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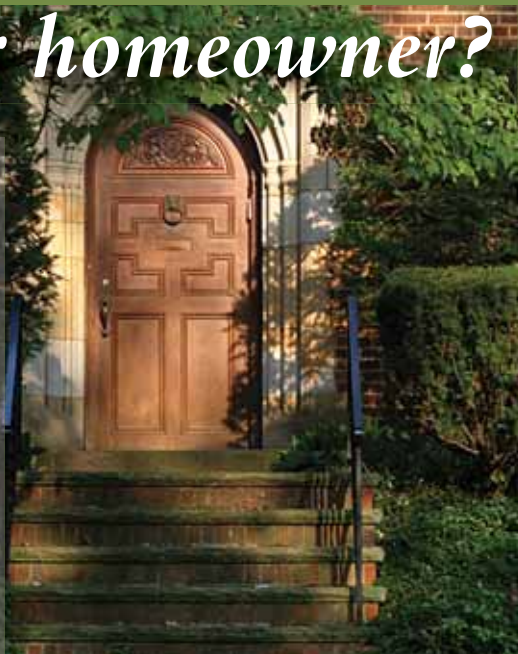
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## WvA Redevelopment News

Following are updates on the major initiatives impacting the Warrensville/Van Aken Transit-Oriented Development Plan, which calls for reconfiguring the area from a six-leg intersection to a four-leg intersection; extending the rapid transit line to a new intermodal transit station; and creating new parcels for housing, retail, and office uses. Complete information and plans are available at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### Road Engineering & Reconfiguration

- Engineering consultants are evaluating options for relocating Northfield Road, as well as the configuration of the intersection of the existing Northfield and new Northfield location. Intersection types being studied include a curve, a T-intersection, and a roundabout.
- Engineers are working to determine the geometry of the main intersection, the number of lanes, the width of the lanes, and the location of crosswalks.

- Upon completion of this analysis, a preferred plan will be presented at a public meeting, possibly this fall. To receive an email invitation, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) and enter your email address in the box. (Entering your email enables you to add yourself to any one or more of the City's E-News subscription services.)

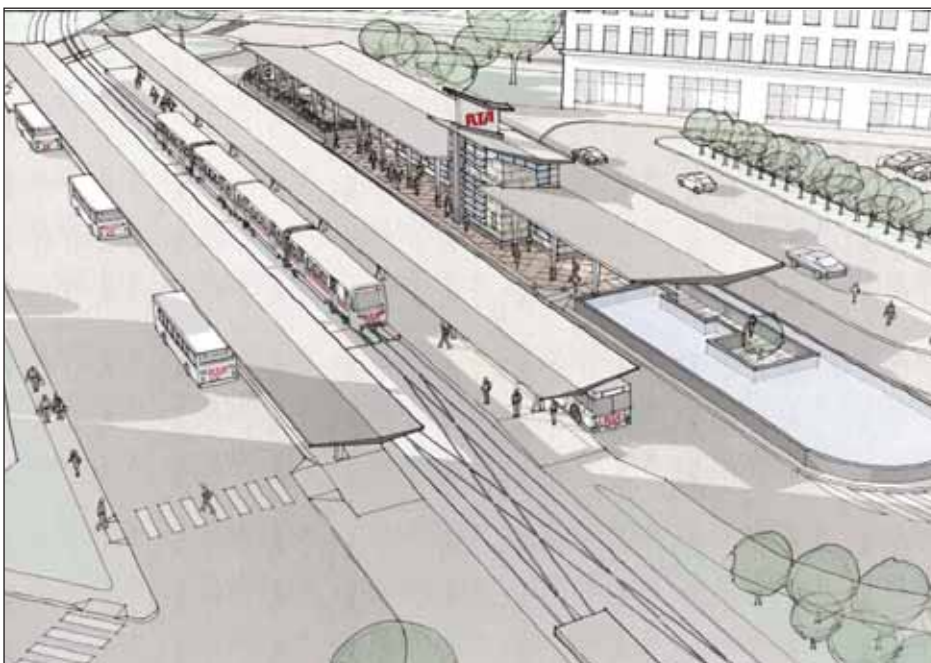
- Construction is anticipated to begin in late 2012 or early 2013.

### RTA Blue Line Track Extension Alternatives Analysis

- RTA consultants have identified five alternatives for extending the Blue Line rapid transit; two are rail line options, and three are bus-rapid transit options like the one being used in the Euclid Corridor.
- This fall, RTA will conduct an on-board rider survey to learn about transit users' preferences.
- More information: [www.riderta.com/majorprojects/bluelineextension](http://www.riderta.com/majorprojects/bluelineextension).

### Intermodal Transit Station

- The City and RTA have jointly prepared an Intermodal Transit Center Plan to determine the physical area necessary to accommodate required transit station program elements, track facilities, and bus circulation, with cost estimates.
- The plan evaluates options and alternatives for passenger waiting environment and building(s), bus/rail passenger transfers, bus access and circulation, pedestrian/bike connections, parking, and connections to the surrounding business district.
- The plan also evaluates the amount and arrangement of private development that could be accommodated on the intermodal station site.
- The cost for the station, track extension, bus access, and parking is estimated at \$50 million. RTA and the City are currently seeking financing from a variety of federal and state sources.



**Conceptual drawing** of proposed TOD and Intermodal Transit Center. Rendering by Parsons Brinckerhoff and Bialosky + Partners Architects.



## Fire Department Open House: Saturday, October 9

Get a peek behind the scenes at the SHFD Open House on Saturday, October 9. The event will take place from 1–3 pm at the Fire House, 17000 Chagrin Boulevard, and features:

- Refreshments
- Kids' activities
- Station and fire truck tours
- The fire safety trailer
- Fire extinguisher demonstration and hands-on practice
- Free blood pressure testing
- Review of home escape plans
- Fire safety related information, such as proper installation of smoke detectors

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

## Remembering Gruber's Restaurant

The Shaker Historical Society is planning an exhibit of photographs and memories of Gruber's Restaurant, a popular Shaker fixture until it closed in 1967. Founded in 1907 by Max Gruber, the restaurant was originally located in downtown Cleveland. Gruber's reached the height of its popularity when it relocated to Van Aken Boulevard near Warrensville Center Road in the 1940s.

Former Shaker resident Lilli Lief commented in Gail G. Bellamy's book, *Cleveland Food Memories*, "When I was young, the elegant restaurant in my neighborhood was Gruber's, where you'd get very fine cuisine. It was where your parents went, but you didn't."

The Historical Society invites residents to share their unique memories or colorful anecdotes about the restaurant, which will be compiled and included in the exhibit. Contact Patty Cogan, at 216-921-1201, or e-mail your recollections to [shakerhistory@shakerhistory.com](mailto:shakerhistory@shakerhistory.com).



## Onaway Service Corps Puts the Green in the RTA Green Line

Nineteen fourth graders from the Onaway Elementary School Service Corps brought shovels, spades, and a sunny attitude to their most recent service project. In a partnership between RTA and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, the rapid stop at South Park and Shaker boulevards has officially been designated "The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes" stop. The Onaway students lent a helping hand at the renaming ceremony by sprucing up the shelter area with native plants.

Shaker resident Molly Walsh, director of development for the Nature Center, thought the project would be a natural fit for the Service Corps, which meets about once a month during the lunch and recess period. She received an enthusiastic

response from RTA officials and from the Shaker parents in charge of the Service Corps, Martha Mahoney, Sheri Morford, and Lauren Miklos.

RTA spokesman Jerry Masek praised the students' efforts. "These kids can take pride in their work – and it might make people think twice about littering."

Mahoney and Miklos launched the Service Corps to help incorporate public service at the elementary school. Says Mahoney, "We felt it was so important for kids to have a sense of the bigger picture. We are hopeful that doing service projects when they are young will keep students connected and committed to their community as they get older."



### Daddy's Girl

Mae Nagusky, a third grader at Fernway elementary, wore a Dads' Day Run T-shirt everyday for a year – June '09-June '10 – to honor Shaker's premier summer fitness event. Her father, Peter, is one of the race's founders. Mae says she has "ten or twelve" of the shirts from different years, so while size might have been an issue, laundry wasn't. PHOTO BY KEVIN G. REEVES

## Please Bag the Bagster®!

When undertaking a home improvement project that requires the disposal of construction materials, homeowners may be tempted to purchase a soft-sided collection bag such as the Bagster®, sold at hardware and home improvement stores. The problem? While the bag is fairly inexpensive to purchase, the cost of removal is upwards of \$90, which can come as a surprise to the homeowner. More importantly, the removal company will only collect the bags if they are left on the tree lawn, a violation of a Shaker Heights ordinance.

For large projects, the City recommends the use of a construction dumpster, which must be placed in the rear of the home. The City does not require a permit for the use of a dumpster on residential property.

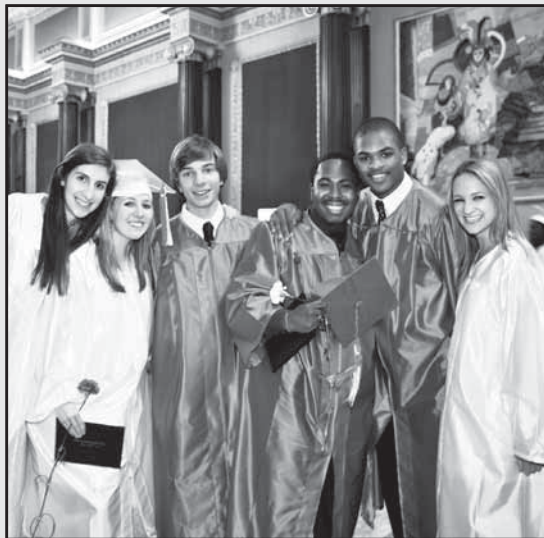
Residents may also dispose of building materials at the Service Center on Saturdays from 8 am to 4 pm. Proof of residency is required. Residents should bring a driver's license and current utility bill (within 90 days) or vehicle registration. Acceptable items include appliances, furniture, building materials, and household items. Items that cannot be accepted include paint, computers, insecticides/pesticides, yard or lawn waste, rocks, bricks, or recyclables. One drop off per household is allowed per Saturday.



## Mark Your Calendar for Flu Shot Clinics

The Shaker Heights Health Department makes it easy and affordable for residents of all ages to get a seasonal flu shot. Call to schedule an appointment beginning Tuesday, September 7. The Health Department offers seasonal flu shot clinics throughout

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Once again, Shaker is in the top 2% of U.S. high schools in *Newsweek's* annual survey.

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## Accomplished Shaker Graduate Honored as Presidential Scholar



**Alison C. Boyd**, a 2010 graduate of Shaker Heights High School, can add Presidential Scholar to an already stellar resume. In June, Boyd was honored at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., along with 140 other outstanding high school seniors who demonstrated exemplary academic achievement, artistic excellence, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community.

The Presidential Scholars award is one of the highest honors bestowed on graduating high school seniors. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects only one male and one female scholar from each state, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and U.S. families living abroad. The Commission also names 20

Presidential Scholars of the Arts, and 15 at-large scholars.

Boyd demonstrated her academic prowess and leadership skills through a wide variety of accomplishments. She was both a National Merit \$2,500 Scholarship winner and an AP Scholar with Distinction. Boyd volunteered countless hours at hunger centers throughout Cleveland and served as president of the Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Club at the High School.

The club's advisor, William Scanlon, praises Boyd for her dedication and compassion. "Alison was so warm and inviting to everyone involved in the club. She always had an empathetic smile to share."

Boyd is also a talented musician. She played the oboe as a member of the prestigious Contemporary Youth Orchestra, and was a section leader of the symphonic orchestra at Shaker, as well as principal oboist for Shaker's wind ensemble. She also played the bass drum for Shaker's marching band.

Over the summers and during her senior project, Boyd interned as a lab assistant at Case Medical School doing cardiovascular research. "My experience at Case really made me interested in pursuing a career in academia doing research," she says. In particular, she hopes to apply her scientific abilities to studying the problems of

world hunger.

"I am very interested in the idea that we have a growing world population, and yet have the same amount of space and resources," says Boyd.

Accordingly, Boyd intends to major in food, agricultural, and biological engineering when she enters The Ohio State University School of Engineering this fall, as a member of the Honors Collegium Program. She is one of ten students to receive the 2010 Ohio State Presidential Scholarship, a prestigious, merit-based scholarship that covers full tuition, room and board for four years at the university.

Also honored at the ceremony in Washington was Kenneth J. Culek, the Shaker Heights High School biology teacher Boyd named as her most inspiring teacher. Culek received a Teacher Recognition Award from the U.S. Department of Education at the event. Each Presidential Scholar was invited to select one teacher for the award.

Culek is not surprised by Boyd's success. "Alison is naturally inquisitive. She is fascinated to find out how things work. She is so well grounded. She understands who she is and what she wants her priorities to be. She really is capable of accomplishing anything she wants to do," he says.



Kenneth Culek and Alison Boyd

## Children's Health Fair Coming This September

Community Life will coordinate a Children's Health Fair on Saturday, September 25 from 10 am to 2 pm at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Partners from throughout the community will address a wide range of topics concerning children's overall health, wellness, fitness, nutrition, and juvenile diseases. The Shaker Heights Health Department will also be on hand to provide necessary school immunizations. For more information, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) or contact Kevin Crowe at 216-491-2595.



October, November, and December.

The first clinic date is Tuesday, October 19. FluMist, the nasal spray vaccine, is also available for persons aged 2-49 years. The cost of the seasonal flu vaccine this year is \$30. Pneumonia shots are \$45.

Another convenient option for residents is the Point of Distribution (POD) Drill, held at the Middle School in late October or early November; watch the next issue of Shaker Life for details. The POD drill features walk-through and drive-through flu vaccine access, and has the added benefit of helping health care providers and volunteers prepare for emergency situations. Appointments will not be necessary for the POD Clinic this year.

The Health Department also offers back-to-school immunizations, as well as other shots commonly needed for traveling out of the country. Check shakeronline.com for available vaccines and their costs, or call the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

## Fresh from the Farm and Garden

### FBC Farmers Market

Every Wednesday evening, First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland hosts a Farmers Market from 4-7 pm, featuring fresh produce, grass-fed beef, dairy items, baked goods, and many vegan options.

"Our goal is to promote whole, slow, local, and sustainable agriculture," says Reverend Stephanie Allen.

Some of the participating farmers include New Creation Farm, which supplies grass-fed beef and free-range chicken; Hartzler All Natural Dairy, whose products are certified free of chemicals and artificial hormones; and Clearlake Farm, which sells a variety of herbs and produce. Ohio City Pasta sells homemade pasta, and light dinners and smoothies are also available for purchase.

First Baptist Church is located at 3630 Fairmount Boulevard, near Eaton Road. For more information visit [www.firstbaptistcleveland.org](http://www.firstbaptistcleveland.org).

### Master Gardeners Visit ECEC

The Ohio State University Extension Program paired up with the Early Childhood Enrichment Center (ECEC) this summer for a six-week program that culminated with a homegrown harvest. A Master Gardener worked with the children once a week in the Debra Ann November Learning Garden (located on the Shaker Family Center grounds), to plant and maintain

an edible garden. The children then enjoyed the fruits – and vegetables – of their labor, with special recipes prepared with the help of a chef.

### Nominate a Shaker Alum to Hall of Fame

The Shaker Heights Alumni Association is soliciting nominations for its Hall of

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Fame, which was established in 1986 to recognize distinguished graduates of Shaker Heights High School.

To be considered for induction into the Hall of Fame, candidates must have shown exemplary achievement in areas such as art, education, medicine, politics, business, and law. Prominent names in the Hall of Fame include satirist and comedian Andy Borowitz, Congresswoman Marcia Fudge, and Susan Orlean, an author and staff writer for *The New Yorker*.

More than 200 alumni have been inducted to date. The induction festivities, which take place in early October, include a Sunday evening dinner with family and friends and a Monday morning brunch, followed by an opportunity to address the junior and senior classes at the High School. Inductees are also treated to a tour of the High School.

Anyone wishing to nominate a Shaker graduate for induction should send information to Richard Schanfarber, Shaker Heights Alumni Association, P.O. Box 24551, Cleveland 44124, or access the [Shaker.org](http://Shaker.org) web site and follow the links Alumni/ae News /Hall of Fame/Submit a Nomination.

Please include as much of the following information as possible for your nominee: current name, name at time of graduation, graduation year, current address, and reason for nomination. Also include your name, phone number, and/or e-mail address in the event that more information is needed. Deadline is August 30.

## Business News

### City Welcomes New Economic Development Director



Menesse

Tania Menesse became the City's new Director of Economic Development last May, bringing with her a wealth of ideas, experience, and enthusiasm. Menesse is a native of Shaker Heights and a graduate of Shaker Heights High School. She received an undergraduate degree in Commerce from the University of Virginia, with a minor in History. Menesse also holds a Masters in Urban Studies from Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, where she focused on economic and community development.

Menesse worked for ten years in the telecommunications industry, for GTE (now Verizon) and for Qwest Communications in Denver. She also worked as a consultant for KPMG Consulting. She and her husband, Rick Smith, relocated back to Shaker Heights in 2005. They have two children who attend Shaker schools.

Menesse is already hard at work with City officials to put together a cohesive economic development plan that will identify the best types of industries and companies to attract to the community, and to make the best use of the space and

resources at hand.

"Shaker is known for its exemplary schools and distinctive neighborhoods. Our commercial districts need to capitalize on the locavore movement and reinforce this unique sense of place. Both the City and our residents are starting to embrace the idea that main street revitalization is critical to neighborhood stabilization," says Menesse.

Menesse plans to establish a forum for regular input from the community. "I firmly believe that economic development in Shaker is a community effort. Our greatest asset is our residents; their ideas, their contacts, and their willingness to bring people into Shaker," she says.

