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## From Our Readers

My name is Andrew Sords, and I am a former Shaker Heights resident and a 2003 Shaker High grad. I was moved by Nancy O'Connor's article about music education in the Shaker Schools. ["Music Everywhere," February/March 2012.]

The orchestras from fifth grade onwards were extraordinarily important in my development as a concert violinist, and I am grateful for the chances and opportunities provided to me. Orchestra was a time to meet like-minded peers, practice the art of performing, and how can one forget the memorable tour of England in 2000?

Since graduating from SHHS, I have been quite successful as a concert violinist, and this year I have engagements in Australia, Poland, Toronto, Mexico, the Caribbean, and across the U.S. I am grateful to the Shaker Schools and residents for helping Shaker Heights remain a world-class community.

Andrew Sords  
andrewsords.com

I want to express my gratitude for Shaker Life's Out & About section, which led to an exhibition at Loganberry Books by Frederick Snowden and myself.

Back in the fall of 2011 we learned through the magazine of Otis' Curiosity Shop, a Loganberry holiday shopping event that would feature, among other things, the work of local artists. Frederick and I took in some of our pieces, and before we left we were scheduled for our own show during March this year.

Frederick's ceramics and pastels and my photographs on canvas have been well received. One of the attendees' favorites depicts a fall tree scene taken during a walk down Lomond Bou-

levard. Frederick and I live on Riedham Road and often get both exercise and inspiration right in our own neighborhood.

Christine Lang  
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## 2012

CENTENNIAL  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

### Centennial Activities & Events

#### Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book

Shaker's book-loving residents unite in the reading of *Home Town* by Tracy Kidder. Discussions of *Home Town* will take place at numerous locations and various times to engage residents throughout the community. The Centennial Education and Learning Committee hopes that all the many Shaker book groups will read *Home Town* – discussing both within their own groups and then joining others in one of the following community book discussions. Registration is required at <http://bit.ly/HomeTownDiscussions>.

- Tuesday, June 19 – Bertram Woods Branch, 20600 Fayette, 7–8:30 PM.
- Wednesday, July 18 – Book and Brew at Academy Tavern, 12800 Larchmere, 7 PM.
- Thursday, August 16 – Pearl of the Orient, 20121 Van Aken, 7 PM.
- Wednesday, September 19 – Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere, 7 PM.

The culmination of Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book will be the appearance of Tracy Kidder in the William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage program of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on Tuesday, October 9. Tickets are available through [playhousesquare.org/writers-centerstage](http://playhousesquare.org/writers-centerstage).

Buy your copy of *Home Town* at Loganberry Books on Larchmere, Shaker's only bookstore and host of the final book discussion. You may also borrow a book from either of the Shaker libraries, where a supply has been provided by the Friends of the Shaker Library.

### Elegant & Edible Series:

#### *Pest Control for Edible Plants*

Wednesday, June 6, 7 PM  
Kurt Belser, speaker  
Shaker Middle School Choir Room 41  
20600 Shaker Boulevard  
Free

Deer. Rabbits. Potato beetles. Tomato hornworms. There are lots of pests competing to eat the vegetables you grow. Belser offers practical information on how you should keep them from beating you to your harvest. Emphasis is on organic methods. Come prepared with questions. Registration required: <http://bit.ly/EandEControl>.

#### *Gracious Gardens Tour*

Sunday, June 17, 1–5 PM  
Site maps available from the Shaker Historical Society, 16740 South Park  
\$20/in advance; \$25/day of tour.

The Ninth Annual Garden Tour features a connoisseur's collection of creatively designed, meticulously maintained and scrumptious gardens that include vegetable and fruit plantings. Family-friendly. Proceeds benefit The Shaker Historical Society. Tickets: [shakerhistoricalsociety.org](http://shakerhistoricalsociety.org)

#### *Pollinators*

Saturday, July 8, 2 PM  
Shaker Historical Society  
16740 South Park Boulevard  
Free

This is a family-oriented garden walk-and-talk featuring bees and butterflies. What

magic do they perform to turn flowers into vegetables? Where do butterflies go in the winter? How do bees make honey? What can you do to encourage pollinators in your garden? Registration required: <http://bit.ly/EandEPollinators>.

### ***A Tour of Community Gardens in Shaker Heights***

Saturday, July 21, 1-4 PM

For Shaker residents who do not have space to make an edible garden at home, a variety of community gardens are here to grow your food and flowers. Information will also be provided about other community gardens in the Greater Cleveland area.

### **Other Events Honor Shaker's Centennial**

#### ***The Gem in Your Back Yard***

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes  
Summer Benefit

Saturday, June 9, 6-11:30 PM

\$150/member; \$175/non-member

Reservations required; space is limited.  
Call 216-321-5935 or visit [shakerlakes.org](http://shakerlakes.org) for additional information.

#### ***Twilight in the Garden Benefit***

Shaker Historical Society

Sunday, July 15, 6-10 PM

\$150/person

Call 216-921-1201 or visit [shakerhistoricalsociety.org](http://shakerhistoricalsociety.org) for additional information.

#### ***Family Connections'***

#### ***10th Annual DadsDay Run***

Sunday, Father's Day, June 17

Race starts at 9 AM.

Registration required.

Call 216-921-2023 or visit [FamilyConnections1.org](http://FamilyConnections1.org) for additional information.



### **Third Annual Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival**

The Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival returns to Farnsleigh Road on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, for another rollicking street fair with arts, music, food, and community fun. The Festival delivers fine, fun, and fabulous arts and crafts from the Ohio Designer Craftsmen juried show. Listen and dance to the music by bands provided by the Shaker Arts Council and enjoy food from local restaurants.

Last year, enthusiastic crowds of residents and visitors partied into the night on Saturday, then returned on Sunday to listen, eat, stroll, and shop. The Festival runs from 10 am to 10 pm on Saturday and from 11 am to 5 pm on Sunday. The craft show, which ends at 8 pm Saturday, includes more than 150 exhibiting artists chosen from applicants throughout the country.

Admission is free and features an extensive entertainment and musical lineup. On Saturday there's Northcoast Jazz Collective, The Dan Zola Orchestra, Dave Sterner, New Barleycorn, Noel Quintana's Latin Crew, and Cats on Holiday. On Sunday, enjoy performances by Blue Lunch, Chip Richter, and Evil Ways.

Children's activities are organized by the Ludlow Community Association, and include strolling performers stilt walking, juggling, and creating balloon animals. Family fun is scheduled for both days.

In addition, in honor of the City's Centennial celebration, Verb Ballets presents Doris Humphrey's renowned The Shakers, also known as the Dance of the Chosen (1931). Prepare to be rocked by

The Shakers whose creator was a modern dance pioneer and contemporary of Martha Graham.

Food and drink are available from such local restaurants as Saffron Patch, A Touch of Italy, Fresh Market, and Dewey's as well as from Wow! Cookies/Restless Coffee, and CJ Italian Ice.

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### **MLK, Jr. Award for Human Relations Given New, Broader Focus**

The Human Relations Commission has revised the criteria for its Award for Human Relations, given since 1990. The award honors individuals or groups exemplifying Dr. Martin Luther King's values, specifically those of "kind and compassionate care for individuals, regardless of background or life circumstances and which encourage volunteerism, service to the community, helping others and building community."

The new parameters invite nominations at any time, not by a given deadline, and acknowledge efforts covering any time period, not just the previous year. Nominees must be from the City, but may live elsewhere.

Attendance at the Commission's annual presentation of the Award for Human Relations, which coincided with the City's observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, had dwindled in recent years. The new award parameters enable the Commission to accept nominations on an ongoing basis, and to make plans for an award presentation with greater flexibility.



To make a nomination, or to read the revised form, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) and search “MLK Award Nomination Form.”

## The Shaker Heights Citizens Police Academy Wants You!

The Shaker Heights Police Department will hold its 21st Citizens Police Academy beginning this August. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7-10 pm, starting August 16 and ending November 8. Interested Shaker Heights residents age 21 and older can apply at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), pick up an application in person at the Police Department, or call Police Chief Scott Lee's office at 216-491-1240 to request an application.

The 12-week program is sponsored by the Shaker Heights Police and Fire Departments. The goal of the course is to raise citizen awareness of police procedures and programs. Students are provided with all necessary materials and there is no fee.

The Citizens Police Academy began in 1994, and has graduated more than 348 students. Classes are diverse in age, race, gender, and profession.

The weekly three-hour sessions are conducted by Shaker Heights police officers who cover topics such as criminal investigation, response to threats, K-9 Unit, and tactics. Classroom lectures and field visits help participants better understand the pressures, complexities, and operations of police work. Class size is limited to approximately 18 students to ensure an active dialogue with the police officers.

Please note: The program fosters an understanding of law enforcement and does not grant any police authority to Academy graduates.

### What You'll Do:

- Learn how the Police Department works.
- Learn how the Police Department and the Municipal Court serve the public.
- See the Police Department in action.

- Learn about the operations of the Fire Department.
- Ride along in a police cruiser on patrol.
- Review crime scene procedures.
- Learn and experience firing range procedures and gun safety.
- Learn about the K-9 Unit.
- Learn about the laws of arrest.
- Learn about drugs and their impact on crime.
- Learn about the response to threats continuum.
- Learn about community policing.
- Learn about special police tools and tactics.
- Participate in Citizens Police Academy Graduation Ceremony.

Anyone who lives or works full time in Shaker Heights may apply. Applicants must have no violent felony convictions. In addition, applicants may not have been arrested for misdemeanor offenses within two years of application. Complete background checks will be done on all applicants.

Mail printed applications to D. Scott Lee, Chief of Police, Shaker Heights Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, 44120, or fax to 216-491-1243. For more information on the program, call 216-491-1240 between 8:30 am–4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and ask for Debra Messing or Rosemary Price.

## SHPD: Remove the Opportunity for Crime

As you plan outdoor activities and summer vacations, the Shaker Heights Police Department wants to keep you and your valuables safe. Commander of Police John Cole strongly encourages homeowners to follow these common sense tips to help you enjoy the summer:

- When planning a vacation, use light timers and notify the Police Department when you leave by calling 216-491-1220. Ask a friend or neighbor to keep an eye

out and pick up mail and newspapers.

- Use motion detector and/or dusk-to-dawn lighting outside.
- Check all door and window locks. Ideally, all locks should be keyed to one key, with an emergency key hidden but accessible. Use a deadbolt lock where glass is present.
- Be sure that double-hung, casement, and sliding windows function and lock properly.
- Lock first floor doors and windows when you go to bed.
- Trim shrubbery that obscures doors and windows, eliminating “cover” for someone trying to gain entry. This also allows the Police Department a view into your home, if needed.
- Your address should be clearly visible from the street for emergency purposes.
- Close and lock your garage door when you are not nearby. Place valuables stored in the garage in a locking device not visible from the street when the garage is open.
- Lock bikes when they are unattended, even if you will be away only for a few moments. All bikes should have a license, and riders should wear helmets.
- Lock your car, even while it is in the garage; keep electronics and valuables out of view.
- Be aware of your surroundings and those around you when you bike, walk, or jog.
- Alarm systems can be effective, if properly installed by a licensed company. Contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 216-491-1225 for a list.

For more tips on home security, or for any questions, contact Commander Cole at 216-491-1225.

## Safety First on the Fourth!

It is illegal to discharge most fireworks in the state of Ohio – and for good reason. 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 1,800 degrees, and can easily cause third-degree burns. Instead, enjoy a dazzling display of fireworks at Shaker Middle School on July 4 at dusk.

For any questions about fireworks or fire safety and prevention, contact the Shaker Heights Fire Prevention Bureau at 216-491-1215.

## Health Department Offers Flu Shots, Immunizations

The Shaker Heights Health Department makes it easy and affordable for residents of all ages to get a seasonal flu shot. Call to schedule an appointment beginning Monday, August 13. The Health Department offers seasonal flu clinics throughout September, October, November, and December (if needed).

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

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

## Protect Against West Nile Virus

The City urges residents to continue taking the following precautions to protect themselves against West Nile Virus:

- Personal protection is most important at dusk or dawn, when mosquitoes are more likely to feed. During these times, wear socks and shoes, long sleeved shirts, long pants, and a hat.
- Apply insect repellent containing 15 percent or less DEET to exposed skin.
- Check window screens to be sure they

are properly installed and free of holes and tears.

Community prevention remains the best way to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus. Please do your part to help contain it by following these guidelines:

- Do not allow standing water to accumulate; mosquitoes will breed in any untreated standing water that lasts for four or more days.
- Do not rake leaves or other yard waste into the gutter or storm drains as it prevents water from flowing, giving mosquitoes a place to lay eggs.
- Fill or drain any low places in the yard.
- Keep drains, ditches or culverts clear of weeds and rubbish.
- Empty plastic wading pools, birdbaths, and pots at least once per week.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky outdoor pipes and faucets.
- Keep grass and shrubbery trimmed to give mosquitoes fewer places to hide.
- Fill tree rot holes and hollow stumps with sand or concrete.

For more information and updates about West Nile Virus, visit shakeronline.com, or call the Health Department at 216-491-1482.

## Trees and Tree Lawns: Mine? Yours? Ours?

Shaker's urban forest is a gem. Our beautiful tree-lined streets are equally dazzling to new residents as those who have watched the City's trees mature for decades. Maintaining our tree lawns involves an important partnership between Shaker residents and the City. Here are some frequently asked questions compiled by the Tree Advisory Board about that partnership.

### *Who owns the trees and the tree lawn?*

The City owns the trees and, in most ar-

reas of Shaker, it also owns the tree lawn as public right-of-way.

**Who pays for the trees that are planted on the tree lawn?** By law, residents who own property pay an annual assessment on their property tax bill of \$1.16 per front foot of their property. The funds collected pay for tree trimming, planting, and maintenance.

**Whose responsibility is it to maintain the trees?** It is the City's responsibility to maintain the trees, but residents are partners with the City when a new tree is planted. The City sends the resident a letter explaining how to help maintain the tree by refilling the green plastic reservoir bag with water.

**Whose responsibility is it to maintain the tree lawn?** It is the resident's responsibility to maintain the tree lawn.

**When issues arise on the tree lawn such as damage, danger posed by a tree, or when other questions arise, who should I contact?** Please contact Superintendent of Forestry Pat Neville by calling 216-491-1490 or emailing him at patrick.neville@shakeronline.com.

## Must Love Cats

Working at the Shaker Heights Public Works Department comes with an unusual requirement in the job description:





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must love cats. At least one particular cat named Eddie. Eddie started visiting the Public Works Department about five years ago, slipping in the back door at the service garage just around suppertime. When the workers on shift started feeding him, the situation became more permanent.

"Our load operator, Eddie Kolar, passed away not too long before the cat started showing up. Somehow the name Eddie just seemed like the right fit," says Dermot Clinton, chief mechanic. "Now this cat practically rules the roost over here." On any given day, Eddie can be found sleeping in one of the service vehicles, or snoozing on someone's keyboard.

Dave Embry, an accounting clerk for the department, says, "I've only been here a year, but I truly do not remember 'being able to work with a cat lying on your desk' in the job description. He will actually come and lie down on the keyboard while I'm typing."

Once it became clear that Eddie was here to stay, Public Works Director Bill Boag insisted that some of the workers take the cat to the vet for a check-up. That's when they found out that Eddie, whom they had assumed was a pregnant female, was actually a large male. Several of the workers chip in to pay for vet care, food, and catnip. But Eddie is earning his supper, says Clinton. "We don't have a pigeon or mouse problem around here anymore."



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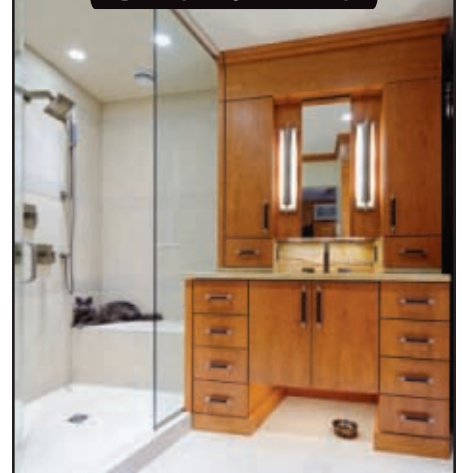
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to entrepreneurs and those who dream of being entrepreneurs: Apply! The Shaker LaunchHouse Accelerator program took off on April 18, when it began accepting applications for its 12-week accelerator program which starts September 13. Applications will be accepted until July 1.

LaunchHouse is the first and only incubator in Northeast Ohio chosen to receive a ONE (Ohio's New Entrepreneur) Fund grant from the Ohio Third Frontier Program. The funding enables LaunchHouse to build on its success in seeding, mentoring, and helping to obtain follow-on funding for companies. It plans to replicate those efforts with a new group of entrepreneurs chosen to participate in the accelerator program.

