will hold its seventh Annual Constitution Read Aloud program, cosponsored with the DAR Moses Cleaveland Chapter at 7 pm Thursday, September 20 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.

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 shakerlibrary.org. All entries are due on Friday, September 14 and winners will be announced at the Constitution Read Aloud program.


Recent Gifts to the Library

Recent gifts to the library include contributions to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund from Randy Kammer in memory of Barbara Geismer, Robert Parks, and Irene Bedenbaugh, and in honor of Richard Greene, Megan Kenyon, Antonio de Sousa, and Charlie Joseph. Randy Kammer also made a donation in honor of the Library's 75th anniversary.


Carolyn and Samuel Selekmán contributed to the Bertram Woods Branch Fund and the Frances Belman Fund, and Eva Hurst made a donation in memory of Harvey Legris.

Residents who wish to learn more about how they can contribute to the library are encouraged to call Library Director Luren Dickinson at 216-367-3001.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Art Gallery

The Main Library Art Gallery features “Sketches of Hawthorne,” a photo exhibit by **Benjamin Hauser** through August 17. From August 17 through October 5, residents can enjoy the exhibit “Shaker’s Iconic Trees,” a photography exhibit by the Nature Center Photography Club.

Building Index Card Database

Last May, Local History Librarian Meghan Hays presented the new Shaker Building Index Cards Database (shakerbuildings.com) at the Society of Ohio Archivists’ Annual Conference in Dublin, Ohio. The audience of library and archives professionals was enthusiastic about the online resource, which allows one to see Shaker Heights homes’ original building information, including architect and builder names and date of construction.

Math Review for Adults

Popular adult math teacher Mary Scribner will review basic statistics and probability, measurement (customary and metric), and basic geometry. Love or loathe math, adults returning to school or seeking a refresher course will benefit from this free, three-session class that meets from 10 am until noon Saturday, August 25, September 1, and September 8 at the Main Library. Registration, online or by phone, is required by August 20. Scribner taught adult basic education and GED preparation for more than 20 years before retiring in 2010.

American Sign Language

American Sign Language teacher Valerie Williams will teach basic signing using role play and other fun activities in a six-session series from 6:30-7:30 pm Wednesdays, September 12, 19, 26, and October 3, 10, and 24.

The class is progressive, building from one skill to another, and is appropriate for adults and children over 10 accompanied by an adult.

Attendance is limited for this very popular class. Register early. No spaces will be available without a registration.

EndNotes

- Both libraries are closed Monday, September 3 for Labor Day, and Friday, September 21 for Staff Professional Development Day. Book drops are open at both libraries.

- The Library offers **GED Classes** from 9 am to 11:30 am Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning September 18 in the Main Library Teen Center. Interested students must register by calling ABLE/GED at 216-371-7138.

- **Knits Nights** are held from 7-8:45 pm Thursdays, August 16 and September 20 at Woods Branch. Bring your project and get or give help at this creative evening.

- **Needlework Mornings** are held from 10 am to noon Wednesdays, August 1 and September 5.

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

- Library Director **Luren Dickinson** has been appointed to a two-year term on the Public Library Association’s Public Library Data Service Statistical Report Advisory Committee.

- In June, the Library received a **Best of Show award** from the American Library Association for its public relations material for “A Fine Romance: Jewish Songwriters, American Songs.”

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Van Aken Hardware owner Dan Yount: "I want to know all of my customers by name."



down to the nuts+ bolts

Shaker's two hardware stores have much in common, but customer loyalty is at the top of the list.

STORIES BY JENNIFER KUHEL

PHOTOS BY JANET CENTURY

Van Aken Hardware: Selling Solutions

The odometer on Dan Yount's Dodge Ram bears witness to his commitment to hardware.

At least five days a week – sometimes six – Yount's truck logs in nearly 80 miles roundtrip to travel from his Portage County home in Randolph Township to the 4,600-square-foot home he maintains for Shaker Heights' do-it-yourselfers: Van Aken Hardware.

"I must really like hardware if I drive an hour to work every day, right?," Yount chuckles. "I'm addicted."

The 43-year-old Yount has owned Van Aken Hardware, located in the heart of Van Aken Center, since 2001. And while he jokes about his preoccupation with the business, Yount has made good customer service even more habit-forming.

"I enjoy the hardware business. I enjoy helping people. It's in my psyche," he explains. "I like a challenge and I've always liked to fix things and solve problems."

Van Aken Hardware – a member of Do It Best Corporation, a national hardware cooperative of 4,000 independently operated member stores – is surrounded by a critical mass of housing stock that's fast approaching the century mark, so there is no shortage of things to fix and problems to solve. Plumbing and electrical woes top Yount's customers' charts, he says. Hard-to-find plumbing and electrical parts are Van Aken Hardware's top sellers.

"In this neighborhood, you really have to sell solutions, not product. It might sound a little bit like lip service, but it's true," Yount says. "You have some customers who really don't know what they're doing, but they have all this really old stuff. You have to talk them through solving a problem. That's what we like to do."

Part of Yount's service team is his brother-in-law, James Brittain, who is just as familiar a face to Van Aken Hardware customers as Yount. Shaker resident Bob Warren recalls how Brittain recently rebuilt an antique lamp from the William G. Mather estate that Warren's mother purchased. (Mather was a Cleveland mining and shipping magnate.) "He took the whole thing apart and did an excellent job restoring a prominent Cleveland family's light fixture," says Warren. "The service there really is impeccable."



James Brittain, former owner and founder Lou Freiberg, Dan Yount, and Chris Ellington. The store repairs several hundred lawnmowers every year, among lots of other household items.

“I think it’s not a day for them if I’m not in there,” Warren jokes. “There are days when I’m in there three times, but I think my record is more than that.”

Warren, who lives just a short walk from Van Aken Hardware, has been a regular at the store for years and says it’s the customer service and quality repair service that keeps him coming back.

“Going there is like walking into a living room. Everybody knows who you are,” Warren says. “Dan’s staff has just been so helpful.”

Building on the Past, Repairing for the Future

Many of Yount’s customers know him by name, as he’s been a presence at Van Aken Hardware since the early 1990s.

“He was only 23 when he started to work for me,” recalls Lou Freiburg, Van Aken Hardware’s founder and previous owner for 50 years. “If it weren’t for him, I probably would have had to shut the store down because hardware stores don’t sell too easily.”

Freiburg says Yount’s work ethic and attention to customer service were readily apparent. “He treated the customers right and he knew what he was doing. If I felt he wasn’t the one for the job, I wouldn’t have sold the store to him.”

Yount knew early on that owning a hardware store was what he wanted to do, but he is thankful for the valuable business knowledge he gained from Freiburg, especially when it came to moving the store from its original space two doors down in 2005 and in weathering the recent economic downturn.

“The hardware business is really harder than it’s ever been. You have to be a sharper operator and you have to control your expenses better. But you also can’t lose sight of your pur-

Winslow Road resident and Van Aken customer Carolyn Brazzel with James Brittain.





Familiar faces at Shaker Hardware: Owner-brothers Jim Gibson and Rob Gibson flank Sue Kopp, Naomi Sears, and Emily Murray.

pose – and that's customer service," Yount explains. "Of course I'd like to do more business, but I don't want to be the next big box. I want to be this size. I want to know all my customers by name when they come in. That's a nice relationship to have."

A large part of Van Aken's customer service is in repairs, an ever-increasing revenue source for the store. Yount estimates that income from repairs on everything from lawnmowers to vacuum cleaners has doubled since he purchased the store. He says that he and the store's employees service several hundred lawnmowers a year and he expects that trend to continue.

"Repairs are what I like to do," he says. "You try to be in a business where you do what you like to do. You don't want to go to work every day and hate it."

And judging by the miles on Yount's car and his devotion to his customers, it's clear that he doesn't.

Shaker Hardware: Delivering Service

Kevin Dixon has fond childhood memories of joining his dad on trips to Shaker Hardware, buying supplies for around-the-house projects some 40 years ago.

That was when Shaker Hardware was near a bowling alley, the Avalon Road drug store, and the five-and-ten candy shop. Baskin Robbins and Amy Joy donuts were close by, too, then, as they are now.

Dixon acknowledges that while times have changed, one thing has remained the same.

"It's the people," says Dixon, now a 48-year-old Shaker resident who's just as loyal to Shaker Hardware today as his father was. "You always get warm, friendly service. I love that it's family owned and that they're a part of the Shaker community. Anything I need, I can just roll over there and they know what they're talking about."

The "they" Dixon refers to are the Gibson brothers, Rob and Jim, who together own the business that their father, John, a lifelong hardware man, purchased in 1977. John relocated the family of seven from their home in Absecon, New Jersey to Shaker Heights when he bought the business from a group of Minneapolis-based investors.

For Shaker Hardware customers who don't know the Gibsons by name, most would recognize the duo – younger brother Rob often sports a button down shirt bearing the Ace Hardware





Shaker Hardware's Jim Gibson in his second floor workshop.

logo (Shaker Hardware is part of the Ace retailer-owned hardware cooperative) while older brother Jim reliably dons suspenders. Rob has been a part of Shaker Hardware since he graduated from college in 1979, and Jim, since he moved to Cleveland from Minnesota to join the family business in 1988.

The two have been side by side ever since. "If we stay out of each other's hair, we're fine," jokes Jim.

The brothers complement each other nicely, which has been a factor in their success.

Rob spends much of his time helping customers in the store. "In the hardware business, you do many things. You wear many hats. You're helping people, you're merchandising," he explains. "It's something I'm passionate about."

Jim's strength is more behind the scenes. He can usually be found working on the store's upper level, repairing everything from window screens to 70-year-old appliances.

"Jim does some phenomenal work upstairs, whether it's a broken chair or a thermal window that needs fixing," Rob says. "A lot of the items that come in are unusual or unique. And it's the same thing with the repairs that people come in with, but you have to implement something to make it work. Sometimes even I'm amazed at what Jim can do."

Having grown up with a father in the hardware business, the Gibsons have had the opportunity to witness an industry evolve over the course of five decades.

