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Centennial Milestones: *One Hundred Years of Progress*

A stroll down any of the beautiful streets in Shaker Heights makes it hard to imagine the simple beginnings from which this City sprang. That the City has successfully grown and evolved in so many important ways over the last 100 years is a testament to its solid foundation.

Anchored by physical and social planning, consistent and proactive leadership, and residents deeply committed to the prosperity of the community, the City is well positioned to seize the opportunities of the 21st century and meet the challenges of its next 100 years.

The North Union Shakers, a utopian religious sect, originally settled Shaker Heights in 1822. Known as The Valley of God's Pleasure, the settlement encompassed 1,366 acres. The dreams of the North Union Shakers faded with Cleveland's emergence as an industrial metropolis in the late 19th century. Horseshoe Lake, the Lower Lakes, and a handful of streets were all that remained of the North Union settlement by the late 1800s.

In 1905, developer brothers Oris Paxton and Mantis James Van Sweringen saw potential in the land and took an option on a small portion of it. They envisioned creation of an exclusive, utopian residential suburb built around the ideals of the Garden City movement. To make it even more appealing, their plan included two rapid transit lines to whisk residents downtown in half the time it took on a standard streetcar. One hundred years later, the Rapid is still providing easy access to Cleveland and remains one of Shaker's most desirable and unique assets.

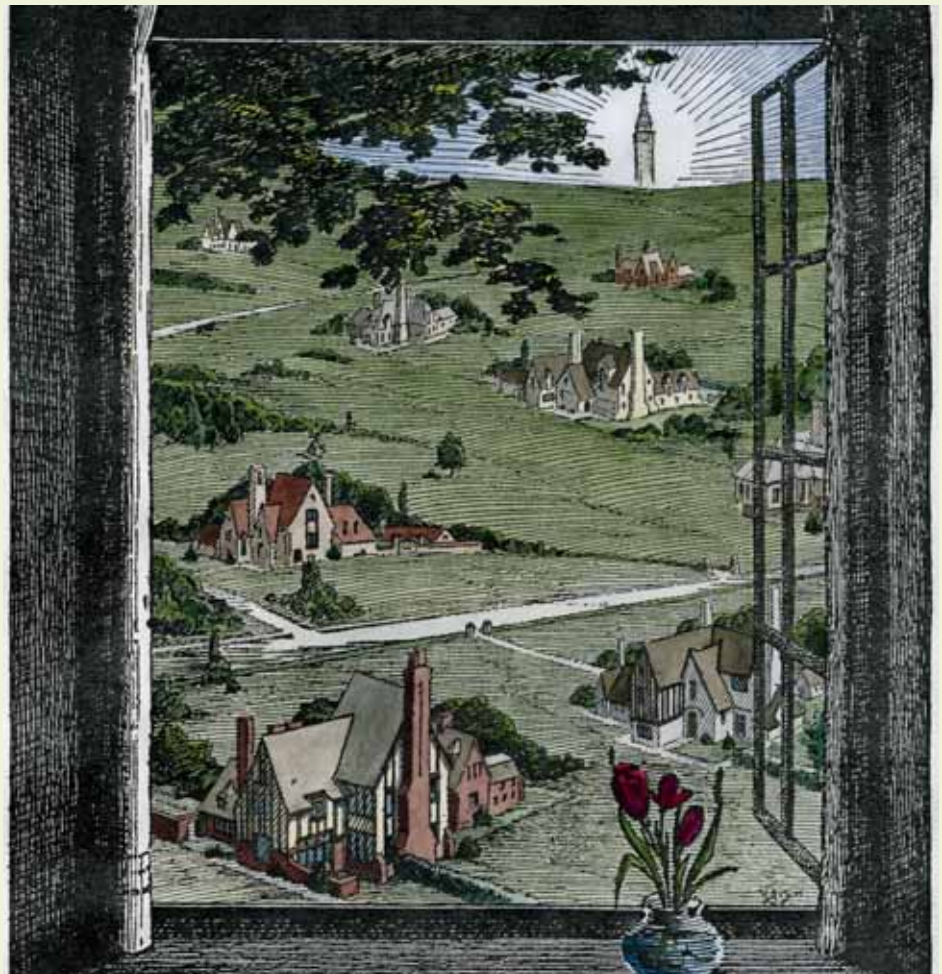
Integrating the natural landscape with the built environment was a key component of the Garden City movement and a guiding development prin-

ciple for the brothers. Strict enforcement of building setbacks and spacious, lushly planted tree lawns further enhanced the environment. Marshall and Green lakes were formed by damming Doan Brook, which, along with the original two lakes created by the North Union Shakers, created some of the choicest properties in the Shaker Village. Planners created an intentional hierarchy of streets to limit traffic in residential neighborhoods, creating a quiet, idyllic environment.

Street names, according to some sources, were chosen by an employee of the F.A. Pease engineering company, an admirer of English fiction, who was responsible for laying out the streets. Legend has it that he used an old English postal directory to name many of the streets.

By 1912, Shaker Village was incorporated and in 1931 the charter was approved, establishing the City of Shaker Heights. The combination of the natural beauty of the community and easy access to rapid transit enticed hundreds of families to build homes here during the 1920s and 1930s. This explosive growth was trumpeted in early Van Sweringen advertisements, declaring that families moved to Shaker Heights at a rate of one a day.

To ensure that their vision of Shaker was maintained in the midst of rapid growth and home construction, the Van Sweringens implemented a set of development guidelines mandating everything from setbacks, building heights, architectural styles, and material choices and colors. The brothers insisted that each home be



architecturally unique.

This led to houses designed within one of three proscribed styles, English, French or Colonial, but embellished with small details of differing styles. Block after block of architecturally distinguished homes emerged. Currently, an impressive 80 percent of the City is located in the Shaker Village National Register Historic District, an acknowledgement that forward thinking and planning resulted in a valuable and enduring asset: the houses of Shaker Heights.

These standards of quality and strict development controls were applied to all homes in the Shaker Village, from the palatial to the most modest. It is the reason that many two-family homes throughout Shaker Heights have a distinctive design in which a single front door leads to separate entrances for each unit on the inside, giving the appearance of a single-family house. Winslow Road, the City's only street made up entirely of two-family homes, offers many examples of this design concept. In 2007, the street was officially recognized with a local historic district designation.

Educational, religious, and recreational institutions were important parts of the vision for the Shaker Village. In order to entice these institutions to relocate from Cleveland, the Van Sweringen brothers offered land to them free of charge. Institutions that responded to the offer include Hathaway Brown School, Laurel School, University School, Plymouth Church, and Shaker Country Club.

In 1922, the Shaker Heights Public Library opened in a room at Boulevard Elementary School. The collection included mostly children's books. The public's appetite for library services grew quickly. By 1951, the Main Library was housed in a newly constructed building containing more than 6,000 titles in what is today the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building.

The Library expanded again to include a second branch, Bertram Woods, which

opened in 1960. The award-winning Library now boasts a collection of over 200,000 books. Thirty thousand people hold Shaker library cards today, more than half a million people use the libraries each year and more than one million items are borrowed.

For many decades Shaker Heights enjoyed growing prosperity and stability. Schools, libraries, recreation opportunities, the Shaker Heights Historical Society, and many businesses grew and thrived. The Van Sweringens would have thought they had achieved their vision of an idyllic community filled with happy families enjoying the American dream of homeownership, children playing in the yard, and a new car in the garage. But their vision was deficient in one important respect: inclusiveness.

By the mid-1950s, national and local events surrounding racial desegregation forced the leadership and residents to re-examine long-held beliefs and ultimately to redefine the City. Years of restrictive covenants limited the numbers of black, Catholic, and Jewish families living in Shaker Heights.

In 1948, a U.S. Supreme Court decision made deeds with restrictions based on race illegal. In 1956, there was a bombing of a new home being built by a black family in

Ludlow. These two events set into motion a sea change in Shaker that ultimately created the racially and economically diverse City we live in today.

Black families began to settle in the Ludlow neighborhood, which fast became the first landing spot for black families leaving Cleveland. After the 1956 bombing, both black and white neighbors came together to help the family rebuild and to begin a conversation about the future of their neighborhood and their City. It was a moment of unity, perhaps uncomfortable, but it was the foundation for a new day and the beginning of the peaceful integration of Shaker Heights.

Out of these first tentative steps toward inclusion, the Ludlow Community Association (LCA) was born in 1957. Its mission was to maintain Ludlow as a stable, vibrant, and racially balanced neighborhood, and to facilitate the racial integration of other neighborhoods. So successful was the effort to diversify Shaker's neighborhoods that local and national media profiled Shaker's peaceful, planned integration efforts. And so began a new chapter in the City's history.

The mission of the LCA was solidified and enhanced over the following decades. Several other initiatives were established to further the goals of successful citywide





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integration. In 1967, the Shaker Housing Office was established as part of the City's Department of Community Services to ensure the stable integration of neighborhoods. The Office provided services to encourage both white families to move into predominantly black neighborhoods, and black families to move into predominantly white neighborhoods. Efforts were also made to achieve racial balance in the schools through a voluntary busing program in the 1970s. In 1986, the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights was formed to continue the proactive integration of neighborhoods through the provision of a down payment loan program to assist families making a pro-integrative move. Maintaining and celebrating the diversity of present day Shaker Heights has become a part of a shared value system and is a defining characteristic of the city.

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, now a beloved institution, was born from the same intense effort on the part of active citizens that was evident in the formation of the Ludlow Community Association. In 1964, park land at the City's western edge was threatened by a proposal from Cuyahoga County Engineer Albert Porter to build two eight-lane freeways with an interchange. A group of residents, who became known as Clark Freeway Fighters, waged a fierce battle for several years resulting in a change of plans and the creation in 1966 of the Nature Center.

The City continued to prosper despite a population loss connected in large part to the shrinking population of the City of Cleveland. In response to that, and to further facilitate the integration of the schools, the City closed and repurposed four of its nine elementary schools in 1987. The Main Library was able to expand by moving into the former Moreland Elementary School. New institutions also were created. The Shaker Family Center, formerly Sussex Elementary, has become a gathering place for families with young children. Two other schools, Ludlow and Malvern, became homes to specialized

private non-profit schools serving specific needs of school-age children.

As the 21st century dawned, the City's Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) was created to lay out goals and priorities, particularly as they pertained to attracting private investment to help secure its prosperity. The document still serves as the framework around which development plans are made and offers yet another example of the steady leadership and planning that define Shaker Heights.

Between 2000 and 2010, guided by the SIP, the City undertook several development projects to augment the City's green space and built environment. Honoring the principles of the Garden City movement, the City's largest green space, Horseshoe Lake Park, was revitalized. Developed in the 1930s and 1940s around one of the original Shaker sawmill ponds, the park features picnic pavilions, playground equipment, and walking trails used by residents nearly year 'round. In 2007, land adjacent to the Shaker Boulevard Rapid tracks was repurposed as a paved trail for use by walkers, runners, and bike riders.

During this period, significant public and private investment was made in the Shaker Town Center area, including Shaker Commons on the south side of Chagrin. Also included were infrastructure improvements, investment in roads and streetscape work. The crown jewel of the refurbished district was a firehouse completed in 2005, the first new civic building constructed in years.

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The Centennial Celebration Is Here!

The City's 100th year kicks off with a lively opening ceremony and other events to bring the community together in celebration of this momentous occasion. Throughout the year, Centennial events will be posted in this space and at shakeronline.com. Many events require registration and some will charge a nominal fee to help defray costs. Join in the

festivities; the celebration is not complete without you!

IT'S A SHAKER THING: The Shaker Heights Centennial Opening Ceremony

Join us for an evening of speech and song to launch the celebration of the greatest place to live in the world. Written and directed by Jon Leiken & Friends, with appearances by Shaker students, celebrities, puppets, historic figures, public officials, and other surprise guests, this evening of fun celebrates 100 years of Shaker Heights history. Learn the true story and meaning of Shaker Heights, and why this special place and its simple gifts mean so much to all of us. The event takes place on Saturday, January 21 from 5–6:30 pm at the Shaker Heights High School Auditorium. For tickets and more information, visit <http://bit.ly/itsashakerthing>.

Elegant and Edible Garden Series: Kick-Off Party

The Elegant and Edible series begins on January 10 at 7 pm (check website for location) with a party featuring Farmer Lee Jones of The Chef's Garden in Huron, Ohio. Much in demand as a speaker and expert on sustainable agriculture and its influence on the culinary industry, Jones has been featured in numerous national publications, including Bon Appétit, Cooking Light, Gourmet, Food & Wine, Newsweek, The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal Magazine, and The Washington Post.

Jones travels nationwide, speaking about sustainability at seminars and culinary events like The International Chefs Congress and The James Beard Foundation Awards. In addition, he frequently participates in panel discussions as an agricultural expert, including The Women Chefs and Restaurateurs National Conference and Chef Raymond Blanc's American Food Revolution in Oxford, England.

He currently sits on the board of Chef Magazine. For tickets and more information, visit <http://bit.ly/EandEKickoff>.

Planning your Garden to Suit the Needs of your Family and the Realities of your Space

On Wednesday, January 25 at 7 pm, Shawn Belt of the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Green Corps Urban Agriculture Program will give an illustrated talk at Shaker Middle School, 20600 Shaker Boulevard, to help you plan your garden. Many of us never start home gardening because we don't know where and how to begin. What do we want to achieve? How much space do we have? Where is the sunshine? Can we grow food in the shade? Belt will provide the information you need to help make these decisions in your own garden. For registration and more information visit <http://bit.ly/EandEShawnBelt>.

Shaker Heights will celebrate the centennial of its founding throughout 2012. Parties, programs, publications, and parades will pop up throughout the year. Here is a quick preview of the offerings scheduled by the "green and growing" arm of our Centennial celebration.

Elegant and Edible

By Robin Schachat

In 1912 Shaker Heights was founded as Shaker Village – a garden community, defined in those days as a green and leafy suburb where families could relax away from the bustle of Cleveland. Within a few years Shaker Village had blossomed into a gracious town of stylish homes in elegant garden settings. Fathers rode the Rapid to work, ladies lunched, and children walked to the beautiful new schools that centered each neighborhood.

Fast-forward a century. Shaker Heights is now a bustling city itself, full of diversity in life and businesses. Our homes are still gracious and beautiful, but what does it mean to be a garden community in 2012?

A garden community today is no longer merely a vastness of quiet green. Our parks and other outdoor amenities are full of the sound and life of modern young families, many of whom do not have the time or desire to tend seas of lawn and shrubbery. Instead, today's Shaker residents wonder what it means to be sustainable and organic – "green" – in a day-to-day sense. We hear catchphrases such as "slow food" and "eat local." But how do these things apply to us in a practical way? Do we know how to save money and still eat healthfully? Do we want to learn?

The Elegant and Edible centennial programs are

designed to answer these questions – to teach novice home gardeners how to create productive vegetable and fruit gardens of their own, and to engage more experienced gardeners in better home food gardening.

Programs will include hands-on workshops, planting seeds in spring, canning produce in fall, question-and-answer sessions on how to deal with pests, and proper handling of soil. We will host children's programs on bees and butterflies, tours of community gardens, and a harvest dinner complete with a celebrity pie raffle. Our offerings – two each month over the centennial year – are aimed at all interest levels.

The fun kicks off on January 10 with a Winter Garden Party. International foodie celebrity Farmer Lee Jones will give a humorous rundown of all those pesky gardening terms, and he will tell us which we should care about, and why. Fabulous food featuring locally grown produce will be served. Posters, fliers, and information about garden programs – Elegant and Edible programs and many more – will be available.

Details of this and all 22 Elegant and Edible programs are at the Centennial page of the Shaker Heights website, www.shakeronline.com.

Robin Schachat is the program chair of the Elegant and Edible Centennial Committee.

Honorary Chairs Serve Shaker Centennial

Mayor Earl M. Leiken selected these distinguished Shaker citizens to provide general oversight to the Centennial celebration. As leaders in the greater Cleveland community, they brought their considerable experience and wisdom to setting the direction the celebration will take. The Centennial Committee is indebted to the chairs for their leadership and guidance, and for their steadfast and enthusiastic support of our community:

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Centennial poster contest winner designed by resident Tatiana Tate. The Shaker Arts Council in conjunction with the Shaker Heights Centennial Committee sponsored the contest.

Geoffrey S. Mearns is provost of Cleveland State University. As chief academic officer of CSU, he supervises eight academic deans, five vice provosts, and the director of the university library. Mearns joined the university in 2005 as Dean of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. He had a distinguished career as a prosecutor with the United States Department of Justice for nine years, and also spent many years in private practice. He received his undergraduate degree from Yale University, and his law degree from the University of Virginia.



Mearns

Steven A. Minter is an executive-in-residence and special assistant to the President at Cleveland State University. He is also a Fellow in the Center for Nonprofit Policy and Practice at the Levin College of Urban Affairs at CSU. He assumed these duties following his retirement after 20 years as president of The Cleveland



Minter

Foundation, the nation's oldest community foundation. For more than 45 years he has been active in Greater Cleveland's philanthropic, public service, and voluntary sectors and has served on numerous volunteer and corporate boards. He holds degrees from Baldwin-Wallace College and Case Western Reserve University and is a member of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Richard W. Pogue is a former managing partner of Jones Day, Cleveland, where he presently serves as an advisor. Over the years, he has chaired many major civic organizations, including The Cleveland Foundation, Business Volunteers Unlimited, University Hospitals Health System, the Greater Cleveland Growth Association, The City Club of Cleveland, the Presidents' Council Foundation, Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Greater



Pogue

Cleveland chapter of the Red Cross. He also served as Director of several corporations, including Continental Airlines, TRW, and KeyCorp. He currently serves as vice chairman of the board of the University of Akron, and as chairman of the Dean's Advisory Committee at Michigan Law School. He is also chair of the Shaker Heights Development Corporation. He is a graduate of Cornell University and the University of Michigan Law School.