Through the program, LaunchHouse will invest a total of \$25,000 in each of 10 entrepreneurial teams (consisting of two or more co-founders) whose focus is software and web-based technology. This pre-seed funding is made possible by the \$200,000 ONE Fund grant and an additional \$50,000 matching grant from Cleveland-based Clarion Direct Investment whose president and CEO, Morris Wheeler, is a resident of Shaker Heights.

Thirty teams will be selected from the applications received. Each team then pitches to a selection panel. From this group, 10 entrepreneurial teams are selected to spend 12 weeks honing their business concept. The process is specifically designed to help entrepreneurs build strong businesses and to improve the likelihood of securing follow-on funding. Industry specific professional mentors are a key part of the process.

The program culminates in Showcase Day during which program graduates demonstrate a proof of concept to investors, potential customers, other entrepreneurs, and a public eager to learn about new business growth in the region.

"Located within and focused on Northeast Ohio, the LaunchHouse Accelerator plans to bring entrepreneurs from across the country to a region with enormous educational, financial, and interpersonal assets, an affordable cost of living, and a welcoming population," says LaunchHouse Managing Partner Todd Goldstein.

LaunchHouse will provide these 10 entrepreneurial teams with low-cost housing and a playful work environment in which they can plan to stay and grow their businesses.

To submit an application to the LaunchHouse Accelerator, visit [launchhouse.com](http://launchhouse.com).

### Work/Live:

### Home Based Business Fair is Labor Day Weekend

All Shaker home based businesses are invited to participate in a Home Based Business Fair at Horseshoe Lake Park, during the City's Centennial "Come Back to Shaker" celebration. The fair takes place on Saturday, September 1 from 11 am to 2 pm. The Centennial committee will provide tables, chairs, and a tent; you provide the rest. All businesses that do not require food preparation are welcome to come show your wares, hand out literature, and network with others.

The City is also getting ready to roll out

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its “Shop Shaker” campaign, with an on-line database of Shaker businesses and a mobile app. All retail, service, and professional businesses – including home based businesses – can list pertinent data and promotions on the site.

To be included in the “Shop Shaker” database and mobile app, or for more information about the Home Based Business Fair, visit <http://bit.ly/ShopHBBizFair>, or email [tania.menesse@shakeronline.com](mailto:tania.menesse@shakeronline.com).

### Medical Massage Therapist Finds Her Bliss

Emily Hellesen, owner of Bliss Medical Massage, didn't pursue massage therapy as her first career choice. After earning a civil engineering degree from Penn State, and then working for many years in project management for Swagelok and Charles Schwab, Hellesen had what she describes as an “early mid-life crisis.”

Hellesen had moved back to Northeast Ohio after living in Chicago for many years, in order to be near her parents. She picked Shaker Heights as the place to raise her two children, owing to the strong sense of community and diversity. “Then my mother died of cancer at age 59, when I was 39, and I had this epiphany that I was not doing what I was supposed to be doing in life. I quit my job on a Friday and started medical massage school the next Tuesday.”

She attended an intensive program at the Cleveland Institute of Medical Massage, graduating with the highest grade point average in her class. Upon receiving board certification, she set up her own massage studio on the third floor of her Fernway neighborhood home last October. She also sees clients at Cleveland Fitness Revolution on Mercantile Road in Beachwood.

Since then, business has grown quickly. “I don't do much traditional advertising,” says Hellesen. “People mostly find me by word of mouth.” Some of Hellesen's clients seek treatment to work through an

acute issue, such as an injury; others see her on a regular basis to help counteract work or play related stressors.

“I have one regular client who is a chef. She is on her feet all day, so she comes weekly for reflexology on her feet.” Hellesen's services are also popular with athletes, particularly runners. “I volunteer one Saturday per month at the Cleveland Running Company (20150 Van Aken Boulevard) giving ten minute sports massages to runners post-run.”

Hellesen's clients give glowing praise to her healing touch, appreciate the convenience she offers of evening and weekend hours, and love the ease of the online scheduling system she uses. Appointments are generally available Monday through Friday from 10 am-3 pm, from 6-9 pm on Monday through Thursday, and all day on Saturdays and Sundays.

“One of the benefits of this work is that I have the flexibility to spend time with my kids. But I know that I also have to make it convenient for my clients,” she says. She is also generous with her services, doing about 20 percent of her work free.

In addition to traditional massage therapy and reflexology, Hellesen also performs energy medicine therapy, such as chakra cleaning and balancing, and reiki, an Asian channeling technique that aligns the body's energy and helps to release stress. She is also trained to apply Kinesio Tex tape, which can be used to help treat common athletic issues and lymphedema. For services, hours, and scheduling, call 216-295-0555, visit [blissmedicalmassage.massagetherapy.com](http://blissmedicalmassage.massagetherapy.com) or visit her Facebook page at [facebook.com/BlissMedicalMassageLLC](http://facebook.com/BlissMedicalMassageLLC).

### KeyBank Plans Grand Re-opening

Mary Sutton, new branch manager at the KeyBank branch at 3370 Warrens-

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ville Center Road, invites all Shaker residents to stop in for refreshments during the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival on Father's Day weekend. KeyBank has recently made upgrades at all of its Northeast Ohio locations, which include remodeling, new technology, and enhanced training that enables employees to deliver more targeted and timely service to clients.

Says Sutton, "We're making this investment because, even with online banking, ATMs, and mobile banking, customers still rely on a 'bricks and mortar' branch for many of their banking needs. Our commitment is to make your every banking experience a memorable one."

The Shaker Heights KeyBank branch is located at the intersection of Warrensville Center and Farnsleigh Roads, where the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival takes place. Watch for more details about the Grand Re-opening closer to the event.

### Triple Balance Keeps Seniors on Their Toes

John Lee wants to help improve stability – and significantly reduce the risk of falling – for seniors. His new Shaker Heights studio, Triple Balance, offers Tai Chi classes and other strategies to strengthen the muscle groups needed to achieve this result, such as learning to walk backwards or sideways.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 35 percent of adults over 65 will have a fall," says Lee. "Our goal is to catch them before they fall."

The studio is located in the shopping plaza at 20125 Van Aken Boulevard, and is open Monday through Friday from 6 am to 2 pm. Lee will eventually offer evening classes as well. Tai Chi is a slow moving, low-impact form of exercise that is especially good for the upper body muscles and joints.

Lee taught Tai Chi at the Jewish Community Center for 10 years, and most re-

cently at The Temple-Tifereth Israel. That class of 50 now joins him at his new studio in Shaker Heights on weekdays at 6 am. He has six instructors, all of whom first came to him as followers of his class.

"We work primarily with people over 50, people who use a walker, people who use a cane, and people who shuffle." Some clients are referred to him by their doctor, others by word of mouth. Lee, who is 63, became interested in Tai Chi after suffering from a number of illnesses that were not sufficiently improved through Western medicine and surgery.

Lee offers a free balance evaluation for new clients, with no appointment needed. He then places new clients in a class with others of comparable ability. Clients can come twice a week for \$49 per month, or five days per week for \$79 per month. For more information, contact Lee at 216-832-1612.

### Lucy's Sweet Surrender Now Open in the Van Aken District

Get ready to surrender to your sweet tooth: Lucy's Sweet Surrender bakery is now open for business at the corner of Warrensville Center Road and Chagrin Boulevard, in the former home of Chandler & Rudd grocers.

Owner and chief baker Michael Feigenbaum is happy to be back in his old neighborhood. He spent many of his formative years living on Lytle Road, and is a graduate of the Shaker Schools. He later attended California Culinary Academy in the San Francisco Bay area. "That's where I got into the baking scene," says Feigenbaum, who moved back to Cleveland in 1989, setting up shop on Buckeye Road.

Now, Feigenbaum brings his European-style scratch baking, for which he is rightly famous, to Shaker Heights. The bakery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 7 am to 4 pm.

"We are offering all the same things we were known for at the old place, such as strudel and dobos torte (a Hungarian sev-

en-layer cake), challah, and other braided breads," says Feigenbaum. He hopes to eventually expand his offerings and hours, based on customer demand. "We would like to offer an assortment of grainy breads daily, if there is enough demand," he says.

The bakery operates primarily on a to-go basis, but patrons can take advantage of a few café tables to enjoy their pastry along with a cup of locally roasted coffee.

For the latest menu offerings, visit [lucysweetsurrender.com](http://lucysweetsurrender.com), find the bakery on Facebook (there is a link from the website), or call 216-752-0828.

## Shaker News Briefs

**Kemai Ballard**, a 2012 graduate of Shaker Heights High School, was awarded a Howard University Legacy Scholarship. In addition to Ballard's academic achievements, she was the MyCom Youth Council President, served on the United Way Youth Advisory Board, is an active member of the Word Church youth group, and has worked at Young Audiences. The four year Legacy Scholarship covers all tuition and fees at Howard University.

A collection of art by Shaker resident **Maria Cristina Casal** (SHHS '08) is now on display at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building until September 1. Casal graduated in May from Davidson College, where she studied studio art. For exhibit times and details, call the Community Building at 216-491-1360. The artwork is also available for sale.

Two Shaker residents, **Naja Davis** and **Naomi Hill**, were semi-finalists in the 2012 Stop the Hate essay contest sponsored by the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage. Both students just completed 11th grade. Davis attends Laurel School and Hill attends Shaker Heights High School.

Shaker resident **Charles Modlin, MD** received the Distinguished Alumni Award



from National Medical Fellowships at their 65th Anniversary Gala last April. Modlin is Director of the Minority Men's Health Center at The Cleveland Clinic and a staff urologist in the Glickman Urological and Kidney Institute. He founded the Minority Men's Health Fair, which serves more than 1,000 men with free health care screenings and information. The National Medical Fellowships' mission is to provide scholarships for underrepresented minorities in medicine.

**Richard Ransohoff, MD** a Shaker resident, has been awarded the 2012 John Dystel Prize for Multiple Sclerosis Research. Ransohoff is a physician and researcher in the Neurosciences Department of Cleveland Clinic's Lerner Research Institute. The American Academy of Neurology and National Multiple Sclerosis Society present the award annually to one recipient in recognition of "significant and exciting work" which results in "outstanding contributions to research in the understanding, treatment, or prevention of multiple sclerosis."

Ransohoff's most recent contributions to the field include the discovery that MS can progress from the outermost layers of the brain to its interior. He also developed an experimental model that allowed his research group to identify a novel mechanism for harmful infiltration of white blood cells into the central nervous system, making new therapeutic targets possible.

**E. Henry Schoenberger**, Shaker resident and '60 Shaker graduate, has written *How We Got Swindled by Wall Street Godfathers, Greed & Financial Darwinism - The 30-Year War Against the American Dream*. He will sign books on June 13 at 7 pm at Loganberry Books, 13015 Larchmere. A foreword by David Satterfield, former business editor of the Miami Herald and two-time Pulitzer Prize-winner praises Schoenberger for his "keen intellect and searing wit" and for exposing

"the myriad of financial hijinks and colossal leadership failures that have turned the first decade of the new century into an economic disaster."

**Raul Seballos, MD** vice chair of the department of preventive medicine at The Cleveland Clinic, and a Shaker resident, will be the first person to hold the Dr. Richard Lang endowed chair in preventive medicine at the Clinic's Wellness Institute. The \$2 million gift to endow the chair was given by Sam and Maria Miller, also Shaker residents, and Al and Audrey Ratner. Miller and Ratner are chairmen emeriti of Forest City Enterprises. The funds will support Dr. Seballos' research into the effectiveness of non-invasive techniques to diagnose early-stage chronic diseases, like cardiovascular disease and cancer.

### City Council has approved the following appointments:

**Neil Dick** was appointed to the Tax Incentive Review Council. Dick joins **Patria Barz** as the second mayoral appointee. Barz recently completed service on the Finance Committee. Dick served on the City's Economic Development Task Force.

**Kathy Hexter** was appointed to the Landmark Commission. She will complete the remaining term of a member who resigned; her term ends December 31, 2013.

**Thomas Starinsky** was appointed to the Landmark Commission for a three-year term ending December 31, 2014.

### Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Riding:** Helmets are required for everyone 5 and older when operating a bicycle and for all passengers regardless of age. Bicyclists may not ride more than two abreast in a single lane and must ride as near to the right side of the roadway as possible. Children under the age of 14 may ride bikes on the sidewalk, but must

yield the right of way to pedestrians.


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

**Domestic Power Tools:** 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, other than powered snow removal equipment, is prohibited outdoors between 9 pm and 7 am, and on Saturdays and Sundays before 9 am.

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

**Leash Law:** All dogs visiting Lower Lake Park, Southerly Park, or Horseshoe Lake Park must be kept on leashes at all times. Failure to do so is a minor misdemeanor with penalties up to \$150. Citations may be issued by uniformed officers and deputized City employees. Penalties may be paid by mail without a court appearance.

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

**Playing in the Street:** Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding, or riding in any type of coaster or toy vehicle in the street is prohibited unless permission has been given to close the street for block parties. 

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

### A Night for the Red & White Tops \$2 Million Mark



With this year's proceeds, A Night for the Red & White has now raised more than \$2 million over its 20-year history for enrichment in the Shaker schools. About 750 guests attended the fundraiser this year, enjoying dining, dancing, and a silent auction. The gala event attracted a record number of corporate sponsors, and yielded net proceeds exceeding \$108,000. Shown from left are Red & White executive committee members Marisa Matero-Maury, Robin Eisen, Kathy Connors, and Irene Meyerhoefer with Christine Auginas (center), executive director of the Shaker Schools Foundation.

### Dollars and Sense

What does money mean to you? What would you save money for? Why were cows first used as money?

A group of Shaker Middle School students had a chance to expound on these and more thought-provoking questions about money when they were asked to appear in an educational video for the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. The video, called "Money Visions," explores people's various attitudes and perceptions about money.

The film will be used as part of an interactive display at the Bank's Learn-

ing Center and Money Museum, which is adjacent to the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Cleveland. Students from John Koppitch's English class and Jennifer Weisbarth's math class participated in making the video.

"We have established an excellent relationship with the Community Relations and Education department at the Federal Reserve Bank," said Koppitch, whose classes have toured the Fed every year since 2007. The project is scheduled for completion later this summer. Watch for a link to the video at [shaker.org](http://shaker.org).

*For the latest news and info about the Shaker schools, visit [shaker.org](http://shaker.org).*

*To receive regular e-news updates, subscribe at [shaker.org/news](http://shaker.org/news).*

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### They're Off

Members of the Class of 2012 have been accepted to a diverse array of colleges and universities, including all the Ivy League schools, Ohio public institutions, and private colleges. Here's a sampling of the more than 130 schools that have accepted Shaker seniors:

American University  
Art Institute of Chicago  
Bates College  
Berklee College of Music  
Brown University  
Carleton College  
Carnegie Mellon University  
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Cornell University  
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The Ohio State University  
Ohio Wesleyan University  
Ohio University  
University of Pennsylvania  
Pomona College  
Princeton University  
Smith College  
Spelman College  
University of Virginia  
Washington University in St. Louis  
College of William and Mary  
Yale University

## On Labor Day Weekend, Come Back to Shaker!

Calling all Shaker grads: the Shaker Schools Foundation invites you to “Come Back to Shaker” on Labor Day weekend for a special Regional Reunion, celebrating the Centennial of the Shaker Heights Schools and community. This special event also coincides with the 30th anniversary of the Shaker Schools Foundation, one of the first of its kind in the nation.

The Regional Reunion takes place on Saturday, September 1, from 12 to 2 pm at Shaker Heights High School, with a cookout on the front lawn, tours of the High School, and a football game at 2 pm. Lunch reservations are \$10.50 for adults, and \$6 for children up to age 12. For questions or to make reservations, call 216-295-4329 or visit [shaker.org/foundation](http://shaker.org/foundation). Graduates from all classes, and their families, are welcome.

The City of Shaker Heights is hosting a number of family-friendly events throughout the weekend, including a Rockin’ Party at Thornton Park from 7 pm to midnight on Saturday; a Shaker Homes Tour from 1 to 5 pm on Sunday, September 2; and a Family Movie Night at Chelton Park at 7:30 pm on Sunday. Additional information on these events will be posted at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).



## Shaker's Got That Swing!



**Student musicians** from Woodbury, the Middle School, and the High School delighted a packed house at the Centennial Evening of Jazz concert. For the fourth consecutive year, Shaker has been named a “Best Community for Music Education” by the NAMM Foundation.

## Alumni in the News

**Jamie Babbitt**, '89, a Los Angeles based writer, director, and producer, recently directed an episode of the popular NBC show “Smash,” about actresses who vie for the lead role of a hit Broadway musical.

**Hilary Beard**, '80, is co-author of *Health First!: The Black Woman's Wellness Guide* (with Eleanor Hinton Hoytt). The book addresses black women's most pressing health concerns from adolescence through maturity. A Princeton graduate, Beard worked for 13 years in sales, marketing, and management with Procter and Gamble, Johnson and Johnson, and Pepsi, before leaving the corporate world to pursue a career as a writer. She is an award-winning health journalist and the New York Times best-selling author of *Friends: A Love Story*; *21 Pounds in 21 Days*; *The Martha's Vineyard Diet/Detox*; and *Venus and Serena: Serving from the Hip*.

