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- 9-1-1 simulator
- Poison control information and fire safety tips
- Giveaways and raffle prizes

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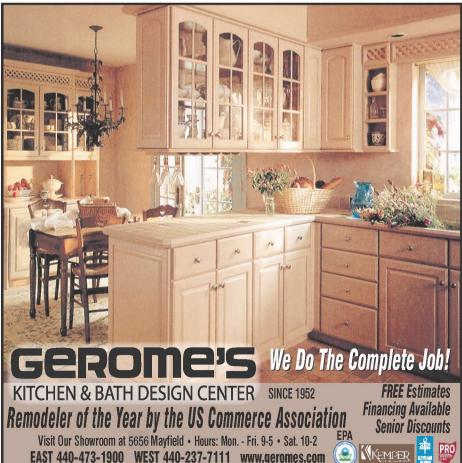
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#### We regret the omission...

...of Edward Frierson's name from the winners credits in our August/September issue. He is the photographer who won the grand prize in the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission's Preservation Month Photo Contest

#### Sound the Alarm! Fire Department Open House October 5

Don't miss the Shaker Heights Fire Department Open House on Saturday, October 5 from 1-3 pm. Help kick off Fire Prevention Week by getting a behind-the-scenes peek at the life of a firefighter. Enjoy refreshments, Safe Kids Coalition activities, station and fire truck tours, and visit the mobile fire safety house. Take advantage of the Health Department's flu shot clinic and health screenings offered by University Hospitals Ahuja Medical Center. Bring the whole family, and have fun while learning to be safe.

#### Shaker Arts Council's AHa! Season begins October 11

The 2013-2014 At Home with the Arts (AHa!) season kicks off Friday, October 11, with "Serate Musicali," a program of vocal selections from the classical Italian repertoire performed by Cleveland-area artists Diane Menges, soprano, and Jennifer Woda, mezzo soprano. The performance will take place in a memorable Shaker Heights home.

"AHa! Performances have a special quality that makes them unique experiences for audiences," says Shaker Arts Council President Leslye Arian. "There's an interaction between the artist and the audience that's different from the club experience or a venue like a bar," she says. "It's more intimate."

The event begins at 7 pm with a reception; the performance follows at 8 pm. Tickets are \$30. Subscriptions for the entire series are \$90. For more information on the AHa! season, visit shakerartscouncil org or call 216-916-9360.

#### Vote! Vote! November 5

Voters go to the polls on Tuesday, November

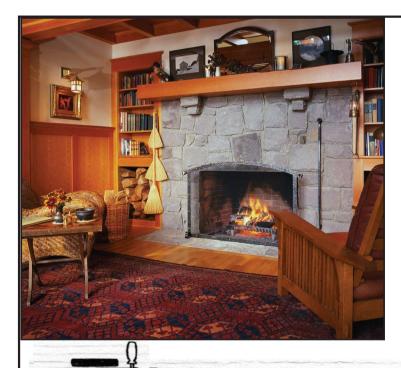
5 to cast ballots for members of City Council and the Board of Education. Both elections are for four-year terms.

As a reminder, voters will not automatically receive a Vote by Mail ballot application. All registered voters may Vote by Mail in the election, but voters must request, complete, and return their ballot application to Vote by Mail. Applications are available at the Board of Elections website, boe cuyahogacounty.us, by calling the Board of Elections at 216-443-3298, or by visiting the Board at 2925 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland. Ballot applications are also available at the public libraries. Voters should check their voting and poll information prior to each election by visiting the website or calling the BOE using the contact information above.

A list of candidates follows. Incumbents are noted with an asterisk:

**City Council** (3 seats available)
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# READY to ROLL in Shaker Your Guide to Bike Improvements

Over the summer, the City implemented the first phase of road markings and signs for the in-road bike network to supplement the off-road bike trails already in place.

The new bicycle road markings and signs will create safer streets for cyclists, and signal that motorists and cyclists share the road.





This sign is used on roadways where no bike lanes are present and where travel lanes are too narrow for bicyclists and motor vehicles to operate side by side. It may also be used in locations where it is important to inform road users that bicyclists might occupy the travel lane.



Bicycle Boulevard Signs (Avalon and Attleboro Rds.)

The purpose of a bicycle boulevard is to provide bicyclists, especially those who are not comfortable riding on busy streets, a safe and more relaxing place to ride where there is less car traffic. The bicycle boulevard signs will mark a north-south route through the City as a more family-friendly alternative to biking on Lee or Warrensville Center roads.



Sharrow Markings (S. Woodland Rd. and S. Park Blvd.)

#### A sharrow (a word combining "share"

+ "arrow") is a shared lane marking that indicates both cars and bikes may use the roadway, and also helps safely position cyclists in the lane. It is used on roads that are not wide enough to accommodate a bike lane. **Sharrows** are used in conjunction with Share the Road signs.

## Bike Shaker: Come along for the ride!

Bike Shaker, a program sponsored by the Shaker Historical Society, encourages cycling in Shaker Heights by educating residents and visitors about the benefits of riding and improving infrastructure. The group meets several times a year to discuss ways to support the City's efforts to make Shaker a bike friendly haven, and to initiate projects of their own to achieve this goal. Interested in becoming part of the movement?

Join Bike Shaker on Facebook or contact program coordinator Rick Smith at ricksmithworking@gmail. com to receive email updates.

## **How Sharrows Work**

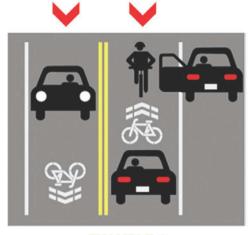
Under Ohio law, bicycles have the same rights and responsibilities as cars. Sharrow symbols are painted on the road to remind drivers and cyclists to share the road.

#### **BIKE MAY USE FULL LANE**



**EXAMPLE 1**A cyclist may take the full lane if there is no room for a car to safely pass.

#### **BIKE MAY USE FULL LANE**



**EXAMPLE 2**A cyclist may take the full lane when passing parked cars in order to avoid open doors.

# What do sharrows mean for bicyclists?

**Sharrows** assist bicyclists with positioning on a shared roadway. **Sharrows** are also meant to remind bicyclists to share the road with motorists. Sharing the road means bicyclists should:

- Ride a bicycle predictably
- Follow the rules of the road
- Watch for motorists when making lane changes and turns
- Ride in the same direction of car travel at all times

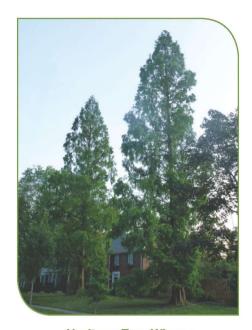
# What do sharrows mean for motorists?

**Sharrows** alert motorists to the location a bicyclist may occupy within the road. **Sharrows** also remind motorists to share the road with bicyclists. Sharing the road means motorists should:

- Drive a vehicle predictably
- Follow the rules of the road
- Provide as much space as possible when passing a bicyclist (change lanes if possible)
- Watch for bicyclists when making lane changes and turns
- When parked, check for bicyclists before opening car door
- Be respectful of both bicyclists and pedestrians



Motorists should also be aware that bicyclists are vulnerable to different hazards than drivers (e.g. minor pot holes and debris). Give them space to maneuver. Even where there are no sharrows or bike lanes, motorists should always share the road.



#### City Hosts Y.O.U. Interns

The City of Shaker Heights provided jobs for six interns this summer in various departments. The teens were part of the Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.)/ MyCom summer jobs program. Y.O.U. is a Cuyahoga County workforce development program connecting youth ages 14-19 to summer jobs. Teens are placed at work sites throughout the county and are paid the minimum wage of \$7.85 an hour by Y.O.U. All six interns attend Shaker Heights High School. The City gratefully acknowledges the hard work of Kayla Bell, Taylar Bell, Nazhary Jackson, Zakiya Ladner, Mark Seymore, and Diameisha Willingham.

### Business NEWS

#### BioMotiv Joins Tower East; Secures \$46 Million

City Council approved a \$70,000 Vision Fund loan to facilitate BioMotiv's move into a long-vacant space in the Tower East building on Chagrin Boulevard. The loan is forgivable provided the company meets specified employment and income targets.

BioMotiv is the mission-driven, for-profit accelerator company associated with the \$250-million Harrington Project for Discovery & Development, a national initiative anchored at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland. The company is working on breakthrough discoveries from research firms across the country. The four-member BioMotiv team formerly worked out of space in the University Hospitals Management Services Center on Warrensville Center Road.

#### Heritage Tree Winner

A pair of dawn redwood trees at 3638 Townley Road are the winners of the 2013 Heritage Tree Award. The home is owned by Christopher Levandowsky and Kelly Evans. The trees were nominated for their unusual size and condition, measuring 35" in diameter and standing over 70' tall. Trees like these grace our streets and beautify our community for decades through regular maintenance and care. As a reminder, the City asks all residents to reduce tree damage by keeping leaf piles away from trees.



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The company's founder is Shaker resident Baiju Shah, who served at the helm of BioEnterprise from 2004 to 2012, assisting 110 bioscience companies in Cleveland that amassed \$1.3 billion in new funding.

BioMotiv has secured \$46 million from its founding investors, University Hospitals of Cleveland, and the Harrington Family, as well as Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and several individual investors. It expects to grow to around 20 full-time equivalent employees over the next five years, potentially adding more than \$200,000 to the City's income tax base.

The company signed a 10-year lease and will use the Vision Fund loan to build out the space. Rosemont, the owner of Tower East, is investing an additional \$110,000 in improvements plus six months of free rent, which provided the company with \$40,000 to furnish the offices.

Says City Economic Development Director Tania Menesse, "Mr. Shah's desire to locate his offices to the lobby level of Tower East will signal to the marketplace that one of the leaders of the biotech movement in Cleveland believes in the transformation of the Warrensville-Van Aken intersection into a mixed-use, walkable district."

#### Vision Fund: Early Return on Investment

Based on the quick repayment of Vision Fund forgivable loans, Shaker businesses are doing well. Two of seven loans have been repaid in just one year; a third is on track for repayment within 18 months of loan origination. The Vision Fund's purpose is to make it financially feasible for businesses to expand or locate their offices in Shaker Heights.

Here's how it works: The Vision Fund provides an upfront cash infusion to established businesses meeting certain industry and financial criteria. The loan can be used for tenant improvements and equipment purchases. In exchange, the company agrees to work toward income tax targets to ensure that the City realizes a return on its investment within three to five years.

In August 2011, Monarch Teaching

Technologies (MTT) negotiated a favorable lease with Tower East, but as a second stage technology company, the necessary tenant improvements to the space were a stretch. To make the move feasible, the City approved a \$13,000 Vision Fund loan to fill the gap and MTT went forward with the move. The company is projected to grow from nine to 34 employees, and increase its payroll from \$720,000 to \$2,700,000. Economic Development Director Tania Menesse reports that the loan has been repaid through increased income tax revenue in just one year.

In January 2012, Tempay was pursuing a 40 percent expansion of its office space in Tower East and preparing to sign a seven-year lease. The expansion meant moving to a new floor and taking on significant high tech improvements to accommodate their business needs. With a \$24,000 Vision Fund loan to offset the cost of improvements, the company was able to move forward with their expansion. Tempay's average payroll of \$1.8 million translates to annual income tax





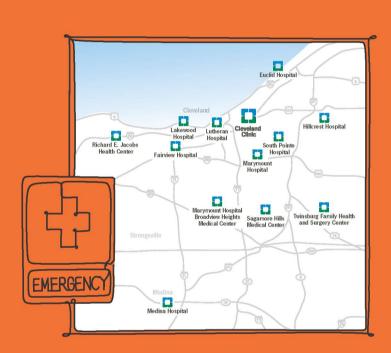
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of \$31,000 or \$217,000 over seven years. Again, in just one year, increased income tax revenue repaid the loan.

To date, seven Vision Fund loans have been made, including the most recent to BioMotiv. The quick pace of repayment through increased tax revenue is a sign of the health of Shaker's businesses. Each business that received a loan was considering office space in a neighboring city. The Vision Fund loan helped seal the deal enabling them to remain and grow in Shaker Heights.



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#### New Owner Improves Shaker Towne Centre

Katz Properties, the new owner of the Shaker Towne Centre shopping mall, has already made good on promises to bring enhanced curb appeal and safety features to the shopping center.

