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## Make it a Shaker Weekend!

### From Our Readers:

Just wanted to let you know that I really enjoyed the April/May issue of Shaker Life.

I have never been to the Saffron Patch [*The Indian Way*] and I really want to try it, so it was great to read about the restaurant.

I liked the articles about the brothers who teach at the Middle School [*Brother Act*], the Adoption Network [*A Lifelong Journey*] and Great Shaker Homes – such beautiful pictures!

And, as a parent of a 9 year-old who just had her spring recital (those awful recorders!), I could really appreciate John Brandt's comments in Shaker Observer.

Thanks for all you do.

Monica Hayes

### Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival

On June 19 and 20 the corner of Farnsleigh Road and Van Aken

Boulevard transform into the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival, a street fair with arts, music, food, *and fun*. The City of Shaker Heights and the Shaker Arts Council have joined forces with the Ohio Designer Craftsmen to present the Festival, which combines the two-day craft fair formerly held at Hathaway Brown with the events of the Summer Solstice, formerly held at the Shaker Colonnade.

On Saturday, the event runs from 10 am to 8 pm, overlapping with the Summer Solstice musical celebration from 4 to 10 pm. On Sunday, the fun continues from 11 am to 5 pm. The Ohio Designer Craftsmen show includes 150 exhibiting artists chosen from over 600 applicants throughout the country.

FESTIVAL ADMISSION IS FREE and features music from a variety of bands, including Samba Joia, Northcoast Jazz Collective, Noel Quintana's Latin Crew, and the No Name Band (which includes several attorneys from Shaker Heights). Entertainment includes a magician, stilt walker, juggler, balloon artist, puppet theater, and henna artist. Family Connections and The Shaker Heights Public Library will provide children's activities.

Refreshments available from local restaurants, Pearl of the Orient and Taste of Italy, as well as from The Fresh Market. Grill masters from the Shaker Heights Firefighters Local 516 are also on hand to dish up some of their favorites. Support for the Festival is provided by Kindred Hospital Cleveland.

### Join the 8th Annual Dad's Day Run

On Sunday, June 20, start your Father's Day at Shaker Family Center, 19824 Sussex Road, with the popular Dads' Day Run. The race is for everyone, not just Dads. Runners, walkers, and strollers are encouraged to come. Features 1- and 5-mile loop courses. Awards are presented to top finishers. All participants receive a t-shirt and necktie in honor of Father's Day. Children ages 3-12 can participate in a free Kidsprint. Enjoy refreshments, raffle prizes, and family entertainment. Proceeds benefit Family Connections. Entry fees are \$12, \$15, and \$20. Visit [www.FamilyConnections1.org](http://www.FamilyConnections1.org) for more information and to download entry forms.



### Stroll the Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights

Enjoy a self-guided tour of gracious gardens on Sunday, June 20. The event is organized by and benefits the Shaker Historical Society. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$20 the day of the tour, and can be purchased at the Historical Society, 16740 South Park Boulevard, Shaker Heights Hardware, J.Pistone Market and Gathering Place, and Gali's Florist and Garden Center. Two Lolly the Trolleys will be available to help with transportation.

The event is preceded by Twilight in the Garden Benefit on Friday, June 18 at the Van Sweringen mansion. Individual tickets start at \$150 and include one garden tour ticket. The event takes place from 6-10 pm and features an evening of dinner, Brazilian jazz, and a silent auction.

For more information on either event, call the Shaker Historical Society, 216-921-1201.

### Who's Who In the No Name Band?

Residents rocking out to the No Name Band at the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival may notice some familiar faces. Could that lead singer be the same person who runs the Shaker Heights Municipal court? In a word, yes. **K.J. Montgomery**, Municipal Court Judge, joins forces with several other local attorneys on weekends to form the No Name Band. Other Shaker residents in the band are **Doug McWilliams** of Squire Sanders, **Jim Robenalt** of Thompson Hine, and **Gina Davidson** of Calfee Halter & Griswold. The band plays only for charitable causes and accepts no fee.



# 2012

## CENTENNIAL

*Shaker Heights, Ohio*

### Shaker Heights Centennial Countdown Begins

The City has formed a steering committee to help plan the centennial anniversary of Shaker Heights in 2012. Led by Centennial Coordinator Anne E. Williams, the committee envisions the celebration as a yearlong series of events in conjunction with the Shaker Arts Council, the Shaker Historical Society, neighborhood associations, and many other community groups.

Honorary co-chairs for the event are Marvin McMickle, Geoffrey Mearns, Steve Minter, Richard Pogue, and Judy Rawson. Representatives of the Shaker Schools and the Shaker Heights Public Library will also take an active role in coordinating events, given that the City's centennial coincides with the 100th anniversary of the Shaker Schools and the 75th anniversary of the Library.

The committee eagerly welcomes participation from Shaker's vibrant and innovative community of residents in six organizational groups:

- Culture & Creativity
- Green & Growing
- Education & Learning
- Making History
- A Community of Neighbors
- Special Events

Says Williams, "We have a wonderful group of people on board who are very energized, with lots of great ideas. Now, we need residents to come forward to share their talents and ideas and to help bring the celebration to life."

The Centennial Steering Committee encourages residents to participate in the



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- Our median selling price was \$174,950, an 11.5% increase
- Our average selling price was \$228,922, a stellar 22.7% increase.
- During the 2010 first quarter, 58 homes transferred title, a 45% increase over the same quarter of 2009.

REVIVIFY: to restore to action, animation and vigor:  
we believe this to be an accurate description of the current Shaker Heights single family home housing market.

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**Participate in Planning!** Select one or two organizational groups:

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☐ Special Events

**Submit an Idea!** Describe your idea for how best to celebrate Shaker's Centennial:



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## City Granted \$460,000 ODOT Award

The Ohio Department of Transportation has awarded the City a \$460,000 grant to implement an action plan for Safe Routes to School. A task force of City and School District staff, as well as community residents, requested the funding to improve safety around the Boulevard, Onaway, Woodbury, and Middle School zones. Safe Routes to School is a federally funded program designed to encourage safe walking or biking to school. Improvements are likely to be implemented this fall, and include countdown pedestrian signals at heavily trafficked intersections, crosswalk striping, more visible safety signage, and school zone flashers.

## Shaker Celebrates Arboreal Splendor

“Tree City USA”



For the 25th consecutive year, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Shaker Heights as a “Tree City USA.” Councilperson Nancy Moore, Tree Advisory Board Chairperson Lauryn Ronis, and City Forester Patrick Neville accepted the City’s silver anniversary award. Shaker meets the “Tree City” criteria by having a tree advisory board, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry department, and an annual Arbor Day observance.

## Boulevard Students Celebrate Arbor Day

In celebration of Arbor Day, first and second graders from Boulevard Elementary School planted a yellow lantern magnolia tree in Southerly Park. This is the tenth tree that has been planted by Shaker students along a walkway in the park, and the second tree to be planted by Boulevard students. Fifth graders throughout Shaker Heights were invited to participate in a poster contest using the theme, “Trees are

Terrific...and Energy Wise!” Winners will be announced in the next issue of Shaker Life. Shaker’s Tree Advisory Board coordinates the annual observance activities.

## Heritage Tree Award

Residents can nominate trees to be honored with the Heritage Tree Award by completing an application at shakeronline.com or by calling the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490. Nominated trees are associated with a famous person or significant event, an historical landmark, or unusual in size, form or age. This year’s deadline for submissions is June 30.



## Fire Safety: Not Just for Winter Time!

FACT: Fire departments respond to nearly 8,000 home fires involving grills each year.

FACT: More fires are reported on July 4 than any other day of the year.

FACT: Following a few common sense safety tips from the Shaker Heights Fire Department can help keep summer gatherings safe and enjoyable for all.

## Grill Safely

Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors, 15 feet away from the home. Keep grills clean by removing grease or fat buildup, and never leave the grill unattended.

For charcoal grills, be sure to let coals cool completely before disposing in a metal container. Never use any fluid other than charcoal lighter fluid, and follow directions carefully. Never add lighter fluid to an open flame. For extra safety, use a flameless, electric starter – with a proper extension cord for outdoor use.



For gas grills, be sure to check the gas tank hose for leaks before using for the first time each season. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose and check for bubbles, which can indicate a leak. If the grill produces a gas smell, but does not light, have the grill serviced by a professional before using. When lighting the grill, keep the top open. If the grill does not light in the first few attempts, wait five minutes to allow gas to dissipate. Never store a propane gas container indoors.

### Leave Fireworks to the Professionals

The only safe way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public display conducted by trained professionals. Even seemingly harmless sparklers burn at a temperature of more than 1,000 degrees, and can easily cause third-degree burns. Come enjoy a dazzling display of fireworks at Shaker Middle School on July 4 at dusk!

## Business News

### Shaker Grads Connect with Sportswear for a Cause



Two Shaker Heights High School graduates, Brian Verne and Michael Eppich, have launched a sports retailing venture with soul. The entrepreneurs describe CnXn (pronounced 'connection'), as "a social entrepreneurship that uses the sales of sports apparel to unify individuals from all socioeconomic backgrounds." The branding strategy involves using an area code logo (beginning with 216) to represent the idea of a shared connection between people of different backgrounds living in one geographic area.

Their wares are available at [www.cnxnapparel.com](http://www.cnxnapparel.com). CnXn will donate a percentage of each sale to under-funded schools and their athletic programs: Your

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In addition to launching their new business, both hold full-time jobs as well. Verne, who graduated from Oberlin College in 2009, is currently employed as an assistant teacher at Hope Academy Cathedral in Cleveland. Eppich, a 2009 graduate of Rollins College, works in ball-park operations and guest services for the Cleveland Indians. The venture is a good fit for the two business partners, who played a number of competitive sports in high school as well as intercollegiate baseball.

Says Verne, "We want to use our sports apparel company to help others experience the success that we have both had on and off the field."

### MedWorks Moves to Shaker

The innovative non-profit organization that mounted a massive free medical care event last summer is now proud to call Shaker Heights home. MedWorks is committed to improving access to healthcare for Ohio's uninsured and underinsured. It coordinates free medical, dental, and vision care through an extensive list of healthcare providers throughout Northeast Ohio, including the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, MetroHealth System, and University Hospitals Case Medical Center, among others.

The organization was formerly located in Cleveland's Little Italy neighborhood, and is now subleasing space from the Hanna Perkins School at 19910 Malvern Road.

According to MedWorks Executive Director Karil Bialostosky, "Some Board cross-over between the two organizations made us aware of this terrific location." MedWorks employs three staff members, and was founded by Zac Ponsky, a real estate developer whose family has strong ties to University Hospitals.

The free medical access event MedWorks staged last July drew over 900 patients, and inspired the organization



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to hold another one in May. In between large-scale events, MedWorks provides smaller specialty clinics such as podiatry, dermatology, and dental care.

The organization also emphasizes follow-up care and helps refer patients to the appropriate resources. For more information about MedWorks, visit [www.medworksusa.org](http://www.medworksusa.org) or contact Tal Sack at 216-231-5350.

## Neighborhood News



### Lomond/Sussex Winslow Historic District

The City received a Community Block Development Grant from the Cuyahoga County Department of Development to implement streetscape improvements for the Winslow Road Historic District. Improvements will include sidewalk repairs, crosswalks, ADA curb ramps, curb and tree lawn restoration, and historic district signage.

In addition, the City has purchased a vacant home at 17423 Winslow Road (between Daleford and Ingleside roads) and has secured Neighborhood Stabilization Project (NSP) funding to completely renovate the interior and exterior of the home.

### Moreland

NSP funding will also provide for improvements at Chelton Park. The City purchased and demolished a home in a lot adjacent to the park as part of a land bank program. The funds will provide for new playground equipment to serve younger children, new fencing and landscaping, and a bench. The improvements are likely to be implemented this fall.

## Shaker News Briefs

- A Shaker Heights mother and daughter were the honorees at the 2010 Power of Woman benefit for Planned Parenthood of Northeast Ohio last April. **Linda Bradley, M.D.**, is an internationally recognized gynecological surgeon known for her innovative surgical expertise, clinical teaching, and compassionate bedside manner. She has been a gynecologist at the Cleveland Clinic for more than 18 years, and is Vice Chair of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Women's Health Institute. She is also Director of the Fibroid and Menstrual Disorders Center and Director of Hysteroscopic Services. She has received the Top Doctors of America award annually since 2002.

Bradley's daughter, **Kathleen Adams**, currently resides in New York City where she is co-founder of Momma's Hip Hop Kitchen (MHHK), an event designed to showcase women artists of color. MHHK also serves as a platform to educate and empower women regarding HIV/AIDS and reproductive issues. Adams serves on the Advocates for Youth's Young Women of Color Leadership Council. She was also the recipient of the 2006 Shaker Heights League of Women Voters Legacy Award. She is currently working on a Masters in Urban Studies at Fordham University.

- The law firm of Tucker Ellis & West has named Shaker resident **Joe Morford** as Managing Partner of the Cleveland office. Curt Isler, the firm's previous Managing Partner, says, "Joe is an outstanding choice to lead our firm in its next phase of growth. His vision, energy, and leadership skills are a great match for where we are heading in the coming years." Morford was formerly co-chair of the firm's nationally regarded Mass Tort & Product Liability Practice Group. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and his J.D. from the Loyola University (Chicago) School of

Law. He is a member of the Defense Research Institute, the Ohio State Bar Association, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and the Judge John M. Manos Inn of Court. He serves as a magistrate judge for the City of Shaker Heights Juvenile Court Diversion Program.

- Shaker resident and Hathaway Brown 11th grader, **Katie Raber**, had the honor of seeing her dramatic work premiered at FusionFest 2010 at Cleveland Play House. Her original play, *Number 15*, is about two patients who encounter one another in a hospital emergency room, and offers a timely critique of the healthcare system. Two other Hathaway Brown students' works also premiered at FusionFest: *Kiss of Death*, by Gabriella Graham-Glickman of Cleveland Heights, and *Secrets of an Underachiever*, by Joyce Guo of Beachwood. FusionFest is a celebration of new works in music, dance, and theatre.

- **Drew Schultz**, a 2006 graduate of Shaker Heights High School, is living his musical dream: he recently toured Europe as the drummer for one of his favorite Motown groups, the Four Tops. Schultz traces his musical success to childhood lessons at the Cleveland Music School Settlement as well as the music education program in the Shaker schools. "My jazz ensemble teachers at Shaker are the ones who really taught me to how to read the kind of musical charts we use when we tour," he says. He led the drumline at Shaker Heights High School, and continued his musical education at New York University. While learning musical styles of all kinds, "from marimba to merengue," he developed a special love for the soulful sound of Motown, and worked his way up to playing with such well-known groups as the Miracles, the Dramatics, and the Vandellas. He has also played with jazz musician Lenny Pickett (musical director of Saturday Night Live), and jammed with Earth, Wind & Fire.

Schultz's earliest musical instruction came from his mother, **K.J. Montgom-**

**ery**, an accomplished piano accompanist and vocalist who sings in the No Name Band, a local cover band which features a number of attorneys from the Cleveland area. Montgomery may be better known to most from her day job as Shaker Heights Municipal Court Judge (see related article in City News.) Schultz is currently recording several tracks with Ronnie McNier of the Four Tops, as well as working on his own material for a solo album.

• **St. Dominic School** seventh and eighth grade students wowed judges at a regional writing contest called Power of the Pen. The seventh grade students won first place at the regional level, and the school took second place overall, advancing to the state level of competition. (Results were not known by the time this publication went to press.) The interscholastic writing tournament involved 40 schools from three counties, and took place on March 27 at Heskett Middle School in Bedford. Maureen Covington, language arts teacher at St. Dominic School, said, "The success of our 12-member team speaks to the strength of our writing program, the enthusiasm of the team, and the innate creativity and talent of each of the students." Power of the Pen is an Ohio organization that encourages the formation of academic writing teams at the Middle School level to compete in statewide writing tournaments.

## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 5, 12, 19 & 26 and July 10, 17, 24 & 31 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

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

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**Domestic Power Tools:** Warm weather brings open windows. Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am, or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 am is prohibited.

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

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

**Lost Pets:** If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 216-491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 216-491-1499).

**Phone Book Round-up:** June 6 through September 17. Look for specially marked "Phone Book Recycling" dumpsters at Main and Bertram Woods Libraries, Thornton Park and City Hall parking lots. INFO: 216-491-1490.

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## Building Doctors to Visit Shaker In October

The Ohio Historic Preservation Office has selected Shaker Heights to host a Building Doctor Clinic on October 7-8. The Building Doctors are experts on old-building maintenance and repairs, and specialize in bringing older buildings back to life without sacrificing the features that make them appealing.

The two-day clinic begins with a free seminar on October 7 at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building and will likely cover wood window repair, peeling paint, deteriorating masonry, and other maintenance issues of interest to owners of 50+ year-old buildings. On October 8, the "doctors" make the rounds to examine any ailments and prescribe possible cures. For more information about the services the Building Doctor provides, visit [www.building-doctor.org](http://www.building-doctor.org). Registration information will appear in the next Shaker Life.

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Housing transfers between December 1, 2009 and February 28, 2010 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are “quit claim” transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2009/10 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
20676 ALMAR DR	\$ 138,000	\$220,000 (2005)
2820 BROXTON ROAD	\$ 412,000	\$460,000 (2006)
3365 CLAYTON BLVD	\$ 90,000	\$ 80,000 (2009)
2994 COURTLAND BLVD	\$1,050,000	\$875,000 (2004)
3345 DALEFORD ROAD	\$ 225,000	\$316,000 (2005)
22299 DOUGLAS ROAD	\$ 275,000	\$364,500 (2001)
2957 EATON ROAD	\$ 637,500	\$313,000 (2008)
22925 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$ 179,000	\$162,500 (2003)
3275 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 165,000	\$188,000 (2003)
2976 GREEN ROAD	\$ 164,715	\$183,500 (2006)
3309 GRENWAY ROAD	\$ 252,000	\$253,000 (2002)
2920 HUNTINGTON ROAD	\$ 204,000	\$200,000 (2007)
2756 INVERNESS ROAD	\$ 500,000	\$595,000 (2001)
3104 KINGSLEY ROAD	\$ 387,000	\$165,900 (2009)
3722 LYNNFIELD ROAD	\$ 118,000	\$163,000 (2003)
3702 RAWNSDALE ROAD	\$ 190,000	\$217,500 (2002)
2957 S PARK BLVD	\$ 395,000	\$578,000 (2005)
2914 TORRINGTON ROAD	\$ 449,000	\$509,000 (2005)
2927 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$ 179,000	\$187,500 (2007)
3153 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$ 220,000	\$165,000 (2003)
19700 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 530,000	\$540,000 (2004)
24100 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 195,000	\$251,000 (2005)

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

20861 BYRON ROAD	\$ 417,000	\$222,000 (1997)
15718 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$ 262,400	\$210,000 (1997)
18928 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$ 257,000	\$189,400 (1996)

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

3597 AVALON ROAD	\$ 74,500	\$ 98,000 (1994)
18225 SHERRINGTON ROAD	\$ 45,000	\$129,900 (1994)
17800 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$ 805,000	\$380,000 (1993)
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Owner: Deborah Cathryn Purcell  
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2565 Kendall Road  
Owners: Janet Alter & Kevin Lovas  
Certified 2002, 2004, 2010

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## Shakerocity: Growing Healthy and Whole

**Shakerocity:** (noun) *Possessing the spirit or essence of Shaker (Shaker Heights, Ohio); a Shaker state of being.* Example: "Right now, I could use a little shakerocity."

Helping kids grow healthy and whole is the defining purpose of the Shaker Prevention Coalition (SPC). One of the key strategies used by this nearly 10-year-old community organization is promoting social inclusion. Social inclusion represents the degree to which we feel valued and included within society, our community, our school, or our workplace.

Simply put, everyone in a community should feel that he or she belongs.

This is particularly true for teens, for whom acceptance and rejection by peers determines the quality of adolescence. When teens are socially excluded, research shows that they are more likely to experience chronic stress or depression; act out with violence; drink alcohol; smoke cigarettes or marijuana; use other drugs; or become sexually active. When teens don't feel that they fit in, they are more likely to go to extremes in order to gain acceptance.

But research also shows that improving social inclusion can decrease the prevalence of each of these major adolescent health problems – whether the problems themselves are directly addressed or not. Communities with strong connections, communities that value all members and act on this valuing are more likely to demonstrate resilience and positive health characteristics.

The word shakerocity was coined by SPC Co-Chair Dr. Scott Frank following a brainstorming session about social inclusion. The suffix -ocity can be added to a noun to create an abstract noun that connotes the essence or state of being of the root word. The word

was immediately recognized by SHARP (Student Health Advocates Reaching Peers) teens as a way to enhance the connectedness and pride that Shaker residents already feel and to offer an avenue for expression of these sentiments.

In the spirit of social inclusion, the SHARP program of the SPC launched the Shakerocity Project in the summer of 2009 in order to emphasize the positive attributes of our community. SHARP is a group of more than 40 high school students who have completed an intensive training program through the SHARP Summer Training Institute conducted by the SPC. Teens learn about protecting their own health and about promoting health among peers. They become health advocates within our community, conducting research-proven health education sessions with 6th graders at Woodbury school.

With the support of SPC Director Erik Johnson, SPC Intern Stephanie Olbrych, and videographer Lewis Burrell, SHARP members invaded the community, armed with a video camera and a microphone, conducting spontaneous "on the street" interviews with diverse Shaker residents, seeking a full community definition of this Shaker state of being. SHARP teen leaders on the project included Eromomhen Eboh, Sydnie Echols, Dominique Cain, Chris Combs, Allison Edgerton, Taylor Flowers, Kelsey Gill, Katie Testen, Jennifer Weathers, and Taylor Wilson. These teens acted as recruiters, interviewers, videographers, and cheerleaders for the project. All efforts, they emphasized, were "just for the health of it."

Residents applauded everything from the small-town feeling of Shaker to the beauty of our neighborhoods to the friendliness of our neighbors.

Teen interviewees praised the quality of education and the willingness of the schools to "try cool things." Many residents commented on the value of ethnic, racial and religious diversity. Others commented on our creativity; the willingness of Shaker residents to try "fresh ideas;" and our tendency to be on the front edge of progressive social change. The prevailing theme was how much people in Shaker care about each other and about the wellbeing of our community. The teens particularly enjoyed interviewing young children and senior adults, often getting the most perceptive responses from each end of the age spectrum. Throughout the videos, it is impossible not to smile at the fist pumping, wholehearted declaration by young and old alike, "I'VE GOT SHAKEROCITY!" (Visit [shakerprevention.com](http://shakerprevention.com) to see video clips.)

Ultimately, the purpose of the Shakerocity Project is to bring us together as a community, recognizing that we can all continue to grow healthy and whole. Creation of the "living definition" of shakerocity is an ongoing process. SHARP students will be back out in the community this summer, joined for the first time by middle school Junior SHARP students, with video camera and microphone, looking for new facets of what makes Shaker special. Residents are invited to submit their own shakerocity definitions and descriptions to be reviewed, edited, and posted on the SPC website. Prizes will be offered for best definitions, best interviews, and most creative expressions of shakerocity.

For now, try topping this one. Shakerocity: The feeling you get when you realize there is no place else you would rather call home.





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## Main Library Second-Floor Renovation Moves Ahead

Work will move forward on the unfinished area on the second floor of the Main Library this summer, using the \$800,000 in funds remaining from a bond issue approved by voters in November 2004. When the old Moreland School was converted to a library in the early 1990s, most of the old classrooms on the second floor remained untouched. Further renovations in 1998, also funded through voter-approved bonds, added meeting rooms C through G, a Board Room, the Computer Center, Training Lab, and Teen Center, all of which became available in 1999.

Plans call for the renovation of the last remaining classrooms on the south side of the second floor. This will allow the Library to create a larger Computer Center with 27 workstations and an expanded Training Lab with 12 workstations, which will be available for public use when classes are not in session. In addition, office space will be provided off of the public level.

The Library also has plans to transform the Main Library Circulation Desk to more of a self-service operation, which will allow for the elimination of the check-out desk at Movies & Music and the addition of a self-service holds pick-up area and the reorganization of some areas of the collection itself. This will improve customer service. Circulation staff will still manage the desk, but with the addition of self-check out stations, they will be able to focus more on customers and their needs.

## Recent Donations to the Library

Recent gifts to the library include contributions to honor the memory of Frances Belman from Nancy Benacci, Leslie and Fred Frumin, Paul Morris, Mitzi Morris, and Bob Carpenter and the Monticello Middle School Sunshine Club. Other donations were received from Rebecca and George Dent, Jr. Alissa Fox, Randy Kammer and Karl Kammer donated to the Marilyn Kammer Popular Fiction Collection in memory of Dean Wollitz. In addition, Randy Kammer donated money to the Kammer Collection to honor the memory of George Bailey, Allen Balotin, Harvey Fox, Barbara O'Reilly, and Renee Tavares-Burgess.

Heinen's Fine Foods donated a gift card for the purchase of ice cream for the Library's Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Kick-Off at Woods Branch on June 11.

## A Generous Gift of Jung's *The Red Book*

When Swiss psychiatrist Carl Jung embarked on an extended self-exploration, the result was *The Red Book*, a large, illuminated volume he created between 1914 and 1930. Only a handful of people ever saw it. Now, in a complete facsimile and translation, it is available to scholars and the general public.

The beautiful book, with its visionary text, illustrations, and Jung's extraordinary paintings, is now available at the Main Library thanks to a generous donation from Shaker resident John Pallotta. When he learned about the book, Pallotta wanted to read it, but no library system owned it. He purchased the book, and when he was through

reading it, he donated it to the to the library so that others could enjoy it. Shaker Library has the only copy in the CLEVNET system.

## A Gift of Talent

The Library is always happy to receive monetary gifts, but newly returned Shaker resident Richard Mantel gave the library a gift of his talent. The graphic designer and illustrator designed a set of bookmarks and donated them to the Library. The set features four different authors with a quote about books or reading, and each is designed in a style contemporaneous to the author. The reverse side has the libraries' hours of operation.



Mantel returned to the area last November and has enjoyed reconnecting to his past, driving the streets he drove as a teen. He recalls two of his teachers at Shaker Heights High School, Charles Jeffery of the Arts Service Club and Kenneth Caldwell, director of student activities, who helped introduce him to the world he has come to inhabit all these years.

According to Mantel, "It seems a lifetime ago that I graduated from Shaker High School and left the area to attend Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, where I graduated in 1963 with a BFA. With the exception of sporadic short visits to see friends and family, I have made my life in Manhattan for all these years."

Mantel has been an art director at Epic Records, Columbia Records, Atlantic Records, and CTI Records. He was the special sections design director for *New York Magazine* and worked with Milton Glaser Inc.

In addition, Mantel taught graphic design as an adjunct professor at The School of Visual Arts and was a guest teacher at the Tyler School of Art, and at Parsons. In his varied jobs, Mantel conceived and oversaw the production of a variety of print material, including record and CD covers and packaging, annual reports, brochures, catalogs, corporate identity programs, logos, books and book covers, and magazines and posters.

Among his many awards and honors, Mantel received a Grammy Award for Best Record Jacket, a Gold Medal from The Society of Illustrators, and is represented in the permanent poster collection of the Library of Congress.

Mantel has returned to Shaker to begin the next chapter of his life. "I'm happy to be back and I'm glad to give a little something back to my hometown. I look forward to a new beginning back here in Shaker."

A reader as well as an artist, Mantel is

currently enjoying *Grave Goods*, a mystery by Ariana Franklin set in 12th century England.

## Library Receives Gardening Grant from the State Library for Gardens, Programs and Books

The Library has received a \$5,175 from the State Library of Ohio for a gardening partnership with two community gardens – the Community Garden of Shaker Heights and the First Unitarian Church Community Garden – and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

The two community gardens are within walking distance of the libraries. The gardens project will provide residents with the space, seeds, and tools to grow their own food and will encourage the cultivation of local, healthy food, and meaningful interaction in the community. An important goal of the project is to

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10 am-noon Wednesdays.

*One-time registration is required; call Family Connections: 216-921-2023.*

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

#### **SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES**

##### **AT PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

Stories and fun for preschoolers.

11 am Saturdays.

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#### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

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

Join friends and neighbors on the lawn for fun, games, a mini book sale, and of course, ice cream!

6:30-8 pm Friday, June 11.

#### **BABY SUMMER SAMPLER**

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June 14 – July 20.

10 am Mondays at Main Library.

10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

*Class size is limited and registration begins June 1. Register for one or more classes online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or by calling the library where you will attend.*

#### **STORIES AND MORE**

Stories, songs, crafts and activities for children 2 and 3 years old with an adult.

June 15 – July 21.

10 am or 11 am Tuesdays at Main Library.

10 am or 11 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch.

*Register for one or more classes in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or by calling the library where you will attend.*

#### **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

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

June 15 – July 21

1:30 pm Tuesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

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

#### **PAJAMA STORIES**

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

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

7:15 pm Monday, June 21

*Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or by calling Woods Branch beginning Monday, June 7.*

#### **READING = FUN + GAMES**

##### **AT SHAKER LIBRARY**

June 7 – July 31.

Summer Reading Program for youth ages 2-17.

Sign up in the Youth Services Department at either library and enjoy a summer of reading fun! Preschoolers and others not yet reading on their own may join on a read-to-me basis and receive stickers and prizes for visiting the library and sharing books. Older children and teens can keep track of time spent reading or listening to books, and add up the hours to earn stickers and prizes. All participants can take the "Challenge of the Day" each time they visit the library.

Young people planning to travel out of state or attend overnight camp this summer can participate in the program, as well. Ask for details upon registration.

#### **SCHOOL-AGE SUMMER SPECIALS**

June 15 – July 21.

Summer activities include games, relay races, toy making, and other fun and games for students in grades 1-6.

4:15 pm Tuesdays, June 15, 22, 29 and July 6, 13 and 20 at Main Library.

4:15 pm Wednesdays, June 16, 23, 30 and July 7, 14 and 21 at Woods Branch.

*Registration begins two weeks before each program. Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) or by calling the library where you will attend.*

#### **SUMMER STORIES AT THE COLONNADE**

Bring a blanket or a folding chair for an hour of fun. Listen, laugh, sing, be silly, and enjoy a cool treat at this participatory program for the entire family.

7 pm Monday, July 12

*Register in person, online at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org), or by calling Main Library beginning Monday, June 28.*

support community gardening in the city as well as to increase public awareness of the larger community issues of health and nutrition, sustainability, and the environment.

In June, library staff will plant tomatoes, sunflower seeds, beans, peas, cilantro and other herbs in the Woods Reading Garden. In addition, they will plant pumpkins and zucchini along the fence outside the garden. Children and adults can watch the garden grow throughout the summer and celebrate the Library's harvest at a Salsa Saturday in August, when visitors can sample a variety of salsas created from produce from the library's and the community's gardens.

Gardeners are invited to meet Maurice Small, urban-gardening consultant, nutrition teacher, and market gardener at 7 pm Thursday, July 15 at Woods Branch when he speaks about straw bale gardening and creates a demo garden. Small served as Cuyahoga County co-director and youth program advisor for CityFresh, a program of the New Agrarian Center to build a more just and sustainable local food system in Northeast Ohio. He travels across Northeast Ohio helping inner-city residents grow healthy, organic food. Members of both community gardens will also be on hand to share gardening tips and tricks.

The grant money will also enable the library to purchase books on the topics of gardening, the environment and sustainability. Library staff will prepare booklists for gardeners and a deposit collection has been placed at the Nature Center, which rotates monthly.