Judith H. Rawson served as Mayor of Shaker Heights for two terms, beginning in 1999. During her leadership, Rawson



Rawson

helped to launch several major economic development projects, including South Park Row, Sussex Courts, Shaker Town Center, and the redevelopment of the Warrensville/Van Aken district.

She also oversaw the major upgrades of Thornton Park and Horseshoe Lake Park, and advocated strongly for the addition of bike paths to connect them. Prior to her 21 years of public service in Shaker, Rawson served for six years as assistant director of the City of Cleveland's law department, and as a trustee of Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, EcoCity Cleveland, and Cleveland Public Art. She holds degrees from Mount Holyoke College and Case Western Reserve Law School.

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Robb Forward



Shaker Centennial Steering Committee and Advisory Board. *Front row, from left:* Liz Schorgl, Vicki Blank, Char Glatley, Ken Kovach; *Second row:* Paulanita Barker, Mary Mulligan, Luren Dickinson, Crickett Karson, Ann Cicarella, Sue Starrett; *Third row:* Chris Auginas, Judy Stenta, Vicki Elder, Jan Devereaux, Marc Canter; *Top row:* Anne Williams, Margaret Simon, Brian Gleisser. *Not pictured:* Robb Forward, Sandra Holmes, Glenda Moss.

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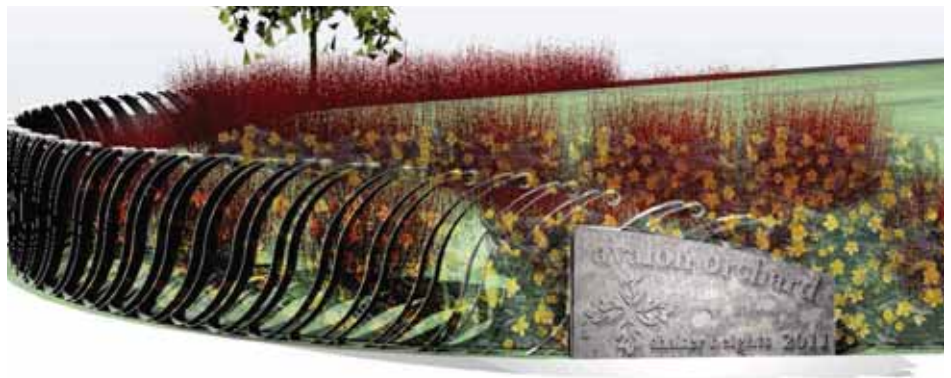
Rotary Club Honors Shaker Officer and Firefighter

Each year, the Shaker Heights Rotary Club honors one firefighter and one police officer for outstanding service to their departments and the community at large. The 2010 recipients are Lt. David Briggs, for Firefighter of the Year, and Sgt. Thomas Daniel Clementi, for Police Officer of the Year.

Briggs has served on the Shaker Heights Fire Department since 1996. He was pro-



Lt. David Briggs, Charlie Mayer, Rotary Club President, Sgt. Dan Clementi.



Public Art Top: Rendering of Avalon Centennial Orchard's ornamental fence called Blowing Grasses. Below: Loganberry Books mural celebrating literacy.

moted to the rank of Lieutenant last January, and is an active member of the Shaker Heights Firefighters Association Local 516. Last year, he organized a highly successful charity golf outing in support of a colleague suffering from ALS. This year, he used his time and talents to organize a similarly successful event to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Clementi has served on the Shaker Heights Police Department since 1998. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2008, and was also a member of the SWAT team. During his tenure, he has received numerous letters of commendation from supervisors and residents. This past year, Clementi was instrumental in researching and implementing a greatly enhanced training program for the department, which he undertook while recuperating from a serious health issue.

Public Art Installations Celebrate Shaker's Beauty

Four new installations of public art will soon appear throughout Shaker in a celebration of our community's love of the arts and nature, and in recognition of our City's milestone birthday.

A sculpture called Trumpet Flower will greet passersby at Kenyon Walkway, a pedestrian path that links Shaker Town Center with the Lomond neighborhood. Artist Michael Moritz has designed Trumpet Flower to be constructed out of painted steel and to stand approximately 9 feet tall, with a blossom about 6 feet in diameter. The sculpture was funded by a federal grant through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program, along with the new walkway, fencing, landscaping, and lighting.

An ornamental fence called Blowing Grasses will act as a welcoming and defining installation for Avalon Centennial Orchard, which was planted in a formerly vacant lot on Kenyon Road (see related item in Neighborhood News.) Designed by artist Stephen Manka, the fence conveys a windswept feel using iron pieces in the shape of a shepherd's crook. The spacing between the "crooks" will allow foliage and flowers to grow through, in harmony with the steel structure. The art fence was also funded through the federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Construction of the fence will be completed by year-end.

A mural celebrating books and literacy enlivens the formerly blank façade on the east side of Loganberry Books on Larchmere Boulevard. The mural was designed by artist Gene Epstein. Titles depicted in the mural were selected through a community recommendation process. The mural was funded through the generosity of Saint Luke's Foundation and Neighborhood Progress, Inc., as part of an ongoing Larchmere streetscape project.

A group of residents is working with community leaders to commission a privately funded, art installation at the Shaker Lakes as part of the City's Centennial celebration. Studio LAND (formerly

Cleveland Public Art), a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing public spaces through art, will help guide the process of selecting an artist to design and produce the work. Several artists will be invited to develop proposals for the installation, which must enhance but not compete with the natural setting, appeal to all users of the park, be visible but not overpowering, and require minimal maintenance. The group plans to select an artist by spring of 2012.

At Home with the Arts, December 2: Spicy Latin Jazz for a Cool Winter's Eve

This Friday, December 2 at 7 pm join clarinetist Luiz Coehlo and pianist Madeline Bloom Levitz as they perform a concert of spicy and colorful jazz, Latin rhythms, and passionate melodies. The concert is part of the Shaker Arts Council's At Home with the Arts series, and will take place in the Spahr Center at First Baptist Church, 3630 Fairmount Blvd.

Coelho, a native of Brazil, is a conductor in the Shaker schools and is a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music. He has performed with the Cleveland Orchestra and has toured in South America, Europe, and China. Bloom Levitz, a graduate of the Manhattan School of Music and The Juilliard School in New York City, has performed in South America, Europe, Canada, and the U.S., and teaches piano in her Shaker Heights studio.

The \$35 ticket price includes beer, wine, and light hors d'oeuvres with dessert afterward. Attendance is limited to 40. Register online at shakerartscouncil.org (select Support/Donate). For more information, call 216-561-7454 or email info@shakerartscouncil.org.

Mark your calendar for a February 24 performance by Cleveland's own Inlet Dance, to be held at a Shaker home on South Park Boulevard. Check the Shaker Arts Council website for the latest details.

Prepare For Winter's Worst

With winter on the way, be sure to follow proper safety guidelines when preparing to battle the elements. "Many of these tips may seem simple and obvious," says Fire Inspector Devon Paullin, "but we see fires and injuries every year that are caused by these issues."

Heating Safety

- Use kerosene heaters and space heaters only according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Alternative heaters need their space. Keep anything combustible at least three feet away.
- Make sure alternative heaters have tip switches, which are designed to automatically turn off the heater should they tip over.
- Do not use the kitchen oven range to heat your home. In addition to being a fire hazard, it can be a source of toxic fumes.
- Never refill a space heater while it is operating or still hot.
- Refuel heaters only outdoors.
- Make sure wood stoves are properly installed, and at least three feet away from combustible materials. Ensure they have the proper floor support and adequate ventilation.

Generator Safety

- Follow all manufacturer instructions and guidelines when using generators.
- Generators or other fuel-powered machines should only be used outside the home. CO fumes are odorless and can quickly overwhelm you indoors.
- Use the appropriate size and type of power cord to carry the electric load, as specified by the manufacturer.
- Overloaded cords can overheat and cause fires.
- Never run cords under rugs or carpets where heat might build up or damage to a cord may go unnoticed.

The City is launching
its new website this
month. Visit
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for Centennial
event calendar,
Shaker Life articles,
news, and more.

- Never connect generators to another power source, such as power lines. The reverse flow of electricity can electrocute an unsuspecting utility worker.

Electrical Safety

- If your home sustains water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.
- Assume all wires on the ground are electrically charged. This includes cable TV feeds.
- Look for and replace frayed or cracked extension and appliance cords, loose prongs, and plugs.
- Exposed outlets and wiring are a fire hazard and are potentially life threatening.
- Appliances that emit smoke or sparks should be repaired or replaced.
- Have a licensed electrician check for damage following any incident that involves electric appliances, outlets, or wiring.

Fire Safety

- Be careful when using candles. Keep the flame away from combustible objects and out of the reach of children.
- If the power goes out, make certain that all electrical appliances, such as stoves, electric space heaters, and hair dryers, are in the OFF position.
- Some smoke alarms may be dependent on your home's electrical service and could be inoperative during a power outage. Check to see if your smoke alarm uses a back-up battery and install a new battery at least once a year.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas.
- All smoke alarms should be tested monthly. All batteries should be replaced with new ones at least once a year.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of snow, ice and debris for easy access by the fire department.

Holiday Safety

- Live trees should be as fresh as possible. Make a fresh cut at the base of the trunk, and place the tree in a sturdy stand.
- Locate the tree as far away from heat sources as possible and water it daily. Do not block your primary or alternative escape routes.
- Use only non-flammable decorations.
- Decorative lights should bear the label of a nationally recognized testing laboratory, such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).
- Follow manufacturer's guidelines regarding the safety of connecting multiple sets of lights.
- Install light sets outside the home only if they are specifically labeled for outside use.
- Outdoor lights should be fastened with hangers, not staples, and should be placed on a ground fault interrupter circuit when possible.
- Use replacement bulbs that have the correct wattage, and replace light sets and extension cords that are worn or cracked. Use as few extension cords as possible, and do not run them under rugs or over sharp objects.
- Turn off holiday lights whenever you leave your home or go to bed.

When Hiring a Snow Plow Operator

All snow plow operators must obtain an annual snow plow permit from the Shaker Heights Police Department, and must display their permit decal on the outside of the rear window on the driver's side, per section 543.01 of City ordinances. Residents and businesses hiring a plow company for the winter should check to make sure their operator has a City permit. The City maintains a list of registered operators at shakeronline.com. Be sure the operator understands the City's requirements regarding snow removal:

- Plow snow onto your client's property

only.

- Don't leave plowed snow in the streets.
- Don't block sidewalks, ADA ramps or handicapped parking spaces.
- Don't plow snow onto fire hydrants or block access to them from the street.
- Don't pile driveway apron snow so high that it blocks driver's ability to see road or pedestrian traffic.
- Don't move plowed snow to medians or islands.

To report a complaint about a snow plow operator, contact the Police Department at 216-491-1240.

Don't Hide the Hydrants!

During times of heavy snowfall, the Fire Department would like to remind residents of the importance of clearing snow away from fire hydrants. Says Fire Chief Kevin Jacobs, "To be effective in putting out a fire, the Fire Department must have access to water. It's very important that they not be hidden from view. The Fire Department encourages residents who have a fire hydrant located on their property to clear away accumulated snow so that hydrants remain visible at all times." Please remind your snowplow contractor not to pile snow on or near the hydrants.

Neighborhood News

LOMOND

City Partners with Cleveland Crops to Manage Avalon Centennial Orchard

An orchard will soon crop up in the lot at 17124 Kenyon Road, complete with a public art fence designed by Stephen Manka (see story in City News) and employment opportunities for disabled adults. The City is partners with Cleveland Crops, a non-profit business program of the Cuyahoga County Board of

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Developmental Disabilities, whose mission is to provide employment to adults with disabilities.

Cleveland Crops will provide care for the fruit trees and harvesting of the fruit, while Community Gardens of Shaker Heights will provide basic site maintenance, such as mowing and watering. The City received federal funding for the orchard from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Shaker News Brief

Shaker resident **Betsie Norris**, founder of Adoption Network Cleveland, was awarded a prestigious Adoption Excellence Award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Adoption Network Cleveland serves adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents. It also supports youth in foster care, foster parents, siblings, and adoption professionals.

Seasonal Reminders

Correction: Please note corrected information in the item below.

Yard Waste: October 15 to December 15 is Leaf Collection season. City Crews are equipped to pick up leaves, grass clippings, hedge trimming and garden waste from tree lawns (never in the street); **brush collection is suspended temporarily during leaf collection.** When crews are busy with snow removal, brush collection is maintained as weather permits only. Landscapers should be advised to remove any brush collected during this time period.

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

Customer Service Nominations: The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service – above and beyond expectations – provided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring of 2012. Instructions can be found on the City website, shakeronline.com, as well as at the reception areas of City Hall, Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, Court, Police, Fire, Public Works, and Thornton Park.

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

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

Snow Policy: Residents are asked not to park their cars in the street when snow reaches a depth of two inches or more. Please remember that residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks or onto another person's property.

Trash Delays: There will be no trash delays for Christmas 2011 and New Year's Day 2012, which fall on Sundays. However, collection following Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, January 16, will be delayed by one day. Call the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder about holiday collections, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com.

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

36 Seniors Earn National Honors

Thirty-six members of the Shaker Heights High School Class of 2012 have been honored by one or more of the National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic scholar programs. Together, they represent about 10 percent of Shaker's senior class.

National Merit Semifinalists: Joshua Barnett, Benjamin Claus, Terence Conlon, Rachel Jensen, Aleksa Kaups, Matthew Krantz, Claire Lo, Rachel Shafran, Nathan Sun, and Benjamin Walker.

National Achievement Semifinalists: Morgan Hammonds, Nia Morgan, and Rachel Shands.

National Hispanic Scholars: Anamaria Boyd, David Levitz, and Spencer Seballos.

National Merit Commended Students: Kristen Amaddio, Brian Benton, Shoshana Bieler, Noah Eisen, Vincent Gassman, Jiawei He, Burcu Kahriman, Jackson Laskey, Jack Lawrence, Ian Limoli, Hannah Lyness, Hannah McCandless, Nia Morgan, Maneesha Pimplikar, Diana Ponitz, Karim Ragab, Spencer Seballos, Rachel Shaw, Brianna Stack, Audrey Steiner-Malumphy, Joan Thompson, Lukun Zhang.

These scholastically talented seniors are considered top candidates for admission to the most selective colleges and for merit-based scholarships.

A Record 159 Shaker Students Named AP Scholars

A record 159 Shaker Heights High School students and June 2011 graduates have been named AP Scholars by The College Board in recognition of their outstanding performance on three or more Advanced Placement (AP) examinations administered through May 2011. This represents 36 percent of the Shaker students who

took AP exams. Worldwide, about 19 percent of the nearly 2 million students who took AP exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Shaker Heights High School offers 22 Advanced Placement courses in 18 subject areas. In any given year, approximately one-third of Shaker sophomores, juniors, and seniors are enrolled in at least one AP course. For a complete list of Shaker's AP Scholars, visit www.shaker.org.

Putting the Pieces Together: Mosaic Reflects Shaker's Commitment to International Baccalaureate

A team of Shaker Heights High School faculty, staff, students, and parents has transformed a plain white wall into an eye-popping, three-dimensional mural in the entryway of the High School. The mural is a celebration of Shaker's adoption of the International Baccalaureate program in all eight schools. It features a stunning tiled mosaic mounted on a faux-marble wall that looks so real, visitors can't resist touching it in wonder.

High School art department chair Dan Whitely says, "I knew that it needed to make a strong statement, and to create a 'wow' factor upon entering the building."

Whitely's advanced art portfolio students helped to create a mosaic design that used the official International Baccalaureate logo and color palette, yet included a reflection of their own style – literally – by blending mirrored glass fragments with two shades of blue tiles. Karen DeMauro, ceramics teacher at the High School, spent several weeks over the summer arranging, gluing, and grouting the hundreds of hand-cut pieces into the mosaic to ensure it would be ready for the first day of school. Behind the scenes, Assistant Principal Sara Joyce handled logistical details as numerous as the glass fragments in the mosaic.

Whitely enlisted the help of a sculptor and friend, Don Winton, to carve a beautiful wooden frame for the large mosaic. The frame depicts the 10 International Baccalaureate learner profile attributes, which all Shaker students are encouraged to adopt: balanced, caring, communicators, inquirers, knowledgeable, open-minded, principled, risk-takers, thinkers, and – appropriately – reflective.

In order to anchor the framed mosaic securely, members of the maintenance staff installed drywall over the tile wall beneath, creating a smooth, blank canvas. Local artisans Kim Metheny and Sue Weir then applied a hand-painted, glossy marble finish. Metheny and Weir, parents of recent Shaker graduates, co-own a business that specializes in creating decorative finishes.

The faux-marble finish was inspired by Whitely's travels to Greece. "I really wanted to include some element of Greek architecture in this mural," he said. "When I was there, I realized what a debt we owe to the ancient Greeks. So much of our culture and what our students learn began with them."



Shaker Heights High School faculty, staff, students, and parents transform a plain wall into a three-dimensional mural in the entryway of the school in celebration of the International Baccalaureate program.

Calling World Language Speakers

Enrollment of international students is on the rise in the Shaker schools, with families now hailing from more than 25 countries. To help welcome these new families and ease their transition to our community, the Shaker schools have teamed up with the City of Shaker Heights to create a world language database.

The database will include contact information for residents who speak both English and another world language fluently, and who may be willing to provide assistance to other international families as they navigate their new terrain.

Mandarin, Spanish, and Arabic speakers are in particular demand. If you are willing to lend your language skills to help welcome our new neighbors, please contact Julie Voyzey of the City's Communications and Outreach Department at julie.voyzey@shakeronline.com.