Improvements to date include brighter and more efficient lighting, freshly painted storefronts and decorative window details, and resurfacing and striping of the parking lot. A new sweeping contractor was hired to keep the center clean of litter seven days a week, and installation of a new roof is planned for the fall.

To ensure a safe shopping experience, Winslow Property Management, which manages the property for Katz, installed several security cameras and moved the security office to a more central location. A full-time security officer monitors the center on foot.

Says Property Manager Rhonda Moore, "We are looking forward to our management at Shaker Towne Centre. We want the community to know we are there to serve them and to make sure they enjoy their shopping experience and want to come back."



Version I of Shop Shaker, a web application from the City of Shaker Heights, is live and ready to use. The app makes it easier to find and support Shaker businesses. Here is how it works:

- 1. Visit shop-shaker.com on a desktop, tablet, or smart phone
- 2. Click "Start" to view the categories
- 3. Browse the categories and sub categories to find what you are looking for
- 4. Support local businesses

It's that easy. And, if you are using an iPhone or Android you can add a bookmark right to your home screen.

#### For iPhone:

Click on the actions button at the top or bottom of Safari and select "Add to Home Screen."

#### For Android:

Bookmark the page you want to add to a home screen. Open the browser "Book-

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marks" screen. Long-press the bookmark you want and select "Add to Home Screen."

As we said, this is version 1. We plan to keep improving it. But to do that, we need your help. If you have feedback, please share it with us by sending a message to contact@shop-shaker.com.

Happy (Shaker) Shopping.



#### sweet melissa to Open in Shaker

Welcome to town, sweet melissa! Owner Matthew Ullom brings his beloved West Side restaurant to the former North Park Grille location in Fairmount Circle. "Simply stated, we are all about the best possible food. We use the absolute freshest, healthiest ingredients we can find. We shop organic when we can, and we shop local when we can," states their website. It is just the kind of place Shaker residents have been asking for, and now can enjoy. The restaurant offers a full, sit-down brunch, lunch, and dinner, and a coffee station for customers looking for a convenient to-go option. The menu includes a range of vegetarian and vegan options and of course, delicious desserts.

#### Studio Bella Opens on Chagrin Boulevard

Pam Bellamy, a professional stylist with more than 10 years of experience, has opened **Studio Bella** at 16720 Chagrin Boulevard next to Shaker Imports. Bellamy formerly worked as a stylist at Geno's Salon in Shaker Heights. She completely renovated the 2,500-square foot space formerly occupied by the African Braid Shop.

Studio Bella offers all phases of hair care, waxing, eyelash enhancement, and manicure and pedicure services. The salon is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm by appointment, and walk-ins are also welcome. Bellamy employs four additional stylists and a nail tech, and hopes to add more in the near future.

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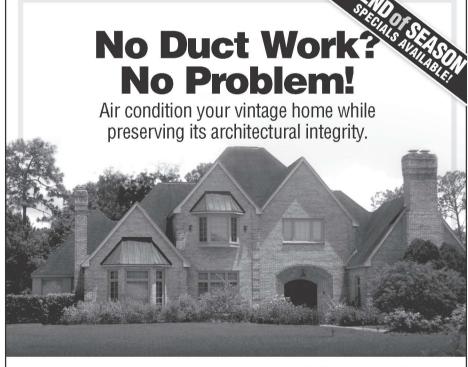
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### VAN AKEN ON TRACK

We are continuing to move toward a new Van Aken district. Small, but significant steps are being taken.

#### The Vision:

After years of baffling and frustrating drivers, the Van Aken intersection is changing. This district has the potential to transform the future of Shaker Heights. A vibrant transit-oriented downtown filled with shops, restaurants, homes, offices and green space promises a wide range of experiences - day or night. We support a thriving, sustainable vision for our city, one in which all can work, live and play.

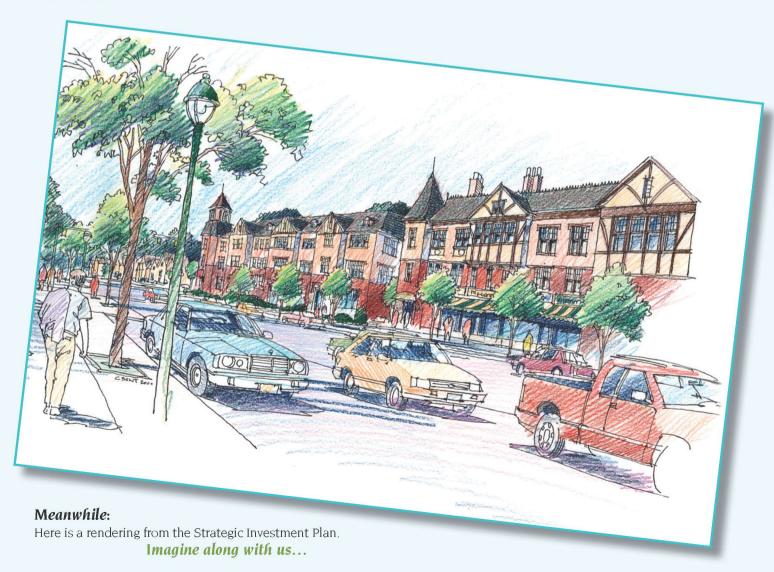
#### Last up:

The roadway construction will be ready to bid in the fall with construction beginning early 2014.

#### Next up:

A vacant office building at 3550 Warrensville Center Road is scheduled for demolition. This property will become part of a district redevelopment parcel.

In anticipation of the roadway reconfiguration, Dominion East Ohio will replace gas lines in the district prior to the beginning of construction.



## Eclectic Eccentric Moves into Shaker Heights

Shaker resident and owner of **Eclectic Eccentric**, Tracey Hilbert, has moved down Larchmere Road and into Shaker Heights. Her business is now located at 13005 Larchmere, next to Metheny Weir and The House Warmings

The store sells modern and vintage home accessories, women's resale designer and vintage apparel, and consigns small furniture, art, and housewares.

Hilbert also holds monthly art exhibitions featuring local talent and displays the work of local craftspeople. "The talent is really amazing out there and deserves to be promoted," she says.

Hilbert is delighted that the new space offers first floor ease of access, better street visibility, a display window and, she notes happily, "City services provided by Shaker Heights!"

#### Happy First Anniversary to Three Shaker Businesses

"Behind every great woman is a great hair stylist," says Stephano Lucci, owner of **Stephano & Co. Salon**. The salon is celebrating its first year at 16500 Chagrin Boulevard at the corner of Chagrin and Lee Road. Lucci spent three months renovating the space. After almost 20 years in a different building on Lee, Lucci says the move has given new life to his salon. "I am the repair guy. The guy everyone comes to after someone else has made a mistake on their hair," says Lucci. For hours of operation, visit stephanohairsalon.com.

Simply Delicious Pies is bubbling over with excitement about their first anniversary in Shaker Heights. Shopkeepers Beth Kaboth and Brittany Reeves celebrated with a pie eating contest in September and are looking forward to many more years of pie-baking bliss in their shop at 3433 Lee Road. "Being in a community as active as Shaker Heights has been one of the most rewarding aspects of our first year," says

Kaboth. "The Flash Cashers cash mob, our active social media pages, and our vast number of repeat customers are all testament to the great support Shaker Heights gives to its local businesses."

Juma Gallery celebrated its first anniversary in Shaker Heights in September. To mark the occasion, owner Erica Weiss is celebrating through the December holiday shopping season with free coffee while you shop, gifts with purchases of \$50, and special offers (while supplies last). If you "Like" Juma Gallery on Facebook, each Monday you will find out about the special offers.

"It has been a fantastic first year here at Juma. So many neighbors come in to thank us for having a store in the neighborhood, which is so heartwarming. I love the location, love the store, love the people coming in every day. I should have done this a long time ago. I am just excited to be here to offer a unique shopping experience for those who appreciate great art, fashion, and really good coffee," says Weiss. Juma is at 20100 Chagrin Boulevard.

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## Discount Cleaners Celebrating 20 Years in Shaker

**Discount Cleaners**, 3601 Lee Road, is celebrating 20 years in Shaker Heights. Lenny Ratner and his wife Regina opened the shop in 1993. Truly a discount cleaner, the store offers a simple two-tier pricing plan: \$2.59 plus tax for just about all of the standard dry cleaning items and \$5.09 plus tax for outerwear. Some bulkier items can be slightly more, but customers can count on bargain prices every day no matter what the item. To further sweeten the deal, items dropped off by 9 am are ready after 3 pm. The only catch: Customers must prepay. Says Lenny Ratner, "We are the best hidden treasure in Shaker!"

#### Cell Phone Store Powers Up for Business

**Metro PCS**, a new cell phone and accessory store offering unlimited talk, text, and data for \$40 per month and a 4G network, is now open at 16712 Chagrin Boulevard. Managed by Munn Saad, store hours are 10 am–8 pm Monday through Saturday.

#### LaunchHouse Portfolio Company Wins Major Funding

LaunchHouse portfolio company Knowta, successfully raised \$300,000 in new capital from a diverse group of investors, exceeding its original target of \$250,000. Knowta offers free or discounted printing at libraries in exchange for accepting advertising at the bottom of the printed pages.

Founder Ryan Clark and his four partners initially tested Knowta's usability at Case Western Reserve University's Kelvin Smith Library during the 2012-'13 school year and received excellent response from all parties—users, advertisers, and the university.

The new capital will be used for software enhancements allowing advertisers to achieve a higher return on their investment, as well as to enable Knowta to scale its service to several additional universities in and outside of the region.

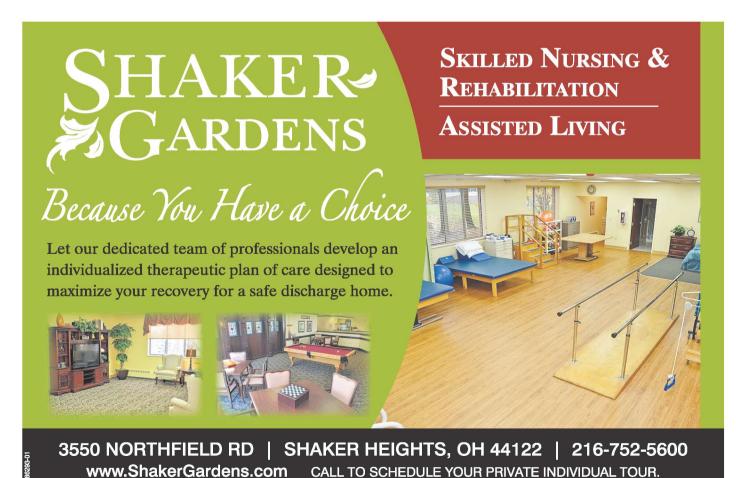
Knowta has two full-time employees, one paid intern, and plans to hire a lead developer/solution architect by the end of the year. To learn more about the company, visit knowta com

## Two Shaker Companies Win Magnet Grants

DragonID, working out of LaunchHouse, and Disease Diagnostic Group, a home-based business, have won grants from the Incubator at Magnet, a nonprofit that supports advanced manufacturing in Northeast Ohio. DragonID is creating a device to filter emboli from transcatheter aortic valve replacements thereby reducing the chance of blood clots or strokes. The Disease Diagnostic Group is working on a "magneto-optical approach" to identify malaria enabling a faster and more cost-effective diagnosis method.

#### City and LaunchHouse Win Team NEO Award

The City of Shaker Heights and Launch-House are winners in the sixth annual Team NEO Economic Development Plus Awards in the category of Fostering Entrepreneurship. The Team NEO Economic Development Plus Awards



program recognizes organizations that make a creative, significant contribution to the economic development of the Cleveland region.

The City and LH were announced as winners at an awards dinner at the InterContinental Hotel in July, and were featured in the July/August issue of Inside Business magazine. The article profiles LaunchHouse's success in recruiting and nurturing 40 portfolio companies, which have raised almost \$9 million in funding and created more than 50 jobs.