"The big boxes have always been out there, but within the hardware industry, you need to have your niche," Jim explains. "You can't compete against the big boxes – you just can't go toe-to-toe with them. But we all have our place."

Rob agrees. "I think that today, any retailer, no matter what industry you're in, when it's all said and done, you just have to be better at what you do because everyone's looking to take a piece of someone else's business," he says.

And what the Gibsons believe Shaker Hardware is better at doing is delivering on service.

"When you walk through those doors as a consumer, you're looking for help. And sometimes you're not sure how to do the job, but you just need that boost of confidence," Rob explains. "I think most hardware stores out there just want to help their customers get to that next confidence level."

Shaker Hardware's Extended Family

While Shaker Hardware has been in the Gibson family for more than three decades, it's also been an instrumental part in the lives of its 10 employees.

Shaker Hardware employee Emily Murray with customer William Matthews.





Shaker resident Bob Warren has had antique lamps repaired at both Van Aken Hardware and Shaker Hardware. The lamps were purchased from the estates of two prominent Cleveland families – the Mathers and the Van Sweringens. The floor lamp pictured here is from the Mather estate and was repaired at Van Aken Hardware.

Emily Murray has worked at Shaker Hardware since the early 1980s and says that even after 30 years, she's still learning new things every day. And she says she appreciates the fact that customers really do rely on her and other employees for advice on their home projects.

Sue Kopp, a 15-year employee, says that customers matter to her just as much as good service matters to the customers. "You see kids grow up and customers pass away. Sometimes if we don't see someone in a while, Emily and I will just call them up to say, 'Hi'," Kopp says.

That dedication to customers is what keeps folks like Kevin Dixon coming back now with his own children, who, he says, prefer the store for its freezer of ice cream treats, gumballs from the giant gumball machine and free lollipops. But Dixon values its more practical uses.

"I've never returned a purchase or taken anything back for a refund," says Dixon, who is in the middle of remodeling his kitchen. "And that's rare in hardware. But it's because they're close by, they know what they're doing, and they're in the community." 🌿

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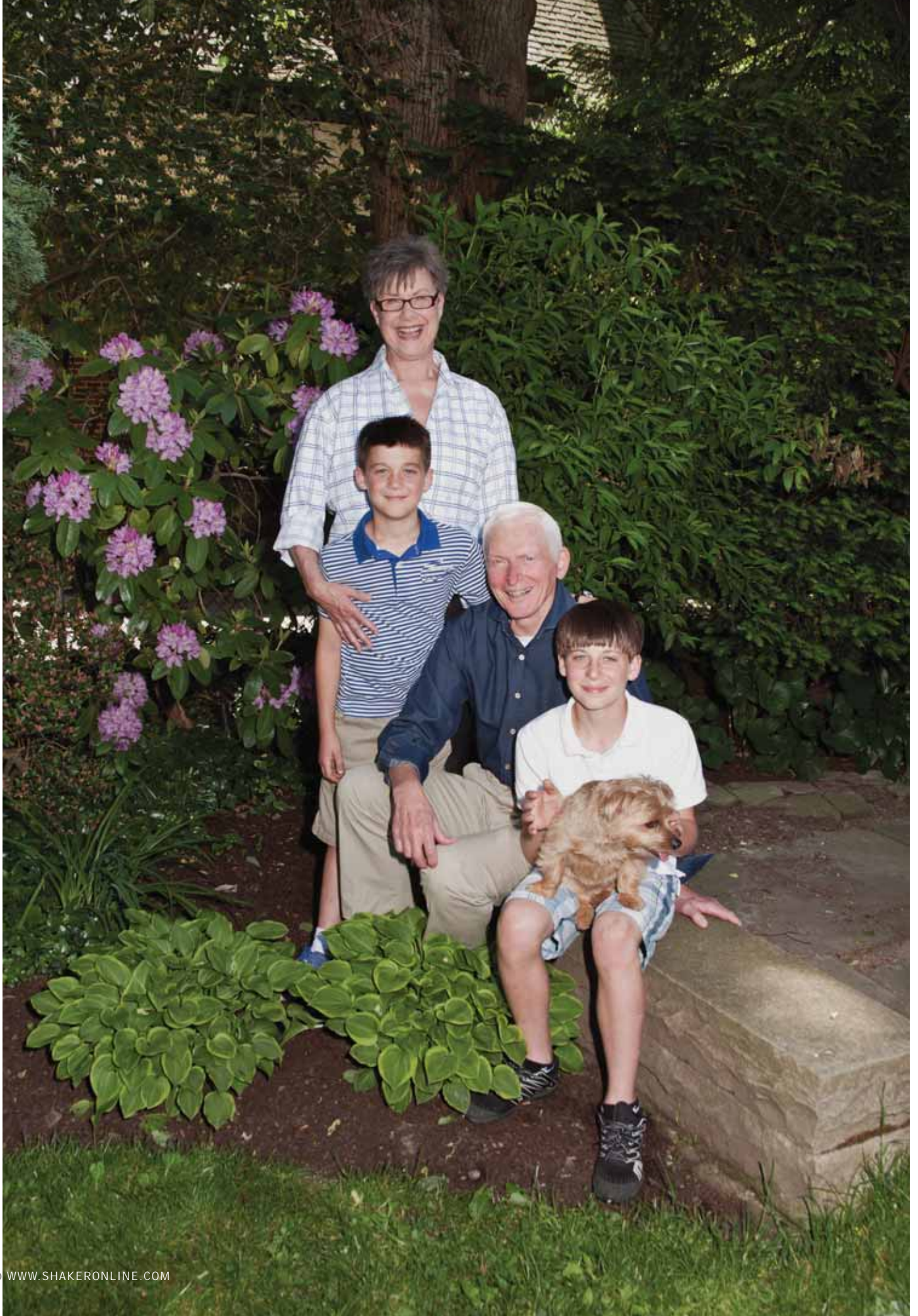


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Grandma and Grandpa Are Here!

How two Shaker families enjoy the magic of multi-generational living.

BY DIANA SIMEON

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The Schinabecks: Returning Home

You'd probably expect a couple who spent almost four decades in Appleton, Wisconsin, to retire to warmer climes.

Not Tom and Pat Schinabeck. They chose Shaker.

It wasn't the weather that lured the Schinabecks to Northeast Ohio. Rather, Shaker offered a certain something that Appleton did not: their son, Matt, daughter in law, Anne, and two grandsons, Will and Thomas.

"We wanted to be close to family," sums up Pat, a.k.a. "Oma" (which in German means grandma).

"We had been thinking about it for years and my wife finally won," jokes Tom, or "Poppa," a retired physician.

While Pat had grown up in Shaker, the couple's decision to pull up their deep roots in Appleton – where Tom practiced medicine for decades, where they still have many friends, and where they raised their children (the Schinabeck's other son, also Tom, lives in Las Vegas) – was not easy. But now say the couple, who met at the University of Wisconsin, they wouldn't have it any other way.

"Before we visited two or three times a year," explains Pat. "Now we're part of the family."

On a sunny afternoon last spring, sitting in the backyard of Matt and Anne's gracious Malvern-area home, the family talked with Shaker Life about the advantages of three generations sharing their lives.

For starters, there's the hands-on help that Pat and Tom can give Matt and Anne, both busy physicians.

"We can get the boys on the bus in the morning and go to events," explains Tom, who hails from Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

But there's lots of downtime, too. "When I don't want to play catch with my brother, or if my dad is working in the yard, I can call my Poppa and ask him to go on a bike ride," says Thomas.

Adds Will: "If my mom can't do it and my dad can't do it, I'll call my grandparents and see if they can do it."

For Pat, there's the added pleasure of returning to her childhood home. Her parents, Dr. Leonard and Mary Loveshin, owned a house on Lomond Boulevard across from Sussex Elementary School for more than 40 years. Pat graduated from the Shaker Schools, where she was a member of the first class at Byron Junior High (now Shaker Middle School). She's reconnected with the city during almost daily walks. "I've walked all over. There was a tremendous sense of community growing up here, and I feel like there still is."

Pat and Tom Schinabeck with grandsons Will and Thomas – and Rudy.



Shaker Heights, Easter 1956: The Loveshin family on the lawn of their Lomond Boulevard home. Pat Schinabeck, nee Loveshin, is in the front row at left. Clockwise from her are brother Len, father Leonard, mother Mary, and sisters Rose and Ruth. Photo courtesy of Pat Schinabeck.



Three generations of Schinabecks. Clockwise from far left, Tom, Matt, Anne, Thomas, Pat, and Will.

That includes the community they've found at their condominium complex, Prescott Place, where they purchased a three-bedroom townhome in 2010. "I'll never forget. It was a Sunday. We got a call from the realtor saying there was a condo that had come on the market today. I walked in and burst into tears because I knew it was the right place," says Pat.

It's also just a few short blocks away from Matt, Anne, and the boys, so "they can pop in and out," says Anne.

In fact, it's this easy contact with her in-laws – whom she calls two of her three best friends – that Anne is most grateful for.

"As a parent, one of the greatest joys I have is sharing my children with the people I love. When they're performing in a recital or showing off their classroom – those are the kinds of things that are hard to communicate over the phone."

So is there anything on which this close-knit family doesn't see eye-to-eye? Well, yes, when the subject's football.

"Pat flies the flag for the Green Bay Packers at every game," jokes Tom. But son Matt? "I've converted," he says with a pained smile. "I now feel all the pain of the Browns."

The Tiffanys: "We quickly decided we wanted to live in Shaker."

Walk into Carol and Bruce Tiffany's new Onaway-area home and you'll encounter a gorgeous palette of yellows, blues, and greens. Then there are the gleaming wood floors, the renovated family room overlooking the garden, and the pièce de la résistance, a brand new kitchen.

For many of us, retirement means kicking back and leaving the renovation work behind. But not Carol and Bruce. A move to Shaker, to be near their daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Justin Lathia, and grandson, Alexander, has also meant the chance to lovingly restore a classic Shaker brick Colonial.