Residents who have ideas to share are invited to send them to the Economic Development department at [economic.development@shakeronline.com](mailto:economic.development@shakeronline.com).

## News Briefs

- Musician **Jim Brickman**, a native of Shaker Heights and graduate of Shaker High School, brings a Summer Musicfest to Classic Park in Eastlake on August 7. The festival features music from a variety of performers, including vocalist Anne Cochran, who is also a Shaker native and graduate. Info: [www.BrickmanMusicfest.com](http://www.BrickmanMusicfest.com).

- 2006 Shaker High School graduate **Susan Garverick** was named a 2010 Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellow. The foundation provides support to graduates during their first critical years as a new teacher. Garverick graduated as valedictorian from Washington University in St. Louis. During her tenure there she tutored high school and college students in mathematics. She obtained her teaching certificate from Harvard University, and hopes to teach in the Boston area.

"It has never been more important to encourage the next generation of students to pursue mathematical sciences, and I fully intend to meet this challenge," she says.

### If You Worked Here, You'd Be Home By Now

If you've ever dreamed of running a health food restaurant, a bookshop, a yoga studio, or a pet store, Shaker Heights may just be your dream location. The Shaker Heights Economic Development department wants to help establish and nurture the perfect work environment for your budding business opportunity. Whether you have an idea for a storefront business, or operate a home-based business that is looking to grow, we want to hear from you, at [economic.development@shakeronline.com](mailto:economic.development@shakeronline.com).



## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm August 7, 14, 21 & 28, and September 11 and 25 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

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

**Recycling Events:** Computer Round-up: August 14 & 15, 21 & 22 and Household Hazardous Waste Round-up: September 11 & 12, 18 & 19; 8 am to 4 pm, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Phone Book Round-up: through September 17. Dumpsters at Main and Bertram Woods Libraries, Thornton Park and City Hall parking lots. Info: 216-491-1490.

For more information on the City's Codified Ordinances, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).



## Neighborhood News

### Ludlow/Moreland

Shaker residents Tammy Bell, Johnnie Dent, Jr., and Avril Sargeant are recent graduates of Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland. The program covered leadership topics from personal goals to neighborhood development. The participants attended a retreat, organized neighborhood tours, and completed group projects.

Dent, a Ludlow resident, is a minister, lecturer, and vice president of a mentoring program called International Men of Excellence. Sargeant is the community outreach coordinator for the Shaker Prevention Coalition, and Bell is the customer service coordinator for the City of Shaker Heights. Sargeant and Bell are Moreland residents.

The graduates plan to use strategies they learned in the program to promote community engagement and social inclusion.

### Lomond/Sussex

#### Winslow Road Restoration Pictorial

Photograph from the second edition of *Shaker Village Standards* shows 17423 Winslow's original historic façade as it looked in 1928. Over the years, the property has undergone significant alteration of the front façade from its 1928 appearance. The City acquired the property in 2009 and secured funding to renovate the home into a model of energy efficiency and flexible design. RDL Architects designed an updated interior floor plan and a new façade to bring it closer to its original historic appearance.



## Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners Announced

Fifth graders from Mrs. Betsy Brindza's class at Woodbury School rose to the challenge producing the winning posters for the theme: "Trees are Terrific... and Energy Wise!"

Inspired by a similar motif, first place is awarded to Cameron Massad and second place to Cammie Cicero. Third place is awarded to Isabella Rotatori. An honorable mention goes to Emily Knight.

The first, second, and third place winners received a subscription to the National Arbor Day Foundation, a framed copy of their work, a T-shirt and mouse pad. A tree was planted in Cameron Massad's honor as the first place winner.



First Place:  
Cameron  
Massad



Second Place:  
Cammie  
Cicero



Third Place:  
Isabella  
Rotatori



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## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between March 1 and April 30, 2010 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	2010 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3106 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$325,000	\$312,000 (2007)
3226 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$222,000	\$185,000 (2004)
2543 CHESHIRE ROAD	\$105,000	\$137,000 (2006)
2631 COVENTRY ROAD	\$141,000	\$186,667 (2009)
3260 DALEFORD ROAD	\$175,000	\$190,000 (2001)
3269 DALEFORD ROAD	\$154,000	\$162,500 (2004)
3330 DORCHESTER ROAD	\$157,000	\$210,000 (2004)
3280 ELSMERE ROAD	\$179,500	\$180,000 (2007)
3296 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$160,000	\$137,000 (1997)
3602 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$156,000	\$149,000 (2008)
3339 GRENWAY ROAD	\$245,000	\$280,000 (2003)
3379 INGLESIDE ROAD	\$279,000	\$310,000 (2007)
3002 HUNTINGTON ROAD	\$282,000	\$192,000 (2000)
3279 KENMORE ROAD	\$209,000	\$319,500 (2005)
3336 LANSMERE ROAD	\$260,000	\$267,500 (2005)
17934 LOMOND BLVD	\$119,900	\$ 83,334 (2009)
3096 LUDLOW ROAD	\$42,300	\$ 72,000 (2006)
3719 NORMANDY ROAD	\$131,000	\$130,000 (2003)
3280 NORWOOD ROAD	\$410,000	\$170,000 (2000)
16520 PARKLAND DR	\$775,000	\$770,000 (2008)
3584 PENNINGTON ROAD	\$86,200	\$ 60,000 (2006)
3652 RAWNSDALE ROAD	\$195,000	\$175,000 (2001)
22212 RYE ROAD	\$230,000	\$230,000 (2008)
18500 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$667,000	\$800,000 (2007)
20005 SUSSEX ROAD	\$162,500	\$180,000 (2005)
3111 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$170,000	\$226,000 (2007)
2888 WEYBRIDGE ROAD	\$337,500	\$369,000 (2009)
3658 WINCHELL ROAD	\$152,400	\$ 98,500 (2005)
19000 WINSLOW ROAD	\$187,000	\$235,000 (2005)
19430 WINSLOW ROAD	\$130,000	\$ 85,001 (2008)
19601 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$559,000	\$545,000 (2006)

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

15716 ALDERSYDE DR	\$385,000	\$318,500 (1997)
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### LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 20 YEARS:

3185 BELVOIR BLVD	\$200,000	\$ 95,000 (1992)
3259 DALEFORD ROAD	\$220,000	\$157,000 (1990)
2686 ROCKLYN ROAD	\$447,000	\$252,500 (1994)
3636 TRAVER ROAD	\$199,000	\$105,000 (1990)
18432 WINSLOW ROAD	\$100,000	\$130,000 (1993)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## City Resources Support Landlord Success

Managing a rental property takes knowledge, patience, and marketing savvy. Fortunately, the City offers an abundance of resources to help landlords succeed, including:

### Certified Shaker Program

The City provides extra assistance in promoting rental properties that have achieved the Certified Shaker designation.

### Benefits of Certified Shaker

- City promotes designated properties as the best Shaker has to offer, with regional and national exposure, through Shaker Life magazine, promotional materials, and print advertising.
- A photo and description of each property is included on our website with direct links to your email address and phone number.
- City Relocation Specialists show Certified Shaker properties to out-of-town prospects.
- Owners have access to technical assistance from our Housing Specialist on ways to improve property marketability.
- Free yard signs with the Certified Shaker name.

### Criteria to Become Certified

- No current housing or fire code violations at the time of certification
- A current Certificate of Occupancy
- Property cannot be in foreclosure
- Spotlessly clean
- Freshly painted throughout
- Updated appliances and fixtures

- Appropriate landscaping

### Landlord Training Course

Think you know the basics? Take the Landlord Quiz at [shakeronline.com/landlord](http://shakeronline.com/landlord) to find out. Even landlords with a perfect score can benefit from the City's comprehensive Landlord Training Course, to stay on top of the latest legal issues, property maintenance tips, marketing strategies, and City requirements. The next class is Saturday, September 11 at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. The class is free, but space is limited. To reserve your seat, call 216-361-9240 or email [denglish@thehousingcenter.org](mailto:denglish@thehousingcenter.org).

### Tenant Screening Assistance

The key to finding good tenants is successful screening, interviewing, and fact checking. The City has a cooperative agreement with Tenant Patrol to provide professional tenant screening at a group rate to Shaker property owners. Contact Jacqueline Patterson at 216-491-1333 for details.

### Online Resources

Click on "Landlord Connection" at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) for property management advice, updates on housing legislation, an online Landlord Training Manual, marketing strategies, and more.

Call Jacqueline Patterson the Housing Specialist at 216-491-1333 for more information.



### Newly Certified Properties

#### Apartments:

The Greenbriar Apartments  
17100 Van Aken Boulevard  
Owner: Kurt Montlack  
Certified 2003, 2006, 2007, 2010

Winfield Place  
3255 Warrensville Center Road  
Owner: Rebecca Sanders  
Certified 2006, 2007, 2009, 2010

#### Rental Homes:

3324 Aberdeen Road  
Owner: Karen Miner  
Certified 2008-2010

3665 Glencairn Road  
Owner: Ann Kieger  
Certified 2006-2010

23550 Fairmount Road  
Owner: Brian Cook  
Certified 2010

3609 Glencairn Road  
Owners: Christopher and Lisa Weight  
Certified 2010

3621 Ingleside Road  
Owners: Larry & Linda King  
Certified 2010

3568 Palmerston Road  
Owners: Julie & Michael Leeson  
Certified 2006-2010

3559 Riedham Road  
Owner: Kenolli Julesi  
Certified 2010

17605 Winslow Road  
Owner: Jay Nystrom  
Certified 2008-2010

17629 Winslow Road  
Owner: Robert Jacobs  
Certified 2010

### Building Doctors Set to Make House Calls

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office has selected Shaker Heights as one of seven communities to host a Building Doctor Clinic. The Building Doctors are experts on old building maintenance and repairs, and specialize in bringing older buildings back to life without sacrificing the features that make them appealing. The Building Doctors visit all kinds of pre-1955 buildings, including schools, churches, stores, offices, and homes. They will hold a clinic session and make house calls in our area for two days in October.

### Building Doctor Clinic

On Thursday, October 7, the Building Doctors will hold a clinic session at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, from 7–9 pm. This free seminar will address topics like peeling paint and failing plaster, wet basements, deteriorating masonry, window, wood issues, and how to bring buildings built before 1955 up to date without sacrificing historic integrity.

### On-Site Consultations

On Friday, October 8 from 9 am–2 pm, the Building Doctors will make the rounds of ailing buildings to examine problems and prescribe cures. Consultations are free, but homeowners must register in advance and must attend the Thursday clinic session in order to qualify. Visit [www.building-doctor.org](http://www.building-doctor.org) for online registration and additional information. Residents may also contact Ann Klavora, Senior Planner, at 216-491-1436 or at [ann.klavora@shakeronline.com](mailto:ann.klavora@shakeronline.com), with questions.

The Building Doctor Clinic is a program of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office. Their visit to Shaker Heights is co-sponsored by the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights, the Shaker Heights Public Library, and the Shaker Heights Historical Society and Museum.



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## August Is Amnesty Month

A is for Amnesty and August is Amnesty month – time to look in the car, under the bed, and between the cushions for those overdue library items. During the entire month of August, the Library will hold an amnesty period to encourage borrowers to return library material. Residents who return “lost” Shaker Library items in good condition will be forgiven the full amount of the maximum overdue fine charged. (An item more than 28 days overdue is considered lost.)

If a resident has truly lost the item and is paying to replace it, the Library will take 50 percent off the replacement cost. Likewise, the Library will take half off the replacement cost for damaged items.

The August amnesty period covers only material borrowed from Shaker Library. Lost and damaged material from other libraries must be paid for at the item's full replacement cost.

Fines during the month of August will also be reduced by half to allow borrowers the opportunity to clear their library card accounts before September 1 when the Library will join with other libraries in Ohio in using a materials recovery service.

According to Library Director Luren Dickinson, “We hope that the August Amnesty period will help us to get our library material back and to generate some income, but mostly we hope that this will give folks with blocked library cards the opportunity to start using the library again.”

Residents can pay for overdue fines and replacement fees for all CLEVNET libraries by cash, check, or credit card.

## Celebrate Salsa Saturday at Woods Branch

Celebrate the Library garden's harvest and everything salsa from 2-4 pm Saturday, August 21 at Bertram Woods Branch. The Library received a \$7,000 State Library of Ohio Gardening Grant and planted a vegetable garden in the Woods Reading Garden and a pear orchard on the Woods property.

To celebrate the garden harvest of tomatoes, peppers, onion, and cilantro, the Library invites the community to sample its salsa. And, to complement the salsa, there will be a DJ spinning salsa music. Salsa dancers will perform and offer a few dancing tips, and librarians will tell festive stories from south of the border.

Help spice up the gathering by entering your homemade salsa in the Library's Salsa Fiesta Challenge. Trophies will be awarded to the best Hot ‘N’ Spicy Salsa, the Best Mild Salsa, the Best Sweet ‘N’ Fruity Salsa, and a People's Choice Award. For more information, call 216-991-2421.

## Bertram Woods 50th Anniversary Recap

At its 50th anniversary celebration June 25, the Library unveiled a donor plaque with the names of the branch's generous donors over the past 50 years and rededicated its community meeting room to Dr. David Dietz by unveiling his photograph, which now hangs in the meeting room.

In 1978, the Library created a community room at Woods Branch and named it in honor of Dietz, a Cleveland Press reporter and founding member of the Library. He was president of the Board from 1943 until 1976, when he retired.

In the early 2000s the Library began identifying the meeting room as the Woods Branch Community Meeting Room. “David Dietz was a founding member of the Library and served on the library board for 33 years. His commitment and contribution should never be forgotten,” says Library Director Luren Dickinson.

Awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1937 (the same year Shaker Library was founded), Dietz received honorary doctorates from Western Reserve University in 1948 and from Bowling Green State University in 1954. He was the first American journalist to be given the title Science Editor. His accurate, easy-to-read stories about science and medicine were his trademark. Dietz often remarked that the library was special to him, and he gave hours of time in its service.

Dedicated to scholarship, books, and reading, he was the author of many books and articles, including several for the Encyclopedia Britannica, and he encouraged staff to set high standards for the Library's collection. Dietz died at the age of 87 on December 9, 1984, but his memory lives on at the library.

## Woods Branch “Wins” with New Art

The Dietz Room at Bertram Woods Branch is now home to a colorful oil painting by Carl Krabill entitled *I'm Winning*. The painting was donated to the Library by George Richardson, who lives in Shaker Heights and Naples, Florida. Friends of the Shaker Library generously underwrote the cost to reframe it.

In 1987, Friends of the Shaker Library presented the library with Krabill's oil on canvas entitled *Doan Creek, West of Coventry*, which was hung



over the mantel above the fireplace at the old Main Library, then located at 3450 Lee Road (now the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building). When the library moved to the renovated Moreland School building in 1993, the painting was hung near the circulation desk.

Krabill was born in East Canton, Ohio in 1930. He graduated from Mount Union College with a degree in business in 1952. After college he served in the U.S Air Force and upon discharge in 1956, enrolled in the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. He returned to Ohio enrolled in the Art Teachers' Program at Kent State University, graduating in 1959.

He taught art at Woodbury Junior High School in Shaker from 1960 to 1985. During that time he studied with Ellen Johnson and Forbes Whiteside at Oberlin College. He subsequently returned to Kent State for a master's degree in painting.

Krabill has taught at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Case Western Reserve University. After retiring from teaching, he began painting full time. His first one-man show was held at the Cleveland Play House Gallery in 1967. An inveterate traveler, Krabill has captured the landscapes of Maine, Nantucket, Yorkshire and Devon, England, Los Cabos, Mexico, and Holland.

Many of his works hang in corporate galleries, hospitals, and libraries in Cleveland, Toledo, and Detroit, and his work has been exhibited in shows in Cleveland, Chicago, Chautauqua, Youngstown, and Palm Beach. According to Krabill, "Some of my best customers are families of my former students. A radiologist in Vermillion owns twelve of my pieces."

Krabill and his wife have three grown children, all graduates of the Shaker schools. The couple divides their time between the rolling hills of North

Carolina and Shaker Heights, where both environments serve as serious inspiration for his paintings. For more information about the artist and his work, visit [www.carlkrabill.com](http://www.carlkrabill.com).

## Meet the Authors at Woods Branch

September is *Be Kind to Writers and Editors* month, and what better way to celebrate than with two meet-the-author programs at Woods Branch for two talented local authors.

At 7 pm Wednesday, September 22, residents can meet Tricia Springstubb, author of *What Happened on Fox Street*, who will talk about the writing life and read selections from her new book.

Springstubb has published a number of children's books. Her short story, *In the Dark*, won the 2009 Iowa Review for fiction. Her short story, *Levitation*, won the 2009 Howard Frank Mosher



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6-8 pm Tuesdays.

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

*No registration required.*

#### PLAY AND LEARN STATION

##### FOR CAREGIVERS

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

10 am-noon Wednesdays.

*One-time registration is required; call Shaker Family Center at 216-921-2023.*

*Play and Learn programs are offered in collaboration with Family Connections.*

#### SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES

##### AT PLAY AND LEARN STATION

Stories and fun for preschoolers.

11 am Saturdays.

*No registration necessary.*

#### KINDERMUSIK

##### AT WOODS BRANCH

Join us for music, movement, and fun.

Monday, August 30.

10-10:45 am Toddlers

(18 months-3 ½ years)

11-11:30 am Babies

(birth-18 months)

*Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Monday, August 16.*

#### FOR THOSE NOT YET TWO:

##### NESTLINGS

It's never too soon to start sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies 5 to 15 months with a grown-up.

Fall session: Sept. 20-Nov. 11.

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library.

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

*Register in person, online, or by phone at the library where your child will attend, beginning September 7. Child must be target age by the first class.*

##### FLEDGLINGS

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

Fall session: Sept. 20-Nov. 11.