Grant Helps Buses Run Cleaner, Warmer, Cheaper

Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Shaker's school buses are cleaner, warmer, and less expensive to operate this winter. The \$15,000 grant is being used to finish retrofitting the buses with a Webasto heater, which reduces idling time, emissions, and fuel consumption. The net savings for the District are estimated at \$45,000 per year.

"A diesel engine runs dirtiest when it's cold," explained chief mechanic Joseph Belsan, who spearheaded the project. "And unlike your car, a bus has to be brought up to a minimum operating temperature before you can drive it. That used to take an hour or even longer when it was really cold outside. Now it takes less than half as long."

The Webasto works by warming both the diesel engine and the interior of the bus in less time and uses half as much fuel as a cold engine startup. Because the de-

Hall of Fame Inducts Seven Graduates



Seven graduates were inducted into the Shaker Heights Alumni Association Hall of Fame on October 9. **Front row:** Rabbi Roger C. Klein, '60, of The Temple-Tifereth Israel in Cleveland; Earl Biederman, '53, Cincinnati Bengals football scout; Bram Kaufman, '78, plastic and reconstructive surgeon at MetroHealth Medical Center. **Back row:** Alan Perris, '60, chief operating officer of the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences; David Icové, '67, an internationally recognized forensic engineering expert; J. Brian Tuffin, '83, president and chief operating officer of biotech company Fuse Science, Inc. Cleveland radio executive Carl Hirsch, '64, was inducted posthumously.

vice has a timer, the warming can be started up automatically, reducing the need for staff members to come in early on the coldest days to turn on block heaters and crank up engines.

On top of all these benefits: The inside of the bus is warm and cozy by the time kids get on board, and the windshield is defrosted in the process. No more scraping!



Chief mechanic Joe Belsan adjusts a fuel-saving device on one of Shaker's buses.

Survey Says...

As a part of the Shaker schools' strategic planning process, a community survey is now underway to collect feedback from residents about their communications preferences.

How do you want to hear about news from the Shaker schools? What topics are of most interest to you? Please take a few moments to give us your thoughts. The five-minute survey can be completed online at www.shaker.org. Print versions of the survey are available at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building and at the Shaker public libraries. The survey will be available until December 31.

For the latest news and info about the Shaker schools, visit shaker.org. To receive regular e-news updates, subscribe at shaker.org/news. Find us on Facebook at facebook.com/ForShakerSchools.

Weathering Tough Financial Times

Despite steep cuts in state aid that took effect July 1, the Shaker Heights City School District is on a stronger financial footing going forward than it was a year ago, according to the five-year forecast adopted by the Board of Education in October.

The outlook stems in large part from millions of dollars in savings in wages and benefits that result from collective bargaining agreements reached this year. Base salaries for all employees are frozen for three years, and staff members will begin contributing significantly more toward health care costs on January 1, 2012.

In addition, a series of cost-saving measures enacted since 2007 have had a sustained impact to help cushion the twin blows of a significant cut in state support triggered by Ohio's reeling economy and a shrinking local tax base.

Employees Do Their Share

In April, the Board of Education and the Shaker Heights Teachers' Association approved a three-year contract that freezes base salaries at current levels. The contract was retroactive to January 1. Since base salaries were frozen in 2010 as well, the same wage schedule will be in effect for four years.

Three-year agreements with the District's other collective bargaining groups took effect July 1 and also call for a freeze in base salaries. Following a total freeze in the first year, teachers and other bargaining employees receive a one-percent lump-sum stipend and are eligible for step increases in the second and third contract years. The District's non-bargaining employees – administrators, tutors, aides and security personnel – are subject to the same provisions as those in the teachers' contract.

As is the case with most school districts in Ohio, personnel costs normally represent about 80 percent of general fund expenditures for the Shaker schools. Considering that the District spends approximately \$70 million annually on salaries and benefits, a four-year freeze on base salaries will result in savings and will con-

tinue to have an impact going forward.

Cost-Saving in Personnel, Health Care

The District is also cutting costs by trimming its work force. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the Shaker schools have already realized \$709,000 in savings, primarily by eliminating 10 positions. This follows the reduction of 23 positions from last year's budget, which saved nearly \$2 million.

Treasurer Bryan C. Christman has emphasized that the District needs to achieve budget reductions going forward. The District's five-year forecast calls for annual budget savings of \$1.5 million a year, starting in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Meanwhile, the District has continued to control health-care costs. A series of changes will offset a projected 11 percent annual growth rate in health insurance costs this year and the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

The changes include increasing the employee share of the premium from eight percent to 12 percent beginning in January 2012. Raising deductibles and employee co-payments were among the other changes in the school district's health plan. The net financial impact of the contractual changes is estimated at \$833,000 per year in ongoing savings.

Eroding State Support

Aggressive cost containment has become even more important for the District in light of eroding financial support from the State of Ohio. For the two-year period ending June 30, 2013, the Shaker schools will receive about \$8.3 million less from the state than the amount for the previous biennium.

The lost revenue includes approximately \$1 million a year in federal stimulus funds that came to the District through State Foundation payments and about \$2.75 million a year through the accelerated elimination of the tangible personal property tax and public utility reimbursement payments.

The effect of shrinking state aid will be felt for a while. The District is projected to lose about \$21 million over the next seven years, including the \$8.3 million over the current biennium.

The operating levy approved by voters in May 2010 will help cushion the impact of sharp reductions in state aid. According to the appropriations resolution for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012, the schools will receive nearly \$64 million in FY12, a 6.2 percent increase from the amount received last year.

Integrity in Financial Reporting

In addition to strong support from constituents, the District continues to receive recognition for the accuracy and integrity

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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between June 16 and July 31, 2011 appear below. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2011 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
16625 ALDESYDE DR	\$ 545,000	\$ 150,000 (2010)
3306 ARDMORE RD	\$ 244,000	\$ 280,000 (2004)
3319 ARDMORE RD	\$ 227,000	\$ 270,000 (2004)
14118 ASHWOOD RD	\$ 78,000	\$ 100,000 (2008)
3329 AVALON RD	\$ 215,000	\$ 220,000 (2002)
3616 CHELTON RD	\$ 95,000	\$ 66,000 (2009)
19635 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$ 250,000	\$ 374,900 (2003)
2841 FALMOUTH RD	\$ 270,000	\$ 293,500 (2001)
2849 FALMOUTH RD	\$ 199,000	\$ 200,000 (2002)
2842 FONTENAY RD	\$ 505,000	\$ 560,000 (2002)
2741 GREEN RD	\$ 284,000	\$ 289,000 (2001)
3355 GRENWAY RD	\$ 274,000	\$ 283,250 (2005)
3284 INGLESIDE RD	\$ 279,000	\$ 315,000 (2007)
19806 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 155,000	\$ 229,000 (2007)
2846 MONTGOMERY RD	\$ 400,000	\$ 392,000 (2002)
2985 MORLEY RD	\$ 302,000	\$ 480,000 (2006)
3685 PALMERSTON RD	\$ 137,375	\$ 153,500 (2006)
2956 W PARK BLVD	\$ 485,000	\$ 355,000 (2008)
18120 PARKLAND DR	\$ 350,000	\$ 425,000 (2005)
2866 PAXTON RD	\$ 387,000	\$ 465,000 (2003)
2670 ROCKLYN RD	\$ 273,000	\$ 224,500 (2006)
19301 SHELBURNE RD	\$ 628,500	\$ 575,000 (2002)
21125 SHELBURNE RD	\$ 306,000	\$ 310,000 (2003)
23999 SHELBURNE RD	\$ 322,500	\$ 330,000 (2009)
2731 SHERBROOKE RD	\$1,037,500	\$1,175,000 (2003)
23999 STANFORD RD	\$ 585,000	\$ 252,900 (2010)
17200 S WOODLAND RD	\$ 510,000	\$ 680,000 (2003)
2868 TORRINGTON RD	\$ 265,000	\$ 295,000 (2009)
23931 WIMBLEDON RD	\$ 160,000	\$ 337,000 (2004)

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

2684 COVENTRY RD	\$ 220,000	\$ 171,300 (1997)
3310 DALEFORD RD	\$ 280,000	\$ 283,000 (2000)
2886 KINGSLEY RD	\$ 410,000	\$ 270,000 (1993)
15001 ONAWAY RD	\$ 276,000	\$ 222,000 (1996)
17800 PARKLAND DR	\$ 602,500	\$ 377,000 (1997)
19800 SHELBURNE RD	\$ 450,000	\$ 540,000 (2000)
23549 SHELBURNE RD	\$ 374,200	\$ 347,500 (1999)

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

3661 TRAVER RD	\$ 184,500	\$ 143,000 (1992)
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Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

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

Learn how to qualify by calling the Neighborhood Revitalization Department at 216-491-1370.

Rental Homes:

20899 Farnsleigh Road, owners: Robert & Meghan McMahon. Certified: 2011.

3665 Glencairn Road (second/third floor), owner: Elizabeth Kieger. Certified: 2005-2007, 2011.

3450 Ingleside Road (first floor, second/third floor), owner: Rose Merrie Handfinger. Certified: 2011.

3644 Latimore Road (first floor, second/third floor), owner: Xiaojie Tan. Certified: 2011.

18016 Winslow Road (first floor), owner: Ben R. Craig. Certified: 2011.

Ask The Old House Experts

Owning an older home provides both challenges and rewards – and often presents unique problems and questions for the homeowner. The Cleveland Restoration Society now offers expert advice for home repair and restoration through its Heritage Home Program.

Preservation experts are on hand to provide guidance on paint schemes, energy efficient upgrades, selecting a contractor, planning a remodeling project or addition, and many additional services through its free phone consultations. A professional staff member is also available to make a site visit to your home to help guide your everyday home maintenance and repair plans, for a modest fee of \$50. Financing may also be available.

To arrange a visit with a CRS Heritage Home consultant, contact Mary Ogle at 216-426-3106, or at mogle@cleve.landrestoration.org.

Landmark Commission Announces 2011 Preservation Awards

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission established its Preservation Awards program in 1988 to recognize and highlight efforts by property owners who have preserved and improved their home or property in a manner that reflects the historic nature of our city. The Landmark Commission is pleased to announce the following award winners for 2011:

HONOR AWARD Exterior Renovation
Bergeron/Warren Residence, Chalfant Road.
Owners:
Matthew Warren and Diane Bergeron



Chalfant Road Before

Project Architect: Bill Childs, William H. Childs, Jr. & Associates

Project Contractor: Doug Kertesz, DAK Construction Management

The homeowners won this award for the front entry renovation on their 1925 home (designed by Monroe Copper). The new classical portico replaces an inappropriate change likely made in the 1960s to dramatically re-establish the original Colonial architectural design. The project also included installation of a brick driveway.

MERIT AWARD

Retention of Original Materials
Dixon Residence, Calverton Road.

Owners: James & Denise Dixon (completed the work); Tim & Melissa Brokaw (current owners).

Project Designer: Denise Dixon, Farrow & Wren

Project Contractors: Jeff Sterling, carpentry/millwork; Tony Austin, Handy Painting

The Retention of Original Materials award recognizes efforts to retain or restore the original materials and details of a home/building. The Dixons won this award for removing vinyl siding that was installed in the 1980s. The original wood siding and decorative trim underneath was repaired and painted to restore the historic design of the 1940 home. Original blueprints provided guidance in the restoration.

Nominate a Shaker Restoration Project

The Landmark Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2012 awards program. Exterior projects completed within the last two years are eligible. Nom-

inations can be submitted for any building in Shaker Heights, including homes and apartment buildings, commercial buildings, and other structures.

Submit nominations to the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission at shakeronline.com. Contact Ann Klavora at 216-291-1436 or ann.klavora@shakeronline.com for additional information or a nomination form.

Shaker Renovator Program

The Shaker Renovator Program encourages high-quality renovations of properties bought by qualified rehabbers, who then put the property on the market. Contractors who qualify receive incentives as well as free publicity on the City's website and here in Shaker Life.

On the market now is a completely renovated home at 16713 Lomond, a four-bedroom, 2½-bath brick colonial at a remarkable \$160,000.

This home features a gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets, granite counter tops, and new stainless steel appliances. Enjoy the large living room with new hardwood floors and cozy fireplace. Entertain in your formal dining room or read in the new sunroom. The large basement rec room also has a fireplace.

The electrical, plumbing, and heating/air conditioning are all completely new. All three bathrooms are new and feature granite tops and ceramic tile. The windows and doors are also all new.

The home is on a deep lot with new cement driveway and garage. Every inch of this home has been professionally restored. The house is move-in-ready and virtually maintenance free for years to come. See pictures of the home at: shakeronline.com (search: Renovator Properties). This home may already be sold. Call Scott Frey at 216-571-2068 for more information or to schedule a showing of this or another restored Shaker property.

Contractors can learn more about the Shaker Renovator Program by calling 216-491-1370 or visiting shakeronline.com (search: Renovator Program).



Chalfant Road After

Library Seeks Candidates for Board of Trustees

The Library is seeking a candidate for appointment to the Library Board. The appointment is for a 7-year term of office to fill the term of Donna M. Whyte, which expires March 31. Ms. Whyte, past president of the Board, has served faithfully since April 2005. The new board member would begin duties April 1, 2012.

The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the library and establishes policies and approves the expenditure of funds. Current library trustees are Jeanne Shatten, Chad Anderson, Kurt Miller, Judy Allen, David Hutt, and Ken McGovern.

The library board usually meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the months of September through June.

Shaker School District residents interested in being considered for an appointment to the Library Board can download an application at <http://alturl.com/guhk4>, pick one up at either Shaker Library or the Board of Education Administration building, or they can address their request to: Library Trustee Search, Shaker Heights Board of Education, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120. Completed applications must be returned to the Board of Education by January 31, 2012.

Library Board Begins Strategic Planning

At its September meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the charter for the Library's new strategic planning process now underway. With direction from Board Vice President Chad Anderson, a variety of goals and timelines have been established for the Planning Team, which is using a Balanced Scorecard model. This model incorporates non-financial performance measures along with traditional financial metrics to give the Library Board a more balanced view of the Library's performance.

While this effort is primarily staff-led, the Library has hired Orangeboy, a business consulting firm, to develop community surveying and to analyze demographic data. The Library will also survey staff and perform an observational study on how customers use the library.

Because strategic planning will not only help to position the library for the future, but also to help determine the needs of the residents, the Library board wants to hear from the community. A survey link was included in the last issue of Shaker Life and a similar online survey is available to library users via the Shaker Library website.

In addition, a dozen stakeholders were identified as thought leaders and decision makers and have been interviewed by Board members to gain further insight into their opinions about the library.

The Planning Team is led by Deputy Director Amy Switzer and includes board members Chad Anderson and Judy Allen, and staff members Donna Bailey in Technical Services, MeShelle Barclay in Circulation Services, Cindy Maxey and Lynda Thomas in Adult Services, and Susan Schoch and Virginia Schoelch in Youth Services.

A draft of the plan will be submitted to the board for review in February 2012 with approval expected in March.

Library Opens Community Entrepreneurial Office (CEO) and Partners with the Career Transition Center

A new Library project, funded through a State Library of Ohio Library Services and Technology Act grant, will begin full operation in January. The purpose of Shaker Library's Community Entrepreneurial Office, or CEO, is to provide office space, along with specialty office equipment, for small and family-owned businesses.

The CEO office area was furnished and equipped in October in newly renovated space on the second floor of the Main

Library. There are four full-size workstation cubicles where CEO members can conduct business, and a small adjoining conference area for small-group discussions. In addition, six carrels are available with computer workstations.

The CEO will provide many things that midsize and larger businesses might take for granted, such as fax machines, scanners, and printers. The CEO services, at a nominal cost, will include photocopying with its high quality color printer/copier, laminating, brochure folding, and banner printing.

The launch of the CEO has been enhanced by the Library's partnership with the non-profit Career Transition Center (CTC), a group of experienced professional career consultants, who will help staff the CEO when it opens. Operated by Bonnie Dick, Ann Hunter, and Cynthia Wilt, the Career Transition Center is a place where job seekers can find the support and knowledge they need to move their careers forward.

The CTC will assist job seekers and career changers through one-on-one coaching, workshops, referrals, and resources. The career center is dedicated to serving the Northeast Ohio area by connecting local talent with opportunities and business with local talent.

The CTC will be open from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday and from 10 am to 3 pm Fridays. In addition, the CTC will be open mornings on the first and third Saturdays of each month. For additional information, visit the Library and pick up a brochure; call the library, or visit the CTC website at careertc.org.

Library Sponsors Its Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest with A Centennial Theme

Students in grades 3 through 8 are invited to enter the Library's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest. One winner will be selected in each category

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LIBRARY NEWS

The Bookshelf: Resolutions for the New Year

The New Year is approaching and with it our universal desire to change our lives, meet our goals, and to try one more time. Whether your resolution is to make more money, get fit, deal with stress, or become more spiritual, Shaker Library has a book for you. Can't find what you need? Ask a librarian for more suggestions to help you meet your personal goals for 2012.

Change Anything: The New Science of Personal Success by Kerry Patterson. Business Plus, 2011.

The best-selling authors of *Influencer* and *Crucial Conversations* explain the science behind why it's so hard to change for the better and offer everyday examples that can lead to success.

Fail Up: 20 Lessons on Building Success from Failure by Tavis Smiley. SmileyBooks, 2011.

Radio and TV host and best-selling author of *What I Know for Sure* shares what he has gleaned from the failures in his life.

The Men's Health Big Book of 15-Minute Workouts: A Leaner, Stronger Body – in 15 Minutes a Day! by Selene Yeager. St Martins Press, 2011.