"When we looked at the house, we knew it needed a lot of work," says Carol. "Every single wall, everywhere, had wallpaper. The heat didn't work. But we kept coming back to it."

In June 2011, after Carol retired from a career as a special education teacher – Bruce retired from teaching in 2010 – the couple moved from Lake Grove, Long Island, to a rental home in Shaker's Lomond neighborhood. In between caring for their grandson, they scoured the

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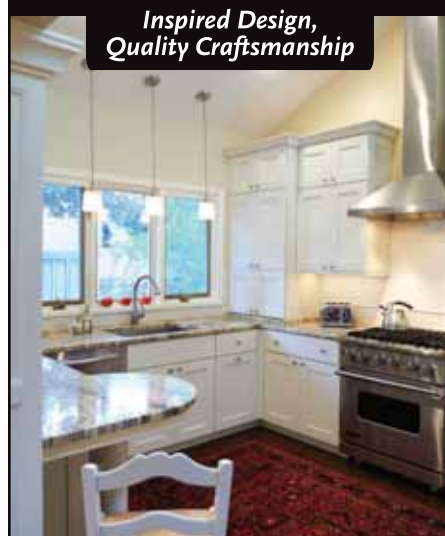


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city for a permanent home, which they purchased last January.

"We quickly decided we wanted to live in Shaker," recalls Carol. "And I knew deep down that we would end up finding a house that needed work because Bruce has always wanted to do that."

In fact, thanks to a career as a shop teacher, Bruce could do much of the work himself, including removing the wallpaper from and painting every room in the house, while also overseeing the handful of contractors the couple hired for the heavy-duty remodeling, like the kitchen, which when they bought the house still had metal cabinets installed in the 1950s.

The couple gutted the room, moving walls to open up the space. Taking out a closet in the adjacent dining room allowed Bruce and Carol to build a charming and convenient hallway, with built-in cabinetry, between the living room and

kitchen.

For Bruce, the quality of the couple's new Shaker home, built in 1927, continues to amaze. "It's unbelievable. You don't find houses like this. You just don't," he says.

After almost half a year of round-the-clock work, the couple officially moved in last May. "We're so happy," says Carol.


Sixteen-month-old Alexander also appeared to be quite happy, on a warm day last spring, as he zipped around the house, followed closely by Carol. His bedroom upstairs, now painted a lovely blue by Bruce, was already full of books and other toys just days before the rest of the couple's possessions arrived.

Carol and Bruce care for Alexander, while Amanda and Justin are working, a choice they made thanks in large part to the experience they had raising their own children surrounded by family on Long

Island, where they also grew up.

"It's important to have family nearby," says Carol. "It was wonderful for our kids to grow up near their grandparents, aunts and uncles, so once we knew Amanda and Justin weren't coming back to Long Island, we decided to move to be near them."

Amanda is a geriatrician at the Cleveland Clinic; Justin is a research associate in the Clinic's Department of Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine. The Tiffanys also have a son in Pennsylvania, a music teacher who married this past summer.

For Amanda, who sees the benefits of multi-generational living in her own patients, having her parents nearby is a dream come true: "It's been 15 years, since I was 18, that I was living in the same place as my parents. Having them here, I feel so incredibly lucky." 

Bruce and Carol Tiffany with their grandson Alexander Lathia.

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the Straw Buy

How the Ludlow Community Association and the Milter family integrated Sussex.

BY SUE STARRETT

Straw purchase: any purchase wherein an agent acquires a good or a service for someone who is unable to purchase the good or service. Straw purchases are legal except in cases where the receiver uses the goods or services to commit a crime. (Wikipedia)

Carolyn and Burt Milter moved to the Ludlow community in 1964 and lived there for 30 years before moving to Shaker Square. They did so to stay as close to Ludlow as possible. Carolyn was a reporter for The Cleveland Press. She also served as a board member and president of the Ludlow PTA and was a member of the Shaker Recreation Board, Community Service Board, and the School Board. She and Burt are the parents of three adult children; Shelley Stokes (see accompanying story) was one of their babysitters when the children were young.

Ernest and Jackie Tinsley and their two children lived on the Cleveland portion of Becket Road. Ernest was an accountant for the IRS, and Jackie was a second grade teacher in the Shaker Schools. They hoped to

Carolyn and Burt Milter in their Shaker Square apartment in June this year. Photo by Green Street Studio.

In my view, what Carolyn and Burt did was participate in the civil rights movement. I applaud them. – Ernest Tinsley, Jr.



The Tinsley family in the early 1960s: Ernest, Jr., Jacqueline, Debi, and Ernest, Sr. Photo courtesy of Ernest Tinsley, Jr.

move to the Sussex area, but there were... obstacles. In a conversation with Carolyn in 2008, Jackie recounted horrible experiences with real estate agents. Carolyn remembers Jackie telling her: "One met us at a house we wanted to look at, and when he saw who we were, or should I say *what* we were, he said he realized he didn't have the key to the house and couldn't show it."

The Ludlow Community Association learned about the situation and had discussions about how to handle it. The activist community group already had a long history of facilitating peaceful integration in Shaker. The Milters volunteered to help the Tinsleys buy a house. Ludlow resident Byron Krantz offered to do the legal work, pro bono.

"Our straw buy in 1967 was in Sussex, but it was very much a Ludlow story," says Carolyn. "Our philosophy was open housing, not merely integration," and that goal extended beyond the boundaries of Ludlow.

Carolyn isn't aware of any other straw buys like theirs, and credits the Ludlow Community Association's passion as instrumental to her and Burt's decision. "People came together to support each other and make things possible. It's a Ludlow thing."

So the Milters asked a real estate agent about a house for sale on Townley Road in Sussex, and later, Jackie Tinsley accompanied them – as a friend – so that she could actually see the property she and her husband would be buying. At one point, the real estate agent, confused about Jackie's light skin, pointedly asked Carolyn if her friend was a "Negro." Carolyn's mother raised her to be honest in every situation, but she answered, "No."

Suffice it to say, Jackie did not return to the house, but the Milters obtained answers to all of Jackie's questions about the house. Ernest did not see the house's interior until the day the Tinsley family moved there.

"We offered the asking price for the house, and Byron did all the normal paperwork for us, then did it again when we sold the house to the Tinsleys," recalls Carolyn.

"Not long after they moved in, our phone rang. It was the seller, calling for Burt. He started screaming at me and

threatened us. He didn't give me a chance to say much. At the time I had a three-year-old and 10-month-old, but I was more worried about the Tinsleys than I was about us, and called Jackie right away. After all this was over, Burt and I didn't talk much about it."

Ernest Tinsley, Jr. was in the eighth

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Ludlow: Our Civil Rights Landmark

Q&A Shelley Stokes-Hammond

BY SUE STARRETT

In January 1956, a bomb exploded on Corby Road in the Ludlow neighborhood where a home was being built for a young African-American couple. That terrible incident was the catalyst for the peaceful integration of Shaker Heights. It spurred small groups of neighbors to start meeting in living rooms to get to know each other, build community, and stop panic selling.

Those conversations expanded into block meetings and gatherings at Ludlow Elementary School and area churches. All this led to the 1957 establishment of the Ludlow Community Association by residents who wanted to maintain their neighborhood as a wonderful place to live and raise a family. In 1961, it incorporated in order to make short-term loans to prospective buyers.

After World War II, African Americans had begun moving into the Ludlow neighborhood from nearby Cleveland. One such family was that of Louis and Jeannette Stokes, who bought a home on Albion Road so that their four children would have a good education in the Shaker Schools. The oldest, Shelley, recently articulated – in her Goucher College master's thesis in historic preservation – the importance of the Ludlow Community Association in the context of the national civil rights movement. In the process, she claimed the story of her family's history.

Shaker Heights is in the National Register of Historic Places as a Garden City, but, in Shelley's view, that does not go nearly far enough. Her 2011 thesis, "Recognizing Ludlow – A National Treasure: A Community that Stood Firm for Equality," makes the case that the U.S. National Park Service should amend Shaker Heights' inclusion in the National Register to reflect its full heritage – that is, for Shaker to be given its due not merely as a Garden City, but as a national historic landmark for civil rights, and for the Ludlow neighborhood to be recognized as a civil rights heritage site.

Shelley Stokes-Hammond at the Shaker Heights Public Library, June 5, 2012.
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I hope conversations about my research will continue so that one day the National Park Service will amend Shaker's inclusion in the National Register to recognize our community's work on open housing and civil rights. – Shelley Stokes-Hammond



Shelley with her father, retired U.S. Congressman Louis Stokes.

She writes in her thesis that the founders and members of the Ludlow Community Association were “pioneers who reversed the tide of white flight, blockbusting, and resegregation....They maintained and protected equal access to home ownership and a good education for the entire community of residents – black, white, Asian, Christian, Jewish – and persuasively argued that the value of that community was greater because it was integrated.”

And these visionary neighbors had neither the Civil Rights Act of 1964 nor the Fair Housing Act of 1968 as bedrock for their actions.

Her thesis also includes a history of the African-American experience in housing and education, from slavery to the middle of the 20th century. She notes that from

the early days of Shaker Heights until the mid-1950s, the majority of African Americans living in the city were servants. The Van Sweringen Company had instituted restrictive covenants to create club-like privacy in Shaker and reserved the right to approve or veto the purchase of property. These deeds effectively excluded African Americans, Jews, and Catholics from buying in Shaker, even though the Supreme Court had ruled against such practices in 1948.

Shelley and her sisters Angela Stokes and Kathryn Foster Manuel are Shaker Heights High School graduates; their brother, Chuck, and sister, Lori, finished school in Maryland, because the family moved to Silver Spring in 1970, following their father's election to the United

States House of Representatives.

Because Shelley's teacher and principal at Ludlow Elementary School encouraged her writing, she majored in English at Ohio University. After graduation, she worked for the Bell Telephone system in Maryland for 18 years and was among the first African Americans in management there. Since 1997, she has been a development and public relations officer at Howard University.