Having added 10 new accelerator recruits this past year, LaunchHouse outgrew its space on the main floor of its building, and undertook a \$160,000 renovation of the second floor. In addition, the City utilized a \$250,000 Neighborhood Stabilization grant to rehab two nearby houses for LaunchHouse entrepreneurs to rent. (See story, p. 56)

Even with those renovations, Launch-House is running out of room. Says City Economic Development Director Tania Menesse, "It's time to take the next step to provide more office space on Lee Road.

Young, innovative people want to live and work in this neighborhood."

## LaunchHouse Accelerator Announces 2013 Class

The LaunchHouse Accelerator Program (LHX) has added 12 new startups to its portfolio. More than 115 applications from around the world were submitted. Five of the 12 startups are from outside Ohio. Teams range from gaming and mobile apps to online platforms and Ecommerce sites. LHX2013 Showcase Day is Tuesday, November 5 at LaunchHouse. Details available at launchhouse com.

# Mark Your Calendar for the Bootstrap Bash

The Shaker Heights Development Corporation announces the Shaker LaunchHouse Institute Bootstrap Bash to be held on January 25, 2014 at Shaker LaunchHouse. The bash will benefit the Shaker LaunchHouse Institute, the accelerator's educational arm,

which includes the high school accelerator program. The event chairs are Kim and Bart Bixenstine and Scott and Ann Garson. Details available at http://work-live-shaker-heights.com/development-projects/shdc.

#### **Calling All Shaker Business Women**

Sybille Schomerus and Irma Lagrand, Shaker residents and founders of Compass Cleveland Relocation, are launching a business roundtable group for women in Shaker who run their own business. The new group provides a forum for women business owners to exchange experiences and contacts and to network with each other. Contact Sybille Schomerus at sschomerus@compasscleveland.com.



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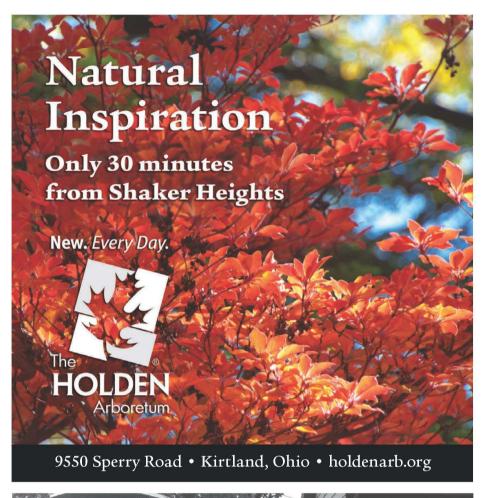


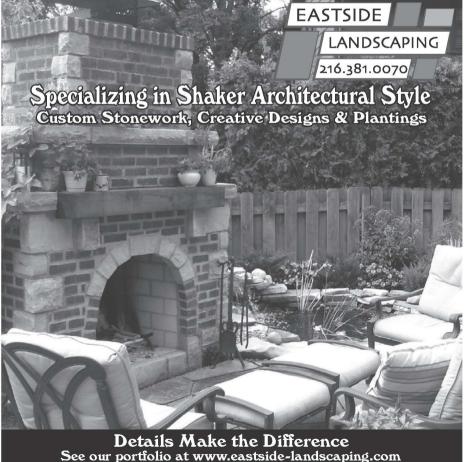
Barbara Andelman has been appointed the first Chief Operating Officer of the Cleveland law firm Spangenberg, Shiblev & Liber, LLP. As the firm's COO, Andelman is in charge of all aspects of office operations, operating expenses, marketing, and human resources. Andelman is a 1986 graduate of The Ohio State University College of Law. where she was the executive editor of the Ohio State Law Journal. She began her legal career at Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff and served as an associate dean at the Case Western Reserve School of Law and most recently, the executive director of the National Association of Consumer Bankruptcy Attorneys.



Thomas E. Love has been named a fellow of the American Statistical Association, the nation's preeminent professional statistical society. He was honored for exemplary service and significant leadership in the statistical community, for notable contributions to statistical education, and for extensive collaborative efforts in clinical and health services research.

Love is professor of Medicine, Epidemiology & Biostatistics at Case Western Reserve University, director of the Biostatistics & Evaluation Unit of the Center for Health Care Research and Policy at Case/MetroHealth Medical Center, and data director for Better Health Greater Cleveland.





## Now Playing: Shaker Musicians Perform Free Concerts

The First Unitarian Church, 21600 Shaker Boulevard, will host two upcoming musical concerts featuring professional Shaker musicians as a community celebration and showcase of local talent. On November 10 at 4 pm, Mark Grey, drummer and bandleader, appears with the Northcoast Jazz Collective. On December 8 at 4 pm, Ida Mercer, cellist, performs classical music with the Almeda Trio. Both concerts feature two 45-minute sets and are free to the public. Grey secured grant funding in order to bring the concert to the public free. For more information, visit northcoastiazzcollective.com and almedatrio.com.

# **Seasonal** REMINDERS

**Bicycle Licensing:** New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents. The social security number of a parent is required when purchasing a license. If the owner sells the licensed bike, notify the Police Department as the license will no longer be valid. Please call the Police Department at 216-491-1220 for registration dates and times.

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

#### **Recycling Events**



Shredding Day: The Bi-annual Community Shredding Day will be held on October 5 from 9 am to 1 pm. Shaker residents may bring up to three bank boxes of paper to the Public Works Department at 15600 Chagrin Boulevard. Driver's license and proof of residency (such as a current utility bill) required. Staples, clips and other binding materials do not need to be removed. Stay and watch or leave the items to be shredded. There is no cost for the service. The City receives

credit for recycling the shredded paper. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

Collection for Habitat for Humanity's ReStore: On October 5, from 9 am to 3 pm. donate usable household and construction items to help Habitat for Humanity build and renovate houses and to sell in their ReStore to the general public. Items can be dropped off at the Public Works Department at 15600 Chagrin Boulevard. Habitat for Humanity is seeking construction/renovation materials, tools, kitchen cabinets, sinks, doors, vanities, plumbing and electrical materials, appliances, counter tops, lumber, etc. Please do not include paint, clothing, or bedding. A Habitat volunteer will accept the donations and provide a tax receipt if desired. If you have larger items to be picked up, call Habitat at 216-429-3631 ext. 238

**Trash Delays:** Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, unless they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, will be one day late: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day. Call the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com.

Smoke Detectors: Residents are required to have at least one photoelectric smoke detector adjacent to the sleeping area in each dwelling unit and at least one smoke detector on each additional level, including the basement. Smoke detectors are provided free to low-income residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance. By ordinance, all residents will be required to have photoelectric smoke detectors by 2016.

Snow Policy: Residents are asked not to park their cars in the street when snow reaches a depth of two inches or more. Please remember that residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property. The City does not plow residential driveways; snow removal contractors must be registered with the Police Department and their permit clearly displayed. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks, or onto another person's property.

Temporary Sign Ordinance: All temporary signs in residential districts, including 'For Sale by Owner' and political signs, must be removed or replaced after 45 days. Signs may not be located in, or obstruct, the public right of way. They must be placed at least 20 feet from the nearest sidewalk.

Yard Waste: From October 15 to December 15 brush collection is suspended so that Public Works employees can focus on leaf collection only. During leaf collection, leaves will be picked up from the treelawn (never in the street) on a bi-weekly schedule. To reduce tree damage, please keep leaf piles away from trees. Landscapers should be advised to remove any yard waste from October 15 until April 1 when tree lawn collection resumes. Residents may contact Public Works regarding their scheduled pick-up.

- After December 15 brush collection will resume. When crews are busy with snow removal, brush collection is maintained only as weather permits.
- April 1 to April 30 is spring clean-up. Leaves, grass, hedge trimmings, and garden waste will be picked up from the treelawn.
- From May 1 to October 15 grass clippings must be put in paper leaf bags. (Please buy your bags from Shaker Vendors!)

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





## A Bounty of Learning

What started as a small plot of flowers and vegetables in the High School courtyard has blossomed into a lush and fragrant outdoor classroom for students of all ages and abilities.

Art and photography students draw upon the garden's beauty for inspiration. Students with disabilities can plant, water, and enjoy all the garden has to offer, thanks to raised planting beds. Onaway schoolchildren planted potatoes last spring with High School science students and built bean trellises with members of the Student Group on Race Relations. Pre-vocational

participants use the garden to learn about nutrition and food preparation.

In keeping with the High School's International Baccalaureate program, the garden has a global theme. Each quadrant has a different agricultural focus: European, African, Asian, and sustainable. North American plants, including blueberries, asters, and coreopsis, surround a seating area in the center of the garden.

Students use lavender, lilacs, and roses from the European quadrant to make sachets, soaps, cut flower arrangements, and wreaths. They

fashion reed cane from the African section into baskets and wind chimes. The Asian quadrant's Japanese maple, Gingko tree, azaleas, and holly serve as specimens for sketching and painting.

The sustainable quadrant yields a flavorful harvest of corn, tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, carrots, beets, rutabaga and even pumpkins – thanks to German teacher Keith Szalay, who comes from a family of farmers and shared his knowledge with the students.

Community volunteers also give their time to the garden. Those who weeded and watered over the summer were rewarded with the fruits and vegetables of their labor.

Another example of involvement is the contributions made by alums Ian Lippke-Calger ('11) and Jonah Weinstein ('12) as part of their Eagle Scout projects. Ian crafted wooden benches, while Jonah built a wooden storage crate.

High School special education teacher Stacey Steggert, who coordinates the garden, would love to see even more gardeners come roll up their sleeves and get dirty. "Ideally, I would like to get as many students and community members involved as possible," she says. (Interested in helping out? Email her at steggert\_s@shaker.org.)

In other lessons learned from the garden, students doing a nutrition and budgeting unit discovered that they would actually come out ahead by growing their own tomatoes, cucumbers, and potatoes compared to buying them at a grocery store. And you can't beat the freshness and the flavor.

For the latest news and info about the Shaker schools, visit shaker.org.

To receive regular e-news updates, subscribe at shaker.org/news.

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## On October 14, Come Tour Your Schools

If you haven't been in the Shaker schools lately, come see what you're missing! The Shaker Schools roll out the red carpet to all community members on October 14 for Tour Your Schools Day — when you'll have a chance to check out the fine arts offerings, sample world languages and cultures, and see the International Baccalaureate program in action.

Tours will be offered from 9:30 am to noon and from 1 to 2:30 pm at all five of the K-4 buildings, Woodbury School, Shaker Heights Middle School, and Shaker Heights High School.

No appointment is necessary; all visitors will be asked to sign in at the main office of the schools they visit. Volunteers, students, and staff members are eager to welcome visitors and to show them around.

Principals have set aside special times to meet with prospective residents and parents who are considering the Shaker schools. They are as follows:

K-4 schools: 10:30 am Woodbury: 9:30 am Middle School: 1 pm High School: 11 am Can't make it that day? Residents, prospective residents, and parents who are considering the Shaker Schools can request a tour online at shaker.org/tours, or by calling the school's main office.

# Save the Date for A Night for the Red & White

Plan to join your friends and neighbors on Saturday, March 8, 2014 to celebrate **A Night for the Red & White**, to be held again at the elegant Tudor Arms Hotel at University Circle. The festivities begin at 7 pm and include dinner, dancing, silent auction, and student performances.



Each year, the celebration brings together several hundred parents, faculty members, graduates, and commu-

nity leaders. Proceeds from the event are used to enhance opportunities in the arts, technology, health, and fitness at the Shaker Schools.

#### Alumni in the News

Stephen Hopcraft, '88, was named executive chef of STK steakhouse at the Cosmopolitan hotel and casino in Las Vegas. Hopcraft is known to many as a contestant from season seven of Bravo TV's "Top Chef" as well as the Food Network's "Chef vs. the City." He credits his mother, Beverly Hopcraft, a former Onaway special education teacher, with developing his passion for inventive cooking. After graduating from Shaker Heights High School, he honed his cooking skills at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. He then garnered an internship with legendary Chicago chef Charlie Trotter. He also worked for 10 years with Las Vegas chef Michael Mina, including stints at Arcadia, StripSteak, and most recently as executive chef of SeaBlue at the MGM Grand hotel and casino

Jonathan Leiken, '90, was elected president of the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association in 2013 and is the youngest president to serve the organization. A partner at Jones Day, Leiken was a federal prosecutor in Manhattan before moving back to Shaker Heights with his wife and Shaker High classmate, Erika Friedman Leiken. Their three children attend the Shaker schools. He holds a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Leiken is co-founder of Brain Gain Cleveland, a movement to help grow the population and economy of Northeast Ohio. Leiken relives his days on the stage at the High School by performing with his band, Rule 11 and the Sanctions. He is the son of Ellen and Earl Leiken, who is mayor of Shaker Heights and a former Shaker school board president.





