

# shaker *life*

NORTHEAST  
OHIO'S  
PREMIER  
COMMUNITY

## **Mamma Mia!**

Broadway's Love  
Affair with Shaker  
Native **Halle Morse**

february | march 2010

\$3.50



[shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com)

# All New in Willoughby Hills

2009 BMW

DriveClassicBMW.com  
(440) 585-9990



The Ultimate  
Driving Machine

Classic BMW has been in business for over 25 years. We would like to thank you for your business. In January 2009, we moved into a brand new facility conveniently located at the corner of Som Center Rd. & I-90. Classic BMW is now just a 10 minute drive north from Chagrin Blvd. In addition to complimentary pickup & delivery valet service, we include free car washes at your convenience. Please come see us and experience an outstanding level of service that you'd expect as a BMW owner.



The All New 7 Series with xDrive • Now here at Classic BMW  
• **Pickup & delivery valet service • Just 10 minutes from Chagrin**  
• **Saturday Service hrs. 8-1pm • Sunday Sales hrs. 12-4pm**



## Classic BMW

2571 SOM Center Rd. in Willoughby Hills  
440-585-9990

DriveClassicBMW.com • [www.twitter.com/ClassicBMW](http://www.twitter.com/ClassicBMW)

**Special lease and finance rates are available for new  
2009 BMW's through BMW Financial Services.**

## features + departments

on the cover:

Shaker native  
Halle Morse is  
rocking New York  
in MAMMA MIA!



### ON BROADWAY 25



### HEIGH-HO, HEIGH-HO IT'S OFF TO CAMP THEY GO 30

There are plenty of  
resources available to  
help you find the right  
fit for your camper.



### TAKING STOCK IN SPRING 36

It's not too early in  
the year to start your  
home maintenance  
and repair work.



### THE OLD FAMILY HOME 42

By chance or by  
choice, these Shaker  
residents are back  
where they started.



### LIVING WITH CROHN'S 49

Q&A with  
Tocomba Murphy.

### more departments:

City News 3  
Warrensville/Van Aken  
receives federal funding.

Health News 8

Real Estate News 11

Library News 15

Out & About 55  
Calendar of events.

Advertiser Index 67

Shaker Observer 68  
Sleepless, with Skittles  
and Sushi



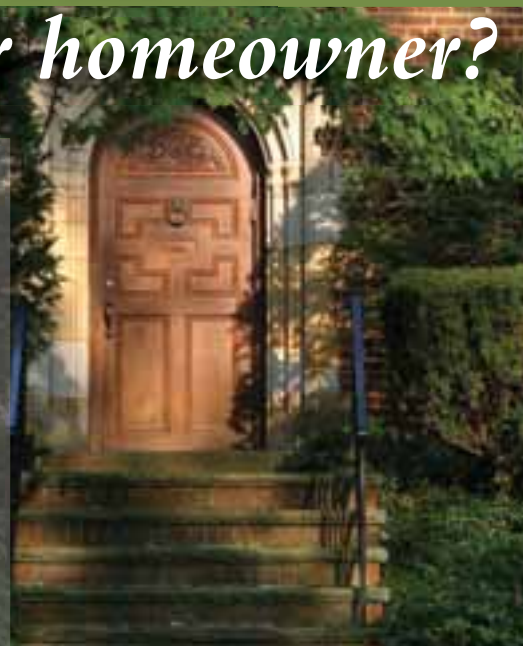
# shaker renters...

ready to become a

# shaker homeowner?

low-interest  
down payment  
assistance loans  
are available in  
designated  
neighborhoods

call 491-1457  
for more info



fund for the future of shaker heights

enhancing neighborhood diversity since 1986

## SHAKER HEIGHTS:

An outstanding community for those outstanding in their fields.



**Sari Feldman**  
Executive Director  
Cuyahoga Library

**Dr. Linda Bradley**  
Internationally  
recognized surgeon  
Cleveland Clinic

**Lt. Col.  
Clarence Jamison**  
USAF (Ret)  
WWII Tuskegee  
Airman



SHAKER  
HEIGHTS

Find your dream home in Cleveland's premier suburb.  
216-491-1332 or [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com)

# shaker life

FEBRUARY | MARCH 2010  
VOLUME 28 ISSUE 1

SHAKER LIFE  
3400 Lee Road  
Shaker Heights, OH 44120  
WEBSITE: [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com)  
EMAIL: [shaker.mag@shakeronline.com](mailto:shaker.mag@shakeronline.com)  
VOICE MAIL: (216) 491-1459  
FAX: (216) 491-1408  
TTY: (216) 491-3161

EDITOR  
Rory O'Connor  
[rory@whelancom.com](mailto:rory@whelancom.com)

DESIGN & PRODUCTION COORDINATOR  
Jennifer Coiley Dial

CITY NEWS AND REAL ESTATE NEWS EDITOR  
Vicki Blank  
[vicki.blank@shakeronline.com](mailto:vicki.blank@shakeronline.com)

LIBRARY NEWS EDITOR  
Margaret Simon

OUT & ABOUT  
[shakerdates@aol.com](mailto:shakerdates@aol.com)

SHAKER SCHOOLS EDITORIAL ADVISOR  
Peggy Caldwell

ADVERTISING MANAGER  
John Moore, (216) 531-4044  
[shakerlife@shakeronline.com](mailto:shakerlife@shakeronline.com)

AD SALES REPRESENTATIVE  
Rebecca Wong

CONTRIBUTING WRITERS  
John Brandt, Beth Friedman-Romell,  
Christopher Johnston, Rita Kueber,  
Nancy O'Connor, Jennifer Proe, Sue Starrett

CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHERS  
Janet Century, Marc Golub, Green Street Studio,  
Caydie Heller, Kevin G. Reeves

READER COMMENTS:  
Please send comments and observations to Letters to the Editor,  
[shaker.mag@shakeronline.com](mailto:shaker.mag@shakeronline.com) or to Shaker Life,  
3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120.  
Letters may be edited for publication.

STORY SUBMISSIONS:  
Shaker Life does not accept unsolicited editorial material, but story  
suggestions from residents are welcome. Send suggestions by email  
or letter. Please do not call. We cannot respond to every suggestion  
but each will be given consideration.  
Freelancers: Please email the editor for guidelines.

SUBSCRIPTIONS:  
Kim Golem, (216) 491-1419  
SHAKER LIFE is published six times per year by the  
City of Shaker Heights, Department of Communications &  
Outreach, and distributed free to residents of the  
Shaker Heights City School District. Extra copies are available  
at area newsstands for \$3.50. See [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) for locations.

For general City information, call (216) 491-1400 or  
EMAIL: [city.hall@shakeronline.com](mailto:city.hall@shakeronline.com)

ADA NOTICE: Upon request, the City can provide  
published materials in alternative formats to  
accommodate a person with a visual impairment.

The views of the individuals and organizations interviewed  
in Shaker Life are not necessarily the official views  
of the City of Shaker Heights.

© City of Shaker Heights. All Rights Reserved.  
Printed on recycled paper.  
Please recycle this magazine.





## Warrensville/Van Aken Project Receives \$500,000 in Federal Funding

The City of Shaker Heights has been awarded \$500,000 in the 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Act, sponsored by Congresswoman Marcia L. Fudge and Senator Sherrod Brown. The funding allows the City to move forward in reconfiguring an intersection that has long bedeviled pedestrians and motorists. The six-legged intersection at Chagrin Boulevard, Van Aken Boulevard, and Warrensville Center Road will become a standard four-way intersection, paving the way for a major redevelopment of the area. Plans call for the 60-acre commercial district to become a vibrant mixed-use, retail and residential destination. Construction of the roads is slated to begin in 2012, after completion of environmental and engineering impact studies.

To date, the City has secured \$11.5 million in funds for roads, having previously received a \$4 million safety grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation, \$4.2 million in NOACA funding, and \$500,000 from the Cuyahoga County Engineer. In addition, City Council has authorized matching funds of \$2.3 million from the City's economic develop-

ment fund. Funding for the roads is just one piece of the puzzle needed to create the transit oriented mixed use district.

Mayor Earl Leiken commented, "We are deeply grateful to Congresswoman Fudge and Senator Brown for their leadership in securing these funds, which will help launch redevelopment of this district. This project, which will ultimately include the updated road pattern, a state of the art transit station, and a short extension of the rapid transit, will serve as a catalyst for economic revitalization in our area."

For updates on the project and to see a summary of input and design suggestions gathered at a public meeting last January, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

## City Discontinues Special Pickups, Expands Large Item Drop Off

In a continuing effort to save operating costs, the City will discontinue special pickups effective April 1. The City will save money by not having to maintain a dedicated truck for this purpose. Elimination of special pickups will also allow City workers to respond more quickly to daily customer service needs and other requests, such as nuisance grass cutting.

*continued on page 4*

## MyCom Receives MLK Human Relations Award

The Human Relations Commission presented its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for Human Relations to the MyCom South Shaker Youth Initiative Team at a public observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday last month.

The award was presented in recognition of MyCom's volunteering and community service aimed at helping Shaker youth and building Shaker neighborhoods so that all youth and families in Shaker Heights have the opportunity to participate in positive and engaging activities.

The MyCom South Shaker Youth Initiative Team's actions focus on achieving the same goals that Dr. King professed throughout his life; peace, nonviolence, equality, brotherhood, and social inclusion. The actions of every team member and every youth program are focused on educating and uplifting the spirit, mind, body, and intellect of all youth program participants.

Accepting the award for MyCom were John Lisy, executive director of the Shaker Heights Youth Center, Dr. Scott Frank, director of the Shaker Heights Health Department, Luren Dickinson, director of the Shaker Heights Public Library, and James J. Paces, executive director of curriculum for the Shaker schools.

The annual awards ceremony was held at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building where residents gathered to hear Felton Thomas, director of the Cleveland Public Library and to enjoy a performance by the Shaker Community Band led by Luiz Coelho.



WvA intersection.

## Special Pickups Discontinued/ Large Item Drop Off Expanded

*continued from page 3*

The City is compiling a list of qualified contractors who can provide pickup service at a comparable cost, and will make the list available to residents after the service is discontinued. The last day residents may call to schedule a pickup is March 29.

Large item drop off will now be available year-round, beginning April 1. Residents may bring large items to the Service Center on Saturdays from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Proof of residency is required. Residents should bring a driver's license and current utility bill (within 90 days) or vehicle registration. Acceptable items include appliances, furniture, building materials, and household items. Items that cannot be accepted include paint, computers, insecticides/pesticides, yard or lawn waste, rocks, bricks, or recyclables. The City offers computer and hazardous waste round-ups twice during the year; visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) for a schedule or for more information.

## Shaker Historical Society Appoints New Executive Director

The Shaker Historical Society named John Klassen as its new executive director last November. Klassen was executive director of the Massillon Museum from 1980-2003, where he initiated corporate sponsorships and a major endowment campaign. During his tenure, Klassen led a \$1.9 million renovation to house the Massillon Museum's major collections of photography, costumes, textiles, china, glass, and pottery. He served two terms as chair of the board of trustees of the Ohio Museums Association, and has won many awards during his career for service, design, and education.

Known for his creativity, Klassen has been curator for critically acclaimed exhibitions for local, national, and interna-

tional artists. "John has a profound understanding of the curatorial process and embraces the important role of a museum in enriching the quality of life in the community," said Ann Cicarella, SHS Board President.

Commenting on his vision for the Shaker Historical Society, Klassen said, "I am in the process of taking a close look at the collections, and I plan to re-install the exhibits to give them a fresh look." He also intends to re-vamp the SHS website, possibly drawing upon the help of volunteers through a college internship program. An avid gardener, Klassen is also interested in establishing a Shaker-style vegetable garden on the museum's extensive grounds.

"I am very interested in making connections with local organizations, and would love to hear suggestions from the community at large," he says. Klassen can be contacted at the Shaker Historical Society, 216-921-1201, or at [johnklassen@shakerhistory.com](mailto:johnklassen@shakerhistory.com).



## SHAC Presents Three "Ways of Looking"

This February, join the Shaker Arts Council for a program called "Ways of Looking," three conversations focused on different ways of looking at our world. The program is similar in nature to a popular program the Council presented last year, called "Ways of Telling," in which three representatives from the local community presented their experiences through words and images.

The program takes place at the Hanna Perkins Center, 19910 Malvern Road, on Monday evenings, February 8, 15, and 22, at 7 pm.

Ticket prices are \$25 for the series, or \$10 per individual lecture (students with valid ID: \$7.50 per lecture.) For more information visit [www.shakerartscouncil.org](http://www.shakerartscouncil.org) or call 216-464 -8109.

## RITA E-filing is "Fast, Simple, Secure, and Free"

The Regional Income Tax Agency wants residents to know that filing and paying their municipal income tax is as simple as click and send – and it's fast, safe, and free. RITA encourages online filing and payment, because it reduces paper and processing costs, saving taxpayers money.

To file RITA taxes electronically, you will need the following:

- Social Security numbers for you and your spouse
- W-2 forms from all employers
- 1099 forms and Federal Schedules C, E, & F
- Date of move for residents who moved in 2009
- Bank routing number and account number – for fast refund or to pay electronically

To have a RITA payment electronically debited from a checking or savings account, all that is required is the bank routing number and account number found at the bottom of your checks. Credit cards are also accepted.

For more information, visit [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com) or call 800-860-7482.

## Shaker Organizations Receive Cultural Grants

The trustees of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture (CAC) have awarded funding to 63 cultural institutions, three of which are based in Shaker Heights: the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, the Shaker Historical Society and Museum, and Verlezza Dance. The countywide source of public funds for arts and cultural organizations awarded nearly \$15 million in General Operating Support grants this year. The Nature Center received \$86,162, the Shaker Historical Society received \$19,847, and Verlezza Dance received \$12,597.

CAC is funded by proceeds from Issue 18, a cigarette tax levy that was passed in 2006. According to Shaker resident Meg Harris, interim executive director of CAC,



proceeds from the levy generated more than \$16 million in 2009. The majority of those funds are used to support General Operating Support grants for cultural organizations. In the past three years, CAC has awarded nearly \$45 million in GOS grants.

Steven A. Minter, president of CAC's five-member board and a long-time Shaker resident, commented, "The current economic climate has dealt profound challenges to organizations and institutions that are integral to this community's identity. With the establishment of CAC, the citizens of Cuyahoga County have made an incredibly sound investment – one whose impacts we are only beginning to realize."

Significant grants were also awarded to some of Cleveland's finest cultural gems, including the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Museum of Art, PlayhouseSquare Foundation, and Ideastream.

Local cultural organizations are encouraged to visit the CAC website for information on additional funding opportunities, at [www.cacgrants.org](http://www.cacgrants.org).



### New Location for Shaker's "Black Tie Block Party"

The Shaker Schools Foundation's annual fundraiser, *A Night for the Red and White*, will be held this year at the Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in Mayfield Heights on Saturday, March 13. Each year the celebration brings together parents, faculty members, and community leaders to benefit students in the Shaker Schools. Now in its 18th year, the benefit has raised over \$1.7 million for educational enrichment opportunities focusing on the arts, technology, health, and fitness. For event information, contact Christine Auginas, Executive Director of the Shaker Schools Foundation, at 216-295-4325, or [auginas\\_c@shaker.org](mailto:auginas_c@shaker.org).

## Business News

### Lebanese Grill Coming Soon to Chagrin Boulevard

Shaker residents can look forward to savoring the Middle Eastern cuisine of The Lebanese Grill, an authentic, family-owned restaurant that once was located in downtown Cleveland. Its proposed new location is 20126 Chagrin Boulevard the former site of Matsu Restaurant. City Council approved a \$10,000 job creation grant from the City's economic development fund to help subsidize a projected \$12,000 worth of exterior improvements and \$75,000 in interior remodeling costs.

Lee George, the proprietor, is an experienced chef and restaurateur. He promises gourmet Lebanese cuisine, using creative recipes most Clevelanders have not yet experienced. Matt Wolf, of Wolf Maison – Architecture and Design, plans to create a Bauhaus-inspired interior, with granite tables, ergonomic leather and steel chairs, and modular art paneled walls. Mayor Earl Leiken commented, "The Lebanese Grill is a quality restaurant, with the potential to be a really good asset to the City."

## Shaker News Briefs

- The International Mediation Institute (IMI), as part of the American Arbitration Association, has designated Shaker resident **Deborah A. Coleman** as a Certified Mediator. Coleman is a partner with Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP, where she specializes in complex commercial litigation, particularly with regard to antitrust and intellectual property issues.

"We are pleased to see Deborah, a longtime leader in the field of mediation, earn this significant designation," said Lawrence E. Oscar, Managing Partner and CEO of the firm. Coleman was named the first woman partner of Hahn Loeser in 1984. She frequently serves as

a mediator for complex business disputes throughout the country and also provides counsel and representation on issues involving professional ethics.

- Mayor Earl Leiken appointed **William S. Gaskill** to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term, beginning January of 2010. During his long career in public service, he has served as city manager of East Cleveland, director of public utilities for the City of Cleveland, executive assistant to the deputy mayor for the District of Columbia, county administrator of Cuyahoga County, and executive director for the Federation for Community Planning.

He joined Jones Day in 1980 as firm director of administration, retiring in 2009. He has been a trustee and officer of the MetroHealth System since 1980, and currently serves as its chairperson. Gaskill is also a member of the Cleveland State University Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Visiting Committee and is Past President of the Citizens League of Greater Cleveland.

- The American String Teachers Association (ASTA) announced that **Daniel Zhou** was one of three recipients of the 2009 Potter's Violins Instrument Awards, a program that grants promising young stringed instrument players with high-quality instruments. Zhou is a senior at Shaker Heights High School and an accomplished violinist. The value of the three instruments awarded totals nearly \$10,000.

The Potter Violin Company is the largest purveyor of fine stringed instruments in the Mid-Atlantic region, and donates Heinrich Lutiger violins, violas, or cellos annually for the ASTA competition. ASTA is the largest membership organization for string and orchestra teachers and players across the country.

## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm on Saturday, February 6, March 6 & 27 in the Police Depart-



# WE BUY STERLING SILVER TEA SETS AND FLATWARE

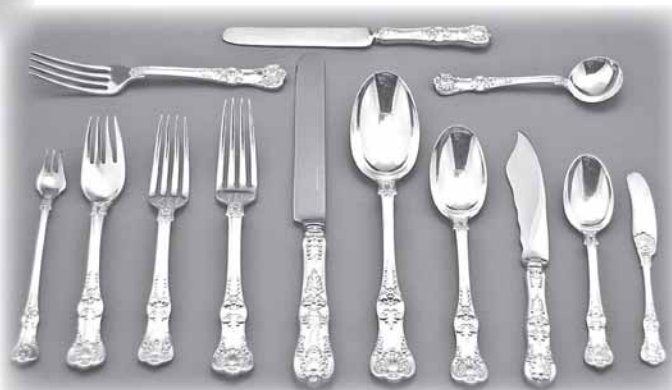


## INSTANT CASH

for Your Sterling  
Silver Flatware &  
Tea Sets

## YES - WE BUY BROKEN JEWELRY!

We Pay Cash for Anything  
Made of GOLD, SILVER or  
PLATINUM



# 216.650.GOLD

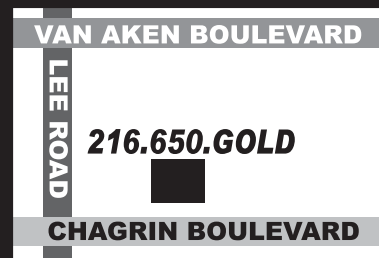
**16933 Chagrin Boulevard • Shaker Heights**

*Shaker Towne Center • Corner of Chagrin and Lee Rd.*

**216-702-4653 • Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-6:30 pm**

**Parma**  
**5444 Pearl Road**  
*Intersection of Pearl & Ridge*  
*Next to Parma Hardware*  
**216-650-GOLD**

**Mentor**  
**6986 Heisley Road**  
*Corner of Heisley and Mentor Avenue*  
*Next to Parkview Federal Bank*  
**440-241-1150**



For a complete list of items we purchase visit our website [www.650GOLD.com](http://www.650GOLD.com)



## city news ❁

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

**House Numbers:** City ordinance requires residents to display their address in a way that is clearly visible from the street. Check to be sure your house number is easy to spot in every season. Homeowners should trim shrubbery as needed and remove any snow that may obscure a sign placed in the ground.

**Nominations for Customer Service:** 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 2010. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) as well as at the reception areas of City Hall, Shaker Community Building, Court, Police, Fire, Public Works and Thornton Park.