This past June, Stokes-Hammond made her case for Ludlow's inclusion as a civil rights heritage site at a program hosted by the Shaker Heights Public Library, where Shaker Life caught up with her.

What are some of your memories of growing up in the Stokes family?

My father was a civil rights and criminal defense lawyer. He knew what was happening in Ludlow. We moved there in 1960, when I was going into the fifth grade.

I spent a lot of time with my grandmother, Louise Stokes. When I was little, I liked to look at her photo album and family Bible, which contained many names and dates. I asked her lots of questions, so she told me stories about my extended family. Later on, she asked me what I'd learned in college, and I began telling her about a class I'd taken in African-American history. When I got to sharecropping, she said, "I know. We called it 'croppin'."

I hadn't realized that this was part of my history, and later visited the only member of my grandmother's family who hadn't migrated north from Wrens, Georgia. The place where they grew up was torn down, but next door – and still standing – were the slave quarters. With that, all the pieces came together for me: the African-American experience and home.

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Ponder this: During the 98 years that Boulevard Elementary has stood at Drexmore Road and Shaker Boulevard, the average American school has been demolished and rebuilt twice, according to the United States Department of Education. In an educational landscape dotted with obsolete open classrooms, portable classrooms, temporary buildings from the 1950s, and concrete fortresses from the '60s and '70s, Shaker's classical brick schoolhouses still serve the students and grace the community.

As the District observes its 100th birthday, its buildings and other facilities tell the story of a school system that seeks to respect the past while moving ahead.

The Teens and Twenties: Constructing a District

The design and location of Shaker's school buildings were an integral part of Otis P. and Mantis J. Van Sweringen's vision of developing a "peaceful Shaker village." From 1912 to 1914, classes for 26

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children were held in the Van Sweringens' land office at Lee Road and Shaker Boulevard. Two other schools – Idlewood, at Warrensville Center and Fairmount, and Eastview, at Chagrin and Lee – also accommodated some Shaker students. But community leaders wanted a new state-of-the-art school that would be large enough to accommodate an anticipated population boom. George F. Hammond, a prominent architect trained in Boston's neoclassical style, was retained to design Boulevard School, which opened in 1914 serving students of all ages.

The building program took off from there. According to the Vans' plan, each elementary school building was to anchor a neighborhood. Each would be neo-Georgian in style, with distinctive decorative elements. The architecture, the materials such as brick, slate, and hardwoods, and the carefully landscaped grounds "were designed to resemble New England campuses, architecturally complementing Shaker's neighborhoods of spacious homes on tree-lined, winding streets," according to the Shaker Schools annual report of 1990-91.

In 1917, there were 218 students enrolled in the District; 10 years later there were over 2,600 students on the rolls. The Van Sweringens' development plan and Shaker's excellent academic reputation were attracting new families with children at a rapid clip.

Voters supported bond issues for new school construction at a breathtaking pace. Nine new buildings went up between 1918 and 1931, and some were even renovated or had additions made during that time. One-story elementary buildings had second floors added within just a few years of opening, and oil burners replaced dirty coal furnaces.

The building we now know as Woodbury Elementary School began in 1918 as both the Junior and Senior High School. It featured what was then considered the height of modern appointments, such as cooking and "manual training" rooms, a cafeteria, and a second gym, added in 1927.

In 1923, Malvern, Sussex, and Onaway were built, the latter as a Junior High, but by 1926, it also housed elementary stu-



The intricate fanlight over Woodbury's front door (opposite page) dates from the building's construction in 1918. Woodbury was originally Shaker Heights High School. In 1931, it became a junior high and in 1987 an upper elementary school. Decorative plasterwork in Woodbury's auditorium (above) was restored in 2006 with support from the Shaker Schools Foundation.



dents. Soon followed Moreland (1925), Ludlow (1928), Fernway (1929), and Lomond (1929), and additions were made to Woodbury, Sussex, and Malvern in 1927. The strategy was to erect each neighborhood K-6 school first, then add classroom capacity by building a second story or wing as the neighborhoods filled in. As early as 1927, a second junior high was envisioned.

The layout of each elementary school followed a standard plan, based on what educators believed provided the best environment for learning. The design of the buildings itself reflects Shaker's long-standing emphasis on the well-rounded student, featuring flexible and beautiful spaces for experiential learning, special-needs classes, nutrition and health, and a strong emphasis on arts in education. An excerpt from the Shaker Schools Review of October 16, 1927, describing Lomond School, serves to illustrate:

"The exterior is pleasing and dignified in modified Grecian architectural design, obtained without superfluous decorative effects, which increase costs. Indiana limestone is used as trim for solid shale brick walls, and copper for all exposed sheet metal as flashings, gutter linings, down spouts, etc. The second floor of this two-story structure contains twelve standard elementary classrooms, clinic, rest room, and ample storage spaces. The first floor contains in addition to six standard classrooms, an art room, a library, a science room, an office suite, a kindergarten, auditorium and two gymnasiums with showers and locker rooms. . . . The kindergarten is a large, attractive room, a complete school unit in itself containing toilets, lavatories, coat room and an abundance of storage and cupboard space. The bay window adds much to the homelike

According to the Van Sweringen's plan, each elementary school would be neo-Georgian, with distinctive elements. A hallmark of Fernway is its engraved stone door frame with lantern.

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The Thirties and Forties: Quiet Years

The last pre-war building to go up was Shaker Heights High School, in 1931. The Shaker Schools Review for February 20, 1930, noted its state-of-the-art features included science labs; a planetarium; large and small auditoriums equipped with projection booths with "moving picture equipment...for talkies"; a 30- by 60-foot pool, stadium, and track; boys' and girls' gyms, showers, and locker rooms (with a "sunny rest room" provided for girls "not taking the regular physical work"; a modern cafeteria with sound-proofing so it could also serve as a study hall; a large library; and rooms for "sewing, cooking, drawing, woodworking, and a general shop for electrical, mechanical, and auto repair work." The entire building was "piped for future radio connections." About 1,200 students enjoyed their new digs.

The Fifties and Sixties: Building Boom

The Great Depression had brought a halt to construction of new homes and schools. But Shaker's second population surge came as postwar baby boomers reached school age and the eastern part of the community was developed.

Enrollment swelled by 1,600 between 1947 and 1953. The first completely new school building since the High School, Mercer, opened on September 14, 1953, equipped with moveable furniture, rubber tile corridors and floors, and sound-proofed ceilings.

Meanwhile, residents passed a new bond issue to build a second junior high and to make structural and other improvements and expansions in several buildings.

The design for Byron Junior High (now Shaker Heights Middle School) was a radical departure from the neo-Georgian style of the other Shaker school buildings, but more in keeping with the mid-century

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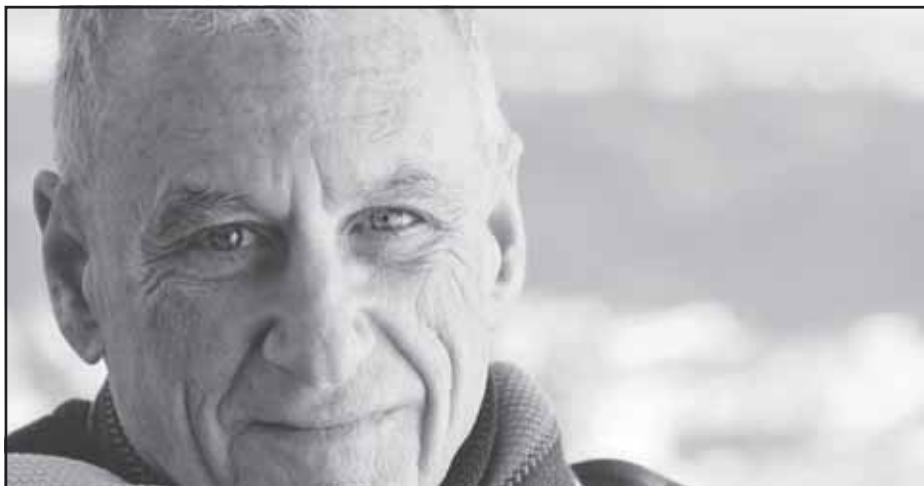
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homes that sprang up east of Warrensville Center Road in the 1950s. Designed by Michael Kane of Perkins & Will, an architectural firm that had earned a national reputation for its (then) state-of-the-art approach to school planning, Byron was laid out with three classroom wings incorporating broad glass window panes to admit more light and bring the outdoors in. Byron opened in 1957, with the auditorium completed in 1959. (Ironically, while the Middle School is significantly younger than the other buildings, it has not necessarily held up as well as the pre-war construction, and because of its design has been characterized as an “energy hog.” That’s one of the issues to be tackled in the coming months.)

In the early 1960s, the High School added 18 new classrooms and made improvements to the office, library, cafeteria, and gyms. In addition, new playground equipment designed for creative play was installed at the elementary schools. Children swarmed over concrete pipes, abstract metal slides, tree-climbers and Bucky domes, named for the structures made famous by architect Buckminster Fuller.

In 1962, the administration building was opened, finally giving a permanent home to the superintendent, treasurer, and administrative staff. New technologies, such as TVs in classrooms, media centers in libraries, and computers for administrators, were also introduced dur-

ing the space age.

In 1968, a new building assessment identified the need for a new science wing at the High School, a pool, elevator, tennis courts, and a new heating system at Woodbury, and more elementary classrooms in some buildings. These projects were eventually completed; however, change was coming.

The Seventies, Eighties, and Nineties: Renovating, Re-purposing, and Right-Sizing

By 1970, enrollment had been declining for several years, as the baby boom tapered off. From a peak of more than 8,000 students in 1967, district enrollment was 6,740 in 1975 and was down to 5,951 by 1982. Projections put the student population at 4,100-4,400 by 1990 (although enrollment never dipped to those numbers). Enrollment at some elementary schools was down to one class per grade.