**Michael Cowett**, '09, who just completed his junior year at Harvard, ran successfully for Republican State Committeeman for the Middlesex and Suffolk state senatorial district, serving sections of Cambridge and Boston. In addition to Cowett's new role as a political representative, he is editor-in-chief of the Harvard Salient, a journal of political thought. A classics major, he is a recipient of the Bowdoin Prize, one of the highest commendations Harvard University bestows on its students.

**Audrey Gyurgyik**, '07, a recent graduate of Davidson College, was awarded a \$25,000 fellowship from the Thomas J. Watson Foundation to pursue a full year of independent, purposeful exploration and travel. Gyurgyik will explore a holistic approach to actor training, a form that incorporates the body, soul, and mind. She

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**Sara Levine**, '88, is the author of the novel *Treasure Island!!!*. Hailed by the New York Times as “a rollicking tale, shameless, funny and intelligent,” the novel features an unnamed 25-year-old woman, working at a dreary job as a pet librarian (yes, you read that right), who finds sudden inspiration in the Robert Louis Stevenson classic of the same name (minus the punctuation). Levine studied English at Northwestern University and earned a doctorate in English from Brown University. She has taught nonfiction writing in the MFA program at the University of Iowa, and is the chair of the Writing Program at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

**Ari Maron**, '96, a partner with MRN Limited in Cleveland, has attracted national attention for the transformative changes he has effected in the Cleveland landscape. He is largely credited for recreating East Fourth Street as a popular, pedestrian-friendly destination for fine dining and entertainment, as well as the city's new Uptown area, a booming retail and residential development near University Circle. A serious violinist who initially considered a career in music, Maron joined the family-owned business upon

graduating from the prestigious music program at Rice University.

**Geoffrey S. Mearns**, '77, has continued his fast ascent in higher education as the newly appointed president of Northern Kentucky University, a rapidly growing public university just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. The former federal prosecutor served as provost and senior vice president for academic affairs at Cleveland State University beginning in February 2010. Prior to that, he was dean and professor of law at Cleveland State's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

**David Simmons-Duffin**, '02, was named by Forbes Magazine as one of the “30 Under 30” in the field of science. The list recognizes leaders in their field who “aren't waiting to reinvent the world.” Simmons-Duffin was recognized for his work creating mathematical models of the similarity between quantum particles known as “super-symmetry.” He received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from Harvard in May, and is moving into a new role as a postdoctoral member of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Princeton.

**Robyn Minter Smyers**, '87, was recently named to the board of trustees of the George Gund Foundation. She is a partner at the law firm of Thompson Hine. Smyers received her undergraduate degree from Harvard and her law degree from Yale. She is also a board member at the City Club, the Museum of Contemporary Art-Cleveland, and the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio.





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## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between January 1 and March 31, 2012 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are “quit claim” transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2012 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3316 ABERDEEN RD	\$ 93,902	\$ 72,000 (2008)
3286 ARDMORE RD	\$200,000	\$200,000 (2002)
3706 AVALON RD	\$ 53,400	\$ 25,000 (2009)
19827 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$349,500	\$450,000 (2002)
2666 ENDICOTT RD	\$595,000	\$220,000 (2002)
2996 FALMOUTH RD	\$370,000	\$384,900 (2008)
3255 GLENCAIRN RD	\$339,000	\$339,500 (2008)
23900 HERMITAGE RD	\$355,000	\$335,000 (2009)
18414 LOMOND BLVD	\$120,000	\$169,000 (2002)
19115 SHAKER BLVD	\$700,000	\$765,000 (2003)
2688 SULGRAVE RD	\$227,500	\$160,000 (2006)
2832 WEYBRIDGE RD	\$360,000	\$425,000 (2007)
2677 WRENFORD RD	\$345,000	\$495,000 (2004)

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

22780 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$169,900	\$ 35,000 (2000)
3314 LEE RD	\$115,000	\$140,000 (1998)
18421 LYNTON RD	\$299,000	\$226,000 (1999)
3716 TRAVER RD	\$140,000	\$191,500 (1999)
3702 TRAYNHAM RD	\$131,500	\$163,900 (2000)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions



## An Award Winning Rehab

The Cleveland Restoration Society-AIA Cleveland gave its Award of Merit to the City of Shaker Heights for its use of Neighborhood Stabilization Funds in the completion of the exterior renovation of a home at 17423 Winslow Road. The home is in a local and national historic district and contributes to the unique character of this street of two-family homes. The rehabilitation of the property transformed a deteriorated house into an anchor on the west end of the block. Mary Ogle from the Cleveland Restoration Society says, “We hope that this Shaker Heights project encourages other communities to reinvest in their historic neighborhoods rather than take the oftentimes easier approach of a demolition.” The awards ceremony was held May 16.

## Build a New Home in Shaker Heights

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

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

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

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

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

*To register online for Library programs or reserve a meeting room, visit [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) and click on the links under Tools.*

### New Trustee Appointed to Library Board

The Shaker Heights Board of Education has appointed Carmella D. Williams to a seven-year term on the Library Board of Trustees.

Williams has a degree in criminal justice from the University of Phoenix and is currently employed by Baker and



Williams

Hostetler LLP as a records management analyst. She was born and raised in Cleveland. After graduation from Shaw High School, she joined the U.S. Navy and served for eight years, living in Italy, Maine, and Connecticut. She and her family settled in Shaker in June of 2000.

According to Williams, "I joined the Library Board because I appreciate the services provided by the Library and I want to assist in its continued success." Williams' goals as a trustee are to improve and expand Library services and programs, to upgrade technology, and to implement programs that will attract teens and adults to the Library.

When she is not working and volunteering as president of the Moreland on the Move Community Association (MOMCA), Williams enjoys spending time with family and friends, listening to music, and watching movies. She enjoys reading mysteries and biographies, and recommends *The Pact* and *The Bond* by Drs. Sampson Davis, George Jenkins, and Rameck Hunt. According to Williams, "Both books discuss the journeys of three young men who overcome many challenges early in their lives. Their experiences and successes prove that you can't judge a book by its cover."

Williams has a son, Donovan (SHHS

class of 2012) and a daughter Mikayla, who will enter Woodbury in the fall.

### Library Update to the Community

As the Library continues to celebrate its diamond anniversary, residents can be proud of its 75 years of service to the community.

Last year, more than half a million people visited Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch. They borrowed material, did homework, used computers, did local history research, and attended programs. Children prepared for school by participating in story times and using the Library's unique Play and Learn Station facilities, a collaboration with Family Connections.

Library customers have access to more than 10,000,000 items through the Library's membership in CLEVNET, a consortium of 38 independent libraries across northern Ohio. This includes 60,000 ebook titles as well. CLEVNET allows member libraries to reap the benefits of big systems by sharing in the costs of a common catalog and computer system – regionalism at its best!

The Library has adapted to lower state revenues and falling property values without a tax increase. Since 2008, state funding has fallen by 26.2 percent and overall library funding is down 12.7 percent since 2007. How has the Library responded? By cutting expenses: 15.7 percent in the past three years, including staff reductions of 14.3 percent. The Library is committed to adapting, not increasing the burden on the community, while still maintaining the level of service residents have come to expect.

Of special note is the fact that the Library has received the top 5-Star rating from Library Journal for four consecutive years, as well as the Hennen's Top

10 in American Public Libraries ranking. The Library is part of what makes Shaker different from other Northeast Ohio communities when families are choosing a place to live.

The Library is doing its part to try to stimulate the economy, too, through the use of widescreen TVs, provided by Dynamic Media Partners. The Library has promoted library programs, city centennial events, and other non-profit agencies, while also supporting local businesses. The Library's Community Entrepreneurial Office (CEO) provides inexpensive office space and services, such as faxing, scanning, and color printing, for small and family businesses. In cooperation with the Career Transition Center, the Library also helps displaced workers reconnect with the workplace.

Together with the City and the Schools, Library leaders are looking to the future for ways to help boost the local economy and tax base to produce a more prosperous Shaker and an even better Library.

### Library Board Approves Strategic Plan

The Library board approved a new Strategic Plan in March and its implementation is now well underway. To ensure that Library customers can find what they want, the Library plans to increase the percentage of the budget dedicated to the collection while reducing costs other than those for material and hours of operation.

The annual operating budget will be kept to half or less of inflation and the Library will begin an ongoing efficiency audit to reduce costs and increase productivity. One example of cost savings is the Library's switch from standard telephone service to Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) through its partnership with CLEVNET. In addition, the Library

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## Library Use

Items Borrowed .....	1,281,980
Registered Library Card Holders .....	29,719
Library Visitors .....	544,957
Study Room Use .....	3,464
Meeting Room Bookings .....	1,253
Children's Program Attendance .....	11,916
Summer Reading Participants .....	2,050
Reference Questions Answered .....	128,700
Directional Questions Answered .....	165,516
*Computer Users (estimate) .....	90,374
*Computer Sessions (estimate) .....	150,622

## Library Collections

Books and E-books Total .....	256,513
Books .....	205,826
E-books .....	50,687
Magazine Subscriptions .....	559
Music and Audiobook Total .....	47,469
Regular .....	26,647
E-recordings .....	20,822
Movie Total .....	32,557
Regular .....	31,427
E-movies .....	1,130

## Play and Learn Station

Sessions .....	252
Attendance .....	12,308



The *LJ Index of Public Library Service 2011*, identified Shaker Library as a 5-star library for the third consecutive year.

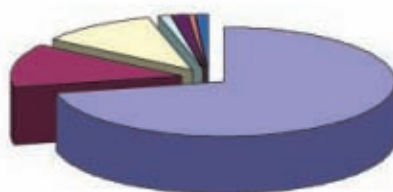
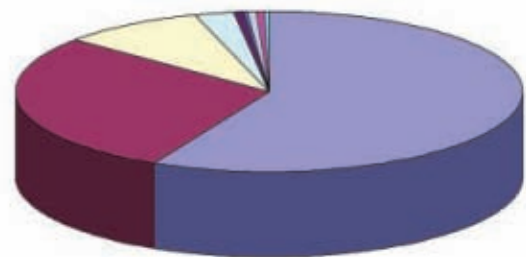


Hennen's American Public Library Ratings ranked Shaker Library as one of the top 10 libraries in the nation.

## GENERAL FUND REVENUE

Real Estate Property Tax	\$2,913,699	57.61%
Public Library Fund	\$1,446,094	28.59%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 459,499	9.09%
Patron Fines & Fees	\$ 128,780	2.55%
Refunds & Reimbursements	\$ 22,027	.44%
Cellular Tower Revenue	\$ 6,9431	.14%
Meeting Room Rental	\$ 12,995	.26%
Advance In	\$ 20,000	.40%
Investment Interest	\$ 2,859	.06%
Other	\$ 36,246	.72%
Tangible Personal Property Tax	\$ 221	.06%
Contributions	\$ 8,343	.16%

Total: \$5,057,692



Total: \$4,699,378

Salaries & Benefits	\$3,362,581	71.55%
Purchased & Contracted Service	\$ 620,294	13.20%
Library Material & Information	\$ 518,452	11.03%
Interfund Advances & Transfers	\$ 59,133	1.26%
Supplies	\$ 60,506	1.29%
Other	\$ 20,572	.44%
Capital Outlay	\$ 57,840	1.23%

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



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will explore purchasing partnerships and contracting for efficiency of scale, with a goal of saving \$600,000 over the next three years to be used for capital needs.

Another critical area of focus is technology. The Library will work to ensure that public computers are kept up-to-date, and that staff is trained to help customers in the use of new technologies, including eReaders and tablets. A new website that provides convenient, mobile access to Library services will be created and self-checkouts and reserve pick-ups will be implemented.

To contain costs, the Library will focus on automating tasks to increase staff productivity, reducing the time and cost of business and implementing an improvement process in every library department to save time and money without compromising customer service.

Finally, the Library will pursue its vision to provide innovative, customer-driven services in vibrant, welcoming spaces. Because the Library is community-based and community-responsive, it plans to increase its joint initiatives and partnerships with community organizations and to increase the number of library staff involved in community activities as well.

### Shelley Stokes-Hammond to Speak about Putting Ludlow on the Civil Rights Heritage Trail



**Stokes-Hammond**

The Library and the Ludlow Community Association present Shelley Stokes-Hammond, development and public affairs officer at Howard University Libraries in Washington, D.C. and daughter of Congressman Louis Stokes, who will speak about civil rights history in Shaker Heights and Cleveland, with a particular focus on the Ludlow Community Association, at 7 pm Tuesday, June 5 at the Main Library.

Stokes-Hammond grew up in the Ludlow neighborhood and attended Shaker Schools. In 2011 at Goucher College, she wrote her master's thesis in historic preservation on the Ludlow Community Association's important role in civil rights history. She argued persuasively that neighborhood organizing for integration in Shaker Heights was as significant to the history of civil rights in the north as the integration of Little Rock High School was in the south.

Stokes-Hammond believes that the National Register of Historic Places should represent the diversity of our nation's history, and that the Ludlow neighborhood should be added to the National Register's Civil Rights Heritage Trail.

Meet at the Library for an evening of memories, discussion, and planning to help make this possibility a reality.

### Monday Morning JumpStart Speakers Offer Help for Job Seekers

Monday Morning JumpStart is a weekly jobs club for those seeking employment. The group is moderated by career coach Bonnie Dick and meets from 10 am to noon Mondays at Main Library to discuss job searches, network, and share employment hurdles. On the last Monday of each month a featured speaker joins the group at 11 am to talk on a particular topic.

At 11 am Monday, June 25, Katherine Burik, The Interview Doctor, presents "Tell Me About Yourself." Burik is a human resource executive with demonstrated expertise in applying human resource strategies to solve business problems, and in coaching for improved performance.

Before she began her own business, Burik was director of human resources at Saint-Gobain Building Distribution North America and for nine years vice president of human resources at MACtac in Stow, Ohio.

Burik earned a degree in History from Northwestern University and her

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MA in Industrial Relations from Loyola University of Chicago. She is certified as a Senior HR Professional by the Society of Human Resource Managers and as a Registered Corporate Coach by the Worldwide Association of Business Coaches.

At 11 am Monday July 23, Ken Haseley will speak on "How Science Can Help You Improve Your Ability to Persuade." If you are in sales, marketing, purchasing, advertising, or PR, your livelihood depends on your ability to persuade. To some extent, each of us is in the persuasion business. So how can we improve our ability to influence others?

This workshop examines some of the principles and techniques that contribute to success in the persuasion process.

Haseley is a senior counselor with The Ammerman Experience, a Houston- and Cleveland-based firm that helps people



**Haseley**

learn to communicate effectively in critical environments or difficult situations. For more than a decade, Haseley has served as a visiting professor at Ivanovo State University in Russia, where he works with faculty, students and business people in the Ivanovo Region.

Haseley is a graduate of Kent State University and received his MBA from the University of Dallas. He has lectured at MIT's Sloan School of Management, and regularly teaches in the Executive MBA program at the University of Houston.

### **Career Transition Center Staff Offers Job Counseling and Workshops**

The Career Transition Center at Main Library opened on January 23 in the Community Entrepreneurial Office (CEO) on the second floor of the Main Library. CTC career counselors Bonnie Dick and Ann Hunter offer free job

counseling and coaching and have recorded successful job placement for six of its clients. The Center is open from 9:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Thursday and from 10 am to 3 pm on Fridays.

In addition to individual job counseling and coaching sessions, the CTC offers a series of free workshops at Main Library throughout the summer.

Making Positive First Impressions is held from 1-3 pm Thursday, June 14. Get tips on the little (and big) things that determine how you will be perceived, and learn how that perception can have a positive influence on your job search.

Results-Oriented Resumes Workshop is held from 1-3 pm Thursday, June 28. Job seekers become a salespeople and their principal "sales tool" is a well-designed, targeted resume. This workshop will show what will catch the employer's attention to gain an interview.

Improving Interviewing Skills workshop is held from 1-3 pm Thursday, July 12. Preparation is the essential ingredient for a successful job interview. Learn how to investigate the company to discover what the employer seeks so your answers will differentiate you from other candidates.

Job Applications That Get Noticed is held from 10 am-noon Thursday, July 26. Many job applications are completed online so a computer can scan them, looking for keywords to search for the skills, educations, and experiences important to the employer. It also scans for keywords that may be used to screen out candidates. Learn how to tackle questions on an employment application to be sure yours will be read.

All workshops are free; however, registration is required. For more information, call the Career Transition Center at 216-367-3011.