**Contractors:** While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com). Lists are updated regularly.

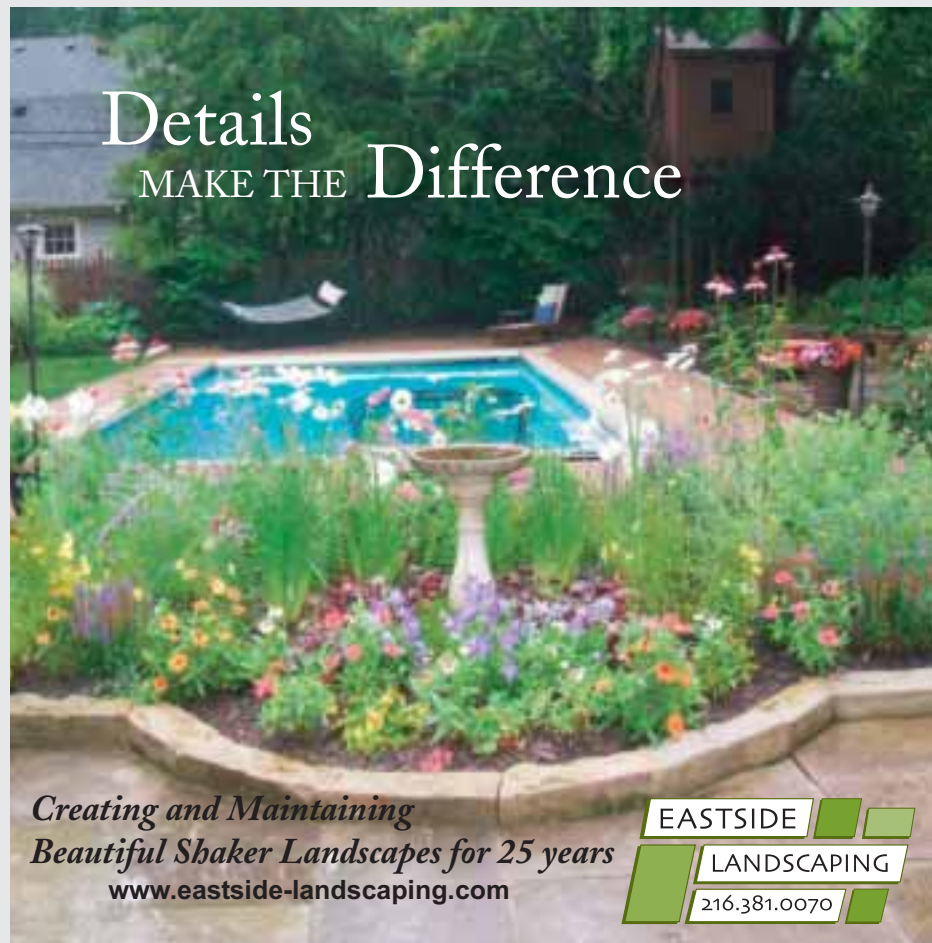
**E-News Updates:** Don't miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about your community. Visit the homepage of [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

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

**Parking Ban:** There is no parking permitted on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 am.

**Power outages:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 888-544-4877.

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



# Details MAKE THE Difference

*Creating and Maintaining  
Beautiful Shaker Landscapes for 25 years*  
[www.eastside-landscaping.com](http://www.eastside-landscaping.com)

EASTSIDE  
LANDSCAPING  
216.381.0070



## GEROME'S

KITCHEN & BATH DESIGN CENTER

Since 1952

Showroom Hrs:  
Mon.-Fri. 9-5  
Sat. - 10-2

Visit Our Showroom At:  
5576 MAYFIELD  
EAST 440-473-1900  
WEST 440-237-7111

We do the Complete Job!  
[www.geromes.com](http://www.geromes.com)

Bank Financing

THE GOLD LOCK OF KOHLER

PRO NKBA



## The Mysterious Meaning of “Very”

In a spring 2009 survey of Shaker Heights High School students conducted by the Shaker Prevention Coalition, more than 27 percent of students said that they had been to a party during the past month at which parents permitted teen alcohol use.

As a parent, you cannot legally give alcohol to your teen’s friends under the age of 21, under any circumstance, even in your own home, even with their parent’s permission.

Further, you cannot knowingly allow a person under 21, other than your own child, to remain in your home or on your property while consuming or possessing alcohol.

The good news is that nearly three-quarters of our high school students said they had not attended such a party. This is important since some parents (and some teens) would have you believe it is usual to hold or to attend alcohol parties. It is not.

In 2009, about 38 percent of Shaker High School students reported drinking at least once in the previous month. This is significantly fewer than the 46 percent drinking across Ohio in 2009 and the 48 percent drinking in Shaker in 2004. Perhaps more importantly, “only” 17 percent of Shaker teens report binge drinking (at least five drinks in an episode during the previous month) in 2009, significantly fewer than the rest of Ohio (26 percent) and fewer than were binge drinking in Shaker in 2004 (26 percent).

One reason there is less alcohol use in Shaker Heights now than there was in 2004 may relate to the efforts of the Shaker Prevention Coalition (SPC). Since the initiation of the SPC in 2002, the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, designed by the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention, has been conducted to help identify problem areas among Shaker teens.


Among the most telling of the information gathered relates to a question asked of Middle School and High School students: “How wrong do your parents feel it would be for you to drink beer, wine, or hard liquor (for example vodka, whiskey, or gin) regularly?” Teens are given the option of responding “very wrong; wrong; a little wrong; or not wrong at all.”

By far, most teens believe their parents think that drinking alcohol is very wrong (High School 65 percent, Middle School 84 percent) or wrong (High School 20 percent, Middle School nine percent). But a meaningful minority of teens believes their parents consider underage drinking a little wrong (High School 12 percent, Middle School five percent) or not wrong at all (High School four percent, Middle School 2.5 percent).

The fallacy of parental permissiveness is the belief that teens will restrict themselves to the behaviors their parents have sanctioned. When parents do not communicate effectively that alcohol for teens is *very wrong*, their children are far more likely to become

lifetime drinkers (89 percent vs. 61 percent) and current drinkers (63 percent vs. 28 percent). Teens with parents who communicate lower levels of disapproval about teen alcohol are more likely to binge drink (31 percent vs. 11 percent), drive with a drinker (63 percent vs. 23 percent), drive drunk (19 percent vs. six percent), drink at school (7.5 percent vs. two percent), and begin drinking before the age of 13 years (22 percent vs. 13 percent).

When a teen perceives parental ambivalence about alcohol use, he or she may escalate risky behavior to demonstrate defiance. And it is not just alcohol. Teens with parents who have more permissive attitudes about alcohol are also more likely to smoke cigarettes (16 percent vs. nine percent), use marijuana (34 percent vs. 16 percent), and to be sexually active (42 percent vs. 28 percent).

Surprising? After all, these findings are based on a simple teen perception, perhaps even a misperception. The difference in teen choices based on the word *very* being associated with the word *wrong* is remarkable. *Very wrong* does not guarantee teens will make healthy choices, but it certainly does improve the odds. 

**Shaker MAPS** (Maintaining the Adult Protective Shield) is a program sponsored by the SPC to encourage parents and the adult community to have a greater awareness of the impact of parental permissiveness on our teens. Membership in Shaker MAPS is confirmation that parents in this household will not knowingly allow teen alcohol, drug use, or sexual activity to occur in their home, and will not deliberately look the other way so that they can claim they did not know. Shaker MAPS parents do not allow teens to gather in their home without adult supervision; they welcome calls from other parents to check on the nature of teen gatherings at their home; and they encourage and support other parents who are likewise committed. For information visit [shakerprevention.org](http://shakerprevention.org) or contact Shaker MAPS at (216) 491-1409.





# Dureiko DESIGN/BUILD Construction

*Understanding the value of detail & quality*

216/321.9555 [dureiko.com](http://dureiko.com)

**NKBA** The Finest  
Professionals  
in the Kitchen  
& Bath Industry  
National Kitchen & Bath Association<sup>SM</sup>

**ADDITIONS/KITCHENS/BATHS/WHOLE HOUSE REMODELS/WINE ROOMS/BASEMENTS**

For more information about how Dureiko Construction can design/build your next project, give us a call or visit us on the web.



216-663-6462 [jjimellia@ameritech.net](mailto:jjimellia@ameritech.net)

Jim Ellia  
Owner

## Sales, Service & Installation

Unico High Velocity A/C  
Snowmelt Systems  
Radiant Heating Systems  
Heating, Boilers & A/C

Providing a Healthier Living Environment for your Family!



**NO JOB IS TOO SMALL!**  
Please call us to find out how  
our handy man service works.

**DUREIKO CONSTRUCTION**  
216/321.9555  
[dureiko.com](http://dureiko.com)





DIAMONDS ARE A GIRL'S BEST FRIEND.  
So is new carpeting for your home. We've got both.



carpet



laminate



tile



hardwood

FALL IN LOVE AGAIN,  
WITH YOUR HOME.

**Bedford Heights**  
23760 Miles Road  
216-662-5550

**Macedonia**  
874 East Aurora Road  
330-467-2100

**Mentor**  
8653 Mentor Avenue  
440-255-4068

**North Royalton**  
13513 West 130th Street  
440-877-2100

CALVETTA BROS.  
**Floor Show**

CARPET - CERAMIC - HARDWOOD - LAMINATE

[www.CalvettaBrothers.com](http://www.CalvettaBrothers.com)

## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between August 1 and September 30, 2009 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are “quit claim” transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2009 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3323 ABERDEEN ROAD	\$200,000	\$218,000 (2004)
21176 CLAYTHORNE ROAD	\$395,000	\$375,000 (2000)
3385 DALEFORD ROAD	\$286,000	\$265,000 (2001)
23877 DUFFIELD ROAD	\$186,000	\$239,900 (2000)
22130 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$214,000	\$187,500 (2006)
2894 FONTENAY ROAD	\$535,000	\$630,000 (2001)
2674 GREEN ROAD	\$65,000	\$ 53,334 (2009)
3344 GRENWAY ROAD	\$183,000	\$288,750 (2006)
3365 GRENWAY ROAD	\$247,000	\$268,350 (2000)
22826 HOLMWOOD ROAD	\$275,000	\$265,000 (2006)
3725 LATIMORE ROAD	\$40,000	\$ 51,176 (2008)
18222 LYNTON ROAD	\$240,000	\$260,000 (1999)
18508 LYNTON ROAD	\$325,000	\$194,000 (2008)
3592 LYTLE ROAD	\$193,000	\$200,000 (2003)
3340 MILVERTON ROAD	\$82,000	\$ 25,500 (2008)
21899 RYE ROAD	\$171,500	\$205,000 (2003)
22599 RYE ROAD	\$234,000	\$249,000 (2008)
14410 SHAKER BLVD	\$407,500	\$559,900 (2003)
23300 SHAKER BLVD	\$145,235	\$195,000 (2007)
3632 SUTHERLAND ROAD	\$179,000	\$217,000 (2006)
3655 TRAVER ROAD	\$186,000	\$191,500 (2003)
2977 WARRENSVILLE	\$118,000	\$160,000 (2004)
2983 WARRENSVILLE	\$118,000	\$170,000 (2004)
3072 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$239,900	\$227,500 (2000)
3131 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$208,200	\$ 95,595 (2008)

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

22132 BYRON ROAD	\$170,000	\$215,000 (1998)
2700 CHESTERTON ROAD	\$791,480	\$805,000 (1998)
21925 PARNELL ROAD	\$540,000	\$443,000 (1994)

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

3573 NORMANDY ROAD	\$134,900	\$106,000 (1989)
20050 SHAKER BLVD	\$725,000	\$280,000 (1991)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## Become “Certified Shaker”

Give yourself a leg up on the competition by attaining certification in this unique program, which is offered to landlords at no charge. Among other benefits, properties that meet or exceed City standards of excellence are promoted on the City’s website and are shown to prospective renters by relocation specialists.

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

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

## Certified Shaker Properties

### Apartments:

3680 Norwood Road  
Norwood Apartments  
Owner: Robert Jacobs  
Certified 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009

19606-36 Van Aken Blvd  
The Courtyards  
Owner: Joe Alberino  
Certified 2009

### Rental Homes:

3559 Gridley Road, Owners:  
Bruce & Karen Altchouler  
Certified 2003, 2004, 2009

3683 Lindholm Road  
Owner: Christine Harkness  
Certified 2009

22650 Westchester Road  
Owner: Ruth Feig  
Certified 2009

18419 Winslow Road  
Owners: David & Diana Chrien  
Certified 2006, 2009

19411 Winslow Road  
Owner: John K. Livingston  
Certified 2009

### Send in Nominations for Landmark Awards

The Landmark Commission is now seeking nominations for the 2010 Preservation Awards program. Exterior projects completed within the last two years are eligible. Those projects meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation will be recognized. The Standards for Rehabilitation are basic

principles created to help preserve the distinctive character of a historic building and its site, while allowing for reasonable change to meet new needs.

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission established its Preservation Awards program in 1998 to recognize and highlight efforts by property owners who have preserved and improved their properties. This awards program is mirrored after the program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 1971.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 30 to the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission. Nomination forms are available at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com). You may also write a letter explaining why the property is being nominated. Include your name and telephone number, as well as the nominee's name, address, and telephone number. A high quality, color photograph of the property is required.

Please note that submission photos become the property of the City and will not be returned.

Contact Ann Klavora at 216-291-1436 or [ann.klavora@shakeronline.com](mailto:ann.klavora@shakeronline.com) for additional information.

### The (Building) Doctor Is In!

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office has selected Shaker Heights as one of seven communities statewide to host a "2010 Building Doctor Clinic." Each two-day clinic begins with a free seminar on topics like roof repair, windows, wood repair, masonry, and other maintenance issues of interest to owners of buildings more than 50 years old. On the second day, the "doctors" will make rounds of ailing buildings in the area to examine problems and prescribe cures. Look for announcements regarding upcoming dates, or visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) for more information.



### THE WILLIAM N. SKIRBALL WRITERS CENTER STAGE PROGRAM

IS BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION AND CLEVELAND MAGAZINE.

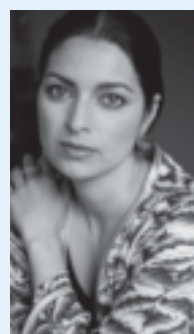
ANNOUNCING  
**2009  
2010  
SERIES**



**April 13, 2010**

Poet **MARY OLIVER** (born in Maple Heights, Ohio, in 1935) is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry and prose, including *American Primitive* (winner of a Pulitzer Prize), *New and Selected Poems* (a National Book Award winner) and *House of Light* (winner of

the Christopher Award and the L. L. Winship/PEN New England Award). Her most recent poetry collection, *Evidence*, was released in April of 2009.



**May 11, 2010**

**JHUMPA LAHIRI**, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning collection of short stories, *Interpreter of Maladies*, and the critically acclaimed novel, *The Namesake*, an international bestseller. Lahiri's second collection of short stories, *Unaccustomed Earth*,

debuted at #1 on the *New York Times* bestseller list and earned the author the prestigious 2009 Commonwealth Writers Prize for Best Book.



Cuyahoga County  
Public Library  
Foundation

**Cleveland**  
Magazine

### BEST SEATS GO QUICKLY, RESERVE TODAY!



PlayhouseSquare

To purchase Single Author Program tickets, call **216.241.6000** or visit [writerscenterstage.org](http://writerscenterstage.org).

All programs will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Ohio Theatre at PlayhouseSquare, 1511 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115. Each program will be followed by a book signing in the lobby.

**SPONSORS:** Cuyahoga County Public Library; Bostwick Design Partnership; Dominion Foundation; Eaton Corporation; Margaret Wong & Assoc. CO., LPA; Roetzel & Andress; Ulmer & Berne LLP

**PARTNERS:** Joseph-Beth Booksellers; PlayhouseSquare and The Ritz-Carlton, Cleveland





# library news

## Five-Star Library

The stars have aligned again for the Library as it received a 5-star ranking by the Library Journal Index. This is the second year in a row the Library has been so honored, and it places Shaker Library among the best public libraries in the nation. According to Library Board president Donna Whyte, "This is an amazing accomplishment and high compliment to the staff and community who continue to make Shaker's library so outstanding."

Shaker Library earned the highest score of any library in Cuyahoga County, the second highest of any library our size or larger in Ohio, and the third highest score of all libraries our size or larger in the United States. In terms of the numbers of material checked out on a per capita basis, the Library is fourth in the country and third in Ohio among multi-branch systems, and fifth in the nation for all libraries serving a population of 30,000 or more.

The 2010 ratings were based upon per capita statistics reported in 2007.

## Library Helps Customers SCORE

Need help writing a business plan? Searching for financing? Want solutions for small business concerns? Sign up for SCORE at the Library and get help from the experts. Both profit and non-profit ventures are welcome.

In 2005, as an outgrowth of its business program series, the Library formed a partnership with Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE). This partnership has helped business people seeking advice on topics such as business start ups, marketing, accounting, and human resources. It connects them to retired SCORE executives who offer free counseling and business advice.

The Shaker Library-SCORE partnership provides an important one-to-one mentoring link for small or home-based businesses. Residents seeking information on business plans or business development issues can complete a contact form, which is available at either Library. The form is sent to SCORE, which then matches the clients to the counselors with their particular expertise, who contact them to schedule a meeting. Most consultations are conveniently scheduled at Main Library at agreeable times.

SCORE's Cleveland Chapter secretary, Mike Weissman, says the SCORE program with Shaker Library is the most successful ongoing outreach program for the group. According to Adult Services librarian Ed Rossman, "The success of the program is largely due to library displays and staff efforts in promoting the free service to its community and its library visitors."

Following the free consultation, librarians are available to help find business resources. In addition, Main Library has a Computer Center, which offers the full Microsoft Office software package, including word processing, and spreadsheet and database-building software.

Recently the SCORE at the Library program held its 300th consultation. Among these consultations, 51 percent were for advice about home-based businesses and 41 percent were for business people seeking advice on ways to improve or grow their businesses.

The program has provided business advice on starting a childcare operation, an entertainment business, home improvement and remodeling services, cosmetology, janitorial services, and catering.

A new emphasis for SCORE and the Small Business Association is the Patriot Express Pilot Loan Initiative.

*continued on page 15*



## Recap of Caps for Kids 2009

In December, more than 200 knitted or crocheted caps and scarves were delivered to Project Act and distributed to homeless children in the Cleveland Public School System. Library staff members and participants in the Library's Knit Night generously gave their time and talents to benefit the children. Pictured are Dr. Marcia Zashin, Director of Project Act, and Fern Braverman, Shaker Library's Knit Night moderator, admiring some of the many caps.

**MAIN LIBRARY** ■ 16500 VAN AKEN BOULEVARD ■ 216-991-2030  
**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH** ■ 20600 FAYETTE ROAD ■ 216-991-2421

#### **PLAY AND LEARN AT MAIN LIBRARY**

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6-8 pm Tuesdays

*No registration required.*

#### **PLAY AND LEARN BABIES**

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

10 am-noon Thursdays & Saturdays

*No registration required.*

#### **PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS**

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

10 am-noon Wednesdays

*One-time registration is required; call Family Connections: 216 921-2030.*

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

#### **SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES IN THE PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

Stories and fun for preschoolers

11 am Saturdays Main Library

*No registration necessary.*

#### **NESTLINGS**

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

Spring Session: March 16–May 5  
(Must be target age by March 15.)

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

9:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library  
(This class is held on the 2nd floor in Meeting Room B.)

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, March 1.*

(No programs the week of March 29–April 3.)

#### **FLEDGLINGS**

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

Spring Session: March 16–May 5  
(Must be target age by March 15.)

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

10:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library  
(The class is held on the 2nd floor in Meeting Room B.)

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, March 1.* (No programs the week of March 29–April 3.)

#### **TERRIFIC TWOS**

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

Spring session: March 15–May 6  
(Must be 2 years old by March 15.)

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays  
at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays or Thursdays  
at Main Library

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, March 1.*

(No programs the week of March 29–April 3.)

#### **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3 through 5 years.

Winter Session: January 5–March 25  
1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Thursdays

at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

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

(No programs the week of March 29–April 3.)

#### **PAJAMA STORIES**

##### **AT WOODS BRANCH**

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

7:15 pm Mondays, February 15 and March 15

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning 2 weeks before the story time.*

#### **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.

Spring Session: March 16–May 4  
4:15 pm Tuesdays

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning March 2.* (No program the week of March 29–April 3.)

#### **AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES**

(Grades K and up)

Looking for something to do after school? Drop by Bertram Woods Branch or the Main Library for stories, crafts, games, and more. Fun guaranteed! *No reservations required.*

4:15 pm Mondays at Woods Branch

4:15 pm Thursdays at Main Library

Winter session ends March 4.

### MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL REBECCA

(Grades 1-5)

Meet the newest American Girl Doll. Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Rebecca's era.

2-3:30 pm Saturday, February 6 at Woods Branch

*Registration began Saturday, January 23.*

2-3:30 pm Saturday, March 6 at Main Library

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Saturday, February 20.*

### PAWS FOR READING AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades K and up)

Spend some time with man's best friend. Practice your reading skills or just enjoy reading aloud to dogs from Northcoast Therapaws. Bring your favorite book to read or borrow one from the library.

2-4 pm Saturday, February 20

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Saturday, February 6.*

### BASEBALL CARD ADVENTURE

#### AT WOODS BRANCH

(Grades 1 and up)

Learn about some historic baseball players and the times in which they lived. Listen to a chapter from one of Dan Gutman's Baseball Card Adventure books, make a baseball craft, sample a ballpark-style snack, and bring baseball cards to share or trade.

4:15-5:15 pm Monday, March 15

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Monday, March 1.*

### THE HOMEWORK CENTER

#### AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades 2-6)

Free homework help provided by teachers under the supervision of Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor,

Cleveland Public Schools.

4-6:30 pm Mondays & Wednesdays in Main Library Meeting Room F

*An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.* (The Homework Center will be closed Monday, March 29 & Wednesday, March 31 & Monday, April 5 for Spring Recess.)

The Homework Center is funded by MyCom.

### Library Helps Customers SCORE

*continued from page 13*

This is for veterans and members of the military community and their spouses who want to start or expand a small business and need small business loans to do so.

Information on this resource, as well as the SCORE at the Library service, is available at the Information Desks at both Libraries.

This year, SCORE will also offer a monthly series of free business programs on Tuesday evenings at the Main Library.

7 pm Tuesday February 23, SCORE will present *The ABCs of Starting a Business*. Whether you are just formulating a concept, or ready to start a business and don't know what questions to ask, this program is for you. The speaker will provide a general overview of the questions you must ask yourself and answer to start a small business.

7 pm Tuesday, March 23, SCORE presents *Writing the Business Plan*. This session will provide small business owners with the information needed to complete a business plan, that can be used to help manage the business, or to present to a bank for financing.

All programs are free; however, reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2030.

### Library Offers Job Seeker Programs

Looking for work in this economy is challenging. Shaker Library offers two afternoon programs for job seekers, featuring Giannoula Harris from the Cleveland Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management.

Harris works for Staffing Solutions Enterprises and is the on-site workforce manager for the STERIS Corporation, where she manages the temporary and temp-to-hire staffing. She also assists with the recruitment of specialized permanent positions. Prior to her employment with Staffing Solutions, she worked as a Human Resources Generalist for a medical service company. Harris received her bachelor's degree in Psychology, with a minor in Business Administration, from Ohio University.

2 pm Wednesday, February 17, Harris presents *Getting Your Foot in the Door* when she will offer tips on how to reach prospective employers. She will suggest some job search strategies and talk about how to network, and how to write cover letters and resumes.