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library.

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

*Register in person, online, or by phone beginning September 7 at the library where your child will attend. Child must be target age by the first class.*

#### TERRIFIC TWOS

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

Fall session: Sept. 20-Nov. 11.

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch.

10 am Tuesdays or Thursdays at Main Library.

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

*Child must be 2 years old by the first class.*

#### PRESCHOOL STORIES

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

1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch.

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library.

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

#### PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Monday, September 20.

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

#### BACK TO SCHOOL STORIES

(Ages 3 & Up)

Listen to stories told on a big yellow school bus.

10 am Wednesday, August 11 at Main Library.

10 am Thursday, August 12 at Woods Branch.

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning July 28.*



**STRANGER DANGER (Grades K-4)**

Shaker Heights Police Department's Jerry Jankowski explains why it's important to be careful around strangers, and offers advice on ways to be safe. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children, or they must sign the permission slip (available at the Children's Desk) for their children to attend.

*Please call the Children's Department for details: 216-991-2030 or 216-991-2421.*

**THE WRITER'S CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-4)**

An enriching program that encourages children to express themselves using their imaginations and words. Poetry, creative fiction, writing letters, postcards, and newsletters, as well as creating menus and maps, are some of the forms young writers will explore.

Fall Session: Sept. 21-Nov. 9.

4:15 pm Tuesdays.

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

**THE HOMEWORK CENTER****AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-6)**

Free homework help provided by teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools.

An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

4-6:30 pm. Mondays & Wednesdays in Meeting Room F (second floor).

*Call the Children's Department for details, 216-991-2030.*

*The Homework Center is funded by MyCom.*

Short Fiction Prize. Another short story, *Last Summer*, was published in an anthology that also included authors Robert Cormier and Lois Lowry.

Springstubb worked at the Library for years. She taught the Afterschool Authors program at Woods Branch. She is a frequent book reviewer for The Plain Dealer and a past recipient of an Ohio Arts Council grant.

Springstubb lives in Cleveland Heights with her husband, Paul, who teaches English at Shaker Heights High School. They have three grown daughters.

At 7 pm Wednesday, September 29, residents can meet Mano Singham, director of the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education and adjunct associate professor of physics at Case Western Reserve University. In his latest book, *God vs. Darwin*, Singham examines the legal battle between evolution and creationism in the classroom, beginning with the Scopes Monkey Trial in 1925 and ending with an intelligent design trial in Dover, Pennsylvania, in 2005.

Singham received his undergraduate degree from the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka, and his master's and Ph.D. degrees in theoretical nuclear physics from the University of Pittsburgh. He has led seminars on teaching and learning for university faculty and has conducted workshops around the country on Active Learning methods for science teachers at pre-college and college levels.

A Fellow of the American Physical Society, Singham won the 2001 Case Western Reserve University's Carl F. Wittke award for distinguished undergraduate teaching. His recent research interests are in the fields of education, theories of knowledge, and physics and philosophy.

Following both programs, the authors' books will be available for sale and signing.

**Constitution Read Aloud**

The Library's annual Constitution Read Aloud program, cosponsored with the Daughters of the American Revolution Moses Cleaveland Chapter, will be held at 7 pm Thursday, September 16 at the Main Library. Local celebrities and elected officials will read the Constitution. Residents who wish to join in the Read Aloud should call the Main Library, 216-991-2030.

As an added feature to this year's Read Aloud, Friends of the Shaker Library is sponsoring a Constitution Day Poster Design Contest for youth ages 12-17. One winner and one runner-up will be selected in two age group categories (12-14 and 15-17.) Contest rules are available online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org). All entries are due on September 11 (Patriot's Day) and winners will be announced at the Constitution Read Aloud program on September 16.

**Teen Scene****TEEN SUMMER READERS 100****HOURS PIZZA PARTY! (Main Library)**

If you're between the ages of 12 and 17 and read 100 hours as part of our Summer Reading Program you'll get an invitation to drop in for pizza, prizes, and more!

4-5 pm Friday, August 6.

*Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Friday, July 23.*

**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH!****IN THE TEEN CENTER (Ages 12-17)**

Get creative with book covers, folders, and notebooks for the school year ahead and express yourself on the "graffiti wall" in the Teen Center.

4-5 pm Wednesday, September 1.

*No registration necessary.*

**TAB MEETING AT MAIN LIBRARY**

The first meeting for new 2010-11 Teen Advisory Board members.

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### GENEALOGY FOR TEENS! UNCOVER YOUR ROOTS AT MAIN LIBRARY! (Ages 11-17)

Bring your parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle, and have fun together using online resources and genealogy software to follow the trail of your ancestors' lives. Learn where your family comes from, how to find more information, and how to create a family tree that your family will enjoy.

Computer Lab Second Floor.

7-8 pm Tuesday, September 21.

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

### 3 @ WOODS (Ages 12 & Up)

Stop by after school to make some flavored popcorn, play some board games, and relax with friends.

3-3:45 pm Thursday, September 23.

*No registration necessary.*

### Book Discussions at Main Library

Join a library book discussion this fall. Sign up at the Main Library Fiction desk and pick up a copy of the book to read and discuss with others.

10 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Book Buzz Book Discussion:

*Four Spirits* by Sena Jeter Naslund

The lives of blacks and whites, both living and dead, are skillfully intertwined in rich historical detail in this ambitious novel about the Civil Rights struggle in Birmingham, Alabama during the 1960s.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Mystery Book Discussion:

*The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo

The legacy of Norway's World War II experience weighs heavily on the search for a psychopathic neo-Nazi skinhead by Inspector Harry Hole of the Norwegian Security Service.

7:00 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Business Book Discussion:

*Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the*

*Battle Against World Poverty*

by Muhammad Yunus

The Fulbright Scholar, Nobel Peace Prize winner, and founder of Grameen, a bank devoted to providing micro loans to the poor of Bangladesh, explains how and why his program works.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Reflections Book Discussion:

*Emma* by Jane Austen

Austen's classic and humorous recounting of the many blunders of a wealthy young woman who believes she is the perfect matchmaker.

### The Bookshelf:

Resources for Collectors

What's in your attic? It may be worth more than you think! Check out these books to help you evaluate your treasures.

*Answers to Questions About Old Jewelry: 1840-1950, 7th ed., Identification and Value Guide* by C. Jeanenne Bell. G.G. Newton Abbot, 2009. Photographs and prices in this book cover 110 years worth of baubles found at fairs, flea markets, and antique stores, as well as your closet and dresser drawers.

*Antique Trader Antiques & Collectibles, 2010 Price guide, 26th ed.* by Dan Brownell. Krause Publications, 2009. A standard of collectors and antique buffs, this guide provides a broad overview of multiple categories of items, including hundreds of photographs to assist with identification.

*Antiques Handbook & Price Guide 2010-2011* by Judith Miller. Octopus Books USA, 2010. This coffee table book is both elegant and practical, and contains beautiful color photographs as well as valuable information and current prices.

*Antiques of the Future* by Lisa Roberts. Stewart, Tabori & Chang, 2006.



Suggestions and examples of what not to sell, along with tips and guidance on what to look for in future values.

*Care & Repair of Antiques & Collectibles: A Step-by-Step Guide/Updated and Fully Revised* by Judith Miller. Octopus Publishing Group, 2008. Read this before you buy or sell to get detailed instructions on how to clean and repair your possessions so they sell for maximum profit.

*Goldmine Standard Catalog of American Records 1950-1975: Official Price Guide/Price Listings for 150,000+ LP's, 45's, Eps and Picture Sleeves, 6th ed.* by Tim Neely. Krause Publications, 2008. Although not comprehensive, this is a very good guide (with over 50,000 entries) for the beginner trying to get a handle on the value of a record collection.

*Handbook of United States Coins 2010* by R.S. Yeoman. Whitman Publishing, 2009. This book contains everything you need to know about old coins, from the colonial period to the present. It includes mints and mint marks, proof coins, preservation and cleaning suggestions, and current valuations and sources for sales.

*Kovels Antiques & Collectibles, America's Most Popular Antiques Annual* by Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel. Crown Publishers, 2009. These guides contain prices guaranteed to be "gathered from previous sales," not from estimates.

*Official Overstreet Comic Book Price Guide 39th ed.* by Robert M. Overstreet. Gemstone Publishing, Inc., 2009. This colorful book contains more than 1,100 illustrated pages of comic book information from the 1500s to the present, including current values.

*Price It Yourself! The Definitive, Down-to-Earth Guide to Appraising Antiques and Collectibles in Your Home, at Auctions, Estate Sales, Shops and Yard Sales* by Joe L. Rosson and Helaine Fendelman. Harper Resource, 2003. The

authors, hosts of the TV show "Treasures in Your Attic," provide helpful guidelines and tips for owners wanting to downsize and sell some of their possessions.

*Rookwood Pottery: Identification and Price Guide* by Denise Rago and Jonathan Clancy. Krause Publications, 2008. Rookwood Pottery, made in Cincinnati, has been an Ohio collectible for over 100 years, and its value continues to rise well into the thousands of dollars. Using this guide, collectors can both buy and sell through dealers, online auctions, and eBay.

*Standard Catalog of United States Paper Money, 28th ed.* edited by George S. Cuhaj and William Brandimore, Market Analyst. Krause Publications, 2009. This fascinating book lists over 5,000 items, with clear color photographs, and current market prices of almost every form of U.S. paper currency issued since 1812, including gold and silver certificates, Federal Reserve Notes, National Bank Notes, and more.

*Toys & Prices 2010/17th ed.* by Justin Moen, editor. Krause Publications, 2009. Your home might hold a potential fortune in toys, games, Legos, dolls, and matchbox cars.

## Recent Donations to the Library

Recent gifts to the Library include contributions to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund from Randy Kammer to honor the memories of Herman Brady, Louis Ritter, Ruth Siegel, Ann Aldrich, Beverly Cross, Christian Milstead, Janet Phelps, Dorn Wamble, and Brittany Whitcomb.

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Looking for a good book? Then look no farther than EBSCOhost's NoveList K-8 Plus database. Designed for kids, the interface is bright and colorful and laid out in an easy to understand format. Titles can be browsed by Award Winner or Recommended Reads for age groups from 0 through 18. Titles can also be searched by author, title and series title, and limited by age such as teens or younger kids.

The advanced search allows for many more search options and limiters. Another terrific search feature is Describe a Plot. If you've ever read a book you just loved and wanted to find another one like it, or tried to remember the title of a book, then Describe a Plot is for you. Just type in the terms you remember or wish to

find and the results will include a list of possibilities. If you need help with your summer reading list, NoveList K-8 Plus is a great place to start!

### WORLD BOOK KIDS

Guide your young learner to a trusted source of information and entertainment with World Book Kids with free access through Shaker Library. Gone are the days when door-to-door salesmen sold expensive and cumbersome encyclopedias and families went into debt to provide 24-hour access to accurate information. World Book Encyclopedia, a first choice for families since 1917, now has an online component just for kids.

Colorful and graphic-heavy, elementary school students can search for information on a broad range of topics or browse through categories such as Arts, History and Government, People, Places, Plants and Animals, Science and Mathematics, World Religions, and Sports and Hobbies. Maps, a diction-

ary, and pictures are also included. A fun activity section called Think It! Be It! Make It! Teach It! provides oodles of games, crafts, and science activities, plus a bonus for teachers: lesson plans with National Content Standards indicated.

Go to [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) and click on Research Tools. Then choose CLEVNET under Research Databases. From the CLEVNET Research Databases page, choose the category for your database or use the alphabetical list of all databases and have your library card number handy.

## Free Computer Classes at the Main Library

### WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

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7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

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

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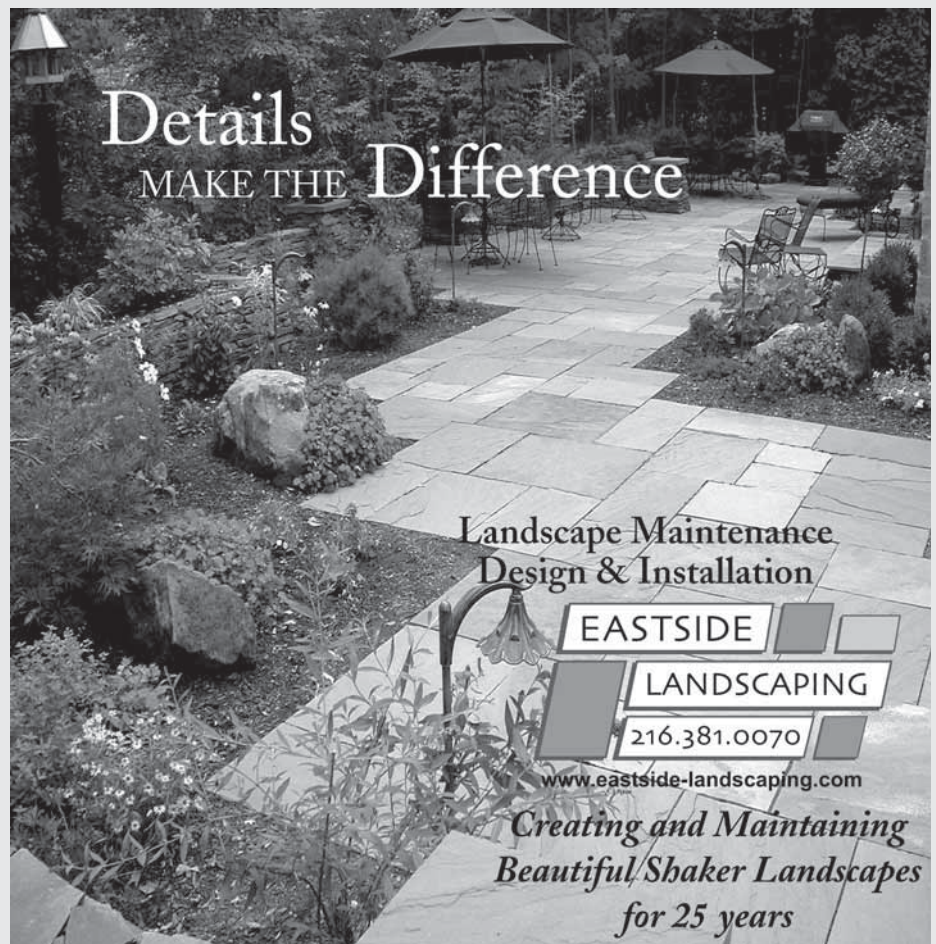
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## MOUSE CLASS

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

This 90-minute class is designed to help beginning computer users become comfortable using the mouse, the basic tool that allows people to use software, surf the net, and play games on the computer.

## GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

## INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

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

## INTERNET CLASS

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Discover how to find and use a wide variety of online resources using Internet Explorer. Learn to "surf" the web to find sites of interest, and ways to search for information. Participants must be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight.

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3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

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10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

**ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 24

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

**WEB EMAIL**

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 26

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, AUGUST 31

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet. Invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively. Mousing and Internet skills are needed. Some familiarity with productivity software is useful.

**Bond Funds to Be Expended on Main Library Renovation**

The Library has approximately \$800,000 in capital funds remaining from the joint bond issue with the Shaker Schools, which was approved in 2004. Most of these monies are dedicated to the comple-

tion of the unfinished areas of the Main Library second floor, which will expand the Computer Center and Training Lab.

Ads will be placed to solicit bids in August with a Pre-bid Meeting scheduled for 10 am Tuesday, August 10 at Main Library. Bids will be opened on August 18 and sent to the School Board for approval at its September 14 meeting. Construction will then begin October 5 with an anticipated completion date in March 2011.

**End Notes**

- The **Library Board of Trustees** meets at 6:30 pm Tuesday, September 21 in the Main Library Board Room.
- **Friends of the Shaker Library** meets at 7 pm Tuesdays, August 17 and September 21 at the Main Library.
- **Knit Nights** resume at 7 pm Thursdays, August 12 and September 16 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and get

help from others.

- **GameGirlz** meets from 4-5:30 pm Thursdays, August 26 and September 23 at Main Library.
- **Both libraries will be closed** Monday, September 6 for Labor Day and Thursday, September 9 for an unpaid Furlough Day due to state budget cuts. Both libraries open at 2 pm Friday, September 24 for professional staff development and safety and security review.
- Come in out of the heat and **watch the free family flick**, *How to Train Your Dragon*, at 2 pm Saturday, August 14 at Main Library. Based on the book by Cressida Cowell, the PG-rated action comedy is the story of a Viking teenager who doesn't fit in with his tribe's longstanding tradition of heroic dragon slayers. The movie is shown through the courtesy of Friends of the Shaker Library, which underwrites the public performance rights. 

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# homeward

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Many Shaker Heights natives who leave town for whatever reason – college, career, marriage – find their way back, tugged by their love for a community they remember as ideal and idyllic. The staff of Shaker Life hunted up some of these returnees and asked them to talk about their motives for leaving, and for coming home.

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**Robyn Minter** as Princess Barbara in Shaker High's production of *The Apple Tree*, 1987. PHOTO COURTESY OF SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL. **Opposite page:** Robyn with her children Charlotte, Thomas, and Shannon.

## *Landed on Leighton Road*

Robyn Minter Smyers was sure about one thing when she returned to Shaker Heights from Manhattan: She wanted a house on Leighton Road. She and her husband Bert Smyers have three children: Thomas, seven, and twins Shannon and Charlotte, four. The Smyers bought their house from the parents of childhood friends, before it went on the market.

Only a block long, Leighton is much like most other streets in Shaker Heights: Everyone knows each other. One of the highlights of living on the street is to participate in a tradition that began in the 1950s.