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## Dream Big – READ! Summer Reading Opportunities for the Entire Family

Again this summer the Library will join the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP), a grassroots consortium of states working together to provide

high-quality summer reading program material. By combining library resources and with support from Friends of the Shaker Library, children, teens, and adults gain the advantage of participating in an appealing summer reading program at the lowest cost possible to the Library.

Inspired by this year's theme, Dream Big – READ! the Library has planned programs designed to help pre-readers build reading and language skills, encourage school-age children to read throughout the summer, motivate teens to read and discuss literature, and encourage adults to experience the joy of reading.

Join in the summer reading fun from June 4 through August 1 and make your dreams come true@theLibrary!

Library staff has planned some interesting programs for adults. All programs meet at the Main Library and begin promptly at 7 pm. Reservations are requested and can be made in person, online at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org) or by phone: 216-991-2030

7 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 12:  
Dream Big: Dream Interpretation

Why we dream remains a mystery. Are dreams the result of what we eat before we go to sleep? Are they a portal to cosmic communication? What do recurring dreams mean? Medium/clairvoyant, lecturer, spiritual coach, herbalist, and interfaith minister Marianne Goldweber will try to answer these and other questions about the dream state and how dreams originate. In addition, she will talk about how to interpret dreams. Join us and you might learn something beyond your wildest dreams.

7 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 14:  
Dream Big: Build Wealth

Robert Houston from Wealth Education Collaboration and Opportunity Fund, Inc. (WECO) will speak about building wealth to help make your dreams come

## Summer Book Discussions

Double your reading pleasure. Book discussions offer new perspectives in reading. Sign up, borrow a book, bring a friend, and join in a book discussion. Pre-registration is requested for all book discussions. Books are available at the Main Library Information desk one month before the discussion.

10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 12

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Book Buzz:

*The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

The Cleveland Heights author has created a vivid portrait of Hadley Richardson, the complex woman behind the legendary Ernest Hemingway, who acted with strength and grace as her marriage crumbled.

Pulitzer Prize-winning author Tracy Kidder pens a story about the characters and qualities that give a place a sense of home. While the book is set in a small Massachusetts town, the sentiments in it ring true for any hometown that inspires allegiance. Thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library for providing the books for the Centennial read.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 12

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Mystery Book:

*Nowhere to Run* by C.J. Box

Joe Pickett's in his last week as temporary game warden in Baggs, Wyoming, but there have been strange goings on and his conscience won't let him leave without checking out: reports of camps looted, tents slashed, elk butchered, as well as the runner who vanished.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 26

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday Evening Book Discussion:

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford

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

10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 10

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Book Buzz:

*Let the Great World Spin*

by Colum McCann

This narrative is a rich vision of the pain, loveliness, mystery, and promise of New York City in the 1970s when a tightrope walker spanned the Twin Towers.

7 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 19

AT WOODS BRANCH

Shaker Reads:

One Community, One Book:

*Home Town* by Tracy Kidder

**Shaker Library joins in the Shaker Centennial citywide read!**



true. Recognized as a Master Money Volunteer and budget counselor by the Ohio State Extension Service, Houston's experience includes working with the Consumer Credit Counseling Service. He also worked with Prudential and Nationwide Insurance companies in the area of financial planning, and has taught non-credit courses in financial literacy at Lakeland Community College.

7 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 21:  
Dream Big: Sleep Surrender

Shyam Subramanian, MD, director of Clinical Sleep Operations at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Inc. will discuss insomnia and its causes. Millions of Americans suffer from insomnia which is usually treated with the use of sleep aids and sleeping pills, which could be harmful to the patient and disrupt their ability to get natural sleep. The modern approach is an integrative and holistic one and this talk will provide a broad overview about mechanisms that lead to insomnia and provide insights related to its management.

### Library Announces 13th Annual Barbara Luton Art Award Winners

"As juror for this year's show, I was instantly impressed by the vast breadth of skillful craftsmanship and diverse medium presented by each artist."

— Dan Whitely

The 13th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition yielded a bounty of beautiful art. Ted Yu's watercolor, *This Old House*, won Best of Show and was purchased by the Library. Ruta Butkus Marino's colorful quilt, *Grandiflora Extrema*, took first place, Horace Reese's pastel, *Maasai Youth*, took second place, and Marc Frisch's color photograph, *January Calm*, was third-place winner. Honorable mentions were awarded to Dicc Klann

for his prismacolor pencil, *Iris* by the Barn, Paulette George Krieger for her gouache, *Chinese Rose Vase*, and Amy Lewandowski for her watercolor, *King's Window*.

Other artists juried into the show included: David Brichford, Lynn Katz Danzig, Stephanie Darrah, Lois Davis, Willa Eisele, Toni Fiderio, Betty Forchheimer, Boni Suzanne Gelfand, Chris Grossman, Ronnie Jeter, Carol Johnson, Tricia Kaman, Wally Kaplan, George Kocar, Joan Neubecker, Fabiana Olivier, Roy Pekoc, Jane Petschek, Amelia Reed, Irwin Schafer, Patricia Schroeder, Margot Schulz, James Tomko, Debbie Vail, and Jerome White.

The juror for the 2012 show was Dan Whitely, locally based artist and instructor. Many Shaker residents know Whitely as art teacher and chair of the Shaker Heights High School Art Department. At his studio in Chagrin Falls, he works on oil paintings for exhibition and commissions while teaching workshops throughout the year. Whitely's work is represented in various corporations throughout Ohio, including the Cleveland Clinic, Key Bank, Hillcrest Hospital, and Nestle Corporation.

### Survival: A First Person Account of the Holocaust

Friends of the Shaker Library's annual meeting is at 7 pm Tuesday July 10 at Main Library. It will feature Holocaust survivor Betty Gold and her amazing story of survival.

Gold and her family of five lived in Trochenbrod, Poland, a town of 5,000 Jews. Once the Nazis occupied the city,



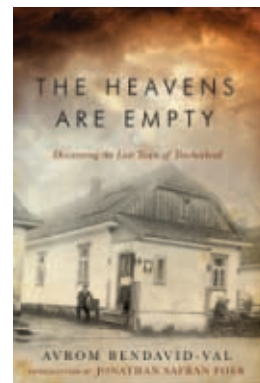
Gold

Betty's father heeded the warnings and built bunkers in the nearby forest where they lived for three years through intense cold, hunger, and the ever-present worry that

they would be discovered. Her family survived and came to America in 1946.

Meet this heroic woman and hear her first-person account of her family's struggles and survival.

Following her talk, the book *The Heavens Are Empty: Discovering the Lost Town of Trochenbrod*, by Avrom Bendavid-Val, will be available for sale. Reservations are required for this program for adults and teens: 216-991-2030.



### June and July Computer Classes

Classes are free, but registration is required. Call the Computer Center at 216-991-2030 and choose option 8.

#### WORKING WITH WINDOWS 7®

3-4:30 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 1

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JULY 7

Learn to open, move, resize and arrange windows.

#### EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 5

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

#### EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

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

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## Kids' Corner

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### PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

*Play and Learn programs are a partnership with Family Connections.*

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6-8 pm Tuesdays

*No registration required.*

### PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

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

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

*No registration required.*

### PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS

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

10 am-noon Wednesdays

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

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

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

1-3 pm Fridays

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

**BABY SUMMER SAMPLER** (For babies from birth to 23 months with an adult.) Explore new ways to bond with your

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baby and promote language learning and literacy in this six-week series. Classes last 30 minutes and topics include Baby Sign, Baby Yoga, Nature Baby, Baby Rhymes, Baby Songs, and Baby Play.

June 11-July 17

10 am Mondays at Main Library

10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

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

### TERRIFIC TWOS

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

Summer Session: June 12-July 18

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library

10 am & 11 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch

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

### PRESCHOOL STORIES

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

Summer Session: June 12-July 18

1:30 pm Tuesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library

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

### MAKE-IT TAKE-IT (For kids of all ages)

Visit the Children's Rooms at both libraries and make a fun craft.

10-11 am Thursdays June 21,

July 12, and July 26

*No registration required.*

### MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL MOLLY AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time and learn what life was like for Molly in 1944. Listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a DVD, make a craft, and enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, June 9.

*Registration began May 26.*

### READ TO KING AT MAIN LIBRARY

King is certified with Therapy Dogs International and loves to listen to stories. Time spent reading to King counts toward your Summer Reading Program total! School-age children can register for a 15-minute time slot in person, online, or by phone beginning two weeks before King's visits.

10 am-noon Thursdays, June 14 and July 7

### PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Monday, June 18

*Register online, in person, or by phone beginning Monday, June 4.*

### MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL

#### JULIE AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades 1-5)

Travel back in time and learn what life was like for Julie in 1974. Listen to a chapter from one of her books, watch a DVD, make a craft, enjoy a snack.

2:30-4 pm Saturday, July 21

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Saturday, July 7.*

### DREAM BIG – READ!

June 4-August 1

Come and explore the night this summer at the Library. Children ages 6-12 can keep track of time spent reading or listening to books, and add up the hours to earn prizes. Children from birth to age 5 can join the fun, too, and earn stickers and prizes by visiting the Library and enjoying fun pre-reading activities. Sign up for the summer reading program and report your hours online at shakerlibrary.org, or in person at either library.

*Registration begins June 4.*

## Summer Specials

### ANIMALS AT NIGHT AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K-5)

Some animals are very active at night. Learn more about them and how they pass their nights when Barb Morgan from the Nature Center visits the library.

3-3:45 pm Tuesday, June 12

*Register in person, by phone or online beginning Tuesday, May 29.*

### JUNGLE TERRY AT WOODS BRANCH

(For families and children of all ages)  
Meet some exotic nocturnal animals when Jungle Terry visits the Library.

7-8 pm Wednesday, June 20

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Wednesday, June 6.*

### CAMPFIRE SING-ALONG

#### AT MAIN LIBRARY

(For families and children of all ages)  
What better way to enjoy a summer evening than singing around the campfire. No experience necessary. Lyrics, chords and S'mores provided. If you play the guitar or ukulele, bring it to play along. Bring a blanket or folding chair and meet on the lawn in front of the Colonnade next to the Main Library. If it rains, we'll meet in the Library's Meeting room B.

7-8 pm Thursday, June 28

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Thursday, June 14.*

### NIGHTTIME STORIES

#### AT THE COLONNADE

Storytelling, songs, and silliness for the whole family, and a cool snack, too!

Bring your blanket or folding chair and we will provide the entertainment. In the event of stormy weather, the program will be held inside the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building.

7 pm Monday, July 9

*Register online, by phone or in person beginning Monday, June 25.*

### MARSHMALLOW MADNESS

#### AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K-5)

Perhaps you've roasted marshmallows over a campfire, but have you ever played games or made a craft using marshmallows? Join us for some marshmallow madness!

3:30-4:15 pm Tuesday, July 17

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, July 3.*

### BUILD A MINIATURE LIGHTHOUSE

#### AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades K-5)

Build a miniature lighthouse using simple household materials to make a perfect night-light.

3:30-4:15 pm Tuesday, July 24

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning Tuesday, July 10.*

### LIGHTS OUT!

#### SUMMER READING WRAP-UP!

Bring the family for fun, games, refreshments, and a scavenger hunt to celebrate the end of a successful Summer Reading program.

7-8 pm Wednesday, August 1 at Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch

*Register online, in person or by phone beginning Wednesday, July 18.*

## Computer Classes *continued from page 23*

### INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 7

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JULY 5

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics.

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 9

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JULY 9

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

### MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

2-3:30 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Create and explore the uses of macros in Microsoft Office 2010 to accomplish tasks more efficiently.

### GOOGLEMANIA™

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JUNE 11

Learn advanced Internet searching strategies using the Google™ search engine.

### GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 14

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

### INTRODUCTION TO ONENOTE 2010®

3-4:30 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 15

Remember when you organized your binder report? Now learn to do it electronically using Microsoft's tool to create and store information digitally.

### ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT 2010®

7-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 21

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

### CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 23

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JULY 23

Learn how Excel can display data as charts of visual information and review chart



## Teen Scene (Grades 7-12)

Main Library Second Floor

Summer Hours: 1-6 pm Monday, June 11 through Thursday, August 16

Regular after-school hours resume 3:30-8 pm Monday, August 27

### OWN THE NIGHT!

**TEEN SUMMER READING** Program for ages 13-18 June 4-August 1

Sign up at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org). Enter the number of hours read each week by 5:30 pm Saturday to earn a spot in the weekly drawing for \$10 Gift Cards to GameStop, iTunes, Barnes & Noble, or Starbucks. Every 25 hours of reading earns a ticket toward the Grand Prize Drawing for a new Kindle Fire. Get more details at [shakerlibrary.org](http://shakerlibrary.org).

### Summer Programs for Teens Ages 13-18

#### MIDNIGHT SNACKS:

##### HOW TO EAT AROUND THE WORLD

Did you know that Indian food tastes best when eaten with your fingers from banana leaves? Thai food works best with chopsticks? Tortillas make foods portable in Mexico? And there's more than one way to eat a bowl of soup? Try them all as we eat our way around the world! This program is generously funded by MyCom.

6-7 pm Wednesday, June 13  
at Main Library

*Register in person, by phone, or online beginning May 30.*

##### MAKE A LATE-NIGHT TREAT: EUROPEAN-STYLE CAKE DECORATING FOR TEENS

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6-7 pm Wednesday, July 25  
at Main Library

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**Computer Classes** *continued from page 25*  
types to understand how they are used and with what kind of data.

### MAILMERGE IN MICROSOFT OFFICE 2010

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JUNE 23

MailMerge utilizes list and address information from many sources. Learn to use it to create form letters, envelopes, labels, and catalogs or directories.

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

### INTRODUCTION TO

#### MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 3

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Learn how to design and use tables in an Access database.

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6:30-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

This is a three-class series. July 11: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders.

July 18: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address, and using email. July 25: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

#### EVERY CITIZEN ONLINE

6:30-8:30 PM THURSDAY, JULY 12

This is a three-class series. July 12: Mouse, Computer Literacy, Using Windows, Using and Maintaining Files and Folders. July 19: Using the Internet, Search tools, Setting up an email address, and using email. July 26: Types of Internet resources, Search Tools and how to use them.

#### FORMS IN MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 17

Forms do two things in database programs. They make data entry less risky and allow users to see data.

#### WINWAY RESUME WRITING

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JULY 21

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

#### ONLINE JOB HUNTING

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, JULY 21

This class is designed to help job seekers develop the Internet and computer skills needed for online job hunting.

#### CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL 2010®

10-11:30 AM MONDAY, JULY 23

Explore the ways Excel can display data as charts of visual information and the ways data can be charted.

#### QUERIES IN MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 24

Queries are questions asked of databases. Learn how to ask the questions correctly.

#### REPORTS IN MICROSOFT ACCESS 2010®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 31

An Access report takes data from a database and presents it by your design. Learn to decide how records will appear in the report, and what information to include.

### The Bookshelf: Summer Reading

Summer's here and the reading is easy! If you're looking for a good book to take to the pool this summer, try one of these titles recommended by Library staff.

*Among the Missing* by Morag Joss. Delcorte Press, 2011. In the aftermath of a tragic bridge collapse that took her husband and daughter, pregnant Silva pretends that she was among the victims and bides her time in their small cabin downstream, convinced that her family is still alive. By the Edgar Award-nominated author of *The Night Following*.

*Breakdown* by Sara Paretsky. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2012. When the teenage daughters of some of Chicago's most influential families discover the body of a ritually murdered victim, investigator Warshawski explores theories that the killing is linked to a hostile media campaign against a senatorial candidate or a wealthy patriarch's childhood in Nazi-occupied Lithuania. By the award-winning author of *Body Work*.

*Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James. Alfred A. Knopf, 2011. Pemberley is thrown into chaos after Elizabeth Bennett's disgraced sister, Lydia, arrives and announces that her husband Wickham has been murdered in this Jane Austen inspired mystery.

*Home in Carolina* by SherryI Woods. Mira, 2010. When her childhood sweetheart – and the man who betrayed her – returns home to Serenity, South Carolina, Annie Sullivan is faced with some difficult choices.

*The Magicians: A Novel* by Lev Grossman. Viking, 2009. After graduating from an exclusive college of magic in upstate New York, Quentin Coldwater finds that a

fictional land from fantasy novels is real, but darker and more dangerous than he could have ever imagined.

*The Particular Sadness of Lemon Cake* by Aimee Bender. Doubleday, 2010. Discovering an unusual ability to taste the emotions of others in their cooking, Rose Edelstein grows up to regard food as a curse when it reveals everyone's secret realities. By the Pushcart-winning author of *An Invisible Sign of My Own*.

*Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline. Crown Publishers, 2011. Immersing himself in a mid-21st-century technological virtual utopia to escape the real world of famine, poverty, and disease, Wade Watts joins an increasingly violent effort to solve a series of puzzles by the virtual world's super-wealthy creator, who has promised that the winner will be his heir.