2 pm Wednesday, March 10, Harris will discuss *Excelling at Interviews* when she will talk about what applicants should and should not do in job interviews.

The programs are free; however, registration is requested by calling 216-991-2030.

### Poetry Back in the Woods

February's poetry performance is scheduled for Thursday, February 25, at Bertram Woods Branch and will feature regional poets Ari Lesser and Nina Freedlander Gibans reading from their recent writings. Tuesday, March 23, arts advocate Kathleen Cerveney will perform her poetry.

The programs are sponsored by Friends of the Shaker Library and begin at 7 pm.

*continued on next page*



## library news

*Custom Designs in Ornamental, Wood and Vinyl*



**Security, Safety, Beauty...Henry Fence**

440.951.9009 [www.henryfence.com](http://www.henryfence.com)

**CHAGRIN RIVER COMPANY, INC.**



*Fine Kitchen, Bath and Room Additions*

**DESIGN / BUILD**



8437 Mayfield Road, Suite 101  
Chesterland, Ohio 44026  
440-729-7270  
[www.chagrinriverco.com](http://www.chagrinriverco.com)

Ari Lesser is a spoken-word artist from Cleveland Heights. He performs a mixture of poetry, hip-hop, and song, with subject matter ranging from politics, to love, to the Torah. He is the son of Ray Lesser and Susan



**Lesser**

Wolpert, publishers and editors of The Funny Times.

Nina Freedlander Gibans is a well-known arts advocate, author, and teacher. She lived, wrote and read in San Francisco during the Beat Era and has read at museums, libraries,



**Gibans**

and bookstores in the Cleveland area. Her publications include 18 Gardeners and their Gardens, Silver Apples of the Moon: Art & Poetry, and Creative Essence 1900-2000. She co-edited Cleveland Poetry Scenes and helped to develop a companion website. In 2009, The LIT (Cleveland's Literary Center) honored her for her service to the writing community. Gibans will read from her new book, And So I Must Imagine.

Kathleen Cervený is the arts program director for the Cleveland Foundation.



**Cervený**

A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, she has taught art at the high school and University levels, maintained a ceramic studio, and helped launch the New Organization for the Visual Arts (NOVA). She is a past President of Ohio Designer Craftsmen, and was WCPN's first producer and broadcast journalist for the arts. She



joined the Cleveland Foundation in 1991. She has overseen all of its arts grantmaking, including several major initiatives, one of which led to the development of the 2006 Issue 18 campaign for local public support for the arts. In 2008, she was named a Distinguished Educator by the Northeast Ohio Arts Education Association. Also in 2008, she launched the arts initiative Creative Fusion.

Poetry is Kathleen's latest mode of creative expression. She works and reads with Take Nine, a group of local women poets, and has been published in *Tributaries*, a journal of nature writing, and by Luna Press. One of her poems was published on RTA bus cards as part of The LIT's Moving Minds poetry project and she is as of this writing, the reigning Haiku Death Match Champion of Cleveland.

## Shaker Art Gallery at Main Library

Got the winter blahs? Brighten your spir-its with the local art exhibit, *Winter Blues to Winter Hues*. The exhibit of two-dimensional works will be on display through March 11 in the Shaker Art Gallery located on the Main Library second floor. Featured artists are Bonnie Dolin, Marti Higgins, Jodie Kantor, Anne Kibbe, Beth Marken, Eddie Mitchell, Lisa Schonberg, and Bobby Zamora.

All art is available for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits the Art Gallery. Shaker Art Gallery is a new collaboration of the Shaker Library and Shaker Arts Council.

For additional information please contact Margaret Simon at 216-991-2030 ex. 3005 or [msimon@shakerlibrary.org](mailto:msimon@shakerlibrary.org) or Leslye Arian at 216-470-9104 or [larian@roadrunner.com](mailto:larian@roadrunner.com).



## The Bookshelf:

Recommended Read-Alouds  
for Bedtime or Anytime

*The Dark-Thirty: Southern Tales of the Supernatural* by Patricia C. McKissack, illustrated by Brian Pinkney. Alfred A. Knopf, 1992. The ten original stories in this collection "rooted in African American history and the oral storytelling tradition" make good, spooky read-alouds for families with older children in grades 4 and up.

*Heidi* by Johanna Spyri, illustrated by Jessie Wilcox Smith. William Morrow and Company, 1996. This children's classic is the tale of orphan Heidi, as she moves from her grandfather's rural home in the Swiss Alps to the city of Frankfurt to be a companion to a crippled girl named Clara.

*I Need a Lunch Box* by Jeannette Caines, illustrated by Pat Cummings. HarperCollins, 1988. A boy wants a lunch box just like his sister's, but Mom says "No, not until you start school." He dreams of different lunch boxes, what they would look like, and what he would carry in them. The surprise ending will make listeners of all ages smile.

*The Other Side* by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by E.B. Lewis. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2001. This is the story of two girls, one black and one white, and the fence that separates their houses. Told in the engaging voice of a child, and beautifully illustrated, it acknowledges the existence of racial tensions, even as it shows children devising their own ways of bridging barriers.

*Sideways Stories From Wayside School* by Louis Sachar, illustrated by Julie Brinckloe. Morrow Junior Books, 1998. These laugh-

out-loud stories about an unusual school filled with an odd assortment of teachers and students will delight both boys and girls and those who have the pleasure of reading to them.

*Treasure Island* by Robert Louis Stevenson, illustrated by John Lawrence. Candlewick Press, 2009. Intricately crafted hand colored engravings bring to life young Jim Hawkins' perilous adventures with pirates at sea and on land as he follows a treasure map that leads to a fortune in pirate's gold. The swashbuckling adventure will keep the whole family on the edge of their seats!

*The Trolls* by Polly Horvath. Farrar Straus & Giroux, 1999. When Mr. And Mrs. Anderson's babysitter calls off just before their trip to Paris, eccentric Aunt Sally arrives from Canada to stay with the three Anderson children. Her colorful personality and hilarious family stories make it a week to remember and give the children insight into how one cruel deed can change lives.

*Truckery Rhymes (Jon Scieszka's Trucktown)* by Jon Scieszka, illustrated by David Shannon, Loren Long and David Gordon. Simon & Schuster, 2009. This clever, entertaining, fun-filled collection of truck rhymes, with words that replace the words of twenty-two of the most familiar Mother Goose rhymes, is a wonderful book to read or sing aloud – in fact, the more, the merrier!

*What! Cried Granny An Almost Bedtime Story* by Kate Lum, illustrated by Adrian Johnson. Puffin Books, 1998. Patrick's first-time sleepover at Granny's develops into the hilarious realization that all the things that he needs in order to go to bed, Granny must make for him. A bed, a pillow, a blanket, and a teddy bear take all night to make. Finally, when Patrick has what he needs, it's morning! The engaging repetition and charming illustrations will have

**"We are so fortunate to have  
Anisfield Day Camp available for our children  
right here in our own community."**

– Mindi A., camp parent

**Mandel JCC Day Camps**

Canoeing, kayaking, team sports, arts & crafts, instructional swim, performing arts, nature, Israeli culture, music & tennis, are just some of the neat things your child will experience at The Mandel JCC's outstanding day camps.

We have an array of camp options for children from 4 years old through Grade 9:

- Anisfield Day Camp
- Anisfield Maccabi Sports Village
- Francine and Benson Pilloff Family Playmakers Performing Arts Camp
- Playland Day Camp



THE MANDEL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER  
OF CLEVELAND

26001 S. Woodland Road, Beachwood, OH

**Don't miss out! Call 216-593-6249 • [www.mandeljcc.org](http://www.mandeljcc.org)**

**Specializing in Residential Driveways**

**CLASS 1 PAVERS & REMODELERS**  
**Small Repairs Welcome!**

**Masonry**

- Asphalt • Concrete • Windows • Siding • Insulation
- Roofing • Gutters • Kitchens & Baths • Porch Repair
- Garage Repair • Violations Corrected

*Call for Free Estimates*

**216.397.6349**

**[www.class1pavers.com](http://www.class1pavers.com)**



**DREAMING UP THE IDEAL RETIREMENT  
IS YOUR JOB. HELPING YOU GET THERE IS OURS.**

To see why it makes sense to get ready for retirement  
now, call today.

**Tom Giberson**  
Financial Advisor

28500 Miles Road Suite H  
Solon, OH 44139  
440-248-1619

[www.edwardjones.com](http://www.edwardjones.com) Member SIPC

**Edward Jones**  
MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

**library news**

everyone begging to hear it again and again.

*Wolf* by Becky Bloom, illustrated by Pascal Biet. Orchard Books, 1999. While Wolf struggles with his reading, just like a normal kid, he soon becomes an impressive reader. Now, instead of wanting to eat the "educated" animals, they want him to read to them! Lush, colorful cartoon-like illustrations will enchant all readers.

**Shaker "History Works  
in Progress" Series**

In celebration of Bertram Woods Branch's impending 50th anniversary, the Library has scheduled a series for and about local authors who are in the process of writing the history of our town. Learn what books are in the making and offer your historical perspectives to the authors at evening programs at Bertram Woods Branch.

7 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Sabine Kretschmar, former Executive Director of the Shaker Historical Society, speaks about the Clark-Lee Freeway struggle and the birth of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

7 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 16 John Carroll University professor, Marian J. Morton, speaks about the congregations of faith in Shaker Heights.

*The programs are free; however reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421.*

**Free Computer Classes  
at Main Library**

Warm up your computer skills at the Library. Classes last one and a half hours and range from the basics of how to set up and use an email account to job searching online and how to use PowerPoint® and Excel® programs to your best advantage.



The classes are free; however registration is required and begins two weeks before the class. Call the Computer Center at Main Library for more information: 216-991-2030 ex. 3185. If you reach the library's automated attendant, dial 8 to reach the Computer Center.

## **INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

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

## **INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:**

### **ONLINE JOB HUNTING**

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, MARCH 2

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

## **INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®**

10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas. Participants must be able to use the mouse.



## **MOUSE CLASS**

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, MARCH 8

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

## **WINWAY RESUME WRITING**

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, MARCH 9

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 11. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

## **INTERNET CLASS**

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 4

Discover how to find and use a wide variety of online resources and learn to "surf" the web.

## **INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:**

### **GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™**

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet and invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively.

## **ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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

## **CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®**

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

Explore ways to use Excel to display data as charts and graphs. Some familiarity with Excel spreadsheets is expected.

## **WEB EMAIL**

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Learn to create and access a web email account and to send and receive messages. Participants must be able to use the mouse, navigate websites, and type URLs.

## **BASIC WORD PROCESSING**

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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

## **WORKING WITH WINDOWS®**

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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

## **INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:**

### **GOOGLEMANIA™**

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Learn searching strategies, tips and tricks for finding better information using the Google™ search engine.

## library news

### Recent Contributions to the Library

The Library has received an unrestricted contribution from Melissa Hintz and James Trapp and a contribution to the Bertram Woods Branch Fund from George Dent. Randy Kammer contributed funds in memory of Eida Rothstein, Eddie Cantor, Mike Young, and Wayne Ennis along with contributions to honor Margaret Prejean, Kathy Osterer, Elizabeth McKee, Paul Cohn, and Toni Rittmaster.

Joseph Lang of GRG Trucking donated two large map cabinets to the Library's Local History collection.

### Book Discussions at the Main Library

It's winter. Time to curl up with a good book and then discuss it with others. The choices are varied for the months of

February and March. Choose to join in one or all of the discussions. Books can be picked up at the Main Library.

10 AM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Book Buzz: *The Help* by **Kathryn Stockett**  
Set in Jackson, Mississippi in the early 1960s, this compelling first novel is the story of three women on opposite sides of the racial divide, who prove that ordinary women can be heroic.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Mystery Book Discussion: *Little Scarlet* by **Walter Mosley**

Set during the 1965 Watts riots, private investigator/school custodian Easy Rawlins is recruited by the LAPD to identify the murderer of a young black woman, who had sheltered an unidentified white man during the riots.

NOON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Reflections Book Discussion: *The Mayor of Casterbridge* by **Thomas Hardy**  
A successful, respected governmental figure is haunted by one past, pivotal night when he got drunk, got mad, and sold his wife and child at a country fair.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *Les Misérables* by **Victor Hugo**  
Hugo's classic tale is set amid the political upheaval in 19th century France.

10 AM TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Book Buzz: *Emma* by **Jane Austen**  
Emma Woodhouse is a matchmaker who meets with the most unexpected results in this 19th century comedy of manners often deemed to be Austen's best work.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 9

Mystery Book Discussion: *The Last Kashmiri Rose* by **Barbara Cleverly**  
In the 1920s, a serial killer targets the wives of Britons attached to a military unit near Calcutta. Disguised as acci-

dents, the murders go undetected until the purported suicide of a young wife finally attracts the attention of investigator Joseph Sandilands.

NOON SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Reflections Book Discussion: *Saving Fish From Drowning* by **Amy Tan**  
This political satire recounts the adventures of a group of American tourists lost in the Burmese jungle, bumbling along the notorious Burma Road.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, MARCH 23

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *A Walk in the Woods: Rediscovering America on the Appalachian Trail* by **Bill Bryson**  
After living in England for 20 years, the author decides to reacquaint himself with America by walking the 200-mile Appalachian Trail. Along the way, he meets several humorous and memorable characters.

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Business Book Discussion: *Hot, Flat, and Crowded: Why We Need a Green Revolution – and How It Can Renew America* by **Thomas Friedman**  
The author of *The World Is Flat*, helped millions of readers view globalization in a new way. In his latest book, he discusses the crises of destabilizing climate change and the rising competition for energy.

## Teen Scene

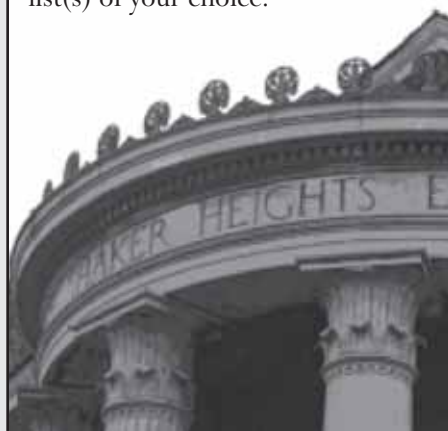
**ALTERED BOOKS AT WOODS BRANCH**  
(Grades 6 and up)

6:30-7:30 pm Tuesday, February 9  
We're breaking all the rules! Craft Specialist Brenna Friesner will show you how to rip, tear, glue, and decorate old books transforming them into amazing recycled art. Register in person, by phone, or online.

Don't miss  
a thing

Subscribe to  
**Mayor Earl M. Leiken's**  
Monthly Updates

Visit [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com)'s  
homepage and add yourself to the  
list(s) of your choice.



## library news

### WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?

#### CANDY-MAKING IN THE TEEN CENTER

(Ages 12-17)

4:30-6:30 pm Thursday, February 11

Looking for a sweet gift for Valentine's Day? Make your own candy and show the special people in your life that you care. Bring a container to take home your tasty treats. *Register in person, by phone, or online.*

#### FREE SAT PRACTICE TEST & STRATEGY SESSION FROM PRINCETON REVIEW AT MAIN LIBRARY

(Grades 10-12)

9:15 am-2:45 pm Saturday, February 20

Take a full length SAT Practice Test including Essay Writing that will be professionally scored.

9:15-11 am Saturday, March 6

Learn insider tips and strategies to help raise your score.

The SAT Strategy Session is automatically included with your SAT Practice Test Registration. *Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) or call 216 991-2030 beginning February 6.* You must be registered to take the test and no late arrivals will be admitted. Bring two #2 pencils, a snack, and a calculator. To see if yours is acceptable, go to [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/testday/calc.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/testday/calc.html)

#### TAB II MEETINGS AT MAIN LIBRARY

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesdays, February 23 & March 9

Regular meetings for Teen Advisory Board members.

#### CANDY-MAKING & DESSERTS

AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 6 and up)

2:15-3:15 pm Saturday, March 13

Bring your sweet tooth and learn to make fancy specialty candies and delicious no-bake desserts. *Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or call: 216 991-2421 beginning February 27.*

## Make your home more energy efficient and start saving money today with a GreenStreet Home Energy Audit.

A GreenStreet Solutions Home Energy Audit can help make your home more comfortable and energy efficient by finding places where the energy you pay for is going to waste.

To schedule a GreenStreet Home Energy Audit or to learn more, call today!

# 1-888-476-2010

or visit us online at  
[www.greenstreethome.us](http://www.greenstreethome.us)

Get a FREE  
GreenStreet  
Home Energy  
Efficiency  
Kit\*



\*GreenStreet Home Energy Audit must be completed in order to get the free energy efficiency kit. Actual savings will depend on behavioral changes, measures taken on recommendations from audit, age and size of home.

## Where will you be when the snow melts?

### HB Broad Horizons

Over 30 years of innovative and enriching programs

#### Summer Camp:

Monday – Thursday

June 21st – July 29th

Boys & Girls ages 3 – 4

Girls Grades K – 8

#### Vacation Camp:

Monday – Friday

*Spring:* March 22nd – April 2nd

*Summer:* August 2nd – August 20th

Boys & Girls ages 3 – 14


#### FOR MORE INFO:

Siva Grossman  
Program Director  
216.320.8085


## HathawayBrown Like no other.

SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO • GIRLS K – 12 / CO-ED EARLY CHILDHOOD • 216.320.8085 • [HB.edu](http://HB.edu)






**AFTER WORKING  
WITH  
CATHY LESUEUR  
PEOPLE TEND  
TO LOOK  
AT REALTORS  
A LITTLE  
DIFFERENTLY.**



Cathy LeSueur is a trusted Shaker real estate agent with a long history of satisfied clients. And she'd like to put her proven system to work for you. Whether you're looking to put your home on the market or thinking of purchasing new property, she'll provide you with a detailed plan that outlines what it will take to accomplish your goals as quickly as possible. Because the process can be demanding, Cathy's customer service provides the guidance necessary to make that process as efficient as possible. Call Cathy today at 216-999-8408. She'll be there for you and with you every step of the way.



## library news

### RATE THAT PIZZA AT WOODS BRANCH

(Grades 6 and up)

2:15-3 pm Saturday, April 10

Sample pizzas from different area restaurants and then rate which has the best sauce, which has the best crust and more! *Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or call: 216 991-2030 beginning March 27.*



### RATE THAT PIZZA IN THE TEEN

CENTER (Ages 12-17)

5 pm Wednesday, April 13

Sample pizzas from different area restaurants then rate which has the best sauce, which has the best crust and more!

*Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or by phone, 216 991-2030 beginning March 31.*

### Gaming for Seniors and Game Girlz Make Use of Grant-Funded Games

The Library continues its Wii for Seniors gaming programs from 2 to 3 pm Wednesdays, February 3 and 17, and March 3 and 17, at the Main Library. The Wii Sports bundle is a collection of video games that blends attention, memory and physical activity into a challenging game.

*Space is limited and reservations are required by calling 216-991-2030 ex. 3180.*

Game Girlz is a new gaming program for girls from 8 to 108. It offers an opportunity to learn to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games and to improve your skills. Bring your mom, best friend, or your grandmother to play Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and PS3's LittleBigPlanet from 4 to 5:30 pm Thursdays, February 18 and March 25 at the Main Library. The winner won't have to make dinner!

### Databases of the Month

Your CLEVNET public library card provides 24/7 access to online database resources that can help answer all sorts of questions. Research your question online and get reliable, high-quality answers, right in your home or office, any time of day or night. It's free to anyone with a CLEVNET library card. Two featured sites and what to find there:

#### NetWellness

[www.netwellness.org](http://www.netwellness.org)

This consumer health database provides information on topics ranging from chronic diseases to exercise and healthy eating. All materials on the site were created and evaluated by faculty at the medical schools at Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University, and The University of Cincinnati. Users can even submit questions to more than 500 health professionals and get an answer within days.

#### Discovering Collection-U.S. and World History

[http://find.galegroup.com/srcx/start.do?prodId=DC&userGroupName=clevnet\\_sh](http://find.galegroup.com/srcx/start.do?prodId=DC&userGroupName=clevnet_sh)

This multi-subject database provides an in-depth opportunity to research topics in science and the liberal arts with a focus on U.S. and world history and culture. Users can search from more than 250,000 entries for information on the people and places that have shaped our world.

### Library Seeks Entries for 11th Annual Barbara Luton Art Contest

Artists interested in entering the Library's 11th annual Barbara Luton Art Competition are encouraged to pick up an entry form at the circulation desks at either Library. The contest is named in honor of Barbara Luton, the

director who oversaw the renovation of Moreland School into the current Main Library.

Entries will be accepted from 2 to 5 pm Friday, March 5 and from 10 am to 2 pm Saturday, March 6. A non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for up to two pieces is required at the time of entry.

Past winners' works include Gary Williams's pastel and fabric collage, *Tishauna 7.1*, Horace Reese's graphite drawing, *Ethiopian*, Terry Sciko's *The Fourth of October*, John Harmon's *Interspace*, Johnine Byrne's *Lanterns*, Jerome White's *Quality Time*, David Brichford's *Man Eater*, Daniel George's *220 Stories*, Mary Ryan's *Doan Brook* and Amy Lewandowski's *A Very Good Breakfast*. They are part of the library's permanent art collection.

The awards include a purchase award not to exceed \$1,000 for the Best of Show, \$200 for First Place, \$100 for Second Place, \$50 for Third Place, and certificates for honorable mention. Awards will be presented at the Gallery opening reception from 2-4 pm Sunday, March 28. The exhibit will continue through May 7.

For more information about the art contest, call the Library at 216-991-2030.

## Friends Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary with an Ambitious Membership Campaign

Friends of the Shaker Library is a volunteer organization that supports the library's programs and services. Its revenue comes from book sales, merchandise, and memberships. In its 30th anniversary year, Friends has set an ambitious goal to reach \$30,000 in memberships.

Friends president Sharon Heslin says, "There are about 30,000 residents in the city of Shaker Heights, and the Shaker Library has more than 30,000 registered library card holders. Imagine how wonderful it would be to have 30,000 Friends or \$30,000 in membership contributions in our 30th year. And, imagine what we could do for our 5-star library with \$30,000."