Meanwhile, costs to run buildings that were 50-70 years old were climbing, particularly during the years of the energy crisis. Energy efficiency became crucial. The District installed insulation, new windows, lowered ceilings, and weatherstripping, lowering energy costs 22 percent between 1976 and 1979. These actions resulted in an energy conservation grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to install further upgrades.

The administration, school board, and community recognized that they needed to plan for the future of a smaller District. In June, 1984, the School Facilities Utilization Committee, after much community input, submitted a restructuring plan. After a great deal of debate and adjustment over the next three years, the downsizing ultimately resulted in shifting 9th graders from the junior highs to the High School; closing four K-6 elementary buildings and converting the remaining five to K-4 schools; creating an upper elementary school at Woodbury to serve grades 5 and 6; and housing grades 7 and 8 at Byron, renamed Shaker Middle School. This structure remains in place today.

The difficult decision to close four elementary schools was based on factors including school size, enrollment, racial and economic diversity, and the prospects for re-purposing the various buildings. Each of the closed buildings has remained in use for educational purposes: Malvern became first a Jewish day school and is now the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development. Sussex, now the Shaker Family Center, houses preschools and Family Connections, an organization offering programs to support young children and their families. Ludlow is leased to the Positive Education Program, an alternative school, and Moreland has been transformed into the Main Public Library.

Another example of re-purposing from the 1980’s is the transformation of the former fallout shelter in the basement of the High School into a black box theater used every year since 1983 for the performance of original one-act plays by Shaker High School students.

Given that enrollment never dipped as low as predicted, new classroom additions were constructed at Onaway and Boulevard in 1990, designed to be almost indistinguishable from the original buildings, down to hand-selected brick for a perfect match.

Other improvements included converting the High School pool, which was no longer regulation size, to a multipurpose room; installing a soccer field by Onaway and Woodbury; and installing new playground equipment and surfacing at several elementary schools. In the

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Lomond (opposite page), constructed in 1929, had a “pleasing and dignified modified Grecian architectural design,” according to a contemporary account. Like other schools in Shaker, it has benefited from landscaping supported in part by the PTO. Although built in the 1950s, **Mercer** (top), followed the traditional neo-Georgian design characteristic of the older Shaker schools. The original section of **Onaway** (above), opened in 1923, features flamboyant Baroque-style ornamentation. Painted over for many years, the detailing was restored in the early 2000s.

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later '90s, libraries, ball fields, and computer labs were added or improved across the District, and a new gym, music wing, handicapped-accessible front entrance, and renovated library took shape at the High School in 1999. Enrollment stabilized at around 5,500 students from 1996 to today.

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The District continues to maintain and upgrade its historic buildings to support a comfortable and productive learning environment, with many capital improvements recently completed or in process.

The widespread introduction of technology in classrooms necessitated the addition of electrical capacity, not to mention the challenge of running cable through foot-thick masonry walls. The High School's enlarged cafeteria provides an inviting space for socializing, meetings, and display of student art, as well as

upgraded meals and healthy snacks. The High School stadium track and field are being renovated with synthetic surfaces to accommodate multiple sports. Security systems have been upgraded in all buildings. The planned installation of high-efficiency fluorescent lighting is expected to result in significant energy savings.

Private fundraising through the Shaker Schools Foundation, PTO, and other sources has also supported the creation of outdoor learning environments in recent years. In 2004, Woodbury parents raised funds to install playground equipment there for the first time in the school's history. Learning gardens at several schools provide opportunities for hands-on learning in science and the arts, as well as tranquil space for reflection and play.

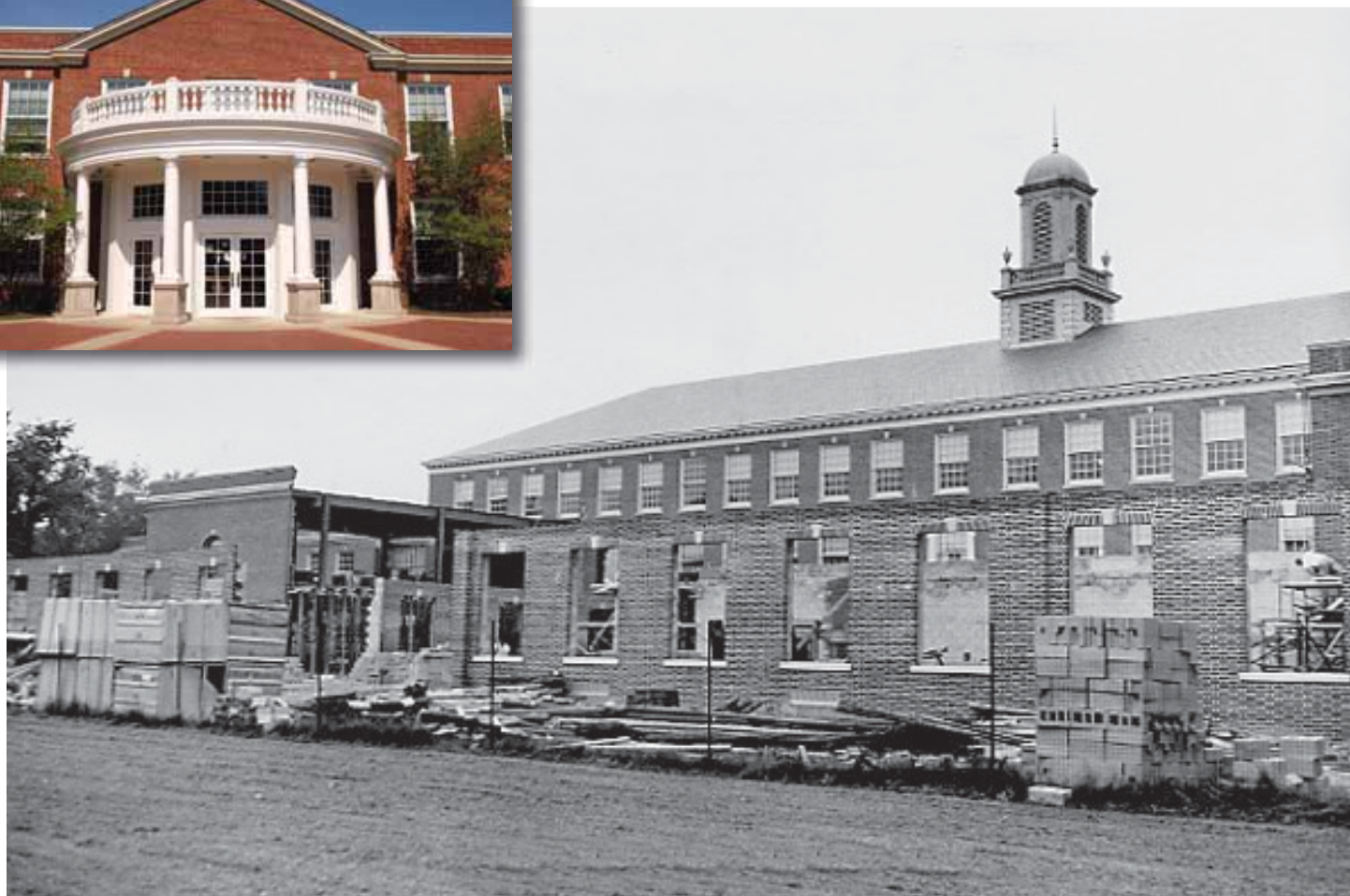
Private donations have played an important role in some of the upgrades. The Foundation raised over \$1.5 million from donors toward the restoration and renovation of the auditoriums at the High School, transforming them into techno-

logically sophisticated spaces for performance and teaching. Exquisite decorative plasterwork from the 1920s and '30s has been restored in the Woodbury auditorium and the High School's Large Auditorium.

As the buildings approach the century mark, the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on School Facilities is preparing to give its recommendations for the future. Chaired by John (Jack) Boyle III, the former vice president at Cleveland State University who is widely credited with transforming the CSU campus, the committee is made up primarily of Shaker residents with expertise in the fields of engineering, architecture, and finance.

After its initial meetings and site visits to several schools, the committee commended the administration and maintenance staff for their "careful stewardship of Shaker's historic school buildings."

"It is difficult to maintain older buildings, especially in the face of financial constraints and substantial staff reduc-



tions, but we found the buildings to be clean and well kept," Boyle wrote in a January 2012 memorandum to Superintendent Mark Freeman. "The major improvements that have been made over the past two decades, such as the High School cafeteria addition, the classroom addition at Boulevard, and the library renovation at Woodbury, are functional, inviting, and sensitive to the architectural character of the buildings. Nonetheless, as is to be expected, there are many unmet needs."



A new wing on the front of Shaker Heights High School in the early 1960s (opposite) provided classrooms, but left an uninspiring facade and no obvious main entrance. Now a semicircular front drive and portico (opposite, inset) create a welcoming front entryway with accessibility for all. Additions were designed to blend with the original architecture, down to the matching brick. The cafeteria addition in 2008 (this page) meets an older section of the building. It offers an upgraded menu, and has meeting space and artwork.



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To date, the committee has recommended the renovation of two athletic fields with artificial turf surfaces, which afford more playing time for more students; energy-saving upgrades in lighting and heating systems; and financing mechanisms that take advantage of current low borrowing costs. One field renovation is nearing completion, the energy projects are in the pipeline for state approval, and Treasurer Bryan Christman has examined multiple financing options for these and

other anticipated projects.