"The Ladies of Leighton Road organize a Memorial Day block party every year that includes a bike parade, an egg toss, the singing of patriotic hymns, and the reading of the Gettysburg Address by the children on the street," Robyn says. There is also a Lincoln top hat that has been part of the party over the years, and it stays for a year with one house on the street as part of the tradition. "There is something special about Shaker – and it is just as special as I remembered it being."

A partner at the prominent Cleveland law firm, Thompson Hine, Robyn describes herself as being happy only when she is "overwhelmingly busy." The 1987 *Gristmill* – Shaker High's yearbook – confirms that she was involved in at

least a half dozen activities – everything from student council to field hockey to thespians. It doesn't take long to realize that Robyn is an overachiever, and comes from a family of overachievers.

She's the youngest daughter of longtime Shaker residents Steve and Dolly Minter. Her father was the executive director and president of the Cleveland Foundation for more than 20 years and, as such, became one of the most influential civic leaders of his generation.

Robyn graduated with honors from Harvard (where she met her husband), and earned her JD from Yale. Her area of expertise is commercial real estate law. She loves to "quarterback" projects, and has a special interest in working on shopping center deals and urban redevelopment projects. Robyn chose that area of law because she is passionate about cities and communities: "Real estate projects impact how we connect to each other, and our sense of belonging in the community." She likes to stretch herself in other ways (firm management) and she chairs Thompson Hine's diversity initiative.

Her commitment to giving back to the community came from her parents' example, and they continue to serve as her primary role models.

"I was the youngest and had two very high achieving sisters. Our parents have always been exceptionally hard working

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Richard Mantel and his Grammy Award-winning album cover.



## *Fifty Years in The Big Apple*

Immediately after graduating from Shaker Heights High School in 1959, visual artist Richard Mantel went to Brooklyn, New York, to study art at the Pratt Institute.

Before he knew it, 50 years had gone by. *Tempus fugit*. He had enjoyed a successful and colorful career in Manhattan as a graphic designer and illustrator, and taught at prestigious New York art schools – The School of Visual Arts, The Tyler School of Art, and Parsons. He returned to Shaker in November 2009, probably for good; at a youthful 68 – living in a two-family home on Latimore Road owned by his cousin, Norman Sigel – there really is no telling.

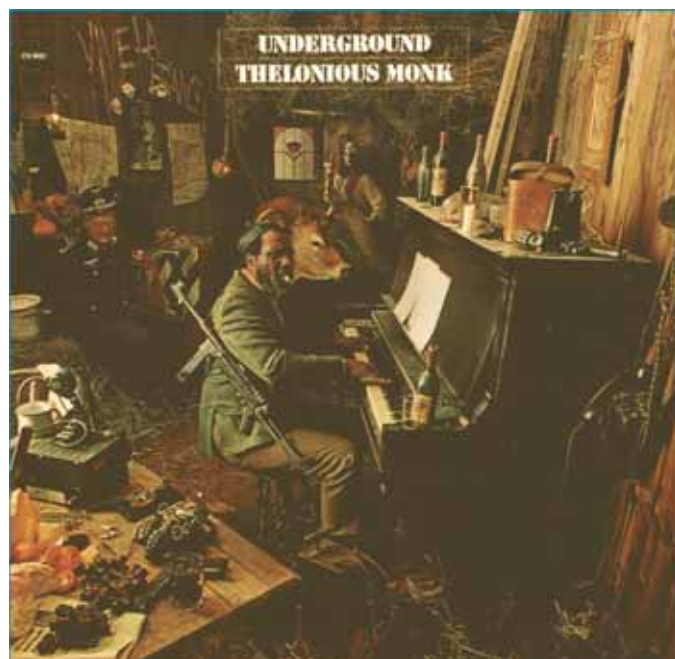
And except for his son Alexander, who lives in Washington D.C., and his actor brother Michael in California, this is where the remains of his family and friends are.

"Most of the people I knew in New York are gone, or have grandkids. At any rate, it's not the same old gang," he says, sitting at a window table in the Shaker Starbuck's, gazing out at the street.

Richard's parents, Sol and Mildred, were Clevelanders who raised three sons, Richard, Robert, and Michael. The family owned and operated a large furniture and appliance store called Mantel's and lived in Beachwood on the Shaker border, which was in the Shaker school district at the time. He rattles off the names of kids he hung out with, whom he says are still around: Marty Spiegle, Ann Bloomberg, Dennis Safier, William Goldstein.

Shaker teenagers in the late 1950s spent a lot of time doing what teenagers all over America did in those days: cruising and hanging out at burger places. "Over there, where Wendy's is on Warrensville Center Road, there was a Big Boy. Everyone from Shaker High hung out there. And there were these great burger places around the East Side called Mawby's. There was a Mawby's across the street, at the Van Aken Center. People still talk about Mawby's burgers." (Indeed they do. There is an animated discussion of Mawby's burgers on Facebook's Cedar Center site.)

Richard was fortunate to work in Manhattan's magazine and recording industries in the creatively explosive 1960s and '70s. At 22, he was hired as art director at



New York magazine when it was the Sunday magazine of the long-gone New York Herald Tribune.

"I was a year out of Pratt. It was quite an experience, needless to say." He made friends with notable people associated with the publication, including the writers Jimmy Breslin and Tom Wolfe, and the magazine's legendary editor, Clay Felker. After the Herald Tribune folded in 1966, Felker and renowned graphic designer Milton Glaser went on to make New York magazine into an independent entity in 1968.

"I eventually worked with Milton for several years," Richard says. He then pauses, fiddling with the lid of his coffee cup, as if he's about to say something he maybe shouldn't. Then he says it: "Milton's initial design for New York magazine wasn't so great – in my opinion."

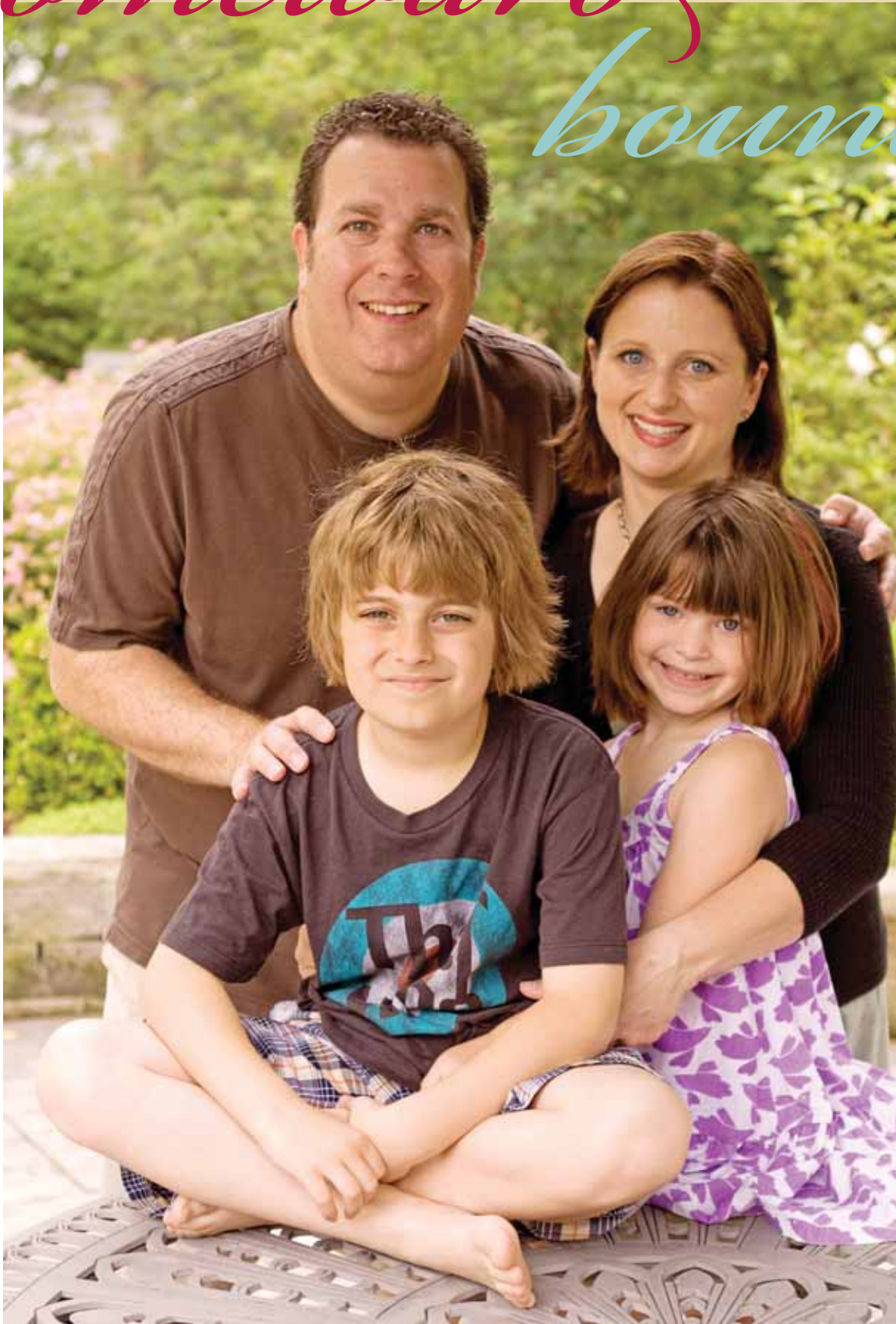
Gasp! To say anything remotely critical of Milton Glaser could be construed as heresy among graphic artists. Glaser's the genius who created the I Heart NY logo, as well as the iconic '60s-era Bob Dylan poster whereon Dylan's face is illustrated in stark black profile while his signature curly hair is psychedelic and multi-colored. Glaser was one of the founders in 1954 of the enormously influential Push Pin Studios, a studio that Richard cites as having an enduring impact on his own work – and where he in fact worked for few years in the '70s. But given Richard's own talent and experience – and the years that have gone by – he can easily get away with such a mild critique.

After all, Richard has a Grammy Award.

By the time Felker and Glaser were working on their new version of New York magazine, Richard had gone on to work for Columbia Records, designing album jackets. He won a Grammy for best album cover of 1968, Thelonius Monk's

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The Porter family Rob, Sam, Jennifer, and Kate.



## The New Wave

Rob and Jennifer Porter are part of the new wave of young Shaker families who over the last few years have moved into every neighborhood in town, dotting parks, playgrounds, and shopping areas with baby strollers, bicycles, and mini-vans. The Porters themselves have a fifth grader, Sam, at University School, and a little girl, Kate, a kindergartner at Laurel School.

"I definitely think there's been a turn-over in Shaker over the last seven or eight years," says Rob. "You see more and more younger families and young kids than you did when I was growing up."

He grew up on Lomond Road between Townley and Lynnfield roads. He graduated from University School in 1986 and headed off to the University of Wisconsin. While he never moved away from Shaker in a strict sense, "I thought of going elsewhere after graduation from UW. But my family was still rooted here at the time. Not so much anymore. My parents, Elaine and Geoffrey, are retired in Florida, and my grandparents have passed away. But we're here now."

Rob is the founder and president of The Ark, a medical insurance brokerage specializing in policies for individuals. "One of the reasons I came back after college was the opportunity to work for New York Life – for one of my father's close friends, a man named Fred Eisner," says Rob. "While I didn't especially enjoy selling life insurance, I went through the training program and gravitated toward the health insurance side."

His family has deep roots in Shaker. Rob's mother, Elaine Bilsky, went to

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# Kids' Caves

## *a decorating expedition*

Be their children infants or teenagers, Shaker parents are as creative with their kids' bedrooms as with any room in their homes.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO



### The Green Twins

#### *Dolls and sports*

Stepping into eight-year-old Natalie Green's bedroom feels like stepping into a spring-time garden. With plush green carpet underfoot, hand-painted roses sprinkled on the walls, and soft canopy bed sheers floating in the breeze, it's a tranquil room tailor-made for losing yourself in a good book or writing one, two favorite pastimes of its young resident.

Step into twin brother Elliott's room across the hall and it's a different kind of garden experience, as in Madison Square Garden. Life-size vinyl wall graphics of Cavs superstar LeBron James, hockey great Sidney Crosby, and baseball legend Derek Jeter testify to Elliott's passion: sports.

Elliott loves sports, plays sports, and has a good dose of sports in his DNA: His paternal grandfather, Ernie Green, played for the Cleveland Browns in the 1960s. An enlargement of the running back's playing card is framed on Elliott's bookshelves, alongside a Cleveland Browns helmet that belonged to Pro Football Hall of Famer Paul Warfield.





**Twins Natalie and Elliot Green's** bedrooms reflect their personalities.

"The kids were only two-and-a-half when we moved in, so Derek and I really created the childhood bedrooms of our dreams," says Lynne Green, a sales and marketing professional with her own web-based business. Her husband, Derek, a 1981 graduate of Shaker High, is an executive with PNC Bank. Their decorating mission continues to be, she says, "to create rooms that inspire their passions, make them feel safe, and give them a sense of responsibility, too."

The responsibility piece includes tending the guinea pig in Natalie's room and the lizard in Elliott's. "Last summer, they were begging for a pet. We acquiesced by allowing each one to get a small pet. It's quieted the clamor for a dog," she says with relief.

As for passions, Natalie's are books and dolls, which are everywhere evident in her bedroom. Original works of art add still more charm. Framed above her bed is an intricate painting of a Cape Cod cot-





**Left**, the Green family: Elliott, Lynne, Derek, and Natalie. **Opposite page**: Josh and Mary Grace Staph in son Jack's bedroom a few weeks prior to his birth.

tage surrounded by flowers, trees, and a white picket fence. The young children playing in the foreground are none other than Natalie and her brother, and the cottage is one the Green family vacationed in several years ago. The acrylic is the work of Derek's mother, Wylene Green, who lives nearby. Grammie Green also painted the striking scene from an African children's tale that hangs over Natalie's desk.

"It was also Grammie who gave Natalie her first American Girl doll," says Lynne, pointing to "Addy," who enjoys a seat of honor on one of two sleek chairs in front of the leaded glass windows. Several more American Girl dolls – including a "Just Like You" Natalie, Junior – are displayed in a large American Girl tree house surrounded by accessories such as doll beds and strollers.

Another of Natalie's cherished collection are the water globes arranged on a small shelf beside her bed. "When Derek and I travel for work, we bring home a water globe from whatever city we've been to," Lynne explains. "It makes it special for the kids."

For every doll in Natalie's room, there's a ball in Elliott's. But the ice hockey and baseball player's passions don't stop with sports. He's also a big fan of Legos, and has a bucket full of them. "He totally digs Legos, especially the character ones," Lynne says. In a bin at the foot of his

sleigh bed is a collection of Webkinz, and his bookshelves house the water globes from his parents' travels.

With its pale blue walls, dark blue carpeting, and tri-colored border crafted from tape encircling the room, Elliott's room is unmistakably masculine and handsome. A denim bean bag personalized with his name and baseball-themed lamps create an inviting place to relax or read under the watchful eye of Ziggy the lizard and a tank full of guppies. But in truth, his mom reports, Elliott doesn't spend much time sitting still. So the plush club chair and ottoman in the corner probably don't see much action. They do, however, offer a great view of a framed poster featuring one more of Elliott's heroes: Spiderman.

### Newborn Jack His name in the clouds

When newborn Jack Staph wakes from a nap, soft blue skies and wispy white clouds are there to greet him. He is surrounded, in fact, by soothing blues and whites and the gleaming cherry of his crib, changing table, and dresser.

His nursery is as "simple, classic, and clean" as his parents had hoped it would be when they began preparing last spring for his early-July arrival. In decorating their first nursery, Josh and Mary Grace

Staph had the distinct advantage of having bought a beautifully detailed historic Shaker home two years earlier, designed by architect George Burrows and built in the 1930s.

Initially, the couple wrestled with "how blue" to go once they learned they would be having a son. "We thought, 'Should we hedge it, in case a second child is a girl?'" Josh remembers. "But nah, we went overboard on blue instead."

It's a wonder that baby Jack, named for his paternal grandfather, didn't come home to a crimson-colored room. Josh







comes from a family of accomplished athletes, and after playing numerous sports during his high school years at University School, he played football at Harvard (Class of 2002). Today, he's an executive at STACK, which bills itself as "the leading producer and distributor of performance, training, and lifestyle content" that is delivered to athletes via a website and magazine. With the only visible evidence of sports in the nursery being a mobile on the crib, Josh has exercised tremendous restraint.

According to Mary Grace, a political fundraising consultant, "Josh is the decorator, more so than me." Josh admits he has "some pretty strong opinions on color and design," but he credits Mary Grace with finding the photo of a blue sky that inspired the idea for a hand-painted mural on the nursery's walls.

When Josh found a picture of the kind of natural-looking sky he envisioned, he shared it with Metheny Weir, a decorative painting company on Larchmere. In one afternoon, the upper two-thirds of the nursery walls were transformed; the white-and-blue diamond wallpaper already in place on the lower portion stayed.







A few weeks later, after the couple decided to rearrange the furniture and had settled on a name for their son, she says, "We had Metheny Weir come back to add a few more details and to spell out Jack's name in the clouds."

The furnishings for the nursery started with the cherry crib inherited from Staph family members. Mary Grace and Josh then shopped for a coordinating cherry dresser and changing table. They found additional items online at sites like Posh-tots.com, including the Lulla Smith seer-sucker crib set, blue-and-white striped area rug, and white chandelier.

In a corner opposite the crib, an upholstered rocking chair and ottoman ensure mom and dad a comfortable place to cuddle with baby, and congratulate themselves for creating a sweet and serene space for him to call home.

## The Boyle Brothers Natural and sustainable

It seems only natural that the Boyle family would live in a sprawling old home perched atop a forest-covered hill overlooking the wetlands of Horseshoe Lake. Few families might appreciate as much as they do sharing their living space with wildlife, including a red fox and a wild turkey.