Friends membership chair Nikki Evans has created a large sign for both Libraries that will measure the increasing Friends membership dollars. According to Evans, "There is strength in numbers and Friends is on a body-building campaign." Membership applications and remittance envelopes are available on the display signs, along with a list of the perks of Friends membership.

## Friends-Raising Fun: A February Feast-ival of Chocolate

Calling all friendly chocoholics! Do you have a chocolate recipe to share? Friends will host a Feast-ival of Chocolate from 7 to 8:45 pm Thursday, February 4, at the Main Library.

Residents can participate by bringing a baked, cooked, or frozen chocolate goodie cut into bite-sized pieces to share with at least 30 people. Recipes will be taste-tested by others and could win a prize. Volunteers are needed to submit their chocolate concoctions with recipes and volunteers are needed to eat them. Local chocolate shops will be on hand to offer samples and an order form with special discounts – just in time for Valentine's Day.

You don't need to be a Friend to come, but you do need to be a Friend to enter to win some fabulous door prizes, including a gift basket of chocolates from Fresh Market. Be a Friend. Bring a friend.

## End Notes

- **Knit Nights** are held at 7 pm Thursdays, February 11 and March 11, at Woods Branch.
- **The Library Board** meets at 6:30 pm Tuesdays, February 9, at Main Library and March 9 at Bertram Woods Branch.
- **Friends of the Shaker Library** meets at 7 pm Tuesdays, February 16 and March 16 at the Main Library.
- **Both Libraries** will have a one-hour delayed opening at 10 am on Friday, March 12 for staff professional development.
- In response to budget cuts, the Library Board approved closing the library and furloughing staff for four days in 2010: April 2, September 9, November 26, and December 31.



On December 9, Friends of the Shaker Library received the 2009 Friends of the Library Recognition Award from the Ohio Library Council. The honored recipients: Martha Sivertson, President 2007-09; Nikki Evans, President 2005-07; Sharon Heslin, President 2009-10 pose with Doug Evans, OLC Executive Director.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a pair of deep red, plush theater curtains. The curtains are gathered on the left side, with a silver-colored metal ring visible. They hang in heavy, vertical folds, creating a sense of depth and texture. The background is a solid, dark black, which makes the vibrant red of the curtains stand out. The lighting is soft, highlighting the folds and the sheen of the fabric.

*halle on broadway!*





The 23-year-old Shaker native is rocking New York in MAMMA MIA!  
(Her parents will never be the same....)

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

The lights on Broadway have been shining brighter since September 22, 2009, when one of Shaker's own burst on stage at the Winter Garden Theater in Manhattan for the opening number of Mamma Mia!

The twirling, dancing, five-foot-two ball of energy playing best friend "Lisa" and belting out "Honey, Honey" was none other than 2005 Shaker High graduate Halle Morse. That night marked Halle's first performance as a bonafide Broadway actress. Her parents, Evan and Randi Morse, sister Natalie, and boyfriend Anthony were there for her debut, along with numerous high school and college friends.

"As the curtain went up, Evan and I looked at each other with tears in our eyes," says Randi. "Hand in hand, we witnessed the dream come true – Halle on Broadway! We couldn't be more proud. She was outstanding. What a thrill!"

"Never have I been more nervous for anything in my entire life," Halle recalls of that opening night. "But it was also exhilarating." Nearly as nerve-racking was her audition five months earlier. "When all you've ever wanted is to be on Broadway, and you're there auditioning but know that what happens next is mostly out of your hands, it's tough. You have to be 100 percent committed, but realistic at the same time."

Realistically, she couldn't expect to land a Broadway role just weeks after earning a degree in Musical Theater from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (CCM). A part with a national touring company, maybe, and she was in fact offered a role in *Hairspray* in Chicago. But her talent, timing, and nearly 22 years of "rehearsal" managed to make the nearly impossible happen for her after that audition: Casting director Eric Woodall



shared Halle's opinion that she was a natural for Mamma Mia!

"It's one of the so-called young shows on Broadway right now, and my character, Lisa, is a good personality fit for me – she's an energetic, fun, bubbly party girl," says Halle, who turned 23 in December. "The role is also a 'perfect triple' for someone who sings, dances, and acts. I really felt I could nail it if I had the opportunity."

She's now nailing it eight times a week in a production that continues to pack the house in its ninth year. Mamma Mia! is a lighthearted tale of a daughter's quest to discover the identity of her father on the eve of her wedding. Halle performs or sings backup on 27 of the show's 28 songs, which include "Dancing Queen," "The Winner Takes It All," "Take a Chance on Me," and other 1970s hits from the Swedish pop group ABBA.

As delighted as Halle's family, friends, and former teachers are for her swift success, few are surprised. "As early as age five, Halle used to sit us down in the living room and put on little plays and musicals with her friends, complete with costume and hairstyle changes," says her mother. "We realized that she was a born performer."

At Shaker Middle School, her English teacher, Eric Hutchinson, nicknamed her Hallewood.

"She really shone creatively during class presentations," says Hutchinson, now an assistant principal at the high school. "Halle also has a smile that lights up the room and an electric personality. I loved her energy."

Classmates at Shaker High surely saw stardom coming when they voted her Most Likely to Win an Oscar and Most Likely to Win American Idol. And all those who caught the school's December 2004 production of Pippin are probably not surprised either.

Her stellar performance in the musical cemented her place on Music Department Chair Robert Schneider's short list of those who might make it to Broadway.

**A star is born:** Halle Morse in SHHS productions *Our Town* (top right) and *Pippin* (below right).

PHOTOS COURTESY SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL.



Halle used to sit us down in the living room and put on little plays and musicals with her friends, complete with costume and hairstyle changes,” says her mother. “We realized that she was a born performer.”





Ask about our year end savings!



## The Bluestone Community

Arts and Crafts Style Cluster Homes  
& Signature Loft Condominiums

Maintenance free living starting at \$239,000.

100 % Tax Abatement for 7 years.

Complimentary Interior Design Service.

Close to University Circle & Downtown Cleveland



Contact Eric Lee at 216.371.3993

ericlee@liveatbluestone.com www.liveatbluestone.com

3505 Mayfield Road Cleveland Heights, OH 44118

### Smylie One Heating • Cooling • Plumbing Co.

PROVIDING EXPERT SERVICE & INSTALLATIONS  
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD...TODAY!



# Smylie ne

HEATING COOLING PLUMBING

"Service with a Smylie"

440-449-HEAT (4328)

www.smylieone.com



"The Smylie One Comfort Team"

FINANCING AVAILABLE smylieone.com FREE ESTIMATES

**"Buy a Bryant Evolution Gas Furnace, and get your AC for FREE Limited Time Only. Act Fast!"**

**FREE Service Call**

**An \$80 Value  
With Any System Repair**

## March Madness

COMFORT SYSTEM

# Sale...



OH LIC #18265 Residential • Commercial LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED

Not valid on prior sales. No other discounts apply. Expires 4/15/10

"Halle had the difficult, demanding role of the Leading Player," he says. "This character tells the story and ties the whole show together. It is challenging theatrically, but also has high musical demands with a wide range. Halle and I wrestled with the score to make it best fit her voice, as it is often sung by a man. She was always so receptive to coaching and a joy to direct. She was concerned about her role, but also about the success of the entire production."

Halle was playing a part made famous by Ben Vereen on Broadway and in Shaker by former student Michael McElroy, who himself has gone on to Broadway fame [Shaker Life, April/May 2007]. "Halle gave the performance of a lifetime," says her father. "We still run into people who remember her in that role and how, for such a young person, she commanded the presence needed to pull it off."

It was Halle's presence and professionalism that convinced Christine McBurney, chair of Shaker High's Theater Arts Department, of Halle's very real potential.

"It's about the work, and separating the everyday concerns from rehearsal," says McBurney. "She has a combination of drive and focus and maturity that is very rare."

McBurney saw that potential play out again during Halle's senior year of college. "I went to see her one-woman cabaret at Nighttown in Cleveland Heights, just before her move to New York. She talked and sang about her vision of making it to Broadway, and she made it happen."

### *Just A Hobby, At First*

Halle first stepped into the world of musical theater when she was six years old, as a member of the Peanuts Gang in the Heights Youth Theater's production of



continued on page 52





**On Broadway** in *MAMMA MIA!* (right) and a production of *Hairspray* in Sacramento, California (above). **PHOTOS COURTESY HALLE MORSE.**



## Day Camps

Far-out adventures close to home!

Boys & Girls Day Camps  
Boys Sports Camp  
Girls Lifetime  
Adventure Camp  
Preschool Camp



## Hawken Summer Programs



## Summer Passport Camps

One and two-week sessions for fun, creative explorations

Computer Camps  
Camp Lego  
Rock Band Camp  
Science Camp  
Theater Camp

Camps run at varying intervals between June 14 & July 23.

## Summer Studies

Academic enrichment and refresher courses for grades 6-12

Reading, Writing, Foreign Languages, Math, Health, & Photography



**Info:** [summerprograms@hawken.edu](mailto:summerprograms@hawken.edu)

**440.423.2940, [www.hawken.edu/summer](http://www.hawken.edu/summer)**



**At Camp Robin Hood:** From left, Justin Zipkin (Montréal, Canada), Matthew Podl (Shaker Heights) Grey McDermid (Denver, Colorado), and Noah Gerson (Shaker Heights).

## Heigh-Ho, Heigh-Ho, It's Off to Camp They Go!

STORIES BY JENNIFER PROE

PHOTOS COURTESY CAMP ROBIN HOOD

Despite the frigid temperatures, families everywhere already are poring over camp brochures and perusing camp websites, happily planning the summer months for their children. Whether you're choosing a day camp or an overnight camp, there are plenty of resources available to help you find the right fit for your own camper.

### New trends

The American Camp Association, a national organization that accredits day camps and overnight camps, provides a wealth of information online to help families with the selection process at [www.acacamps.org](http://www.acacamps.org).

The association also tracks new trends in camping, such as programs geared toward challenging and adventurous activities: ropes courses, climbing walls, zip lines, mountain biking, and cave exploring. Many camps now include a service component, such as community clean-up efforts, food drives, recycling programs, and volunteering with seniors and hospital patients.

Technology has also come to the forefront, with most camps now offering online registration and program scheduling.

Traditional camps typically offer hiking, swimming, sports, arts and crafts, and nature activities. Families can also find a wide variety of specialty camps, including programs for families, seniors, campers with cancer, gifted and talented children, youth at risk, or persons with disabilities, to name just a few. However, many camps now prefer to mainstream children with disabilities for a more inclusive experience.

### Choosing an overnight camp

For families who have decided upon overnight camp, the National Camp Association offers plenty of guidance. Its website, [www.summercamps.org](http://www.summercamps.org), provides a list of questions to help parents determine what type of camp may provide the best experience for their camper, including:



- \* What is the philosophy regarding competition?
- \* Which activities are required, and which are elective?
- \* How structured is the program?
- \* Will the counselors encourage my child to try new things?
- \* Is there an emphasis on one particular activity or sport?

The website also offers a list of 20 questions for parents to ask the camp director, such as:

- \* What is the camper-counselor ratio?
- \* What is the food like?
- \* What is the policy about letters, packages, and visits?
- \* What medical facilities and staff are available?

For further advice, parents can look to Jamie and David Cole, Shaker residents and owners of Robin Hood Camp in New Hampshire. Jamie tells parents, “The decision of whether or not to go to overnight camp is too big for a child to make. Parents should make the determination if their child is ready. However, the child absolutely should be involved in choosing where to go.”

She recommends that parents and children make a list together of what is important. “Should it be same sex or co-ed? Sports-oriented? Should it have a pool or a lake, or both? How rustic should it be? These are just some of the criteria that should be considered,” she says.

She also notes that while parents may be tempted to send their child to camp with a group of friends, campers tend to have a richer experience if they attend solo or perhaps with just one particular friend. “The fewer friends you go to camp with, the more friends you end up making,” she says.

## Day Camp Options

Families choosing a day camp can find plenty of choices close to home, for every interest and budget.

### Shaker Community Life Department Camps

For children grades K-2, the traditional camp includes creative arts and sports, such as swimming, t-ball, soccer, and basketball. Children Grades 3-8 are able to design their own camp day, choosing from a multitude of fun activities such as chess, arts & crafts, cartooning, hiking, science, scrapbooking, volleyball, golf, soccer, and floor hockey. Field trips are part of the schedule for both age groups.

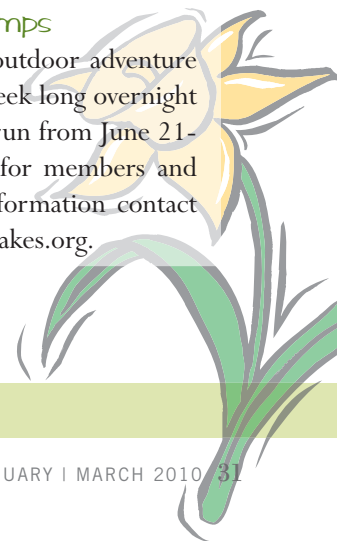
Shaker also offers the following sports camps: baseball, basketball, cheerleading, fencing, flag football, golf, lacrosse, field hockey, roller hockey, skateboarding, soccer, and tennis. Specialty camps include: art, dance, drawing, math, nature studies, science, Spanish, and computer camps (through Funutation Tekademy.) Also offered: Safety Town, Safety Town Counselor-in-Training, Script-to Screen Film Camp, Teens Learning to Connect (community-service oriented activities), Shaker Summer Theater, Shaker on Stage, Strike Up The Band, and Life-guard Training Camp.

Preschool in the Park is a program focused on literacy and physical activity for preschoolers 3-5 years, accompanied by an adult caregiver. The program will be held at Chelton Park in the Moreland neighborhood, as well as in the Ludlow neighborhood. For information contact: Rhonda Miller, 216-491-2583.

A camps brochure will be mailed to all residents of the Shaker Heights School District along with the Spring/Summer recreation brochure. Schedules will also be available at Thornton Park, the Community Life Building, City Hall, and the Shaker Heights Public Libraries. For more information, contact the Community Life Department, 216-491-1295, or shakeronline.com.

### Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Camps

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes offers outdoor adventure day camps for children 4-13 years old and week long overnight camps for children 11-17 years old. Camps run from June 21-August 18. Registration begins January 11 for members and January 25 for non-members. For more information contact Beverly Barr, 216-321-5935, or [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).





**Maddy Schwartz** of Wayland, Massachusetts and  
**Susie Wager** of Shaker Heights at Camp Robin Hood.

## Preschool Camps

**Early Childhood Enrichment Center (ECEC)** – Located at the Shaker Family Center, offers full-time Summer School Age Camp (SSAC) which spans the 10 weeks that Shaker Schools are not in session. The camp is open to children 6-8 years of age and includes swimming lessons at Thornton Park, visiting specialists, cooking, and nature activities. Space is limited. For information contact Michele Block or Lynn Prange, 216-991-9761.

**Hanna Perkins Center's** Reinberger Parent/Child Resource Center offers theme based summer camps for children ages 4-12. Camp themes include woodworking, creative arts, roller-skating, cooking, and robotics. For in-

### Professional Home Insulation

When you insulate with cellulose, the effects of weather, the neighbor's children or your utility bill won't worry you. That's because the cellulose seal is seamless, your family is fully protected from weather and sound infiltration in every nook and cranny of your home.



Cellulose insulation is a tough fire blocker. In the manufacturing process, it's treated with specially engineered and highly effective fire retardant chemicals, making it a tough fire blocker.

### House Diagnostics



We offer house diagnostics, which includes complete home and building performance and inspection.

#### Thermal Imaging

Thermal imaging inspections provide a picture of a specific condition of a home or building. Infrared cameras locate anomalies from moisture or water damage, roof leaks, and window leakage. Infrared scans can locate missing or deficient insulation.

### Go Green

Cellulose is manufactured with up to 85% recycled newspaper making our manufacturing process greener. Greenhouse gases (which are released as newspaper decomposes) are prevented from being released in the air, a cause of global warming. Our installation process is cleaner because there is no jobsite waste.

Cellulose-insulated buildings may use 20% to 30% less energy than buildings with fiberglass, even if the R-value of the insulation in the walls and ceilings is identical. This is because of the capacity of cellulose to stop air infiltration.

**Ask about a 30% Tax credit (up to \$1500) to insulate your home**



**Insulation  
Systems**

440.975.1122

[www.insulationsystems.net](http://www.insulationsystems.net)

formation contact Karen Goulandris, 216-929-0201, or [www.hannaperkins.org](http://www.hannaperkins.org).

**Summer Adventure Camp**, located at Heights Christian Church preschool, offers two 2-week sessions with different themes. This year's themes are Beach Camp and Around the World. The program is open to ages 3 to K-bound, and offers music, crafts, science, and outside play. For more information, contact Simone Nielsen, 216-751-2593 or 216-991-7552, or by email at [csniels@earthlink.net](mailto:csniels@earthlink.net).

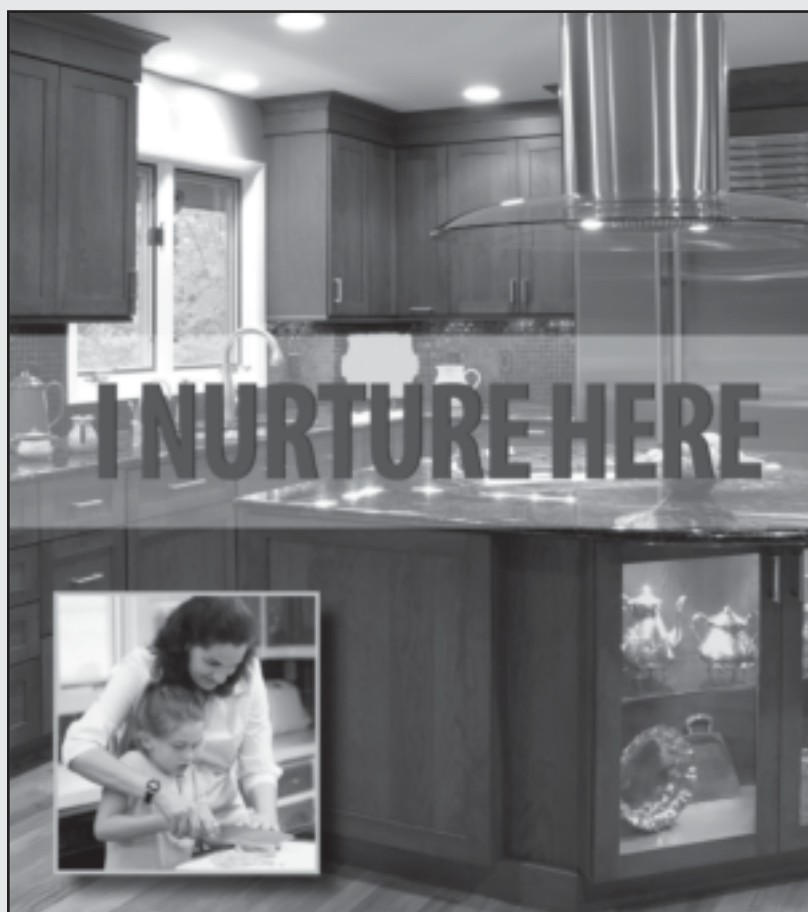
## Independent School Camps

**Hathaway Brown's** Broad Horizons for Beginners is for boys and girls who have begun or are about to begin preschool. There is also a Broad Horizons camp for girls, where campers experience learning and socialization through a variety of classes and activities. Dates for that program will be June 21– July 29. HB

also offers a spring vacation camp, March 22–April 2 for boys and girls ages 3-14, and an August vacation camp, August 2–20, for boys and girls ages 3-14. For information contact Siva Grossman, 216-320-8085, or [www.hb.edu](http://www.hb.edu).

**Laurel School's** Summer at Laurel 2010 (June 14-August 13) features recreational, leadership, theater, technology, sports, and academic camps for children from prekindergarten-grade 12. New camps this year include Gator Train Camp at the Shaker campus for the youngest campers and, at Butler Campus in Russell Township, the Daring Camp for Girls and Boys in grades 3 and 4. Summer at Laurel favorites – the Magic Tree House Camp, Shakespeare Rocks, and the weekly science camps designed and led by the Great Lakes Science Center – are among those returning. The Laurel Summer Institute offers academic courses for full or partial credit to high school students. Register online at [www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer](http://www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer) by May 1 and get a five percent discount. For more information, contact Melissa Curtis at 216-455-0154 or [Summer@LaurelSchool.org](mailto:Summer@LaurelSchool.org)

**University School** offers co-ed and all-boys summer sports



*I love  
my kitchen!*

**Somrak understands the  
importance of your kitchen...**

Customized and creative kitchen designs  
Unique & quality products  
Distinctive cabinetry and counters for every room  
A strong reputation for over 50 years  
Two inspiring showrooms

**Somrak**  
KITCHENS  
*Cabinetry & Counters for Every Room*

**East**

26201 Richmond Rd.  
Bedford Hts., OH 44146  
**216-464-6500**

**West**

975 Crocker Rd.  
Westlake, OH 44145  
**440-808-6088**

[www.somrakkitchens.com](http://www.somrakkitchens.com)





camp, day camps, and academic enrichment programs for boys and girls entering grades K-12. Camps are held at the US campuses in Shaker Heights and Hunting Valley. Offerings for all ages include Soccer Camp, Football Speed Camp, Biz Wiz Young Entrepreneurship Camp, and High School Prep for middle school boys. Spaces are limited. Register today at [www.us.edu](http://www.us.edu). For more information, contact Debbie Linich at 216-831-1984.

## Shaker Campers Take to "the Realm"

When summer rolls around, Shaker loses dozens of its citizens to a place they fondly call "the Realm," better known as Camp Robin Hood.

Located in the tiny town of Freedom, New Hampshire, this traditional overnight camp draws campers from all over the world, including several generations of campers from Shaker families.

David Cole first went to the camp at age ten, following in the footsteps of his father, Richard Cole, and his uncle, Bob Gries. He returned every summer, first as a camper, then as a counselor, and finally as an alumnus at reunions.