## Summer Reading Adds Up to Fun and Games

Now Read This! You're never too old for fun and games! In fact, research has shown that playing games and solving puzzles help keep the brain active and healthy. This year, the Library's adult summer reading program from June 7-July 31 will feature weekly games and

brainteasers. Are you up for the challenge? Join the reading program, and along with the joy of reading, pick up a game or puzzle each week, complete it, and it becomes an entry for weekly prize drawings. New games are available each week at the Information Desks at both libraries.

Visit the Main Library, check out a book, audiobook, or movie, and help complete the world's largest crossword puzzle which measures seven feet by seven feet and has 28,000 clues and more than 91,000 squares.

Don't want to play the games? Reading is its own reward. Read a book, receive a gift, and complete an entry for the grand prize drawing at the end of the summer. There is no limit to the number of entries for the grand prize, but only one entry is allowed for weekly drawings.

## Bertram Woods Birthday Bash

Join friends, neighbors and library lovers from 7-10 pm Friday, June 25 at Bertram Woods Branch for the 50th anniversary celebration of the opening of the Woods Branch. Celebrate the branch's half century of service to the community with food, fun, and a look back at the golden years of the branch. Tickets for the evening benefit are \$15 per person. For more information, call 216-991-2421.

## 50th Anniversary Facts About the Bertram Woods Branch

Bertram Woods was a railroad engineer who grew up on a nearby farm and bequeathed \$15,000 to "the library which serves my home farm." Woods died in St. Petersburg, Florida in 1948 at the age of 85. A court ruling determined that Shaker Library was the library that served his farm, and released the funds in 1949.

Of the actual \$15,000 bequest, \$8,000 went toward the branch and the remainder was spent on furnishing the Shaker

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Room at the former Main Library on Lee Road. The farm property was purchased for \$25,000 from the Shaker Heights Board of Education in 1957. Architects Dela Motte, Larson, Nassau & Associates designed the building, which cost \$192,000 to build and \$23,000 to furnish. There were 12,000 volumes in the original collection with a capacity for 25,000.

Bertram Woods Branch opened in June 1960 under the supervision of Margaret Campbell, who had previous experience as a U.S. Army librarian in France and Germany. When Campbell became director of the Shaker Library in 1969, Barbara Luton became the Woods Branch Manager. In 1975, when Luton became director, Dorothy Schaffner became branch librarian and served in that capacity through May 1983, when Gloria Hastings assumed that position. Upon Hastings' retirement in 1984, Sara Schiller became branch manager and served for 16 years, followed by Donna Fox from 2000 to 2003. The current branch manager is Lynne Miller.

The Branch has grown with the community. The original architects designed an addition in 1977 to accommodate an expanding fiction collection. In 1991, a children's wing and a basement were added at a cost of \$292,000 from the library's capital fund. The architects were Bialosky and Associates. A Reading Garden was completed in 1993 with a bequest from Hazel Watt, a significant contribution from Sally Hopwood, and generous gifts from Friends of the Shaker Library and other community members. Douglas Nemekay designed the plan that was implemented by the DiSanto Companies. In 2003, Meehan Architects oversaw the renovation of the Branch which was refurbished with new furniture and carpeting. Currently, a third of all items circulated by the Shaker Library are checked out from the Bertram Woods Branch.

## Who Was Bertram Woods?

Little is known about the generous benefactor and namesake of the branch. Information pieced together from newspaper and census reports yields a small window into the life of Mr. Woods. He was born May 5, 1862, in a farmhouse on the corner of Fairmount Boulevard and Warrensville Center Road, in what was then called Warrensville Township.

According to the 1870 census, Woods was an 8-year-old boy who lived with his parents, Henry and Margaret Woods, three sisters and two brothers. Later census reports list one more sister and brother. In the late 1800s Woods boarded with a family in Ashtabula, Ohio as he pursued his occupation as a railroad engineer.

In 1909, he married a woman named Sadie and they continued to be listed as a couple through 1930 where it was recorded that he was working as an engineer for the New York Central Railroad. One newspaper account noted that he worked as a locomotive engineer with the New York Central Railroad for 47 years before retiring in 1932.

The only other public record currently available is the Florida Death Index, which notes that Woods died in 1948 in Pinellas County, Florida (St. Petersburg) at the age of 85. It appears that Bertram Woods Branch Library was his only "child" and he would have been proud to see his offspring reach the age of 50 in the year 2010!

A plaque hanging at Woods Branch offers a succinct history of the benefactor:

## "Bertram Woods Library Benefactor 1862 - 1948"

Bertram Woods, one of eight children, was born on May 5, 1862 on his parents' farm at the corner of Fairmont Boulevard and Warrensville Center Road in Warrensville Township now called Shaker Heights



He attended the district and high school at Warrensville Center Road. After his education he worked on his parents farm.

At the age of twenty-two he started to work as a fireman for the Old Lake Shore Railroad which is now part of the Penn Central System. After four years of service as a fireman, he was promoted to engineer. He held that position for forty-seven years.

He was a member of the Masons and also of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers for fifty years. In his will, he stipulated that the residue of his estate would be given to the library that served his boyhood home."

## Library Announces winners in the 11th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition

### Best of Show

This year's Barbara Luton Art Competition winner was Paula Zinsmeister for her print collages, *Passages* and *Sapling*. Both

were purchased by the library and will add to the depth of the Library's public art collection.

First Place was awarded to Alexandra Brin for her drawing, *Santa Marinella, Italy*; Second Place went to Eddie Mitchell for his oil painting, *The Graceful Grandeur of Gratitude*, and Third Place went to Irwin A. Schafer for his digital print, *Badlands*. Honorable Mentions were awarded to Toni Fiderio for her print, *Kaikens*; Margaret Fischer for her enamels on copper, *Dune* and *Twig*, and Roy Pekoc for his mixed media, *Eddie Cash*, *Kwo Belt*.

Other artists juried into this year's competition were: David Brichford, John Bender, Michael Benjamin, John Carlson, Sandra Cobb, Michael Cole, Thurston W. Coleman, Lynn Katz Danzig, Barbara Earley, Betty Forchheimer, Marc Frisch, Jeanne Fuller, Leslie Greenberg, Shilan Hsu, Joe Kaczmarek, Tricia Kaman, George Kocar, Dominic Minadeo, Leena Nevalainen-Smith, Elise Newman, Patricia Schroeder, Mary Sender, Stanley Stone, Elais Traboulsi, Debbie Vail and



**Best of Show** in Barbara Luton Art Competition: Mercer resident Paula Zinsmeister's *Passages* and *Sapling*.



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Rick Wagner.

Ann Caywood Brown, who holds a B.A. from Case Western Reserve University, juried this year's competition. She has served as Director of the Valley Art Center in Chagrin Falls and the Cleveland Artists Foundation, and served on the May Show staff at the Cleveland Museum of Art for seven years. During these years and since leaving the Cleveland Artists Foundation, Brown has continued her own artistic pursuits as a potter and painter. In 2003, she received a one-month fellowship at the Vermont Studio Center. In addition to her artwork, she has curated and juried more than eight exhibitions.

According to Mrs. Brown, "I enjoyed the opportunity to view the works submitted by Cleveland artists. The decisions were difficult, but I hope that everyone will enjoy these works. Thank you very much for this opportunity."

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10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 15

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JULY 10

Learn how to format documents using Microsoft Word software. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse.

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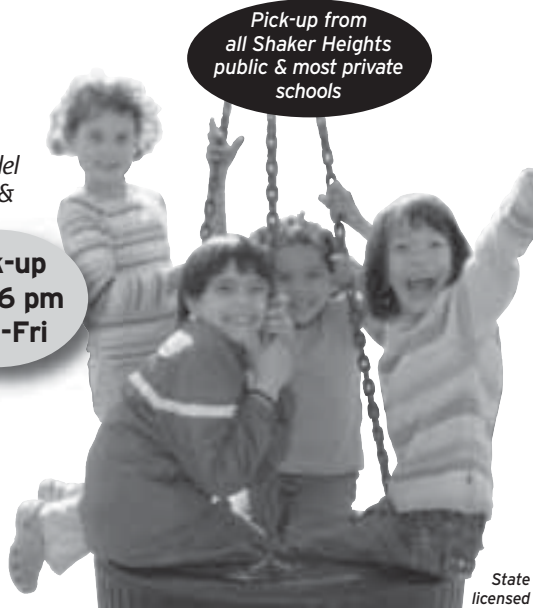
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**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****ONLINE JOB HUNTING**

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 26

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, JULY 15

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**PERSONALIZING THE WEB**

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Many websites give users the chance to arrange and filter their experiences. This class will demonstrate how this is done on websites using Google.com, Yahoo.com, and Facebook.com.

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Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs. Some familiarity with Excel spreadsheets is expected.

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**SOCIAL NETWORKING:****MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN**

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**Book Discussions at the Main Library**

Summertime and the reading is varied. Bring a friend and join a library book discussion.

10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Book Buzz: *The Tortilla Curtain* by T. Coraghessan Boyle. This social novel is the story of two couples – illegal immigrants from Mexico and wealthy suburbanites – seeking the American Dream in Southern California.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 8

Mystery Book Discussion: *Ghostwalk* by Rebecca Stott. Amateur sleuth Lydia Brooke discovers two series of murders nearly 300 years apart, one centering on Isaac Newton's alchemy experiments and the other involving the present-day animal rights movement.

NOON, SATURDAY, JUNE 12

Reflections Book Discussion: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. The eccentric residents of a small, exclusive Paris apartment building are seen through the eyes of a 54-year-old concierge and her precocious 12-year-old tenant.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion: *Ahab's Wife: Or, the Star-Gazer* by Sena Jeter Naslund. Disguised a boy, Una leaves home for the sea where she ultimately meets and marries Captain Ahab.

10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 13

Book Buzz: *Between, Georgia* by Joshilyn Jackson. In this fictional town between Athens and Atlanta with a population of 90, Nonny is caught in a decades-old family feud between her adopted family and her biological one.

7 PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

Business Book Discussion: *The Chairman: A Novel* by Stephen Frey. This murder mystery about a hedge fund CEO exposes the gritty details in the world of high finance.

**Forming a Non-Profit Organization**

7 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 15 AT MAIN LIBRARY  
David Holmes, Regional Training Coordinator, Foundation Center - Cleveland, outlines the legal and administrative tasks required to set up and run a non-profit organization.

**Library Offers Gaming Sessions for Girls Only**

The Library's GameGirlz is a video-playing opportunity for girls only. Sessions are held from 4 to 5:30 pm. Thursdays, June 24 and July 22. Girls from 8 to 108 can drop in and learn how to play Wii and Sony Playstation 3 games or to improve their skills. Games include: Wii Sports, Super Smash Bros. Brawl, and PS3's LittleBigPlanet. Bring your mom, girl friend, or your grandmother.

## The Bookshelf:

Summer Reading fun  
for the Family

Reading equals fun and games at Shaker Library and this book list will help to continue the fun at home for a variety of different age groups.

*Basketball Bats* by **Betty Hicks**, illustrated by **Adam McCauley**. Roaring Brook Press, 2008. (Ages 7-10.) This action-packed story about friendship and basketball is the first book in the Gym Shorts series of sports books for beginning chapter-book readers.

*Boredom Blasters: Brain Bogglers, Awesome Activities, Cool Comics, Tasty Treats, and More...* by **Helaine Becker**, illustrated by **Claudia Davila**. Maple Tree Press, Inc., 2004. (Ages 8-12.) A zany treasury of

brain teasers, games, optical illusions, unusual tricks, and fun facts to entertain children on a trip or at home with friends and family.

*Double Dutch: A Celebration of Jump Rope, Rhyme and Sisterhood* by **Veronica Chambers**. Jump at the Sun/Hyperion, 2002. (Ages 6 and up.) Jump into summer, double your fun, with rhymes, songs, and a history of Double Dutch. Jump, jump, jump!

*How Smart Is Your Dog?: 30 Fun Science Activities With Your Pet* by **D. Caroline Coile, Ph.D.** Sterling Publishing Company, Inc., 2004. (Ages 8 and up.) Can your dog find a hidden treat? Can she pick out the stick you have touched from among a number of sticks? Have hours of fun with your pet or just read all about what makes our canine friends tick in this book jam-packed with facts, activities, pictures, and diagrams.

*Jumanji* by **Chris Van Allsburg**. Houghton Mifflin Company, 1981. (All ages.) When two children find a jungle themed board game in the park and take it home to play they find their jungle adventure quickly becomes reality.

*Kids Around the World Play! The Best Fun and Games from Many Lands* by **Arletta N. Braman**, illustration by **Michele Nidenoff**. J. Wiley & Sons, 2002. (Ages 9-12.) Fun collection of games from around the globe, you can "tease your brain," "take a chance," "sharpen your skills," or simply "make terrific toys" with this well-researched book. Did you know in Pakistan a game of tag is called "Oonch Neech?"

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*The Mysterious Benedict Society and the Perilous Journey* by **Trenton Lee Stewart**. Little Brown & Co., Inc., 2008. (Ages 9-12.) The four gifted children of the Benedict Society follow a trail of cleverly placed riddle clues that leads them, by cargo ship, to several European locales and a desperate search for their missing leader, Mr. Benedict.

*The Puzzling World of Winston Breen* by **Eric Berlin**. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. (Ages 9-12.) Winston, his sister, Katie, and an unlikely group of townspeople must learn to trust each other and work together in order to solve brainteasers and number and word puzzles that lead them on an exciting hunt for real treasure in this unusual mystery.

*Ray and Me* by **Dan Gutman**. HarperCollins Publishers, 2009. (Ages 8-12.) Stosh travels back to 1920 in an attempt to save the life of Cleveland Indian Ray Chapman, who was killed by a pitch at the Polo Grounds in a game against the New York Yankees.

*Zathura: A Space Adventure* by **Chris Van Allsburg**. Houghton Mifflin Company (2002). (All ages.) When two bored boys find a board game in the park they get more than they bargained for when the space-themed game comes to life.

## End Notes

- **Download Station** at Main Library: Main Library has a computer, located by the self check-out machine where customers can download and transfer audiobooks and music to MP3 players. Residents can connect their devices

to the computer, check out an audio-book or music title from the catalog, download it to their devices, logout, listen, and enjoy. The service is also accessible anytime, anywhere using a Shaker Library card and the Internet: Visit the library's homepage at [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org) and click on "Select Downloadable Audio & eMedia" to make your selection.

- **Friends of the Shaker Library's** Annual Meeting and election of Officers will be held at 7 pm Tuesday, July 13, at Bertram Woods Branch. Meet the Friends and learn more about the support arm for the library.

- **Summer Knit Nights** are held at 7 pm June 10 and July 22 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and knit with others.

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# Kitchen REWARDS

*If* you could recoup 76 cents of every dollar spent remodeling your kitchen, where would you begin?

BY NANCY O'CONNOR PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

New cabinets? Countertops? A floor-to-ceiling re-do?

The fact is, kitchens consistently prove to be one of the best investments you can make in your home. They rank second only to exterior remodeling projects in terms of recovery on dollars spent, according to the 2008-2009 Cost vs. Value Report published by Remodeling magazine and the National Association of Realtors.

Homeowners, the report proposes, can expect to recoup at resale 76-79 percent of their investment in a kitchen remodeling project. Other sources quote a return as high as 90 percent, depending on the scope of the remodeling project, the home's region, and other factors. All of which is great ammunition for convincing the spouse and the bank that it's time to upgrade the heart of the home.

Meet three Shaker families who can attest to the rewards of transforming ordinary (or worse) kitchens into fabulous ones.

"There might as well be no other room in the house," says Deanne DiPetta of her remodeled kitchen. "I spend more time in the kitchen than any other room in the house," echoes Pam O'Halloran. "Forget the glamour bath — I wanted a kitchen!" Ken and Linda Cummings once dreamed of a kitchen they could actually love, not just tolerate. Now they have it.

**The stunning renovation** of the heart of the DiPetta home.





Deanne DiPetta

### DIPETTAS: "It needs work."

The day the house on Huntington Road first came on the market, attorney Deanne DiPetta was tied up in court and couldn't accompany her husband Tom Feher to see it. So Tom went without her that summer morning in 1998 to what Deanne guesses was the 100th house the couple had looked at since deciding to move to Shaker Heights from University Heights.