*Sweet Revenge* by Diane Motte Davidson. William Morrow, 2007. Catering a holiday breakfast for local library staff, Goldy Schultz is shocked to see a supposedly dead woman who is believed to be Goldy's ex-husband's killer, an encounter that precedes the murder of a high-end map dealer. By the author of *Dark Tort*.

*The Taste of Salt* by Martha Southgate. Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill, 2011. Josie has made a success of herself as the only senior black scientist at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, but can't escape the family she left behind in Cleveland. A great book from an award-winning local author.

*Treasure Island!!!* by Sara Levine. Europa Editions, 2011. Inspired by the Robert Louis Stevenson novel, a college graduate realizes she has done nothing bold and sets out to redesign her life based on the core values of Stevenson's hero Jim Hawkins. A first novel by a Shaker Heights High School graduate.

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### The Bookshelf *continued*

*A Visit from the Goon Squad* by Jennifer Egan. Alfred A. Knopf, 2010. Working side-by-side for a record label, former punk rocker Bennie Salazar and the passionate Sasha hide illicit secrets from one another while interacting with a motley assortment of equally troubled people from 1970s San Francisco to the post-war future. By the National Book Award-nominated author of *Look at Me*.

*Withering Heights* by Dorothy Cannell. St. Martin's Minotaur, 2007. Heading for her younger cousin Ariel's delightful Gothic mansion on the Yorkshire moors, Ellie discovers that things could not be worse – a mysterious villain is stalking the house's picturesque halls, the medium who turns up to conduct a séance is an imposter, and a local neighbor is her husband's glamorous former flame.

### Exterior House Paint and Historic Color Workshop

If the thought of painting your house makes you blue, this is the program for you. Mary Ogle from Cleveland Restoration Society offers tips on house painting at 7 pm Tuesday, June 26 at the Main Library. She examines different types of paint failure and suggests what to look for when hiring a contractor.

Cleveland Restoration Society staff will be available to review historic color schemes and provide tips on how to choose appropriate colors for your older home. This occasional lecture series is cosponsored by the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission. Pre-registration is requested.

### Summer Saturday eReader Instruction

Library staff will offer eReader and Tablet Instruction from 3-4:30 pm Saturday, June 30 in the Main Library Computer Training Lab. This interactive, hands-on class will teach you how to use your eReader or tablet to download library ebooks. Please bring your device. Pre-registration is essential for a spot in this class.

### Endnotes


• **Night and Day Knitting.** Both libraries offer an opportunity to knit or crochet with others and get help from experienced knitters Fern Braverman and Elfriede Heaney. No registration is required. Knit Mornings meets from 10 am to noon Wednesday, June 6 at Main Library and Knit Nights meets from 7 to 8:45 pm Thursdays, June 21 and July 19 at Woods Branch.

• Both libraries will **delay opening** until 10:30 am Friday, June 15 for staff training. Both are closed Wednesday, July 4.

• **Poetry In the Woods** features regional poets reading original poetry and prose at 7 pm Tuesday, June 12 at Bertram Woods Branch. No registration is required.

• **American Sign Language Instructor** Valerie Williams teaches basic signing using role play and other fun activities. The class is progressive, building from one skill to another, and is appropriate for adults and children over 10 accompanied by an adult. Class meets at 7 pm Wednesdays, June 13, 27, July 11 and 25. Pre-registration requested. For more information, call 216-991-2030.

• The **Shaker Art Gallery** on the second floor of Main Library features artwork of 12 recent Shaker High graduates, Christina Mearns, Shala Miller, Anupama Suresh, Grant Johnson, Elise Barrington, Ian Bartimole, Shoshana Bieler, Tristan Braman, Mary Fowler, Cecilia Li, Nora O'Connell, and Patrick Zempolich. On display through June 29.

• From July 9 through August 17, Ben Hauser's **Sketches of Hawthorne** will be featured in the art gallery. Come for the books, but be sure to see the art, which is available for sale. 

### The "Digimobile" is Coming!

OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile will be at Main Library on Wednesday, July 18. A high-tech update of the traditional bookmobile, the Digital Bookmobile promotes the Library's services for downloading eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video. Save the date and stop by to immerse yourself in an interactive learning environment.





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## The House Hisaka Built

BY RORY O'CONNOR

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Noted American architect Don Hisaka did a lot of work around Greater Cleveland — offices, government centers, university buildings, even parking lots — when his company was headquartered here in the 1960s and '70s. But the 1968 house he designed and built in Shaker for his family of four is unquestionably his most enduring legacy in these parts.

Many residents identify it as Shaker's "modern" house, which sits on a corner lot on Drexmore Road across from Plymouth Church among the much older and more usual Colonials. Yet it's cleverly unobtrusive, seeming to have grown up out of the earth like the trees that surround it. It's the only house in Northeast Ohio to have an Honors Award from the American Institute of Architects.

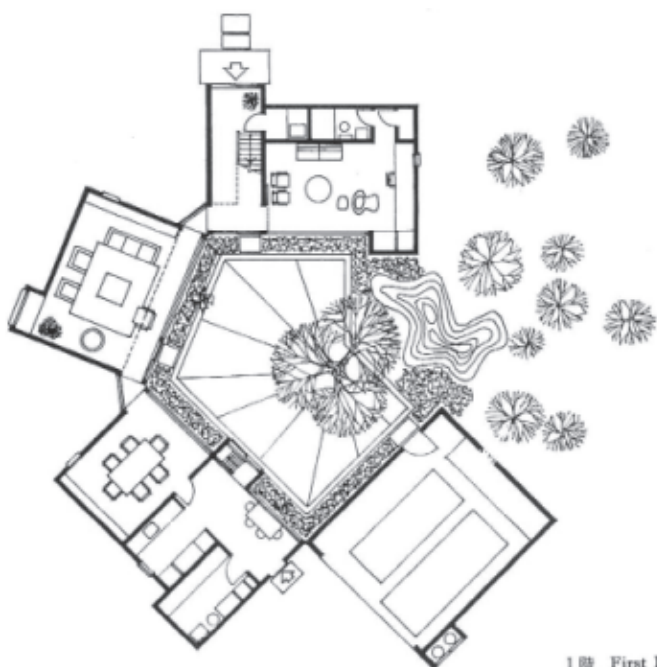
More than 30 years after he left Ohio, the 83-year-old Hisaka, now retired in Berkeley, California, visited his creation in 2011. He came to town for an event called "Don Hisaka, the Cleveland Years," arranged by the Cleveland Artists Foundation at the Beck Center for the Arts.

**The Hisaka house**, shot from Drexmore Road, April 2012. The front door is at the far right of the photo.





**Above:** Owners Joyce Rothschild and Dan Mansoor in the home's two-story living room. The house has no front or back in the usual sense. Instead, there are four modules that face a courtyard (opposite page), which is largely hidden from view. A large crabapple tree is the centerpiece of the courtyard.



1 階 First Floor

“He did a walk-through and spent a little time. It was fun to talk to him,” says the home’s current and sixth owner, Dan Mansoor, who has lived there since 2007 with his wife Joyce Rothschild and their two children.

“I said ‘Yes!’ when we first walked in to look at it,” Dan says.

Easy to see why. The house is overwhelming in its charm, but not its size. At 3,200 square feet with three bedrooms and two-and-a-half baths – and no formal dining room, no basement, and no attic – it’s eminently suitable for four people or fewer, people willing to eschew the comforts of a traditional home for those of a unique architectural work of art. Kevin Reeves’ photos, commissioned for Shaker Life, tell the story.









**Above:** One of the home's modules features a rec room above the garage. (Hisaka added the room after the house was originally completed.) The module with the study and second-floor master bedroom is across the courtyard. **Opposite page:** A narrow stairway leads to a second-floor passageway with bedrooms on either end.



**Architect** Don Hisaka in an undated photo.









# an artistic composition

A year after opening, Opus Restaurant has become a big hit with its combination of great food and live music.

**By Jennifer Coiley Dial**

Photos by Janet Century

## **Opus Restaurant**

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## **Northcoast Jazz Collective**

Mark Grey

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By the time we arrived at Opus Restaurant on a cold Saturday night in February, just about every table was full, and the band, Northcoast Jazz Collective, was in full swing. Located on Chagrin Boulevard in the strip near MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio, Opus opened in May 2011 and has enjoyed near-capacity seating several nights per week.

“Opening Opus in Shaker Heights was a great opportunity for us,” says Claude Carson, who owns the restaurant with Brian Gresham. Claude manages the front end, while Brian handles the day-to-day operations. The pair also owns a Cleveland restaurant, Harvard Wine and Grill.

“We are able to serve a clientele that we haven’t been able to reach until now,” says Carson, “and that’s been our goal.”

They are encouraged by the number of residents who come in regularly, and have been pleasantly surprised by the response. “This is a great location,” says Carson.

Billed as “a casual, yet upscale dining experience,” Opus serves a variety of scrumptious items from fried green tomatoes to cold-water lobster tail, and a client favorite, smoked barbecued turkey ribs. In April, they began serving lunch, which includes many of their popular dishes, and new menu items.

And on Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings Opus enhances the dining experience with live jazz, Northcoast Jazz Collective being one of the regulars.

“It’s wonderful to have a locally owned restaurant like Opus in the Van Aken District — offering jazz in the evenings and



**Opus employee** Jamie Dawson serves smoked barbecued turkey ribs and sliders. **At left:** A platter of shrimp scampi.





**The Opus Experience:** Jazz and grilled lobster.



**Northcoast Jazz Collective** as a trio, which is the lineup they use at Opus. Standing are John Gallo and Dan Maier. Mark Grey is seated.

a sit down option for lunch,” says the City’s Economic Development Director, Tania Menesse. “Opus and Lucy’s Sweet Surrender [in the old Chandler & Rudd building] join Shaker institutions like MotoPhoto, Bicycle Boulevard, and Curves are a shining example of what we’re working for in the Van Aken district – a unique, walkable, mixed-use area.”

Northcoast Jazz Collective (NJC) is no stranger to the local restaurant scene. NJC has performed at other local hot spots including Boulevard Blue, SASA Bistro, and The Grotto. Drummer Mark Grey formed the group in the early 2000s when he returned to Northeast Ohio from graduate school in Hawaii.

Born to a family of drummers and playing since he was ten, Mark has performed many different genres but decided to stay with jazz because he says it is the “most fun.” A special education teacher, Mark lives in the Onaway neighborhood with his wife, Aimee, who is a teacher at Shaker Heights High School, and their two children.

Rounding out the band is John Gallo on acoustic bass, Dave Frank on sax, and Dan Maier on piano. NJC plays





mainly post-bop modern jazz standards (1950-present) and original compositions. Its mission is to perform modern arrangements that challenge listeners' perceptions. They have released three CDs: a self-titled release in 2005, *Changing Times* (2006), and the recently released *Cleveland Splendor*, with liner notes written by longtime Shaker resident and newscaster Leon Bibb.

"Certainly this CD by the Northcoast Jazz Collective is worth celebrating," writes Bibb. "It all blends together under the steady hands of masterful drummer, Mark Grey."

NJC is also scheduled to appear at the Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival on Saturday, June 16, on Farnsleigh Road between Warrensville and Van Aken. (Visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) for more information.) The group is available for club dates, private parties, and other events. Be sure to catch them on a nice summer evening at Opus.

"Opus is an artistic composition and the term is usually reserved for music, but an artist's best work can also be called his opus," says owner Claude Carson. "That's what this restaurant is for us — our best work to date."

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**Plymouth Church** in Shaker Village in an undated photo from the early 1920s, courtesy of the Local History Collection, Shaker Heights Public Library. **Opposite page:** The church today after renovations.



# The Spirit of Service

Members of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights are part of a historic congregation that helped mold the City's progressive values. **BY DIANA SIMEON PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO**

Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen understood that a community is much more than a collection of houses and apartment buildings, no matter how gracious and well-built. So when the brothers were drawing up their plans for Shaker Heights, they made sure to set aside land for schools, a country club, and several churches.

They offered land either free or at a low cost to institutions willing to settle in the Village, which is why today Shaker is home to the likes of Hathaway Brown, University School, Laurel School, the Shaker Heights Country Club, and many churches. In fact, five churches were eventually built on Van Sweringen land, but Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights was the first. Its cornerstone was laid on June 27, 1920, around the corner from Shaker Square on Coventry Road.

While Plymouth has been a fixture in Shaker for almost 100 years – its flock began worshipping here in 1916 – the history of the church begins in the pre-Civil War years, long before the Van Sweringens made their offer of land. The church's progressive values, anchored in good works and community, are also firmly rooted in 19th-century social liberalism, and have thrived in Shaker Heights.

## The early days

Plymouth was originally founded in 1850 by parishioners who broke away from the Presbyterian Old Stone Church in Cleveland's Public Square. The breakaway group was made up of staunch abolitionists, who opposed Old Stone's lukewarm stance on slavery. By 1852, the renegade group, several of whom are believed to have been part of Cleveland's Underground Railroad, had set up as the Plymouth Congregational Church. The name was suggested by the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, the prominent abolitionist whose church in Brooklyn, New York was also called Ply-

mouth, and whose sister, Harriet Beecher Stowe, wrote the incendiary anti-slavery novel, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Over the next half century, the church flourished. An 1895 survey of Cleveland's Congregationalist churches describes Plymouth as "progressive, enterprising, with great social activities." One of those activities was the Olivet Mission, which the church ran in Cleveland's Bohemian (Czech) neighborhood in the Flats.

But by 1913, the church had fallen on hard times: membership had dwindled, money was short, and Plymouth was forced to shut its doors.

Then came the Van Sweringens and, in 1916, the remaining members of Ply-

mouth decided to take the opportunity to re-establish the church in Shaker. They worshipped at first in a chapel hauled from Lakewood to the five-acre Coventry Road property and later in the auditorium at the then brand-new Shaker High School (now Woodbury School).

By 1919, Plymouth's congregation had raised enough money to build a permanent home in Shaker and construction began on what members then described as "the most beautiful and convenient colonial-style church in America." Charles S. Schneider, a Shaker resident and member of the church, was tapped as the architect. Schneider's other work includes Shaker Heights City Hall [see Shaker





### Celebrate the Shaker Centennial with Plymouth Church

Plymouth Church offers a variety of Centennial-themed programming throughout the year, including:

- **Historical Tours: Future, Past, Present.** Free guided tours of Plymouth's Georgian Colonial building will be offered from until Labor Day. Call 216-921-3510 to make a reservation.
- **Centennial Canteen Dance for Teens.** Travel back in time to the 1950s, when Plymouth's popular Friday-night canteen dances were the place to be for Shaker's teenagers. Friday, August 31, 7 pm.
- **Shaker Centennial Speaker Series: Voices Within.** Beginning this fall, the church will host distinguished speakers from around Shaker Heights.

Life's cover for April-May 2012], several Shaker school buildings, and Akron's Stan Hywet Hall.

The building was ready for use by 1923. It had a sanctuary that seated more than 800 – with a loft fitted out with an E.M. Skinner organ – a Sunday School room, and a basement that also served as a dining room. (Plymouth's Skinner organ was replaced in 1964 with one made locally by the Holtkamp Organ Company, but it is still in use in a church in Orleans, Massachusetts.)

Schneider designed Plymouth in the Georgian Colonial style, which he felt would evoke the architecture of old New England. To this day, the church is considered among the best examples of this style in the region, and with its brick façade, soaring steeple, and graceful columns, it would not be out of place on any New England village green.

In 1987, the building was designated a historical landmark by the Shaker Historical Society. In 2008, it was awarded a Landmark Preservation Award by the City.

### Onward and upward

The members of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights have found a spiritual community that shares the City's progressive ideals. "This whole area has always been infused with the idea of we can do better," says the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, who has served as senior minister of Plymouth Church since 2008, relocating from Moorehead, Minnesota.

"Beginning with the utopian society of the Shakers, then the Van Sweringens, then integration and Civil Rights, Shaker keeps moving forward," she says. "And Plymouth's history is also one of onward and upward, beginning with the break from Old Stone. Again, the idea of we can do better."

As Shaker grew from a village of just a couple thousand in 1920 to more than 15,000 by the end of that decade, Ply-

**Plymouth Church's** pastor the Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe, April 2012.



mouth also prospered. By the mid-1940s, the church had more than 2,500 members; to make room it added two new wings, which were completed in 1953.

"In those days, it was about neighborhood and family and the church was the glue," says Sally W. Menges, who was born in the 1930s and is still a member of Plymouth today. "I grew up in the church. My family lived right around the corner on Chadbourne." Menges even took piano lessons from Georgia Schneider, Charles' wife. "I remember waiting for my lessons and looking at the architectural drawings of the church. I was so touched by their beauty."

Over the years, the church served as a gathering spot not just for its own members, but also for the surrounding community, especially its teenagers.

On Friday nights, beginning in the 1950s, Plymouth was the site of "Canteen Dances," which were popular with teenagers from across the City. Menges recalls those dances, as does Robb Forward, who also grew up in Shaker and today runs the Brown-Forward Funeral Home.