In 2003, the camp's owner retired and offered David a unique opportunity: to return to Camp Robin Hood as the new owner. At the time, David was working in commercial real estate, and his wife, Jamie, was employed as a marketing executive.

"We asked ourselves what kind of

legacy we wanted to leave behind and envisioned the impact we could have in children's lives," said Jamie. They took the leap, and never looked back.

While camp business consumes much of their time throughout the year, they still work in their respective fields during the off-season. But every summer without fail, David, Jamie and their two daughters, Lauren and Elizabeth, pack up and head to camp. They are not the only Shaker family to spend their summer together at the camp.

Jody Podl, an English teacher at Shaker Heights High School, is the camp's program director, while her husband Tod serves as medical director – a position Jody's father used to hold. Paula Klausner, a nurse at Boulevard School, takes her husband, their two sons, and their dogs, so that she can serve on the camp's medical staff. Paula's husband, Jonathan Gordon, teaches law at Case Western Reserve, which gives him the summers free to coach baseball and football at camp.

"The adults have just as much fun at camp as the kids do," says Paula. When not on duty, the adults are free to go mountain biking, take a swim, or hang out at the craft shack to make jewelry.

They also participate in all-camp activities like "Color War," where the camp divides into two teams for a weeklong competition. "One year, I helped my team win the Geography Bee," said Paula. "It turns out most kids don't know what city holds the Masters Golf Tournament."



### A Note from the Camp Nurse

Last year, H1N1 was an unwelcome visitor to some camps, adding one more concern to parents' lists. Paula Klausner is a nurse at Boulevard Elementary School who also attends Camp Robin Hood every summer as part of the camp's medical staff.

She recommends: "Ask the camp director about their protocol for dealing with an epidemic. Make sure that there is medical staff on duty 24 hours a day, and that they have an overnight care facility. And if your child has any particular medical needs, be sure to establish a rapport with one particular care giver who will follow your child's wellbeing closely." At Camp Robin Hood, she notes, they were able to contain an early outbreak of H1N1 by following a strict protocol at the first sign of illness.



# shaker preschools

## Allemas Childcare and Enrichment Center

16500 Chagrin Blvd.  
216-752-2223  
Email: tyrawlsallemas@sbcglobal.net  
ages: 2½-5 yrs.

## Carol Nursery School

19824 Sussex Rd.  
216-991-3449  
ages: 3-5 yrs.; 2½ with parent  
Email: carolnurs1@aol.com

## Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation/ Developmental Disabilities

19824 Sussex Rd.  
216-761-7624  
www.ccbmrdd.org  
ages: 0-3 yrs. (special needs only)

## Early Childhood Enrichment Center

19824 Sussex Rd.  
216-991-9761  
Email: lprangeec@sbcbglobal.net  
ages: 18 mos.-5 yrs.

## Pre-K Early Intervention Class Shaker Heights City School District

Onaway Elementary School  
3115 Woodbury Rd.  
216-295-4080  
Email: morrow\_n@shaker.org  
ages: 3-5 yrs. (special needs only)

## CEOGC Plymouth Head Start

2860 Coventry Rd.  
216-991-8754  
www.ceogc.org  
ages: 3-5 yrs.  
(income eligibility guidelines)

## Cooperative Nursery School at Heights Christian Church

17300 Van Aken Blvd.  
216-751-2593  
ages: 2½-5 yrs.

## Children's Center of First Baptist Church

3630 Fairmount Blvd.  
216-371-9394  
www.firstbaptistcleveland.org  
ages: 6 weeks-5 yrs.

## Hanna Perkins School

19910 Malvern Rd.  
216-991-4472  
www.hannaperkins.org  
ages: 15 mos.-7 yrs.

## Hathaway Brown Early Childhood Program

19600 North Park Blvd.  
216-320-8098  
www.hb.edu  
ages: 2½-5 yrs.

## Nana Ella's Day Care

3685 Lee Rd.  
216-991-6139  
ages: 18 mos.-5 yrs.

## JDN Early Childhood Center

22201 Fairmount Blvd.  
216-320-8489  
Email: weavers@bellefaireshcb.org  
ages: 18 mos.-5 yrs.

## Laurel School

1 Lyman Circle  
216-464-0946  
Email: jdurdle@laurelschool.org  
www.laurelschool.org  
ages: 3-5 yrs.

## Parent's Day Out at Plymouth Church

2860 Coventry Rd.  
216-991-1961  
Email: jalbrecht@plymouthchurchucc.org  
ages: 2½-5 yrs.

## Tree of Life Learning Center

3635 Lee Rd.  
216-752-6922  
ages: 6 weeks-12 yrs.

## Home Field Advantage

As a member of the Shaker Heights community for over 40 years, I am well aware of the many amenities our community has to offer. I am also well versed in our local real estate market and would welcome the opportunity to counsel you during your next real estate transaction. I am proud to be a REALTOR® in Shaker Heights, and look forward to showing others why our community is the best place to call home.

Call me today for a  
personal real estate  
consultation.



216.348.1867  
216.751.8550

realtor.com/cleveland/tomfuerst

## Best Carry Out...

- Award winning Asian cuisine
- Earn Pearl Dollars every time using your Pearl Bags
- Efficient and friendly staff
- Your orders are always double checked
- Microwavable containers
- 31 years in Shaker Heights

珠 己 萬 方 東  
**Pearl of the Orient**  
It's All About Good Taste

Van Aken Center  
20121 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Heights  
216.751.8181  
www.pearl-east.com









# Taking Stock in Spring

It's not too early in the year to start your home maintenance and repair work. Herein, some tips from the pros.

BY RITA KUEBER

Shaker Heights neighborhoods were built from west to east: the first from 1920-29, the next after World War II, and the last in the late '50s and '60s. So the average age of most houses on Shaker's west end is 80, and on the east end, 50.

The age impacts how home owners in Shaker should think about repairing and maintaining their vintage houses. Many of our classic beauties were created by old-school craftsmen – stonemasons, carpenters, plumbers, glaziers, plasterers, tilers – for families who could afford the best homes money could buy at the time. Given the age and pedigree of Shaker Heights homes, good stewardship (not so much ownership) demands a commitment to preserve the best features while repairing or replacing what's needed, inside and out.

As spring approaches, we offer our residents the opinions of knowledgeable professionals who are ready, willing, and able to talk about how to preserve, protect, and even promote the beauty and functions of our homes.

## Repair or replace?

After 17 years of helping homeowners maintain their Shaker Heights houses, Jim Ziegler, the director of the City's Building Department, has a great deal of insight and a bit of general advice on refurbishing and renovation.

His most important piece of advice: Maybe repair isn't enough. "Too many people don't understand that sometimes it's no longer repair time for their house – it's rebuild time. You see so many front stoops with worn out railings, or an original roof, or masonry, trim, or shutters that have rotted, even light fixtures on the outside of the house – sometimes the item's useful life is over. To fix it is throwing good money after bad. It's 80 years old. It's time to replace it."

Another mistake people make with older homes is doing potential damage to the foundation by piling on the mulch. “Basements can start to leak because people add plants near the foundation, then put too much mulch around the plants. I’ve seen mulch piled all the way up to the wood. You can’t see what’s happening with moisture, rot, or pests.

“I know people use the mulch to make the yard look nice,” Ziegler continues, “but in the real world, that’s bringing the grade up. You want the grade to slope away from your house. Mulch should be no higher than eight inches below the wood because the old houses are porous.”

Other simple preventive steps homeowners can take include cleaning gutters in the fall and spring, especially after spring seedlings fall from the trees. Inside, tune up the boiler or furnace.

“Flush the boiler in fall and spring to get rid of the rust and crud built up inside,” Ziegler says. “Draining off the hot water tank – not while it’s running – extends the life of the unit. Flush that system every three months so you’re not wasting money heating up the water through inches of rust and sediment.”

Outdoors, Ziegler recommends cleaning up debris left over from the previous fall, removing dead grass and inspecting for snow mold – places where the grass looks yellow, matted, and slimy. Leaf spot and mildew can winter over in mulch and affect spring growth. Ziegler advises treatment early – before buds appear on trees – with a fungicide to kill the spores in the soil. He also suggests thatching or aerating the lawn and giving it a shot of fertilizer before the growing season really begins.

Plenty of additional information on home maintenance and repair is available at no charge from the Shaker Heights

building department on line at [shakeronline.com/dept/building/](http://shakeronline.com/dept/building/) or by calling 216-491-1460.

### To ‘air’ is... divine

Despite the fact that February in Cleveland is usually freezing and March sometimes worse, around Valentine’s Day is the time to start thinking about air conditioning. While homeowners can change filters themselves, they should call in a professional once a year to keep an aging HVAC system in the best possible shape.

“You wouldn’t go a year without changing the oil in your car,” says Gary Rosen, owner of Smylie One Heating and Air Conditioning. “Why would you go a year without servicing your air conditioner?”

Smylie One’s service manager, Jim Gilcher, describes how often homeowners flip on the AC and hope for the best. “Most of the time they don’t remember to call someone until it’s too late – there’s a leak in the refrigerant, or the drain’s plugged and backs up. We’ve got some real horror stories.”

Rosen and Gilcher point out that not all inspection and maintenance calls are equal. “We spend over an hour checking 30 system items,” Gilcher says. “It makes a difference when the homeowner saves 10 to 30 percent on their energy bill. Plus, the average life of an AC system in NE Ohio is twelve years. We have clients whose systems are at 17 to 22 years old because of regular maintenance.”

Rosen says it pays to hire a contractor who actually knows what’s going on in the industry. As an example, he points to the current 2010 deadline for changing refrigerants. R22, a hydrochlorofluorocarbon typically used in residential and commercial air conditioners, is being phased out.

All new systems in the U.S. must switch to ozone-friendly R401A refrigerant this year. By 2020, R22 will be gone entirely. Rosen recommends hiring a contractor with North American Technician Excellence (NATE) certification, EPA certification, and who is licensed and bonded.

“We have no problems servicing a century home, which has a different set of requirements than a contemporary home,” Rosen says. “We have a boiler expert on staff with over 40 years of experience and a plumbing staff that knows about older homes.”

“The key to maintaining an older home is knowing what you can and cannot do,” Gilcher says. “Newer homes have tighter construction with more air exchanges. Older homes can be drafty or stuffy, but we have remedies for that.”



## Brick by brick

After winter's freeze/thaw cycle, it's time to check on the stonework or bricks at the front or back stoop, chimney, and foundation.

"Homeowners should look for missing mortar joints, tuck points along the chimney, and look at the foundation inside and out," Anthony DiFrancesco says. His company, DiFrancesco and Sons, works extensively with stone, brick and concrete, and does much of that work on the older homes in Shaker.

"Look at the chimney. If you see brick spalling (flaking), you have water issues. Fix them right away," he says. "Check the tuck points on the chimney. Check the flashing." (Flashing is the material that keeps the area between chimney and roof watertight.) "Even slate roofs can gap. Be sure no water is getting in."

If your plow service pushes snow up against the foundation of your house or garage, the mortar joints will erode over time and DiFrancesco's company does a great deal of this kind of repair as well, carefully matching the right mortar – and the right color.

DiFrancesco also recommends looking at your front and back stoop. "So many pretty steps in the City," he says. "That's why I love working in Shaker. But steps age. The footers give out. If your stoop leans or tilts, replace it." He describes how he rebuilds steps using as much of the original stone as possible.

The company also lays concrete driveways, but doesn't work with asphalt. "Concrete has a lifespan of about 40 years," DiFrancesco says. "Asphalt about 12. Most driveways are just now reaching the upper limit of their age, which means it's time to replace the old driveway."

DiFrancesco describes how he sees the same age-related problems in houses throughout the City. "Shaker houses were built pretty well, but they're approaching 100 years in age. Some things just have to be rebuilt," he says. "As soon as you have a problem, take care of it. Spending \$1,500 to \$2,000 bucks now will save you triple that in the end."

## Trees and twigs

Shaker's abundant old-growth trees, including oaks, maples, sycamores, beeches, and elms, embellish schools and churches, enhance our streets, and decorate our yards. Dave Van Curen's company has been looking after trees in Shaker and beyond for more than 25 years, and he has a vision: He believes people should invest in their trees.

"The single most important thing to do for a tree is deep root feeding," he says. "The biggest bang for the buck is injecting a liquid fertilizer into the roots at 400 pounds per square inch."

Such an application should be done by a professional service, obviously. "Feeding a tree is the same as feeding a human body," he says. "It makes the tree healthier and it helps it fight off disease."

The second-most important thing for old-growth trees is trimming. Not only are dead branches the perfect environment for insects, they catch the force of a heavy wind. Much of the damage from the August 10, 2009 windstorm was due to untrimmed, top-heavy trees caught in the 70 mile per hour winds.

"A light, interior thinning makes the tree more efficient," Van Curen explains. "It's a big help to large shade trees, and from a distance you can't see the difference. Looking up through a big tree, you





should see sort of a hollow ball. Thinning allows the wind to pass through the tree. An untrimmed tree acts like a sail.”

Homeowners should also work to protect maples from four-footed vandals – squirrels. “The damage they do is horrible,” Van Curen says. “They’re looking for the sugar in the sap. They can kill the entire tree. The best thing you can do for a maple is to get rid of the squirrel.”

Van Curen indicates that trees can be trimmed all year round, except for elm and beech, which should be trimmed in the dead of winter. “The best time to trim is very early spring, before the buds pop up, through the beginning of June,” he says. “Even trees as young as five years old benefit from healthy pruning and trimming.”

### **Putty, plaster, paint**

Brothers Chris and Chuck St. John own the painting company their dad founded in 1976 – and decided to spell St. “Jon.” The six-person company specializes in older homes such as those in Shaker – an entirely different proposition from painting newly constructed houses.

“The difference is the amount of prep work needed,” Chris explains. “Before we paint, we have to repair the plaster, failing paint, and any paint that’s popping off the woodwork, windows, or doors. We take the time to fill in, sand, re-plaster.”

He recommends homeowners keep an eye out for peeling paint, which could indicate rotting wood. Look for gaps in the caulk around windows as well as any missing glazing. For exterior work he recommends using the best paint available: Sherwin Williams or Benjamin Moore. He’s helped clients configure the color

scheme for their vintage Shaker houses as well.

“Homes in Shaker need TLC all the time,” St. John says. “Some of it is maintenance work, but sometimes you need to strip things completely. If you have an 80-year-old door that’s been repainted over and over, it’s time to strip it back to the bare wood. It’s really restoration work. It takes time and it’s more expensive.

“If you’re looking for someone to ‘slap a coat of paint’ on your house, we’re not your company,” he continues. “In Shaker, you can’t have a guy just show up with a spray gun. I understand about budgets, but we’re going to approach a job the right way. We might work on your project for days, rather than hours. No matter who you hire, be sure they have experience working on older houses.”

For more complex repair/restoration jobs, St. John recommends working with a general contractor familiar with Shaker Heights, such as Dan Dureiko or Jim Karlovec.

“Someone who’s familiar only with new construction is going to get lost in your house. They won’t be able to anticipate the problems,” he says.

### **Watch those windows... and more**

To freshen up the entire look of your Shaker Heights home, Pat McEntee has one word of advice: windows.

“Windows are the most dominant feature on your house,” says McEntee, the owner of R. E. Majer. “Replacing windows is instant gratification.” He explains that most houses in Shaker Heights more than 60 years old were built with weighted sash and double hung windows,





and how in the 1950s and 1960s many of those original windows were covered with screens and triple track aluminum storm windows that have been painted shut and are hard to clean.

"It's always been kind of a pre-conception that historically accurate window replacement is expensive, inconvenient, invasive, and dirty. It isn't," McEntee says.

In an industry dominated by vinyl window replacement companies, McEntee's approach is thoughtful and craftsman-like. He recommends homeowners take advantage of the federal government's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, signed into law last year, which allows a tax credit up to \$1,500 for replacing old windows with new ones that meet the government's energy efficiency standards.

"It's a very good time to do windows," McEntee says.

And that one weird window you have? McEntee has never met a window he couldn't replace. "I've done huge palladium windows on stairways, circle tops, custom sizes, you name it. The companies I work with have 20 to 30 standard colors, and we'll also match a custom color precisely."

"R. A. Majer was founded in the 1950s, and I'm the third owner," McEntee says. His other enterprise, Honey Do, focuses on smaller jobs, from minor repairs to stripping wallpaper, painting rooms, and refinishing hardwood floors. "Our Honey Do clients are often seniors alone in their home," he says.

"We do a lot of work in Shaker. We work with Shaker on point-of-sale violations. We work well with the City," McEntee says. "We know what they want. I love historically accurate window replacement, and I agree with what the City is looking for."



**Open Houses**  
**Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at noon**  
**Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.**

The Lillian and Betty Ratner School, through its Montessori and rigorous academic Day School programs, provides children with a strong sense of self and the resources they need to achieve in the classroom and in life. In an environment enriched by universal Judaic values, Montessori influence and a mosaic of diverse cultures, each child thrives.

**Montessori School**  
 Toddler-Kindergarten

**Day School**  
 Grades 1-8

Accredited by ISACS | Member CCIS

**The Lillian and Betty Ratner School**  
 27575 Shaker Blvd.  
 Pepper Pike, OH 44124

216 464 0033 ext. 1120  
[admissions@theratnerschool.org](mailto:admissions@theratnerschool.org)  
[TheRatnerSchool.org](http://TheRatnerSchool.org)

When it comes to your child's development...

## Music Matters

Research proven benefits:

- Language and literacy skills
- Social and emotional development
- Mathematics and pattern recognition skills
- Ability to plan, guide, and self-regulate behavior

*Kindermusik*

Choose the best early childhood program - research to age 7

Join us for a FREE class to see why Music Matters

**KindermusikofCleveland.com**  
 216-991-1063

## Wake Up & Live!

Sue H. Johnson  
 Director

## Actors' Studio

PlayActs Performances  
 PlayActs...To Go!  
 Wake Up And Live with the Arts TV  
 A New You For A New Life Project  
 Tricks of the Trade Training

**216-561-8608**

[wakeup4664@aol.com](mailto:wakeup4664@aol.com) • [www.wakeupandlives.org](http://www.wakeupandlives.org)





# THE OLD FAMILY HOME

BY JENNIFER PROE PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Robert Frost wryly observed, “Home is the place where, when you have to go there, they have to take you in.” The other side of the coin, of course, is what Dorothy believed: “There’s no place like home.”

More specifically, for some Shaker residents, there’s no place like the old family home. Sometimes by chance, and sometimes by choice, they find themselves back where they started – living in the home of their youth. For some, the experience offers the opportunity to re-settle in Shaker Heights; some are drawn back by the chance to carry on family traditions. And for others, the home becomes the embodiment of a family legacy.

## **Mallory and Miguel Bendezu**

*New traditions for family gatherings*

Mallory and Miguel Bendezu admit to having acted somewhat impulsively in their decision to leave the Washington D.C. area while planning a wedding, with no jobs lined up in the Cleveland area. Yet, they never wavered in their decision to return.

“We knew that we wanted to leave Northern Virginia,” says Miguel, “because it was simply too expensive to live there. When my parents found out we were thinking about coming back to Northeast Ohio, they offered us their house to live in.”

It was an offer too good to refuse. Between May and August of last year, they moved into the house, Miguel landed a job at Shaker Middle School, and they planned a wedding for 75 guests, using only Shaker businesses. Mallory was amazed to find both a caterer (J. Pistone) and a florist (A.J. Heil) who were willing

to work within her very short time frame and are conveniently located next door to one another on Warrensville Center Road.

The couple was married at the Unitarian Church of Cleveland, where Miguel’s family has long been active.

Miguel’s parents, Rafael and Eve Bendezu, are thrilled to have the couple back in Shaker, and are especially happy to see them settled in their Lomond area home. Several years ago Rafael and Eve downsized to an apartment on Van Aken, but kept the house, which has also served as a roosting place for Miguel’s brothers over the years. (One brother now lives in Switzerland, the other is in San Francisco.)

Miguel loves being able to ride his bike to the Middle School, where he works as an Intervention Specialist. He also has enjoyed rediscovering the “small town feel” of his youth.

“Trick or treat in our neighborhood was amazing,” he says. “We practically needed velvet ropes to manage the crowd.” Mallory, a native of Massachusetts, has taken advantage of the time off to do some painting and minor renovations in the house.

“I love Shaker Hardware,” she says, “because they really understand old houses.” She also praises the Shaker Library as a wonderful resource for books and movies, and for her job search.

Living in the family home has inspired Mallory to create new traditions for family gatherings, blending some of her New England favorites with the Peruvian dishes she is learning to cook.

“My father is Peruvian,” explains Miguel, “and food has always been an essential part of our family celebrations.” It’s not surprising to learn that the dining room is considered the heart of their home, having hosted countless Thanksgiving and Christmas meals over the years. Consequently, some of Miguel’s family members have strong feelings about keep-

ing the dining room the same warm, red color it has always been.

“We’ve made some changes to the house, but that’s one room we probably won’t touch,” says Mallory. They also keep Miguel’s grandmother’s pie-hutch in its place of honor near the front door, a fitting tribute to the Bendezu’s food-centered family gatherings.

## **Jon and Erika Leiken**

*Some negotiations were required*

For Jon and Erika Leiken, the opportunity to raise their children closer to family was a powerful draw. Both Jon’s parents (Shaker Mayor Earl Leiken and his wife, Ellen) and Erika’s parents (Avery and Betsey Friedman) have long-standing ties to Shaker.

Having gone to Shaker Schools, Jon, now a partner with the law firm Jones Day, and Erika wanted that opportunity for their children as well. But as Jon points out, “I was working as a federal prosecutor in New York City, and Erika had left her job as a Legal Aid attorney to stay home with our kids. We had very little nest egg with which to buy a house.”

When Jon’s grandfather, Manny Leiken, passed away in 2004, Jon’s family facilitated the purchase of his home from the estate.

The 1950s split-level on Shaker Boulevard did not fit squarely with Erika’s vision for the family. “The style of Jon’s grandparents’ house was not what I had always pictured for us,” she says. “I had envisioned a charming, center-hall colonial on a quiet side street.”

“There were some negotiations required,” says Jon.