Learn how to do it fast and efficiently with 15-minute core workouts, 15-minute meals, and hundreds of tips and tricks from the experts.

The Money Class: Learn to Create Your New American Dream by Suze Orman. Spiegel & Grau, 2011.

The pop financial guru and author of *The Road to Wealth* offers a no-nonsense guide to personal finance.

Money Girl's Smart Moves to Grow Rich by Laura D. Adams. St. Martin's Press, 2010. The host of the Money Girl podcast provides easy-to-follow strategies for building personal wealth and making the most out of a bad economy.

Succeed: How We Can Reach Our Goals by Heidi Grant. Hudson Street Press, 2010.

An eminent social psychologist and blogger for *Psychology Today* explains how goals work and tells how to identify sources of self-defeating behaviors in this helpful guide that suggests strategies for problem solving, achieving resiliency, and increasing willpower.

The 10 Commandments of Money: Survive and Thrive in the New Economy by Liz Pulliam Weston. Hudson Street Press, 2011.

The award-winning personal finance columnist and author of *Your Credit Score* counsels readers on how to navigate the challenges of today's economy. Helpful topics include getting the right mortgage, paying down debt, and saving for the future.

Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010.

The award-winning author of *A History of God: The 4000-year Quest of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam* shares practical recommendations for cultivating intrinsic tendencies for compassion, and outlines a program for achieving mindfulness and engaging in acts of kindness.

You: Stress Less: The Owner's Manual for Regaining Balance in Your Life by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet Oz. Simon & Schuster, 2011.

Roizen, a Shaker resident and chief medical consultant with The Cleveland Clinic,

and the Emmy Award-winning host of The Dr. Oz Show explain how stress effects every aspect of life and offer advice on how to manage stress to minimize related health risks.

The Women's Health Big Book of 15-Minute Workouts: A Leaner, Sexier, Healthier You – in Half the Time! by Selene Yeager. Rodale, 2011.

Too busy to get in shape? A personal trainer shows you how to address any fitness goal in 15-minute spurts and offers suggestions for healthy and fast-cooking meals.

MLK Student Writing Contest

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(grades 3 and 4, grades 5 and 6, and grades 7 and 8) to receive a U. S. Savings Bond. Rules and entry forms are available at the information desks at both libraries, and all entries are due by 6 pm Friday, December 16.

Participants will be invited to an awards reception at 4:30 pm Friday, January 13 at the Main Library.

Caps for Kids Continues Collecting Creations

There is still time to participate in the Library's Caps for Kids project. Knit or crochet a winter hat for a child and bring your completed project to Woods Branch by December 15 so they can be delivered to Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Project ACT for distribution to homeless children. Last year, more than 200 caps were donated.

Bookmarks with a pattern for easy-to-knit caps are available at both libraries, or check out one of the Library's many books on knitting and crocheting for ideas. For more information about the project, call 216-991-2421.

Library Receives MyCom Funds for 2011-12

Shaker Library and its South Shaker Neighborhood partners will share in a \$67,000 grant through the MyCOM youth initiative. The Library will receive \$18,750 and use it to fund a free Homework Center for children in grades 2-6.

The Homework Center is staffed by certified teachers and is open from 4-6:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays at Main Library during the school year. Additional MyCom funds will enable the Library to expand its Teen Center hours and programs next summer.

Check Out Library eBooks on Your Kindle™!

Library cardholders can now check out eBooks on their Kindles from the Library's website. To see what titles are available, go to shakerlibrary.org and click on the "Download eMedia" link. Once there, titles can be selected and downloaded. There is also a link on the eMedia page for OverDrive Advantage, which displays titles that are available to Shaker Library cardholders only.

Once a title is selected it can be downloaded to a Kindle, where it will be accessible for a specific number of days. Three days before the loan period expires, Amazon will send an e-mail notification and another when the book has expired. Another advantage to this service is that there are no late fees!

Meet the Authors this Winter at Bertram Woods Branch

Meet Barry Herman and Walter Grossman at 7 pm Wednesday, December 7 when they present a slideshow of images from their book, *Cleveland's Vanishing Sacred Architecture*, published by Arcadia Publishing.

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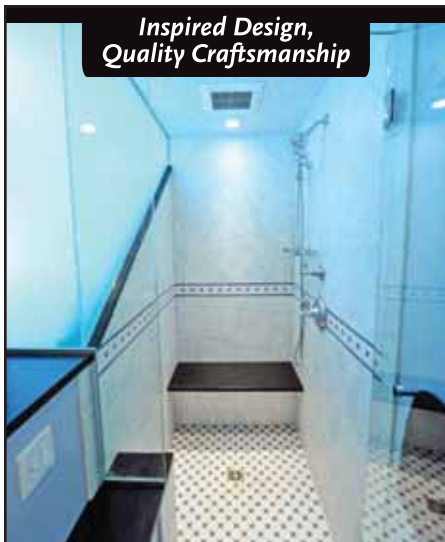
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LIBRARY NEWS

borhoods and built their own churches, which became community focal points. For decades their churches thrived, but with declining populations and dollars many of the old churches have been shuttered. Herman says, "We felt that it was important to preserve the memory of these significant religious, cultural, and social institutions for future generations."

At 7 pm Wednesday, December 14, James M. Wood will speak about his book, *Out and About with Winsor French* published by Kent State University Press. French was a gay newspaper columnist who dominated Cleveland's nightlife from the 1930s to the 1960s.

Wood is an award-winning journalist who has written four other books of Cleveland history: *Halle's: Memoirs of*



Wood

A Family Department Store; One Hundred Twenty Five, a history of The Cleveland Public Library; *Helen's Twentieth Century*, a biography of Standard Oil heiress Helen Teagle Clements; *The Tavern*, a history of Cleveland's most politically incorrect private men's club. He is currently working on *Music for Twenty Fingers*, a biography of Vitya Vronsky and Victor Babin, the critically acclaimed duo-pianists from the mid 1930s to the mid 1960s. He is married to Jane Wood, the founding editor of *Shaker Magazine*.

On Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm, Tres Roeder will speak about his book, *A Sixth Sense for Project Management*. A former consultant with Booz Allen, Roeder, a Shaker resident, is president and founder of Roeder Consulting, a project management consulting and training firm. He is a frequent speaker at global project management events and is often quoted in books



Roeder

and articles.

After their talks and presentations, the authors will be on hand to sell and sign books and will donate a portion of their sales to the Library's Endowment Fund. Residents can make reservations online at shakerlibrary.org or by calling Woods Branch at 216-991-2421.

Medicare And You: Counseling: One-On-One Sessions with OSHIIP Counselors

Confused about your Medicare options? Come to an Open House and Medicare Check-Up from 9 am to noon Tuesday, December 6 at the Main Library when counselors from Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program (OSHIIP) will be on hand to answer your Medicare enrollment questions. Be sure to bring your list of prescription drugs. There is no registration for this program, as people will be helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

Poetry in the Woods in December

The Library's poetry series continues in December with a touch of humor at 7 pm Tuesday, December 13 at Bertram Woods Branch when regional poets Dan Rourke and Joe Toner share their poetry.



Rourke



Toner

Rourke is a Cleveland Heights poet and former high school English teacher. He is awaiting publication of his novel, *Fine Spines and Dead Dolls*. Toner is an English teacher at Rocky River High School, and writes for *The Plain Dealer* and *The Sun Newspapers*.

LIBRARY NEWS

Free Computer Classes at Main Library

R&R! Resolve to learn a new computer skill this year! Register for one or more of the free computer classes offered by the library. Registration opens one month before class. Call the Computer Center 216-991-2030 ext. 3185 for more information.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word 2010 software.

GOOGLEMANIA™

3-4:30 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Learn advanced Internet searching strategies using the Google™ search engine, including tips and tricks for finding better information quickly and efficiently.

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Learn to use a web browser to work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet with others.

ONLINE JOB HUNTING

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

Develop Internet and computer skills needed for online job hunting, discover websites that can help create resumes, learn about local online resources, and get tips for investigating local companies.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL 2010®

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

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WORKING WITH WINDOWS 7®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Learn how Windows works and how to open, move, resize and arrange windows, copy and paste, and get tips for using the keyboard to make activities easier.

SOCIAL NETWORKING USING LINKEDIN

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Watch a demonstration of LinkedIn to see how it can help you in your work life.

WINWAY RESUME WRITING

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 14.

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Kids' Corner

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION

AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6-8 pm Tuesdays

No registration required. Closed December 24 & 31.

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

No registration required. Closed December 24 & 31.

PLAY AND LEARN STATION

FOR CAREGIVERS

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

10 am-noon Wednesdays

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

Play and Learn programs are offered in partnership with Family Connections.

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

Facilitated play time every Friday for families with special needs children, ages 3-5 years.

1-3 pm Fridays

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

NESTLINGS (Birth to 15 months)

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

Winter Session: January 9-February 28

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library.

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements. No class Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

FLEDGLINGS (15 THROUGH 23 MONTHS)

Experience the wonder of words with your child through stories and songs, movement, puppets and fun in this story time for children 15-23 months with a grown-up.

Winter Session: January 9-February 28

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods branch

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements. No class Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TERRIFIC TWOS

Stories, songs, and movement for 2-year-olds with a grown-up.

Winter session: January 9-February 29

10 am Mondays & Wednesdays

at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements. No class Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3, 4, and 5 years old.

Winter Session:

January 10-March 1

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

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

KINDERMUSIK FOR TODDLERS

AND BABIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Music and movement program for babies from birth to 18 months with a grown-up.

9:30-10 am Friday, January 13

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

10:30-11 am Friday, January 13

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Friday, December 30.

BUTTERFLY HANDS AT WOODS BRANCH

(Birth-5 years with a grown-up)

Learn basic signs through songs, finger-plays, flannel boards, and interaction with certified signer Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy.

Winter Session: January 12-February 16

10:45-11:15 am Thursdays

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning December 8.

BUTTERFLY HANDS AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades K-4)

Basic signing skills for children with certified signer, Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy.

Winter Session: January 9-February 13

4:15-5 pm Mondays

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning December 5. No program Monday,

January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

THE HOMEWORK CENTER

AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-6)

Free homework help provided by certified teachers under the supervision of Cheryl Darden. An adult must be present at the first visit to register the student. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

4-6:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays

Meeting Room F

The Homework Center is funded by MyCom. Closed December 19-January 2, and Monday, January 16, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without a grown-up.

7:15 pm Mondays, December 19 and January 23

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

AFTERSCHOOL ARTISTS

AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-4)

Show your true colors as an artist! Create your own art in the style of Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Seurat, and other great artists. This program meets the first Thursday of each month.

4:15-5 pm Thursdays, December 1 and January 5

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

THE WRITERS' CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2-4)

An enriching program that encourages children to express themselves using their imaginations and words. Poetry,

creative fiction, letters, postcards and newsletters, menus and maps, are just some of the literary forms that young writers will explore.

Winter Session: January 10-February 14
4:15-5 pm Tuesdays

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning December 27.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL JOSEFINA

AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time and learn what life was like for Josefina in 1824, as you listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a DVD, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, December 10

Registration began November 26.

WELCOME TO SHAKER LIBRARY TOUR

(For Families and Children of All Ages) Meet in the Children's Room for a fun library tour. Learn about programs and services, and sign up for a library card. (30 minutes).

7 pm Tuesdays, December 13 & January 10 at Main Library

7 pm Wednesdays, December 14 & January 11 at Woods Branch

No registration required.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL KIRSTEN

AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time and learn what life was like for Kirsten in 1854, as you listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a DVD, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, January 21

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning January 7.

Free Computer Classes

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ONLINE SCAMS AND SPAM

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Surf the Internet safely and learn to recognize and avoid the scammers and spammers.

INTRODUCTION TO PUBLISHER 2010

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Explore Microsoft Office's 2010 desktop publishing tool and learn how to use it to create flyers and brochures.

MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Create and explore the uses of macros in office 2010 to be more efficient.

MAILMERGE

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

Learn to use the merge tool to create form letters, labels, catalogs, and directories.

USING OFFICE 2010

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

Learn Office 2010, a suite of software programs including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, and OneNote and how they operate.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, edit slides, and add sound and animation.

GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Learn to create effective PowerPoint presentations by inserting clip art, Word Art, digital pictures, and text boxes into slides.

ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT 2010®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

Teen Scene

YOUR PLACE IN THE WOODS!

AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 7-9)

Join friends in the Community Room at the Bertram Woods Branch after school.

3-4:30 pm Mondays

No registration required. No programs Monday December 19, 26 & January 16.

CANDY HOUSE

CONSTRUCTION FOR TEENS

Here's your chance to build (and eat) your very own candy house using graham crackers, frosting, and other treats at this event that's sure to satisfy any sweet tooth!

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, December 14
at Main Library

3:30-4:15 pm Thursday, December 15
at Woods Branch

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

TAB MEETING AT MAIN LIBRARY

Meeting of the 2011-2012 Shaker Heights Public Library Teen Advisory Board.

11-11:45 am Saturdays, December 17 & January 28

TEEN CENTER WINTER RECESS HOURS:

1-6 pm Monday, December 19-
Thursday, December 22

1-6 pm Tuesday, December 27-
Thursday, December 29

LUAU AT THE LIBRARY FOR TEENS

Grades 7-12

Aloha! Beat the winter blues and join us in the Teen Center for beach-themed food, crafts, games, prizes, music, and fun!

4:15-5 pm Wednesday, January 18.

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

READING PAYS OFF FOR TEENS!

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

3:30-4:30 pm Mondays, December 12 and January 9 at Woods Branch

1-3 pm Monday, December 19
at Main Library

3:30-4:30 pm Mondays, January 23 and 30 at Main Library

VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY

IN THE TEEN CENTER

Join us for card making, cookie decorating, and other sweet treats.

4:15 pm Wednesday, February 8

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning January 25.

SAT FREE PRACTICE TEST & STRATEGY SESSION FOR GRADES 9-12

The Princeton Review will administer an SAT Practice Test, professionally score it, and return with your score and insider testing strategies. Bring two #2 pencils, a snack, and a calculator.

You must be registered to take the test. No one will be admitted to the test once the doors close.

9:15-1:45 pm Saturday, February 4:

SAT PRACTICE TEST.

1:15-2:45 pm Saturday, February 18:

SAT STRATEGY SESSION.

Register in person, by phone, or online beginning January 21.

INTRODUCTION TO ONENOTE 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Remember when you organized your binder report? Now learn how to do it electronically using Microsoft's tool where you can collect, organize, and manage multiple sources of information.

MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

A relational database connects varieties of data through a field called a key. Learn the basics of building a relational database.

REPORTS IN

MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

An Access Report takes data from a database and presents it by your design. You decide how records appear in the report, how they are ordered, and what information is or is not included.

FORMULAS FOR SPREADSHEETS

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

Learn to use formulas, which do much of the calculating work in a spreadsheet and sample a few spreadsheet programs to become familiar with how they work.

Mergent InvestorEdge is Now Available from the Library's Website

Shaker Library has invested in a new comprehensive database from Mergent InvestorEdge, formerly part of Moody Investor Service, for our cardholders. Included are bond, industry, and annual reports with easy-to-understand ratings and recommendations.

To access InvestorEdge from home using your Shaker Library card, go to the library's home page at shakerlibrary.org, and use the search box on the front page to search for InvestorEdge.

Book Discussions in December & January at Main Library

Warm up your winter with a good book and join in a discussion of it with others. Register at the Main Library Information Desk and pick up the latest discussion book.

10 AM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

by Jamie Ford

Set in the ethnic neighborhoods of Seattle and the World War II Japanese internment camps, this tender first novel explores an innocent passion that crosses racial barriers.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Silent in the Grave by Deanna Raybourn

In this brooding Victorian mystery, Lady Julia Grey learns that her recently deceased husband, the victim of an apparent heart attack, had been receiving anonymous threatening notes.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

A Tale of Two Cities by Charles Dickens

In this classic tale of love set against the background of the French Revolution, courageous Sydney Carton prepares to give his life for a woman who will never be his.

10 AM TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

The Girl with Braided Hair by Margaret Coel

Liz Plenty Horses was accused of betraying the militant American Indian Movement in 1973 during a standoff with the federal authorities. Decades later a skeleton has been discovered and Arapaho attorney Vicki Holden and Father John O'Malley must unravel the truth.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

The Wreckage by Michael Robotham

Loosely based on an actual Iraqi bank robbery, this financial thriller moves between London and Baghdad as retired cop Vincent Ruiz is unwittingly drawn into the middle of a worldwide banking scandal complete with bombings, money laundering, and a missing international financier.

The Civic Commons Sponsors a Mobile Town Hall at Main Library

The Civic Commons will sponsor a Mobile Town Hall with State Senator Nina Turner from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Tuesday, December 6 at the Main Library. The mission of the Civic Commons is to bring communities together and to take action using the latest technology. The Library will provide the venue and The Civic Commons will provide the technology and tools for citizens to speak with the state senator, who will answer questions from her office in Columbus.

For more information about The Civic Commons, visit their website at theciviccommons.com.

Recent Donations to the Library

Donations to the Library's Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund were received from Randy Kammer in memory of Wanita Goad, Elsie Thompson, Mary Rogers, Ilse Gottlieb, David Harrington, Linde Klein, Gertrude Llewellyn, Carolyn Mahan, Maurice Needle, and Bennett Yanowitz and to honor Robin Morris, Hank Coxe and Laine Silverfield. Randy Kammer and Jeff Wollitz made an additional donation to the fund in memory of Mary Jean Holton.

Barbara and Morris Winicki and Marsha and Ira Moses donated to the Frances Belman Fund to honor Marilyn and Michael Gardner, and Jean Healy contributed to the Ruth Levenson Fund for Children in memory of Ruth Levenson.

Madeline and Dennis Block donated two framed and numbered prints created by Craig Petersen.