"Tom called while he was at the house to tell me it had great curb appeal, four bedrooms, a family room, even an attached garage, something you don't expect in a home built in 1925," she says. But his voice sunk, she remembers, as he entered the kitchen. "'It needs work,' he told me." Not great news for two busy attorneys who share a love for cooking and entertaining. Nevertheless, they bought the home and moved in with their four-year-old son Connor.

Deanne remembers the exact date construction began on her new kitchen: July 14, 2001, almost exactly three years after she had moved in. She was thrilled to see the faux butcher block countertops go, the wallpaper fall, and the breakfast nook wall crumble to make way for a split-level, granite-topped peninsula. Only the hardwood floors stayed. Four months later, just a week before she was to cook for two dozen Thanksgiving dinner guests, the last clay tile was laid on the new mud room floor.

The couple hired an architect friend to help design their compact but highly efficient and cook-friendly kitchen. "He advised us to cut out photographs from magazines of what we really liked," Deanne says. She knew she wanted open cabinets. "People ask how we keep the shelves presentable, but it hasn't been an issue," she says, pointing out the colorful serving platters, clay pitchers, small appliances, and other items neatly arranged on the shelves. On Tom's wish list was a trash compactor with a slim profile, to avoid sacrificing precious cabinet space.

**Below and right:** The elegant and airy O'Halloran kitchen. (The home has been sold since the renovation.)













The Cummings kitchen with its clean lines and rustic appeal.



**Ken and Linda Cummings**



“We also knew we wanted a really, really good stove,” says Deanne. “We did an incredible amount of research. Many people told us we had to get a Viking stove, but a friend who had studied at culinary school advised us to save the money and get a Thermador instead.” The \$5,000, dual-fuel stove ate up a large chunk of the couple’s appliance budget, “so we had to scrimp on the dishwasher,” says Deanne. Above the stove is a wall-mounted microwave/convection oven, and Deanne found an Amana refrigerator that stands nearly flush with the cabinets.

Family friend Bob Battisti served as the general contractor, and with his crew of Amish craftsmen, custom made and installed the kitchen’s rich cherry cabinets and corner bench. After learning concrete countertops would be cost prohibitive – “they were the rage at the time, but too costly, especially on a small order like ours,” Deanne notes – the couple decided on a red and tan granite called Rio Grande Red.

“We were actually just about to order a granite we felt lukewarm about when the sales associate at Stoneworks showed us a new arrival.” A tan ceramic tile is used on the backsplashes and the walls are painted a similar tan.

Southern light streams into the kitchen through two large Pella windows, one above the double, under-mounted kitchen sink, the other behind the corner bench. Along the short wall between the

mud room and the dining room are pantry shelves and a wet bar featuring what Deanne calls “my huge splurge” – a copper sink with a scalloped design.

“I saw it at Edelman’s Plumbing Supplies and had to have it.” Above the sink, cabinets with glass doors reveal crystal glasses that sparkle beneath interior cabinet lights. On either end of the wall are two tall, narrow cabinets that pull out to reveal pantry shelves.

While the size of her kitchen couldn’t accommodate the two ovens she’d hoped to have, or the couch she dreamed of including, Deanne couldn’t be happier with the end result.

“A kitchen doesn’t have to be big to work,” she says. “There’s not one thing I’d do differently. Of course, you have the ‘when is this ever going to be finished’ days, but it’s so worth it once it’s finished.”

### **O’HALLORANS:** **Spacious, bright, and elegant**

Pam O’Halloran likens the kitchen remodeling process to “a bad pregnancy. At the end, you forget all the pain because the outcome is so wonderful.” She ought to know, as the mother of three – Nate, Shaker Heights High School class of 2006, Meg, class of 2008, and Jack, an incoming senior – who has now labored through two kitchens in two separate homes.

Her latest “baby” is a gourmet,

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# The Pleasures of Biking

BY DIANA SIMEON

PHOTOS BY

JANET CENTURY

Shaker Life looks at some of the people, places, and City initiatives that make this eco-friendly and healthful pastime so appealing to many Shaker residents.

Talk to Shaker residents about bicycling and you'll quickly discover that the City is chock-full of enthusiasts. They're using bicycles to commute to the office or to run errands around town. On weekends, they're pedaling the City's neighborhoods with children in tow or taking off for rides in the Chagrin River Valley and beyond.

What these residents will readily – and enthusiastically – tell you is that Shaker and the surrounding region are great places to ride a bicycle.

“Shaker residents have a big appreciation for cycling,” says Frank Hall, who has been outfitting Shaker's bicyclists from his store, Bicycle Boulevard, on Chagrin Boulevard for 16 years. “And they know how wonderful it is to cycle in this area. You can go out for a 10-mile ride and really have a nice time.”

Quiet side streets. Beautiful neighborhoods. Wide boulevards. Top-notch multi-use trails. A location close to down-

town Cleveland, the Metroparks, and the rolling hills and valleys of the eastern suburbs. These are just some of the reasons residents give for why it's such a treat to bicycle in and around Shaker Heights.

“We are just so connected to the places around us,” says Ann Klavora, a senior planner for the City. “That makes it a great community for all types of cyclists.”

“We have a network of neighborhood streets and sidewalks that other communities don't have. You can get from one part of the City to another by riding through the neighborhoods. This makes it a safe and pleasant experience,” she adds.

Moreover, the City has been proactive about keeping pace with a growing interest in cycling. Since 2008, Shaker has opened two multi-use paved trails, at Horseshoe Lake Park and on the Shaker Boulevard median, that these days are popular destinations for many cyclists.

Last fall, the Shaker Heights City School District installed bicycle racks at all

its buildings, and a recent \$460,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation's Safe Routes to School program will allow the City to install count-down pedestrian signals and other signage “with the overall goal of making it safer for kids to walk and bike to school,” says Klavora.

There's more to come. Shaker is working with surrounding communities on the Lake-to-Lakes Trail plan, with the goal of connecting Shaker Lakes to Lake Erie through Cleveland's University Circle and Rockefeller Park. The Warrensville/Van Aken Transit Oriented Development Plan calls for making that intersection navigable by cyclists. And Shaker continues to look at ways to add Share the Road and other signage to mark a network of bicycle routes connecting points of interest in the City, such as Thornton Park, the libraries and schools, and City Hall. This network plan was created in 2008 in collaboration with the Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency (NOACA).

Without a doubt the future of bicycling in and around Shaker Heights is bright, and residents will be enjoying the simple pleasure of riding their bicycles for a long time to come.

[ commuting ]

Steven Izen *20 years and counting*

For more than 20 years, Steven Izen has been bicycling year-round to his office on the campus of Case Western Reserve University.

“I ride about 3,000 miles a year,” says Izen, a professor of mathematics, who moved to Shaker in 1990. “I even ride through snowstorms.”

Izen is a familiar sight many mornings, riding the back roads of Shaker to North



Steven Izen



Park, which he then takes to University Circle via Martin Luther King Boulevard. It's a commute of about four miles from his Fernway-area home, but Izen admits to occasionally getting lost. "Sometimes I get lost on the way in because if it's a nice day and I don't have immediate obligations, I'll take the opportunity to explore."

Indeed, Izen has ridden on every street in Shaker and then some. "I ride all over," says Izen. "Through Cleveland, up north, sometimes I head out east first, sometimes south."

"The streets of Shaker and the east side of Cleveland are really bike friendly," he says.

Izen has been commuting – and exploring – on his bicycle since his undergraduate days at Polytechnic Institute of NYU and then in graduate school at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"It's fun and I get exercise. It relieves stress. After a stressful day, I get home and I feel so much better."

Weekends bring more opportunities for Izen to enjoy his bicycle, as his wife, Susannah Muskovitz, and three sons often join him for rides around the region. "We ride as a family," says Izen. "In fact, in good weather we regularly take the boys on rides 30 miles long or more. That's not a big deal for them."

Even winter's worst doesn't deter him. Izen simply dons an extra layer of cold-weather gear, his insulated ski helmet and hits the road.

"The worst part of riding in winter is the frozen slush. When your wheels hit the slush, it pushes you off to the side and you can fall."

Over the years, Izen has learned how to deal with weather, traffic, and whatever else the road might throw his way. "You learn through doing it what you can and can't do," he notes.

"I've just been doing it forever. It's part of who I am."



## [ workout / recreation ]

### Anja and Eckhard Jankowsky

*Getting competitive*

Speed, sweat, and more speed are what Anja and Eckhard Jankowsky are after when they hop on their bicycles and head out to the Chagrin Valley from their Sussex home.

The Jankowskys, both natives of Germany, enjoy competing in some of the many athletic endurance events (think marathon or triathlon) that are held around Ohio each summer. This year, Eckhard plans to take part in his fourth triathlon, while Anja will compete in her first duathlon.

A triathlon combines swimming, running, and bicycling, while a duathlon is running and bicycling only.

The couple has found that Shaker is a great place to train for these events. "It's really fantastic that you can go out from your house and get to an area, like the Chagrin River Road, where you can ride for miles and miles," says Anja.

A typical workout for both Anja and Eckhard is about 20 miles, out Shaker Boulevard to the Chagrin Valley and back, a ride they do most weekend mornings through the spring, summer, and fall.

In an Olympic-distance triathlon or duathlon, which is the distance that the Jankowskys favor, competitors ride about 25 miles.

"I am very boring," jokes Eckhard, an associate professor at the Center for RNA Molecular Biology at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. "I go the same way every time. I don't mind that, though, and it's good to know where all the potholes are. That is not unimportant information."

But as both Jankowskys point out, a bicycle ride that begins in Shaker can easily continue for 60 miles or more. "You can go from North Chagrin Reservation to South Chagrin Reservation. That's what a lot of people do," notes Anja, who works as a freelance website designer.

"You can even go further," adds Eckhard. "You can go from one Metropark to another and come back on the Towpath Trail."

Eckhard competed in his first triathlon, in downtown Cleveland, in 2005. He has since done the Portage Lakes Triathlon twice (winning his age group in 2007) and a Half-Ironman Triathlon in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Until recently, Anja was focused on running. She has competed in the Cleveland and Towpath Half Marathons several times (placing in the top 10 percent of her age group) and, in 2008, won her age group in the Towpath 10K. But she caught the cycling bug after she underwent foot surgery in 2007. "The only thing I could do was biking and so I started taking spinning classes at the gym. I had so much fun with that, I just thought at some point, I should get a bike too.

"Shaker is so well-situated for bicycling. We haven't even discovered all the possibilities yet," she adds.

## [ commuting ]

### Claudia and Mike McCord

*Bicycling to work and loving it*

After years of driving and taking the Rapid to work, it didn't take much to convince Claudia McCord and husband Mike to start bicycling instead.

For Claudia, it was a new bicycle. For Mike, it was the opening of Cleveland's Euclid Corridor. "Before Euclid was done, I never considered riding, even though I was a big cyclist," says Mike, who works downtown for the U.S. Department of Labor. "I always took the Rapid or drove. My cycling was mostly in the evening or on weekends."

But once he saw the construction underway on Euclid, he got to thinking. "There are bike paths on both sides, so I started exploring how to ride to the office."

These days, Mike typically leaves the

couple's home on Lomond Boulevard by 8 am and takes the side streets of Shaker over to Larchmere Boulevard, then heads down Fairhill Road to Euclid. His office is on East 9th and Lakeside. It's a commute of just under an hour each way, which Mike notes is faster than taking the Rapid and not much longer than driving.

He's become such a regular sight during the warmer months that one of Claudia's colleagues can gauge whether she's on time for work by when she sees Mike. "So if she sees Mike in certain places, she's like, 'Oh, I'm late,'" jokes Claudia, who is the library technician at Fernway School.

Claudia, meanwhile, started riding to work last fall, thanks mostly to a new bicycle.

"I bought it in June and by the time school started, it was really incentive to want to ride it," she says. "So I thought, I'll ride. It's really the perfect distance. It probably takes a minute longer to ride

than to drive, especially if the lights are going my way."

Claudia actually makes the commute twice a day, heading home at lunchtime to walk the family dog.

"So, I really get my exercise now by riding to school, riding home at noon, walking the dog, then getting on the bike and riding back," Claudia says.

With racks now available at all Shaker schools, Claudia hopes more students will start bicycling. "I'm hoping that by riding to Fernway everyday, the kids will notice that it's another way of getting to school."

Claudia and Mike grew up in Shaker and raised their children here. They view the city as a wonderful place to cycle. "When I was a kid in high school, I would often ride my bike," notes Mike. "Shaker has always been a great place to ride."

Adds Claudia: "I love looking at the houses when I cycle. I just love Shaker houses and all the beautiful gardens."

**Claudia McCord** with Fernway students Cory Henderson (left) and Zack Assel.







**Claudia McCord** suits up.

## [ commuting ]

**Rick Smith and Tania Menesse**

*Take the bike, leave the car*

When Rick Smith and Tania Menesse were growing up in Shaker, they rode their bicycles all over town. So when the couple moved back to Shaker five years ago, it was only natural that they would pick up where they left off.

These days, if their destination is in Shaker, Smith and Menesse (and their children, Sage and Hazel) will more often than not leave the car in the garage and take their bicycles.

“Shaker is so ideal for biking,” notes Smith. “It’s a small footprint, about six square miles.” Adds Menesse: “Shaker is a beautiful place and when you bike you see and appreciate things.”

Indeed, Smith and Menesse have incorporated cycling into most aspects of their lives in the City. On many mornings, Menesse will take Hazel to school at the Early Childhood Enrichment Center by bicycle. In the evenings, Smith will bicycle to pick her up. Trips to Thornton Park and the Main Library, errands to Shaker Town Center, and excursions to Horseshoe Lake or Shaker Square are also typically made on two wheels.

“Our favorite bike ride is to the Main Library. That’s a really great ride and the kids get worn out, so it’s nice to go into the library and sit and look at books,” says Menesse.

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes is another favorite destination. “It’s great to take a half-mile-to-mile bike trip and then spend some time in a natural setting and bike back,” notes Smith.

## Western Reserve Wheelers

*On the road for 30 years*

If it’s a sunny Sunday morning during the summer, you can bet that members of the Western Reserve Wheelers are out riding the rolling hills and valleys of Northeast Ohio. Founded in 1972, the bicycle club sponsors weekly rides from the eastern suburbs to places like the Cuyahoga River Valley and Mentor Headlands.

The Wheelers began with a group of cyclists who met on weekends at John Carroll University to ride out to Hudson. “After a while people wanted to do some-

thing different, so we rode the ride in reverse. From there, we graduated to other rides,” recalls Bill Downie, who has lived in Shaker for 50 years and ridden with the Wheelers on and off since its early days.

Now, the club does more than 40 rides each season, one each Sunday from late March to late October. There are also informal rides on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings.

Recreational bicycle clubs are an American tradition that dates back to at least 1878, when the first bicycle club was founded in Boston. By the turn of the century, there were hundreds of clubs

across the country.

“I have found it a lot more fun to be with a group,” says Greg Coleman, who lives in the Sussex neighborhood and joined the Wheelers last year. “We can have conversations. And when people get flat tires, we all stop to fix it.”

Coleman also appreciates the push he gets from fellow members who, like him, are looking to improve their performance. “Sometimes we call each other up and challenge each other to make sure we’re at the rides,” he says.

The Wheelers divide riders into three groups. Group A sets the fastest pace, typ-





**Tania Menesse** and Rick Smith with daughters Sage (left) and Hazel.

ically around 18 to 22 miles per hour, and rides the farthest, 40 to 50 miles. Group B clocks in at roughly 15 to 18 miles per hour for 30 to 40 miles. And Group C rides at 10 to 12 miles per hour for 20 to 30 miles.

“We call it the Over the Hill group,” jokes Downie, who joined Group C at age 74, after years of riding with Group B and sometimes A. “We’re all older and we ride with a sense of humor. We talk about the good old days, but no one is climbing Old Mill hill anymore.” Some of the Group C riders are in their 80s.