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#### **REAL NUMBERS**

Housing transfers between June 1 and June 30, 2013 appear below. The list excludes "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

| ADDRESS               | SAL | E PRICE  |
|-----------------------|-----|----------|
| 21261 Almar Dr        | \$  | 328,000  |
| 3312 Braemar Rd       | \$  | 157,000  |
| 2947 Brighton Rd      | \$  | 381,500  |
| 2956 Broxton Rd       | \$  | 400,000  |
| 20576 Byron Rd        | \$  | 228,000  |
| 22350 Byron Rd        | \$  | 335,000  |
| 3053 Chadbourne Rd    | \$  | 145,000  |
| 3284 Chadbourne Rd    | \$  | 225,000  |
| 3325 Dorchester Rd    | \$  | 262,500  |
| 22226 Douglas Rd      | \$  | 330,000  |
| 2945 Eaton Rd         | \$  | 520,000  |
| 3003 Eaton Rd         | \$  | 530,000  |
| 3329 Elsmere Rd       | \$  | 278,500  |
| 2952 Falmouth Rd      | \$  | 410,000  |
| 15803 Fernway Rd      | \$  | 202,000  |
| 17803 Fernway Rd      | \$  | 275,000  |
| 3721 Gridley Rd       | \$  | 158,400  |
| 3144 Huntington Rd    | \$  | 242,500  |
| 3317 Ingleside Rd     | \$  | 265,000  |
| 18713 Lomond Blvd     | \$  | 198,000  |
| 19220 Lomond Blvd     | \$  | 164,500  |
| 2961 Manchester Rd    | \$  | 385,000  |
| 22000 McCauley Rd     | \$  | 840,000  |
| 2973 Montgomery Rd    | \$  | 560,000  |
| 3288 Norwood Rd       | \$  | 182,500  |
| 18650 Parkland Dr     | \$  | 340,000  |
| 3669 Pennington Rd    | \$  | 40,000   |
| 2676 Rochester Rd     | \$  | 310,000  |
| 22276 Rye Rd          | \$  | 259,000  |
| 17418 Scottsdale Blvd | \$  | 168,000  |
| 20136 Scottsdale Blvd | \$  | 154,900  |
| 17400 Shaker Blvd     | \$  | 320,000  |
| 17815 Shaker Blvd     | \$  | 660,000  |
| 19700 Shaker Blvd     | \$  | 455,000  |
| 22149 Shelburne Rd    | \$  | 235,000  |
| 18305 Sherrington Rd  | \$  | 180,000  |
| 17350 S Park Blvd     | \$  | 600,000  |
| 19201 S Park Blvd     | \$1 | ,950,000 |
| 19100 S Woodland Rd   | \$  | 518,000  |
| 21211 S Woodland Rd   | \$  | 310,000  |
| 23801 S Woodland Rd   | \$  | 191,500  |
| 2750 Southington Rd   | \$  | 415,000  |
| 24050 Stanford Rd     | \$  | 614,000  |

| 3290 Stockholm Rd    | \$<br>204,000 |
|----------------------|---------------|
| 20600 Sydenham Rd    | \$<br>247,500 |
| 21331 Sydenham Rd    | \$<br>385,000 |
| 2982 Torrington Rd   | \$<br>495,000 |
| 2921 Warrington Rd   | \$<br>157,000 |
| 3290 Warrington Rd   | \$<br>300,000 |
| 22331 Westchester Rd | \$<br>162,240 |
| 19415 Winslow Rd     | \$<br>203,000 |
| 2903 Winthrop Rd     | \$<br>335,000 |
|                      |               |

Information Source: Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer

# Sign up Now! October Landlord Training Seminar

The Shaker Heights Landlord Training program will be held October 16 and 23 from 5:30 – 8 pm at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. It covers topics such as Ohio landlord/tenant law, the eviction process, property management, marketing strategies, and the importance of tenant screening.

Registration is required; free for Shaker Heights property owners and \$30 for non-Shaker property owners. To sign up online, go to shakeronline.com/for-businesses/landlord-connection/landlord-training. Contact Sharra Thomas at 216-491-1434 or sharra.thomas@shakeronline.com for more information.

#### Howard Hanna Buys Shaker Heights Building

Howard Hanna Real Estate has purchased the building at 20710 Chagrin Boulevard that it rented for 14 years.

Howard Hanna Vice President and Branch Manager Myra White says, "Howard Hanna enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to purchase this free-standing building. We are the only residential real estate company that has such deep roots in Shaker."

According to statistics from the Multiple Listing Service, sales of single-family homes in all price ranges in Shaker Heights between July 1, 2012 and June 30, 2013 totaled \$90,211,498 -- an average of \$274,199 per home. Howard Hanna's agents accounted for almost 45 percent of the value of single-family home sales in Shaker Heights.

Says White, "Howard Hanna is proud to show its commitment to the City of Shaker Heights with its purchase [of the building]."

The Shaker Heights office of Howard Hanna is one of 60 branch offices in Ohio, and supports 50 full-time agents, many of whom live in Shaker. For more information, visit howardhanna.com or call 216-751-8550. Top selling realtors from Howard Hanna and other firms are listed on the City's website at shakeronline.com/city-services/relocation.



To register online for Library programs or to reserve a meeting room, visit shakerlibrary.org and click on the link under Tools.

## **Library Board Continues Its Informal Meetings with Neighboring Libraries**

Under the leadership of Library Board President Jeanne Shatten, the Library continues to hold informal meetings with neighboring library boards. In May, the Shaker Library and Euclid Library Boards met at Euclid Public Library where they toured the renovated facility.

The next informal meeting of the boards will be held the evening of November 6 at Shaker Library.

## Shaker Librarians Serve the Greater Library Community

In addition to running a busy library and responding to the community, Shaker Library staff brings their knowledge and expertise to bear in the greater library community.

Library Director Luren Dickinson is a member of the EBSCO Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public Libraries Service Award and the American Libraries Advisory Committee. He also serves on the Public Library Data Service Statistical Advisory Committee, and is an active member of the Ohio Library Council, the ETM Directors Group representing midsize public libraries across Ohio, and the Northeast Ohio Regional Library System.

Deputy Director Amy Switzer has served on the Ohio Library Council's Intellectual Freedom Committee since 2008 and chaired the group in 2011. The Committee and its members work to help Ohio public libraries become more proactive in addressing intellectual freedom issues by offering resources and educational programs. As an advocate, she has delivered staff training presentations at library conferences and at many Ohio libraries' staff days.

Adult Services librarian Ed Rossman has been appointed to a two-year term as chair of the Business Reference in Public Libraries Committee for the American Library Association (ALA). As part of the Business Reference and Services Section of ALA's Reference & User Services Association, the committee's purpose is to study, promote, and support the role of business reference in public libraries.

#### Margaret Simon Receives Statewide Library Staff Award

The Library was honored and pleased to learn from the Ohio Library Council that the 2012-2013 OLC Supportive Staff Member of the Year Award will be presented to longtime Public Relations Coordinator Margaret Simon at the state conference in Sandusky on October 9.

According to Library Director Luren Dickinson, who nominated Simon for the honor, "When you think about the qualities of an ideal supportive staff member in a public library, you think of someone dedicated to the organization, someone who goes beyond the basic requirements of the job. You think of someone whose job perfor-

mance greatly enhances the standing of the Library in the community."

Simon started with Shaker Library 27 years ago as a consultant and has served as an employee for the past 22 years. During her tenure, she has made the Library a part of her life and has helped it to achieve greater visibility with the public. Whether editing news releases, updating the website, or putting together programs and partnerships, she has helped cast Shaker Library in the best light with her sense of what the community needs, wants, and deserves.

Dickinson also credits Simon for "the crucial work that she has performed with writing successful grant applications." One grant in 1998 helped to establish the Play & Learn Station, which is offered in cooperation with Family Connections. Over the years, Simon has garnered a variety of other grants, including \$50,298 to establish a Community Entrepreneurial Office at Main Library.

Her program creations include the Local Author & Book Fair, Meet the Author programs, the Dr. Martin Luther King Student Writing Contest, and "Poetry in the Woods," the longest running library poetry series in Northeast Ohio.

Simon was hired in 1986 by Barbara Luton, Library director from 1975 to 1994. She described Simon as a "very, very talented lady" who was hired because she was an active member of Friends of

the Shaker Library, was familiar with how libraries operate, and had great ideas.

She had her work cut out for her. The late 1980s were tumultuous times as anti-tax advocates were attempting to force consolidation with the county library. They were able to get the issue on the ballot in November 1988 and again in November 1989. Each time, however, thanks in part to Simon's efforts, the

issues were overwhelm-ingly defeated.

Simon, on her own time, has also contributed to the passage of a number of Library levies, including the first three-mil operating levy in 1988, a replacement levy in 1994, a joint bond issue with the Shaker Schools in 1996, the first four-mil operating levy in 1997, a replacement levy

in 2001, a second joint bond issue with the Schools in 2004, and the most recent replacement levy in 2008.

Margaret Simon

Former Director Edrice Ivory credits Simon with helping to add artwork at the Library by playing "a key role in the establishment of the juried Barbara Luton Art Competition and exhibits. It was a fledgling idea for a library and innovation was a requirement to make it a reality."

Simon's work has been a model of excellence for nearly a quarter of a century. She has made the mantra "community engaged, community responsive" a reality for the Library and is well-deserving of the OLC Supportive Staff Member of the Year Award



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#### **LIBRARY NEWS**

## Career Transition Center Plans Benefit

On Thursday, October 10, the Career Transition Center (CTC), based at the Main Library, will celebrate its second anniversary by hosting a benefit, "Steps to Your Success," at 6 pm at the Cleveland Skating Club. The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and a silent auction. Proceeds will support the work of the organization.

CTC's mission is to support and empower individuals during job transition and career change. Since opening in December of 2011, CTC has helped more than 700 job seekers through workshops, a job club and speaker series, and one-on-one career coaching by experienced workforce development specialists.

Special guest and keynote speaker at the benefit will be Armond Budish, Ohio House member, elder-law attorney, and host of TV's Golden Opportunities program. CTC has a special commitment to helping older workers who are often disproportionately affected by job loss and frequently suffer longer periods of unemployment.

Benefit tickets start at \$75. For more information or to register, visit the CTC website at careertc.org or call at 216-367-3011. Join in the anniversary celebration and help support area residents who are actively seeking employment.

# Career Transition Center WORKSHOPS

The Career Transition Center is located on the Main Library's second floor where CTC staff offer one-on-one job counseling and coaching in addition to a variety of free, skill-building workshops. For more information, call 216-367-3011.

Bonnie Dick, founder of the CTC, moderates a free jobs club for those in a career transition. Get out of the house, network with others, and get job leads. Once a month a guest speaker presents a special topic for job seekers. CTC programs include:

## Monday Morning Jumpstart 10 am-noon Mondays.

## **Keys to Finding the Hidden Jobs** 1-3 pm Tuesday. October 1.

Learn what research is required to find the best job for your skill set and how to learn about positions before they are advertised. Research and informational interviewing can help you sell yourself to an employer.

#### Applications that Get Noticed

1-3 pm Thursday, October 3.

1-3 pm Thursday, November 7.

Most job applications are completed online and a computer scans them looking for keywords for skills, education, and experience that are important to the employer. It also scans for keywords that may screen out candidates. Learn how to tackle questions on an application to ensure yours will be read.

#### **Results-Oriented Resumes**

1-3 pm Thursday, October 10. 1-3 pm Thursday, November 14.

Your principal sales tool is a well-designed, targeted resume. This workshop will teach you what will catch the employers' attention to make them want to interview you.

## Making Positive First Impressions 1-3 pm Tuesday, October 22.

It takes only five to seven seconds for someone to form a first impression. Get tips on the little (and big) things that determine how you will be perceived, and learn how perception can have an impact on your success.