For information on opportunities

to donate to the Library to honor or memorialize a friend or relative, please call Library Director Luren Dickinson at 216-991-2030.

Endnotes

- **The Library Board** meets at 6:30 pm Mondays December 12 and January 9.

- **Friends of the Shaker Library** meets at 7 pm Tuesday, January 17.

- **ABLE/GED CLASSES** are held from 9 am to noon Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Main Library Teen Center. Participants must pre-register for these classes at 216-371-7138.

- **English in Action** meets at 7 pm Tuesday evenings at the Main Library. Brody Shanker leads this free program for those seeking to learn to read and speak English.

- **Knit Night:** 7-8:30 pm Thursday, December 15 at Bertram Woods Branch. Get and give knitting help moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman.

- **Morning Needlework Group** meets from 10 am to noon, Wednesday, January 4 at the Main Library. Bring your project, work on it with others, and get friendly assistance from experienced needlewomen Fern Braverman and Elfriede Heaney.

- **Both Libraries** will open at 10:30 am Friday, December 16 to allow for a staff meeting.

- **Holiday Closings:** Both libraries will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 and January 1, and January 16 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. 🌿





here comes the Sun

As alternative energy systems become more practical and affordable, Shaker Life takes a look at how one local couple became dyed-in-the-wool converts to the solar option. *By Diana Simeon*
Photos by Alejandro Rivera



Brett and Annette Himes at home with one of their energy-saving devices in the background. PHOTO BY JANET CENTURY

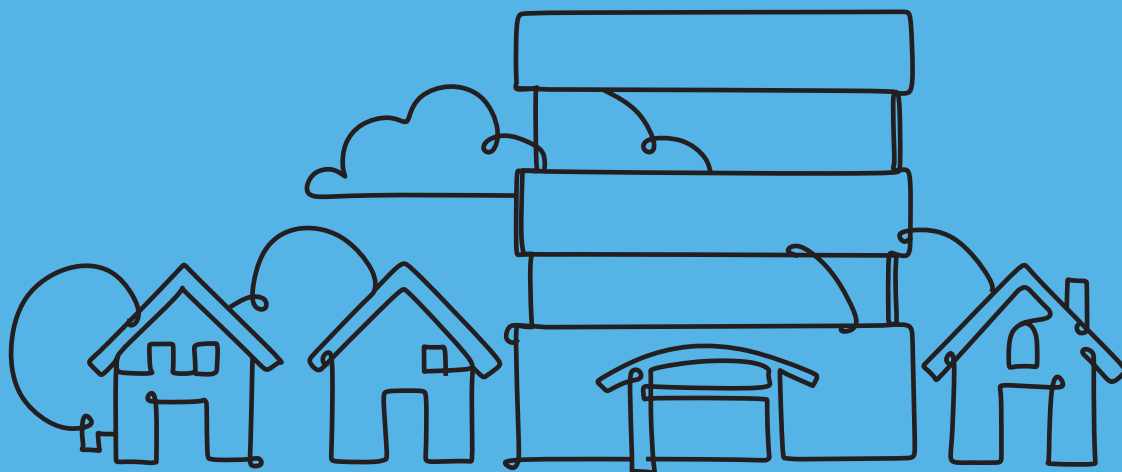
On sunny days, Annette and Brett Himes take great pleasure in watching their electric meter.

That's because chances are the meter is spinning backwards.

Last April, the couple installed 18 photovoltaic solar panels, which convert sunlight into electricity, on the roof of their Mercer-area home. When the panels are generating more electricity than the Himes are using, the system sends power back to the grid and, voila, the meter travels in reverse.

"I take people to show them it's going backwards. It's really fun," says Annette.

Solar? In Northeast Ohio? You bet, say the Himes and local advocates for solar, like Rob Martens, a Shaker resident and owner of Bold Alternatives, which set up the Himes' system.



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The Himes installed their system in April, and within five months had generated almost two megawatts of electricity, enough to power an average home for 65 days.

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By this April, the Himes anticipate that upwards of 20 percent or more of their electricity for the year will have been provided by the system. "On a really good

day, we are at 18,000 to 20,000 watts," notes Brett. "But even on a rainy day, we are still generating some power."

Flipping through a summer's worth of the couple's electric bills is certainly an envy-inducing exercise. During one of the hottest seasons on record – even with an air-conditioned home – the Himes' electricity costs never got higher than the low-to-mid double digits.

"Isn't it just cool to take free energy from the sun and power your house?" says Martens.

The Himes had been interested in solar energy for years, but it wasn't until they won a site review from Bold Alternatives at a summer benefit at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes that the couple

discovered it was feasible for their home.

"Anytime I even broached the subject with somebody there was a 'but.' You have slate roof. You have lots of trees," says Annette.

Martens, who moved back to Shaker in 2001 – he also grew up here – and launched Bold Alternatives in 2007, saw things differently.

"Talking to Rob, it was, 'Well, that makes it more difficult, but we can do that,'" she explains.

Indeed, Martens had already installed solar panels on his own home, just around the corner from the Himes, and knew that it made economic sense, even in Northeast Ohio.

"It's straight math. From the site re-



view, we know how much power we can generate. Then it's a matter of saying this is what it's going to cost and this is how it's going to pay for itself," says Martens.

The review, which typically runs about \$300, shows how much electricity can be produced by solar panels at a residential site.

"You want to know where the shade is going to come from because we know where the sun is going to be everyday. The Greeks taught us that," jokes Martens. "So we measure the amount of shade to determine how that is going to reduce the power output. And then I take that and multiply by say 80 percent in order to get a conservative number because sometimes there is going to be dirt, pollen, or leaves on the panels."

The Himes did not want to cut down trees on their property, so Bold Alternatives determined that the couple's roof could accommodate at most a 4.1 kilowatt system. This means that at maximum output, the Himes' panels can gen-

erate just over 4,000 watts, or enough to power, say, more than 65 60-watt bulbs or run the refrigerator and several other appliances.

The couple decided to proceed and early last spring, Bold Alternatives installed the panels on the rear of the house, which faces south, over a couple of weeks. Ideally, solar panels should have a southern exposure, explains Martens.

Working with a company that specializes in slate, Bold Alternatives first attached footers to the roof. Next, the company placed rails across the footers. These hold the panels and inverters in place; the inverters take the direct-current power produced by the panels and convert it to alternating-current power, which is the type of electricity used in the vast majority of homes. Finally, Martens ran connectors down into the Himes' existing electrical system.

A panel in the garage shows how much electricity the panels are currently generating, as well as how much they've



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Geothermal Gains Steam

These days, solar systems aren't the only way the City's residents are using alternative energy to help lower their utility bills.

Geothermal is also growing in popularity. In fact, this fall seven Shaker residences had geothermal systems installed, including the historic Van Sweringen mansion on South Park Boulevard.

Geothermal literally means heat from the earth and here's how it works: Solar energy from the sun is absorbed by the earth's crust. Geothermal systems for heating and cooling pump liquid through pipes to several hundred feet underground to absorb the stored heat and bring it back above ground to a heat pump that can be used to heat homes and water tanks. The system can also be used in reverse to keep a building cool. The same liquid and heat pump that captured the heat underground can absorb heat from within a building and cool it.

The system then pumps the absorbed heat back underground. The system works in a cycle and the ground acts like a battery. Heat is removed from the ground in the winter to heat the building, leaving a cool ground (empty battery) to accept heat removed from the building through the summer. At the end of summer, the warm ground (full battery) is ready to heat the building.

According to an alternative energy study commissioned by Shaker Heights last summer, geothermal can offer thousands of dollars in energy savings over the long term. Installation costs vary depending on the size of the building. The study estimates that for a typical single-family home, costs range between \$12,000 and \$30,000 after rebates and incentives.

While the study looked specifically at the alternative energy options for properties on Sutton Road and an apartment building on South Woodland Road, the information was designed to be generally applicable to a range of Shaker houses. The options explored are geothermal, solar photovoltaic, and solar thermal. The study is available at www.shakeronline.com.

captured since the system was installed. A website allows the couple to track the system in even greater detail.

"It tells us all the basic data, every hour of the day. You can see it ramp up, then down if a cloud comes over or if it rains," explains Brett.

While the upfront cost of installing solar is certainly not cheap, it's decidedly in line with other major energy-saving improvements, such as replacement windows. "We would not have done this if it was just a luxury item," says Annette. "It makes a lot of sense."

A residential system with 3,000 watts capacity, or three kilowatts, costs about \$20,000. A federal tax credit covers 30 percent of that cost, which brings the price tag down to \$14,000. Over a typical year, a three-kilowatt system will save a homeowner several hundred dollars in electricity. In addition, the homeowner can send excess electricity back to a utility for a credit, which shows up on the bill.

And as an added incentive, for each megawatt produced, the homeowner can sell a Solar Renewable Energy Credit (SREC), which currently go for about \$300 each. Over their first year of having the panels, Brett and Annette will earn about \$1,000 by selling the SRECs from their system.

(SRECs, like stocks, are brokered commodities. Utilities and even speculators buy them through an exchange called the Generation Attribute Trading System. Utilities buy them to meet their state's Renewable Portfolio Standard requirements. In short, solar users get paid for letting utilities take credit for the clean energy produced. As a convenience, most solar retailers such as Bold Alternatives will aggregate SRECs for their customers and post them for sale.)

"We will reach break-even in seven or eight years," says Brett.

The Himeses also point out that the panels help them reduce energy consumption by simply making them more conscious of how much electricity they are using.

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Promoting Opportunities For Young Women

The first woman president of a major American sports league talks about the leadership lessons she learned growing up in Shaker.

By Sue Starrett



"Everything I've done was leading to this moment. I just didn't realize it."

A 1977 graduate of Shaker Heights High School with more than 30 years experience in consumer marketing, corporate branding, public relations, and management, Laurel J. Richie was named the third president of the Women's National Basketball Association in April 2011. About her hiring, Trudi Lacey, president and general manager of the Washington D.C. Mystics, said, "She is committed to leading with excellence and integrity. She is a role model that we are profoundly proud to have as president of our league."

Laurel is the third of four children in the Winston and Bea Richie family. Her parents were among Shaker's pioneers in the City's racial integration efforts. Laurel lived on Livingston Road and attended Kindergarten at Ludlow Elementary School. When her family built a home on Green Road, she transferred to Mercer School as a first grader. Fast forward, and she is enrolled at Dartmouth College and earning a degree in policy studies.

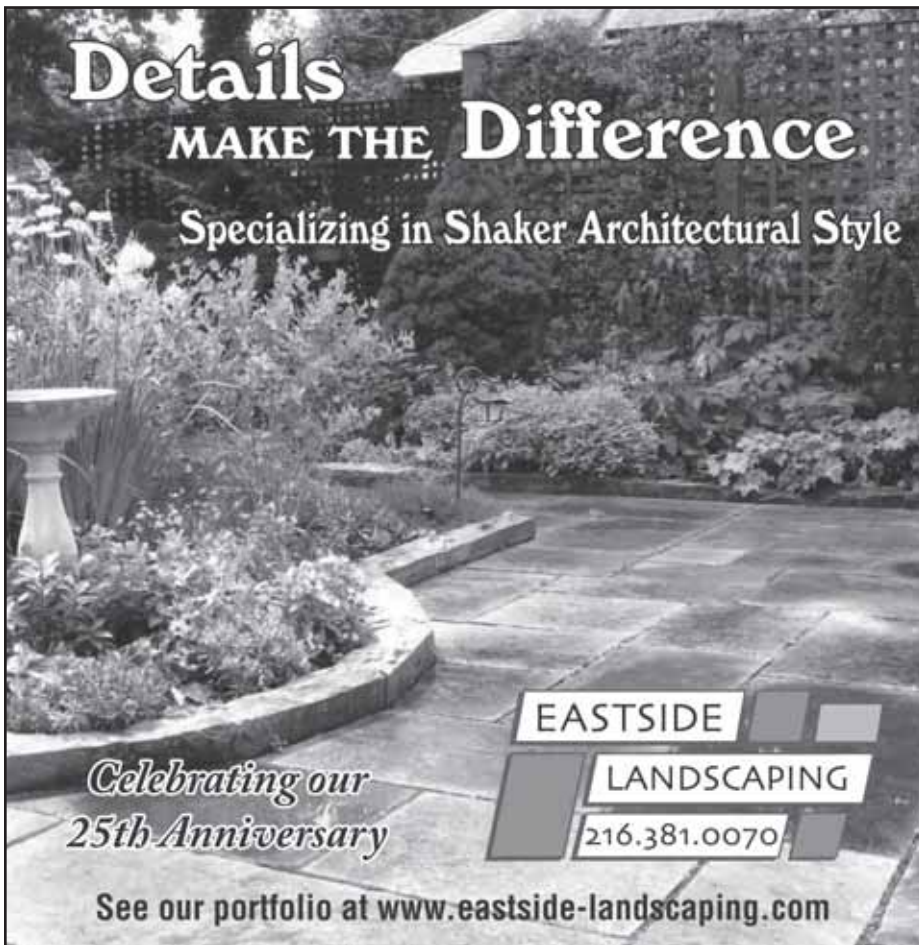
After working for two years at Leo Burnett Worldwide, a Chicago ad agency, she began what would be a 24-year tenure at Ogilvy and Mather in New York City. Richie held positions of increasing responsibility there, with accounts such as American Express, Pepperidge Farm, and Unilever. She founded Ogilvy's Diversity Advisory Board to attract and retain top talent. In 2008, she became senior vice president and chief marketing officer for the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Throughout her career, Richie has been honored for her work. She received the YMCA's Black Achievers Award and is one of Ebony Magazine's "Outstanding Women in Marketing and Communications." Earlier this year, The Network Journal recognized her as one of 25 influential black women in business.

Because WNBA rosters are capped at 11, the players are considered among the best in the world. In the off-season, many are members of international teams, while others are busy writing children's books, managing charitable foundations, or running a fashion design company. Most are graduates of four-year colleges, and many spend significant time giving back to their communities by mentoring young women, leading basketball clinics, and supporting literacy.

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Your parents, Winston and Bea, moved to Shaker Heights in 1956 and made a huge impact on the community. Were you aware of their activities?

My parents were trailblazers in every aspect of their lives. They met when my dad was studying dentistry and my mom was earning her master's degree in library science. Creating and sustaining diverse neighborhoods were important to them, and instead of talking about it, they took action.

After being the second African American family to move to Ludlow, they helped form the Ludlow Community Association, through which black and white residents promoted integration. We moved to the Mercer community because they wanted their four children to have an integrated experience. What I didn't know at the time is that my parents weren't permitted to buy land on Green Road, so a white friend made the purchase and sold it to us. We were the first black family at Mercer Elementary School, but as I got older the Shaker schools gradually became more integrated.

My dad ran for City Council in 1971 and won; he eventually became vice mayor. Although my mother didn't work outside the home, she was involved with a number of boards and several foundations. She taught me an appreciation of giving back. I'm proud of what happened with our family and glad that it worked out.

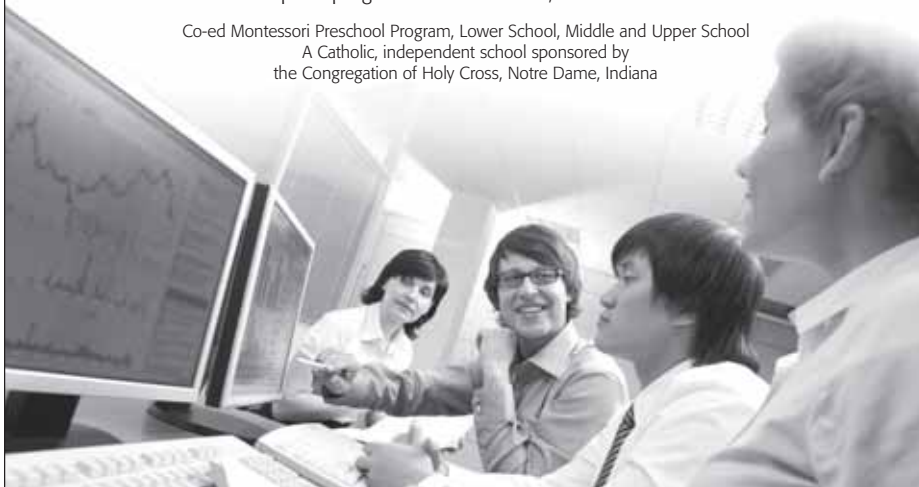
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What was your experience of growing up in Shaker Heights?

I have very fond memories and made many friends. Since taking my current job, some of my classmates and one of my teachers took the time to send hand-written notes to me. Living in New York City, I am very aware that Shaker is a beautiful community, and it was a safe environment for children in the literal and figurative senses. I tried lots of activities while I was growing up, thanks to an educational system that provided a lot of personal attention. That's one reason Dartmouth College appealed to me, because of the similarly small ratio of students to teachers.

Being there also reinforced my appreciation of Shaker's academic excellence and my well-rounded education. My parents gave us the gift of being able to navigate a multi-cultural society. Today it is much richer than black and white – with sexual orientation, socio-economic factors, and others adding to the diversity. In Shaker, we learned the importance of both appreciating and celebrating differences.

What extra-curricular activities engaged your interest?

I was very involved with student council. I was council president at Byron (Shaker Middle School) and Shaker Heights High School. My parents were natural leaders. My dad is a visible and vocal leader, and my mother led by example. Over the years, I have realized that my style is a combination of both of theirs, though I don't remember consciously thinking about this when I was in school.

Like my older sister, Beth, I was an American Field Service foreign exchange student in high school. My experiences in France made me want to be a language major and also reinforced my love of travel, which I learned from my family. Dartmouth offered travel, but I got involved in theater there and ultimately didn't join their language program.