The Wheelers’ Sunday morning rides

take them all over the region, beginning with easy rides to Shaker Lakes, Solon, and Chagrin Falls in the spring. In the summer, there are rides to Kent (the Silver Lake area), Hale Farm, and even Ashtabula. A Cider Ride in the fall takes members past the apple orchards in Geauga County.

Riding miles and miles through Northeast Ohio can be inspiring. “I like to take in the scenery, take in the sunshine. I view it as an escape from the routines of the week. I like to just let my mind focus on the moment,” says Shaker resident Dr. Louis Klein, who has ridden with the

Wheelers for almost a decade. “The club has enough rides that essentially we’ve kept the same schedule. No one gets bored.”

While most rides start at the Mandel Jewish Community Center in Beachwood, some begin farther east or west, depending on the morning’s route. For instance, the club’s annual ride to Milan, the birthplace of Thomas Edison, begins in Oberlin.

The Wheelers always welcome new members. For information, visit the club’s website at [www.wrwb.com](http://www.wrwb.com).

## [ around town ]

Megan Hanger and Matt Albers

*Slowing down for summer*

And while Menesse does still drive to work at the Cleveland Foundation or to classes at Cleveland State University, where she is pursuing a master's degree at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs, it is hard to catch Smith riding in a car at all.

You certainly won't find him behind the wheel in rush-hour traffic. Since 2006, Smith has commuted by bicycle year-round to his office at Progressive Insurance in Mayfield Village, a distance of 12 miles each way from the couple's Fernway home. "It's amazing," says Smith. "You get the hardest thing done for the day before you even get to work, so work becomes easier and more relaxed."

"At the end of the day it's even better. Everything that happened during the day melts away," he adds.

Menesse discovered the benefits of bicycling in Shaker with kids while on a break from her career a couple of years ago.

"It was so much more enjoyable to run errands if we biked places. Everything became much more of an adventure and we were getting exercise," says Menesse, adding that bicycling is sometimes faster than taking the car. "It actually takes less time to bike to Thornton than it takes to drive and that was kind of a fun realization."

Both Smith and Menesse hope that, like them, their girls will rely on their bicycles to get them around town, as they get older. "It's a great way to give your kids autonomy," says Menesse. Smith agrees: "Bicycling empowers kids and encourages decision making."

To be sure, their daughter Sage is already a fan. "I like to bike to the library and to Heinen's and with daddy around the town," she says, then smiles and adds: "I like to go fast."

A busy family of five can spend a lot of time in the car, driving from music lessons to sports practice to the library to school to the grocery store to...you get the picture.

Which is why last summer Megan Hanger and Matt Albers decided to start bicycling to some of those places instead.

"The kids reached an age where it was easy for us all to do it together," explains Hanger.

They discovered that getting out of the car made the summer months much more enjoyable, and not just for them, but for daughters Cora, Leah, and Sara as well.

"Otherwise, we're in the car all the time, driving people from place to place. But if we slow down and take the bikes, then it's more enjoyable for everybody," says Hanger.

"We bike to piano lessons, the library, the pool," she says, and Matt sometimes takes the girls up to Heinen's. "I have a

saddlebag on the back of my bike for the groceries," he notes.

The family also enjoys cycling from their Lomond-area home up to Horseshoe Lake or, when in a more adventurous mood, heading out to the Towpath Trail in the Cuyahoga National Forest.

"I love the Towpath," says Cora. "We get ice cream," adds Leah.

Megan and Matt park at the Rockside Road lot, then ride for a couple of miles and back again. They also recommend taking a longer trip on the Towpath, then catching the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad back to the car — a bargain at only \$2 per bicyclist, thanks to the Bike Aboard! program.

"It's a great day trip," says Matt. Adds Megan: "That's truly a nice adventure."

This summer, the family plans more adventures by bicycle. "My kids are older so their endurance is better. We can actually go places," notes Hanger.

**Matt Albers** and Megan Hanger with daughters Sara (left), Leah, and Cora.





## Rules of the Road

A reminder for residents that there are some specific requirements for cycling in Shaker.

- All cyclists must license their bicycle with the Police Department at 3355 Lee Road. Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 5, 12, 19 & 26 and July 10, 17, 24 & 31. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents. Please bring your bicycle with you when you are purchasing your license.
- Bicycle helmets are required for everyone five and over when operating a bicycle and for all passengers regardless of age. Helmets can be purchased from the Health Department (in City Hall, 3400 Lee Rd.) for \$10 from 9 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.
- Children under the age of 14 may ride on the sidewalk, but must yield to pedestrians.
- Bicyclists must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as possible and may not ride more than two abreast in a single lane.
- Motorists should note that a bicycle is considered a vehicle on the road and shares the same rights as any other vehicle.



Jim Sheehan (right) with bike safety student Lee Reis in downtown Cleveland.

## Bike Safety *Traffic Skills For Cyclists*

For more information on the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op, visit [www.ohiocitycycles.org](http://www.ohiocitycycles.org)

The motto of the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op is short and sweet: “We help people use bicycles.” The co-op’s director, Jim Sheehan, is a longtime Shaker resident. Among the many programs at the co-op is the popular Intro To Traffic Skills class, which is offered two Saturdays a month at the co-op’s shop in the Flats.

“We do a parking lot ride and practice some basic handling skills and emergency maneuvers, and then we go for a ride,” says Sheehan, who has also served as a director for the advocacy group, the League of American Bicyclists.

The two-hour Traffic Skills class covers everything from checking equipment and communicating with motorists to handling a bicycle in traffic and learning how to tumble. Following Sheehan shares some basic safety guidelines for Shaker cyclists:

\* Make sure your equipment is working correctly. This includes your bicycle, helmet, gloves, glasses, and lights (especially when riding at night).

\* Understand the law and how it pertains to cyclists. Bicyclists are subject to the same laws as motor vehicles, with two major differences. They are allowed to ride two abreast in one lane,

and they should ride as far to the right side of the road as practicable. In 2006, Ohio ruled that “practicable does not mean a cyclist has to ride all the way over in the gutter,” says Sheehan. “That is not always practical, and not always safe.”

“We spend most of the time in our class talking about lane position – and whether or not to share the lane with a car,” he says. “The cyclist makes that decision because all traffic law is based on the idea of first come, first served – within reason.”

\* Make sure you are communicating with motorists. “Every choice you make on the road communicates something to motorists. Where you ride, how you turn your head, whether you get off the seat when you stop at a traffic light,” explains Sheehan.

\* Develop solid bike handling skills and learn to identify hazards, including other road users who are potentially dangerous and dodgy road surfaces. Take some time to learn maneuvers that can help you avoid an accident. These include emergency stops, emergency turns, and learning how to fall.”

To read more on bicycle safety, Sheehan recommends *Bicycling Street Smarts*, which is online at [www.bikexpert.com/streetsmarts/](http://www.bikexpert.com/streetsmarts/).



## Bike Tours *Bicycle Rides In and Around Shaker*

With more than 200 miles of sidewalks and quiet neighborhood streets, not to mention several recently completed multi-use trails, there are plenty of options for cycling in Shaker and the region. Here are some of our favorites.

### ***Shaker Median Trail***

This multi-use trail runs for 1.5 miles along the south side of the Shaker Boulevard median from Warrensville Center Road to Sulgrave, then connects to another 1.5 miles of paved trails in Beachwood and Pepper Pike. This is a gently rolling trail that winds in and out of the woods and through fields of wildflowers.

In late summer, stop and sample the blackberries growing by the side of the path. Or bring a picnic to eat on one of the many benches along the route.

### ***Saturday Morning at Shaker Square***

Looking for a relaxing way to spend a Saturday morning? How about cycling over to Shaker Square for some shopping at the North Union Farmers Market or for brunch followed by a matinee at Shaker Square Cinemas?

1. For a quieter ride along Shaker's side streets, take Clayton Road (which begins just left of City Hall's front steps) to Warrington Road.
2. Warrington turns into Coventry Road a block or so after you cross S. Woodland Road. Take a left onto Shaker Boulevard to enter the Square.

### ***Southerly Park to the Nature Center***

Enjoy a ride around and through Shaker's Southerly Park, followed by a stop at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Bring a picnic to enjoy at the Nature Center's pavilion or on a bench at Southerly Park.

1. Start the ride on Shaker Boulevard and West Park Boulevard, which is the northwest corner of Southerly Park. Head south on West Park using the multi-use trail. At the corner of West Park and S. Woodland, notice the grove of magnolia trees, planted by Shaker elementary students over the years.
2. Take a left on Woodland to continue around the park, then another left on South Park. Alternatively, you can ride through the park, using one of the multi-use trails.
3. Take South Park to the Nature Center on your left at 2600 South Park Boulevard (just before you hit North Park).

### ***Horseshoe Lake to Lower Shaker Lake***

Horseshoe Lake and Lower Shaker Lake are the original mill ponds created when the North Union Shakers dammed Doan Brook in the 19th century. Today, cyclists can enjoy a lovely ride around these lakes and the surrounding parklands.

1. Start at Horseshoe Lake Park (the entrance is on Park Drive between North Park and South Park boulevards) and ride around the lake's perimeter on the multi-use trail. For portions along Park Drive use the road. Check out the marker just before the dam on the South Park Boulevard side of the lake to get more information on the history of Horseshoe Lake. Or better yet, stop at the Shaker Historical Society at 16740 South Park Boulevard, open Tuesday to Friday and Sunday, 2 pm to 5 pm.
2. Next, take the connecting trail west on North Park to Lower Shaker Lake. Circle Lower Shaker Lake by taking a left on Brook Road across the dam, then riding east along South Park Boulevard.
3. Return to the multi-use trail by taking a left from South Park Boulevard onto Larchmere Boulevard, then another left onto N. Woodland Road. Pick up the trail at the corner of N. Woodland and North Park Boulevard. Head east to return to Horseshoe Lake.

### ***The Chagrin River Valley***

Some of Northeast Ohio's most beautiful terrain can be found just east of Shaker Heights in the Chagrin River Valley. This 20-mile ride is recommended for experienced cyclists only (and most definitely not for young children).

1. Head east on Shaker Boulevard.
2. After you pass under Interstate 271, at the rotary, take Gates Mills Boulevard heading northeast.
3. At the end of Gates Mills, continue east on Old Mill Road.
4. Take a right on Chagrin River Road going south. This is the heart of the Chagrin River Valley and you will see the Chagrin River on your left. Continue south on Chagrin River Road to S. Woodland Avenue.
5. Head west on S. Woodland to return to Shaker.



Hanger/Albers family

### Organized Rides: *For Fun, Challenge, or a Good Cause*

For some Shaker bicyclists, there's no better way to enjoy the sport than to take part in an organized ride. Each year, there are dozens of bicycling events held around Ohio, and hundreds more throughout the U.S. Many are just for fun, while others raise money for charitable causes.

Close to home, there's the Ohio City Bicycle Co-op's Saturday Social Rides. "It's free. We'll loan you a bike. We go at the pace of the slowest person and we stop a lot. It's really social," says Shaker resident and co-op director Jim Sheehan. The five-to-ten mile ride starts at the co-op's shop in the Flats and explores a different part of Cleveland each weekend. Find details at [www.ohiocitycycles.org](http://www.ohiocitycycles.org).

Further afield in Burton, there's the popular Sunday in June event, put on by the Cleveland Touring Club. Now in its 34th year, the event takes more than 800 bicyclists on a tour through the heart of Northeast Ohio's Amish country.

"It's a fully supported ride," says Greg Coleman. "There are refreshment stops and repair stations," he says, noting that riders can opt for a 25, 50, 62, or 100 mile route.

Feeling ambitious? The Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA) is a one-week tour of Ohio that attracts more than 3,000 cyclists each June, including many cyclists from Shaker. Participants ride about 50 miles each day, camping along the way. This year's GOBA route is through Southeast Ohio and includes Athens, Marietta, and the scenic Hocking Hills region.

Meanwhile, many avid Shaker cyclists hit the roads each summer to raise money for various causes.

Shaker-resident Dr. Louis Klein rides the four-day, 328-mile Pan Ohio Hope Ride. The event, which benefits the American Cancer Society's Hope Lodges, takes riders from Cleveland to Cincinnati. "It's a very enjoyable ride that has grown beautifully over the years," notes Klein. Participants bunk in college dormitories and are bused back to Cleveland at the end of the tour.

For a few Shaker residents, a cycling event offers the opportunity for an extraordinary personal challenge. This June, Winslow Road residents Jim Karlovec and Susie Rabiah will be part of a

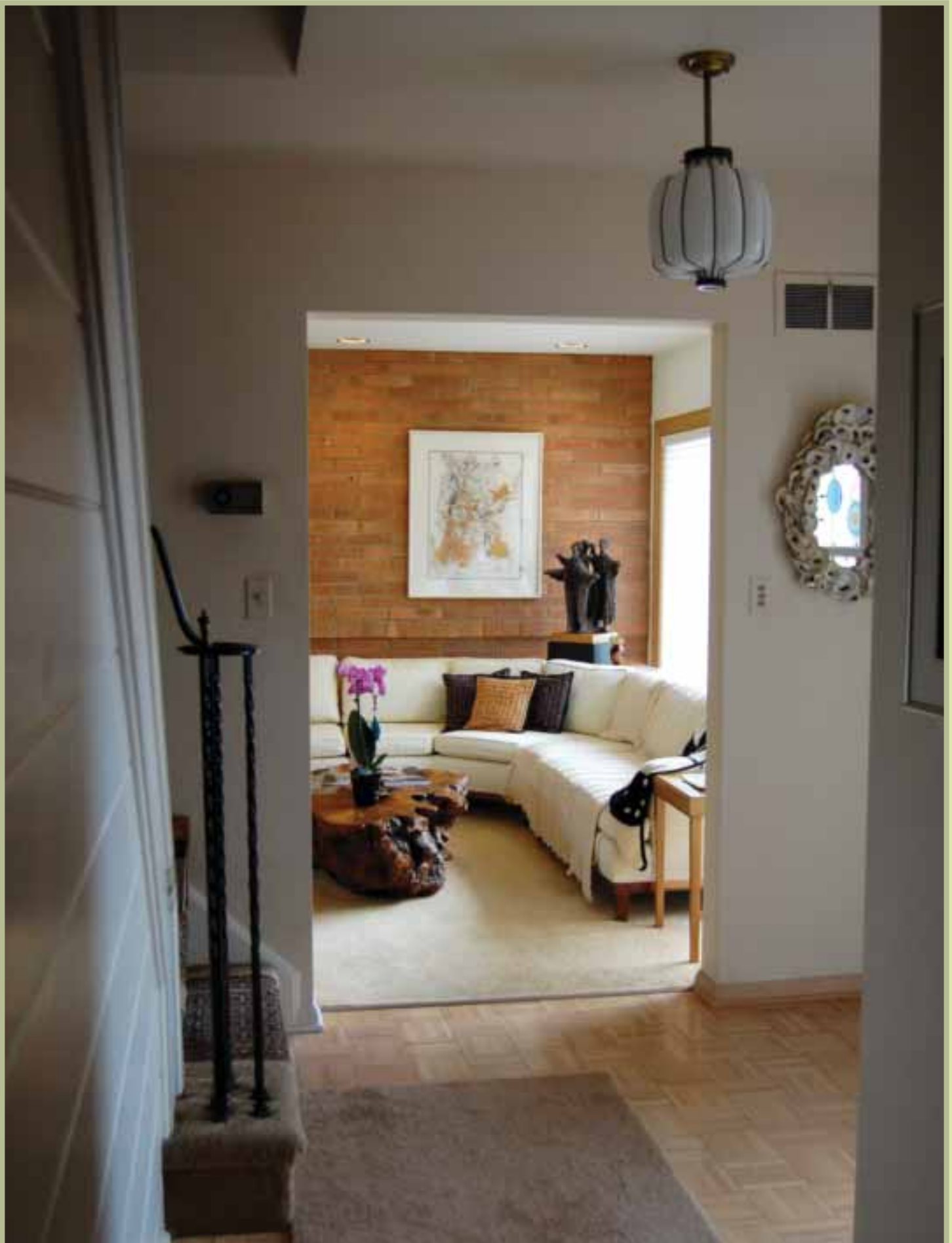
four-member team in the grueling Race Across America (RAAM). The 3,000 mile race takes riders across the entire length of the continental U.S. in just eight days, starting in Oceanside, California, and ending in Annapolis, Maryland.