Inside, three Boyle brothers amicably share their living space in what was once the maid's quarters of the 1924 Howell & Thomas home. The bedrooms belonging to Bobby, 15, Andrew, 12, and Colin, 9, form a close-knit community, with each child's room capturing the essence of the boy and the force of nature who is their mother.

An interior and landscape designer, Mary Boyle's fervor for all things natural, eco-friendly, and sustainable shows outdoors in her magnificent, pesticide-free gardens and inside in her subtle yet striking decorating. Mary enthusiastically salvages old materials and skillfully repurposes them, and designs and builds furnishings herself. In her sons' rooms,



**Top, the Boyle family:** Colin, Tim, Mary, Andrew, and Bobby with the family dog Max. The shelving units, designed by Mary, conceal radiators. The bronze metalwork is from the original Terminal Tower in Cleveland. The boys' bedrooms – this page and opposite – are subtle yet striking.

she has transformed ordinary walls into works of art, sewn bedding, upholstered chairs, framed artwork, and custom-designed dressers and beds.

Her philosophy in decorating a child's bedroom, she says, "is to design it to be transitional. Go ahead and 'theme,' but not to the extent where you have to re-do as the child's interests change. If a child

has a favorite cartoon character, for example, use it on bedding, which wears out, not on more permanent elements of the room."

For her son Colin, whom she describes as "a naturalist," Mary sewed a comforter from fabric of brightly colored insects. A cello, music stand, and chair attest to his love for music. "He's a gifted musi-

cian," she notes proudly of the Boulevard Elementary School fourth grader. "Colin is also a voracious reader and he likes to draw." To help organize his many books, art supplies, and toys, Mary relies on a massive cubed bookcase. "I often recommend them to clients," she says. "They allow for more compartmentalized junk."

But Mary's unique flair is most evident on the bedroom's walls. "I wanted them to be kid-friendly. So I faux-finished rolls of wallpaper lining in four earthy colors, then cut out squares and applied them to the wall, like tiles." The wall's neutral base color serves as the "grout" in the illusion. "If any piece gets damaged, I can just peel off the square and replace it. I'll never have to repaint these walls."

Beyond Colin's room is an inverted U-shaped room with Bobby's bed at the top, Andrew's bed at the bend, and a small sitting area at the opposite end. Doors at both openings of the "U" give the older boys separate entrances to their personal spaces.

Both Bobby and Andrew sleep on extra-long twin beds designed by Mary. Across from Bobby's bed, neatly organized bookshelves display soccer trophies the Shaker High sophomore won before switching his sport to swimming. Seashells and coral also abound and butterflies suspended in glass hang in three frames over his bed. Each son has three framed prints over his bed, contents of which can be changed out, Mary notes, as their interests change.

Around the corner, Andrew's bookshelves are not nearly as neat and tidy as his older brother's. "Andrew is our sports guy," Mary says of the Shaker Middle School eighth grader. "He cycles, swims, plays lacrosse and baseball, and does cross-country." His living space, she jokes, "reflects that he doesn't have much time, and that he's messy."



**Andrew Boyle:** sports guy. **Opposite page:** Colin and his cello.



While most of the home has mahogany flooring, the boys' rooms feature pine, indicative of the less-expensive furnishings used in servants' quarters. The walls were also quite plain until Mary trimmed bead-board to create a handsome, white-on-white paneling effect. She painted the tray ceiling a light blue to further accentuate the architectural detail.

Her biggest decorating challenge came in the small bathroom the boys share. Just over 30" wide, the room is so narrow that the toilet bumped into the bathtub before she set to work. Out went the bathtub, replaced with a limestone-paneled shower whose nozzle is installed in the ceiling to maximize stall space. Extra-tall glass shower doors "give the illusion of space," she notes, and by installing the sink's faucet in the wall, a slim, 10" vanity shelf can hold the sink, freeing up more room for maneuvering. The end result is a stylish bathroom that beautifully belies its small size and demonstrates its designer's grand vision.



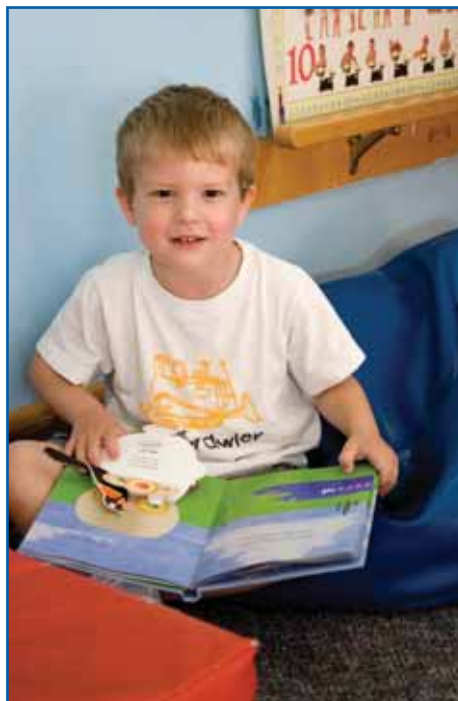
## Decorating Tips from a Pro

Shaker Heights resident Mary Boyle is as comfortable designing landscapes as living rooms, and says many of the same principles apply to both. "It is all about light, scale, texture, and putting the right piece in the right place, whether you're talking about a plant or a piece of furniture." She offers Shaker Life readers these decorating tips, applicable to a child's room – or any other room of the home:

- Don't design for the short-term. Invest in high-quality pieces that may cost more, but are more cost-effective in the long run.
- Focus on the beautiful and unique architectural elements of your home and accent them.
- Create architectural elements where there are none, using salvaged pieces that look like they belong in your home.
- Be flexible. Just because a piece has always been in your living room, there may be a better place for it.



# Child's Play





As the cooler weather approaches, the walls seem to close in for parents of the under-five set. Where to go when cabin fever looms?



Since 1993, the Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom has provided a fun, safe, and stimulating environment for kids ages zero to five – not to mention the chance for some meaningful adult conversation among their parents and caregivers.

The Family Playroom is run by Family Connections and is nestled inside the Shaker Family Center at 19824 Sussex Road. For less than the cost of a gaming system, a membership to the Family Playroom provides toys, activity tables, weekly art projects, a monthly story time, and access to the Family Center's gym and muscle room. Members can also enjoy planting in the Debora Ann

November Learning Garden, and occasional visits from Bart the puppy.

Membership fees are \$70 for three months or \$140 for the year. Or families can pay a \$7 drop-in fee per visit. The Family Playroom is open year-round, with hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9:30 am until noon, and Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 4-6 pm. Playroom Coordinator Debbie Baum, a developmental psychologist, is on hand to provide age appropriate activities for the kids, and to share her wisdom with caregivers.

For more information, visit [www.FamilyConnections1.org](http://www.FamilyConnections1.org) or call Family Connections at 216-921-2023.



**Opposite page**, top: Jen Hagga and daughter Anna Hagga. Bottom: Jacob Gearity, Erik Maier, Sheridan Brazile.

**This page**, top: Luke Stanelius and his grandmother, Betty Rogers.



# with an emphasis on *fun*

School Age Care provides creative stimulation for kids – and peace of mind for parents.

BY JENNIFER PROE

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB



For working parents, the question of who will care for their children before and after the school bell rings is of paramount importance. Fortunately, Shaker parents can turn to a safe, affordable – and yes, fun – program called School Age Care (SAC), coordinated through the Shaker Heights Community Life Department.

Rhonda L. Miller, SAC and camps coordinator, estimates that about 350 children are enrolled in the program at any given time, which provides before- and after-school care at all five K-4 buildings in the Shaker school district, plus Woodbury Elementary School, which serves fifth and sixth graders.

Miller typically staffs each site with four or more counselors, maintaining a child to staff ratio of 15 to one. She and Community Life Director Pam Quinn choose SAC counselors with great care, searching not only for people who have experience working with children, but those who truly love the job. "Flexibility, great teamwork skills, attention to customer service, and creativity are also really important," says Miller.

Before-school care is available beginning at 7 am. Because children arrive at different times throughout the morning, the atmosphere tends to be fairly quiet, with most children using the time to finish homework, draw, or play board games. Outdoor play and exercise are always on offer as well.

After school, the atmosphere is a bit more boisterous, as would be expected after a long day of learning. Every child is provided with a snack and some quiet time to do homework, if needed. Then, kids are free to choose from a range of activities, including sports, outdoor play, or arts and crafts.

While the emphasis is on fun, Miller manages to sneak a little more learning



into their day. She designates a particular theme each month and provides coordinating activities, books, puzzles, and experiments.

"A lot of our activities are literacy-based, because we know reading is so important," she says. "But I also pay attention to what the kids like and keep it fun for them."

For example, during "Book Blitz" month, children were encouraged to draw their own comic book in the style of the popular *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series by Jeff Kinney. They also made ogre puppets based on William Steig's famous Shrek character.

"Because we have kids of different ages, we try to pair them up a bit. It's very common to see older kids helping the younger ones with a craft or activity, or reading with them," Miller says.

Daisy Carroll, whose grandson Glenn attends Boulevard School, offered her daughter the option to have Glenn come to her house every day after school. "He told me he wanted to come to SAC, be-

cause he wants to play with all of the friends he made at after care," she says. Instead, Carroll started coming to after-care to visit him. Her frequent visits blossomed into a full-scale volunteer position as an arts and crafts coordinator.

"I majored in art in school, but never really got to use it much until now," says Carroll. She recently enjoyed helping a group of girls make paper dolls, a concept that was new to them. "This program is so much better than kids being at home playing Nintendo," she says. "The projects we do really engage their imagination."

In fact, art is such a big part of SAC that parents are treated each year to an Art Festival at the Middle School, where the children's work is proudly displayed in gallery fashion. Each SAC site also puts on a performance of some kind – usually a skit, song, or poem – based on a theme. Last year's theme was "Don't Quit, Be Fit," which highlighted SAC's emphasis on healthy eating and exercise.

SAC also participates in a national

event called "Lights On After School," which recognizes the importance of providing safe care for children outside of school hours. Held at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building in October, the event features entertainment, refreshments, and a raffle, and is open to the entire community.

Miller visits a different care site every day to check in with the staff, keep up with what the kids are doing, and ask what else they might enjoy.

"What I love about our program is that we can be flexible and creative; there is no standard curriculum. The counselors get a feel for what the kids at their site like to do, and work to find activities that will be appealing to them."

At Woodbury, for example, the emphasis changes a bit to accommodate tweens' interests. "A lot of the kids will come check in with us first, then go off to one of the after school clubs and come back when it's over," says Miller. Some play football or basketball, while others play board games. She even designated a special room where the kids can hang out and read magazines, listen to music, or just talk to one another.

For Rebekah Chapnick, flexibility is the key to the program. "I love that the program is as structured or as unstructured as the kids want it to be, and that it's truly boy-friendly. It offers kids the opportunity to learn social skills and negotiate with one another in a free play setting, which is particularly helpful since my son is an only child."

Her son, Oscar, puts it this way: "When it's nice out, I play with my friends on the playground. When it's raining, we play in the gym." Chapnick says, "Even on days when I get home from work early, I don't come until the end of the day because he doesn't want to leave."

She also praises the way SAC counselors interact with the children. "They get



Participants in Boulevard's after school care.



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to know the kids very quickly, and they get right in there and play with them. At the same time, if someone is acting up, they don't hesitate to call them on it."

Affordability is also important. Before-care is only \$9 per day, or \$145 per month, and after-care is \$14 per day, or \$168 per month. That translates to \$3.22 per hour for before-care, and \$2.80 for after-care.

"You could never find a sitter for that hourly rate," says Pam Quinn, "especially considering the variety of opportunities the program provides." This year, Quinn expanded SAC's offerings on a pilot basis to include on-site classes such as Young Rembrandts and karate. The Community Life Department also provides bus service for children who would like to attend after-school ice skating sessions at Thornton Park.

"We are always looking for ways to enrich their day and offer them as much choice as possible," says Quinn. 

## When School's Out, Fundaze Are In

What to do when the school calendar says "Professional Day"? Fundaze to the rescue! Community Life offers full-day coverage for students in grades K through 8 on those days sprinkled throughout the school year when school is out, but work is in.

Fundaze typically start at 7 am at Woodbury and end at 6:30 pm, and include time to play in the gym or swim in the Woodbury pool. But the main event is usually a field trip to such locations as the Rain Forest, Lake Erie Science Center, indoor amusement parks, bowling, or a behind-the-scenes chocolate factory tour. And the price is hard to beat: most Fundaze programs are \$35 per day for Shaker residents, \$45 for non-residents. (Trips to the water parks in Sandusky are more costly due to the need to rent a coach bus.) Pre-registration is required. For more information about Fundaze, call 216-491-1295.



# To Your Health! And that of your family

Determined to visit each of his 129 jurisdictions in the state, Ohio's Health Director Dr. Alvin D. Jackson made it to Shaker Heights this spring, almost three years after making his pledge. At the Ohio Public Health Combined Conference in May, Dr. Jackson announced the completion of his mission. He identified six particularly innovative health departments in Ohio that had impressed him. Shaker Heights was one of the six.

Shaker is the only suburb in Cuyahoga County with its own health department. The Shaker Heights Health Department, which is located inside City Hall at 3400 Lee Road, provides the community with a broad spectrum of health services including immunizations and screenings, disease surveillance and prevention, vital statistics, environmental health, food service, and swimming pool inspections, plus public health emergency preparedness planning. In addition, the department works closely with the Shaker Heights public and private schools as well as with the City's safety forces.

Most recently, Shaker's Health Department participated in an H1N1 mass immunization campaign in which more than 5,200 vaccinations were administered on premises and in five separate distribution clinics.

In addition, the Health Department receives funding from the Drug Free Community Support Grant for its Shaker Prevention Coalition, a program which works to reduce and prevent use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs among local youth. In 2010, the Shaker Prevention Coalition successfully competed for a federally sponsored grant which has brought \$100,000 to the City to support its youth development and substance abuse prevention programming.

Residents can take pride and pleasure in Dr. Jackson's notice and can commend this city service to new and prospective residents who may not realize the many advantages that our own health department bestows.



**From left,** Dr. Alvin D. Jackson, and Shaker Health Department staff Frank Novak, Sandi Hurley, RN, and Dr. Scott Frank. **PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO**

The Health Department team consists of specialized health professionals who work to promote wellness in the community. Health Director Dr. Scott Frank, MS, who has over 15 years of experience in public health and 25 years in family medicine, graduated from The University of Michigan Medical School, is program director for Case Western Reserve University's Division of Public Health, and practices with University Hospitals. Dr. Frank has served the Shaker Heights community since 1994 and also acts as the executive director of the Shaker Prevention Coalition.

Sandi Hurley, RN, BSN is the administrative director and nursing director and has served the City for 13 years. Frank Novak, RS, is the environmental health director, and a 36-year employee of the Health Department. Mary Lou Trepes, senior administrative assistant and vital statistics registrar, has served Shaker Heights since 1989. Erik Johnson is the director of Shaker Prevention Coalition, and works with Avril Sargeant, who is the Coalition's outreach coordinator. Kayleigh Sopko is emergency preparedness coordinator.

As an example of the Department's

engagement in the community, a new mandate requires the administration of a Tdap (or Td) booster (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) for students entering seventh grade.

Addressing the need to educate and immunize the school-going population, Shaker's Health Department collaborated with school administrators and nurses and set up a table at Woodbury Elementary School's spring open house. The event brought incoming seventh graders and their parents to the school to discuss the coming transition to middle school. Some students were immunized that evening. Others learned they could visit their pediatricians prior to the start of the new school year or call the Health Department at 216-491-1480 for immunization pricing and to schedule a visit.

Shaker's Health Department provides ongoing education to residents on many health topics, including all required and recommended childhood and adult immunizations, plus seasonal flu and H1N1 protection. Visit the City's website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), and learn about the many services provided and benefits to be gained from the Shaker Heights Health Department.



# Bye Bye Blackboard

Shaker schools have fully entered the era of the new electronic teaching tools, one step at a time. The benefits have been extraordinary.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR  
PHOTOS BY KEVIN G. REEVES

**Below:** Shaker High teacher Suzanne Gyurgyik uses technology in her French class to make lessons more interactive.

**Opposite page:** Caroline Walsh, left, and Anushree Aneja study medieval history using a SMART board.

As Shaker families prepare for the start of the 2010-11 school year, teachers across the District are preparing to enhance the learning experiences for their 5,500-plus students far beyond books and blackboards.

From hand-held "clickers" and scientific probes to interactive whiteboards and sophisticated software programs, technology is increasingly being used in the classroom to further engage and educate students.

Many families are already familiar with ProgressBook, an online teacher grade-book system where parents and students in grades 5-12 can log in and check on homework and test scores. Grades K-6 are also using software that allows teachers and students to collaborate in setting learning goals and graphing progress toward them so that a teacher can diagnose problems early and intervene promptly.

"These are exciting times with technology," says Kathy Fredrick, the District's Director of Library, Media, and Instructional Technology. "There are so

many tools, programs, and interactive software options that support effective teaching and enable kids to take in information and create and share what they are doing."

The District is keeping pace with the digital revolution, she says, "but our aim is not to be cutting-edge. We don't want to lag behind, but we want to see a product establish a track record before jumping in."

Fredrick says the District "tends to start small. We'll test a new technology with even just one teacher, leaving time for teachers and administrators to decide what is best for students. Then we will get to scale with those we find most effective in the classroom."

Another benefit of moving deliberately is that the schools get more bang for the buck as technology drops in price. The District has received a huge assist in technology purchases through funds raised by The Shaker Schools Foundation, A Night for the Red & White, and individual donors.



PHOTO BY CAYDIE HELLER





Herein, Shaker Life gives parents and students a look at technologies at work in classrooms to support effective teaching, successful learning, and greater family involvement. (Insider tip: If you're still sitting on stock in chalk companies, now would be a good time to sell.)