You certainly have continued the Richie family tradition of trailblazing. Has this been a personal goal?

When I entered the business world out of college, I often was the only woman in the room or the only African American in the room – and I definitely was the only African American woman in the room. At the time, I made a quiet commitment to do my part in these environments, to open doors, to break down barriers. I don't remember feeling extra pressure, aside from the sense that I needed to do well and to do good.

Though I was conscious of being the first African American woman in meetings or on operating boards, I didn't set out to be the first. I simply wanted to do well. Being the first was a by-product rather than an end goal. When I joined the WNBA, I didn't realize I would become the first African American president of any major sports league in this country, nor did the people who hired me.

How has your life prepared you to be president of the WNBA?


Everything I've done was leading to this moment. I just didn't realize it. Last February I was in Seattle to speak at a Girl Scouts awards ceremony. My topic was re-branding. The president of the local WNBA team was in the audience. She sought me out and later, without telling me, recommended me to the WNBA.

The WNBA is a complex business. It presents an interesting marketing challenge, and is all about empowering women, an ongoing passion of mine. In my agency positions, I worked on revitalizing iconic brands, and that experience will serve me well, as we increase the league's visibility and encourage more people to attend our games or watch them on TV. Sports play such an important role in people's lives. That includes everything from addressing the obesity epidemic in this country to teaching life skills such as goal setting and teamwork.


My gift to the next generation is to think about and work on projects geared

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A Very Shaker Story

Families named Bell, Cianciolo, Rodenfels, Hexter – and at least one mystery owner – have all lived in Annette and Mark Sutherland's house over the last 70 years. Late this summer, they came back.

By Jennifer Proe

It has often been theorized that any two people on the planet can be connected to one another by six degrees of separation. In Shaker Heights, it's more like one or two. Accordingly, Shaker residents Mark and Annette Sutherland may not have been all that surprised when they learned that the friendly gentleman seated next to them at a Cleveland Orchestra benefit was an original resident of their home.

Ronnie Bell, along with his wife Dinny, was delighted to make the connection with the Sutherlands, and to learn how the family home was faring. Ronnie's parents, Molly and Julius Bell, built the gracious brick colonial to their particular specifications in 1941. Ronnie and his sister, Margie Sachs, have fond memories of the house their parents lovingly designed.

"My Dad poured his heart and soul into that house," says Margie. "He hand-picked all the materials, and went over on his lunch hour every day to watch them build it. Meanwhile, my mother handled all the decorating."

The home was the site of frequent card games and parties with their friends and Margie's many suitors – one of whom paid Ronnie a quarter to tell a competing beau that Margie would not be able to go out with him due to a sudden case of chicken pox.

Since the Sutherlands purchased the home in 1992, they have had a number of chance encounters with past inhabitants. "It's a very Shaker story," says Annette, an attorney and vice president of the Shaker Heights Board of Education. "Everyone who has lived in this house seems to know everyone else in some way or another, and many of them still live very close by. It's been really fun discovering the people connected with the history of our house."

Mark, vice president of investor relations for W.R. Grace & Co., stumbled across one such connection a few years ago when his sister visited town to attend a Beaumont School reunion. At the reunion, Mark's sister learned that her former classmate, Sister Gretchen Rodenfels, lived in the house in the late 1950s. Gretchen, who is now president of Beaumont, had recognized her former address when sending mail to the Sutherland family regarding a scholarship fund they administer.



Happy partygoers at the Sutherland home reunion. Front row, from left: Tony Cianciolo, Lucille Cianciola, Mickey Hexter, Mary Teriaca, Annette Sutherland, Marjorie (Margie) Sachs, and Ronnie Bell. **Back row:** John Hexter, Sr. Gretchen Rodenfels, and Bonnie, Cara, and Mark Sutherland.

Shaker Story

One evening, as the Sutherlands relaxed on their patio, Mark had an inspiration: What if they invited members of all the families who had lived in the house to a cocktail party to celebrate their shared home ownership experience? Within moments, they had a list of a dozen or so people they thought might be interested in seeing their former home and learning about some of the renovations the Sutherlands had made to it.

In addition to the Bells and Sister Rodenfels, the Sutherlands invited Mickey and John Hexter, sons of Ruth Goodfriend, from whose estate the Sutherlands had purchased the home. "I would run into Mickey and John from time to time at the hardware store or drug store, and they would always ask about the house," says Annette.

The Hexters were in fact eager to see how the house had changed. They assumed, correctly, that the Sutherlands had updated the green foil wallpaper and green carpeting that had dominated the home during their time there as teens. Says John Hexter, "Mother had a very interesting decorating style. Anything was fine as long as it was green. I affectionately referred to it as sanitarium green."

Also on the guest list, thanks to Ronnie Bell, were some former owners the Sutherlands had not yet discovered: the Cianciolos, who bought the home from the Bells in 1943. With America embroiled in World War II, good help was hard to find, and Mrs. Bell was unable to retain a maid. Rather than stay in the home without the benefit of live-in help, they sold to the Cianciolos, whose son Tony was a classmate of Ronnie's at Shaker Heights High School. Ronnie suggested the Sutherlands look him up.

Armed with the Shaker Heights alumni directory, Annette quickly located Tony and his siblings, Mike, Lucille Cianciola (sic), and Mary Teriaca, all of whom live in Northeast Ohio and were thrilled to be invited. The Cianciolos brought plenty of food, photographs, and stories to the party – and also a mystery.

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"Until we saw Lucille's wedding photos, we never knew that the brick exterior was originally unpainted," said Annette. But no one at the party seemed to know when the bricks were painted white, or by whom.

The Cianciolos also revealed that the basement had at one time housed a second kitchen of sorts. Mrs. Cianciolo was apparently a finicky housekeeper. "Our mother liked the kitchen to be pristine, so she used to do the cooking in the basement," recalled Tony.

Her children also reminisced about how she forbade them to use the downstairs powder room, floating a piece of toilet paper in the bowl and checking frequently to make sure it was still there.

The farthest-traveled party guests were Jerry and Delette Walker, former next-door neighbors of 30 years who now live in Tennessee but still keep in touch. Evie Krent, another longtime neighbor, also joined the festivities to add her remembrances of years and owners past. All recalled the home as a welcoming place for family, friends, and neighbors. "The entire time we lived here, the kids in the neighborhood always had free reign to run

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Top: Lucille Cianciola and Annette Sutherland. **Above:** Laura Stone Bell and Mark Sutherland (right) pose with Margie Sachs and her brother Ronnie Bell. **Right:** Margie and Ronnie hold a photo of their parents, Molly and Julius Bell, who built the house.



Right: Mary Ann Hexter, Mark Sutherland, and John Hexter. **Far right:** Bonnie and Cara Sutherland. **Below:** Mary Teriaca and Tony Cianciolo.





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Above: Joanne and Tony Cianciolo. **Opposite page:** Annette Sutherland and Sr. Gretchen Rodenfels.

around in the big backyard," says Jerry.

The home's deep lot was definitely a draw for the Sutherlands. Over the years they have added a spacious patio, an elegant pergola with trailing vines, and lush landscaping, all of which met with positive reviews from the former inhabitants. "The yard is definitely much more beautiful than I ever recall seeing it," commented Mickey Hexter's wife, Mary Lou Hexter.

As guests mingled over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, they discovered many shared recollections about the home's features, such as the mail slot in the downstairs powder room (still there) and the maid's buzzer under the dining room table (long gone). They also admired the many improvements the Sutherlands have made, denoted by "before" and "after" photos posted throughout the house.

The Sutherlands also have converted an attached garage into a comfortable family room, remodeled the kitchen by taking out the breakfast room wall, and replaced a full-length mirrored glass wall in the living room with custom shelving and a mantel piece that looks completely original to the home.

Also, as the Hexters observed, "It's not green anymore."

After the guests had departed, Mark mused about the success of the social experiment he had proposed only a few

short weeks before. "It was very rewarding meeting so many of the former residents of our house, and hearing their stories. We particularly appreciated their happy recollections about their parents and growing up in the house. It gave us some insight about our own children's potential memories."

One of those potential memories may include the temporary dance floor that dominates the Sutherland's living room. The Sutherland's three daughters, Harper, Cara, and Bonnie, have all been extensively involved with Irish dance, and lobbied relentlessly for a practice area in the home.

"We tried every other place we could imagine, but in the end, this was the only room in the house that gave them enough space," sighs Annette. "I guess that mirrored wall would have fit right in after all." 🐾



Story



"I feel so grateful to teach in a district where, when I see something special, like the National Geographic maps, I can actually have a way of bringing them to the school," says Woodbury teacher Ruth Heide, shown with students Joe Brett, Courtney Phillips, Rachel Podl, and Jaylin Garner.

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Private Dollars, Public Success

The innovative Shaker Schools Foundation is marking its 30th anniversary with some remarkable achievements in its sizeable wake.

By Nancy O'Connor

Have you enjoyed a theatrical performance in the magnificently renovated Large Auditorium at Shaker High? Has your child journeyed sock-footed across Africa on an enormous floor map at Woodbury School, or discovered the joys of collaboration in a drumming circle at Lomond?

If so, you have been personally touched by the Shaker Schools Foundation.

Since 1981, the non-profit organization has channeled the private contributions of education-minded Shaker families, alumni, community members, foundations, and corporations to fund the extras a fiscally responsible school district can't always support. The Foundation provides opportunities for teachers with innovative ideas and for students with personal dreams.

As the Foundation marks its 30th anniversary in 2011-2012, it has good reason to be proud of its accomplishments. But what most excites its leaders and supporters is the prospect of future growth and increased capacity to support Shaker's students and educators.

One example: When Woodbury teacher Ruth Heide first encountered National Geographic Giant Traveling Maps at a teaching seminar, she knew immediately that this was an educational experience she wanted for her students.

"The maps were the size of a basketball court, and came with a trunk full of activities for teachers to do with their classes to promote geographic literacy and map-reading skills," she says.

But the cost to rent the North America and Africa maps for two weeks presented an obstacle. "It would have been difficult for me to ask for \$900 out of the building budget for these experiences," says Heide. So she turned to the Shaker Schools Foundation for help, and got it.

When the maps arrived at Woodbury last spring, Heide made sure every fifth- and sixth-grade student had at least two class periods for true hands-on, "really, feet-on, learning," she says. She also held two family nights and hosted a meeting of the Shaker Schools Foundation board in the gym to enable others to experience the unique teaching tools.

"I feel so grateful to teach in a district where, if I see something special like these maps, I can actually have a way of bringing them to the school," she says. "There are other places I've taught where I would have just had to say, 'Too bad, we can't do it, it's too expensive.'"



**A Night for the Red & White
Celebrates Its
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It's a big year for A Night for the Red & White, the annual fundraiser hosted by The Friends of the Shaker Schools Foundation. Not only does the 20th anniversary of the fundraiser take place in 2012 – the Shaker Schools' and the City's Centennial year – but the total amount raised for educational enrichment through the event will top the \$2 million mark.

A Night for the Red & White will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, 7 pm, at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights. This year's co-chairs are Kathy Connors and Robin Eisen. Partygoers will enjoy buffet-style dining, dancing, a silent auction, a student art show, and student performances. Proceeds will be used for the enrichment of technology, arts, humanities, and health and fitness.

For more information: www.shaker.org/foundation or (216) 295-4325.

Another example: As any parent or teacher can tell you, kids love drums. The Shaker Schools Foundation helped music teacher Cynthia M. Steiner capitalize on that attraction to get students more engaged in music class by introducing the Discipline, Respect, and Unity through Music (D.R.U.M.) program first at Woodbury, and now, at Lomond.

"At the time, in 2008, I couldn't figure out why some children were not all that enthusiastic about coming to music class," she explains. "So I began to do some research and came across Jim Solomon's book about D.R.U.M. It was just what the children needed to get motivated."

Drawing on percussion styles from many cultures, the program capitalizes on kids' fascination with drums to teach not only music, but also teamwork. With funding from the Shaker Schools Foundation, the PTO, and the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Steiner was able to purchase drums and other musical instruments for this powerful activity.

Steiner received another Shaker Schools Foundation grant last year that allowed her to purchase a digital camera and Flip video camera for her classroom.



A drumming program supported by the Foundation engages elementary students in music class. Pictured: Lomond third graders Janiyah Brown and Derek Yost. Photo by Colleen McCreary.



"Now my students are able to showcase their musical talents through composition and performances that we record. They can create and edit their own CDs as well as compile a digital portfolio of their work. My students and I are forever grateful to the Foundation."

Each year, dozens of Shaker teachers receive enrichment grants, paid with a percentage of the annual proceeds of some of the Foundation's more than 90 endowed funds. To qualify for a grant, a teacher must submit a proposal that has been reviewed and approved by the building principal.

"The Foundation raises the funds, but the educators spend the funds," says Sue Starrett, director of development. Between \$12,000 and \$13,000 is typically awarded each year in grants of \$250 to \$500, enabling the Foundation to support professional development, classroom technologies, and innovative teaching that



Jim Berick, SHHS '51, helped establish the Foundation 30 years ago.

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Kathy Jones, president of the Foundation's board of trustees, says her commitment to Shaker is "hard to contain."



touch hundreds of students.

The Foundation also administers more than 30 student awards for high school juniors and seniors, with gifts ranging from \$75 to \$1,000. Recipients are recommended by guidance counselors and must meet the criteria for the specific award. One previous student award winner is Bradford L. Picot, Class of 1998, now a dentist in private practice in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Picot's high grade point average earned him the Foundation's Dorothy Humel Hovorka Award. "I used the funds to tour colleges and fund first-year expenses in college," says Picot, a former member of the Student Group on Race Relations, the marching band, and the swim team. "I don't think it would have been possible to do as much due diligence in the college search without the monies. It was also great to receive positive encouragement from the school system for my efforts."



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Picot is one of six Shaker natives who joined forces in 2006 to establish the Foundation's CommitMEN Fund, which provides a \$500 award each year to an African-American male senior who earns at least a 2.5 GPA, has been accepted into a post-secondary program, and is "a well-rounded person who demonstrates integrity, leadership, and service to others." Other CommitMEN founders include Justin Erkins (Shaker '98), Patrick Hicks (Shaker '00), Landon Lockhart (Shaker '99), Trenton Marsh (Shaker '98), and Philip Smith (St. Ignatius '99).

"Supporting the Foundation is an investment in the community and the future of its students," Picot says. "A community is known by the schools it keeps' sticks with me to this day. Having a strong school system is vital for sustainability."

The Foundation also assists with special projects such as the renovation of the high school auditoriums. It raised more than \$1.1 million to support the upgrade of the small auditorium in 2003 and, in partnership with the District, for the 2008 transformation of the large auditorium into a state-of-the-art performance space and classroom that benefits Shaker's students, faculty, and community. Seats in the auditorium can still be endowed and named for a Shaker teacher, family member, or oneself with a gift of \$500.

Among those making tax-deductible contributions to the Foundation – from outright gifts of cash or securities to bequests in wills and trusts – are a large number of Shaker graduates.

"Their life experiences tell them what a special place this is," says Starrett. Her goal of engaging still more alumni going forward will be made easier if graduating classes follow the lead of the June 1950/January 1951 graduates, who celebrated a milestone reunion in 2010.

In a letter to classmates, the newly formed Class Gift Committee noted, "Our 60th anniversary reunion set many of us to thinking about what Shaker has done for us. Was there a way to pay Shaker back?"

Become a Foundation Supporter

The Shaker Schools Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that gratefully accepts contributions. All gifts are tax-deductible.

Annual Fund gifts provide much-needed operational support that enables the Foundation to carry out its work.

Auditorium Campaign donors can endow a seat in Shaker Heights High School's large auditorium to support its recent renovation.

The Legacy Fund, a new permanent, unrestricted endowment, will provide long-term, substantial support in the areas of academia, arts, technology, health and fitness, and special initiatives. Bequests, trusts, other planned gifts, and outright gifts are being accepted.

Donor-Created Funds may be established in honor or memory of a family member or Shaker faculty member.

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Send checks made payable to the Shaker Schools Foundation to Shaker Schools Foundation, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, OH 44120. For more information, please call the Shaker Schools Foundation at (216) 295-4329 or visit www.shaker.org/foundation.



With the help of a Shaker Schools Foundation grant in 2010, Joe Marencik's engineering applications students designed and built robots, enabling them to participate successfully in an international robotics competition. Marencik is shown here with Bridget Mearns, Branden Henning, and Owen Shelton. PHOTO BY CAYDIE HELLER

The goal, the committee wrote, was to "make a class gift that will help Shaker students achieve their potential, regardless of family income." Several uses for the money were identified, including a Summer Academy for incoming ninth graders with low grades, and financial support for college entrance test preparation courses. Class members responded enthusiastically and have donated nearly \$200,000 to date.

Among the Class of 1951 contributors is Jim Berick, who was one of the Foundation's founders 30 years ago. "Motivated citizens can create a much better school system and environment for Shaker students by filling gaps in which available tax revenues cannot be stretched," says Berick, who is the father of four Shaker graduates and grandfather of five current students and graduates.

In the early 1980s, he recalls, "We thought that a new Foundation could raise funds privately as charitable donations from members of the community who had both an interest in public education and a capability to contribute." Three decades later, Berick is most proud of the Foundation's "continued existence and continued growth and vitality, as it goes from generation to generation."

"Private gifts make the difference between mediocre and great school systems," says the Foundation's Executive Director, Christine Auginas. "In Shaker, we've made a commitment to provide the best possible education. As a result of constraints on public education funding, the general budget for enrichment dollars is decreasing." Today more than ever, the Foundation – among the first in Ohio to raise funds for a public school system – ensures that enrichment remains a part of the educational experience Shaker delivers.