#### Writing to Employers

10 am-noon Thursday, October 24.
10 am-noon Tuesday, November 12.

Learn professional letter-writing techniques. Proper use of email is also covered in this workshop.

#### Improving Interviewing Skills

10 am-noon Tuesday, October 31. 1-3 pm Thursday, November 26.

Preparation is essential for a successful job interview. It begins with research to ensure the job is right for you and that you are qualified. Learn what an employer seeks so your answers will differentiate you from others.

#### **Networking Effectively**

10 am-noon Tuesday. October 29. 10 am-noon Thursday, November 21. Learn how to build and maintain business relationships that can help in your job search and your career.

#### **Monday Morning Jumpstart** Speakers Will Discuss Linkedin and Careers after Retirement

As part of the Monday Morning Jumpstart program, Donald Wavne McLeod will discuss how to use Linkedin at 10 am Monday. October 28 at Main Library. McLeod



teaching Donald Wayne McLeod

been 21st-centu-

ry-themed skills for the past six years. He has an inherent ability to connect with others on a personal level and can teach participants to do the same. Being perceived as sincere, energetic, and engaging are essential characteristics for landing a job, building a business, and growing a professional network. McLeod created PERCEPTIONOLOGY® to help clients discover subtle vet critical nuances that influence others' perceptions.

In addition to his individual and corporate clients. McLeod has served as a facilitator for such organizations as Sales and Marketing Executives of Cleveland. Counsel of Smaller Enterprises, Future Emerging Leaders of Lake County, Toastmasters, and Lake Works

At 10 am Monday, November 18, Dr. Dickson R. Dawson will speak on Your Next Chapter for job seekers over 50. Dawson will discuss "re-careering" and offer practical, easy-to-follow steps that include personal coaching, self-assessment, marketing, resume writing, interviewing, and negotiations.

Some of Dawson's many clients include The Cleveland Clinic, Eaton Corporation, BP, AT&T, Western Union, Exxon-Mobil, Key Bank, the Ford Company, The Cleveland Foundation, The City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and NASA Glenn Research Center.



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#### **Meet the Author Elaine Richardson**

Meet Elaine Richardson, author of PHD to Ph.D.: How Education Saved My Life at 7 pm Thursday, November 14 at the Main Library.

Richardson grew up in a poverty-stricken area of Cleveland. She was raped at age 13, and became involved in one abusive relationship after another. She was a prostitute, drug addict, and single mother.



Elaine Richardson

Desperate for a new life, she attended college where she became interested in language, literacy, and identity studies. Her book is the story of her life from the streets to earning her doctorate degree.

Richardson is the author of three books, and co-author of three others on academic studies of American Black language patterns. She taught at the University of Minnesota and Pennsylvania State University before returning to her home state in 2007 to accept a tenured professorship in Literacy Studies at The Ohio State University.

She belongs to a network of "hiphop educators" and is the founder of The Ohio State University's Hiphop Literacies Conference, as well as founder of the SistaFriends Afterschool Program, focusing on the literacy education of girls at Sherwood Middle School in Columbus. She is also a recording artist and performer, raising her voice on behalf of those who may be down, but not out.

Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing. Please reserve your place online or by calling 216-991-2030.

#### **Book Discussions**

Fall into a good book this season and discuss it with others. The Library offers morning and evening opportunities. Sign up one month before the discussion and pick up a book at the Main Library Reference Desk. All discussions are held on the second floor of the Main Library.

#### **Book Buzz**

10 am Tuesday, October 8.

The Sense of an Ending by Julian Barnes. In this Man Booker Prize-winning novel, an unexpected bequest causes a man in his 60s to reconsider his decisions and to revise his place in the world.

#### **Mystery Book Discussion**

7:30 pm Tuesday, October 8.

A Simple Murder by Eleanor Kuhns.

Former soldier-turned-traveling weaver Will Rees tracks down his mistreated son to a Shaker settlement in late 18th century Maine, where his efforts to reconcile are challenged by the murder of a voung woman.

#### **Book Buzz**

#### 10 am Tuesday, November 12.

The Buffalo Soldier by Chris Bohjalian. When their twin daughters are killed in a flash flood, a Vermont couple takes in a 10-year-old African-American foster child in an attempt to rekindle their failing marriage. Amidst their turmoil and the child's wariness, older and caring neighbors introduce the boy to the story of the

#### **Mystery Book Discussion**

Buffalo Soldiers.

7:30 pm Tuesday, November 12.

Talking to the Dead by Harry Bingham. Investigating a double murder in South Wales, rookie police officer Fiona Griffiths is on the cusp of breaking her first big case. In the process, she discovers a dire conspiracy that leads her into an underworld where she must face her own dark past.

#### **Book Buzz**

10 am Tuesday, December 10.

Reading Jackie: Her Autobiography in Books by William M. Kuhn.

Based on archives and interviews with authors, colleagues, and friends of Jackie Kennedy Onassis during her tenure as an editor, this book reveals both the serious and the mischievous woman behind the glamorous public image.

#### **Mystery Book Discussion**

7:30 pm Tuesday, December 10.

Bleed for Me by Michael Robotham.

When the rebellious best friend of British psychologist Joe O`Loughlin's daughter appears on his doorstep covered in the blood of her dead father, Joe sets out to prove the police are wrong in believing she is the murderer.

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#### **October Programs for Adults**



## Paper Making Demonstration with Gene Epstein

7 pm Tuesday, October 8 at Main Library. Shaker Library joins in Octavofest, a celebration of books and print-making, with a special evening with Gene Epstein, who will demonstrate her craft. (The Octavo is a traditional book format that refers to the size of pages used in the printing of early books.) Epstein's books will be exhibited during the month of October in the display cases at Main Library.

# Fall Harvest Dishes with John Pistone 7 pm Thursday, October 10 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Savor the flavors of the fall harvest! Chef John Pistone will offer samples, tips, and recipes as he demonstrates how to make delicious dishes with late-season fruits and vegetables. Please register online or call 216-991-2421.

# African-American Genealogical Society Meeting and Demo of FamilySearch

9:30 am Saturday, October 26.

The monthly meeting is open to all and is followed by a presentation in the Library's Training Lab at 10:15 am when Sandra Beane-Milton and Deborah Abbott will discuss how to get the most out of the newly revised and freely accessible Family Search.org genealogical website.

## In Their Own Words: Letters from Combat Veterans about War

3 pm Saturday, November 10 at Main Library.

Members of Chapter 39 Veterans for Peace will sponsor its sixth annual public reading of wartime letters and personal statements from veterans. The letters evoke the reality of U.S. wars dating from the Revolutionary War to Afghanistan.

#### African-American Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting and Fashions from the Past Program

9:30 am Saturday, November 23.
Stacie Murry from the East Cuyahoga
Genealogical Society will discuss what

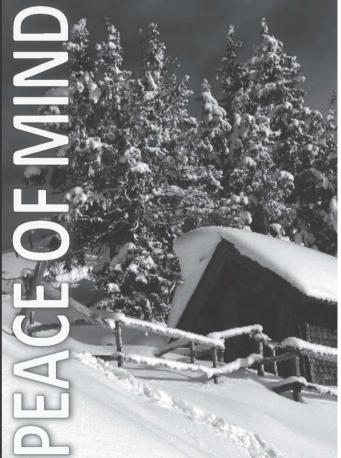
your ancestors may have worn and how to keep and care for clothing they passed down to you. The meeting and presentation are open to the public.

#### Medicare and You: Navigating the Medicare Maze

Join the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIIP) from 1-5 pm Tuesday, October 8 to learn about the latest changes in Medicare parts A, B, and D as well as the Medicare Supplemental Insurance and Medicare Advantage plans.

Medicare and You: Counseling Sessions with OSHIIP Counselors will be held from 9 am until noon on Wednesday, October 30 in the Main Library Training Lab. This program will offer participants an opportunity to learn about recent changes to Medicare and how the 2013 Medicare Annual Coordinated Election Period works. Get tips on how to enroll for 2014 coverage in a Medicare Part D and/or a Medicare health plan.

Residents should bring a list of their prescription drugs to compare plans for 2014 and to learn if they qualify for significant savings on their prescription drug



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#### Celebrate National Novel Writing Month (NanNoWriMo) at Main Library

November is National Novel Writing Month (aka NaNoWriMo) when aspiring novelists are challenged to write 50,000 words in the month of November.

The Library joins in the venture beginning with a Write-In for Aspiring Novelists from 6:30-8:30 pm Tuesday, November 5 at Main Library. Bring your laptop, notebook, or cocktail napkins and let your fingers do the talking.

From 7-9 pm Tuesday, November 26 join in the NaNoWriMo Sharing Session at Main Library. Share your writing, whether it's your best page, paragraph, or sentence. Not done yet? Get ideas and share your successes and failures.

#### Caps for Kids... and Mittens and Scarves

Here's the knitty gritty! Shaker Library staff and members of the Library's Knit Nights invite your participation in their annual Caps for Kids project. Volunteers can knit or crochet hats, scarves, or mittens, which will be donated to the Family Promise and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Project ACT to distribute to homeless children.

Please feel free to use your favorite pattern. Bring your finished product to either library by December 19. Need help? Come to Knit Mornings from 10 AM-Noon Wednesdays, October 2, November 6, and December 4 at Main Library or Knit Night from 7-8:45 PM Thursdays, October 17. November 21, and December 19 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Watch our progress grow as we display the unique creations at the circulation desks. For more information, call: 216-991-2421.

**Computer Center** 

The Library offers a variety of free computer classes each month. Classes are held in the Training Lab on the second floor of the Main Library and last 90 minutes.

A complete description of the different classes is available on the Library's website or in a take-home brochure. For more information or to register for classes, call 216-991-2030 ext. 2385.

#### Working with Windows 7® 7 pm Monday, October 14. 3 pm Friday, November 15.

**Basic Spreadsheets and Formulas** 10 am Tuesday, October 15. 3 pm Wednesday, November 6.

#### **Basic Presentations**

10 am Wednesday, October 16. 10 am Tuesday, November 5. Learn how to create presentations (digital

slideshows) with text and pictures.

#### **Animating and Controlling** Presentations

3 pm Thursday, October 17. 10 am Tuesday, November 19. Learn the objects that can be animated in a slideshow and the actions that control the timing.

#### **Understanding Devices**

7 pm Thursday, October 17. 10 am Friday, November 1.

#### **Presentation Objects**

10 am Friday, October 18. 10 am Tuesday, November 12. Learn the objects that can be added to slideshows, including clip art, pictures,

#### **Charts and Sparklines**

10 am Tuesday, October 22. 10 am Wednesday, November 13.

text boxes, movies, and sounds.

Explore the ways Excel 2010® can display data as charts of visual information; learn the basic ways data can be charted, and review chart types to understand how they are used and with what kind of data.

#### **Using Devices**

3 pm Thursday, October 24. 3 pm Friday, November 1.

Mouse and keyboard skills are quickly being replaced by touchscreens (gestural commands) and verbal commands. Learn how to use them all.

**Computer Security and Maintenance** 3 pm Saturday, October 26.



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#### **Using Filenames and Folders**

7 pm Monday, October 28.

Take the class called Working with Windows 7 to prepare for this.

#### Pivot Tables in Excel 2010

10 am Tuesday, October 29. 10 am Wednesday, November 20.

Pivot tables are used to present, summarize, and analyze data the way you want it.

#### **Communicating through Devices**

7 pm Thursday, October 31. 10 am Friday, November 15.

Learn how text, instant message, email, and video chat work

#### **Basic Word Processing**

7 pm Thursday, November 7.

### **Understanding the Internet**

10 am Saturday, November 9.

#### **Internet Search Tools**

3 pm Saturday, November 9.

#### Try Zinio Digital Magazine Reader 7 pm Monday, November 11.

Bring your Shaker Library Card and learn how to set up an account for Zinio's Digital Magazine Reader and download your favorite magazines free. You must have an email address.

#### Intermediate Word Processing

7 pm Thursday, November 14.

#### Mailmerge and Macros

7 pm Thursday, November 21.

Learn how to use list and address information to send separate letters to multiple contacts, create envelopes and labels, and produce catalogs or directories.