"All the chaperones had a six-inch ruler," he jokes.

Forward, who wasn't actually a member of the church back then, went so far as to join the church's youth group in the 1960s. "That's how open the church was. There were many kids in the group who belonged to other churches."

### Strength in diversity

As Shaker diversified in the 1960s and beyond, so did Plymouth. These days, like the city it calls home, the church is a vibrant mix of folks from all walks of life. In 2005, its members took the step of becoming "open and affirming," which in the parlance of the United Church of Christ – most Congregational churches in America merged with the UCC in the late 1950s and 1960s – indicates a congregation is open to and affirming of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members.

"They are welcome to be openly present in our congregations," says Rev. Monroe. "We're willing to call them as ministers, baptize their children, and do

blessings of their relationships."

"The church is for everybody," flatly states Robb Forward, who finally joined the church 14 years ago and today serves as a commissioned minister, working with prisoners in correctional facilities.

It's a philosophy that one can't help but feel the church's 19th-century founders would have appreciated. Many Congregationalists, whether they called themselves that or Presbyterian, were not just abolitionists but ardent supporters of women's rights; moreover, they founded many of America's most prestigious colleges and universities, including Harvard, Yale, and, closer to home, Oberlin, which admitted women and African Americans from its earliest years in the 1830s. And certainly, Plymouth's founders would recognize the spirit of service that still energizes the church today – and not just on Sunday mornings.

Each year, the church's youth groups head out on mission trips across the country; the church has partnered with Cleveland's Buckeye-Woodland School; it's part of the Interfaith Network that provides food and shelter to the homeless on Cleveland's East Side; it works closely with the Cleveland Foodbank. The list goes on.

The building itself – the oldest parts of which turn 90 next year – is a place where you're just as likely to meet a visitor as a member of the Cleveland Institute of Music, whose students take lessons here; the popular Parents Day Out pre-school program is housed here; the church's esteemed ArtsPlymouth series draws artists and musicians from across the region; on any given week, the calendar is filled with classes, luncheons, dinners, Bible studies, support groups, choir rehearsals, youth groups, meals. This is a list that also goes on.

"It all goes back to the founding of the church in Shaker Heights," sums up Richard W. Pogue, retired managing partner of the prominent Cleveland law firm Jones Day and an honorary co-chair of the Shaker Heights Centennial. He joined the church in 1970 with his wife, Patricia, and their children. "These were local citizens who were interested in the community. Community is the big word as far as Plymouth Church goes."



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# Finding a Path Through Different Lives

By Sue Starrett Photo by Gabriel Amadeus Cooney

Pulitzer Prize winning author, journalist, and essayist Tracy Kidder has visited Shaker Heights only briefly, but he knows a lot about towns like ours. What he observed and chronicled about Northampton, Massachusetts in his book *Home Town* resonates for our community. It is no surprise that the book has been chosen for the City's Centennial book discussion, Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book.

According to a New York Times review of *Home Town* in April 1999, "...Mr. Kidder makes a strong case that the beauty of a place is not in its skin – it is in its people. They are the simple and dramatic acts and the descriptive faces of his book. They are, he contends, the genius of a place."

In 2004, Kidder received the Lettre Ulysses Award for the Art of Reportage. In conjunction with the honor, he wrote, "I'm a little suspicious of the great, overarching view. It always leaves something out. What interests me is trying to catch the reflection of the human being on the page...I'm interested in how ordinary people live their lives. You have to make it believable on the page; you have to bring people to life and scenes to life."

Born in New York City, Kidder earned an A.B. degree from Harvard, where he began as a political science major and switched to English. Following two years of service in Vietnam, Kidder was accepted into the Iowa Writers Workshop at the University of Iowa. There he earned an M.F.A. in English and made an important connection with The Atlantic Monthly. Kidder's first paid assignments were for the magazine, of which he eventually became a contributing editor. He also has been published in The New Yorker, The New York Times, and Granta magazine, and served as guest editor for The Best American Essays, 1994.

Kidder's first nonfiction book, *The Soul of a New Machine*, received the 1982 Pulitzer Prize in General Nonfiction and the 1982 National Book Award. In all, he has written eight books and has received many literary honors. Both the National Book Critics Circle and The Los Angeles Times named Kidder's most recent book, *Strength in What Remains*, as a finalist for their 2009 awards. The University of Massachusetts, Springfield College, and Clarkson University have granted Kidder honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

Also in demand as a public speaker at universities and in community settings, Kidder will participate in the Cuyahoga County Library's William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage series on October 9, 2012. For details, visit [playhousesquare.org/writers-centerstage](http://playhousesquare.org/writers-centerstage).

Kidder and his wife Frances have lived in Western Massachusetts since 1976. They are the parents of two children, and grandparents of four. Additional information is at [tracykidder.com](http://tracykidder.com).

***What motivated you to become a writer, and particularly a nonfiction writer?***


I took my first creative writing course at Harvard for fun. I enjoyed it, and the teacher liked my stories. Young women also liked my stories, and it seemed like a good way to meet and impress girls. It was the 1960s...the whole enterprise seemed romantic. The next year I took a writing course taught by the great poet and translator Robert Fitzgerald, who made me feel that writing is a high calling, and possibly within my reach. When I went to Vietnam, I carried that dream with me. Not to pull it off would have felt like such a terrible failure.

When I returned, I requested some law school applications; as they arrived, my father displayed them on the mantel. I ended up at the Iowa Writers Workshop as a refuge. I was in fast company there, and was intimidated by the other writers. The fiction well was drying up, but one of my professors was proselytizing about 'new journalism' [a style of journalism that uses literary techniques], and it caught my attention. Plus, there was no local competition for nonfiction writers. I was encouraged by Dan Wakefield, contributing editor of the Atlantic Monthly. He suggested that I work with one of the magazine's young editors, Richard Todd. Dick taught me how to write, and we have enjoyed a long collaboration and friendship. It's a feat to be a good editor.

***What led you to write Home Town?***

I had just finished a long article on Haiti for the New Yorker, and that caused me to see Northampton in a different way – as a town that seemed to


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be working well. At that time, I had visited Northampton regularly for nearly 20 years. Then I ran into Tommy O'Connor [a Northampton police officer and character in the book] at the gym. He said, 'you don't remember me, do you?' He had ticketed me for speeding about five years prior. He had stopped my wife earlier that day, but hadn't given her a ticket because he hated to see women cry!

He invited me to ride in his cruiser: 'I'll show you a town you never thought existed.' When I first took a ride around town with him, I realized that my impressions of the place weren't exactly wrong but were certainly incomplete, and that realization made the town all the more interesting to me. I also chose Northampton because it seemed to be full of surprising, colorful characters, and because, living nearby, I wouldn't have to travel far to study it.

*How long did it take you to research and write the book, and how did you find the people you interviewed?*

I worked on the book for three years. My literary model was Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*. I didn't have a systematic way of looking for characters, but since I had taught at Smith College, I knew I wanted someone from their Ada Comstock Scholars Program [for nontraditional students]. I also spent a lot of time in district court and several years riding around with Tommy. I was trying to find some of the underbelly of Northampton, and a cop was the perfect guide.

I write a lot of drafts. First I write a long and messed up rough draft and then start over again. I wrote at least ten drafts for *Home Town*; it was a tricky book to put together, finding a path through different lives.

What I discovered was the tangential ways these lives touched each other. I hit the essential things – college, government, court, police – so that I could get a picture of the town, all the while thinking of *Winesburg* and trying to approximate it in nonfiction.



*You are interested in how ordinary people live their lives. How have your many interviews impacted the way you view humanity?*

I don't think anyone is really ordinary. The human brain uses some of the most complex structures in the known universe. I couldn't do what I do as long as I have and not be skeptical. But my job is not to judge people; otherwise I wouldn't learn anything. My job is to try to understand why people do what they do and to see the world through their eyes. I mostly like people, and I particularly like them as a writer, though it is harder to write about virtue and kindness than about vice.

*What is your relationship with the reader?*

The biggest part of writing narrative is to bring characters to life on the page. My editor said that what's really magical is transporting them off the page and into the reader's imagination. You've got to get the reader to that brink of understanding without forcing them to accept it.

*You also spend your time as a public speaker. Have you ever been to Cleveland?*

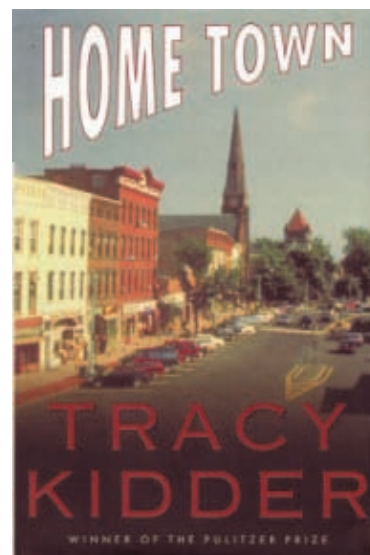
I had the great good fortune that *Mountains Beyond Mountains* [a book about physician and humanitarian Paul Farmer] was adopted by many colleges as required reading. I have spoken at more than 100 colleges since 2003. I visited Case Western Reserve University with Paul Farmer, and I also have spoken at the City Club. I'm hoping to curtail the travel soon; I've got to get back to work.

*What's next?*

I've been working on that ardently. I have some possibilities, but nothing certain. Right now I'm spending many hours with my editor, finalizing *Good Prose*, which is a book about writing that will be released by Random House in January 2013.

## Excerpt from *Home Town*

"A great deal lay hidden and half-hidden in this small, peaceful town. Well before you understood all of it, you would feel you understood too much.... As places go, it seemed so orderly. But what an appalling abundance it contained. If all of the town were transparent, if the roofs came off all the buildings and the houses and the cars, and you were forced to look down and see in one broad sweep everything that happened here and was happening... you'd be overcome before you turned away. And not just by malignancy and suffering, but by all the tenderness and joy, all the little acts of courage and kindness and simple competence and diligence operating all the time. To apprehend it all at once — who could stand it? No wonder so much remains invisible in towns."



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Shaker Schools' Educator Emeritus program offers energetic retirees a way to put their undiminished passion for teaching back into service.

**By Jennifer Proe**





e•mer•i•tus [ih-mer-i-tuhs], adj. Retired or honorably discharged from active professional duty, but retaining the title of one's office or position. From the Latin origin, 'having fully earned'; a veteran soldier who has earned his time." – Dictionary.com

Each year, a wealth of talent and experience leaves the Shaker schools as veteran teachers retire from their posts. And each year, a substantial portion of that talent returns to our schools, as many of those retirees choose to remain connected in a volunteer capacity known as "Educator Emeritus," sharing their accumulated wisdom with a new generation of teachers and students.

The idea for the Educator Emeritus program originated with former Shaker High School English teacher Steven Fox, who served the Shaker Schools for more than 30 years. In a proposal to Superintendent Mark Freeman, he advocated for the creation of this role, noting, "It would be appropriate for the District to recognize that some of its long-standing staff, staff who have spent the entirety or great majority of their careers teaching the children of Shaker Heights, are properly described as having 'earned' their discharge rather than having simply left the profession. Even though they are no longer on the payroll, they can, and often do, make valuable contributions to the Shaker educational community and to the profession at large."

Fox was not merely suggesting an honorary designation. He envisioned the program as a way to welcome back those teachers who had a strong desire to continue contributing their time and expertise by volunteering in classrooms, advising younger teachers, consulting with colleagues, or generally applying their knowledge in service to the schools. "The message implied [by the program] would be that Shaker is an educational community that never stops encouraging, recognizing, and rewarding excellence among its staff," Fox wrote.

Freeman embraced the idea of connecting past with present. To bring it to fruition, he appointed a small committee in 2008 to create the program parameters. Together, Steven Fox, retired Fernway principal Donald Coffee, Boulevard principal Colleen Longo, and then-Registrar Glenda Moss crafted the following guidelines:

- Educators may apply after one year of retirement.
- Individuals must have completed at least 20 years of service in education, the last ten or more in the Shaker Schools.
- Selected individuals will have displayed the high level of professionalism that characterizes Shaker educators.
- Individuals must have demonstrated continued involvement with the Shaker Schools.

To date, more than a dozen Shaker retirees can claim Emeritus status, with more candidates applying each year. Each Educator Emeritus is assigned to the building in which he or she worked (although their volunteer service may take them elsewhere in the District), and receives a Shaker e-mail address, business cards, and ID badge to help stay in the loop.

Paving the way as the first Emeriti were Steven Fox and Donald Coffee, both of whom had already found ways to stay involved after retirement. Fox continued to spend time with High School students, primarily by teaching technical writing in Joe Marencik's engineering class. He also spoke to students and teachers



**The idea** for the Educator Emeritus program originated with retired High School English teacher Steven Fox, pictured here in 1985, who envisioned a way to welcome back teachers with a strong desire to contribute their time and expertise by volunteering in classrooms, advising younger teachers, and applying their knowledge in service to the schools. Photo from 1985 Gristmill.



in the Advanced Placement English classes to explain how their AP exams would be scored, transferring valuable knowledge from his vast store of experience. With a record number of 159 AP Scholars last year, it seems that some of that knowledge transfer may still be paying dividends.

Coffee, who served as Fernway principal from 1971 to 1991, remains active as president of the Shaker Heights Retired School Employees' Association. "Shaker is an outstanding school system with a diverse population. The professional nature of the system, and the parents' recognition of the importance of education, is what made me want to stay involved after retirement," he says.

Coffee coordinates a small army of Shaker retirees, some of whom he has recruited to the Emeritus program, to produce a newsletter and plan luncheons for members of the association. "Retired

**Emerita** Janet Houk works on reading skills with a small group of students on a weekly basis. Houk envisions recruiting more retirees to volunteer in a similar capacity.

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## The Ranks of Educator Emeritus

The growing ranks of Educators Emeriti include faculty members from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines. They contribute as volunteers in the classroom, guest speakers, travel chaperones, exam proctors, and more. To date, the list includes:

**Steven Fox**, High School (2009)  
**Donald Coffee**, Fernway (2009)  
**Rosemary Nagy**, Onaway (2010)  
**Barbara Hise**, Woodbury (2010)  
**Joyce Pope**, Boulevard (2010)  
**Olivia (Marianne) Schwartz**, High School (2011)  
**Robert Sylak**, High School (2011)  
**Beth Illes-Johnson**, High School (2011)  
**Donna Brittain**, Mercer (2011)  
**Janet Houk**, Woodbury (2011)  
**Glenda Moss**, Administration (2012)  
**Diane Smith**, High School (2012)  
**Isaac Smith**, High School (2012)

To nominate a retired faculty or staff member for the program, or to request an application, contact Ouimet Smith, Registrar, at [smith\\_o@shaker.org](mailto:smith_o@shaker.org), or 216-295-1400.

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**Retired Fernway** principal Donald Coffee leads efforts to keep retirees connected through a periodic newsletter and social gatherings.

Shaker teachers love to get together and get updates on the schools,” says Coffee. “Recently, we made a conscious effort to make a stronger contribution to the Shaker Schools Foundation as another way to give back.”

Coffee and his wife, Xiao Ying, have also organized a number of trips to China for Shaker retirees, and have enjoyed meeting some of the District’s visiting guest teachers from China who teach Mandarin to Shaker students in grades 1-12.

One of Shaker’s most recent Emeriti, Janet Houk, learned about the program before she retired. “I was fascinated by the idea, and decided that I wanted to stay plugged in and give back.”

Houk began her Shaker teaching career at Moreland School in 1970. She later worked at Lomond School until 1992, and subsequently at Woodbury School, first as a sixth-grade teacher and then as a part-time skills tutor, retiring in 2010.

She didn’t let much grass grow under her feet before jumping back in. “I love kids, and I loved what I was doing, especially with literacy. I requested to work

with a small group of students who were reading below grade level. I see a need for mentors in the system, because I believe that kids are changed one at a time. I know that if I can get them to love reading, it unlocks a whole world for them.”

Woodbury librarian Mary Strouse found the perfect fit for Houk’s talents with the Accelerated Reader program, which is designed to motivate students to become more proficient readers. Strouse connected Houk with three students whom she believed could benefit greatly from Houk’s undivided attention on a weekly basis. Says Houk, “The students definitely look forward to their time with me. I read to them, and they read to me. We set up motivational benchmarks, and when they meet them, we have a small reward, like a pizza lunch together. The students motivate one another, too; there is some friendly competition to meet their goals.”

The results seem to be mutually beneficial. “They are feeling some success, which is important, and enjoying the encouragement and individual attention,” says Houk. “And I love it! I feel so much

better when I walk out of there. I feel like I am making a difference.” Having completed a full school year in this role, Houk now envisions recruiting more retirees to volunteer in a similar capacity. “I would love to see it ripple out. I know there are more people who would like to do what I’m doing.”