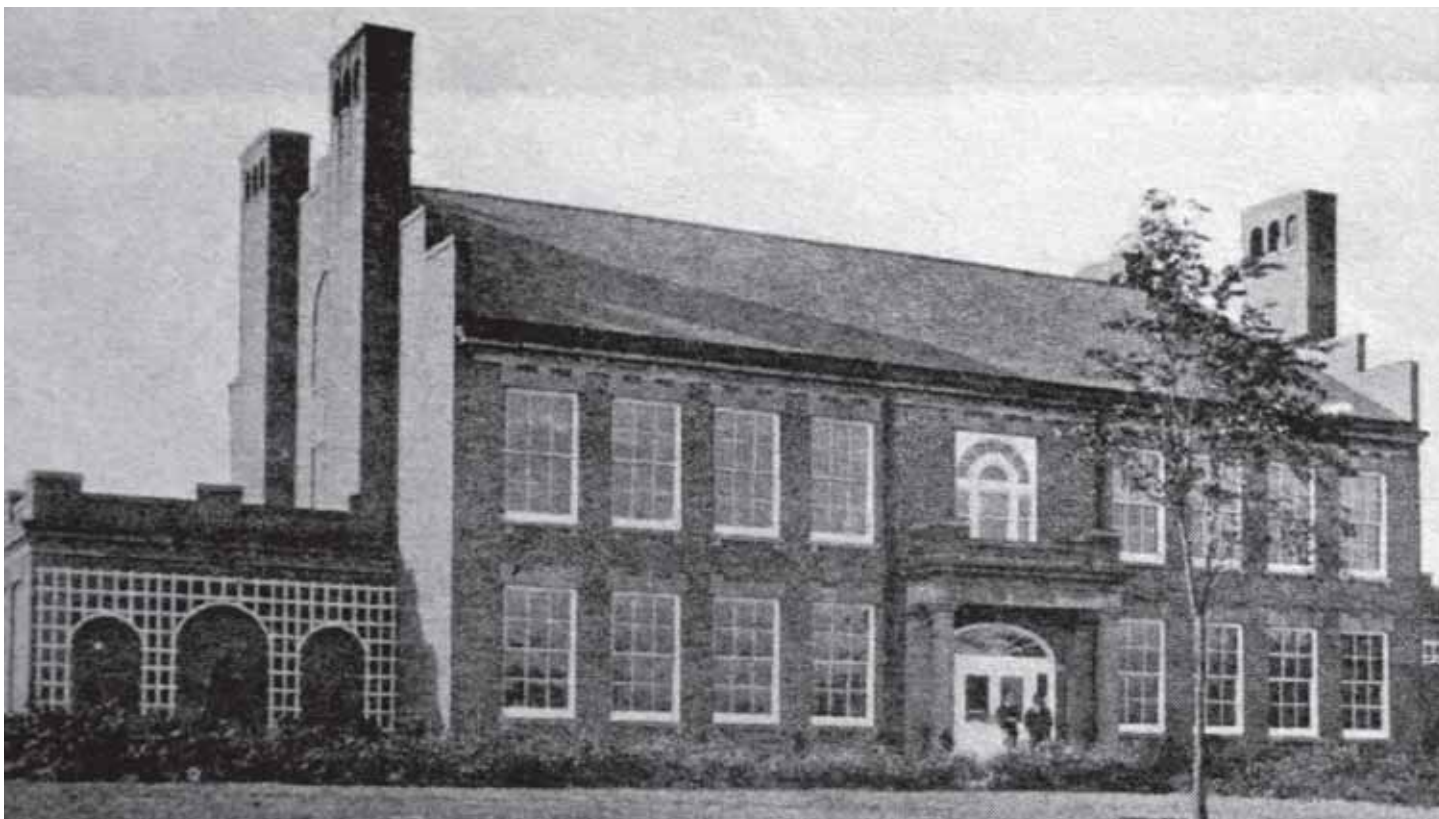
The big question is how to extend the life of the buildings to meet emerging needs for instruction, operational efficiency, and energy efficiency, while respecting their architectural heritage.

Resident Richard Bauschard, an architect who has been involved with historic preservation in Shaker for more than 18 years and serves on the District's facilities committee, says that preservation versus improvement is a delicate balance

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When the District built a second junior high in the late 1950s (top), it departed from tradition, selecting a contemporary design with a sprawling layout and large windows, reflecting the prevailing ideas in school architecture. Shaker Heights Middle School (originally Byron Junior High) retains its spacious feel, but presents challenges with energy consumption and accessibility for people with disabilities.



Designed by George F. Hammond, who drew inspiration from Boston's neoclassical buildings, Boulevard School opened in 1914 and is the oldest Shaker school still standing.



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Wings and dormers have been added to Boulevard School over time. Volunteers have pitched in to create galleries to showcase student art.



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to achieve. For example, making vintage buildings accessible to the physically disabled has been both a challenge and a priority in recent years.

Moreover, evolving instructional practices will influence how buildings are used and equipped – from enhanced infrastructure for technology to flexible spaces for small-group collaboration and learning.

“Twenty-first-century learning involves a quantum shift in teaching space and organization, in order to adapt to the different learning styles of students,” Bauschard explains. “Some of the most effective learning happens in small groups. How do you do that at a reasonable cost in a room that was designed for 30 students learning the same thing at the same time?”

While needs have changed over the decades, a few things have remained constant in the Shaker Schools: forward-thinking facilities planning, respect for the beauty of our traditional buildings, and the community’s commitment to support these values. 🌱

The Straw Buy

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grade when his family became the first African Americans in Sussex. He remembers that a lot of window curtains flew open in houses on the block on the day they moved in, and that “someone came out and said, ‘Well, where are the Milters?’ My dad said, ‘We bought this house.’ We eventually had some very nice neighbors. Some folks probably did move away, but there were no problems that I know of once we moved in.”

“My dad didn’t come up easy,” he says. “He survived World War II and was one of the first African-American IRS agents. My mom was a very determined lady. So this little housing thing was a blip compared to all the other things that they had handled in their lives.”

Nonetheless, of the Milters’ straw buy, he says, “In my view, what Carolyn and Burt did was participate in the civil rights movement. I applaud them.”

Ernest Senior died in 1972. Jackie, who became ill, recently moved to Georgia to be with her son, which put the Townley Road house on the market again – for the first time since 1967.

Ludlow

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And that led me to think about the difference Shaker made. It’s such a journey. Each of us has a role to play in this life process; each of us is another link in the chain.

Tell us how growing up in Ludlow helped you advocate for your own children.

I left Bell because I needed to be at home with my sons, who had encountered discrimination in school. They were attending a math-science magnet school in Chevy Chase, Maryland, and were being treated as if they weren’t capable. I fought

for them and for others who had been hurt by our history. I went to the PTA and talked about what had happened to my sons. That led to my co-chairing the Equity Committee to fight for all the kids in the school. I had the Ludlow example and experience in my mind the whole time.

Why did you decide to earn a degree in historic preservation?

Growing up in Ludlow, I knew that learning was valued, and not just for the credentials. I thought about going to law school, but then I discovered Goucher College’s historic preservation program, and it seemed like a way to continue what I learned from my grandmother’s Bible and the stories she told.

It took six years to earn my master’s degree, because I was raising my three sons and working full-time. I took every class that gave me the opportunity to build on my story, from historic documentation to nonfiction writing. I didn’t find the

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connection between my story and historic preservation until Betsy Bradley [former Shaker resident and Goucher adjunct faculty] made the link. She pointed out that Shaker Heights is recognized on the National Register of Historic Places because of the Van Sweringens and Frederick Law Olmsted – not because of the community's work with integration and civil rights. I also met [Shaker resident and local history librarian] Meghan Hays along the way, and she became director of my thesis.

Your thesis says that Shaker's designation on the National Register of Historic Places should be amended to include Ludlow as a civil rights landmark.

Yes. For many years, historic preservation didn't include the cultural past. Then, places and events in the south – Central High School in Little Rock and the hotel where Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated – received official recognition. But there is nothing to reflect what was happening in the north in the late 1950s and 1960s. During that same time period, African Americans were moving into Ludlow. Many had slavery in their pasts – why else the restrictive covenants? – but they also had the American dream of owning a home.

Because of the Ludlow Community Association's work against those covenants, Shaker Heights meets the updated federal criteria to be designated a national historic landmark for civil rights. It is time for Ludlow to receive the recognition it deserves. I hope conversations about my research will continue so that one day the National Park Service will amend Shaker's inclusion in the National Register to recognize our community's work on open housing and civil rights.

What do you do for fun?

Being in school gave me happiness. Researching subjects that go back to when I was eight or nine years old did something for me – I am supposed to share these stories. And I count my time – even by phone – with my sons, loved ones, and people who lift my spirit as fun and happiness.

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AUGUST 16: Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book, 7 PM, PEARL OF THE ORIENT, 20121 VAN AKEN BLVD. A Shaker Centennial event. Join in a community book discussion of *Home Town* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder. Books are available at the Shaker Library and may also be purchased at Loganberry Books at a 10 percent discount. Registration required: bit.ly/HomeTownDiscussions.

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AUGUST 23: Classics Book Club, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Book group leader Christine Borne, a 2012 Creative Workforce Fellow in Literature, is your guide to some timeless books. Reunite with an old friend (or an old foe!), or become acquainted with a book that “everyone” has read but you. Spirited discussion guaranteed! INFO: 216-795-9800.