#### Create A Recipe Notebook in OneNote 2010®

10 am Saturday, November 23.

Explore Microsoft OneNote and learn how to create a digital recipe notebook to collect, organize, and manage multiple sources of information.

#### Create a Newsletter with Publisher 2010 3 pm Saturday, November 23.

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#### PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

10 am-noon Tues., Thurs. & Sat. 6-8 pm Tuesdays.

No registration required.

#### PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

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

#### 10 am-noon Wednesdays.

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

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

#### PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

## NESTLINGS (For babies from birth to 15 months with an adult)

It's never too soon to begin sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies. Fall Session continues through November 19.

9:30 am Mondays at Main Library.9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.No registration required.

## FLEDGLINGS (For babies 15 to 24 months with an adult)

Experience the wonder of words with your

child through stories and songs, movement, puppets, and fun. Fall Session continues through November 19.

10:30 am Mondays at Main Library.10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.No registration required.

#### **TERRIFIC TWOS**

Stories, songs, and movement for 2-yearolds with an adult. Fall session continues through November 20.

10 am Mondays and Wednesdays at Woods Branch.

10 am Tuesdays at Main Library. No registration required.

#### STORIES FOR 3-, 4-, & 5-YEAR-OLDS

Join us for stories, rhymes, songs and fun! Fall Session continues through November 21. 1:30 pm Tuesdays & 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch.

10 am Wednesdays at Main Library. No registration required.

#### BUTTERFLY HANDS AT WOODS BRANCH (For children from birth to age 5 with an adult)

Get an introduction to basic signs through

songs, fingerplays, flannel boards, and interaction with Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy.

10:45–11:15 am Thursdays, October 17–November 21.

Register in person, online or by phone beginning Thursday, October 3.

#### SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

#### FLAT STANLEY'S WORLDWIDE ADVENTURES BOOK PARTY AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 1 & up)

Enjoy a reading, activities, and a snack as we join Flat Stanley on his worldwide adventures! Make your own Flat Stanley and travel with Stanley as he learns about Mount Rushmore.

2-2:45 pm Saturday, October 5.

Register in person, online or by phone. Registration began September 21.









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## READ TO A DOG AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K-6)

Our doggy listeners are certified with Therapy Dogs International and love to listen to stories. School-age children can sign up for a 15-minute time slot. If you register online, please call the children's desk to request your time slot.

## 4-5:30 pm Thursdays, October 17, November 21 & December 19.

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

## BUTTERFLY HANDS AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K-4)

An introduction to basic signing skills for children with Nancy Barnett and her

signing puppet, Sammy.

4:15-5 pm Mondays, October 21-November 25.

Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Monday, October 7.

## MEET AMERICAN GIRL DOLL FELICITY AT WOODS BRANCH (Grades

Travel back in time to 1774 and learn about Felicity's life in Colonial Williamsburg at the brink of the American Revolution. Listen to a chapter from a book in the Felicity series, watch a DVD, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. Dolls welcome! 2:30-4 pm Saturday, October 26.

Register in person, online or by phone beginning Saturday, October 12.

# DORK DIARIES DORK DAY BOOK PARTY AT MAIN LIBRARY (For children in grades 2-6)

Do you love Nikki Maxwell and her dork diaries? Then join us for activities, a craft and a snack, and let your inner dork shine through!

#### 2-2:45 pm Saturday, November 2.

Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Saturday, October 19.

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

Travel back to 1824 and learn about Josefina Montoya's life in New Mexico. Listen to a chapter from one of the books in the Josefina series, watch a DVD, make a craft,

Fairy tales aren't just for kids. Filled with passion, intrigue, and the eternal struggle between good and evil, these books offer compelling reading for a long, dark night in fall.

Beauty: A Novel by Susan Wilson. Crown,

A painter falls in love with a disfigured man in this well-written retelling of Beauty and the Beast set in rural New Hampshire; however, there is no happily-ever-after ending.

The Black Swan by Mercedes Lackey. DAW,

Based on the German folktale Swan Lake, this dark tale is told from the point of view of budding magician Odile, the Black Swan and daughter of sorcerer VonRothbart

Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister by Gregory Maguire. Regan, 2000.

Following his popular Wicked, the author imagines the story behind the story of Cinderella. Set in 17th-century Holland, this tale focuses on the younger stepsister, who is not at all interested in the prince and actually helps Cinderella get to the ball.

Enchantment by Orson Scott Card. Del Rev. 1998.

A Jewish-American graduate student discovers the Russian Sleeping Beauty in this entrancing tale that shifts between the 10th century and today.



The Golem and the Jinni by Helene Wecker. Harper, 2013.

Combining elements of Jewish and Arab folk mythology, this debut novel is the story of two supernatural creatures – a golem brought to life by a disgraced rabbi, and a jinni made of fire – who form an unlikely friendship on the streets of New York until one fateful choice changes everything.



Jonathan Strange and Mr. Norrell by Susanna Clarke. Bloomsbury, 2004.

Magic is alive as fairies live among normal people in this evocative and imaginative award-winning novel set in 19th-century England.

The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure: The "Good Parts" Version abridged by William Goldman. Ballantine, 1998.

Adventure, humor, romance, magic, and swordplay combine in this enchanting epic tale that was the basis of the movie.

Valiant: A Modern Tale of Faerie by Holly Black. Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers. 2005

In this exotic, sexy, scary take on fairyland, Val runs away to New York where she gets involved with two homeless teens living in the subways, urban faeries, and the drug Never.

The Wild Swans by Peg Kerr. Warner, 1998. Two alternating stories make up this retelling of the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale. Eliza flees Europe in 1689 on the backs of her brothers, who have been transformed into swans, only to run into Puritans who accuse her of witchcraft. In an alternating story, Elias falls victim to AIDS in New York in the 1980s.

White As Snow by Tanith Lee. Tor, 2000. This dark and twisted take on Snow White that mixes in the myth of Demeter and Persephone is far more Brothers Grimm than Disney.

and enjoy a snack. Dolls welcome! 2:30-4 pm Saturday, November 23. Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Saturday, November 9.

#### HOMEWORK CENTER AT MAIN LIBRARY (Free homework help for students in grades 2-8)

The Homework Center is a place where students can complete their assignments in quiet surroundings with help from licensed teachers. Students have access to basic school supplies, reference material from the Library's collections, and several laptop computers. An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit and all students must be picked up by 6:30 pm.

4-6:30 pm Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays.

(Closed Tue., Nov. 5 & Wed., Nov. 27)

#### **FAMILY PROGRAMS**

#### PAIAMA PARTY AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with an adult.

7-7:30 pm Monday, October 21.

Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Monday, October 7.

#### **BONFIRE BASH AT MAIN LIBRARY**

Celebrate fall! Enjoy songs, a story, cider, and donuts around the (pretend) bonfire, and make an autumn craft during this family event.

#### 7-8 pm Thursday, October 24.

Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Thursday, October 10.



#### TEEN CENTER HOURS

Located on the second floor of the Main Library, the Teen Center is open from 3:30-7 pm Monday through Thursday to youth in grades 7-12.

# YOUR PLACE IN THE WOODS (Grades 7-9)

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

3-4:30 pm Thursdays.

No registration required.

## GAMING THURSDAYS AT YOUR PLACE IN THE WOODS (Grades 7-9)

Come by yourself or bring a friend to play your favorite games. Snacks included! 3-4:30 pm Thursdays, October 24 and November 21

No registration required.

#### **READING PAYS OFF FOR TEENS!**

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

3:15-5:15 pm Thursdays, October 10 and November 14 at Woods Branch. 3:15-5:15 pm Tuesday, October 15 and Monday, November 18 at Main Library.

## TEEN PUMPKIN MONSTER MASH! IN THE TEEN CENTER (Grades 7-12)

Enjoy fun fall harvest festivities, including pumpkin decorating, pumpkin bowling, and monster brownie making.

4-4:45 pm Wednesday, October 16. Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Wednesday, October 2.

## Wii WEDNESDAYS IN THE TEEN CENTER (Grades 7-12)

Come by yourself or bring a friend to play your favorite games on our Wii. Snacks included!

3:30-4:30 pm Wednesdays, October 23, November 20.

No registration required.

#### TEENS CELEBRATE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS IN THE TEEN CENTER (Grades 7-12)

Explore the happy, lively Mexican custom of honoring the memory of loved ones. Crafts, food, and fun.

4-4:45 pm Wednesday, November 6. Register in person, online, or by phone beginning Wednesday, October 23.

#### **GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY**

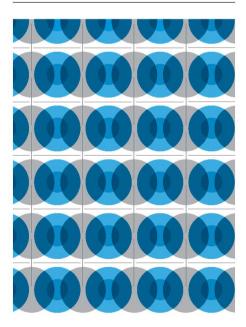
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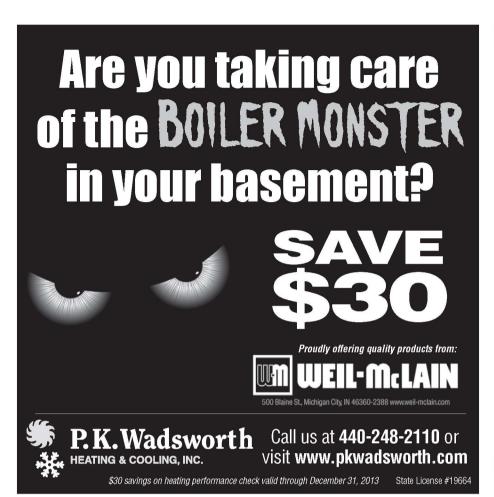
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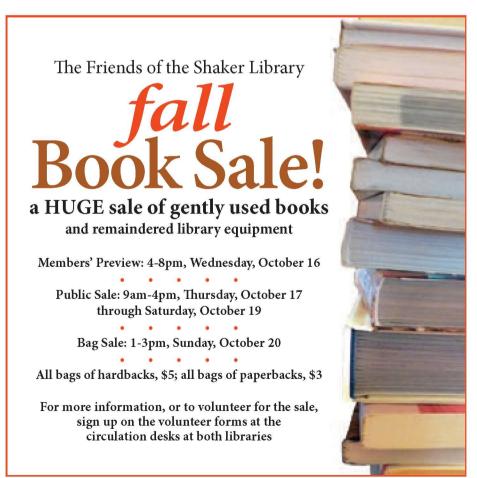


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Author Thomas L. Janson donated a copy of his book Growing Up: An Autobiography to the Local History collection. George Weiner donated three manuscripts: The Van Sweringen Developments in Cleveland (1968) by Joseph G. Blake; A Study in Regional Planning: Shaker Heights, The Garden Suburb in America (1978) by Bruce E. Lynch; and The Physical Development of Shaker Heights (1981) by Patricia J. Forgac. Current School Board member Reuben Harris donated a box of material concerning his time organizing and leading the education reform group, Caring Communities Organized for Education.

#### **NEWS FROM THE FRIENDS**



Library Director Luren Dickinson and Friends of the Shaker Library Co-president Christine Bretz flank Karen R. Long of the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, who was the featured speaker at the Friends Annual Meeting last July.

At its annual meeting in July, Friends of the Shaker Library elected officers for the 2013-2014 term. They are: Christine Bretz and Nancy Longman, co-presidents; Stephanie Jonas, vice president/book sales; Lee Haas, vice president/membership; Judith Karberg, corresponding secretary, and Evelyn Greene, treasurer.

Friends welcomes all Shaker Library cardholders. To learn more about the Friends and to become more actively involved, complete an application form available at the circulation desks of either branch.

#### Friends Fall Book Sale Features Extended Hours and Remaindered Library Equipment

The Friends Fall Book Sale will be held on the second floor of the Main Library October 16 through October 20. Browse and buy from a huge assortment of books in well-organized categories at prices as low as 50 cents. In addition, the Friends will sell a variety of remaindered library equipment such as printers, educational computer games, computer drives, CPUs, software manuals, and typewriters.