⇒ Clickers. The student-response system called Turning Point, commonly referred to as "clickers," puts a remote control unit in students' hands to allow them to respond anonymously to questions posed by the teacher. The responses are then tracked by a transmitter, providing immediate feedback on how many students answered correctly or incorrectly.

Shaker Middle School history and science teacher Amy LaMotte Davis (whose mother and grandmother also taught in the Shaker schools), says she was initially interested in using Turning Point because research shows it has improved student achievement.

"I can get an immediate sense for the students' comprehension of the topic and know if I can move on or if we need to probe further or re-teach," she says. "The students aren't intimidated to respond, as their answers are anonymous. Students who would ordinarily be hesitant to volunteer an answer will take the risk, giving me more information than I would normally get in class."

In Katie Settle's fourth-grade classroom at Fernway Elementary School, the clickers have increased the level of class participation and helped to set the pace for different lessons.

"The students' responses can guide how fast or slow we go throughout the lesson," she says. "If many students click incorrect answers, then I know to go into detail on that topic. On the other hand, if all the students are clicking correct answers, then it's apparent the students understand the material, and we can move on."



SMART Boards. So long, ordinary chalk and erasers. The blackboard is fast becoming obsolete as more and more classrooms are outfitted with electronic SMART Boards. When connected to a classroom computer or teacher's laptop, the SMART Board becomes in effect a giant computer screen displaying text, images, videos, websites, and more.

But unlike a typical computer screen, this one is touch-sensitive. Content on the screen can be dragged, highlighted, printed, and saved, all with the brush of a finger.

The first SMART Board in the Shaker schools arrived four years ago, thanks to the determination of Shaker Heights High School French teacher Suzanne Gyurgyik. Gyurgyik and a colleague wrote a grant proposal to the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation in the summer of 2005. By the fall, she had her grant, and by winter, she had a SMART Board.

Gyurgyik spent her winter break that



year learning how to use the new technology and introduced it to her students in January 2006.

"I've been using it non-stop ever since," she says. "I couldn't teach French without it. Students can touch, manipulate, and interact with the board. It's all very hands-on, and it has revolutionized the way we can teach."

About 80 SMART Boards have been deployed in the schools to date. As funds become available, more are added; each classroom has been equipped with the requisite ceiling-mounted projector (which can also be used with a traditional screen).

Teachers have observed that SMART Boards hold students' attention and are particularly helpful for students who have difficulty maintaining focus.

Melissa Becerra, a second-grade teacher at Boulevard Elementary School, finds that having a SMART Board helps motivate her as well as her students. "The SMART Board program offers ready-made lessons that align with state standards, and those lessons can be adapted to fit your class," she says. "But you can also design lessons from scratch. I really enjoy creating lessons that students get excited about."

➡ **Science Probes.** High School physics and physical science teacher James Schmidt can't say enough about the technological tools now available to science

students and teachers.

"This is really, really cool technology," he says of the measurement probes that connect to a computer to transmit data that can then be downloaded for analysis. "When I was in high school, to analyze the speed of a falling object, we used ticker-tape and marked every tenth of a second manually. It led to a lot of errors."

The new probes, which have applications for physics, biology, chemistry, and physical science, allow students to spend less time collecting data and more time analyzing the information.

"We're able to focus on results and analysis rather than on data collection," Schmidt says. "The scientific measuring is clearer with the probes, and the analysis is significantly better."

Moreover, the technology will better prepare students for college. "College labs have much of this same equipment, and our students will be expected to know how to use it," Schmidt says.

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**Document cameras.** A new document camera-and-projection system is similar to the overhead projectors of old, except this system requires no transparencies and can project even three-dimensional objects. Instantly.

Noel Polantz, a second-grade teacher at Mercer Elementary School, believes the system has taken her students' writing

"to a whole new level" by enabling her to project writing samples and get the entire class involved in revising the work as needed.

"When my students write something amazing, or carefully sketch an important picture, I can also blow it up and share it with the entire class instantly. Children can use the document camera to share problem-solving strategies or completed assignments. It gives them the opportunity to reflect on their work and the work of others, and to feel good about the things they are doing in school."

Use of the document camera has also helped her students to understand that there may be many different ways to solve a problem. "By showcasing student work, my students have realized that it is okay to think outside the box and to do things in unique ways," Polantz says.

At the Middle School, students in Addie Rae Tobey's English class love seeing their work on the screen. "They are willing to let classmates critique it because we've created a supportive environment," she says. Projecting from the document camera to the SMART Board "really helps keep the kids interested and involved," she says. "When I first started teaching here 13 years ago, I never could have imagined having this. I can download lessons onto my jump drive [a portable memory device, also known as a flash drive], plug it into the computer, and it is on the screen in seconds."

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**Moodle.** A growing number of teachers at all levels are using this interactive website to create a "virtual learning environment," where students and parents can access important documents, daily homework, and links to course-related websites. Features include Forums, Ac-



tivities, Calendars, Latest News, and Upcoming Events. The site has become a popular way not only to deliver content to students but also to keep them and their families up-to-date on classroom activities.

"Moodle is a wonderful communication tool for students because it can become interactive," says Fernway's Katie Settle. "My students have user names and passwords they can use to log in and complete activities such as journal writing."

The site also allows the teacher, students, and parents to communicate effectively. "The expectations are clear to everyone involved in the student's success throughout the school year," Settle says.

She found some students enjoyed interacting via Moodle even when school wasn't in session. "Over spring break last year, I posted a journal entry where the students had the option to go in and write about how their spring breaks were going. It was so much fun to learn about what they were doing and to see the enthusiasm for the assignment. There were students who responded who struggle with writing in the classroom. The technology and ownership motivated them to communicate in a real-life manner."

➡ **Naviance.** For high school juniors and seniors making important college decisions, this web-based program offers in-depth information and tools for managing the college application process.

Using log-in codes provided by the guidance counselors, students and parents can look up and compare colleges of interest, track application requirements and deadlines, sign up to attend onsite college visits, and exchange messages with the guidance counselor.

One highly popular feature, Accep-



**Opposite page:** Caitlin Cullina, left, and Hannah Ivary review their work on a laptop computer at Onaway school. **Above:** Onaway students Maya Gulani and Daniel Krouse work on a project in Kristina Hayward's class.

tance History, can offer a realistic assessment of a student's chances of admission at colleges where prior Shaker students have applied. Students can compare their GPAs and standardized test scores with those of recent Shaker graduates who were accepted, rejected, or wait-listed by the particular school and view the results in standard chart or scattergram formats.

It's important to keep in mind, educators say, that the emerging technologies don't take the place of teachers. For Mercer's Noel Polantz, the new tools are welcome additions to what she calls her "instructional toolbox," which also contains things such as "patience, creativity, and dedication. But technology does help us to enhance instructional practices by connecting students to real world experiences and actively engaging them in their learning."

While technology has transformed how she teaches, Lomond Elementary School's Jill DiPiero cautions, "technology is still just a tool. It has not changed what is most important, which is truly knowing your students, providing great books to read, and giving them time to learn from each other."

When used well, she says, technology can be an equalizer. "It allows students to learn material in multiple ways – via video, photos, games, music – so a visual learner and auditory learner can use their strengths to learn."

In the end, agrees Shaker Middle School's Amy LaMotte Davis, "Technology can enhance education, but it can never replace the need for effective teaching and best practices in the classroom." 🌱



**Middle School** English teacher Addie Rae Tobey.



# Imagination & Ambition

*Q&A Linda Abraham-Silver*

We wish they all could be California girls – as long as they're like Great Lakes Science Center CEO and Shaker resident Linda Abraham-Silver.

BY CAROLYN JACK

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Since the Golden State native moved to Shaker Heights six years ago to lead the museum and learning center in downtown Cleveland, science education there has been charged with the special electricity of Linda Abraham-Silver's imagination and ambition. With a doctorate in science education from the University of Southern California and a decade of experience at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County, she has led the Science Center's development of new partnerships with other Cleveland-area science institutions, its acquisition of the 1925 ore freighter and floating museum the William G. Mather, its housing of the freshman class of Cleveland's public Science Engineering Technology and Mathematics (STEM) high school in the Center's gleaming lakeside building at the Ninth Street Pier, and its planning of a breathtaking array of new gallery exhibitions exploring Northeast Ohio-related scientific fields.

The NASA Glenn Visitor's Center now makes its home at the Science Center, where the ground-floor rooms percolate with excited STEM students and teachers. Outside the huge plate-glass windows, in Voinovich

Park, a new covered walkway will soon connect the Center with the Mather, making the soon-to-be-redesigned museum ship an all-season family attraction.

Abraham-Silver, 40, has accomplished all this during the same time that she and her husband, Brad, have refurbished a handsome brick Georgian on Shaker Boulevard, settled their young daughter, Caroline, and son, B.J., into Shaker's public and private schools, taken on a pair of Great Danes, and enthusiastically embraced their new life as Northeast Ohioans.

On an early June day, with the Science Center's many summer-camp programs soon to open and busloads of field-trippers frolicking through the irresistible displays of things to watch, touch, thump, connect, listen to, and magically create with the push of a button, she energetically makes her way through her latter-day Crystal Palace, greeting people by name and chitchatting or handling on-the-fly business updates with the cheerful directness that emanates from her like LED light.

For someone who says that she came into her career "a little bit sideways," Abra-



ham-Silver certainly seems to be moving straight ahead – and up. She's determined to help young people do the same.

*What is your background in science, and what do you think is the best way to get other young women into the field?* I will admit that I was not very fond of science in school. I was actually a classics major, to begin with. But that drove me into archaeology and I had the opportunity to spend time on a dig in Greece when I was an undergrad. It was very cool and the science behind it was really interesting and compelling.

Getting girls involved in science is something that is clearly of particular interest to me. I have a daughter who's 10 now and she has been in our summer camps here at the Science Center since we started them five years ago. I was getting disturbed by the fact that she would end up being one of maybe three girls in a class of 20, especially in the engineering, the Lego-robotics, kinds of classes, which she loves.

So we have tried to encourage more girls to come to our summer-camp programs – and

we've started by adding a series of classes that are girls-only science, where they use chemistry and they make bath balls and lip gloss, glittery-looking things, as a way of engaging them.

There are all kinds of things that we need to learn about how to attract and retain young girls. The ninth graders in the Cleveland school district's STEM High School meet here during the school year, Monday through Friday. We have a phenomenal facility. My former board chair, Jenny [Jeanette Grasselli] Brown, who was a chemist for BP for many years here in Cleveland, and I hosted breakfast for just the girls in the STEM high school here as a way of trying to encourage them to stay in science.

*What sort of programming do you present at the Science Center in order to attract kids of all kinds?* We base our program-

ming on what's going to be important in the regional economy going forward and what the jobs are going to be. One of the things the Science Center can do really well is create programs, opportunities, and exhibitions that will help the future workforce. We have focused for the last five years on four areas we feel are particularly important.

Biomedical technology is one of those areas. We do a significant amount of programming with the Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, and Case Western Reserve University to show that if you are interested in medicine, you don't have to necessarily be a doctor – you can be a bio-engineer, you can create the tools that doctors are using in operating rooms. There are all kinds of ways to be engaged.

We also are focused on space science

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and space exploration, so our recent merger with the NASA-Glenn Visitors Center speaks to the importance of the future of aeronautics and aerospace in this area.

The Great Lakes' water: We are sitting on the greatest natural resource going forward and we're going to have a responsibility to help understand what that means.

And the last is advanced energy – wind turbines and solar panels and what we hope soon will be a hydrogen-fuel cell that will run the Mather.

*Why did you take the job at the museum?*

When the opportunity presented itself, I was 34. How many opportunities do you get to be a CEO at 34? So it seemed very interesting, and when my family came out, we were absolutely amazed at how wonderful the city was. The downtown was beautiful and clean. When we went out to the inner-ring suburbs, we couldn't believe

the property and the opportunities from the housing standpoint. The schools were strong. The art museum and the orchestra and all of the cultural activities here are just as good if not better than in Los Angeles and they're 100 percent more accessible. You can get there in five minutes, it's not expensive, and it's easy to get tickets to anything that you want. So Cleveland was certainly an attractor.

The Center itself was attractive, but as I interviewed with the board, I realized that it was an institution that had not quite gotten to the point of asking itself what it wanted to be when it grew up. Which meant that I got to influence that – a really rare opportunity. And the education programs had not been developed, and with my PhD in science education, it was an open field, which was wonderful.

*What were the challenges you faced when you first got here and what challenges are you confronting now?* I think the biggest challenge was positioning the Center to be a little more externally focused. We did not have robust partnerships. And that was a challenge, but also a real opportunity. The people in this

city are so willing to work with you.

It's interesting: The wind turbine was my very first project and I was having phone calls about it before I even left Los Angeles. I did not realize that it was precedent-setting. There was no major wind turbine on the American side of the Great Lakes before we did this. A group of folks, including Cleveland Foundation CEO Ronn Richard and the Leadership Cleveland people, said 'You know what? Before you can get anyone interested in this advanced-energy field, you've gotta come up with a demonstration that makes them realize that it's a good thing. It's not gonna be loud, it's not gonna kill birds, it's not gonna be a blight on our landscape.'

Well, it took that civic group of people connected to the Science Center and to our corporate partners, Parker Hannifin and Lubrizol, to help us get all the pieces that we needed, and help us with every-



**The Bridge of Fire** is one of the Science Center's most popular exhibits. Up to four people can stand on a platform and get covered in static electric charges.

thing from erecting it to keeping it running.

And we've approached most of our projects in that way, looking for partnerships. And I will say that when we put this turbine up, clearly we had to work with the City of Cleveland. They couldn't have bent over backwards more quickly to help us. It was amazing.

***What do you think are Cleveland's biggest hurdles and what do you think ought to be done about them?*** I think the biggest hurdle – it's so obvious – is education. And I see these really wonderful glimmers of hope like the STEM school downstairs. They had the highest attendance of any school in the Cleveland district. I think our biggest challenge is, how do you take that success to scale? I think it's got to begin with supporting the district's transformation plan. And I think that we've got to find a way to work effectively with teachers unions.

***When you knew you were going to move to the Cleveland area, what made you choose Shaker Heights?*** Coming from Los Angeles, we felt diversity was important. And, when you look at the houses in Shaker... it was 2004 and what my L.A.

real estate dollar translated into in Shaker was just so wonderful. Of course, at that point, you don't realize all of the maintenance – we moved in and, suddenly, we had to learn what a fuse was.

It's a brick Georgian and some of the rooms like the dining room are probably Shaker formal, but most of our other furniture is pretty California casual. Our basement is all Hawaiian. It's got tikis on the walls. My husband has all of his surfboards. He was a big surfer and he worked for years as a lifeguard at Huntington State Beach, so all of his surfboards, sadly, are hanging in the basement, where they're not used very often. And you know those awful little lights that have palm trees on them? Very, very, uh, tacky. It's hidden in the basement, though. [A big laugh.]

We didn't have to completely redo the house, but we did have to gut every bathroom, our bedroom, and the children's rooms. We gutted the basement. The main living areas we've redecorated, but the living room, dining room, library, and kitchen were all quite fine. Don't look at my landscaping, because I haven't figured out a landscaping plan yet. With two Great Danes, I'm probably not going to do anything expensive for a while.

But we looked at schools to begin with,

and the expectation was that our kids would go to Shaker schools. When we moved, they were too young to start. My daughter was four and my son was a year-and-a-half old. So we started them both in pre-kindergarten at Laurel. Our son is now at Mercer elementary in the Shaker system, but our daughter stayed at Laurel because it's just a phenomenal school, we love it. And their Center for Research on Girls is helping us here at the Science Center in understanding how to be more appealing to girls.

***What were you looking for in a house?***

I could have bought three houses – I loved everything I saw! The fact that we didn't have to live in tract housing was phenomenal. We could have a yard. In Los Angeles, we lived on a zero-property lot line, which means that the wall of your neighbor's house is your yard. And sidewalks – our old neighborhood didn't even have sidewalks. And we live right across from the Green Road rapid station, so in the summer I can take the rapid straight to the Science Center on the Waterfront Line, which is really, really nice. So that's a selling point for Shaker, too.

***And what do you all like to do for fun?***

I will fully admit that I'm at the Science Center a lot, but also, I sit on seven or nine boards right now. I try to be as active in the community as I can. I'm fortunate that way – for the last 10 years, since Caroline was born, my husband has been a stay-at-home father. Although he has recently been employed, so we'll have to figure out what happens next.