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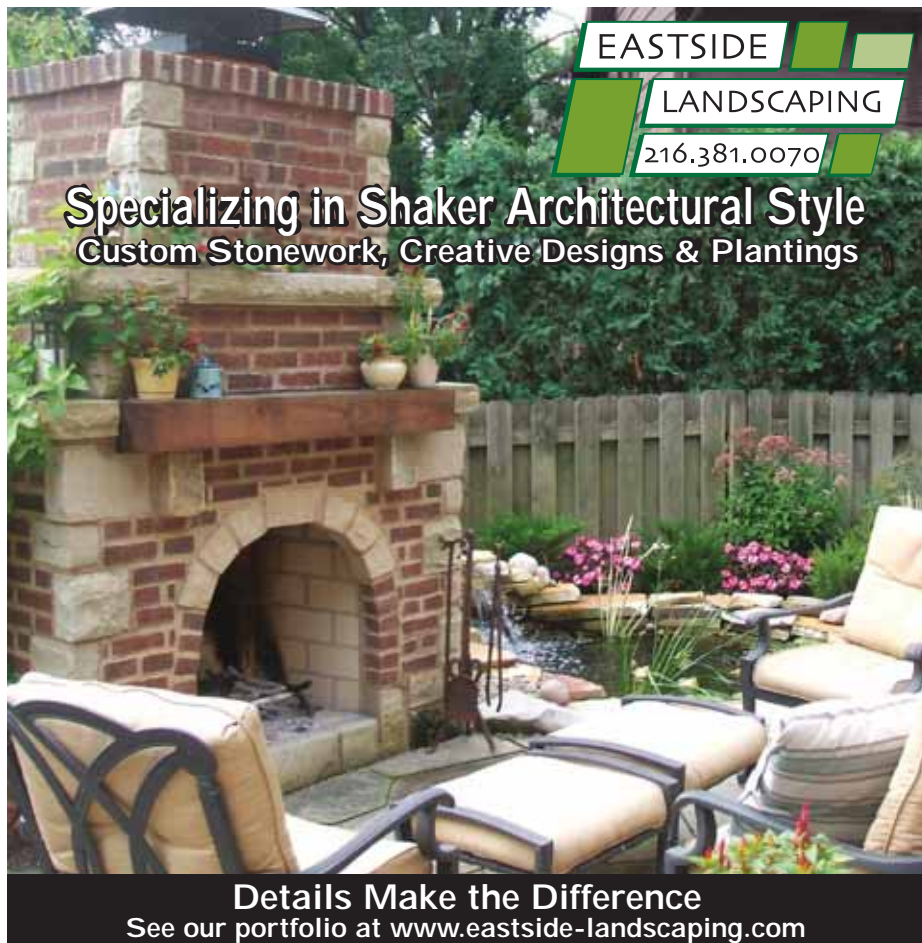
AUGUST 27: Shaker Schools open for the 2012-13 year.

AUGUST 27: St. Dominic School opens for the year.

AUGUST 27: Gallery-Opening Reception, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the photographers who have captured the beauty of Shaker's trees at this special exhibit in honor of the City's Centennial. INFO: 216-991-2030.

AUGUST 29: Teen Center Back-to-School Bash, 3:30-5:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Come for snacks, crafts, and prizes. Plus, take your turn to spin the wheel to win new school supplies. INFO: 216-991-2030.

AUGUST 30: Ninth Grade & New Family Meeting, Activity Fair & Ice Cream Social, 6:30-8:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL



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Animal portraits and drawings in colored pencil, pen, watercolor, and graphite by Beth Whalley and Kati Hanimagi.

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LEE ROAD. Dine and donate at the Stone Oven, which donates a percentage of the day's sales to the Nature Center.

AUGUST 1: Preserve It: Freezing and Canning Workshop, 7-9 PM.

Judi Strauss of TheCharmedKitchen.com conducts a class that provides the information you need to get the most out of your garden and summer produce specials. From canning basics to freezing, learn how to safely store fruits and vegetables. Part of the Shaker Centennial Elegant and Edible series. \$8/members; \$10/non-members. Register by calling 216-321-5935, ext. 235.

AUGUST 6 & 13: Nature Story Time: Animals Around Me & Under a Shady Tree, 10-11 AM. August 6 will be a new nature story and craft time for children ages 3-7 years. Learn about the different animals found at the Nature Center. August 13, meet "under a shady tree" to explore the variety of trees found at the Nature Center. \$5/child. Space is limited. Please pre-register.

AUGUST 9 & SEPTEMBER 13: Summer Breeding Bird Walk, 7-9 PM. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot the second Thursday of each month for bird walks and talks. Free.

AUGUST 14: Babes in Nature: Nature's Colors, 10-10:45 AM. Learn what ladybugs, apples, and cardinals have in common and have

fun searching for the cardinals and colors in nature. For ages 2 months to 2 years with an adult; \$5/members, \$7/non-members.

AUGUST 16 & SEPTEMBER 20: Tales n' Trails: The Fullness of Summer & Fabulous Fall, 2-3:30 PM. See the marsh in bloom August 16 before summer's end. Then September 20, say goodbye to summer and welcome fall with an early autumn walk. \$2/person.

AUGUST 25 & SEPTEMBER 22: Stewardship Saturdays, 9 AM-NOON. Join the monthly volunteer program and help with invasive plant removal in the marsh and other habitats, native planting, and seed collection. Dress for the weather; bring a water bottle and wear waterproof boots. Tools, snacks, and coffee provided. Register with Brandon Henneman at ext. 237.

SEPTEMBER 22: Hike and Run: Nature Hikes & 5-K Race. Registration at 8 AM, hikes begin at 9 AM. Race begins at 9:15 AM. Join running and hiking enthusiasts at the Annual Hike & Run to benefit the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Jenny Goldman Outreach Fund, which provides education and nature experiences to underserved urban youth. Register online at hmapromotions.net or call the Nature Center.

SEPTEMBER 28: Full Moon and Four-Legged Friends, 5:30-7:30 PM. LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. Bring the family for a naturalist-led moonlight walk. Learn about the habitat of deer and the red fox while searching for their signs. \$7/family. Make reservations by calling Lake View Cemetery, 216-421-2265.

Events for SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 1: Come Back to Shaker Weekend, 11 AM-11 PM. It's a Centennial celebration that begins with a Regional Reunion for Shaker grads (all classes), bicycle tours of Shaker sunflower gardens, Shaker Heights Birthday Party & Home Based Business Fair at Horseshoe Lake Park, and a Rockin' Poolside Party at Thornton Park.

SEPTEMBER 1: Larchmere Sidewalk Sale, 10 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BOULEVARD. Discover Larchmere Boulevard, an indie merchants' Mecca with over 40 shops, galleries, eateries, and services featuring art, antiques, books, china, gifts, jewelry, oriental rugs, wearable art, and more. Bi-annual bargains, outdoor shopping, and food trucks. INFO: MARC GOODMAN, 216 229-8919.

SEPTEMBER 3: Labor Day. City offices, schools, and libraries closed.

SEPTEMBER 4: Introduction to Genealogy, 7-8:45 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Discover your roots when Deborah Abbott of the African-American Genealogical Society of Cleveland explains the tools and methods to begin a study of your family tree. INFO: 216-991-2030.

SEPTEMBER 6: Sarah Johnston: Fromage, Baguettes, and Prosecco, 6-8 PM, ANNEX GALLERY LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Sarah has traveled extensively in Northern Italy and France where her art was inspired. Each watercolor is a story that captures the color,

light, and movement of a moment in time. Her exhibit is on display through October 1. INFO: 216-795-9800.


SEPTEMBER 6: Shaker Middle School Open House/Curriculum Night, 7 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Come back to school and see what the year will bring for your middle school students. INFO: 216-295-4100.

SEPTEMBER 7: Larchmere First Friday, 7-8:30 PM. LARCHMERE BLVD. Live Music on Larchmere: A Night for Night Owls, a series of First Friday events until October. Shops are open until 9 pm and restaurants are open until midnight. INFO: 216-795-9800.


SEPTEMBER 8: Doggie Dip, 10 AM-NOON, THORNTON PARK POOL. Come to the pool for some canine capers. Owners can swim, wade (in the unheated/unchlorinated pool while a lifeguard is on duty) and run with their dogs. Misbehaving mutts must be muzzled. Doggie treats, arts and crafts projects for kids, and a t-shirt sale to benefit Recreation for Youth Scholarship fund. \$3/resident dog; \$5/non-resident dog. INFO: 216-491-1295.

SEPTEMBER 8 & 9: Garlic Festival, 1-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. Follow your nose to this grassroots food and music event where proceeds support the North Union Farmers Market. Enjoy garlic-themed food prepared by local chefs from ice cream to oysters, an onsite celebrity chef Grill-Off, live music, cooking demos, wine tastings, taste-and-grow tents for children, more. Tickets: \$7-\$12/adult; \$4-6/seniors; \$2-3/children ages 3-12. They can be purchased at any North Union Farmers Market location, by phone

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SEPTEMBER 8: Harvest Dinner, 5:30-7:30 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Gather 'round the table at this family-friendly harvest dinner with hearty food made from locally grown ingredients with an eye on sustainability. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR shakerhistory.org.

SEPTEMBER 8: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Local jazz combo Gene's Jazz Hot performs in the Lit Arts room. Free hot jazz and cookies, with donations for the band gratefully accepted. INFO: 216-795-9088.

SEPTEMBER 10: SHHS PTO Meeting, 7 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SMALL AUDITORIUM. PTO Business Meeting followed by teacher/staff panel discussion on "Tips for A Student's Success." INFO: 216-233-6726 OR shhsptopres@gmail.com.

SEPTEMBER 11: Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, ADMINISTRATION BLDG., 15600 PARKLAND DR. Regular monthly meeting of the Shaker school board.

SEPTEMBER 12: American Sign Language Classes, 6:30-7:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn basic signing during this free, 6-week course that builds from one skill to another. INFO: 216-991-2030.

SEPTEMBER 13: SHHS Open House/Curriculum Night, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Come back to school; follow your students' schedules, and meet teachers and parents. INFO: 216-295-4200.

SEPTEMBER 15: Community Meal, NOON, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Enjoy a deliciously prepared meal in an atmosphere of friendship, community, and dignity. All are welcome and the meal is free. INFO: 216-991-3432.

SEPTEMBER 17: Rosh Hashanah. Shaker Schools closed.

SEPTEMBER 18: African-American Genealogy, 7-8:45 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Deborah Abbott of the African-American Genealogical Society of Cleveland focuses on African-American resources, such as the Freedom Bureau's records. INFO: 216-991-2030.

SEPTEMBER 19: Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. A Shaker Centennial event. Join in a community book discussion of *Home Town* by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder. Books may be purchased at Loganberry Books at a 10 percent discount. Registration required: bit.ly/HomeTownDiscussions. INFO: 216-795-9800.

SEPTEMBER 20: Classics Book Club, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Read or re-read a classic you might have missed and join in lively discussion led by Christine Borne, a 2012 Creative Workforce Fellow in Literature. INFO: 216-795-9800.

SEPTEMBER 20: Constitution Read Aloud, 7 PM, 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.