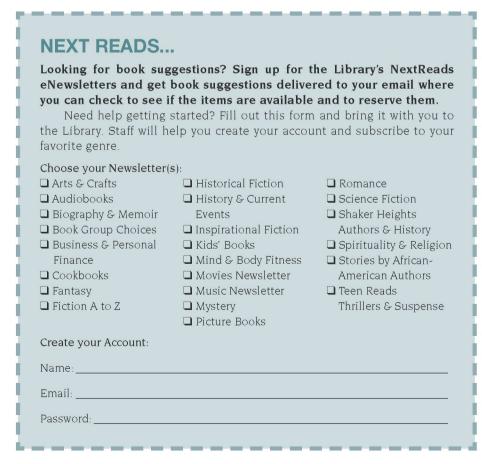
New this fall! The Friends Preview will begin Wednesday, October 16 from 4-8 pm. Non-members may join at the door for a small fee. The sale continues from 9 am-4 pm Thursday, October 17, through Saturday, October 19. On Sunday, October 20 from 1-3 pm, Friends will hold its popular Bag Sale when all bags of books cost \$5.

Friends always needs volunteers to help set up for the sale, sell books during the sale, and pack up at the end of the sale. Sunday's Book Sale clean-up day is a good opportunity for students, boy scouts, or girl scouts to earn community service hours. Interested volunteers

should email Book Sale volunteer coordinator Joyce Balliet at joyceballiet@gmail.com or leave their names and phone numbers at the Main Library Circulation Desk.

#### **ENDNOTES**

- **Sunday Hours** (1-5 PM) at Main Library resume October 6.
- Poetry in the Woods begins its 16th season with readings by regional poets at 7 pm Tuesdays, October 22, November 19, and December 17 at Woods Branch.
- The Art of Gary Bagnato will be on display on the Art Wall at Main Library from October 7 through November 8. The Cuyahoga Falls artist works in oils, acrylics, colored pencils, and ink. His artwork is often accompanied by poetry.
- Celebrations! Quilts by the African American Quilt and Doll Guild will be displayed in the Main Library Art Gallery from November 18 until December 28.
- Holiday Closings. Both libraries will close at 6 pm Wednesday, November 27 and remain closed November 28 for Thanksgiving. Both libraries are closed on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Book drops are always available.







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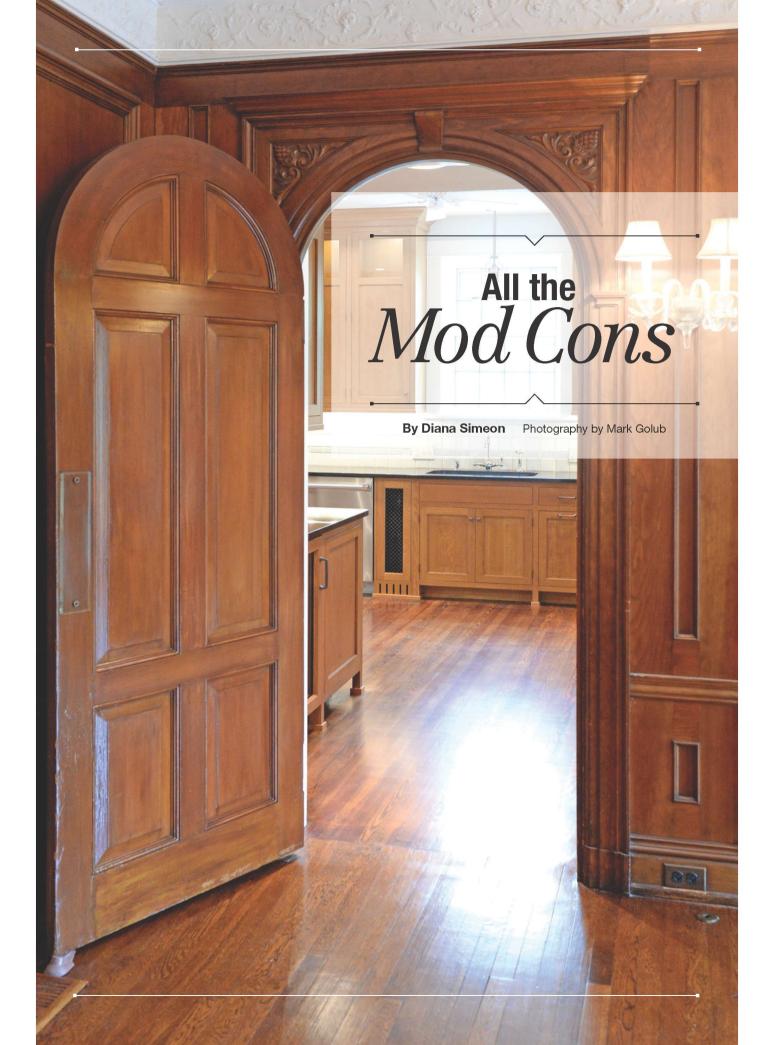
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# Come into Kitck Shaker residents can be demanding when it comes to kitchen renovation, especially if they enjoy cooking. Any renovation, especially in an older home, has more than its share of challenges and delights. Here, Shaker Life looks at three recent, remarkable renovations: one by an independent Shaker-based designer, one by a design/build firm with years of experience working in Shaker, and one by the homeowner herself. PHOTOGRAPH BY GREEN STREET STUDIO



hen Betsy Patterson and Noah Rosenthal saw their South Woodland Road home for the first time, they had a mixed reaction. "You walk into the entryway and it's totally spectacular," recalls Rosenthal. "But then you go in the kitchen and you think, 'Eh,'" adds Patterson.

The stately brick house was designed by the prominent Cleveland architectural firm Meade and Hamilton (which also designed the Shaker Heights Country Club) and built in 1926 by industrialist Sidney L. Weil.

The kitchen was mostly in its original state, including a massive 1920s-era refrigerator, butler's pantry, even a vintage phone system. Everything was decrepit.

So after the couple, both physicians, purchased the house last winter, they

immediately launched into a threemonth renovation of the space. The goal: Create a kitchen that honored the character of their new home, while also "opening up the space and making it breathe," says Rosenthal.

They took inspiration from the bright and cheerful breakfast room, just off the kitchen, which offers a spectacular view of Green Lake. "It was partly what sold us on the house," says Rosenthal.

And then there was the refrigerator. "It was extraordinary," adds Rosenthal. "We knew we wanted to save it."

Enter Dan Dureiko, owner of Dureiko Construction, whom the couple hired to design and build the kitchen. "We said all that to Dan; he's the mad genius who made it all work," says Rosenthal.

Dureiko developed a floor plan that removed the butler's pantry, creating a



large and open kitchen space. The refrigerator, which is clad in quarter-sewn oak, was completely gutted. Dureiko cut several inches off the back, removed the insides and built new shelves. The hardware was either re-plated or replaced and then the entire piece was moved to another part of the kitchen, where it's now used as a cabinet.





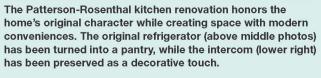














Patterson and Rosenthal opted for quarter-sewn oak for the custom cabinetry, too, which is in a traditional Shaker-inspired style and echoes the kitchen's original cabinetry, a section of which Dureiko was able to salvage. The couple gave particular thought to the woodwork's stain, again finding inspiration nearby. They own a couple of pieces of furniture from an Arts & Crafts-style furniture maker, Dryad Studios, which is based in Arkansas.

"We love them and thought the color was amazing," says Rosenthal.
"So I emailed Dryad and they sent me a 30-page treatise on stains. Dan's cabinet makers took that and made up a bunch of samples for us."

Another studio working in the Arts & Crafts tradition, Cincinnati's Rookwood Pottery, provided the tile. It's a soft blue-green, with just a hint of Arts & Crafts. "We wanted it to be subtle," says Patterson. Granite countertops complete the look.

The kitchen, while stunning, also handily meets the demands of this young family. Patterson and Rosenthal, who met while in medical school at Case Western Reserve University, have a young daughter. There is storage galore, a Thermador range, and many other modern conveniences (think beverage center).

Now that the work is over, the couple, who moved to Shaker Heights from a bungalow in Cleveland Heights, couldn't be happier about their new home and neighborhood.

"It's a house that makes you feel good to come home to," says Rosenthal. "And we're excited about the babysitting prospects," adds Patterson with a smile.





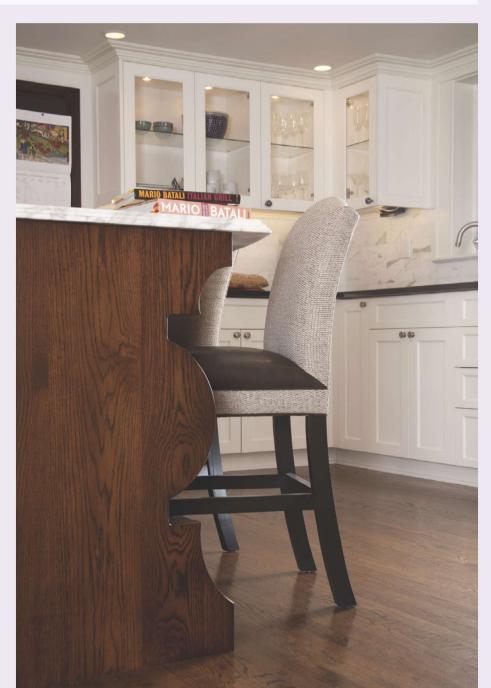


The Fullard-Rosenthal family - Annie, Jim and Sam.

# Perfect Harmony

**By Jennifer Kuhel** 

Photography by Green Street Studio



nnie Fullard's passion is music. Her husband, James Rosenthal, loves to cook. And both of them are equally enamored with Shaker Heights – the city they've called home for just over a decade.

So when the couple decided to renovate their dated, nearly cabinet-less kitchen, it was important to them to include everything they hold dear into what Fullard - a concert violinist and founding member of the Cleveland Institute of Music's Cavani String Quartet – calls the "heart" of their Wicklow Road home

Their search for an interior designer led them to Dawn Cook, Allied Member ASID, of Shaker Heights' Dawn Cook Design - to marry their interests and lifestyle in a way that not only suited them, but that also incorporated some of the latest trends in contemporary kitchens.

Contemporary, but "very classic," Cook says. "The kitchen works with the house. You have to make it feel like it belongs here. It reminds me of their life and it just makes sense."

Quite literally, the kitchen is reminiscent of the couple's life – from the black-and-white color scheme that calls to mind the keys on the living room's Steinway to the bulbous wood carving on the ends of the kitchen's island that mimic the body of a violin.

Expanding the kitchen's former smallish door that led to the dining room now gives the couple the capability to view one of their favorite Shaker landmarks: the Lower Shaker Lake.

"We got exactly what we wanted," says Fullard, resting her hands on the island's surface of Calacatta gold marble, a surface she says captures the same beauty she saw in marble sculptures on a trip to Italy a few years back.

The rest of the kitchen countertops are an almost mirror-like black absolute granite. "I had no idea it would turn out so beautifully. We knew it would be awesome, but you really can't visualize it until it's finished."





ompare Jim Rosenthal's pictures of their old kitchen with the renovated space and it's clear the renovation was nothing short of transformative. Rosenthal, a litigator at the law firm Cohen, Rosenthal and Kramer, admits that the former kitchen was less than ideal. An IKEA bookshelf doubled as a cabinet for dishes and a pantry and a temperamental range often made completing a recipe iffy.

"There literally were no cabinets," he says, clicking through picture after picture on his laptop of open shelving and pots and pans hung from ceiling racks. "Working in this kitchen today is a total pleasure. It just functions amazingly well," he says. Being a cook, his favorite pieces in the new kitchen are the Thermidor double ovens "because there are two of them and they both work."

Today, the couple has ample storage space – and creatively done, at that. The project's contractor, Todd Armfelt of Woodworks Designs, had his team build narrow sliding cabinets next to the hood to accommodate some of the Fullard-Rosenthal's extensive spice collection. A huge sliding drawer below the range now houses all of their pots and pans. The microwave drawer in the island holds an appliance that's almost always placed above the range.

What's more, the rear entrance of the kitchen (formerly an outdoor porch) is now an enclosed mudroom, complete with three closets, recessed lighting, and space to showcase the couple's 12-year-old son, Sam's, artwork.

"In the winter, it's boots and coats and there just wasn't any storage. We didn't even have a closet," Fullard says from the mudroom, just steps away from the main kitchen with its black and white heated tile floor, gleaming white cabinets, recessed lighting and unique curved-square light fixture. Shaker Heights architect Nancy Kennedy drafted the plans for the updated space. Cook transitioned the mudroom to the kitchen with a niche that showcases a demi-lune - a half-moon table that gives visitors a homey feel - and a leaded glass window which brings more light into the back of the kitchen.