"It's the premier ultra-marathon cycling event in the world," says Karlovec. During the event, Karlovec and Rabiah will alternate riding at top speed for 15 to 30 minutes for a period of up to six hours. Some member of their team will be on the road at all times.

"It's a race. If we don't make certain checkpoints by a certain time, we'll get disqualified," Karlovec says. The couple has ridden in other endurance cycling events over the years, including the historic 750-plus mile Paris-Brest-Paris in France – but nothing compared to RAAM, for which Karlovec and Rabiah trained for more than a year. Follow their progress at [giveawave.net](http://giveawave.net).

To learn more about cycling events in Ohio, check out the Ohio Bicycle Events Calendar at <http://www.ohiocycling.info>.







# *fine art*

BY JENNIFER COILEY DIAL

June is arts month in Shaker Heights, with the new **Arts & Music Festival** scheduled for the weekend of June 19-20 at the Van Aken Center. The festival is sponsored by the City, the Shaker Arts Council, and Ohio Designer Craftsmen. (See City News in this issue for details.) To add some spice to the mix of crafts and music, Shaker Life herein presents samples of the work of some fine artists who call Shaker home.



## **Elise Newman**

Not one to limit herself to one medium, Elise Newman works with a wide variety of materials including hand-made paper, oils, and intaglio printing. She prefers to use models with red hair because “all the colors in the world are in red hair.” Elise owned her own studio/gallery in Little Italy for many years, and has since moved her studio into the home she built in the Mercer neighborhood over 40 years ago. [elisenewmanart.com](http://elisenewmanart.com)

**Tablets of Law** (opposite page, on wall)

watercolor and collage on cloth

**The Yellow Window** (above) – acrylic on canvas

**The Model with Red Hair** (right) – oil on canvas

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### **Arden McWilliams**

Arden McWilliams received All-State honors in baseball and football before graduating from Shaker High in 2004. On a baseball scholarship, the Onaway resident earned a degree in Psychology and Studio Art from Florida Southern College. When he's not painting, Arden plays professional minor league baseball for the Lake Erie Crushers.

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

***Still Life in Pastel*** (left) – oil pastel

***O'Connell House*** (below) – oil on canvas

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## Kathleen McKenna

An artist her entire life, the Michigan native studied art throughout school and in New York. An Onaway resident, she has lived in Shaker since the '70s, and is an instructor in the art department at Lakeland Community College. Kathleen's *Green Hydrangea*, *Green Frog* is currently in Quito, Ecuador as part of the Art in Embassies Program. [artistsarchives.org](http://artistsarchives.org)

***Meditation*** (far right) –  
oil on linen

***Green Hydrangea*, *Green Frog*** (right) – pastel on  
marble dust board

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### A creative person's dream:

Kathy McKenna's studio.

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### Adele Marihatt

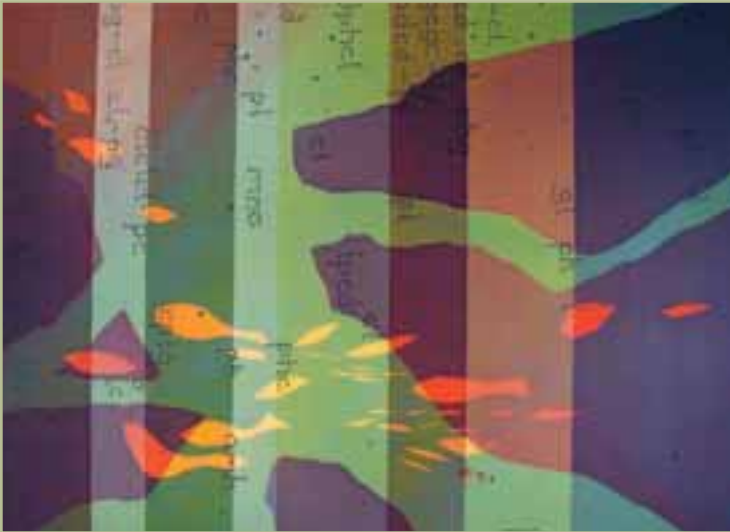
While she holds a degree in Physiology, Swiss-born Adele Marihatt has been devoted to painting since 1972. Her “Reflections” series was inspired by a trip to Osaka, Japan in 1994, where she observed carps gathering in a pond near a teahouse. She has lived in the Onaway neighborhood since 1982. [marihatt.com](http://marihatt.com)

***Marihatt's Hats*** (top) – oil on linen

***Reflections #88*** (left) – acrylic on canvas

***Reflections #75*** (below) – acrylic on canvas

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### **Laura Dietrich**

The daughter of a fine artist, Laura Dietrich has been painting for more than 25 years. The Shaker High graduate (c/o '85) specializes in African American-themed portraiture, and works primarily in mixed media and acrylics on wood or canvas. Also a website designer, Laura lives in Boulevard. [lauralora.com](http://lauralora.com)

**Meditation** (top) – pastel and paper on canvas

**Bob** (below) – acrylic and ink on canvas

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### George Woideck

A trained painter, George Woideck has worked in clay since 1975, when he established a line of functional stoneware pottery. The Sussex resident is also well-known for creating ceramic tile murals and mosaics installed in schools, businesses, and public places. [tileandclayart.com](http://tileandclayart.com)



**Functional Studio Ceramics** (top) – porcelain place setting

**Functional Studio Ceramics** (below) – porcelain watering can

**Growing Through Learning** (right) – mosaic, Noble Elementary School, Cleveland Heights

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BY SUE STARRETT  
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Q&A

## *a wonderful and honorable profession*



**Margaret Wong** with her husband, Kam Chan, and son Steven Chan at the Wong clan's traditional Wednesday night dinner. All of the kids are required to be there, to foster long lasting relations among the cousins.

**M**argaret Wong, one of Shaker Heights' more notable residents, arrived in the United States from British Hong Kong on a student visa in 1969, accompanied by her sister, Cecilia. Respected around the world as an expert in U.S. immigration law, Margaret became a published author in 2009 with *The Immigrant's Way*, now in its third edition.

Her vast knowledge of immigration concerns and topics gives the book authenticity and substance. It is as much a history of immigration and immigration law as it is a how-to manual, with a list of 22 rules of success. (These begin with "learn to speak English," continue with

"do not do stupid things which you know are stupid," and end with "moral compass – don't forget it!")

The book also provides glimpses of the poverty, loss, pain, and injustice Margaret experienced during her early years in this country. She worked as a waitress to pay her tuition to Western Illinois University and to law school at the State University of New York Buffalo. Eventually, siblings Rose and George emigrated to the United States, followed by their parents.

She is fierce about her calling – to help immigrants on the path to fulfillment and success. She does so by treating immigration issues as legal, not political, matters –



**From left,** siblings Cecelia Wong, George Hwang, Margaret Wong, and Rose Wong, with their mother Kuan Kuo Hua. (Hwang is the original spelling of the family name.)

“Immigration, both legal and illegal, will continue to be an issue of vital importance for the American people well into the future, and may well command the fate of the nation as the forces of globalization and integration continue to shape the world.”

and always with a human touch. She avers that most immigrants come to the United States legally, but that it's easy to fall out of legal status. That's when knowing Margaret Wong can make all the difference in the world.

Over the past three decades, Margaret W. Wong & Associates Co., L.P.A. has become recognized around the globe for its expertise in immigration and nationality law. The Cleveland office has six attorneys and 30 staff members, who collectively speak 20 languages. She also maintains offices in Atlanta, Columbus, Detroit, and New York City. Her clients include corporations, executives, and other law firms, and she has assisted thousands of individuals in becoming permanent residents of the United States while advancing their educations, professions, and dreams. She also finds the time to host two live radio talk shows in New York City and a Thursday evening program streamed through CBS Radio Network.

During her 30 years in the Cleveland area, she has accepted many civic and nonprofit responsibilities. She was the first Asian-American president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and a charter member of the Continuing Legal Education Commission of the Ohio Supreme Court.

She and her husband, Kam Chan, have two children, both of whom are in law school.

***What brought you to Cleveland, and to Shaker Heights?***

I got a job as a credit analyst and management trainee at Central National Bank, now KeyBank. Next I worked for a law firm, and then I decided to rent a small office until a better job came along. Eventually I started taking cases of all kinds, but slowly entered the field of immigration law, where the need was great. I lived in Chagrin Falls for one year, then in Cleveland Heights. In 1985 I moved to Shaker Heights, to a house with a separate entrance for the in-laws' suite. At the time, we lived with my mother-in-law and her mother.

***What motivated you to write *The Immigrant's Way*?***

In spite of my numerous awards and board memberships, I still have feelings of impotence and of being an outsider. That's what drove me to write the book. There is hope for people like us, and dreams still waiting to be realized in America. It is important to bring out the positive side of immigration, and I really want foreign-borns to understand that they can be members of the creative class.

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and integration continue to shape the world. I didn't expect my book to be a textbook or a technical book – I thought it would be fun reading. My second book will tell stories of how people survive and the strength they find in doing so.

***Today, your practice has offices in five cities, and your clients range from taxi drivers to famous athletes.***

I have the nicest clients. No matter who they are, they are all feeling scared and insecure when they come to me for help. But the fact that we are already in the U.S. means we are brave and strong. I get a lot of referrals from my clients and the people I know, and I see the worst and the most beautiful cases. My offices are in cities where the courts hear a lot of cases. In New York there are many Chinese immigration cases; in Atlanta, Korean; and in Detroit, Middle Eastern.

***What has kept you in Shaker?***

Shaker was very welcoming and very nice. When we moved in the neighbors brought us cookies, and Welcome Wagon visited. I became a member for a few years. We belong to St. Dominic Church. St. Dominic is an awesome community; every year my colleagues ask me if Father Tom can bless their pets.

***Mandarin Chinese is taught in Shaker's public elementary schools and high school. Were you involved in that?***

I was invited to planning meetings early on and helped support the first teacher, Li Luling. She is very special, and now joins our family dinners on Wednesdays. Shaker's Chinese language program really seems to be a success. I am happy to continue providing advice on immigration issues related to the program.

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### **Kitchen Rewards**

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\$150,000 kitchen worthy of the stately 1929 Georgian home and ideal for a family that enjoys cooking and hosting large and frequent gatherings of friends and family. The contractor was Jerry Mackey of Solon, who has since retired. Richard C. Kawalek of Moreland Hills was the architect.

Spacious, bright, and elegant, the kitchen is a far cry from what the O'Hallorans encountered in 1999 when they bought the home on South Woodland Road that had once belonged to Cleveland broadcaster Rena Blumberg. A fire had destroyed the kitchen years earlier, and a restoration company had put in a "very bland," rectangular kitchen, Pam remembers, with white walls and only a few appliances. That kitchen was moved to the home's basement, where the family prepared meals during the nine months of construction that involved not only installing an entirely new kitchen but removing walls, relocating a powder room, creating new windows, and adding Georgian pillars.

A focal point in the kitchen is a large center island that serves as Pam's "command post." Topped in an Esmeralda green granite, the island provides storage space, stool-seating for four, and a gas stove-top.

"I love having my cooktop on the center island so that I can face guests as I'm cooking," says Pam. "Facing forward is very important to me – it lets me remain connected to family and friends." She also insisted on having two ovens, and they are mounted below the counter

From this post, Pam also enjoys nearly 360-degree supervisory vision. Through the round window installed over her right

shoulder on a wall facing the street, she once watched for the school bus; these days, the same portal lets her monitor driveway comings and goings. Directly across from the island, new French doors at the entrance to the adjoining library let her see through to the bright sunroom at the far end of the house.

In designing the new space, Pam and her husband David were sensitive to the architectural roots of their new home. "It was David's idea to have the cabinets designed with an arch like the one on the living room windows and doorways." Bob Dasher of Geauga County painted and glazed the cabinets, and painted several murals in the home. Georgian pillars now cover support beams, while light coriander countertops and maple flooring add to the room's airiness.

For Pam, the primary cook in the family, creating ample countertop work space was vital. Conveniences abound. "When they were younger, I wanted the kids to have a drawer at their height so they could get their own cups and plates," Pam says, pointing out a knee-high drawer. "We also installed the microwave below the counter to make it accessible for them."

For the adults, a pull-out cabinet is dedicated to recycling bins, "so we don't have to run to the garage with every glass bottle," says Pam, and a large drawer in the island lets her lay spice jars nearly flat for full visibility and quick access. One kitchen wall is dedicated to a wet bar, complete with a refrigerator, ice maker, and sink. "This is a great party house," she says, noting that her children's friends were especially fond of sledding on the golf course hills behind the home and playing on the backyard trampoline.

Pam advises others embarking on a kitchen remodel to "think about how you live. You rarely get everything you want in a new kitchen, so decide what's most important to you."

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CUMMINGS: A reason to act.

Newlyweds Ken and Linda Cummings meant to do something about the small and outdated kitchen in their Sussex home when they bought it in 2005, but then, Linda admits, “Inertia set in.” Considering both she and her husband are physicians — she is a gastroenterologist with University Hospitals, Ken is a Cleveland Clinic anesthesiologist — it’s understandable that their schedules left little time for cooking up a new kitchen plan.

But the project quickly moved to the front burner in the spring of 2009 when Linda learned she was pregnant. “Now we had a reason to act,” she says. What the couple disliked most about their kitchen, Ken says, “was the wall that bisected the room, creating two very small spaces. We also didn’t like the black, gray, and white color scheme.” “Or the textured laminate countertops,” Linda adds.


They began talking with Mike Staffileno at Chagrin River Company, a kitchen and bath remodeling company in Chesterland that had been recommended by colleagues. They visited several kitchens the firm had designed and built in the area. “Then Mike come over, measured our kitchen, and within a week, emailed us a preliminary design, all at no cost,” says Ken. “Being a gourmet chef, Mike thinks about the best place to prepare foods, how to make the kitchen efficient.” The couple was impressed, and the remodeling got underway in October.

What Ken envisioned, he says, “was a warm space that I’d be happy to be in, not just tolerate. Functional, but pretty, too.” It was also important, Linda notes, “that the kitchen be modern and usable, but not clash with the rest of the house.”

The finished product is everything they’d hoped for. “We have two times the cabinet space than we did before,” Ken says, and with the new subdued yellow wall color and under-cabinet lights he finds “the kitchen is now several times brighter than it used to be, and it feels warm.”

The couple accompanied Staffileno on several shopping trips to select the kitchen furnishings. They chose cherry cabinets and found a black granite countertop at Stone Solutions in Mentor with flecks of red and gold. They opted for stainless-steel appliances, and had oak flooring installed in the main kitchen and a tile floor in the adjoining mud room. The initial cabinetry hardware they selected would have put them way over budget, so they went with brushed brass pulls and handles.

The couple was pleased with Staffileno’s attention to detail. “He recommended creating a new doorway between the kitchen and the dining room, one that would echo the rounded arch of the door from the dining room to the living room,” Ken notes. “He also redid the trim molding on other kitchen door frames and windows to match the rest of the house.”

The \$40,000 project came in just \$1,000 over budget, and the timing was perfect: baby Matthew arrived in mid-December, just three weeks after the kitchen was completed. 



**Margaret Wong**

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***You work really hard, don’t you?***

I get up at 4:30 every morning and go to bed at 10:30. My practice is hard — basically, I’m fighting the government. I have to be very organized and careful. I screen twenty clients a day, and take perhaps 10 to 35 percent of these. I travel a lot, and every weekend I spend many hours reading case law so that I know the trends in immigration.