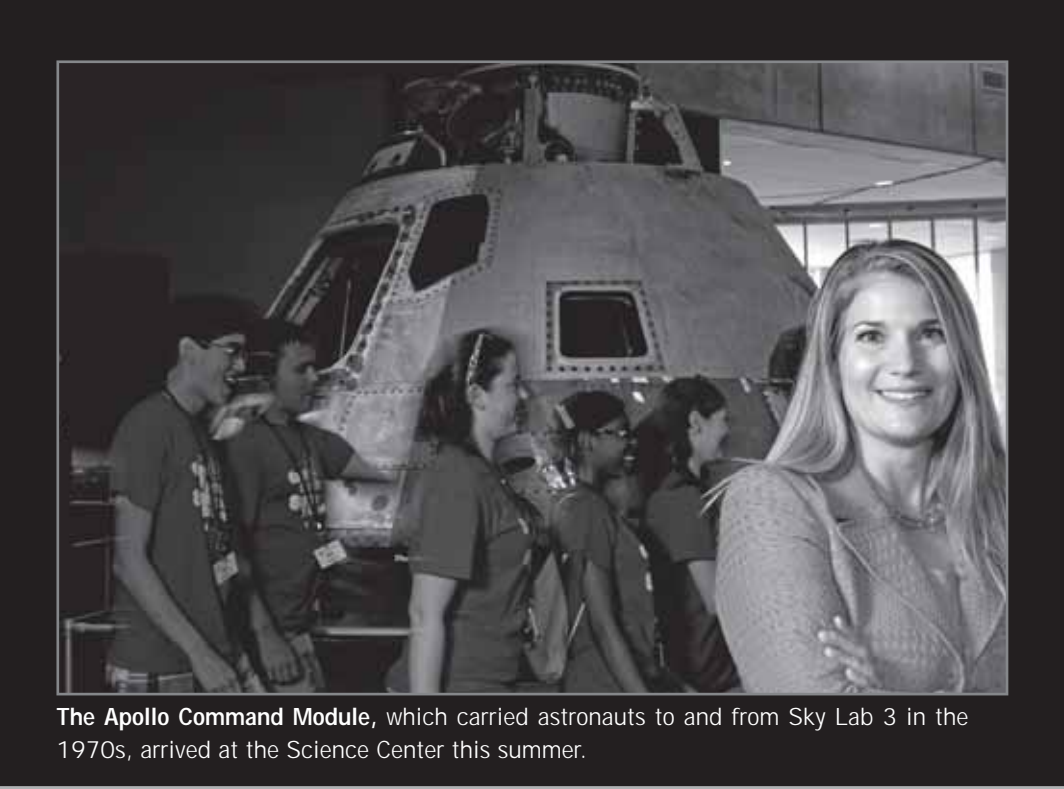
I like running – I just ran the Cleveland half-marathon. I tend to work out at the Union Club on my way to work in the morning, which is actually very convenient. And I enjoy yoga, which I do over at Evolution Yoga in Eton Collection.

This past January, I took a group of women from Cleveland for a week of all-




girl surf camp in Costa Rica. That was really fun. It's a girls-only, surf-slash-spa camp. We surfed every morning and then the rest of the day was either hiking, yoga, massages, or hanging out. So that first week of January, when we had so much snow here? We were in Costa Rica in 85-degree water. I did not grow up surfing, and I was turning 40 – what am I going to do? I really liked it. It was a big adventure. It was fun.

The kids both take violin lessons through the Cleveland Institute of Music. And they're both forced every summer to take all of their summer camps here at the Science Center because I really need insiders to tell me how the classes are going. [Laughs.] And they enjoy 'em. Both of them ride horses at Chagrin Valley Farms. My son just finished up at Shaker taking one of the fencing classes – I think the



The Apollo Command Module, which carried astronauts to and from Sky Lab 3 in the 1970s, arrived at the Science Center this summer.

idea of him getting a sword was the whole attractive point. Academically, the area that my daughter excels at is poetry – she loves writing poetry and she's really good. My son goes back and forth; the other day, he

did tell me he wanted to be a scientist – I don't know if that was because of me – but before that, he wanted to be a shark wrestler. 

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## Robyn Minter Smyers

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and dedicated to the community," she says. "Growing up, it was important that my sisters and I were involved in service-oriented activities and serving in leadership roles."

The young professional couple was happy living in Manhattan, but when they contemplated starting a family, they felt it was important to be somewhere where they could balance two careers (Bert is co-founder of a market research firm), provide strong educations to their children, and raise them with good values. Robyn is biracial, and they wanted their children to live in a community that accurately reflects the world. Shaker Heights was the answer. "There are special things about Shaker that are not easily replicated elsewhere," she says. "We have great public schools, a sense of neighborhood, and uniquely inte-

grated, diverse life experiences."

In addition to serving as a citizen member on Shaker's Economic Development Task Force and the Shaker Centennial Steering Committee, Robyn also serves on the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, and is a board member of many organizations including the City Club of Cleveland, the Museum of Contemporary Art, and the New Cuyahoga Now Campaign. In her "free" time, Robyn loves to run, collect contemporary African-American art, take photographs (mostly of her children), and scrapbook. A self-described political junkie, she has also worked on high profile campaigns. "I have always been interested in getting involved and engaged, and Shaker Heights is a very easy place to do that."



## Richard Mantel

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famous work *Underground*, whereon the revolutionary jazz pianist and composer is depicted as a fighter in the French Resistance during World War II. Monk is sitting at a piano, wearing an automatic rifle on his shoulder, surrounded by all sorts of weaponry (and bottles of red wine), while a Nazi officer sits tied up in a chair in the background.

Richard later worked for Atlantic Records and the small jazz label CTI as well. During his career as an album designer, he did covers for virtually every music genre – jazz, rock (Jeff Beck, Edgar Winter, the Velvet Underground), pop (Bette Midler, Hall and Oates) and classical (George Szell and the Cleveland Orchestra).

He also was constantly freelancing, illustrating the jackets of books by writers including Isaac Asimov, the silent film



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director Sergei Eisenstein, and thriller writer Georges Simenon.

His last major project before he left New York was for Rhino Records— *Hommage a' Nesuhi*, an 84-page book accompanied by five CDs worth of jazz and rhythm and blues produced by his friend Nesuhi Ertegun, one of the founders of Atlantic Records. The set was issued in 2009 to great critical acclaim.

There was no one thing that provided the impetus for Richard to move back home. Twice married and divorced, there was no family to keep him in New York; moreover, his son Alexander graduated from George Washington University this spring, which also can spur a person to make life changes. But more than anything else, he keeps coming back in his conversation to his growing disappointment in how New York City has changed in 50 years.

"It's been changed from a city of neighborhoods and affordable housing to a city that's homogeneous and unaffordable. Once, it was the only place to be. And at the same time," he observes, "Northeast Ohio seems to have changed for the better."

After Richard returned, he spent a few weeks decompressing with his life-long Cleveland friend, attorney William Goldstein, in Gates Mills, then moved into his cousin Norman's two-family home on Latimore. He bought a couple of pieces of furniture and set up his office.

One of the first design projects he did after settling in was a set of bookmarks, which he donated to the Shaker library. The bookmarks feature four different authors — Thomas Hobbes, John Dos Passos, Edna St. Vincent Millay, and G. K. Chesterton — with a quote about books or reading.

He's also lectured at the Cleveland Institute of Art and Cleveland State University.

"I'm looking for work," he says.

Later, he walks across the street to the Van Aken Center and notices a a hoagie shop. "That's where Mawby's was," he says. "Those burgers. Unbelievable." 🐾



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## Rob and Jennifer Porter

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Shaker High. Her grandfather, David Arnoff, had been a builder in town. Her father, Harold Bilsky, was a medical doctor whose family owned the Bilsky Bakery, which most people remember being at Cedar Center, but which was originally in Cleveland's Mount Pleasant neighborhood, near Kinsman Road and East 116th Street, "near where the old schvitz is," Rob says, referring to the venerable steam bath and restaurant that has been in the same location since 1927.

The twist in the Porter family story is Jennifer. She's not a returnee but a transplant who moved here in 1991 as a just-turned-20-year-old refugee from Houston to live with her sister and brother-in-law while recovering from knee surgery. She

fell in love with Shaker, then she fell in love with a native son, Rob.

"I had been studying dance at the Houston Ballet Academy since I was three," she says. "Then I was in an accident on a Moped when I was 18 and severed the ACL [anterior cruciate ligament] in my right knee." She raises her pants leg and shows the prodigious scar from surgery. "So much for my dancing career."

Her sister Margaret lived on Avalon Road with her husband, Jeffrey Williams, at the time an anthropology professor at Cleveland State University. Jennifer moved in with them, enrolled at CSU, and took jobs at Saks Fifth Avenue at Beachwood Place and Arabica at Shaker Square.

"I loved Shaker Heights immediately," she says. "It reminded me of the neighborhood in Houston where I grew up, West University, near downtown and Rice University."

Within a few months she found work as a receptionist and research librarian for a medical technology company called AcroMed at Carnegie Avenue and East 33rd Street. AcroMed's in-house lawyer was Geoffrey Porter – her future father-in-law. For Halloween at the office she dressed up as what she calls a "dead bride" – grotesque makeup and an old wedding dress her sister found at a Shaker yard sale. Into the office walked Rob. Love at first sight.

"We started dating in December," Jennifer says. They were married in 1995.

Jennifer is the founder of J&P Yoga, which manufactures stylish duffle-type bags for carrying yoga mats, and yoga accessories such as stretch straps and eye pillows. A percentage of sales goes to Smile Train, a charity that raises surgery funds for children with cleft lips and palates in poor and developing countries. Readers can help by going to [Jandpyoga.com](http://Jandpyoga.com)



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# August


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Singing Angels 4 pm, Cain Park. (pg. 63)	2 Parent & Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)	3 Play & Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	4 Farmers' Market 4 pm, First Baptist Church of Cleveland. Ongoing. (pg. 55)	5 Diary of a Wimpy Kid Free flick for kids. 10 am, 12:30 pm, Shaker Square.	6 Twilight at the Zoo 7 pm, Cleve- land Metroparks Zoo. (pg. 63)  Ohio Vintage Wine Festival 8/6-7 1 pm, Lake Metroparks Farm- park. (pg. 64)	7 North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 58)  Pointer Sisters 8 pm, Cain Park. (pg. 64)
8 Cleveland Triathlon 6:45 am, Voinovich Park. (pg. 66)	9 114th Cuyahoga County Fair 8/9-15 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. (pg. 64)	10 Babes in Nature: Magical Marsh 10 am, Nature Center. (pg. 58)	11 Back-to-School Stories on a Shaker School Bus 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 58)	12 Back-to-School Stories on a Shaker School Bus 10 am, Bertram Woods. (pg. 58)	13 Shaker High Marching Band Rookie Day 8:30 am, Middle School. (pg. 59) 	14 Passport Project 6 pm, Shaker Square. (pg. 59)
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22 British Car Show 1 pm, Shaker Square. (pg. 60)		24 Shaker Sports Boosters 7:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 60) 	25 Parent & Child Play Sessions Ongoing. (pg. 55)	26 GameGirlz 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 60)	27 Bat Night at Lake View Cemetery 8 pm. (pg. 64) 	28 Outrun Ovarian Cancer 7:15 am, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. (pg. 66)
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# September

## highlights

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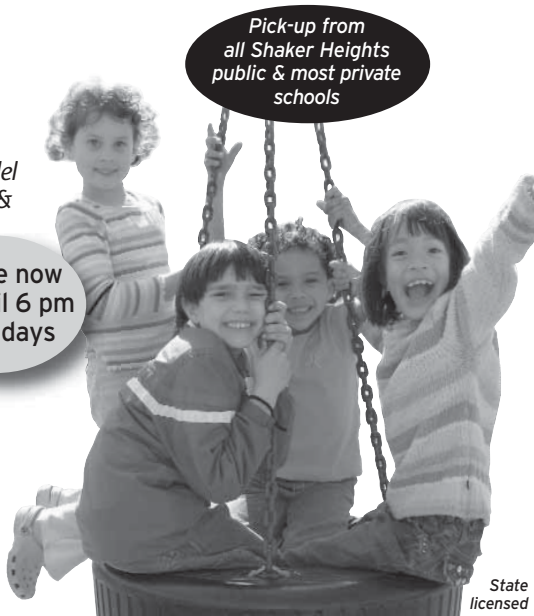
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## Events for August

**August 5:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid, 10 AM & 12:30 PM, SHAKER SQUARE CINEMA. Free flick for kids.

**August 10:** Babes in Nature: Magical Marsh, 10-10:45 AM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. You're never too young to learn about nature. Explore a variety of sensory experiences that introduce babies age 2 months to 2 years and their caregivers to the natural world. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**August 11:** Back-to-School Stories on a Shaker School Bus, 10 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. *The driver of the bus says, Move on back.* Take your seat for stories and fun when the school bus rolls into the parking lot. INFO: 216-991-2030. (Program repeats at 10 am August 12 at Woods Branch.)

**August 12:** Nature Center Photo Club Meeting, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Open to all shutterbugs of varying proficiency. Digital and film photographers are welcome. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.



**August 12:** Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this session led by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 13:** Shaker High School Marching Band Rookie Day, 8:30 AM-3 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. INFO: TOM DEEP, 216-295-4200.

**August 14:** Adoption & Foster Care Second Saturday Luncheon, NOON-2 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Explore foster care and adoption. Come for a free, relaxed lunch and informational conversations with Bellefaire families. Meet and talk with current foster parents and Bellefaire JCB professionals. RSVP TO KAREN: 216-320-8589.

**August 14:** Passport Project, 6-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. Music and dance from around the world at the Square.

**August 16-20:** Shaker High Marching Band Camp, 8:30 AM-3 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Polish up that brass and get in tune with other members of Shaker's grand band! INFO: TOM DEEP, 216-295-4200.

**August 18:** Shaker Middle School 7th Grade Orientation, 10 AM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Feeling muddled about moving to the middle? This orientation will help! INFO: 216-295-4100.

**August 18:** Shaker Community Band, 7 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS COLONNADE. Shaker residents perform in concert. Free. In the event of

rain, concert will be held inside the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-1360.

**August 19:** New Family Orientation, 9 AM, WOODBURY SCHOOL. New to the community with a fifth or sixth grader? Come to Woodbury and learn about your child's new school. INFO: 216-295-4150.

**August 21:** Salsa Saturday, 2-4 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Our vegetables are ripe and ready to be made into a delicious salsa! Enjoy our healthy harvest along with salsa music and dance. This program is generously funded through a State Library of Ohio gardening grant. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 21:** St. Dominic Parish Picnic, 5-10 PM, ST DOMINIC, 3455

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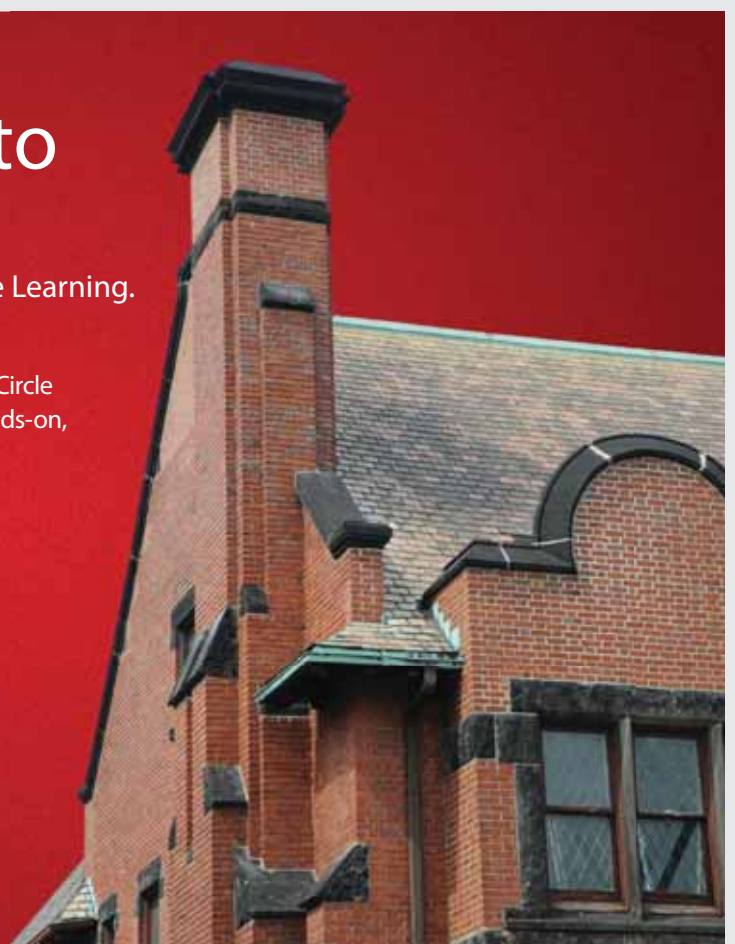


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**August 22:** British Car Show, 1-3 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. The British (car) invasion complete with the sounds of Revolution Pie Band, a Beatles' tribute band from 6-9 pm.

**August 24:** Shaker Sports Boosters, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Join a team of Shaker parents that works to support all Shaker sports. INFO: CAROLYN CHEVERINE, 216-932-9654 OR NANCY LONGMAN, 216-932-9462.

**August 26:** GameGirlz, 4-5:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Girls from 8 to 108 can learn to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games or improve their skills. Games include: Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and PS3's LittleBigPlanet. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**August 30:** Kindermusik, 10 AM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Music, movement, and fun for babies and toddlers 18 months to 3 1/2 years. Second program follows at 11 am for babies under 18 months. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**August 30:** Band Boosters Meeting, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH BAND ROOM. Parents who give a hoot for their kids who toot! INFO: HOLLY WANG, 216-991-8248.

### School Bells

*Camp has ended. They've closed the pool.*

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**AUGUST 23:** St. Dominic School

**AUGUST 24:** Shaker Schools

**AUGUST 25:** Laurel School

**AUGUST 26:** University School Shaker Campus

**AUGUST 30:** Hathaway Brown School

## Events for September

**September 1:** Back-to-School Bash!, 4-6 PM, MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Get creative with book covers, folders, and notebooks for the school year and express yourself on the Teen Center's "graffiti wall." INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 4:** The Roberto Ocasio Latin Jazz Project, 6-9 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy the beats of funk, fusion, salsa, mambo.

**September 6:** Labor Day. Schools, libraries and city offices closed.

**September 9:** Rosh Hashanah. Shaker schools closed.

**September 9:** Shaker Library Furlough Day. Due to state budget cuts, both Shaker libraries are closed for an unpaid furlough day. They will reopen at 9 am Friday. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 9:** Nature Center Photo Club Meeting, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Open to all proficiency levels, digital and film welcome. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**September 10:** Art on VIEW: Photo Reception, 5:30-7:30 PM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Meet the photographers and enjoy their show, *Nature Through the Lens of the Photo Club at Shaker Lakes*. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**September 11 & 12:** North Union Farmers Market Garlic Festival, 1-10 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. Stop and smell the...garlic when local restaurateurs cook up dishes featuring garlic, and stage Grill-Off and Bake-Off competitions. Children's activities include kid-friendly info about local food and farming. Sunday Hours: noon-8 pm. Follow your nose! INFO: 216-751-7656.