Among the ranks of those soon to be inducted is Glenda Moss, who not only helped to shape the program initially, but became its caretaker during her time as registrar for the Shaker Schools. (That duty now falls to her successor, Ouimet Smith.) Says Moss, “I can’t wait to come back in and help out with the kindergarten open houses, and to do anything I can to help new students get settled and busy at school.”

Having worked for 27 years at the High School teaching cooperative business education, and then 10 years as registrar, Moss could not be faulted for taking a well-deserved rest and moving on to a life of leisure. “That’s not for me,” she says. “After giving so much of my life to the schools, I want to be able to say I’m still actively involved in my district.” 🐾



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## Ongoing Activities for Families

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

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

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

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

**SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: Birthday Parties,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Birthday parties are available for children birth-6 years on Saturdays

from 11:30 am-1:30 pm OR 2:30-4:30 pm, and Sundays from 11am-1 pm or 1:30-3:30 pm. The perfect place to hold a birthday party for your young child. Enjoy the private use of the gym with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**MONDAYS: Monday Morning JumpStart, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. A jobs club for those seeking employment moderated by Bonnie Dick, founder of Career Transition Center. Participants gather leads through networking and discuss up-to-date job search techniques, new trends, as well as job fairs and open positions. INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

**MONDAYS: Shaker Monday AA, 8:30-9:30 PM,** CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Support group. INFO: 216-991-3432.

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## JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<b>1</b> Little Italy Art Walk 6/1-3 noon. (p. 65)	<b>2</b> Geocoaching in the Shaker Parklands 10 am, Nature Center. (p. 60)
<b>3</b> Shaker Symphony Orchestra 3:30 pm, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 56)	<b>4</b> Open Mic Shakespeare 7 pm, Market Ave. Wine Bar. (p. 65)	<b>5</b> Civil Rights History in Shaker Heights and Cleveland 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 56)	<b>6</b> Pest Control for Edible Plants 7 pm, Middle School. (p. 56)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> The Gem in Your Backyard Benefit 6 pm, Nature Center. (p. 60)
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 53)	<b>12</b> Poetry in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 58)	<b>13</b> Coffee, Cookies & Conversation 10:15 am, Tubbs Jones Community Building. (p. 58)	<b>14</b> Build Wealth 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 58)  Gene's Jazz Hot 7 pm, Loganberry Books. (p. 58)	<b>15</b> Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight in the Garden Benefit 6 pm. (p. 59)	<b>16</b> Used Sports Equipment Sale 10 am, Thornton Park. (p. 59)  Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival 6/16-17 10 am, Farnsleigh Road. (p. 60)
<b>17</b> 10th Annual DadsDay Run 9 am, Shaker Family Center. (p. 60)  Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour 1 pm. (p. 61)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Shaker Reads: One Community, One Book 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 61)	<b>20</b> Meet Jungle Terry at Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 61)	<b>21</b> Open Bridge Ongoing. 1 pm, Tubbs Jones Com- munity Building. (p. 56)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 56)
<b>24</b> A Most Excellent Race 7:30 am, Beaumont School. (p. 66)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library (p. 53)	<b>27</b> Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 53)	<b>28</b> Campfire Sing-Along 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 62)  Classics Book Club 7 pm, Loganberry Books. (p. 62)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>



# JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>Shaker Heights 1930-1955: Thriving through Adversity Thru 7/17</b> Shaker Historical Society. (p. 62)	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Yoga</b> Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 56)	<b>4</b> <b>Independence Day Fireworks</b> dusk, Shaker Middle School.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Larchmere Festival</b> noon, Larchmere Blvd. (p. 62)
<b>8</b> <b>Pollinators</b> 2 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (p. 62)	<b>9</b> <b>Nighttime Stories at the Colonnade</b> 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 62)	<b>10</b> <b>Survival: A First-Person Account of the Holocaust</b> 7 pm, Main Library. (p. 62)	<b>11</b> <b>Graffiti Art for Teens</b> 6 pm, Main Library. (p. 63)	<b>12</b> <b>Play and Learn Station</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library (p. 53)	<b>13</b> <b>Summertime Family Picnic</b> 6 pm, Nature Center. (p. 60)	<b>14</b> <b>Cleveland Shakespeare Festival</b> 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 63)
<b>15</b> <b>Cain Park Arts Festival 7/13-15</b> 3 pm. (p. 66)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Weight Watchers</b> Ongoing. 5:30 pm, St. Peter's Church. (p. 56)	<b>18</b> <b>Book and Brew</b> 7 pm, Academy Tavern. (p. 63)	<b>19</b> <b>Knit Night</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (p. 63)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Community Meal</b> noon, Christ Episcopal Church. (p. 64)  <b>Summer Jazz &amp; Band Experience Camp</b> 2 pm, Thornton Park. (p. 64)
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Monday Morning JumpStart</b> Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (p. 53)	<b>24</b> <b>Yoga</b> Ongoing. 6:15 pm, Plymouth Church. (p. 56)	<b>25</b> <b>Shaker Heights Community Band</b> 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (p. 64)	<b>26</b> <b>Parent and Child Play Sessions</b> Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (p. 53)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>North Union Farmers Market</b> Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (p. 56)
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Transformative Toastmasters</b> Ongoing. 6:30 pm, Christ Episcopal Church. (p. 56)				

## OUT & ABOUT

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

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: ABLE/GED Classes, 9 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Pre-register for these classes through ABLE at 216-371-7138.

**TUESDAYS: Weight Watchers, 5:30 PM,** ST. PETER'S CHURCH, 18000 VAN AKEN BLVD. Weigh in begins at 5 pm followed by meeting at 5:30 pm. INFO: 800-651-6000.

**TUESDAYS: Yoga, 6:15 PM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Flexible instructor can help you find your karma. \$10/class. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**TUESDAYS: Transformative Toastmasters, 6:30-7:30 PM,** UNITY OF GREATER CLEVELAND IN CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. The club meets every Tuesday. Open to all. INFO: 216-751-1198.

**WEDNESDAYS: 12-Step Program, 8 PM,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Take your first step to recovery here. INFO: 216-921-3510.

**THURSDAYS: Open Bridge, 1-4 PM,** STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon playing bridge. Reservations not required.

**FRIDAYS: Bread Distribution, 10 AM-NOON,** CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Free bread from our neighbor, The Fresh Market, is available to the public. Most bread is 2-3 days old, but still quite good. Some days other products are available. Everything

is first-come-first-served. INFO: 216-991-3432.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON,** SHAKER SQUARE. Sweet and juicy strawberries are now in season and July will yield fresh peaches. In addition to fresh produce the market has a great selection of baked goods, local art, and prepared foods from some of Cleveland's best restaurants and food trucks. Buy fresh and local and enjoy shopping with your neighbors. INFO: 216-751-7656 or northunionfarmersmarket.org.

## Art About Town

Permanent Exhibit: **The Van Sweringen Legacy: Shaker Heights, The Rapid & Terminal Tower,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. The life story of Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen, industrious young men who rose to fame and power in the early 1900s explores their humble beginnings and their legacy of iconic Cleveland landmarks. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**THRU JUNE 29: Shaker Graduates Art,** MAIN LIBRARY. The art of Christina Mearns, Shala Miller, Anupama Suresh, Grant Johnson, Elise Barrington, Ian Bartimole, Shoshana Bieler, Tristan Braman, Mary Fowler, Cecilia Li, Nora O'Connell, and Patrick Zempolich will be on display and for sale through June 29.

**JULY 9-AUGUST 17: Sketches of Hawthorne by Ben Hauser,** MAIN LIBRARY. Nathaniel Hawthorne wrote cautionary tales about man's inherent evil. Artist Ben Hauser offers his artistic interpretation of the famous author.

## Commencements

*We take great pains as parents to learn as our children grow,  
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**JUNE 2:** HAWKEN SCHOOL, 2 PM

**JUNE 5:** LAUREL SCHOOL, 10:30 AM

**JUNE 7:** Shaker Heights High School, 6 PM, OHIO THEATER

**JUNE 8:** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 11 AM

## Events for JUNE

**JUNE 3: Shaker Symphony Orchestra, 3:30 PM,** STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Featured soloist: Luis Coelho on clarinet. Adults: \$10/adults; \$6/students/seniors 60+. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**JUNE 5: Civil Rights History in Shaker Heights and Cleveland, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Shelley Stokes-Hammond will speak on civil rights and the Ludlow Community Association's important role in civil rights history and why it should be added to the National Register's Civil Rights Heritage Trail. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 6: Knit Morning, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Bring a project and work on it with others during this morning session led by experienced knitters, Elfriede Heaney and Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 6: Pest Control for Edible Plants, 7 PM,** SHAKER HEIGHTS MIDDLE SCHOOL, CHOIR ROOM 41. Kurt Belser will talk about ways to keep pests like deer, rabbits, potato beetles, and tomato hornworms from eating



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your plants. Get practical information with an emphasis on organic methods. Come prepared with questions! Registration required at <http://bit.ly/EandEControl>.

**JUNE 7: Reception for Anne Weissman, 6-8 PM,** ANNEX GALLERY, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. The artist's works are on display through June 30. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**JUNE 9: Meet American Girl Doll Molly, 2:30-4 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Children can discover what life was like in Molly's era of 1944. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JUNE 11-15: Bee the Buzz! Adventure Camp, 10 AM-NOON,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Children in grades 2-4 can explore the wonders of the honeybee at this interactive camp. Hands-on lessons, games, crafts, exploration of a working beehive, and investigation of antique and modern beekeeping artifacts add to the fun. Class size is limited (with optional Lunch Bunch from 12-12:30 pm). \$60/Full Session or \$15/morning. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR [shakerhistory.org](http://shakerhistory.org).

**JUNE 12: Book Buzz, 10 AM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Paris Wife*, a vivid portrait of Hadley Richardson, the complex woman behind the legendary Ernest Hemingway, by local author Paula McLain. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 12: Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Nowhere to Run* by C.J. Box and discuss whodunit. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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**JUNE 12: Poetry in the Woods, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Enjoy original poetry read by regional poets. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JUNE 12: Dream Interpretation, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Meet medium/clairvoyant, lecturer, spiritual coach, herbalist, and interfaith minister Marianne Goldweber, who will talk about how to interpret dreams. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 13: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation, 10:15 AM,** STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. The High Notes will perform the day before Flag Day in honor of our veterans. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**JUNE 13-15: Used Sports Equipment Donation Days, 4:30-**

**7 PM,** THORNTON PARK. Got a basement filled with figure skates, bicycles, or barbells? Be a sport and donate your unused athletic equipment and help the Shaker Youth Center stay in good fiscal shape. All donations are tax deductible. INFO: 216-752-9292.

**JUNE 13: How to Eat Around the World, 6-7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Teens can sample foods from around the world. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 14: Read to King, 10 AM-NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read to a certified therapy dog and earn summer reading credits. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 14: Making Positive First Impressions, 1-3 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Get tips on the little, and big, things that determine how you will be

perceived and how that perception can influence your success in a job search. INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

**JUNE 14: Build Wealth, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Robert Houston from Wealth Education Collaboration and Opportunity Fund, Inc. (WECO) will speak about building wealth to help make your dreams come true. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 14: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Local jazz band performs in the Lit Arts room. Bassist and singer Gene Epstein is a popular Cleveland area string bassist and band leader. Guitarist and singer Seth Rosen has rock-steady rhythm and deliciously colorful harmonies. Clarinetist and singer Bill Kenney is a virtuosic per-

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former with an irrepressible sense of fun and is an eminent historian with several jazz history books currently in print. Jazz violinist Reed Simon is a much-welcomed new addition to the group. Free cookies; donations for the band gratefully accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**JUNE 15: Delayed Library Opening.** Shaker libraries delay opening until 10:30 am for staff training.

**JUNE 15: Shaker Arts Council Board Meeting, 7 PM,** STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG.

**JUNE 15: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight in the Garden Benefit, 6-10 PM.** Enjoy a light dinner buffet, wine, specialty beers and beverages, live musical entertainment, valet parking, raise-the-paddle benefit, and more at a private Shaker Heights residence. Proceeds benefit The Shaker Historical Society. Tickets: \$150/person, includes Garden Tour ticket. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR shakerhistory.org.

**JUNE 16: Used Sports Equipment Sale, 10 AM-5 PM,** THORNTON PARK. Shaker Youth Center fundraiser helps to beat the high cost of equipping your big or little sport. INFO: 216-752-9292.

**JUNE 16: Community Meal, NOON,** CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Enjoy a deliciously prepared meal in an atmosphere of friendship, community, and dignity. All are welcome and the meal is free. INFO: 216-991-3432.

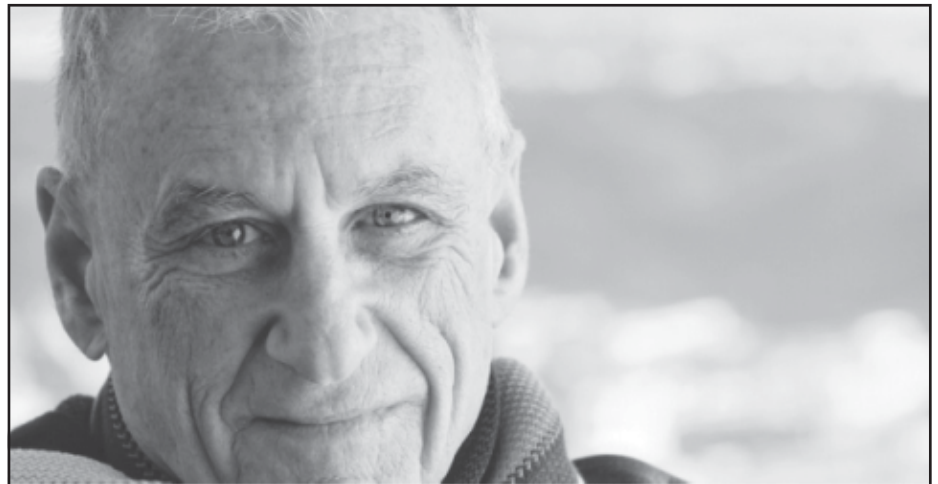


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**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days, 2267 LEE ROAD.** The Stone Oven donates a portion of their lunch proceeds to the Nature Center.

**THRU JUNE 29: Art on VIEW: Embroidery by Eugenia Vainburg.**

**JUNE 2: Geocaching in the Shaker Parklands, 10 AM-NOON.** Join us for a real world treasure hunt using GPS devices. Learn how to use the devices, navigate to specific GPS coordinates, and try to find the hidden geocache. Bring your own GPS device or use one from the Nature Center. \$5/person.

**JUNE 9: The Gem in Your Backyard Benefit, 6-11:30 PM.** Come for a dazzling evening of food, friends, music, and laughter under the stars. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner by Marigold Catering. Live music and dancing. Look for event updates at shakerlakes.org.

**JUNE 12: Babes in Nature: Warming Up to Summer, 10-10:45 AM.** Explore the scents, textures, and sights of the summer at a naturalist-led program for adults and children to share nature together. For ages 2 months to 2 years with a caregiver. Fee per stroller: \$5 per stroller/members, \$7 per stroller/non-members.

**JUNE 14 & JULY 12: Summer Breeding Bird Walk, 7-9 PM.** Meet in the Nature Center parking lot the second Thursday of each month. Free.

**JUNE 18-AUGUST 16: Outdoor Adventure Camps.** Experience and observation are the primary tools by which we teach, empower, and encourage students of all ages to explore and learn about the natural world. Seasonal camp staff includes school teachers and trained naturalists who are CPR and first aid certified to insure your child's safety.

**JUNE 21 & JULY 19: Tales n' Trails: Summer Solstice Adventures, 2-3:30 PM.** This program is designed for nature lovers over the age of 55 to highlight the wonders of nature. Programs are presented on the Nature Center trails as weather permits, or indoors in inclement weather. \$2/person.

**JUNE 23 AND JULY 28: Stewardship Saturday, 9 AM-NOON.** Interested in land stewardship? Join a new monthly volunteer program and help with invasive plant removal in the marsh and other habitats, native planting, and seed collection. Dress for the weather and wear water-proof boots if you have them. Tools, snacks, and coffee provided. Bring a water bottle. Register by calling Brandon Henneman at ext. 237.

**JULY 13: Summertime Family Picnic, 6-8 PM.** Bring your family, a picnic basket, a blanket, and camp chairs for some old-fashioned summertime fun. We'll provide the location, lemonade, and some treats. Enjoy games, scavenger hunts, a special performance by Foster Brown, and more! \$5/person, \$25 family maximum for up to six people. Rain or shine.

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**JUNE 16 & 17: Shaker Heights Arts & Music Festival,** Saturday 10 AM-10 PM, Sunday 11 AM-5 PM, FARNSLEIGH ROAD BETWEEN WARRENSVILLE AND VAN AKEN. Fine, fun and fabulous arts and crafts from the Ohio Designer Craftsmen juried show. Listen and dance to the music provided by the Shaker Arts Council and enjoy food from local restaurants. Craft show ends at 8 pm Saturday. Food and music continue. INFO: 216-491-1400.