The couple agreed on several renovations to help make the home their own. By removing a wall between the kitchen and dining room, and converting an unheated Florida room into a family room,

**Mallory and Miguel Bendezu**







they now have a light, airy, and open floor plan they would not likely have found in a more traditional colonial home. They updated the kitchen, installed hardwood floors throughout, and created a child-friendly play area in the basement. However, Jon did have a sentimental attachment to two things he insisted they not change.

One was the doorbell chimes, which are original to the house. The other sacred cow was actually more of a sacred donkey. A ceramic donkey, to be more precise, which had been a housewarming gift to his grandparents, and resides in the backyard.

"My brother and I both have fond memories of visiting that donkey every time we came to see our grandparents." Jon is happy to see that their children, Caleigh, Jaren, and Sascha, have developed a similar fondness for the donkey. "There is no way we could part with it now," he grins.

Having a more spacious home allowed

Erika to reunite with a treasured item from her childhood, as well.

"My parents had been storing a desk that was willed to me by a relative, named Ida Treat, who was an author. I'm so happy to finally have a place for this family heirloom," she says. Moving back to Shaker also allowed Erika and Jon to pursue their passions. For Jon, it's musical theater.

"I was always involved in music and theater all the way through Shaker and even in college and law school." Now, not only can he finally have a full size piano, he also can put his talents on stage at an annual benefit he established for the Great Lakes Theatre Festival. Erika rediscovered the joys of Thornton Park ice rink, where she spent much of her youth figure skating. She also launched a boutique called Strollermama, which sells strollers and products for young children at a location in Beachwood and on the Internet.

But most importantly, the couple found that moving back to Shaker brought both of their families closer together. Their large

backyard has once again become the site of family and neighborhood gatherings. A particular favorite is their annual Fourth of July extravaganza, a backyard barbeque for over 100 friends and family members that culminates with a short walk to the Middle School for the fireworks display.

"I have such vivid memories of this event from my childhood," says Jon, "and now we can continue the tradition."

### **Lisa Klausner**

*Not everything's a museum piece*

Lisa Klausner initially thought of herself as someone who would never move back to Northeast Ohio. After college, she lived in Miami Beach and then New York City, where she worked as a photographer. Her work has appeared in the New York Times Magazine and is in the permanent collection at the Cleveland Museum of Art. In 1983, her father passed away, and in the 1990s, her mother's health declined.

"I started spending more and more

**The Leiken family.** Above, their home's airy kitchen.





time here, helping my mother and looking after the house I grew up in," says Lisa. "I was not conscious of having any attachment to the house or to the area, but when my mother passed away in 2002, I decided to stay here."

She rates spending time with family as the best benefit of her decision. Lisa's sister, Paula, lives in the Fernway neighborhood with her husband and two sons. Many cousins, aunts, and uncles live in the area as well.

Living in the family home brought Lisa back in touch with her family's roots, which she describes as "the prototypical immigrant story."

Her grandfather, Ben Klausner, immigrated to the Cleveland area from the Ukraine and worked alongside his father and brother selling barrels. In the 1920s, they formed Klausner Cooperage and began manufacturing their own barrels.

Their hard work paid off, and in 1936 Lisa's grandparents built the beautiful Onaway neighborhood home that was later passed on to Lisa's parents.

"My grandparents were very traditional people," says Lisa, as evidenced by the classic brick Georgian home they designed, with a large Palladian window gracing the front.

The task of sorting through the multitude of items left by her parents and grandparents has been difficult at times, but Lisa has managed to artfully combine family pieces with some of her own favorites to make the house more reflective of her style.

Her searches have also yielded priceless treasures, such as her grandfather's citizenship certificate and her grandparents' ketubah (a Jewish marriage contract), both of which she was able to preserve for posterity. She also discovered a goldmine of vintage fabrics in the attic, which she uses to create unique decorative pillows.

"Not everything has to be treated as a

**Lisa Klausner** (seated) with her sister Paula.

# SUMMER RUFFING IT!

June 21 - July 30, 2010





Summer to Grow On  
Ages 3-6

Creative Arts & Sciences  
Grades 1-5

Extreme! Sri  
Grades 6-8

Ruffing Montessori School 3380 Fairmount Boulevard Cleveland Heights, OH 44118  
[www.ruffingmontessori.net/sri](http://www.ruffingmontessori.net/sri) 216 932 7866

## Another busy day at JDN... where young children love learning!

**Enjoy watching your child:**

- Build confidence, self-esteem and an excitement for learning in our nurturing, creative environment.
- Engage in play, art, music, literacy, natural science, computers and more, while guided by our dedicated and degreed teachers.
- Explore the many activities in our beautiful classrooms and on our park-like playground, complete with bike path and waterpark!
- Become a kind, caring individual through interaction with a diverse group of friends from all over the world!



**Call to arrange a personal tour 216.320.8489**  
**Sue Paley Weaver, MSSA, LISW, Director**

[www.jdnearlychildhoodcenter.org](http://www.jdnearlychildhoodcenter.org)  
 22201 Fairmount Boulevard, Shaker Heights 44118-4819



**Full-day, year-round toddler and preschool program, ages 18 months to 5 years.**







Lisa Klausner's light-filled living room in Fernway.

## HANN'S HEATING HINTS

- ☒ **S**chedule a heating system tune-up and safety inspection to keep your furnace clean and efficient  
**Schedule prior to 3/31/10 and pay \$104 (normally \$154)**
- ☐ **A**dd a humidifier – moisture in the air makes the air feel warmer, allowing you to lower your thermostat
- ☐ **V**ents should be replaced for faster steam and main line venting on steam boiler systems
- ☐ **I**nstall a digital and programmable thermostat to prevent unnecessary heating
- ☐ **N**ew high efficient heating equipment should replace old and inefficient models
- ☐ **G**auge water heater temperature and lower if possible
- ☐ **S**et back your thermostat at night or when you are away for more than four hours

Follow these energy-saving hints to help reduce natural gas costs this winter without giving up the comforts of your home. Coupon is not valid with any other discounts or offers. Standard tune-up allows for 45 minutes of labor, parts additional. Valid only during normal workday hours (Mon– Fri, 8am to 3:30pm).

Bonded • Insured • OH LIC #24462

**VERNE & ELLSWORTH HANN INC.**

**PLUMBING  
HEATING  
AIR CONDITIONING**

*Owned and operated  
by Chris and Bill Hann.*

**(216) 932-9755**

museum piece,” she observes.

Perhaps the biggest surprise for Lisa has been discovering a love for gardening. “Having lived in New York and Miami, I never owned a house before, let alone a garden,” she says.

Lisa's mother, an avid gardener, had been a big supporter of the North Union Farmer's Market at Shaker Square. “She was a customer there from day one, and developed relationships with every vendor,” says Lisa, who also became an active supporter of the organization and served on their board of trustees for four years.

After her mother died, she found solace working in her mother's garden. She re-purposed several vintage items from the house to lend the garden a whimsical touch, and added a patio where she can entertain. Lisa sees her joy of gardening as a wonderful legacy from her mother. “It started as a way of mourning her passing; I felt like I was channeling her spirit. But now,” she acknowledges, “I've really made this garden my own.”



## Q&A

# Living with Crohn's

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

Like most Shaker parents, Winslow Historic District resident Tocombamaria Murphy wears many hats – mother, office worker, nursing student, volunteer. But her decade-long struggle with a debilitating illness, Crohn's Disease, has led to one of her most fulfilling roles, as a national Crohn's Advocate.

Crohn's Disease is a chronic illness that causes inflammation of the digestive tract. Its cause remains unknown, but researchers believe that the immune system of Crohn's patients is triggered to attack healthy cells in the gastrointestinal tract. Environmental and genetic factors may contribute to the onset of the disease, which usually occurs in people between the ages of 15 and 35.

There is no cure, but many treatment options are available, including medication and surgery. About 500,000 Americans suffer from Crohn's Disease (including the author of this story). It is more common among whites, but the incidence is rising in the African-American population.

Tocomba (the short form of her name) now travels the country, speaking at forums about her own experiences and helping other patients and their families cope. Tocomba recently took time out of her VERY busy schedule to chat with Shaker Life about living, working, and parenting with Crohn's.

To learn more, visit: [www.crohnsadvocate.com](http://www.crohnsadvocate.com) or [www.ccfa.org](http://www.ccfa.org)

**What is the origin and meaning of your unusual name?** My mom combined two names. "Tocomba" (the "b" is silent) is Native American, and means "one who walks on water." "Maria," well, she just liked the name, and felt the need to stick them together. She knew she was going to call me "Tocomba" because it sounds like the city.

**Are you from the Cleveland area?** I grew up in Beachwood. I've been in Shaker about 11 years now. My oldest son, Eric, is a junior at Shaker High, my middle son, Kobe, is at Mercer, and my daughter, Tristan, is at Lomond.

**When did you begin experiencing symptoms of Crohn's, and when was the diagnosis confirmed?** It was at least 10 years ago. I would go to the doctor for a physical, they would tell me to take vitamins. About six years ago, the symptoms converged all at once. Ironically, I was working in a health care facility, Northeast Ohio Neighborhood Health Services (NEON). I thought I was catching things from the patients. Then one day, I felt like someone was punching me in the stomach. I was doubled over, I couldn't work.

Until then, I never believed there had been anything really wrong with me. My younger son had been critically ill in the hospital for ten months. For me, that was sickness.



Well, I had a colonoscopy. It was the first time I had any sort of procedure like that. All I was given from the nurse was homegoing instructions. I turned the paper over, and found out my diagnosis – "ulcerative colitis: follow up in 30 days." I felt like I had to start doing the legwork on my own.

**What happened at the follow-up?** The doctor showed me a picture of the colon, indicating where my disease was. She gave me a prescription and the visit was over. I asked her what the cure was. She patted me on the back and sort of laughed. "The only cure is if we take your colon out." Then she walked away.

There I was, standing in the hallway with the appointment clerk. I didn't know what that meant for me. "Can you even live without a colon?" I was thinking all sorts of crazy things.



Tristan, Eric, Tocomba, and Kobe at home.

Anyway, it never got any better. I was losing weight, going through a divorce, and ended up back in the E.R. They put me on intravenous steroids and kept me for two weeks. We finally found out I didn't have ulcerative colitis at all. I have Crohn's.

**Did anybody warn you what the side effects of the steroids might be?** Well, they sent in a nurse who had had surgery for Crohn's, and she talked to me about aggression and mood swings. They didn't tell me about the weight gain. The steroids helped for a little bit, but I was horribly mean and my moods were erratic. I still wasn't feeling normal. I couldn't keep pace with my job in a really busy clinic, and rather than get fired, I resigned.

**So you lost your health insurance?** After a year and a half on COBRA, I had no doctor and no medicine, and ended up in the hospital. At that point, I met Dr. Mario Kamionkowski, who specializes in Crohn's disease. He treated me free until my county insurance came through, and then referred me to Dr. Jeffrey Katz at

University Hospitals.

At that point, things really turned around for me. Dr. Katz has searched tirelessly to find something that will work for me. I've been on just about every treatment there is, including surgery.

**How have your children coped?** I recall Christmas Day in 2008, which was my last flare, I mustered up enough strength to watch the kids open presents, and got back into bed for the next two days. My oldest son didn't even hesitate — he took care of the little ones, made them food, helped them dress. I'd hear them knock on my door, and he'd say, "Come here, let's do this, Mommy doesn't feel good."

I had a temporary ileostomy for two years. [That means doctors bypassed Tocomba's colon with a stoma (opening) connected to an external bag to collect waste.] It was hard to take. It changes everything about how you look, how you feel as a woman. I woke up from the surgery bawling. But before long, it was second nature. I was feeling better, and that was good.

My friends and family took the surgery

really well. My daughter really wanted to see it. She looked at it, kind of said, "Oh." We gave it a name — Stomamaria! It had its own little life. Sometimes they're loud, or gassy. My daughter would ask, "Is Stoma okay today?" With kids, the more you let them in on it, the better off you are. As long as they know you're not going to die, everything else is okay.

**How did you finally achieve remission?** Dr. Katz felt I needed to try a new drug called Cimzia. I have been in clinical remission for almost a year. I give myself two injections once a month. This is really the first time where a medication has really and truly put me into remission. I feel like a normal person for the first time in so many years.

**And that led to your becoming a Crohn's Advocate?** I was at Dr. Katz' office and noticed a poster on his door advertising an academic scholarship for those suffering from Crohn's, sponsored by UCB Pharma [the company that makes Cimzia]. It had always been my dream to become a doctor, but my family came first. As I got older, I decided that I wanted to be a nurse practitioner, but every time I went back to school, I would flare or my finances were bad. I had been out of school for 17 years. I had to get my transcripts together from Case and Tri-C, write an essay, and obtain recommendations. I was one of 31 recipients nationwide to win a \$10,000 scholarship, which has enabled me to go back to school at Cleveland State University, where I'm working on a BS in Nursing.

Last year, UCB came up with this new Crohn's Advocate program, and invited me to be a part of it, along with four others. It's like a dream come true for me, working in the medical field and talking about a disease I live with every day.

**What does this work involve?** Our objective is to connect, educate, and empower those living with Crohn's and their families. We have a website, [crohnsadvocate.com](http://crohnsadvocate.com), and you can register there for our free magazine. We have local forums across the country. I do a

great bit of traveling. At the end of September, I was in three states in a week.

We raise awareness not only about the disease, but the various treatment options. I always point out the mistakes I made at the beginning, so others won't repeat them. It's so important to find a GI doctor who specializes in Crohn's. A key point in my personal story is to develop a support network, and also show that with Crohn's, you can still achieve your dreams.

**What are some of the challenges that Crohn's patients face?** Sometimes it seems to be an invisible disease. Often we look like we're fine – people don't understand that I'm running to the bathroom a million times a day. Bodily functions can be embarrassing to talk about. Sometimes people feel like there's no one they can talk to.

I was at the beginning of a new relationship when I found out I had Crohn's. There was no use in trying to hide what

was going on. I was very upfront with the man I was and am still dating now. He was there for me. When you try to hide it, you do yourself a disservice.

**How can friends and family best support someone with Crohn's?** First of all, just being there. Not just physically, but being able to be that sounding board for someone who has a chronic illness. It can be overwhelming – encourage the person to talk about it. Let them know it's okay when you're having a steroid rant or feeling particularly down.

When things get bad, you have to learn to laugh about it. We have to make this funny. The two big things for me have been my faith and a sense of humor. I appreciate my support system. Not just my family, but also my church, Trinity Outreach Ministry Church of God in Christ, in Cleveland.

It's also really encouraging to see how many people come out and show support

for the Crohn's Walk, giving money and lending a hand to raise money to find a cure. I was a team leader last summer, and plan to be involved again this year.

**I hear you're an active volunteer.** I'm a Sunday school teacher and the head of the Young Women's Christian Council at church. I'm also on the Patient and Family Council at University Hospitals.

**And you've returned to work at NEON?** Yes. I do immunization outreach. When I finish my nursing degree, I plan to specialize in IBD (Irritable Bowel Diseases).

**Please finish this sentence: The best thing about living in Shaker is....** The diversity. I didn't grow up with that. There are so many things I love about the city – the school system, the teachers, even the street I live on. This is where I want to be.



# SUMMER AT LAUREL

**JUNE 14 – AUGUST 13, 2010!**

**NEW THIS YEAR! THE GATOR TRAIN CAMP**  
for Prek- and K and **THE DARING CAMP**  
**FOR GIRLS AND BOYS** in Grades 3-4.

Coed Camp offerings in **ART, DRAMA, SPORTS, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, DEBATE** for children Prekindergarten – Grade 12  
Returning favorites include the **MAGIC TREE HOUSE CAMP!**

And our coed **LAUREL SUMMER INSTITUTE**  
offers classes for academic credit for Grades 9-12.

For more information and to register online  
go to **[www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer](http://www.LaurelSchool.org/Summer)**  
or call Melissa Curtis at **216.455.0154**.

**LAUREL**

One Lyman Circle, Shaker Heights, OH 44122





## ...On Broadway

continued from page 28

*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*. Her first speaking role came during the sixth grade in the Beachwood Community Theater's *Annie*. The following summer, she landed her first leading role as Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. Her first professional gig came during her junior year of high school when she won the role of "Placard Girl" in the Beck Center for the Arts' production of *Reefer Madness*.

While theater camps, piano, dance, and voice lessons, and increasingly prominent roles in school, community, and professional productions filled her days, Halle didn't initially view musical theater as anything more than a hobby – until she attended a theater camp at Baldwin-Wallace College after her freshman year at Shaker High.

"I was introduced to a whole world that I didn't even know existed by stu-

dents who were musical theater majors. Once I knew I could go to school for musical theater, it was over," she laughs. "My parents had been pushing me toward the Ivy League to become a doctor or lawyer – which they still kind of want me to do – but the BW experience showed me I could go for this."

Going for it, she soon discovered, would be grueling. "Let me tell you, it is an event applying for theater music programs. I applied to and had to audition for nine schools, traveling to Boston, Philadelphia, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and other cities during my senior year of high school. Nothing seemed more important than getting into the school of your dreams, and I had my heart set on Carnegie Mellon."

But after being waitlisted at her first choice, she accepted a scholarship offer to attend CCM, a decision she credits with helping her get to where she is today. "CCM is ranked as a number-one school for musical theater by New York City agents," she

says. "They call it the Harvard of musical theater schools."

CCM's graduation ceremony is actually a one-hour "Senior Showcase" performance that students present in New York for an audience of industry agents and casting directors and managers.

"The goal is to get an agent from that Showcase," Halle explains. "We're very lucky that almost everyone, every year, graduates from CCM with an agent. It is amazing." Halle and her 13 CCM Class of 2009 classmates took "An Odyssey" as their Showcase theme. Among the standout numbers Halle performed was "Waiting for Life" from the musical *Once on This Island*. "I've been singing it in auditions since high school," she says. "It shows me off the best."

At the conclusion of the Showcase, each agent checks off the names of those students they want to talk to and then places their request card on the stage.

"It's the most horrifying experience

## Get Your Comfort Problems Solved Now!

Buy An Infinity Furnace And Get The  
Air Conditioner or Heat Pump At 1/2 Price!  
(Model 24ABA / 25HBA)

- Unmatched Carrier expertise, efficiency and reliability
- Factory-trained, certified technicians
- Residential and commercial
- Licensed, bonded and fully insured
- Financing available\*

www.weatherking1.com



OH Lic.  
#36675

**WeatherKing**  
Heating & Air Conditioning

The Key to Your Indoor Comfort

**216-244-3191**



Turn to the Experts™



**\$50.00  
OFF**

Humidifier Or Duct  
Cleaning

Weather King • 330-900-0281  
Valid only with coupon. Not valid  
with any other offers. Exp. 3/31/10

**\$20.00  
OFF**

Service Call  
With Repair

Weather King • 330-900-0281  
Valid only with coupon. Not valid  
with any other offers. Exp. 3/31/10

\*Based on total energy costs calculated using AHJ Standards 210/240-94, the DOE test procedures (10 CFR, Part 430),  
Subpart H, Appliance M and H and the FTC imp. unit energy costs: \$0.086/kWh and \$0.91/therm (10 CFR 430.9).

\*Finance charges will accrue on the purchase from date of purchase but no minimum  
monthly payments will be due prior to the promissory note period as indicated on your  
sales statement, and if you pay the cash sales price of the purchase prior to the promissory  
period expiration date, no finance charges will be due on the purchase. Standard APR is  
14.99%, Default Rate is 20.99%. Minimum monthly finance charge is \$3.00.

when we all return to the stage to look for cards,” Halle says. “But I had 15 callbacks. I landed with *The Mine*, a fabulous agency that represents countless performers and has lots of working clients. I’m really happy with them. They really understand me and what I want to do. I mentioned I thought I was right for *Mamma Mia!* in our very first meeting.”

With several months of performances under her belt, her performance jitters are under control, the two-and-a-half hour performances no longer exhaust her, and the show has become, Halle says, “the job that I do. But I’m still having the time of my life.”

Last November, she moved from her cousin’s couch in Queens to an apartment at East 97th Street and Lexington Avenue, a 15-minute subway ride from the theater. When not performing, she socializes with fellow cast members and other Northeast Ohio transplants, including Shaker High graduates Leah Michelson (’04), Amy Sil-

ver (’05), Hannah Corrigan (’05), Danielle Saks (’05), and Arlo Hill (’04).

She also participates in the late-night Broadway Show Bowling League that pits cast members from current shows against each other to raise money for the Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS organization. And she takes in as many Broadway and off-Broadway shows and theater festivals as she can. “I’ve seen *Hair* twice, and Andrew Kober [*Shaker High*, 2002] is hysterical in it.” She’s been a fan of his for years: “He was my Charlie Brown when we did Heights Youth Theater together.”

It’s been nearly a year since she moved to the Big Apple, and Halle remains enamored of it. “I love New York City; there’s no place else like it in the world. Even things you don’t like, such as crowded subways or smelly cabs, it doesn’t matter. New York is still unique with all its different walks of life. I also appreciate how well-respected theater is here.”

Her fondness for the city might also

stem from having met boyfriend Anthony Mark Booth, Jr. there. “I actually met Anthony the first week I was here, on the subway,” she says. “My friends and I were lost, naturally, and he helped us.” Booth, she learned, was also from Ohio (Columbus) and had studied musical theater at Cincinnati’s School for Creative and Performing Arts. “He is a wonderful singer on track to be a rock star/pop sensation. He has been incredibly supportive of me. He always believed I was going to make it to Broadway, and he made me believe. He continues to inspire me.”

Despite her promising start, Halle acknowledges that her chosen profession “can be really scary. Theater can be such an unstable career. My very talented roommate is currently babysitting.” Her ultimate dream, she says, “is to originate a role on Broadway and win a Tony Award.” But for now, she says, “I feel so blessed to be in this position.”



FOR THOSE WHO WANT THE BEST—FOR NEARLY 40 YEARS, PEOPLE WITH EXQUISITE TASTE HAVE TURNED TO FARALLI'S KITCHEN & BATH DESIGN STUDIO TO FULFILL THOSE DESIGN DREAMS.