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23: Celebrate! 2012, 9-10 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN ROAD. Get first purchase opportunity on an extraordinary selection of vintage and contemporary furniture, gold and gemstone jewelry, original framed art, sterling, china, decorative lamps, fine area rugs and much more. \$10/person. Free admission from 10 am-3 pm Saturday and 11 am-3 pm Sunday. Proceeds benefit Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio. Donations of quality merchandise are still being accepted. INFO: JEAN SARLSON, 216-464-3850.

SEPTEMBER 24: Effective Leadership in Multicultural Institutions, 11 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. Lisa P. Gaynier, Director of Cleveland State University's Diversity Management Program speaks about effective leadership. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

SEPTEMBER 26: Yom Kippur. Shaker Schools closed.

SEPTEMBER 29: SHHS Homecoming. SHAKER VERSUS CUYAHOGA FALLS, 2 PM, HOMECOMING DANCE, 8 PM. Shaker students get the red out and root for Shaker, then don their dress attire for the dance.

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AUGUST 2: Changing Lives: One Woman at a Time: 2012 Hitchcock Center for Women Annual Meeting, 8:30 AM, WINDOWS ON THE RIVER, 2000 SYCAMORE ST., CLEVELAND. Keynote by Dr. Toni Love Johnson, Medical Director of Behavioral Medicine and Counseling, MetroHealth Center for Community Health. Tickets: \$30/person. INFO: 216-421-0662.

AUGUST 3: Twilight at the Zoo, 7 PM-MIDNIGHT, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO. The summer's best music festival celebrating Cleveland's vibrant local music scene! eTickets: events.clevelandzoosociety.org/store/index.php

AUGUST 5: Chardon Square Arts Festival, 10 AM-5 PM, INTERSECTION OF ROUTES 44 & 6. Juried outdoor show with over 100 artists in the park located at the Historic Chardon Square. INFO: 440-285-3519 OR tourgeauga.com.

AUGUST 11: Twilight Trail 8K, 5 PM, NORTH CHAGRIN RESERVATION. Race day registration begins at 5 PM \$25; 300 runners accepted. Benefits Cleveland Rape Crisis Center. Race packet pick-up from 6-8 PM August 10 at Second Sole, 5114

Mayfield Rd. INFO: KATE POPHAL, 216-577-1091 OR kpophal@perfectpace-running.com.

AUGUST 15: WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, 6-9 PM, WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Otis & the Shoreway Saints perform. Movie Night feature: "Puss in Boots." INFO: 217-216-791-3900.

AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 3: Cleveland Oktoberfest, CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 164 EASTLAND RD., BEREA. Four days of authentic German food, beer, and entertainment by local and regional musicians and German dance groups. Rain or shine. Free parking. Children under 12 free. INFO: clevelandoktoberfest.com/microbrew.php.


SEPTEMBER 1: Made in Ohio Craft

Festival, 10 AM-5 PM, HALE FARM & VILLAGE, 2686 OAK HILL RD, BATH. \$5 admission to the third annual festival includes admission to all Hale Farm & Village homes and craft demonstrations. INFO: madeinohiofestival.com/index.htm.


SEPTEMBER 12: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Ohio State University's Dr. Julie S. Field speaks on "Population Growth and Socio-political Change in Late Pre-Contact Hawaii." Meet-the-speaker reception follows the lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600.

SEPTEMBER 15 & 16: Chalk Festival, 11 AM-5 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. Individuals, families, schools, and neighborhood

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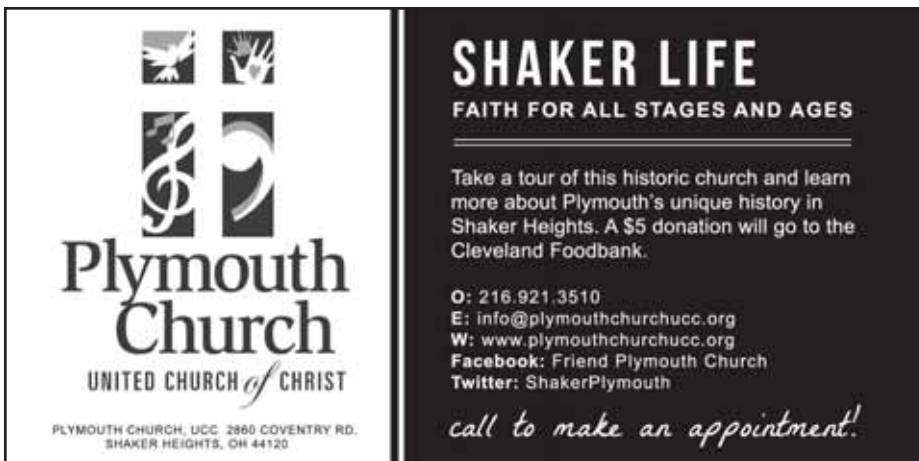
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SEPTEMBER 15: **Komen Cleveland Race for the Cure®**, 9 AM, WOLSTEIN CENTER, 2000 PROSPECT AVE. 5K Run, 5K walk and one-mile walk to benefit breast cancer research. INFO: komen-neohio.org.

SEPTEMBER 16: **Ride for Miles**, 10 AM, JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, 21300 CLAYTHORNE RD. 15-mile annual non-competitive bicycle ride to benefit the John Carroll University Biology Department's Miles Coburn Environmental Symposium. \$25/person. INFO: rideformiles.org.

SEPTEMBER 22 & 23: **Wings of Women Conference**, INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S AIR & SPACE MUSEUM, BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT. Designed to interest young women in middle school and high school in aviation and space careers through a day of speakers and activities. Attendees also have the opportunity to take an EAA-sponsored Young Eagles flight at Burke Lakefront Airport. INFO: iwasm.org/wp-blog/education/girls-stem-initiative/wow-conference/

SEPTEMBER 30: **The Dr. John and Helen Collis Lecture**, 2 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART. From Byzantium to El Greco: Icon Painting in Venetian Crete. INFO: 216-421-7350.

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Teach Your Children. Well?

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

As the tick of the clock grows ever louder, the distant hum of his mortality filling late summer evenings like so many thirsty mosquitoes, Shaker Man begins to brood upon his legacy – specifically, about what he has taught his children, and what he hasn't. And so begins the Summer of Fatherly Wisdom for his 19-year-old daughter (already a college junior) and his 15-year-old son (already a 6'2", size-16-shoed high school sophomore). For reasons known only to Shaker Man, this education is concentrated primarily in three areas:

Life: Shaker Man tells his children the only wisdom *he* ever received from *his* father consisted of three phrases:

- “You wouldn’t like it cold.” (useful for when anyone complains that their food is too hot);
- “He’s laughing all the way to the bank.” (useful for when anyone complains about any moderately successful person, regardless of how awful that person is); and
- “You see?” (useful for ending any conversation from which no meaning or logical conclusion can be drawn (e.g., Shaker Man: “I can’t believe that just happened!” His Dad: “You see?”))

Determined to do better, Shaker Man lights a cigar and asks his cherished offspring to sit under the front yard’s big tree for the Big Discussion of Life.

“This isn’t going to be the birds and the bees, is it?” asks 15.

“No.”

“Because that would be awkward. Outside. With both of us here.”

“With *either* of us here,” says 19.

“And when did you start smoking cigars?”

“They encourage contemplation. And this isn’t about the birds and the bees. It’s about life!”

19 and 15 exchange dubious glances.

“What about it?” 19 asks cautiously.

“Well... what it means... what you need to do... that kind of stuff.”

“Stuff?”

“Well... It’s important. And it goes faster than you ever think it will. And... um... It’s beautiful... and... um—”

“Maybe we should give you a moment,” says 19.

“But... I have so much to tell you...”

“Beautiful. Important. Fast. Got it,” says 15. “And now I’m going to laugh all the way to the bank, or inside, where I wouldn’t like it cold. You see? Goodnight.”

Tools: Undeterred, Shaker Man next explains that all he learned from his father that most tool names include profanity, as in “channel-lock – OUCH! %\$#! – pliers” or “hand me that %\$#! screwdriver.” These memories inspire our hero to set up class on the patio, with a toolbox and various implements laid across a table, covered with a striped beach towel.

“Who can tell me what a pipe wrench is?”

19 and 15 look at each other as if a Giant Dork Squid had just swallowed their father.

“Well...” says 19. “Just guessing here, but is it a wrench that you, um, use on pipes?”

“Bingo!” says Shaker Man, reaching under the towel and holding up – a coping saw. “Oops.” He quickly replaces it and finds the wrench.

“What do I win?” says 19.

“What?”

“For guessing right. What’s my prize?”

“There’s no prize. The prize is learning life skills!”

“This is the *worst* game show in history,” says 15.

“Among the pipe wrench’s many uses is changing the propane tank on a gas grill—”

“Make sure the valve is closed,” says 15.

Adds 19: “Should you be smoking a cigar?”

WHOOOOOOOOOOOOOSH!
(Flame, spinning propane tank.).
BAM! (Impact with brick wall). OOF!
(Impact with Shaker Man’s shin.)
OUCH. %\$#!

19: “Grandpa would be proud.”

Manual Transmission: Shaker Man perseveres: “No human being is fully prepared for a successful life,” he declares, “without knowing how to drive a stick shift.”

“Gandhi did OK,” says 19.

“That’s not what I meant.”

“And Buddha wouldn’t even fit in that thing,” she adds, pointing to the 1996 two-seater convertible he’s borrowed for tonight’s lesson,

“The Silk Road wasn’t paved back then. Into the car, please.”

Shaker Man puts the car into gear, but the clutch makes a gnashing sound like a rusty table saw.

“Is it supposed to make that noise?” asks 19.

“Just a minute.” More metallic grinding. “Got it.” But when he hits the gas, the car lurches backward, knocking down a small fence.

“%\$#!”

“That would be “reverse,” Dad. Plus, %\$#! isn’t really an adverb.”

“Not helping. I thought this was an “H” pattern—”

“Is this how Grandpa taught you to drive a stick?”

“Grandpa never taught me,” says Shaker Man. “This, I learned myself.”

19 nods sagely and smiles: “You see?”



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