I struggle with some of my cases but always work to balance being Christian, a good mother, and a good wife with being

a good lawyer. I am a lawyer of the people, and I help my own world. I have to be tough, and I love the craft of my practice.

***Sometimes you don’t mind losing cases. Why?***

That’s how we get heard in federal circuit courts of appeal. If we can win enough cases at that level, we can create precedent-setting law. A lot of arcane immigration rules are ripe for litigation. I have to be very careful of the cases I take, so that we can capitalize on immigration trends and can bring winning cases to federal district and appellate courts. Precedent-setting cases are a lot of fun. Students in law schools dissect them and learn the arguments. This helps the whole foreign-born population, not just one or two families.


***Of all the honors you have received, which is the most meaningful?***

My Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Buffalo, because the law school there gave me my start. I was only the second or third foreign-born — and first woman — they accepted. I was going to be a doctor, but my mother said that I think so fast I might kill someone, so I decided to be a lawyer. America is a land of law. It is a wonderful and honorable profession.

***What do you hope to be doing five or ten years from now?***

I want to be a writer and a researcher to sustain my voice with my constituents and within my sphere of influence.

***You are known to be very generous with your resources and time, mentoring young people and supporting many causes. What motivates you to give back to the larger community?***

Many people have helped me, and I have a lot of people I need to help in return. Nobody can survive alone in this world. 



## Ongoing Activities for Families

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

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

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

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

**FRIDAYS: Family Fun Fridays, 1–3 PM,** PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY. A free facilitated play group for parents and caregivers and their preschool children ages 3 to 5 with special needs. Open to all families raising preschoolers with special needs in Cuyahoga and surrounding counties. INFO: HOLLY PALDA, 216-921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**TUESDAYS: Save Homes from Foreclosure Counseling, NOON–4 PM,** STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BUILDING. A program of The Housing Advocates, Inc., and the City, for homeowners delinquent on their mortgages, concerned with their ability to continue to pay their mortgages, or currently in foreclosure. By appointment only: 216-370-2283.

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

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

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM–NOON.** SHAKER SQUARE. Summer bounty abounds at the open-air market on the square. Savor the flavor and buy fresh and local.

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

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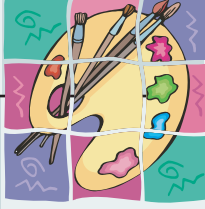

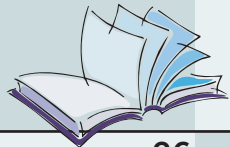
## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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		Linda Butler Photo Exhibit Thru 6/20 Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 58)		Senior Project Showcase 6:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 59)	Columbus Arts Festival 6/4-6 11:30 am, Columbus. (pg. 65)  Meet the Guards Night 7 pm, Thornton Park. (pg. 59)	Community Yard Sale 9 am, Mercer School. (pg. 59)  Old West End Festival Art Fair 6/5-6 10 am, Toledo. (pg. 65)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
North Coast Harbor Boating & Fishing Fest 6/5-6 11 am, North Coast Harbor. (pg. 65)	Lunchtime Bird Hike Noon, Nature Center. (pg. 60)	Shaker Dreams Thru 8/31 Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 58)		End-of-School- Year Pool Party 1 pm, Thornton Park Pool. (pg. 60)  Nature Center Photo Club Meeting 7 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 60)	Ice Cream Social & Summer Read- ing Kick Off 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 60)  Chefs Michael Symon and Michael Ruhlman 10 am, Visible Voice Books. (pg. 65)	The Secret Garden Benefit 6 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 60)  Parade the Circle 11 am, Wade Oval. (pg. 65)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
10th Annual Italian-American Festival 6/11-13 5 pm, Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. (pg. 65) 		Forming a Non- profit Organiza- tion 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 60)		Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	Twilight in the Garden Benefit 6 pm, Van Sweringen Mansion. (pg. 60) 	Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival 6/19-20 10 am Farnsleigh/ Van Aken. (pg. 61)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour 1 pm. (pg. 61)	Cooking Camp 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 61)  Adoption & Foster Care Information Meeting 6 pm, Bellefaire JCB. (pg. 62)	Stone Oven Days Ongoing. 2267 Lee Road. (pg. 55)		Game Girlz 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 62)	Bertram Woods Birthday Bash Benefit 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 62)	Cleveland Wine Festival 6/25-26 4 pm, Nautica Pavilion. (pg. 65)  Boston Mills Artfest I 6/25-27 6 pm, Boston Mills Ski Resort. (pg. 66)
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# July

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Boston Mills Artfest II 7/1-4 6 pm, Boston Mills Ski Resort. (pg. 66)	2	3 Larchmere Flea Market & Festival Noon, Larchmere Blvd. (pg. 63)  Author Alley Noon, Loganberry Books. (pg. 63)
4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> Independence Day Fireworks Dusk, Shaker Middle School. (pg. 63)	5	6 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	7 Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)	8 	9 Cain Park Arts Festival 7/9-11 3 pm. (pg. 66)	10 Nature Trail Ex- ploration at Lake View Cemetery 10 am. (pg. 65)
11	12 Summer Stories at the Colonnade 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 64)	13 Babes in Nature – Critter Colors 10 am. (pg. 64)	14 Itty Bitty Beach Party Noon, Thornton Park Pool. (pg. 64)	15 Straw Bale Gardening with Maurice Small 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64)	16 Family Fun Fridays Ongoing. 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	17 Cleveland Shakespeare Festival 7/17-18 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 64) 
18 Healthy Kids, Healthy Weight Run 8:30 am, Wade Oval. (pg. 66)	19 Pajama Stories 7:15 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 64)  	20 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	21	22 Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 64)	23 28th Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival 7/23-25 4:30 pm, Berea. (pg. 66)	24 North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)
25	26	27 Stone Oven Days Ongoing. 2267 Lee Road. (pg. 55)	28 Shaker Heights Community Band 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 64)	29 Ohio State Fair 7/28-8/8 9 am, Columbus. (pg. 66)	30 Family Fun Fridays Ongoing. 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 55)	31 Doo Wops Reunion Concert 8 pm, Cain Park. (pg. 65)



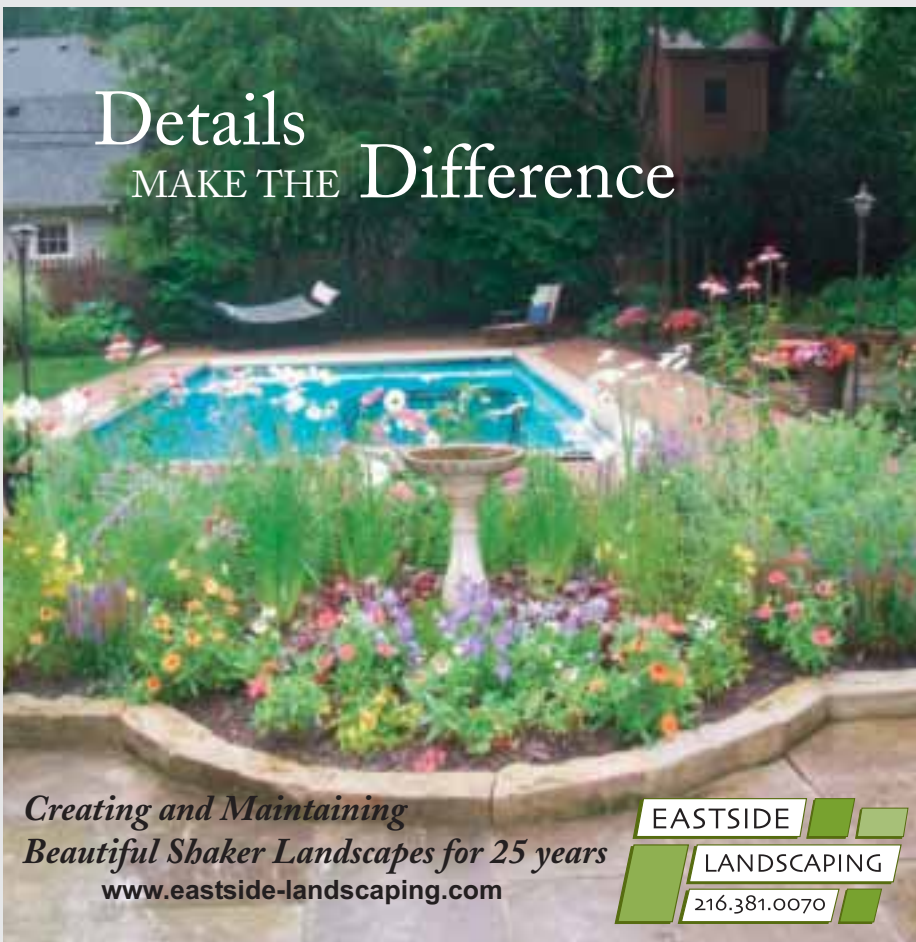


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## Art in Shaker

**THRU JUNE 20: Linda Butler Photo Exhibit...The Shaker Legacy,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Ten black-and-white photographs from Linda Butler's book *Inner Light: The Shaker Legacy*, with text by June Sprigg. Exhibit on display during regular museum hours: 2-5 PM Tuesday-Friday. Admission \$2. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**THRU AUGUST 31: Shaker Dreams,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Sweet dreams in Shaker style. View a Shaker bedroom complete with a Shaker bed with wheels; a walnut and pine chest; cast iron stove, and a quilt made by the North Union Shakers. A centerpiece of the exhibit is twelve spirit drawings. Museum Hours: Tues-Fri 2-5 pm and Sun 2-5 pm. Members and children under 6 are free. \$2/non-member, adults and children 6-18. INFO: JOHN NULL, 216-921-1201.

## Events for June



### Commencements

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**JUNE 6: Hawken School, 2 PM**

**JUNE 6: University School, 120th commencement, 3 PM**

**JUNE 10: Laurel School, 111th commencement, 10:30 AM**

**JUNE 10: Shaker Heights High School, 6 PM**

**JUNE 11: Hathaway Brown School, 11 AM**

**June 3: Senior Project Showcase, 6:30-8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL NORTH GYM.** Seniors show and tell about their senior projects. INFO: 216-295-4200.

**June 3-5: 2010 Gospel Quartet Super Bowl Showcase, 9 AM-MIDNIGHT, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SHAKER HEIGHTS, 3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** The Super Bowl of entertainment, education, and competition includes the best Gospel has to offer and the up-and-coming Gospel performers. Record executives will be looking for fresh Gospel quartet artists; cash prizes will be awarded to the qualifying winners, and the entire show is free to the general public. INFO: 216-440-1374 OR [gospelkidd@gospelkidd.com](mailto:gospelkidd@gospelkidd.com).

**June 4: Meet the Guards Night, 7-8 PM, THORNTON PARK POOL.** Meet the lifeguards working at the pool this summer. Guards answer questions about equipment, training, safety rules, and the pool facility. INFO: MAGDALENA CASAL, 216-491-3204.

**June 5: Community Yard Sale, 9 AM-NOON, MERCER SCHOOL.** Toys, household items, sporting equipment, and other miscellaneous items.

**June 7-July 31: Reading=Fun+Games, MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Whether you're two or 62, the library's summer reading program offers something for you! Enjoy a summer filled with games and prizes for all, generously funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2030, OR 216-991-2421.



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**June 8: Babes in Nature Sensational Summer, 10-10:45 AM, THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES.** You're never too young to learn about nature. Explore a variety of sensory experiences to introduce babies age two months to two years and their caregivers to the natural world. \$5/members, \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**June 10: End-of-School-Year Pool Party, 1-4 PM, THORNTON PARK POOL.** Watch an airbrush artist, request your favorite music from a DJ, and navigate an inflatable obstacle course. Daily pool admission rates apply. INFO: 216-295-2581.

**June 10: Knit Night, 7-8:45 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Stuck on a stitch or need encouragement to finish that project? Bring it to the library to get help. Experienced knitter, Fern Braverman, moderates a popular ongoing creative program for needlers. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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**June 10: Nature Center Photo Club Meeting, 7-9 PM, THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES.** Open to shutterbugs of all proficiency levels. Digital and film welcome. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**June 11-13: Lois Becker's Summer Jewelry Sale, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD.** Hand-made necklaces, earrings, bracelets, pins. Custom-made jewelry with prices ranging from \$25-\$255. Cash and checks. INFO: 216-921-3083.

**June 11: Ice Cream Social & Summer Reading Kick Off, 6:30-8 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** This summer Reading = Fun + Games at Shaker Library and the fun begins with an ice cream social and mini book sale sponsored by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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**June 12: The Secret Garden Benefit, 6 PM-12:30 AM, THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES.** The Nature Center transforms its outdoor parking area into a lush garden scene filled with whimsy and mystery. Benefit includes a live and silent auction as well as a "raise-the-paddle" auction. \$150/members, \$175/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**June 15: Forming a Nonprofit Organization, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Learn the legal and administrative tasks required to set up and run a nonprofit organization from David Holmes, who has provided training and research assistance at the Foundation Center for the past five years. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**June 18: Twilight in the Garden Benefit, 6-10 PM, VAN SWERINGEN MANSION.** Enjoy a fun-filled evening in a spectacular home built to the highest standards of old-world craftsmanship, filled with unique architectural details. Enjoy dinner, the Brazilian Jazz Duo, complimentary valet parking and auctions with an assortment of items, from gift certificates to area restaurants to all-inclusive vacation packages. Tickets: \$1,000/Premier Pruner



includes four benefit tickets and six garden tour tickets; \$500/Headly Horticulturist includes two benefit tickets and four garden tour tickets; \$150/Avant Gardener includes one benefit ticket and one garden tour ticket. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**June 19 & 20: Shaker Heights Art & Music Festival, 10 AM-10PM**, FARNSLEIGH RD, WARRENSVILLE/VAN AKEN DISTRICT. The City, Shaker Arts Council and Ohio Designer Craftsmen present a two-day art, music, craft and fun event, coinciding with the seventh annual Summer Solstice celebration. 11 am to 5 pm Sunday. INFO: VICKI BLANK, 216-491-1412.

**June 20: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour, 1-5 PM**. Take a self-directed tour of seven gracious gardens in Shaker Heights. The private gardens feature unusual plantings, lush vegetation, stunning fountains, elegant pools, picturesque patios, and historic exterior architecture. Tickets: \$15/person in advance; \$20/person on event day and may be purchased at the Shaker Historical Society, J. Pistone, and Shaker Hardware. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**June 21: Cooking Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Campers ages 6-10 cook and enjoy fun and nutritious recipes with the help of a certified teacher. Participants take home their own cookbooks filled with camp recipes. \$175/camper. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.




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*June 21-August 18:* **Summer Outdoor Adventure Camps,** THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Full day camps available for children ages four through 18; half-day camps available for children ages 2½ through 5. Overnight camps for ages 11-17 include a five day Eco-Adventure Camp in West Virginia or Southern Ohio. FEES & INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org/classes.asp](http://www.shakerlakes.org/classes.asp).

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*June 21:* **Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Take the little tykes to the library for stories, then tuck them in bed. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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*June 25:* **Bertram Woods Birthday Bash Benefit, 7-10 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. This is one for the books! Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the branch library and mingle with other library lovers. \$15/person. INFO: 216-991-2421.