40 Years Of... Outstanding Designs • Satisfied Customers • First-Class Installations • Excellent Service

**FARALLI**  
Custom Kitchens & Baths

2804 SOM Center Rd.  
Willoughby Hills Ohio 44094  
Phone: (440) 944-4499  
www.faralli.com

# BUYING GOLD & SILVER

## WANTED:

U.S. Coins 1964 & Earlier



Dimes,  
Quarter,  
Half & Silver  
Dollars



## WANTED:

Sterling Silver

Instant Cash for Your Sterling Silver  
Flatware & Tea Sets



## WE BUY ANYTHING MADE BY

*Rolex • Cartier • Patek Philippe*

*Tiffany & Co. • Vacheron*

*Constantin • Omega • LeCoultre*



We Buy Anything Made of  
**GOLD, SILVER  
OR PLATINUM**



## SILVER DOLLARS

We Pay Top Dollar for Your  
Circulated and Uncirculated  
Silver Dollars

# 216.650.GOLD

**16933 Chagrin Boulevard • Shaker Heights**

*Shaker Towne Center • Corner of Chagrin and Lee Rd.*

**216-702-4653 • Open Monday-Saturday 10:00 am-6:30 pm**

**Parma**  
**5444 Pearl Road**  
*Intersection of Pearl & Ridge*  
*Next to Parma Hardware*  
**216-650-GOLD**

**Mentor**  
**6986 Heisley Road**  
*Corner of Heisley and Mentor Avenue*  
*Next to Parkview Federal Bank*  
**440-241-1150**



For a complete list of items we purchase visit our website [www.650GOLD.com](http://www.650GOLD.com)



## Ongoing Activities for Families

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON**, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY PLAYROOM. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 can play and make friends. Afternoon hours: 4-6 PM Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Membership includes use of gym and muscle room during specific hours. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: The Homework Center, 4-6:30 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Free homework help for youth in grades 2-6 provided by teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools. An adult must register the student at the first visit and students must be picked up by 6:30 pm. INFO: 216-991-2030. *This service is generously funded by MyCom.*

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop in Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight with

parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**TUESDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 6-8 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-991-2030 OR 216-921-2023.

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

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

**SATURDAYS: Open Gym, 10 AM-NOON**, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Children

(birth-6 years) with a parent can enjoy exercise equipment and activities in a gym and large muscle room. Program runs through March 28. Discount passes available at Shaker Family Center. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days, 2267 LEE RD.** *Dine and donate!* Every Tuesday, the Stone Oven donates a percentage of the day's sales to the Nature Center programs. Enjoy a great meal and support the Nature Center. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON**, SHAKER SQUARE. (Between Dewey's Coffee House and CVS Pharmacy.) Go indoors to shop fresh and local to benefit the farmers. INFO: 216-751-7656.

**SATURDAYS: Hike with a Friend, 3:30 PM**, NATURE CENTER. Bring a friend or hike with a new one and share your knowledge and favorite spots around the Shaker Parklands. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

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

## Destinations...

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY**  
20600 Fayette Road  
216-991-2421

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

**THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES**  
2600 South Park Boulevard  
216-321-5935

**STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING / COMMUNITY COLONNADE**  
3450 Lee Road  
216-491-1360

**FAMILY CONNECTIONS AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER**  
19824 Sussex Road  
216-921-2023

**SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL**  
15911 Aldersyde Drive  
216-295-4200

**SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM**  
16740 South Park Boulevard  
216-921-1201

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

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







# February

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Robotics</b> 4:15 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 58)	<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 6 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Art</b> 10:45 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 58)	<b>Friends Feast-ival of Chocolate</b> 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 59)	<b>Drop in Sessions</b> Ongoing. 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 55)	<b>Meet American Girl Doll Rebecca</b> 2 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 59)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<b>Reforming Our Food Supply: An Untold Story</b> 9:30 am, First Unitarian Church. (pg. 59)	<b>The Homework Center</b> Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Altered Books Workshop for Teens</b> 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 59)	<b>Kindergarten Curriculum Night</b> 7 pm, Hathaway Brown School. (pg. 59)	<b>Candy Making in the Teen Center</b> 4:30 pm, Main Library. (pg. 59)	<b>Killer B Tournament 2/12-14</b> Thornton Park. (pg. 60)	<b>North Union Farmers Market</b> Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)  <b>Rain Barrel Workshop</b> 3 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 60)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>Annual Winter Case Band Department Showcase Concert</b> 3 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66)	<b>Pajama Stories</b> 7:15 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 60)	<b>Roller Skating</b> 4 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 60)  <b>Shaker Works in Progress</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 61)	<b>Music in the Morning</b> 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 61)  <b>Getting Your Foot in the Door</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 61)	<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> St. Dominic Church. (pg. 61)	<b>SAT Practice Test</b> 9:15 am, Main Library. (pg. 61)  <b>Cross Country Ski Shaker Parklands</b> 10 am, Nature Center. (pg. 61)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<b>Les Delices</b> 4 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 61)	<b>The Homework Center</b> Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Shaker Dreams</b> Shaker Historical Society & Museum. (pg. 61)  <b>The ABCs of Starting a Business</b> 7 pm, Main Library (pg. 62)	<b>A Program of American Music</b> 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church. (pg. 62)	<b>Poetry Back in the Woods</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 62)	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> St. Dominic Church. (pg. 61)	<b>Wildlife Tracks</b> 2 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 62)  <b>Baldwin-Wallace Women's and Men's Choirs</b> 7:30 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 62)
28						

# March

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Dance Together</b> 10 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63)  <b>Preschool Dance Class</b> 4 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63)		<b>The Homework Center</b> Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)		<b>Barbara Luton Art Competition Drop Off</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 63)  <b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> St. Dominic Church. (pg. 63)	<b>Barbara Luton Art Competition Drop Off</b> 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 64)  <b>Meet American Girl Doll Rebecca</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 6 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Excelling at Interviewing</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)	<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Organ and Trumpet Concert</b> 8 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 64)  <b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> St. Dominic Church. (pg. 63)	<b>A Night for the Red &amp; White</b> 7 pm, Executive Caterers at Landerhaven. (pg. 64)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<b>The Mozart Experience Family Concert</b> 2 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 66)	<b>The Homework Center</b> Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Winter Athletic Awards</b> 6 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 64)  <b>Shaker Works in Progress</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 64)	<b>New Stages 28 Shaker New Playwrights' and Directors' Series</b> 3/17 & 3/18 8 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 64)	<b>St. Patrick's Day Show</b> 7 pm, St. Dominic School. (pg. 64)  	<b>Lenten Fish Fry</b> St. Dominic Church. (pg. 63)  <b>Once On This Island</b> 7 pm, Wiley Auditorium. (pg. 66)	<b>Open Gym</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)
	22	23	24	25	26	27
	<b>Band Tour Preview Concert</b> 7 pm, Shaker High.	<b>Writing a Business Plan</b> 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 65)  <b>Poetry Back in the Woods</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 65)	<b>The Homework Center</b> Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)		<b>North Union Farmers Market</b> Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)
28	29	30	31			
<b>Barbara Luton Art Competition Gallery-Opening Reception</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 65)		<b>Play &amp; Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 6 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	<b>Parent &amp; Child Play Sessions</b> Ongoing. 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)			





**P.K. Wadsworth**

HEATING & COOLING, INC

(440) 248 2110

Air Condition your vintage home without destroying its architectural integrity.



-P.K. Wadsworth Heating & Cooling is a family owned business since 1936  
-We have completed hundreds of Unico installations in the Heights area  
-We are the 2007 Unico contractor of the year

State License # 19664

# GILMOUR CAMPS

*Something for Everyone...*



## PRESCHOOL CAMP:

June 14 - July 30

(440) 684-4580

For boys & girls: half-day  
and full-day sessions

**NEW  
SWIMMING  
POOL!**

## DAY CAMP: June 14 - July 30

(440) 684-4580

For boys and girls entering Kindergarten - eighth grade

## WEEKLY CAMPS: June 14 - July 30 • (440) 684-4580

For boys and girls third - eighth grade—explore  
moviemaking, nature, baking, dance, drama, photography,  
piñata making, 3D art, and much more!

## SPORTS CAMP AND HOCKEY SCHOOL:

June 14 - August 13 • (440) 449-7490

For boys and girls ages 4-17—this camp includes hockey,  
baseball, golf, outdoor adventure, and more!

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [www.gilmour.org](http://www.gilmour.org)**



out & about

## Events for *February*

**THRU MARCH 11: Winter Blues to Winter Hues**, SHAKER ART GALLERY, MAIN LIBRARY. Wash out the gray with a splash of color by talented local artists. Shaker Art Gallery is a collaboration of the Shaker Library and Shaker Arts Council. INFO: MARGARET SIMON, 216-991-2030 OR [msimon@shakerlibrary.org](mailto:msimon@shakerlibrary.org) OR LESLYE ARIAN, 216-470-9104 OR [larian@roadrunner.com](mailto:larian@roadrunner.com).

**FEB. 1-MARCH 1: Winter Outdoor Adventure Classes**, NATURE CENTER. Children in grades K-8 can explore and learn through fun, interactive outdoor classes ranging in price from \$35-\$50/members; \$50-\$65/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

*Feb. 1: Robotics*, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Students in grades 1-3 build models of machines and animals and learn basic programming. \$20/2 weeks (Feb. 1 & Feb. 8). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

*Feb. 2: Groundhog Day*. Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow?

*Feb. 3: Art*, 10:45 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) and a parent use different art media to learn about colors, design, and textures. Each week children create new pages for an art portfolio. \$40/4 weeks (Feb. 3-24). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Feb. 4: Friends Feast-ival of Chocolate, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Friends sweetens its membership with a chocolate tasting just in time for Valentine's Day. Everyone is welcome, but only Friends members can win door prizes including a basket filled with chocolate treats from Fresh Market. Not a member? Here's a tasty reason to join. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Feb. 6: Meet American Girl Doll Rebecca, 2 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Rebecca's era. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Feb. 7: Reforming Our Food Supply: An Untold Story, 9:30 AM, FIRST UNTARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD.**

Mary K. Holmes, CWRU Presidential Scholar and food activist, will speak about food choices that support our values and priorities. Less than 1% of all the food eaten in Ohio is grown here. Can we put healthy, sustainable food on our dinner table? How much power do corporations have over the food we eat? Free. INFO: 216-751-2320.

**Feb. 7: Tri-C Classical Piano Recital Series: Logan Skelton, 3:30 PM, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** University of Michigan professor, pianist, and composer performs. Tickets: \$15/person; \$10 seniors, students, church members. INFO: 216-241-6000.

**Feb. 9: Altered Books Workshop for Teens, 6:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** We'll break all the rules when Brenna Friesner shows how to

rip, tear, glue, and decorate books into amazing recycled art. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Feb. 10: Kindergarten Curriculum Night, 7 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD.** An evening hosted by Primary School Director Kathy Zopatti and kindergarten teachers. Parents are welcome to visit the HB kindergarten classrooms and learn all about the curriculum. This free event is for parents only. RSVP by February 8 to 216-320-8098 or [www.hb.edu](http://www.hb.edu).

**Feb. 11: Candy Making in the Teen Center, 4:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Looking for a *sweet* Valentine's Day gift? Make your own candy. Bring a take-out container for your tasty treats. INFO: 216-991-2030.



**FIRST CLASS**  
*Real Estate*  
**SERVICES**  
LLC

Helping *Greater Cleveland* find  
 its way home!

**(216) 342-4355**

First Class Service. First Class Results.  
[www.1st-ClassRealty.com](http://www.1st-ClassRealty.com)

Kim K. Johnson, Broker



## ☀ out & about

**ROOSEVELT COUNTRY DAY CAMP  
ON LAKE ERIE**  
**BOYS & GIRLS AGE 6-14**  
2814 Perry Park Road • Perry, Ohio 44081

Bill Lorimer, Director 1-800-752-2690  
Judy Lorimer, Ass't. Director cell 440-220-0378  
Robyn Lorimer, Ass't Director

www.rooseveltcountrydaycamp.com  
email: rooseveltdaycamp@hotmail.com

LORIMER CAMPS FOR OVER A ZILLON YEARS  
Transportation Available Lower Tuition in 2010

**Mary Lou: A Step Above the Rest**

Why should you care that for the past 20 years I have been in the Top 1% within the finest real estate company in Northeast Ohio? *Because supremely satisfied buyers and sellers put me there!* Those I have helped in the past will be thrilled to tell you why I should be the one to help you with your real estate needs today and tomorrow.  
Please call me for references.

VM:216.999.8411  
Off:216.751.8550  
website:maryloumchenry.com  
email:mlmsmythecramer@aol.com

MARY LOU MCHENRY  
"A Step Above the Rest"

Howard  
Hanna  
SMYTHE CRAMER

GARAGES	WINDOWS
<p><b>Since 1957</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garages built to your specifications</li> <li>We will remove your old garage at cost</li> <li>We do concrete work</li> <li>Please call Dave Masek for a free estimate</li> </ul> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Free Estimates • Bank Financing</li> <li>Licensed • Bonded • Insured</li> </ul> <p><b>BBB</b> <b>PRO</b></p>	<p>Andersen AW <b>MARVIN</b> Windows and Doors</p> <p><b>Soft-Lite vinyl</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We only install Quality wood and Vinyl windows</li> <li>We use the finest materials and methods available today</li> <li>Your home will look like the original beauty it was when built</li> <li>We offer only energy efficient windows &amp; Patio Doors</li> <li>All window styles: Bay windows • Bow windows               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Double-hung windows—tilt in for easy cleaning!</li> <li>Casement windows</li> </ul> </li> <li>Patio doors—sliding &amp; swinging</li> <li>Please call Gerry Zwick for a free estimate</li> </ul>

**Parma Window & Garage L.L.C.**  
Call us at (216) 267-2300 or (440) 748-2089  
www.parmawindow.com

**Feb. 13: Rain Barrel Workshop,** 3-5 PM, NATURE CENTER. Learn to make a rain barrel and use the water (and money) you've saved to keep your home landscape healthy and growing. \$60/members, \$75/non-members. \$30 extra barrel without Oatey Diverter. \$50/extra barrel with Oatey Diverter. Workshop limited to 15 people and one extra barrel. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR www.shakerlakes.org.

**Feb. 12 & 15: Presidents' Day Weekend.** Shaker Schools closed.

**Feb. 12-14: Killer B Tournament,** THORNTON PARK. B is for blades, as in blades of glory. Shaker hosts its tourney for B teams.

**Feb. 14: Heights Chamber Orchestra Concert,** 7:30 PM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Shaker resident and piano soloist Emanuela Friscioni performs. Guest conductor is Horst Buchholz. The program includes Bizet's Suite from L'Arlesienne and Chopin's Piano Concerto No. 2. Free-will donation. INFO: SUSAN BLACKWELL, 216-321-3315 OR susanmbblackwell@hotmail.com.

**Feb. 15: Pajama Stories,** 7:15 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Starry, story night for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Feb. 16: Roller Skating,** 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn to skate safely. Beginning skills include learning to get up from the floor, rolling forward, and picking up one foot at a time. Use of music for simple rhythm and movement activities that coincide with skating skills. \$69/6



## out & about

weeks (Feb. 16-March 23). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Feb. 16: Shaker Works in Progress, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Sabine Kretzschmar, former executive director of the Shaker Historical Society, speaks about the Clark-Lee Freeway Struggle and the birth of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Feb. 17: Music in the Morning, 9:30 AM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to 3) and their parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$65/6 weeks (Feb. 17-March 24). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Feb. 17: Getting Your Foot in the Door, 2 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Giannoula Harris of the Cleveland Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management offers tips on what it takes to get your foot in the door of prospective employers. Learn job research strategies, how to network, and how to write cover letters and resumes. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Feb. 19, 26: Lenten Fish Fry,** ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, 19000 VAN AKEN BLVD. *Now I filet me down to sleep. I thank the Lord for my sole to eat.* Proceeds benefit organizations at St. Dominic. Eat in or take home. INFO: 216-991-1444.

**Feb. 20: SAT Practice Test, 9:15 AM-2:45 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Youth in grades 9-12 can take a full-length SAT practice test, including essay writing, that'll be professionally scored. Registration is required and no late arrivals will be admitted. Bring two #2 pencils, a snack, and

a calculator (check <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/testday/calc.html> to see if yours is acceptable.) Come back March 6 for your scores and test tips from the experts. INFO: 216-991-2030 EX. 3186.

**Feb. 20: Cross Country Ski Shaker Parklands, 10 AM-NOON,** NATURE CENTER. Bring your own cross-country gear and ski the parklands with a naturalist. No snow? S'no problem. Hike takes place with or without flakes. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**Feb. 20 & 21: Ninth Grade Theatre Experience, 8 PM,** SHAKER HIGH. Fully staged production written and performed by the freshmen company in collaboration with Cleveland-area poet Katie Daley. 24-Hour Box Office: 216-295-4287.

**Feb. 21: Les Delices, 4 PM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVETRY RD. ArtsPlymouth's artist in residence, Les Delices directed by Debra Nagy, performs Hommages, an intimate program of tributes featuring Francois Couperin's "Apotheosis of Lully," selected "tombeaux," and other musical caricatures. Tickets available online at [www.lesdelices.org](http://www.lesdelices.org) or at the door. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**Feb. 22: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-8 cook real food and prepare a simple recipe with parent's help. \$20. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Feb. 23: Shaker Dreams.** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM. A history of Shaker dreams and visions including artwork and artifacts from

### CLEVELAND CITY DANCE

Enjoy the Art of Dance with Patient and Experienced Teachers



13108 Shaker Square, Cleveland, Oh 44120  
Enjoy Dance at CCD, quality dance instruction with patient and experienced teachers. Ages 2 1/2 & up in ballet, jazz, tap, Graham-based modern, hip-hop, Flamenco, musical theater, and more.  
Morning & Evening Classes  
Children & Adult Classes Available  
Summer Camp is July 5 - Aug. 14, 2010  
With a variety of camps for ages 3-20  
NEW Yoga classes for ages 12 & up

Enjoy a \$20 discount with ad by June 26, 2010. Cannot be combined with any other offer.

Visit our website or call for program and enrollment dates  
For a complete class schedule and scholarships call 216-295-2222  
or visit [Clevelandcitydance.com](http://Clevelandcitydance.com)

BRICK • BLOCK • FIREPLACES • CHIMNEYS • PATIOS • STONE  
CONCRETE • EXCAVATING

## LALLO

Masonry & Concrete, LLC

(440) 781-3005  
[WWW.LALLOMASONRYANDCONCRETE.COM](http://WWW.LALLOMASONRYANDCONCRETE.COM)  
LALLOMASONRY@YAHOO.COM

JOE LALLO  
Owner

r.e.model r.e.novate r.e.storage r.e.place  
r.e.new r.e.pair r.e.refurbish r.e.refit r.e.vive

### R.E. MAJER CO.

Interior & Exterior Renovations  
Window Replacement  
Kitchen & Baths  
Slate & Tile Roof Repairs  
Masonry Repair

## 216-721-2600

r.e.model r.e.novate r.e.storage r.e.place  
r.e.new r.e.pair r.e.refurbish r.e.refit r.e.vive



**Academy of Dance**  
 Ballet Tap Jazz Hip Hop Lyrical Pilates Pointe  
 Announcing Our New State Of The Art Facility  
 23945 Mercantile Rd. Suite M  
 216-292-2720  
 Register Online at [www.studiojdance.com](http://www.studiojdance.com)

**IBJ ELECTRIC**  
 LICENSED AND INSURED

**CITY VIOLATIONS  
 BREAKER PANELS  
 HIGH-END LIGHTING  
 RENOVATIONS**

CONTACT JONATHON JOHNSON  
 216-233-2306

INVITATIONS & STATIONERY SINCE 1985  
 CLASSIC - CONTEMPORARY - CUSTOM-DESIGNED

*the a. l. wain  
 company*

BY APPOINTMENT 216.751.2999  
 (RIGHT IN SHAKER HEIGHTS!)  
[WWW.ALWAIN.COM](http://WWW.ALWAIN.COM)



Interest rates as low as  
**3.99%\***  
 fixed for 30 years!

Down payment  
 grants up to  
**\$15,000**

*The Lofts at*  
**AVALON STATION**  
[www.AvalonLofts.com](http://www.AvalonLofts.com)  
**216.561.5200**  
 16800 Van Aken Blvd., Shaker Hts.  
 OPEN 11-5

- Luxury lofts/penthouses from the \$200s
- Heated indoor garage with private entrance
- Green building with energy-saving features
- Superior RTA location
- Find out how you can move in now without paying 2 mortgages. Call us.

\* rates subject to change

## out & about

the permanent collection. Exhibit continues through April 30. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR [shakerhistory@shakerhistory.com](mailto:shakerhistory@shakerhistory.com).

**Feb. 23: The ABCs of Starting a Business, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Whether you are just beginning to develop a business concept or ready to start a business, this program offers a general overview of the questions you should ask to insure a successful business start. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Feb. 24: A Program of American Music, 7:30 PM, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** The Shaker Heights High School A Capella choir and orchestra and the church's Chancel Choir perform. INFO: 216-932-7480.

**Feb. 25: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Enjoy poetry read by regional poets. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Feb. 26: Winter Visitation Day, 8:15 AM-2 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD.** Girls interested in applying for grades 5-12 at Hathaway Brown School can meet HB students, faculty and administrators; attend classes; tour the school; visit the new aquatic center; and find out about HB. Free optional presentation, Q&A session, and tour for prospective parents from 8:30-9:30 am. Reservations are required. INFO: 216-320-8767 OR [dburks@hb.edu](mailto:dburks@hb.edu).

**Feb. 27: Wildlife Tracks, 2-4 PM, NATURE CENTER.** Make tracks to spend the afternoon looking for signs of local wildlife. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**Feb. 27: Baldwin-Wallace Women's and Men's Choirs, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.**



## out & about

Dr. Philip Silvey directs the Women's Choir and Frank Bianchi directs the Men's Choir in a concert of eclectic music. Free will donation. INFO: 216-921-3510.