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**JUNE 17: 10th Annual DadsDay Run, 9 AM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER.** Race day registration and check-in begin at 7:30 am. Races are for everyone, and runners, walkers, and strollers are encouraged to join. All participants receive a commemorative T-shirt. Awards are given to top finishers. In honor of Father's Day, everyone receives a "tie" when crossing the finish line. Free Kidsprint for ages 3-12, and food and refreshments are available after the race. Registration required. Entry fees: \$20/adults pre-registered by June 14, \$25/adult on race day, \$15/children ages 12 and under. Entry forms are available at Family Connections in Shaker Heights or 2843 Washington Blvd. in Cleveland Heights. Or register online at familyconnections1.org. INFO: 216-921-2023.



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**JUNE 17: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour, 1-5 PM.** Ninth annual gracious garden tour to benefit the Shaker Historical Society. Enjoy a connoisseur's collection of creatively designed, and meticulously maintained gardens that are sure to provide inspiration. Tickets: \$20/in advance, \$25/day of tour. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR shakerhistory.org.

**JUNE 18: Pajama Stories, 7:15 PM,** BERTRAN WOODS BRANCH. Take them for stories then tuck them in bed. Summer evening story time for children ages 3 and older. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JUNE 19: Shaker Reads: OneCommunity, One Book, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Celebrate the City's Centennial and join in the community-wide reading promotion. Read and discuss the book *Home Town* by Tracy Kidder, a story about a community and how it can engender a sense of place. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JUNE 20: Meet Jungle Terry at Night, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Learn about some amazing nocturnal animals when Jungle Terry visits the Library. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JUNE 21: Dream Big: Sleep Surrender, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Dr. Shyam Subramanian, director, Clinical Sleep Operations at University Hospitals of Cleveland, Inc. will discuss insomnia and its causes. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 21: Knit Night, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring a project and get or give help at this creative evening led by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 21: Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS) Show & Tell, 7 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. What's on your summer reading list? Now's the time to share your interesting, unusual, and otherwise noteworthy reads with other bibliophiles. Anything goes. Bring treasured tomes and tell us about them, or bring odd curiosities and let group members tell you what they think. There's always something to learn and great books to discuss. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**JUNE 25: Monday Morning Jobs Club, 11 AM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Improve your interviewing skills with Katherine Burik, The Interview Doctor, when she presents "Tell Me About Yourself." INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

**JUNE 26: Exterior Painting & Historic Color, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Does the thought of painting your house make you blue? Cleveland Restoration Society staff will review historic color schemes and provide tips on how to choose and place appropriate colors for your older home. This occasional lecture series is cosponsored by the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission and the Library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 26: Book Discussion, 7:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss the book *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet* by Jamie Ford. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 27: European-style Cake Decorating for Teens, 6-7:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Learn the fine art of cake decorating from the professional bakers at Lucy's Sweet Surrender and take home your tasty creation to eat or share. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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**JUNE 28: Results-Oriented Resumes Workshop, 1-3 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Learn how to sell yourself. Competition is tough and employers are swamped with resumes for each position they post. This workshop will teach you what will catch an employer's attention and make him want to interview you. INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

**JUNE 28: Campfire Sing-Along, 7-8 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Enjoy a fun summer evening singing around a campfire. Lyrics, chords, and S'mores provided. Bring a blanket or folding chair. If it rains, the program will be held in Main Library Meeting Room B. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 28: Classics Book Club, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Christine Borne, a 2012 Creative Workforce Fellow in Literature, is your guide to those timeless books that almost were on your high school and college reading lists. Be reunited with an old friend (or foe) or finally get acquainted with an old title. We guarantee a spirited discussion! For current selection, please call 216-795-9800 or visit [loganberrybooks.com/classics.html](http://loganberrybooks.com/classics.html).

**JUNE 30: eReader Instruction, 3-4:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** An interactive, hands-on class on how to use an eReader or tablet to download eBooks. Please bring your device. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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## Events for JULY

**THRU JULY 17: Shaker Heights 1930-1955: Thriving through Adversity, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** The second rotating exhibit in the Centennial Year series covers 1930-1955 in Shaker Heights. In 1935, 152 homes at a median cost of \$10,500 were built; World War II united the community in creating Victory Gardens in support of servicemen; Gruber's Restaurant opened in 1952 and became the gathering spot for athletes. FEES & INFO: 216-921-1201.

**JULY 4: Independence Day.** City offices and libraries closed. Fireworks blast off at dusk from Shaker Middle School. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and watch fiery figures and playful pyrotechnics in celebration of the Fourth of July!

**JULY 5: Gallery-Opening Reception for Eugenia Vainberg, 6-8 PM, ANNEX GALLERY, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** The exhibit continues through July 31. INFO: 216-798-9500.

**JULY 7: Read to King, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.** Read to a certified therapy dog and earn summer reading credits. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JULY 7: Larchmere Festival, NOON-4 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD.** Streetwide celebration of arts, music, and community, featuring live entertainment, children's activities, sidewalk sales, antiques, and sidewalk bargains galore, including Loganberry Books' Author Alley that celebrates local

literati with a gathering, display, and book sale. All local authors are eligible, from self-published to national blockbusters. INFO: [larchmere.com/events.html](http://larchmere.com/events.html).

**JULY 8: Pollinators, 2 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** This family-oriented garden walk-and-talk features bees and butterflies. What magic do they perform that turns flowers into vegetables? Where do butterflies go in the winter? How do bees make honey? What can you do to encourage pollinators to perform their magic in your garden? Free. Registration required at <http://bit.ly/EandEPollinators>. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**JULY 9: Nighttime Stories at the Colonnade, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Storytelling, songs, and silliness for the whole family, and a cool snack too! Bring your blanket or folding chair and we will provide the entertainment. If it rains the program will be held inside the Community Building. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JULY 10: Book Buzz, 10 AM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Read the National Book award-winner, *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann, and discuss it with others. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JULY 10: Survival: A First-Person Account of the Holocaust, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Betty Gold, Holocaust survivor, speaks of her family's struggle and survival during the Nazi occupation of Trochenbrod, Poland. This special program is offered at the Friends of the Shaker Library Annual Meeting. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JULY 11: Senior Bingo with Teens Learning to Connect, 9 AM-3 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG.** Free pizza, bingo, and prizes.



INFO: 216-491-2583.

**JULY 11: Graffiti Art for Teens, 6-7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Learn to draw eye-popping graffiti letters from a professional artist from Progressive Arts Alliance. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JULY 12: Improving Interviewing Skills, 1-3 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Preparation is the essential ingredient for a successful job interview. Learn how to discover what an employer needs so that your answers will differentiate you from other candidates. INFO: 216-991-2030 EX 3011.

**JULY 14: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** "O, how wretched is that poor man that hangs on princes' favours!" CSF presents Henry VIII directed by David Hansen. Free. In the event

of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**JULY 15: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** "All the world's a stage..." when CSF brings Shakespeare's As You Like It to the outdoor stage. Directed by Dana Hart. Free. In the event of inclement weather, events are held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. INFO: 216-491-1360.

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**JULY 21: Community Meal, NOON**, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. Enjoy a deliciously prepared meal in an atmosphere of friendship, community, and dignity. All are welcome and the meal is free. INFO: 216-991-3432.

**JULY 21: Summer Jazz and Band Experience Camp, 2 PM**, THORNTON PARK POOL. Enjoy jazz by the pool. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be cancelled. INFO: 216-491-1360.

**JULY 21: Meet American Girl Doll Julie, 2:30-4 PM**, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Children can discover what life was like in Julie's era of 1974. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**JULY 23: Monday Morning Jobs Club, 11 AM**, MAIN LIBRARY. The monthly group welcomes Ken Haseley, who will speak on "How Science Can Help You Improve Your Ability to Persuade." Free. INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

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**JULY 25: Shaker Heights Community Band, 7 PM**, COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy summer music al fresco played by a band of neighborhood musicians. Free. In the event of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. INFO: 216-491-1360.



**JULY 26: Job Applications that Get Noticed, 10 AM-NOON**, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn how to tackle questions on an employment application to ensure yours will be read. INFO: 216-991-2030 EXT. 3011.

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**JUNE 3: Race for the Place**, BEACHWOOD PLACE, 26300 CEDAR RD, BEACHWOOD. 5-K or 1-mile race to benefit The Gathering Place. 5K: \$30/adult, \$18/teens ages 13-17, \$13/youth ages 6-12; 1 Mile: \$25/

adult, \$15/teen ages 13-17, \$10/youth ages 6-12. INFO: 216-595-9546 OR touchedbycancer.org/support-us/racefortheplace/

**JUNE 3: Western Reserve Chorale 20th Anniversary Celebration, 7 PM**, GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 13001 CEDAR RD. Psalms, poetry, and prose with guest director David Gilson. Works by Vaughan-Williams, Thompson, Parker & Shaw, Durufle, Sweelinck, and others. Free with reception to follow. INFO: 216-791-0061 OR westernreservechorale.org.

**JUNE 4: Open Mic Shakespeare, 7 PM**, MARKET AVENUE WINE BAR, 2526 MARKET AVE. "Would you have me False to my nature? Rather say I play the man I am." Come read a part from Shakespeare's martial tragedy, Coriolanus, or just listen and enjoy

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**JUNE 9: Parade the Circle, NOON,** WADE OVAL AT UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Cleveland Museum of Art's signature event! This year's theme is "Branches Become Roots Cycles: Coming Back/Going Forward." Individuals, families, schools, neighborhood groups, and community organizations can participate by creating a parade entry on their own or at Cleveland Museum of Art workshops. Parade guidelines must be followed. The parade theme is optional. Join the parade for a fee of \$6 per person. Circle Village is open from 11 am- 4 pm. Rain or shine. INFO: NAN EISENBERG, 216-707-2483 OR E-MAIL [commartsinfo@clevelandart.org](mailto:commartsinfo@clevelandart.org).


**JUNE 13: Jewish Songwriters United: The Impact of the Immigrant Experience with Bill Rudman, 7 PM,** MALTZ MUSEUM, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Join Cleveland favorite Bill Rudman, director of The Musical Theater Project and host of the nationally syndicated radio program Footlight Parade: Sounds of the American Musical, as he explores Jewish songwriters from Irving Berlin to Stephen Sondheim, who have made American musi-

cal theater so memorable. \$14/\$12 Museum Members at the door. INFO: 216-593-0575.

**JUNE 15: Avenue Q, 7 PM,** ALMA THEATRE, CAIN PARK. This Tony-award winning show is not your usual puppet production. Think Sesame Street with attitude and don't bring the kiddies. Tickets: \$22-24. Show runs through June. INFO: 216-371-3000.

**JUNE 24: A Most Excellent Race, 7:30 AM,** BEAUMONT SCHOOL, 3301 NORTH PARK BLVD. 10K & 5K Run/Walk to benefit the Achievement Centers for Children's Camp Cheerful. Race begins at 9 am. \$20/pre-registration by June 20, \$25/race day registration. Earn a race T-shirt, post-race snacks and beverages, and enjoy family-friendly activities. INFO: 216-292-9700 EXT. 226 OR [achievementcenters.org/race/](http://achievementcenters.org/race/)

**JULY 13-15: Cain Park Arts Festival, 3-8 PM,** SUPERIOR & LEE. A juried fine arts and crafts event, featuring the work of more than 150 artists. Saturday: 10 am-8 pm, Sunday: noon-5 pm. \$5/person, 12 & under free. INFO: 216-291-3669.

**JULY 18: Live Music – American Dreamers: Jewish Songwriters/American Songs, 7 PM,** MALTZ MUSEUM, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Go back in time to the radio days of the 1940s, when Jewish songwriters dominated the airways, film, and Broadway stage with the music of the greatest generation. Your favorite tunes from the Great American Songbook come alive again with performances by four members of the Cleveland TOPS Swingband with Ron Davis on vocals. \$14/\$12 Museum Members at the door. INFO: 216-593-0575. 



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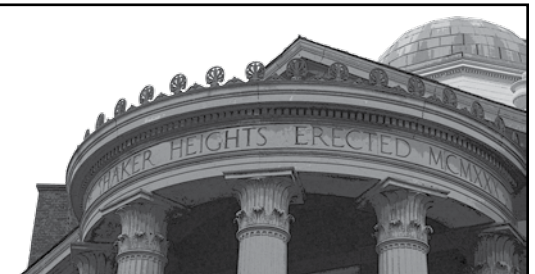
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# The Wild Side

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

Our orderly streets and homes are a far cry from settler Daniel Warren's wilderness of old-growth forest, or the North Union Shakers' fertile fields and productive mills. But traces of the forest primeval can still be found in the variety of wildlife with whom we share our habitat:

**Lost Tribe?** While driving on Van Aken, my neighbor recently spotted eleven (!) deer strolling along the Rapid tracks down toward Shaker Square. He tried to snap a photo of this amazing sight, but unfortunately, he dropped his phone, which was promptly run over, thus demonstrating the destructive potential of these wild beasts.

When denizens of the Farther East used to complain of deer chomping their prized shrubs and flowers, I would smugly quip, "Well, they were there first. Everyone's gotta eat." Much to my chagrin, my own yard has now become a Bambi buffet, frequented by a nuclear family of famished four-legged fiends who like to hang out in the wooded portion of my lot. Squatters!

**I "otter" know better.** On my morning walk through Southerly Park, I noticed something big and dark swimming around in Doan Brook. "Oh no! Have the Asian carp made it this far east?" I wondered. Then the thing climbed out of the stream onto a rock, shaking the water off its long, sleek body. Had I seen a river otter in my very own neighborhood? How exciting that the brook could support such a species! I considered this an

excellent omen.

When I reported my sighting to my family at dinner, they mocked me.

"It was probably a released ferret," my husband sniffed.

"Are you sure it wasn't a squirrel?" one son asked.

"Or a really big rat?" sneered the other.

(This is the same crew who unjustly accused me of being unable to tell the difference between a black-and-white cat and a skunk. Granted, I once did mistake cows for sheep on a country drive, but that's another story.)

Eager to vindicate my creature cred, I called naturalist Raja Roa of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, who surmised that I had probably seen a mink, which, unlike otters, do live around here, and not just in rich ladies' closets.

**Squirrel Tax?** Everyone in Shaker has a wicked squirrel story. I once watched a psycho squirrel systematically bite and cast aside each tender magnolia bud on my little tree, until I chased it away in a frenzy. I read that predator urine would deter these pests, but I couldn't get any predators or small humans to help me out.

Squirrels were also a great menace to Northeast Ohio pioneers. As the nut-bearing forests were cleared for farmland, the bushy-tailed rodents often devastated fruit and grain crops. Thus in 1807, each male settler was required by law to present 100 squirrel scalps to the Warrensville Township office annually, or face a

fine of three cents for each scalp his quota lacked. Perhaps Mayor Leiken will consider reinstating this pelt tax as a budget-balancing option.

**Critter Crib.** Shaker is known for its stately duplexes, including the ones under neighborhood porches. Foxes, skunks, bunnies, possums, and even groundhogs cannot resist the shade, tranquility, and country charm of a latticed lair. Especially when a free garden vegetable buffet lies just steps from the door. Tip: Grow dandelions as a bunny decoy.

**Snakes.** I never realized how many snakes slither around in our yards until we got a cat who liked to catch them. Did you know that rattlers once plagued this area? Now they've gone the way of the bears and the 8-Track.

**Birds.** There's lots of 'em. They are outnumbered only by another Shaker native species, known as "Birders." But the rarest bird of all is known as the...

**Brony.** The population of this animal is increasing in Shaker, as adolescent and adult males become fans of the animated series "My Little Pony." A brony (i.e. "bro" + "pony") may be recognized by his "action figures" (plastic ponies), "plush toys" (dolls), and distinctive call, "Friendship is Magic!" There may be one in your living room right now, but don't be alarmed. They are gentle creatures. With proper feeding and attention, they may even be trained to throw their clothing down the chute. 🦄



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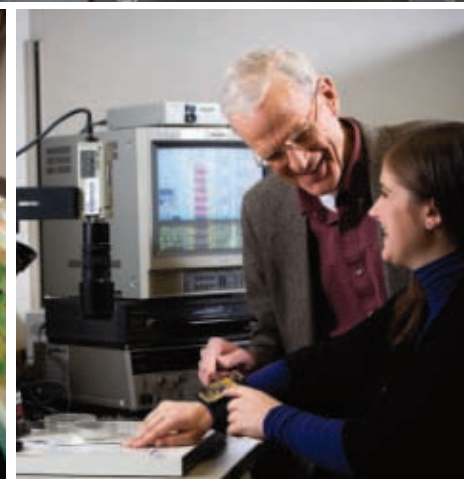




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