*June 28-July 1:* **Roller Skating Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Campers ages five through 10, can participate in a variety of skill-building activities, earning a badge and certificate. Skates provided. \$175/camper. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



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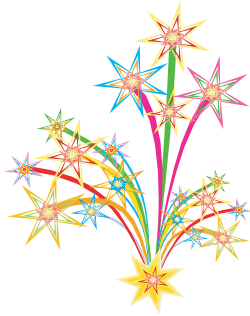
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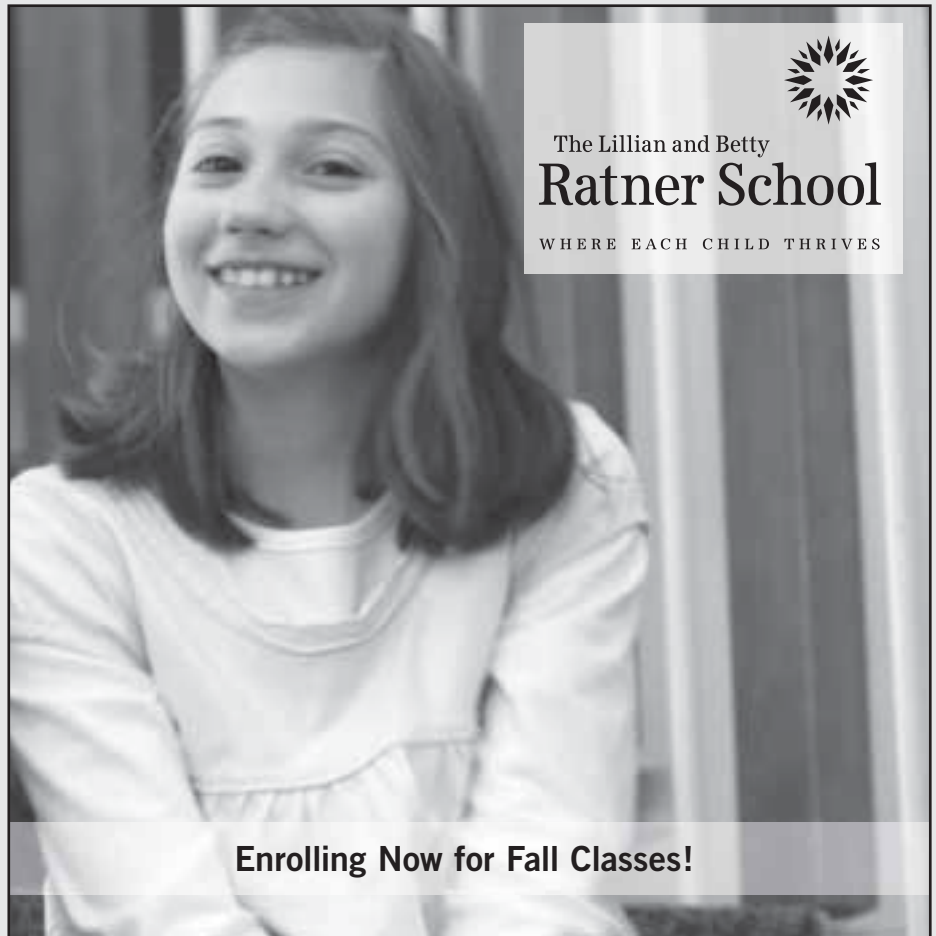
**July 3: Larchmere Flea Market & Festival, NOON-4 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD.** Annual street fair celebration with more than 100 vendors, workshops, music, the Euclid Beach Rocket Car, food and merriment.

**July 3: Author Alley, NOON-4 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Local and not-so-local authors sell their stories. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**July 4: Independence Day Fireworks, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Fireworks begin at dusk. Rain date: July 5. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-2595.

**July 5: Independence Day observed.** City offices and libraries closed.

**July 5-8: Creative Arts Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Campers ages 6-8 can learn about different artists and their techniques and, using creative energy and imagination, design their own arts and crafts. \$175/camper. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



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**July 12: Summer Stories at the Colonnade, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE AT THE INTERSECTION OF VAN AKEN BLVD AND LEE RD.** Shaker librarians tell stories for the entire family. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair. Free.

**July 13: Babes in Nature – Critter Colors, 10-10:45 AM, THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES.** Explore a

variety of sensory experiences that introduce babies from two months to two years and their caregivers to the natural world. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**July 14: Itty Bitty Beach Party, NOON-2 PM, THORNTON PARK POOL.** *This is the hot spot for tots!* Children five years and younger are invited to spend an afternoon at Thornton Park tot pool and splash pad enjoying games, party favors, ice cream. INFO: 216-295-1295.

**July 15: Straw Bale Gardening with Maurice Small, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Urban gardener speaks about straw bale gardening and creates a demo garden. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**July 17 & 18: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** In their 13th season, the group presents Shakespeare's bloody tragedy *Titus Andronicus*, directed by Allen Byrne, and the comedy *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, directed by Tyson Rand. "As good luck would have it," they're both free. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-1360.

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## In the Circle and Beyond

**JUNE 11: Seeing Green: Creating Art in an Era of Sustainability, 5-8 PM,** 1834 EAST 123RD ST. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Artists Archives of the Western Reserve presents a unique environmental art exhibition featuring artists whose original works were made using earth-friendly materials and environmentally sound processes. The exhibition is made possible with support from The George Gund Foundation. David Beach, executive director of Green City Blue Lake, speaks on advancing sustainability in northeast Ohio. The exhibit continues through July 16. Gallery hours are 10 am to 4 pm Wednesday-Friday and noon to 4 pm Saturday. INFO: 216-721-9020.

**JUNE 11: Chefs Michael Symon and Michael Ruhlman, 10 AM,** TREMONT VISIBLE VOICE BOOKS, 1023 KENILWORTH AVE. Iron Chef Michael Symon and Chef Michael Ruhlman will sign their cookbooks at the Tremont June Artwalk. INFO: 216-961-0084.

**JUNE 11-26: Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street, 7 PM,** CAIN PARK. Musical thriller with music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim. Hours vary throughout the week. Tickets: \$15-\$24. INFO: 216-371-3000.

**JUNE 12: Parade the Circle, 11 AM-4 PM,** WADE OVAL. Artistic parade replete with music, activities, food, and fun. Free. More than 100 volunteers are needed in advance and on parade day to help at workshop sessions; to do production work for major ensembles; to distribute posters and flyers, or fill one of dozens of parade day jobs. CONTACT LIZ PIM: 216-707-2593 OR lpim@clevelandart.org.

**JULY 10: Nature Trail Exploration at Lake View Cemetery, 10 AM-12 NOON,** LAKE VIEW CEMETERY, 12316 EUCLID AVE. Take a naturalist guided walking tour of the Nature Trail as it winds around Dempsey Lake at one of the most beautiful horticultural cemeteries in America. Tour includes discussion of surrounding plants, trees, and wildlife. \$6/person. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**JULY 31: The Doo Wops Reunion Concert, 8 PM,** CAIN PARK EVANS AMPITHEATRE. The band from the '70s features performers from Cleveland Heights and Brush High reliving their old glory days of music. Tickets \$10-\$13.

## Ohio Summer Festivals

**JUNE 4-6: The Columbus Arts Festival, 11:30 AM-10 PM,** DISCOVERY DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS. Free, four-day festival of fabulous exhibits on the Riverfront in downtown Columbus with more than 230 nationally acclaimed artists, gourmet treats, entertainment, and hands-on activities. INFO: [www.gcac.org/fest](http://www.gcac.org/fest).

**JUNE 5 & 6: Old West End Festival Art Fair, 10 AM-5 PM,** TOLEDO MUSEUM OF ART GLASS PAVILION, 2445 MONROE ST. TOLEDO. Stroll the streets for yard sales and art. INFO: [www.toledo](http://www.toledo)

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

**JUNE 5 & 6: North Coast Harbor Boating & Fishing Fest, 11 AM-6 PM,** NORTH COAST HARBOR, CLEVELAND. Enjoy free recreational and sail boat rides; free fishing trips for children. Help row the 20-person dragon boat canoe, or race a replica speedboat on land in a simulator. Performances by Capt'n Willie, the Great Lakes Pirate, plus hamburgers & hot dogs. Sunday hours: 11 am-5 pm. INFO: [www.boatinfest.com](http://www.boatinfest.com).

**JUNE 11-13: 10th Annual Italian-American Festival, 5 PM-MIDNIGHT,** CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, 164 EASTLAND RD. BEREA. Entertainment (including a grape stomp), food and fun. *Now that's Italian!* \$7/adults, \$2/children 12 & under; 3 & under free. Saturday hours: 2-midnight. Sunday hours: noon-9 pm.

**JUNE 12 & 13: Art by the Falls, 10 AM-7 PM,** CHAGRIN FALLS. The 127th annual event features 125 painters, potters, jewelers, wood workers, fiber artists and other craftspeople. Sunday hours: 11 am-5 pm.

**JUNE 25 & 26: Cleveland Wine Festival, 4-10 PM,** NAUTICA PAVILION, CLEVELAND. Sample more than 200 wines from around the world; learn about new and exciting varieties



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**JUNE 25-27: Boston Mills Artfest I, 6-9 PM**, BOSTON MILLS SKI RESORT, 7100 RIVERVIEW RD, PENINSULA. 39th annual fine art and fine craft show. Saturday hours: 10 am-6 pm and Sunday hours: 10 am-5 pm. FEES & INFO: [www.bmbw.com](http://www.bmbw.com) or 800-875-4241.

**JULY 1-4: Boston Mills Artfest II, 6-9 PM**, BOSTON MILLS SKI RESORT, 7100 RIVERVIEW RD, PENINSULA. 39th annual fine art and fine craft show. Friday & Saturday hours: 10 am-6 pm and Sunday hours: 10 am-5 pm. [www.bmbw.com](http://www.bmbw.com).

**JULY 9-11: Cain Park Arts Festival, 3-8 PM**, 150 artists in nationally recognized, juried fine art and fine crafts show. Saturday hours: 10 am-8 pm; Sunday hours: noon-5 pm.

**JULY 23-25: 28th Annual Cleveland Irish Cultural Festival, 4:30 PM-MIDNIGHT**, FAIRGROUNDS, 164 EASTLAND RD BEREA. 'Tis the celebration of all things Irish with 24 performers on nine stages, exhibits, and kiosks of some of the finest vendors in the U.S. Sunday hours: 1 pm-midnight. Tickets: \$10/adults; children under 10 free. INFO: [www.clevelandirish.org](http://www.clevelandirish.org).

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**JULY 28-AUGUST 8: Ohio State Fair, 9 AM-10 PM**, OHIO EXPO CENTER 717 E. 17TH AVE. COLUMBUS. *Cowabunga!* Take in the fair with all of its animals and crafts and rides and fun.

## Fun Walks & Runs

**JUNE 6: 10th Annual Race for the Place, 9:15 AM**, UPPER LEVEL PARKING LOT OF BEACHWOOD PLACE, 26300 CEDAR RD. 5k and 1 mile run/walk to benefit The Gathering Place. Fee: \$10-\$25. INFO: [www.touchedbycancer.org/programs/race.asp](http://www.touchedbycancer.org/programs/race.asp).

**JUNE 19: Bonnie J. Addario Lung Cancer Foundation Walk/Run, 8 AM**, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Sit, sprint, sprawl, crawl, dance, prance, stroll, cajole, saunter, meander, hop, skip, jump, or fly to raise funding for Lung Cancer Research. Shotgun start at 8 am with an after run/walk celebration until 11 am. Online registration/\$30 (includes Zoo & Rainforest admission) <http://bjalcfwalkrun.ohio.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=346202> Day of Registration: 7 am/\$35. (Includes Zoo & Rainforest admission.)

**JUNE 20: 8th Annual DadsDay Run, 9 AM**, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Registration begins at 7:30 am. This race is for everyone, not just Dad! Features 1- and 5-mile courses, which start and end at Shaker Family Center. Awards are presented to top finishers. All participants receive a T-shirt and necktie in honor of Father's Day. Free Kidsprint for children 3-12. Refreshments are provided for everyone, raffle prizes, much more. Entry fees: \$12, \$15 & \$20. Proceeds benefit Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**JUNE 26: Walk for Wishes, 8:30 AM**, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Celebrate a day of fun and fitness to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Greater Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. Registration fee: \$25. INFO: [www.makeawishohio.org](http://www.makeawishohio.org).

**JUNE 27: A Most Excellent Race**, BEAUMONT SCHOOL, 3301 NORTH PARK BLVD. 10K, 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Achievement Centers for Children's Camp Cheerful. \$25/race day registration. \$20/pre-registration by June 30 to: A Most Excellent Race, Achievement Centers for Children, 4255 Northfield Rd. Highland Hills, OH 44128. INFO: MAGGIE MUSNUFF, 216-292-9700 EXT. 226.

**JULY 18: Healthy Kids, Healthy Weight Run, 8:30 AM**, WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. 5K and 1-Mile Run/Walk to benefit the Healthy Kids, Healthy Weight Program at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. \$20/race day registration; \$15/pre-registration by Friday, July 16. Make checks payable to Hermes Sports & Events and mail entries to: Hermes Sports & Events, 1624 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, Ohio 44114





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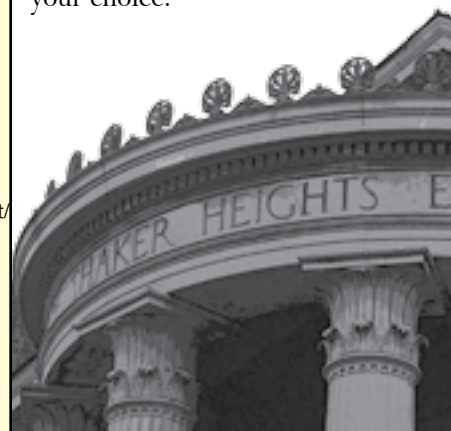
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## Analog Shaker Mom in a Digital Universe

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

I do not carry a cell phone.

Neither do my husband nor my two sons, ages 8 and 13.

“What?” you gasp, in astonishment. “How do you get your work done?”

Or, you ask, puzzled, “But what if there’s an emergency?”

And, with a faint sense of outrage, you chide, “What about your kids?!”

Please allow me to address your points in the order they were offered:

1. No, I am not Amish, and yes, I am employed. I do quality work in a timely fashion, free from constant interruptions. I communicate with people by email, land line, and most importantly, in person. I check my answering machine (yeah, I still have one) once or twice a day. My work is not permitted to follow me to my car, on my errands, or on vacation. Nor can the phone pull me away from a conversation I am having face-to-face with another human being. No jangly “Fur Elise” ring tone will interrupt my son’s piano recital. I believe this makes me a better friend and a saner person. People have come to believe that cell phones are necessities. I am living proof that they are not.

2. What did people do in emergencies before there were cell phones? They used common sense and relied on the kindness of strangers, which I have discov-

ered still exists. Case in point: we recently suffered a flat tire on Van Aken Boulevard, on our way to dinner. My children and I walked to CVS at Shaker Towne Centre, where the friendly clerk allowed us to phone Pearl of the Orient, where my parents were meeting us (they don’t carry cell phones, either. We’re like a new tribe of unwired Jews). Meanwhile, my husband fixed the flat. Another time, we got lost for several hours hiking in a state park. We finally found a road and a lovely couple who had lost their way on the same trail the day before. We asked them to call the lodge where we were staying, but they insisted on driving us back themselves. Inconvenient? Yes. End of the world? Decidedly not. Lesson my boys learned: Don’t panic.

3. My children are the real reason we live a relatively unplugged life, free not only from mobile phones, but also from cable or satellite TV, hand-held video games, social media, on-board DVD players in the car, GPS systems, etc. A little childhood boredom is not necessarily a bad thing. They’ve learned to rely on their imaginations. They’ve learned to use their senses. They’ve learned to read a map. They’ve learned that the outdoors beckons. They’ve learned to deeply mistrust advertising. And they’ve learned the lyrics to a heckuva lot of Weird Al Yankovic songs on long car trips.



I harbor no illusions that this low-tech Mecca will extend for my kids past the time when I control their environment. But I worry that we’re closer than we think to that world of the movie *WALL-E*, in which humans have abandoned the ability to do anything for themselves or connect with each other on the most basic level. I crave unmediated experiences. I don’t believe in virtual gardening or on-line biking. I hope that my children’s upbringing will equip them with the ability to turn off the 24/7 intrusion of multi-media when they need to. I hope they never learn the helplessness which convinces some folks they need a “smart” car to parallel park for them. I hope my sons will forge deep, intimate connections with others, that they will understand that establishing and maintaining these relationships takes time, and that they will realize that these friends are far more important than the Facebook kind. And I hope they will take the time once in a while to come and visit with me in the garden, share a home-cooked meal, or take a walk in the woods – with their phones turned off.



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