**September 11:** Landlord Training, 8:45 AM-4PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Learn about Ohio landlord-tenant laws and legal issues, fair housing laws, the eviction process, city requirements, regulations and programs, property and business management, property maintenance, and marketing strategies with other landlords. Free. INFO: DARLENE ENGLISH, 216-361-9240.

**September 11:** Rain Barrel Workshops, 10 AM-NOON & NOON-2 PM NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Install a rain barrel system and save water and money. Lower your water bills, decrease summer water demand, and keep your landscape healthy. \$65/member, \$75/non-member. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**September 11:** Doggy Dip, 10 AM-NOON, THORNTON PARK POOL. Owners can dog paddle with their dogs in an unheated and unchlorinated pool with a lifeguard on duty. Dogs must be on a leash when entering the pool area and muzzles are required for behavior problems. Doggie treats are available. \$3/resident dog; \$5 non-resident dog. INFO: 216-491-2586.



**September 11:** Red Raider Day, 2 PM, SHAKER HIGH. Shaker's Red Raiders tackle University School's maroon Preppers.

**September 14:** Babes in Nature: Flying Away, 10-10:45 AM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. You're never too young to experience nature. Explore a variety of sensory experiences that introduce babies age 2 months to 2 years and their caregivers to the natural world. \$5/member; \$7/non-member. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**September 14:** Board of Education Meeting, 8 PM, MERCER SCHOOL. INFO: 216-295-4322.

**September 16:** Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this

session led by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**September 16:** Curriculum Night, 7 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Parent info night. Come back to school. INFO: 216-295-4100.

**September 20:** Dance Together, 9:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Dancing with a parent or caregiver, children ages 2-4 yrs. will learn basic dance skills and explore rhythm, balance, and coordination. Energetic music and props to encourage movement discovery. \$69/6 weeks (Sept. 20-Oct. 25). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**September 20:** Big/Little: Monarch Mania, 10-11:30 AM, NATURE

CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Learn how monarch butterflies grow and migrate through stories, songs, crafts, and games, and see a few of our fragile friends on a hike. \$8/member, \$12/non-member. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**September 20:** Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Treat the kids to stories before bedtime. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**September 21:** Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn to skate safely. Beginning skills include learning to get up from the floor, rolling forward, and picking up one foot at a time. Music for simple rhythm and movement activities will coincide with skating skills. \$69/6weeks (Sept. 21-Oct. 26). INFO: KAREN

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**September 21:** *Genealogy for Teens*, 7-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Bring your parent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle and have fun using online resources and genealogy software to follow the trail of your ancestors' lives. Learn where your family comes from, how to create a family tree. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 22:** *Music in the Morning*, 9:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (6 mos.-3 yrs.) and their parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays, and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$69/6 weeks (Sept. 22- Oct. 27). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**September 22:** *Art*, 10:45 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) and a parent use different art media to explore and learn about colors, design, and textures. Each week children create new pages for an art portfolio. \$50/5 weeks (Sept. 22-Oct. 20). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**September 22:** *Meet the Author*, 7:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet Tricia Springstubb, author of *What Happened on Fox Street*, who will talk about the writing life and read selections from her new book. Following the program, books will be available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**September 23:** *3 @ Woods*, 3 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Stop by after school to make popcorn, play some board games, and relax with friends. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**September 23:** *GameGirlz*, 4-5:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Girls from 8 to 108 can learn to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games or improve their skills. Games include: Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl and PS3's LittleBigPlanet. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 24:** *Library Delayed Opening*, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Both libraries will be closed to the public until 2 pm for staff development and safety workshops from 9 am-2 pm. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**September 24:** *Campfire*

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**September 27:** Adoption & Foster Care Second Saturday Luncheon, **NOON-2 PM,** BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Explore foster care and adoption. Come for a free, relaxed lunch and informational conversations with Bellefaire families. Meet and talk with current foster parents and Bellefaire JCB professionals. RSVP TO KAREN: 216-320-8589.

**September 29:** Meet the Author, **7:30 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet Mano Singham, Director of the University Center for Innovation in Teaching and Education and Adjunct Associate Professor of Physics at Case Western Reserve University, and author of *God vs. Darwin*. INFO: 216-991-2421.

### In the Circle & Beyond

**AUGUST 1: The Singing Angels, 4 PM,** EVANS AMPHITHEATER CAIN PARK. Enjoy the talented voices of more than 300 children from 10 counties in Northeast Ohio. Free.

**AUGUST 6: Twilight at the Zoo, 7 PM-MIDNIGHT,** CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. The summer's wildest party! Wind your way through the Zoo enjoying an assortment of complimentary food, beer, wine, and soft drinks. Dance under the stars to the rhythms of 14 bands playing Motown, rock, salsa, swing, country, and blues. \$75/person. INFO: 216-661-6500.



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**AUGUST 7: The Pointer Sisters, 8 PM, CAIN PARK.** *I'm So Excited* that the rhythm and blues pop group will perform. \$55/reserved, \$40/lawn in advance. INFO: 216-371-3000.

**AUGUST 9-15: 114th Cuyahoga County Fair, CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 164 EASTLAND RD. BEREA.** INFO: 440-239-FAIR.

**AUGUST 11: WOW! Wade Oval Wednesday, 6-9 PM, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** Roberto Ocasio's Latin Jazz Project performs.

**AUGUST 12: Feast of the Assumption, MAYFIELD ROAD.** Holy Rosary Church in Little Italy celebrates with street music, dancing, artwork, rides, vendors, food, and fireworks. INFO: 216-421-2995.

**AUGUST 27: Bat Night at Lake View Cemetery, 8-10 PM, LAKEVIEW CEMETERY, 12316 EUCLID AVENUE.** Learn about bats and watch them fly. Tim Krynak of the Cleveland Metroparks will be on hand to discuss different types of bats and set up nets to catch them. \$6/person. INFO: 216-421-2665.

**AUGUST 30: Farm to Table Benefit, 5:30 PM, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** Chef, author, and local food advocate Deborah Madison will speak at this benefit for the Botanical Garden's Green Corps and the North Union Farmers Market. FEES & INFO: 216-751-7656.

**SEPTEMBER 12: Sunday Afternoon for Writers & Readers, 2 PM, LOUIS STOKES WING OF CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 325 SUPERIOR AVE.** 1998 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winner Walter Mosley for his novel *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned*, speaks about the writing life. Free. INFO: 216-861-3810.

**SEPTEMBER 14: Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, 5-9 PM, SEVERANCE HALL.** The 75th annual book prize winners are Pakistani novelist, Kamila Shamsie, author of *Burnt Shadows*; Elizabeth Alexander, lifetime achievement in poetry; William Julius Wilson, lifetime achievement in nonfiction, and Oprah Winfrey, lifetime achievement. INFO: 216-861-3810.

**SEPTEMBER 15: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** Professor S. Thomas Parker from North Carolina State University presents *Aila: A Roman Port on the Red Sea*. Various ancient sources mention a city called Aila that was one of the great international ports of the Roman Empire. In 1994, Professor Parker rediscovered it. He will discuss his project, which aims to reconstruct the economy of Aila through both excavation of the city and a regional survey of its hinterland. A meet-the-speaker reception follows the lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600.

**SEPTEMBER 21: Writers Center Stage, 7:30 PM, OHIO THEATRE, 1511 EUCLID AVE.** Dr. Neil DeGrasse Tyson, author of nine books including the memoir *The Sky Is Not the Limit: Adventures of an Urban Astrophysicist*; *Origins: Fourteen Billion Years of Cosmic Evolution*, co-written with Donald Goldsmith; *Death by Black Hole and Other Cosmic Quandaries*, and *The Pluto Files: The Rise and Fall of America's Favorite*



## out & about

*Planet.* The PBS/NOVA documentary *The Pluto Files*, based on the book, premiered this spring. \$30/person. INFO: 216-749-9338.

**SEPTEMBER 25 & 26: Fall Harvest Festival and Antique Tractor Show, 9 AM-5 PM, LAKE METROPARKS FARM PARK, 8800 EUCLID CHARDON RD.** A festival of harvest, food, and fun for the entire family with apple butter and cider-making and tasting, live music, 3-acre corn maze, kids hay maze, grain threshing, antique tractor show, fresh harvest soup, craft show, pony rides, and more. INFO: 440-256-2122.

**SEPTEMBER 24-26: IngenuityFest, 4 PM-MIDNIGHT, DETROIT SUPERIOR BRIDGE.** Free, three-day festival of fun and imaginatively inspired art and technology. INFO: 216-589-9444 OR [ingenuitycleveland.com](http://ingenuitycleveland.com).

**SEPTEMBER 24-26: Ripe! Food & Garden Festival, 10 AM-8 PM, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD.** Fall days of fun, food, and gardening ideas. Meet local food experts, area farmers, farm-to-fork champions, restaurateurs specializing in local food, slow-food practitioners, gastronomists, and green gardeners and bring home fresh ideas for your garden, your kitchen, and your healthy lifestyle. FEES & INFO: 216-721-1600.

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**AUGUST 7: Cleveland Triathlon Registration and Exposition, 10 AM-4 PM, HILTON GARDEN INN, 1100 CARNEGIE AVE.** Hear a race course talk by race director Jack Caress, and then carbo-load at 11 AM on a complimentary Buitoni Pasta Lunch.

**AUGUST 8: Cleveland Triathlon, 6:45 AM, VOINOVICH PARK, 800 EAST 9TH STREET.**

**AUGUST 14: 12th Annual Gift of Life 10K Run, 9 AM, BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER.** 10-K and 5-K run and 3-K walk to benefit LifeBanc. Race day registration starts at 7:30 am. \$30/adults, \$15/kids ages 12 & under;

free for kids under 3. [www.lifebanc.org/news/make-strides-to-save-lives!.aspx](http://www.lifebanc.org/news/make-strides-to-save-lives!.aspx).

**AUGUST 22: 15th Annual Biathlon & Walk, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** Enjoy a morning of family fun with a choice of participating in the Biathlon (a 3-mile run and a 12-mile bike ride) or a 2-mile Family Walk. INFO: 216-320-8276 OR [www.bellefairejcb.org](http://www.bellefairejcb.org).

**AUGUST 28: Outrun Ovarian Cancer, 7:15 AM, ROCK & ROLL HALL OF FAME, 1100 ROCK AND ROLL BOULEVARD.** 5-K race and 1-mile family fun run. \$22/adults; \$15/youth (10 & under) All entries received by August 24 will be entered into the "iPod Touch" drawing. INFO: 216-623-9933.

**SEPTEMBER 11: 17th Susan G. Komen Northeast Ohio Race for the Cure, 6-8:30 AM, WOLSTEIN CENTER.** Every step counts! Donations provide women and men in Northeast Ohio with life saving support services. Competitive 5K run begins at 9:15 am; 5K Race/Walk begins at 9:30 am; 1-Mile Walk begins at 9:45 am and Dominion Kids Dash begins at 10:30 am. Online registration closes at midnight August 26. FEES & INFO: [www.kommenneohio.org](http://www.kommenneohio.org).

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## Endings and Beginnings

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

There are few things more startling to a middle-aged man than to wake up and find that the darling daughter he once swaddled (or bounced on his knee, or pushed too high on the swings (*Daddy!*), or taught to swear as she learned how to parallel park (&% ^ %\$!), etc.) is about to become a high school graduate. Unless, of course, it's the corresponding realization that no matter how expensive or complicated her upbringing has been to this point, the ABCs of post-high school life – Commencement, Adulthood, and Bon Voyage – are a whole different game.

"Sweetheart," Shaker Man says, looking at the parent financial worksheet helpfully provided to his 17-year-old daughter by Lotsamoolah U, "Is this your fall tuition bill, or NASA's budget for next year?"

As public service, then, Shaker Observer offers this survival guide to the post-diploma summer:

**Pompous and Circumstantial:** Fortunately, the actual Commencement ceremony is the easy part, requiring only that parents A) stay awake for the moment when Ms. Genius strolls across the stage, B) don't snore during the other bits, and C) bring a suitcase full of cash. Shaker Man, unfortunately, forgets C), stupidly assuming that a New Prom Dress ("A bit more expensive than we thought (i.e. 100 percent)," says 17's mother, "but she *fell in love with it*. (cue string section)), New Prom Heels ("You can't wear just any old shoes") and Assorted New Prom Accessories ("Isn't that bag

adorable?") could be worn a second time.

"She's wearing a big gown over it, right? I mean, who'd know?"

Years of experience quickly clue Shaker Man into the fact that his daughter's silence (and her mother's) are not, in fact, reflections of awe at his overpowering logic.

The dress comes in handy, too, at the Obligatory After-Commencement Luncheon at Chez L'Expense Outragé, because comments about its beauty distract 67 relatives and friends from Shaker Man's weeping at a bill prepared, of course, in French, but with a bottom line replete with good old U.S. \$\$ signs, zeroes, and commas.

**The Summer of (Gritted Teeth) Love:** With diploma in hand, the new graduate looks the world squarely in the eye (or, at the very least, Mom and Dad), and declares: "I am an adult now. I don't have to (Choose One):

- "Clean my room, or complete any other chore I deem boring (and, let me assure you, they are *all* boring, at least to me);
- "Eat dinner with you or my 13-year-old brother, or even acknowledge your presence, if any one of my 1,213 closest friends is even remotely available in person, via phone, or even by text or smoke signal;
- "Respect a curfew because I, in fact, will be hundreds of miles away in just two months, doing God-Knows-What, and you won't be able to do anything about it then anyway, so what's the big deal?"

There are three possible parental responses, presented here in order of increasing effectiveness:

1. Make lengthy, impassioned speech detailing numerous parental sacrifices, punctuated every three paragraphs with phrase "Because I'm the parent, that's why!" *Downside:* May end up as smash hit on YouTube.
2. Offer to help graduate pack. Or, to be even faster, offer to throw clothing and books from bedroom window down to graduate on front lawn. *Downside:* Graduate may accept offer.
3. Calmly say: "You can have the car as soon as you (see "Choose One," above)." *Downside:* Graduate may actually comply, leaving you without wheels.

**But Wait, You Just Got Here:** At long last (*It can't be August, can it?*) summer is passing, the van is packed with new sheets and old desk lamps, and what feels like the family's *fin de siècle* road trip is about to begin. Standing in front of the Shaker Homestead, 17 looks at her old swing set and her favorite tree under which to read, and says, in small, un-adult voice: "I'm scared."

"You'll be fine," her Mom says, and then cries, just a little, and Shaker Man looks off into the distance, just a little, and 13 — well, 13 makes a long, squishy fart noise with an app on his iPod.

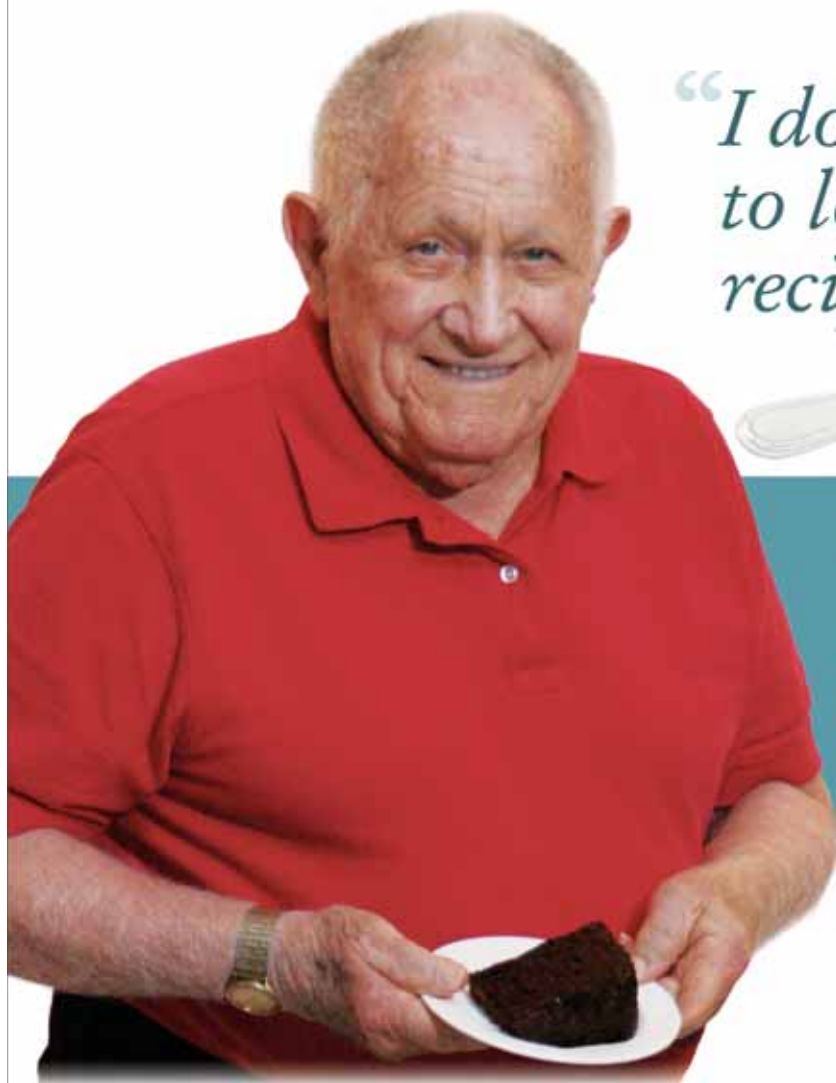
"Dork," says 17.

"Your face," says 13.

And away we go.







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