"Our tax money pays for the essentials: employee salaries and benefits, building repairs, and materials such as textbooks," says Woodbury's Heide, a Shaker resident since 1984. "It doesn't provide special experiences such as the maps, artists-in-residence, and other special projects."

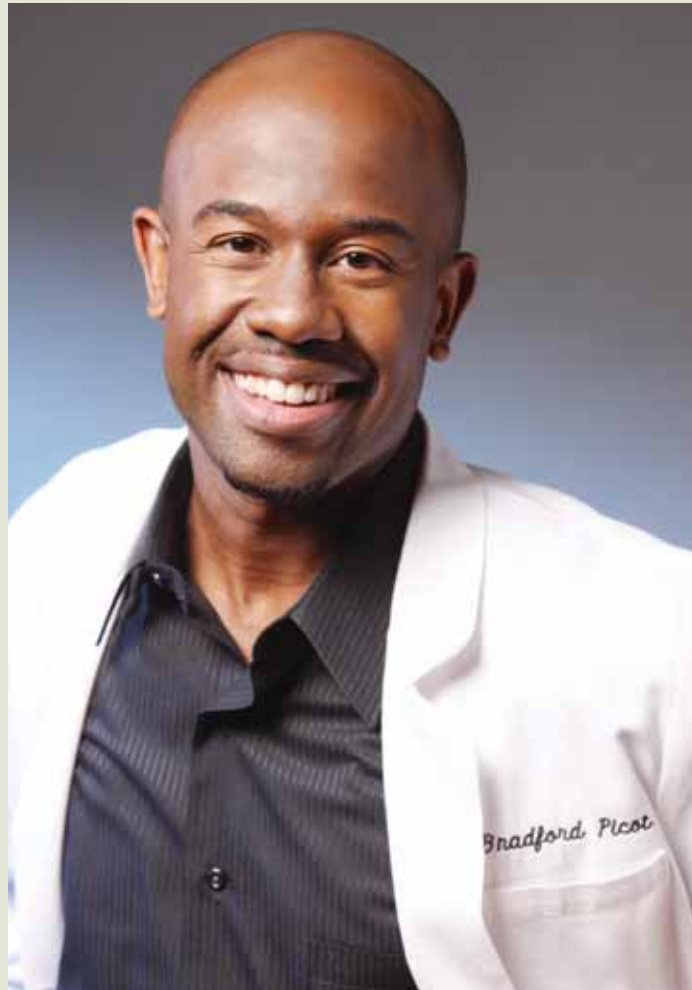
To help sustain the Foundation's ability to provide enrichment dollars where needed, a new, permanent, and unrestricted Legacy Fund has been established. "The Legacy Fund will give the Foundation the ability to profoundly enrich the educational experiences of Shaker students far into the future," says Kathy Jones, president of the Foundation's board of trustees.

Jones, who says her high regard for the Shaker public school system and community is "hard to contain," feels passionately about the role of the Foundation in every student's experience.

"I would love the opportunity to look into the eyes of each child and say, 'The world needs you, your intellect, passion, and energy. Our community is here to support you and give you the best possible education. Go out into the world and do great things.' Perhaps it's the mom in me, but I want each child to have everything they need to succeed, and education is the key to the well-being of our society."

One of Jones's favorite examples of Foundation enrichment funds at work involves Shaker High's Joe Marencik and students from his Engineering Applications class. "They used Foundation funds for a new control system that allowed them to compete in the VEX Robotics Competition, and they placed in the top 2.5 percent in the world. What a wonderful experience for those students."

Marencik has received several grants from the Foundation, his first in 1993.



"**Supporting** the Foundation is an investment in the community and the future of its students," says Bradford L. Picot, SHHS '98, a co-founder of the CommitMEN fund.



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"I applied for my first grant to help purchase materials for the newly formed Science Olympiad team that Gene Zajac and I had started a year earlier," he says.

In addition to participation in the robotics competition, Marencik has used Foundation monies to enhance the science and engineering curriculum for all his students.

"The grants have afforded these students the opportunities to compete at the highest level in various science and engineering competitions and to experience science, technology, engineering, and mathematics well beyond the normal scope of high school education."

He speaks for teachers across the district in believing that "enrichment activities made possible by the Foundation give our students a distinct advantage in the areas of knowledge and experience, and set Shaker apart from other school districts."

Learn more about the Foundation and view a video about its work at www.shaker.org/foundation. 🌿

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of its financial reporting and for its purchasing practices. The audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, is the latest in a long line of "clean" audits. The District recently garnered the Auditor of State Award with Distinction for its excellence in financial recordkeeping.

The Shaker schools have received similar awards of excellence in financial reporting for 12 consecutive years from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada and the Association of School Business Officials.

In addition, the Ohio Schools Council recently recognized Shaker as an "exemplary saver" for its aggressive use of cooperative purchasing to get the best prices for products and services. Through participation in the Council, the School District receives discounts on electricity, natural gas, school buses, insurance, and other goods and services. 🌿

Here Comes the Sun

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"One of the most interesting things is that you very quickly modify your behavior because you are paying attention to it," says Brett. "It's kind of fortunate for us that our meter is in a very visible spot. You really notice a huge difference between the times it's zipping around, the times it's barely moving, and when it's going backwards. It really makes you think about the electricity you are using."

"For instance, when you walk out of the room and you leave the light on, it makes you think, 'Oh I should really turn that off,'" says Annette.

But during the height of the summer, the couple doesn't hesitate to turn on the air conditioning.

Nor should they, says Martens. "In the summertime you get much more production, so basically Annette and Brett get to use their air conditioning guilt-free." 🌿

Laurel Richie Q&A

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toward women. I promote leadership opportunities for girls, through both athletics and groups like the Girl Scouts. Working for the Girl Scouts reminded me of what I learned as one – discover, connect, and take action. That's leadership. The WNBA's mission of giving back to the community also is very attractive to me. We are all role models.

What have you been doing since you started with the WNBA in May?

My first task was to hit the road, and I visited all twelve franchises in under two months. Our season runs May through October, including play-offs, and I am attending as many games as possible. I also have continued my speaking engagements.

What do you do for fun?

I read a lot, and I travel the world in search of the most beautiful beaches. In case anyone wants to know, my current favorite is Shoal Bay on Anguilla. 🌿

Please send calendar submissions and deadline inquiries to shakerdates@aol.com

Ongoing Activities for Families

Play and Learn programs are co-sponsored by Family Connections and Shaker Library.

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

WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop in literacy play sessions just for home day care providers and their children birth to age 5. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays for Families Raising Children with Special Needs, 1-3PM, PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for parents with children ages 3 to 5 with special needs. Special activities held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS: Saturday Gym, 10 AM-12 NOON, GYM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. A place for parents and children, birth to 6 years. Climb, jump, ride trikes, and play during the colder months on Saturday mornings through April 14 (no sessions 12/24, 12/31, 1/14). All children must be accompanied by an adult. FEES AND PASS INFO: 216-921-2023.

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

SATURDAYS: Birthday Parties, 11 AM-1 PM OR 2-4 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Family Connections at Shaker Family Center is the perfect place to hold a birthday party for your child, birth to 6 years. Enjoy private use of the gym, with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, THE PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 5 years old can play, make friends, and network. Playroom is open Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:30 am-noon, or Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 4-6 pm. Use of gym and muscle room during specific hours also included. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

Ongoing Activities for Adults

MONDAYS: Pilates, 9:30-10:30 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH. Bring a mat. \$5 per class. Instructor: Charlotte Wilson. INFO: 216-921-3510.

TUESDAYS: Yoga, 6:15-7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, 2860 COVENTRY RD. This is a beginner/advanced-beginner class with emphasis on stretching, breathing, and meditating. Suggested donation: \$10. INFO: LOIS ANNICH, 216-921-3510.

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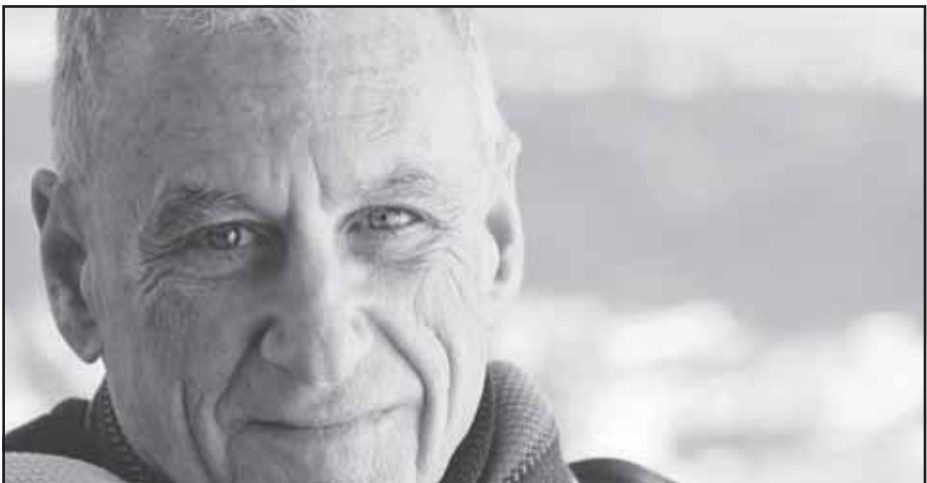
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DECEMBER

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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Holiday CircleFest 1 pm, University Circle. (p. 66)	The Polar Express 12/1, 5-7, 12-14 7 pm, Rockside Station. (p. 66)	Fair Housing Training 6 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 61)	Meet the Authors 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (p. 61)	Gene's Jazz Hot 7 pm, Loganberry Books. (p. 61)	Friday Night Skate with DJ 7:45 pm, Thornton Park Ice Arena. (p. 61)	North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 58)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Holiday Open House 2 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 61)	Pilates Ongoing. 9:30 am, Plymouth Church. (p. 55)	Poetry in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 61) Mystery Book Discussion 7:30 pm, Main Library. (p. 61)	Shaker Heights Chamber of Com- merce Annual Award Ceremony and Fundraiser 5:30 pm, Pearl of the Orient. (p. 62)	Annual High School Hockey Tournament 12/13-18 Thornton Park Ice Arena. (p. 61)	Beauty and the Beast 12/2, 9, 16 7 pm, Wiley Middle School. (p. 66)	Christmas Bird Count 8 am, Nature Center. (p. 62) Community Meal Noon, Christ Episco- pal Church. (p. 62)
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Reading Pays Off for Teens 1 pm, Main Library. (p. 62) Pajama Storytime 7:15 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 63)	Evening Book Discussion 7:30 pm, Main Library. (p. 63)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 55)	Open Bridge for Seniors Ongoing. 1 pm, Tubbs Jones Com- munity Building. (p. 58)		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 55)	Senior Wednesdays on Shaker Square Ongoing. (p. 58)			

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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8	9 Pilates Ongoing. 9:30 am, Plymouth Church. (p. 55)	10 Shaker Centennial Event: Elegant and Edible Garden Series Kick-Off Party 7 pm. (p. 64)	11 Meet the Author: Tres Roeder 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 64)	12	13 Friday Night Skate with DJ 7:45 pm, Thornton Park Ice Arena. (p. 64)	14 Saturday Gym Ongoing. 10 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 55)
15 Today's Bride: Cleveland Bridal Show 1/14-15 2 pm, I-X Center. (p. 66)	16 BIG/little: Strange Snow 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 62)	17 Yoga Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 55)	18 Senior Wednesdays on Shaker Square Ongoing. (p. 58)	19	20	21 Shaker Centennial Event: IT'S A SHAKER THING 5 pm, Shaker High School. (p. 64)
22	23 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 55)	24 English in Action Ongoing. 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 58)	25 Shaker Centennial Event: Planning Your Garden 7 pm, Shaker Middle School. (p. 64)	26 Poetry in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 65)	27	28 North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 58)
29 Les Délices 4 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 65)	30 Learning for Life Speaker Series: Amanda Fuller 7 pm, Hathaway Brown School. (p. 65)	31 School Band Concert 7 pm, Shaker Middle School. (p. 65)				



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THURSDAYS: Open Bridge for Seniors, 1-4 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Thursday afternoon trumps all others. Drop in for cards and conversation. \$1/person. INFO: 216-491-1360.

FRIDAYS: Zumba Fitness Class, 9:30-10:30 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL. \$3 per class. INFO: CHRISTAL TURNER, INSTRUCTOR, 216-269-6834.

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. The early bird gets the pick of the produce. Buy fresh and local. INFO: 216-751-7556.



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Events for DECEMBER

THRU DECEMBER 2: City Centennial Poster Competition Exhibit, MAIN LIBRARY. View the entries in the competition sponsored by the Shaker Arts Council for the City Centennial. INFO: 216-991-2030.

THRU DECEMBER: Exhibit: Dream Weavers, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Curated by Charlotte Cowan and Susie Zimmer, the exhibit features the clothing and textiles of nine prominent local artists, which contrast the functional and practical textiles of the North Union Shakers. INFO: 216-921-1201.

DECEMBER 1-31: Otis' Curiosity Shop, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Old-time shopping. INFO: 216-795-9800.

DECEMBER 1, 2, 3: Wonderful Town, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Under the direction of Christine McBurney, Shaker students perform this nostalgic, comic look at 20th century New York as seen through the eyes of two young girls from Ohio. From the book by Joseph A. Fields and Jerome Chodorov. Music by Leonard Bernstein with lyrics by Betty Comden and Adolph Green. Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/students and senior adults. INFO: 216-295-4287 OR www.tix.com.

DECEMBER 1: Afterschool Artists, 4:15-5 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. School-age children can show their true colors as artists and create their own art in the style of Michelangelo, Van Gogh, Seurat, and other great artists. Berets optional! INFO: 216-991-2030.

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DECEMBER 3: Sugarplum Workshop, 9-11:30 AM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Let your children experience the joy of giving hand-made gifts for family, friends, and teachers. Crafts range in price from 25 cents to \$3 with most under \$1. INFO: 216-921-3510.

DECEMBER 3 & 4: Artisan Bazaar, 10 AM-5 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Juried art bazaar with unique offerings. Sunday hours 11 am-4 pm. INFO: 216-455-3033.

DECEMBER 3: Teddy Bear Tea, 2 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Parents and/or grandparents and children enjoy sweet treats, lemonade, and a visit from Santa. INFO: ANDREA MCNEIL, 216-491-1351.

DECEMBER 4: Community Forum, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Come for coffee and conversation with Fred Griffith, TV pioneer, author, host of Morning Exchange, who will speak on Life With and Without a Church. INFO: 216-751-2320 OR firstunitariancleveland.org.

DECEMBER 6: Medicare and You: One-on-One sessions with OSHIIP Counselors, 9 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Counselors from the Ohio Senior Health Insurance

Information Program (OSHIIP) speak about recent changes to Medicare and offer tips on enrolling for 2012 coverage in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and/or a Medicare health plan. Bring a list of prescription drugs to compare plans for 2012. INFO: 216-991-2030.

DECEMBER 6: Fair Housing Training for Condominium Owners, Associations, Renters, Managers, 6-8 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Robert Kmiecik of Kaman & Cusimano speaks about fair housing laws as they affect condominiums. Learn the rights and responsibilities of owners and/or renters and what to do if a resident requests a disability accommodation. INFO: 216-361-9240.

DECEMBER 6: Miro Quartet, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. The Cleveland Chamber Music Society plays music of Haydn, Glass, and Brahms. Pre-concert interview with Paul Cox begins at 6:30 pm. Tickets required at ticket-sales@clevelandchambermusic.org.

DECEMBER 7: Meet the Authors, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Barry Herman and Walter Grossman speak about their book, *Cleveland's Vanishing Sacred Architecture*. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DECEMBER 8: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Toe-tapping music to warm you. INFO: 216-795-9800.

DECEMBER 9: Friday Night Skate with DJ, 7:45-8:45 PM, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. \$3/Shaker students; \$4/adult residents, \$5.50/non-residents. INFO: 216-491-1290.

DECEMBER 10: Chuck Rossbach Learn-to-Skate Competition, 2:15 PM, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. All

learn-to-skate participants are eligible. Competition fee included with fall registration. \$10 fee for those not currently enrolled. INFO: ERIN SCHOPF, 216-295-3461.

DECEMBER 11: Holiday Open House, 2-5 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Enjoy tasty treats, good cheer, and holiday singing. Free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

DECEMBER 13: Book Buzz, 10 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss the book, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. INFO: 216-991-2030.

DECEMBER 13: Poetry in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Dan Rourke and Joe Toner perform their poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DECEMBER 13: Mystery Book

Discussion, 7:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Read the book, *Silent in the Grave* by Deanna Raybourn, and discuss whodunit. INFO: 216-991-2030.

DECEMBER 13-18: Annual High School Varsity and JV Ice Hockey Tournament, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. Check this out! What high school ice hockey team will take home the laurels? For game times and admission fees: 216-491-1295.

DECEMBER 14: Holiday Dinner for Seniors, 12:30-2 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join friends and community members to exchange holiday good wishes. \$7/person due by December 5. INFO: 216-491-1360.

DECEMBER 14: Shaker Heights Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Ceremony and Fundraiser,

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

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

DECEMBER 13: Babes in Nature: Winter Wonderland, 10-10:45 AM. You're never too young to learn about nature! For ages two months to two years with caregiver. \$5/stroller for members, \$7/stroller for non-members.

DECEMBER 15: Tales 'n' Trails, 2-3:30 PM. Visitors 55 and older can rediscover the wonders of the fall season. Join Barb Morgan for a monthly program designed for the young at heart to highlight the wonders of nature. \$5/person. Registration required.

DECEMBER 17: Christmas Bird Count, 8 AM. Christmas Bird Count is a program of the National Audubon Society. Come for a bird walk to locate and identify our resident winter birds. Stay for the day (bring a lunch) or just the morning. This is a free event, but please pre-register. A \$5 optional fee will get your name included in the official list of participants.