## Events for *March*

**March 1: Dance Together, 10 AM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Dancing with a parent or caregiver, children ages 18 months-3 years learn basic dance skills and explore rhythm, balance, and coordination with upbeat music and fun props \$60/5 weeks (March 1-March 29). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**March 1: Preschool Dance Class, 4 PM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children learn simple dances and explore movement, rhythm, balance and coordination with fun music and props. \$60/5 weeks (March 1-March 29) INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**March 5: Professional Day.** Shaker elementary schools closed.

**March 5, 12 & 19: Lenten Fish Fry,** ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, 19000 VAN AKEN BLVD. *Just for the halibut,* buy some fish to benefit organizations at St. Dominic. Eat in or take home. INFO: 216-991-1444.

**March 5: Barbara Luton Art Competition Drop Off, 2-5 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Enter up to two pieces in the library's 11th annual juried art competition. Non-refundable entry fee is \$25. INFO: 216-991-2030.



Serving the Heights & Cleveland's Southeast Suburbs

### Inspired Design, Quality Craftsmanship.



OWNERS JIM KARLOVEC & SUSIE RABIAH

Whether it's your kitchen, bath or entire home, Karlovec & Company will turn your dreams into reality. Call us today, or visit us on the web, to see how Karlovec & Company can bring new life to your old home.

WWW.KARLOVEC.COM



**KARLOVEC  
& COMPANY**

DESIGN/BUILD ■ REMODEL

PH: 216.767.1887



**THE CIM OPERA THEATER PRESENTS  
ARIADNE AUF NAXOS  
February 24 – 27 at 8:00 p.m.**

In Richard Strauss' delightful comedy, romance will triumph to some of his most delectable music! Don't miss this rarely performed masterpiece.  
David Bamberger, director  
The CIM Orchestra, Harry Davidson, conductor

**Tickets on Sale Now!**

\$15 for adults; \$10 for students, seniors and groups of 10 or more. Order online at [cim.edu](http://cim.edu) or call 216.791.5000 x411



# THE COOKING Jean

PROFESSIONAL  
PERSONAL CHEF SERVICE

*Don't bring dinner home. Come home to dinner.*

JEAN GRUBER 216-315-0305

jean@thecookingjean.com  
thecookingjean.com



Premier Member of USPCA

## Volpe Millwork, Inc.

Design / Build / General Contracting  
Fabrication of Cabinets / Furnishings  
Architectural Millwork  
Restoration / Remodeling / Repairs

*...Turning Your Ideas Into Reality*

4500 Lee Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44128  
(216) 581-0200

[www.volpemillworkinc.com](http://www.volpemillworkinc.com)

Member of AIA Architectural Woodwork Institute



Your Complete Tree Care Specialists  
Fully Insured • Free Estimates

216-932-9901

- Complete Tree Maintenance Program
- Certified Arborists on Staff
- Tree Removal
- Tree Trimming
- 168'30 Ton Crane
- 75' Bucket Trucks
- Deep Root Fertilization
- 24 Hour Emergency
- Stump Grinding
- Tree Moving

## out & about

**March 6: Barbara Luton Art Competition Drop Off, 10 AM-2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Enter up to two pieces in the library's 11th annual juried art competition. Non-refundable entry fee is \$25. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 6: Meet American Girl Doll Rebecca, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Rebecca's era. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 10: Excelling at Interviewing, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Giannoula Harris of the Cleveland Chapter of the Society of Human Resources Management speaks about what applicants should – and should not – do in job interview situations. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 12: Organ and Trumpet Concert, 8 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD.** Organists James Riggs and Todd Wilson unite with Neil Mueller on trumpet for a program marking the 10th anniversary of the renovation of the Holtkamp-Hemry pipe organ. Free will donation. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**March 13: A Night for the Red & White, 7 PM, EXECUTIVE CATERERS AT LANDERHAVEN, 6111 LANDERHAVEN DR.** *Here's to books and studies and partying with your buddies!* Friends of the Shaker Schools Foundation's annual Black Tie Block Party to benefit the Shaker Heights City Schools gets help from committee chairs Jean Albrecht, Cathy Mitro, Janice Harris, and Nancy Jackson. Tickets: \$295/person; \$195/peron; \$125/person. Special Friends package is \$199/couple. INFO: CHRISTINE AUGINAS, 216-295-4325 OR [auginas\\_c@shaker.org](mailto:auginas_c@shaker.org).

**March 14: Daylight Savings Time.** Spring ahead one hour.

**March 15: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Children (ages 3-8) enjoy cooking real food and prepare a simple recipe with parent's help. \$20. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**March 16: Winter Athletic Awards, 6 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** Cheers to Shaker's athletes and their awesome seasons.

**March 16: Shaker Works in Progress, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** John Carroll University history professor Marian J. Morton speaks about her work in progress on the congregations in Shaker Heights. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 17 & 18: New Stages 28 Shaker New Playwrights' & Directors' Series, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** This one-act play festival is produced, directed, performed, and written by students. Show at 7 and 9:15 pm March 19 and 20. Now in its 28th year, performances are held in Shaker's intimate black box Stage 3 Theatre. 24-Hour Box Office: 216-295-4287.

**March 18: St. Patrick's Day Show, 7 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD.** 'Tis a lucky evening when students strut their Irish stuff. INFO: 216-561-4400.

**March 19: Conference Day.** Shaker Schools Grades K-8 closed.

**March 22: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Children

ages 3-8 enjoy cooking real food and prepare a simple meal with parent's help. \$20. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**March 22: Band Tour Preview Concert, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH.**

**March 23: Writing A Business Plan, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Learn how to write an effective business plan to help develop, manage, and grow your business. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 23: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Regional poets read poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**March 28: Barbara Luton Art Competition Gallery-Opening Reception, 2-4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Meet the winners of the 11th annual juried art show and enjoy their cre-

ations. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**March 29-April 5: Spring Break.** Shaker Schools closed.

## In the Circle and Beyond

**FEB. 6: Tackle the Tower Stairclimb, 7:30-11 AM, CENTER COURT OF THE GALLERIA & TOWER AT ERIEVIEW, 1301 E. 9TH ST.** Climb 37 flights (646 stairs) at the Tower at Erieview to benefit Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. T-shirt, beverages, breakfast, awards, prizes, music and raffle prizes before and after the race! \$20/preregistration; \$25/race day. INFO: 216-623-9933.

**FEB. 7: 19th Annual Black Heritage Concert, 4 PM, CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC, 11021 EAST BLVD.** Ensembles

from the Cleveland School of the Arts; R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Choir, directed by William B. Woods; Chamber Orchestra, directed by Diana Richardson. Free. INFO: 216-791-5000.

**FEB. 10: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** Ursuline College Professor Elisha Dumser presents *Building Power: The Architecture of the Emperor Maxentius in Rome (306-312 CD)*. Free with reception after the lecture to meet the speaker. INFO: 216-3231-4600 OR [www.case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html](http://www.case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html).

**FEB. 12: Marathon in Antarctica: The Coldest, Highest, Driest, Windiest, Loneliest Continent, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL**

# Take a closer look.

**SCIENCE**  
explore evolution  
[ FACE-TO-FACE ]



**HAWKEN**  
S C H O O L



Get Ready

**Preschool to Grade 8**  
Lyndhurst Campus  
440.423.2950

**Grades 9 to 12**  
Gates Mills Campus  
440.423.2955

## OPEN HOUSE

**Sunday, February 21, 2010**

Program begins promptly at 1:00 p.m.  
RSVP today.

[admissions@hawken.edu](mailto:admissions@hawken.edu)

[www.hawken.edu](http://www.hawken.edu)

Coed Preschool – Grade 12

## ☀ out & about

### YOUR BEAUTIFUL TRADITIONAL HOME MAY NOT HAVE BEAUTIFUL PIPES



**ACE BUILDERS, INC.**  
GENERAL CONTRACTORS  
**THE BEFORE & AFTER  
EXPERTS**

HOME ADDITIONS • KITCHENS • BATHROOM  
BASEMENTS • REMODELING • ELECTRICAL  
ROUGH FRAMING (FOR THE DO IT YOURSELFER)

WE ALSO DO SHAKE SIDING



**216-283-1552**

**HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DR.** After beating cancer, Edwin (Win) V. Apel, Jr. ran a marathon in all 50 states and on seven continents including a unique marathon in Antarctica and the Bush Capital Marathon in Canberra, Australia. Meet him and hear his story of courage and determination. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$9/ seniors, students & children. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR 800-317-9155 EXT. 3279, OR ORDER ONLINE AT [www.cmnh.org/site/explorer.aspx](http://www.cmnh.org/site/explorer.aspx).

**FEB. 14: Annual Winter Case Band Department Showcase Concert, 3 PM, SEVERANCE HALL.** Gary M. Ciepluch conducts University Circle Wind Ensemble, CWRU Symphonic Band and CYWS I. INFO: 216-231-1111.

**FEB. 19: WECO Fund's Cocktails for a Cause, 5-9 PM, THE WAREHOUSE LOFT, 1668 E. 40TH ST.** Support micro-enterprise development (Wealth, Education, Collaboration, and Opportunity), meet young professionals, and shop the Buy ME (Micro Enterprise) bazaar. \$40/person.

**MARCH 5, 12 & 19: Once On This Island, 7 PM, WILEY AUDITORIUM, 181 MIRAMAR BLVD.** Heights Youth Theatre presents the musical based on Hans Christian Andersen's *The Little Mermaid*. Matinees at 2 pm Saturdays, March 6, 13 and 20 and Sunday, March 14 Tickets: \$9/general admission; \$8/seniors and children under 6. INFO: 216-923-1583 OR [www.heightsyouththeatre.com](http://www.heightsyouththeatre.com).

**MARCH 10: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** University of Charleston Professor Peter Piccione presents *Pharaoh at the Bat: Ancient Egyptian Bat and Ball, the Earliest Archetype of American Baseball*. Free

with reception after the lecture to meet the speaker. INFO: 216-3231-4600 OR [www.case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html](http://www.case.edu/artsci/clsc/casmain.html).

**MARCH 12: Letters from Eden, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DR.** Naturalist, NPR commentator, and author (*Letters from Eden*) Julie Zickefoose reveals the deep connection with nature that keeps her walking her 80-acre Appalachian sanctuary outside Whipple, Ohio. Book signing follows. Tickets: \$10/adults; \$9/ seniors, students and children. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR 800-317-9155 EXT. 3279, OR ORDER ONLINE AT [www.cmnh.org/site/explorer.aspx](http://www.cmnh.org/site/explorer.aspx).

**MARCH 14: The Mozart Experience Family Concert, 2 PM, SEVERANCE HALL, EUCLID AVE.** Music and mime help to introduce young audiences to the life and music of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Excerpts of some of Mozart's most famous works, including *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, Papageno's Song from *The Magic Flute*, and more. For ages 7 and up. INFO: 216-231-1111.

**MARCH 17: St. Patrick's Day Parade.** The Parade begins at the intersection of Superior Ave. and East 18th St. and ends at the intersection of Rockwell Ave. and East 6th St.

Save the Date and Begin to Create!

**APRIL 3: Edible Books Festival, 1 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** *Incredible edible fun! Consumed with reading? Digest a good book and then create an edible version to enter in the 7th annual festival that's never difficult to swallow.* INFO: 216-795-9800 OR [www.loganberrybooks.com/edible-books-2009.html](http://www.loganberrybooks.com/edible-books-2009.html).





# advertiser index

## Automobiles

### Classic BMW

inside front cover  
440-585-9990  
www.driveclassicbmw.com

## Banking / Financial Advisors

**Tom Giberson** p. 18  
440-248-1619  
www.edwardjones.com

## Builder/Construction/ Home Remodeling & Repairs

**Ace Builders** p. 66  
216-283-1552

**Chagrin River Co., Inc** p. 16  
440-729-7270  
www.chagrinriverco.com

### Calvetta Bros.

**Floor Show** p. 10  
Bedford Hts. 216-662-5550  
Mentor 440-255-4068  
North Royalton  
440-877-2100  
Macedonia 330-467-2100  
www.calvettabrothers.com

### Class 1 Pavers & Remodelers

p. 18  
216-397-6349  
www.class1pavers.com

**Dureiko Construction** p. 9  
216-321-9555  
www.dureiko.com

**Faralli Custom Kitchens & Baths** p. 53  
440-944-4499  
www.faralli.com

**Gerome's Kitchens & Baths** p. 7  
440-473-1900  
www.geromes.com

**Green Street Solutions** p. 21  
888-476-2010  
www.greenstreethome.us

**Henry Fence** p. 16  
440-951-9009  
www.henryfence.com

**IBJ Electric** p. 62  
216-233-2306

**Insulation Systems** p. 32  
440-975-1122  
www.insulationsystems.net

**Karlovec & Company** p. 63  
216-767-1887  
www.karlovec.com

## Lallo Masonry &

**Concrete LLC** p. 61  
440-781-3005  
lallomasonryandconcrete.com

## P.K. Wadsworth Heating & Cooling, Inc

p. 58  
440-248-2110  
www.pkwadsworth.com

**Parma Window & Garage LLC** p. 60  
216-267-2300  
www.parmawindow.com

**R.E. Majer Co** p. 61  
216-721-2600

**Smylie One Heating, Cooling, Plumbing Co** p. 28  
440-449-HEAT (4328)  
www.smylieone.com

**Somrak Kitchens** p. 33  
216-464-6500 (East)  
440-808-6088 (West)

## Verne & Ellsworth

**Hann Inc** p. 48  
216-932-9755  
www.vehann.com

**Volpe Millwork, Inc** p. 64  
216-581-0200  
www.volpemillworkinc.com

**Weather King** p. 52  
216-244-3191  
www.weatherking1.com

## Chef

**Jean Gruber** p. 64  
216-315-0305  
www.thecookingjean.com

## Childcare/Camps

**The Mandel Jewish Community Center of Cleveland** p. 18  
216-593-6249  
www.mandeljcc.org

**Roosevelt Country Day Camp** p. 60  
800-752-2690  
rooseveltcountrydaycamp.com

## Dance

**Cleveland City Dance** p. 61  
216-295-2222  
www.clevelandcitydance.com

**Studio J Academy of Dance** p. 62  
216-292-2720  
www.studiojdance.com

## Education/Camps

**Gilmour Academy** p. 58  
440-684-4580  
440-449-7490  
www.gilmour.org

**Hathaway Brown** p. 21  
216-320-8085  
www.hb.edu

**Hawken School** p. 29, 65  
440-423-2940 (camps)  
440-423-2950 (Pre K-8)  
440-423-2955 (9-12)  
www.hawken.edu

**JDN** p. 47  
216-320-8489  
jdnearlychildhoodcenter.org

**Laurel School** p. 51  
216-455-0154  
www.laurelschool.org/summer

## The Ratner

**School** p. 41  
216-464-0033 x1120  
www.theratnerschool.org

## Ruffing Montessori

**School** p. 47  
216-932-7866  
www.ruffingmontessori.net/sri

## Invitations & Stationery

**The A.L. Wain Company** p. 62  
216-751-2999  
www.alwain.com

## Landscaping / Construction/Tree Service

**Eastside Landscaping** p. 7  
216-381-0070  
www.eastside-landscaping.com

## Van Curen

**Tree Service** p. 64  
216-932-9901

## Music

**Kindermusik** p. 41  
216-991-1063  
kindermusikofcleveland.com

## Program/Performance

**Cleveland Institute of Music** p. 63  
216-791-5000 x411  
www.cim.edu

**Wake Up & Live** p. 41  
216-561-8608  
www.wakeupandlives.org

**Writer's Center Stage** p. 12  
216-241-6000  
www.writerscenterstage.org

## Real Estate/Relocation The Bluestone

**Community** p. 28  
216-371-3993  
www.liveatbluestone.com

## First Class Real Estate

**Services** p. 59  
216-342-4355  
www.1st-classrealty.com

## Tom Fuerst

p. 35  
Howard Hanna  
Smythe Cramer  
216-348-1867  
216-751-8550

**Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights** p. 2  
216-491-1457  
www.shakeronline.com/about/incentive/FundfortheFutureofShakerHeights.asp

## Judson

back cover  
216-791-2436  
www.judsonsmartliving.org

**Kendal** inside back cover  
877-284-6639  
www.kendalathome.org  
800-548-9469  
www.kao.kendal.org

**Cathy LeSueur** p. 22  
Howard Hanna  
Smythe Cramer  
216-999-8408

**The Lofts at Avalon Station** p. 62  
216-561-5200  
www.avalonlofts.com

**MaryLou McHenry** p. 60  
Howard Hanna  
Smythe Cramer  
216-751-8550  
www.maryloumchenry.com

## Restaurants

**Pearl of the Orient** p. 35  
216-751-8181  
www.pearl-east.com

## Valuables

**650Gold** p. 6, 54  
216-650-GOLD  
www.650gold.com

get noticed.

Advertise in *Shaker Life*.  
Call John Moore  
216-531-4044.

## Sleepless, with Skittles and Sushi

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Many Shaker Parents mistakenly assume that after a certain age (i.e. six) and a certain number of sleepovers (i.e. one hellish night per child, during which three friends become homesick, requiring 2 am calls to their parents, while one overserves himself with Skittles, Dr. Pepper, and Cheetos, which he promptly regurgitates at 4 am, in the living room no less), the allure of a sleepless, red-eye-flight-type-of-night would be *passé*. Nothing could be further from the truth, of course, although sleepovers during the teenage years are a bit more... *complicated*. To wit:

**Cleaning:** Nothing is more important in preparing for the sleepover, but for different reasons for different people:

- For Shaker Man, the carrot of a sleepover can be used as a large orange stick to prod movement on chores and room-decluttering otherwise postponed (I'll do it *later*, Dad. *Geez.*) until the mid-23rd century.
- For teens, it's an opportunity to build the sibling-free environment about which they've always dreamed. Shaker Man's 13-year-old son, for instance, creates the Basement Boy Cave, complete with multiple gaming systems in HiDef stereo, buckets of M&Ms, gallons of Mountain Dew, and signs that read NO GIRLS OR PARENTAL UNITS ALLOWED. Shaker Man's 17-year-old daughter, on the other hand, has more refined tastes, contenting herself with a neatly arranged kitchen (for baking cookies from scratch), a brother-free den (for watching a Jane Austen DVD), and toilet seats in the down position.

Especially interesting during the cleaning process is the use of the words "we" and "somebody" as substitutes for "you" or "Dad" (i.e. Shaker Man), as in *We really*

*should clean up the branches in the backyard, or We really should touch up the paint in the basement.*

"When would you like to start?" offers Shaker Man at the end of a long work-week, his arms full of groceries, water bubbling in a pot on the stove, the dryer buzzing in the background.

"I'm really busy," 17 replies.

"Me, too," adds 13.

"Doing what?"

"*Stuff*, Dad. You're not the only one with a life, you know."

**Shopping:** Although candy, popcorn, and Sprite used to be sufficient for fabulous all-nighters, Theme Parties have now taken over, for which an incredible variety of items are required from stores far away, usually on 16 minutes notice.

"We're having a sushi party tonight, Dad," 17 enthuses one Saturday. "Do we have any Japanese bamboo rolling mats?"

"We've got some in the pantry," says Shaker Man.

"Really?"

"You betcha. Surprised?"

"Yes. Sorry, Dad, I'm in a hurry. We also need seaweed."

"In the fridge, second drawer to the left."

"Sashimi tuna?"

"Next to the cheese."

"Smoked eel..." She pauses. "That's sarcasm, isn't it?"

"Think of it as middle-aged eye-rolling."

"Nice."

**The Evening Itself:** Alas, where once Shaker Man was a valued participant in an evening's activities (our Hero is particularly proud of his Oscar-worthy, wig-and-dress portrayal of Mrs. H. Finchley Grinnell, a 93-year-old victim of jewelry

theft, during a mystery game at his daughter's 10th Birthday Party), his main job is now to be scarce. Not, however, that he has noticed.

"So," he says to 17. "Need some Charades clues again?"

"I don't think so, thanks,"

"You sure? Your friends really liked my clues the last time, remember?"

"Dad, we were like 12."

"Ah. Yes. So... probably won't need the little pre-drawn Hangman napkins for breakfast either, huh?"

"I'm thinking *no*."

"Gotcha."

Thirteen is even clearer: "We're good now. Thanks. Make sure you shut the door to basement when you get upstairs. And you probably don't want to listen too closely, either."

Later that evening, though, Shaker Man — his presence not necessary, but still required as a supposedly responsible party in a houseful of minors — wanders the house like an old, mad king. He stops in the den, where Mr. Darcy is declaiming once again about his good opinion once lost, yada yada yada.

"How's it going?" he says.

"Shhhh," says 17. "Fine."

"How was the sushi?"

"Good. Dad, we're watching a movie."

"Mind if I join you?"

"Oh, that would be *great*, Dad. Would you? Please?"

"OK—"

"And maybe tell us a story later?"

He pauses. "That's sarcasm, right?"

"Think of it as middle-aged eye-rolling."

"Nice."

"Love you, Dad," she smiles. "And goodnight!"





Mary relies on her audio device to listen to books and keep up on podcasts. Grover relies on his camera for capturing beautiful moments from around the world. But no matter where they go or what they do, the Zinnas know they can rely on Kendal at Home to meet their changing needs.

Whether you're seeking the freedom and independence of living at home or in a retirement community, Kendal gives you the support you need to live the life you want.

*“It gives us the security of knowing that we have an excellent support system.”*

# KENDAL<sup>®</sup>

Be part of our community wherever you live.

Kendal at Home  
1-877-284-6639  
[www.kendalathome.org](http://www.kendalathome.org)

Kendal at Oberlin  
1-800-548-9469  
[www.kao.kendal.org](http://www.kao.kendal.org)

Together, Transforming the Experience of Aging<sup>SM</sup>







PRSR STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
CLEVELAND, OHIO  
PERMIT NO. 1298

# You design your lifestyle. Judson makes it happen.



The Judson experience is all about Smart Living – living the way you choose. Whether you live at Judson or in your home, you have plenty of options to take charge of your life's direction. Discover limitless opportunities. Call (216) 791-2436 or visit [www.judsonsmartliving.org](http://www.judsonsmartliving.org).



Judson at University Circle | Smart Living at Home | South Franklin Circle