DECEMBER 19: BIG/little: Fall Leaf Bonanza, 10-11:30 AM. Red, orange, yellow, brown, all the leaves have fallen down. Enjoy the colorful season of fall and rediscover nature with your child! For 2½ to 3½ years with caregiver. \$8/members; \$12/non-members.

JANUARY 10: Babes in Nature: New Year's Nature, 10-10:45 AM. You're never too young to start learning about nature! For ages two months to two years with caregiver. \$5/stroller for members; \$7/stroller for non-members.

JANUARY 16: BIG/little: Strange Snow, 10-11:30 AM. Rediscover nature with your child! 2½ to 3½ years with caregiver. Do you know how snow is made? Do you know why every snowflake is different? Put on your winter coats and boots and enjoy all things snowy. \$8/ members, \$12/non-members.

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JANUARY 20: Family Fireside Night, 6:30 PM. Join us for a toasty warm evening of fun and nature-themed activities for families with young children. \$5/person \$25 maximum per family of 6.

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5:30-7:30 PM, PEARL OF THE ORIENT, 20121 VAN AKEN BLVD. Meet "Simply the Best" winners and mingle with other community business leaders. \$35/person. INFO: 216-392-8688.

DECEMBER 14: Meet the Author: James Wood, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. James Wood will discuss his new book, *Out and About with Winsor French*, a look at the life of Cleveland's bon vivant newspaper columnist, who dominated the social scene from the 1930s to the 1960s. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DECEMBER 14: Winter Choir Alumni Concert, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Lift up your voice in song. INFO: 216-295-4234.

DECEMBER 15: Knit Night, 7-8:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DECEMBER 16: Delayed Library Opening, 10 AM. Shaker Library and Bertram Woods Branch open an hour later than usual for staff training and development.

DECEMBER 17: Community Meal, NOON-1 PM, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CTR RD. Enjoy a deliciously prepared meal in an atmosphere of friendship, community, and dignity. All are welcome and the meal is free.

DECEMBER 19-JANUARY 2: Winter Recess for Shaker Schools.

DECEMBER 19: Reading Pays Off for Teens, 1-3 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Teens ages 12-17 can present their library card at the Youth Services Desk to earn coupons towards paying

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off overdue fines on Shaker Library materials. Earn a \$2 Library Buck coupon for every 15 minutes spent reading with the potential of earning \$8 in one hour. INFO: 216-991-2030.

DECEMBER 19: **Pajama Storytime, 7:15 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Take the kids for stories before bedtime. INFO: 216-991-2421.

DECEMBER 20: **Evening Book Discussion, 7:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss the Charles Dickens' classic, *A Tale of Two Cities*. INFO: 216-991-2030.

DECEMBER 25 & JANUARY 1: Thornton Park Ice Arena closed.

Events for JANUARY

JANUARY 1: New Year's Day and the beginning of the City's 2012 Centennial Celebration.

JANUARY 3: **Early Bird Pool Passes On Sale,** THORNTON PARK. Don your cross country skis and *schuss* on over to buy your pool pass. Summer can't come soon enough!

JANUARY 4: **Morning Needlework Group, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Bring a project and work on it with others. If you need help, get friendly assistance from experienced needlewomen, Fern Braverman and Elfriede Heaney. INFO: 216-991-2030.

JANUARY 6: **Winter Concert in Dance, 7-9 PM,** SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Students perform. INFO: 216-295-4200.



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JANUARY 10: Shaker Centennial Event: Elegant and Edible Garden Series Kick-Off Party, 7 PM. Join Farmer Lee Jones of The Chef's Garden in Huron, an expert on sustainable agriculture and its influence on the culinary industry. (See City News.) TICKETS & INFO: <http://bit.ly/EandEKickoff>.

JANUARY 11: Meet the Author: Tres Roeder, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Tres Roeder will discuss his book, *A Sixth Sense for Project Management*. INFO: 216-991-2421.

JANUARY 13: Martin Luther King, Jr., Student Writing Contest Reception, 4:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the winners in this year's writing contest and hear them read their essays. INFO: 216-991-2030.

JANUARY 13 & 27: Friday Night Skate with DJ, 7:45-9 PM, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. \$3/Shaker student; \$4/adult resident; \$5.50/non-resident. INFO: 216-491-1295.

JANUARY 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Schools, libraries and city offices closed.

JANUARY 20: Professional Day. No classes for Shaker Schools' grades 7-12.

JANUARY 21: Community Meal, NOON-1 PM, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CTR RD. Enjoy a deliciously prepared meal in an atmosphere of friendship, community, and dignity. All are welcome and the meal is free.

JANUARY 21: Meet American Girl Doll Kirsten, 2:30-4 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Children in grades 1-5 learn what life was like back in 1854. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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JANUARY 21: Shaker Centennial Event: IT'S A SHAKER THING, 5-6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. The Shaker Heights Centennial Opening Ceremony. An evening of speech and song launches the City's Centennial celebration. Written and directed by Jon Leiken & Friends, the show features appearances by Shaker students, celebrities, puppets, historic figures, public officials, and some surprise guests. (See City News.) TICKETS & INFO: <http://bit.ly/itsashakerthing>.

JANUARY 25: Shaker Centennial Event: Planning your Garden to Suit the Needs of Your Family and the Realities of Your Space, 7 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Shawn Belt of the Cleveland Botanical Garden's Green Corps Urban Agriculture Program will give you the dirt on what you need to know to help you in your garden. (See City News.) INFO: <http://bit.ly/EandEShawnBelt>.

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JANUARY 26: Poetry in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Enjoy poetry read by regional poets. INFO: 216-991-2421.

JANUARY 29: Les Délices, 4 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. ArtsPlymouth's Artists in Residence brings alive the world of dance with Caractères de la danse. Tickets are available online at www.lesdelices.org or at the door. Plymouth members receive a 10 percent discount.

JANUARY 30: Learning for Life Speaker Series: Amanda Fuller, 7 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL AHUJA AUDITORIUM, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Amanda Fuller, author of *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight*, speaks. Free. INFO: hb.edu/learningforlife.

JANUARY 31: School Band Concert, 7-9 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.



CHRIS RAMSAY

In the Circle, Past the Square & Beyond

THRU DECEMBER 16: Annual Holiday Members Show and Sale, ARTISTS ARCHIVES OF THE WESTERN RESERVE, 1834 EAST 123RD ST. A wide variety of art will be presented including paintings, prints, photographs, and mixed-media works. This is an excellent opportunity for visitors to complete their holiday shopping! Regular gallery hours are 10 am to 4 pm Wednesday-Friday and

Centennial Milestones *continued from page 6*

Also in 2007, a complete renovation of Thornton Park, the City's primary recreation facility, was undertaken. The enhanced pool, playground, skate park, basketball court, tennis courts, sledding hill, and an indoor ice rink hum with the active engagement of residents of all ages at all times of the year. It is at once a multi-purpose recreation facility and a community gathering place.

Responding to the market demand for new housing for young professionals and empty nesters, three upscale condominium developments were built: Sussex Courts, South Park Row, and Avalon Station. By the end of October 2011, residents had begun moving into Library Court, newly constructed apartments specifically designed for adults 55 and older. The tradition of high quality housing for which Shaker is known is evident in each of these developments.

The dawn of the 21st century also brought macro and micro economic upheaval, which led to local economic challenges in the City. Diminished tax revenue due to a global recession, deep cuts in state and federal support, and a weakened housing sector required that City leaders exercise fiscal discipline and thoughtful long-term planning in order to maintain the same high level of services and quality of life for which Shaker is known.

As part of the long-term planning of the early part of the new century, City leaders turned their focus to the need for a broader tax base to bolster the City's financial position. Created as a strictly residential community, Shaker's aging infrastructure and a changing economy required strides in a different direction. With the completion of a comprehensive economic development plan in 2010, the City directed resources toward revitalization of two major commercial districts: Warrensville/Van Aken and Chagrin/Lee.

When completed, the Warrensville/

Van Aken area will be transformed into a transit-oriented, walkable district designed to attract new commercial and retail activity centered on a public transportation hub.

Anchoring the Chagrin/Lee project is a bold public-private partnership, Shaker LaunchHouse, an early-stage business accelerator and shared entrepreneurial office space. It is proving to be one of the region's most progressive economic development ideas. LaunchHouse has a clear mission: to nurture entrepreneurial ideas into profitable businesses. The Shaker Heights Development Corporation has an equity stake in LaunchHouse's portfolio companies. In time, these ventures are expected to contribute to the revitalization of Lee Road and the overall economic growth of the City and possibly the region, making Shaker Heights once again a model and a leader.

As the City celebrates its Centennial, we can look to the past and reflect on the present to see that the identity of the community has evolved from a shared set of beliefs to a shared set of values. The passionate commitment of residents – to each other and to the continued growth and prosperity of Shaker Heights – is the cornerstone of these values and identity. It is what keeps people here and brings people back. It is our most defining characteristic.

An old advertisement from the Van Sweringen Company says, "Most communities just happen; the best are planned." Many of the major milestones in the history of Shaker stand as prime examples of good planning, strong leadership, and resident engagement, and persist as hallmarks of the Shaker Heights legacy. They have made this city distinctive and have enabled it to adapt to changing times and changing needs. These characteristics tether us to our past, provide a springboard into the future, and fuel us on a confident path into our next 100 years.

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DECEMBER 2, 9 & 16: Beauty & The Beast, 7 PM, WILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 2181 MIRAMAR BLVD. Heights Youth Theatre presents talented local youth performing in the Disney musical featuring the award-winning score with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by the late Howard Ashman, with additional songs with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Tim Rice. Additional performances at 2 PM Saturdays, December 3, 10 & 18 and Sundays, December 4 & 11. Tickets: \$10, cash or checks only. Box office opens 45 minutes before each performance. INFO: 216-780-2235 OR heightsyouth-theatre.org.

DECEMBER 4: Holiday CircleFest, 1-5 PM, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Start off the holiday season with a trip to the 18th Annual Holiday CircleFest. It's the perfect way to experience University Circle, free of charge, when museums, gardens, galleries, churches, and schools open their doors for an afternoon of activities, food, and shopping. The Rink at Wade Oval opens from 1-7 pm and the Winter Lights Lantern Procession Oval begins at 5:30 pm.

DECEMBER 11: Western Reserve Chorale Annual Holiday Concert, 7 PM, GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 13001

CEDAR RD. Concert features Mario Clopton as guest director. Music includes Gloria by John Rutter plus other seasonal selections. Reception follows concert. Free. INFO: 216-791-0061.

DECEMBER 14: Natalie MacMaster: Christmas in Cape Breton, 7:30 PM, GARTNER AUDITORIUM CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. This Holiday Special is a mix of traditional Christmas carols and secular Celtic classics. Cape Breton fiddler Natalie MacMaster is one of the most versatile and exciting young musicians on both the Folk and Celtic music scenes. Tickets: \$45- \$40/person. \$44-\$39/museum members. INFO: 216-421-7350.

JANUARY 14 & 15: Today's Bride: Cleveland Bridal Show, 2-8 PM, I-X CENTER. Fashion shows featuring the latest fashions in bridal gowns, veils, mother-of-bride dresses, bridesmaids dresses and more. More than 150 of Cleveland's finest wedding professionals will be on hand to offer information on table decorations, wedding cakes, photographers, and more! \$10/person at door, \$5/person if purchased online. Sunday hours 10 am-5 pm. INFO: 330-670-9545.

JANUARY 26: Business Breakfast Series: Your Employee Online: Navigating the Legal Perils of the Digital Age, 8-9:45 AM, 700 BETA BANQUET & CONFERENCE CENTER, 700 BETA DR. Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce presents attorney Jennifer A. Corso, who will speak on the legal perils in the digital age. \$10/members; \$20/non-members. INFO: KAREN: 216-397-7322. 🐾

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A New Year's Resolution: Sleep More

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

It's almost New Year's, a time not so much for revelry as reflection. Living in an upwardly mobile suburb, it's easy for Shaker Man to succumb, over the odd New Year's beverage, to the illusion that he, too, is upwardly mobile, and an adult, as well. The mortgage is still being paid, after all; he still knocks a golf ball around 18 holes in less than 100 strokes (mostly), and he still receives the occasional backhanded compliment at work ("Hey, I guess experience really does count, Old-Timer. Har Har Har."). Occasionally he even starts to think: *Maybe, after 52 years, I really am making it...* but then helpful voices bring him back to reality:

His Dad: Our hero may not have lifted the hood on his new-ish car since he leased it three years ago, but his 81-year-old Pops still brings a gallon of Prestone, an oil filter, and five quarts of Quaker State ("It was on sale at Wal-Mart") every time he visits. "We can change that oil in 15 minutes," he says, eying Shaker Man's martini-themed barbecue apron suspiciously. "You've still got that oil-filter wrench I bought you, right?"

What Shaker Man wants to say is: *I have a better chance of finding Jimmy Hoffa than some crazy wrench you stuffed in my Christmas stocking 25 years ago.*

What Shaker Man does say is: "Umm... how about another Coke? I have to get these steaks on the grill."

"That oil won't change itself."

"It won't go any faster if I help," mumbles Shaker Man.

"What's that?"

"Here's your Coke, Dad."

His Girlfriend's Dad: It's tough but

rejuvenating, at age 52, to meet your new girlfriend's father, because nothing transforms you back into a stammering 14-year-old faster. Especially if Girlfriend's Dad lives on a ranch in Nevada, and has only three questions for his daughter's suitor:

"So," he says to Shaker Man, "Do you ride?" (Note: "ride" is pronounced as if the "i" were a syllable unto itself: *Riiiiiiiiide*.)

"A bike?"

"A bike? Hell, son, a horse!"

"Oh. Right. Umm... No. But my kids used to ride ponies."

Awkward pause. "Do you have a dog?" (Note: "dog" is pronounced as if the "o" were, similarly, a syllable unto itself: *Dooooooooog*.)

"I'm allergic. I had a cat growing up, though. But... I was allergic to her, too."

Longer, more awkward pause, this time with furrowed eyebrows from Girlfriend's Dad. "Son, can you shoot [*shoooooooooot*]?"

"Well... you see... We're not allowed in Shaker Heights..."

His Mom: Thoroughly delighted at his semi-success, she is nonetheless troubled by Shaker Man's penchant for dangerous and deviant activities, such as drinking wine with dinner ("We never did that in our house. But you've certainly made up for it since.") or traveling to foreign countries for work or business. She hits her limit when he announces trips to Mexico and Turkey in the same week:

"Turkey is on the State Department watch list, you know," she says.

"I don't think so."

"I've seen the website."

Later, after Shaker Man emails his

mother proof that Turkey is NOT, in fact, on the list of U.S. State Department travel advisories, she replies:

"Ok, Turkey is not on the list, but just think how close it is to some that are listed. And Mexico IS on the list."

"But I got home safe from Mexico!"

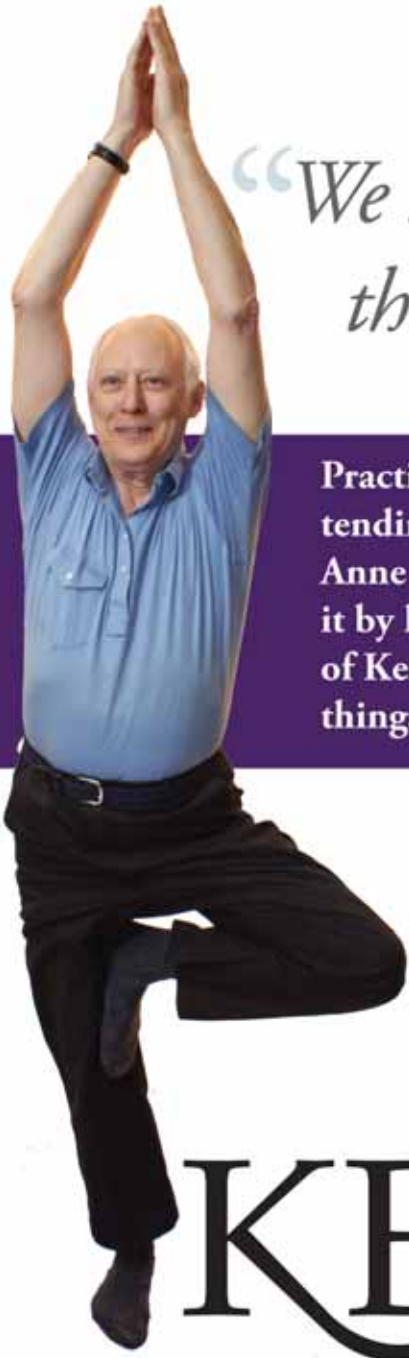
A day-long pause in the email string. Then: "You were lucky."

His Kids: Nobody thinks that Shaker Man needs remedial parenting more than his kids do. His clothes, his hair, his household management skills ("Maybe it would be healthier if there were more fruit?" his 18-year-old daughter asks, after a grocery run long on sausage, cheese, and chips, but short on oranges or carrots), even his mobile-phone texting skills, all require correction.

(*Dad*, his 14-year-old son texts back after a particularly egregious series of LOL acronyms and OMG abbreviations, *Please don't type like it's 2004 and you have a flip phone.*)

All of which leads to Shaker Man feeling a little out of sorts, maybe a little sorry for himself, and definitely in need of a respite. He tells 14 that he wishes it were warmer outside, because the porch would be quiet, and nobody seems to want him around anyway, and, maybe, just maybe, after a long year, he could finally take a well-deserved snooze out there, alone, since the porch is a perfect place for a nap. But 14 says:

"You think the perfect place for a nap is anywhere that there isn't a gun battle going on. I'm sure you'll be able to sleep in the snow, too. Goodnight, Pops!" 🐼



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