Cook also drummed up another solution to the home's closet problem: a "Harry Potter" closet. Fullard pushes on what looks like a wall panel under the hall staircase to reveal a broom closet and storage space. "This is just the coolest thing ever. They took this panel off, measured like crazy and then put it back on with hinges. The idea was that you wouldn't know there was a door here."

That kind of seamless "you wouldn't know it was there" element was important

to the kitchen design as well, says Cook. "Annie didn't want to be able to see the appliances and you can't," Cook says. "She wanted the range and hood to look like a fireplace. And it does."

The tri-door Thermidor refrigerator looks like a cabinet, as does the dishwasher. Only the Thermidor double ovens are obvious -- which is what the couple wanted.

Planning for the project began in January 2012 with construction starting the following June. Five months later, in November 2012, the renovation was complete. Despite the expense and the downtime (and cleaning dishes in the upstairs bathtub throughout construction), the couple views the project as a success that extends beyond the walls of their house.

"The more I travel, the more I realize that Shaker is really utopian. This is the way it should be. This is one of the communities that's about the arts, culture, sports. People are willing to pay higher taxes here to keep the schools functioning. When I go to other places, I just keep saying how much I love Shaker Heights," Fullard says. "We feel really lucky to live here. We wanted to invest in our home because it's good for the entire community, not just the value of our home."

# Mixing & Matching

By Diana Simeon Photography by Green Street Studio



hen it came to designing a new kitchen for her Mercer-area home, Nikki Pulver didn't hesitate to roll up her sleeves. As a former producer for Home and Garden Television (HGTV), the Shaker Heights native had plenty of ideas.

"I love white kitchens, but everyone is doing them and I wanted something a little different."

Indeed, walk into Pulver's kitchen and it may take a moment for you to notice that the cabinets are actually a pale gray. Her walls are white and the ceiling is a playful aqua, a nod to the years Pulver lived in Charlestown, South Carolina (where many porches have blue ceilings). Ebony-stained oak wood floors offer a striking contrast to the rest of the room.

Pulver has added plenty of other unique touches, too. She used glass knobs and pulls on the cabinets and even inset mirrors into several of them, all of which resonate with the antique crystal chandelier (inherited from Pulver's great grandmother) hanging above a gleaming, modern table.

"I love mixing things," says Pulver, who graduated with a degree in art history from Bucknell University and lived in Europe for a time. "The cabinets are very traditional, an inset style with exposed hinges, and the backsplash is Carrara marble. But then the fabric on the windows is modern and so are the chairs and table."

But as enchanting as this kitchen is, Pulver, who's got three young children, also made sure it could earn its keep. "This is a working kitchen. I cook five nights a week in here and we entertain a lot. too."

Homeowner Nikki Pulver (above) designed her own Mercer-area kitchen, mixing modern and traditional elements.



















to do that with semi-custom cabinets," Pulver says. Or getting a trash receptacle into a pull-out cabinet under the kitchen's peninsula, so Pulver could keep it out of the way.

While Pulver – who returned to Shaker with her husband, Brad, in 2001 – certainly expected years of enjoyment from her new kitchen, she didn't anticipate it would also lead to a new career.

"Halfway through the project, my carpenter, Steve Thorp, asked me if I

wanted to be his project manager and designer," says Pulver. "So I went from being a stay-at-home mom with three children to working with him."

The duo recently did a project on Parnell Road, where they turned a library into a kitchen and will soon be redoing the original kitchen as a pantry/mudroom.

"I had always wanted to do design and this was my impetus to get started," says Pulver. "I've just always had a love for beautiful things."



# Million Ways to Do Kitchens

By Jennifer Kuhel

Dawn Cook, designer of the Fullard-Rosenthal kitchen, is the founder of Dawn Cook Design and a Shaker resident. Her blog is at dawncookdesign.com.

#### What is your design background?

My undergraduate degree is in marketing and I have an MBA from Case. Before we had kids, I worked in marketing for Kraft Foods and then at Jo-Ann Fabric. But after I had my son, Cooper, I wanted to take a break. I took classes at Tri-C's design program and met a lot of people in the industry while I was finishing my coursework. My focus was in lighting, so I started working with a custom builder who was building a 30,000-square-foot home in Gates Mills and needed help with the lighting.

Then in 2008, I started Dawn Cook Design. I had the business background and I wanted something flexible so that I could be with my kids. I started doing a lot of business through word-of-mouth. Over the last year, I've gotten a lot of business from Houzz.com. I probably get three to 10 calls or emails a week from Houzz.

## Tell us a little more about your business.

In design school, I met Linda Smith of Blulens Design. She's from Shaker and has a background in photography and business. We saw eye-to-eye when it came to design and we got along as business partners, so we started working together three years ago. We have our own independent identities for our businesses, but it works. I'm more classic and she's more eclectic, so we complement each other.

## As a designer, have you felt the ebbs and flows of the economy?

A lot of the high-end designers really suffered in 2008-2009, but at that point I was working with a builder so I had a steady flow of work. The high-end designers really suffered then because they wanted big projects, but when we were starting out, we would take anything. Between Linda and myself, we've grown so much that today we're able to have a design assistant and an intern from Tri-C. At any given time, we can have four people on a project.

#### What is your design style?

Well, my house is traditional, but my style is more classic modern or classic elegance. I tend to like cleaner lines and subdued colors. I like things that are dramatic – but that doesn't have to be the color. It could be the shape of something or the texture of something. I'm definitely transitional, but not ultra-modern. I like to mix things that are old and new, so that means doing something like mixing your grandmother's caned chair with a chair from Design Within Reach. Mixing things is really important because then it doesn't look like a designer just came in and whitewashed your space.

It's also important to me to listen to what the client wants but then push them a little bit because you don't want to do what you've always done. You have to get to know people and see what they're willing to do. The clients who let go a little bit and trust me. That's when it works out the best.

Design-wise, I'm willing to do anything that makes sense. At the same time, I want to be realistic about what people can do within their budget. It's just a matter of educating people and being honest and realistic.

#### What are your favorite rooms to do?

Any room that the client has a realistic budget for. We do detailed budgets and we go through line by line and tell clients why

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# How to Keep the Budget Down

By Diana Simeon

Dan Dureiko of Dureiko Construction designed the Patterson-Rosenthal kitchen featured in these pages. He has plenty of advice about how to approach a renovation in an older home. Learn more at dureiko.com.

#### What's the first step?

You need to think about your budget and also what kind of kitchen you want. To get a sense of budget, I recommend checking out Remodeling Magazine's annual cost versus value report. You can access that on our website and it will take you through different projects and show you the average costs in your region, along with what was included in the projects.

One question to ask yourself is: How long are you going to be in your home? If you are only going to be there for a couple

of years, it makes more sense to do the most you can to keep costs down but make the space look great for resale. But if you plan on being in your house for a long time, then you can spend more to create a space you can enjoy for many years.

#### Older Shaker homes must have some surprises. Old pipes, knob-and-tube wiring...

You can keep knob-and-tube wiring, but you can't tie off of it or put insulation around it. Typically on a total gut we replace all the wiring. This is where you want a contractor with experience working on older homes. We'll punch some holes in the walls and put a camera in there, so we know what we're dealing with.

Every project is unique, especially kitchens in Shaker. Sometimes we find out the wiring is messed up. You'll want to replace galvanized pipes. And there may be pipes wrapped in asbestos, which is okay if the asbestos itself is wrapped.

The ceilings are always going to be out of level and need to be leveled. Same with the walls. Existing wood floors that are out of level can stay that way. But it's also important to note that once you open up a wall in an older home, you have to bring that area up to code. This includes a certain number of outlets on a countertop, appliances on their own circuits, and insulation if needed on an outside wall. We factor this into our costs in the beginning.

#### How should I think about design?

Typically, most people want to stay with the character of the house. But you can put in a modern-style kitchen too. It's up to you. When I start a design, I always walk through the house. I'll take a look at your furniture and décor and the architectural character of your house. In Shaker, we do a lot of Shaker-style flat-panel doors. Websites like Houzz.com and magazines can also give you a lot of ideas.

#### How do I find a contractor?

Talk to people. If you see a firm's sign in a yard, knock on the door. Ask questions. The quality of work is important, but a lot of people can do quality work. Ask about the process: Did they complete the job on

time, how did they handle the unexpected, were they clean, were they easy to work with. Believe me, if you live through a nightmare, you are going to remember that forever.

A design/build firm, like ours, will handle everything. It's a one-stop shop. Once you decide that, then you are going to interview your potential candidates. I recommend working with whomever you feel comfortable. But you also need to make sure your design/build firm is reputable and has experience working on 1920s-era homes, if that's applicable.

# What should I expect at a first meeting with a prospective design/build firm?

We meet with clients at no charge for the initial consultation. We look at the space and we'll talk about what our previous customers have spent and what the national average is for a specific project.

## So, I pick a design/build for my kitchen. What next?

You'll sign a contract, which commits you to designing and costing. We charge about \$500 for this process, which includes meetings. Remember, this should not commit you to doing the entire project, just the design and costing.

Then there's a lot of back and forth about your kitchen – electrical, plumbing, windows, structural components. We'll come back with drawings and floor plans. We'll have plans and costing from the cabinet company. We'll do a lot of hand drawings. And we'll come back with a budget that will include allowances for items like appliances, tile, knobs, etc.

#### What does an allowance mean?

An allowance is how much you can spend on a particular item and remain within your budget. So, in the back and forth after our initial meeting, we're trying to determine whether you are a \$1,000 or \$300 faucet person. Are you a sub-zero refrigerator person or a more regular kind of refrigerator person? These questions matter a lot when it comes to determining budget. You want realistic allowances, so when you go shopping you don't find out you have to pay more.

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something is "x" amount. But I love doing kitchens. We all spend most of our time in the kitchen and there are a million ways to do them. And even if everyone has a white kitchen – like everyone wants now – there are so many ways to make it personal. You know, in Shaker our kitchens weren't always meant to be seen. They were understated because they were used for service – like "Downton Abbey." Now we all want a kitchen where you can interact.

#### Old house or new?

Old

#### **Bold or neutral?**

Neutral.

#### Subway tile or decorative?

Subway.

#### White or black?

Black.

#### Tile or hardwood?

Hardwood.

#### New bulb or incandescent?

I still like incandescent for lighting fixtures in spaces where you're mingling and interacting. But in places like California, you don't have a choice anymore. The next round is LED and the color is better and more crisp and more conducive to skin tone. The LED is directional lighting right now, but once it's more all-around, that's the way people will go. CFLs are great for garages and pantries.

## Where should you invest and where should you go budget?

In a kitchen, cabinets are fun because if they're wood, you can paint them. New cabinets cost a lot of money. If you are going new, then you should go custom. Hardware is something I'd never spend a lot on. You can get great knobs at Lowe's or Home Depot.

As for countertops, people need to have a natural stone – granite, marble, quartz or soapstone. Don't skimp out. On backsplash tile, you can do some crazy stuff, but sometimes just nice classic subway tile is good.

And unless you are a gourmet chef,

you don't need to go top-of-the-line. Just by using mid-range top-of-the-line, you can save so much on your budget. But also give yourself the little pleasures. So if you want a wine cooler or a microwave drawer in a cool spot, or a freezer drawer, do that. Those things are not that expensive, so they're worth it.

## Whose design influences you the most?

I love Barbara Berry, Lara Kirar, Jeffrey Bilhuber, Kelly Wearstler, and Carrier and Company.

# What's the one piece of advice you find yourself giving Shaker Heights customers the most?

Think twice before painting all your woodwork white!

#### What's your dream Shaker project?

A completely contemporary home with modern furnishings, and a modern kitchen. There are some really great modern-style homes mixed in our city of beautiful architecture. It would be a fun departure from the everyday.

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## What are ways to cut down on a kitchen renovation budget?

There are lots of ways to keep your budget down. For example, you don't have to have granite everywhere, or you can pick a different edging for the granite or use less expensive granite.

Tile is a big expense. It's not so much the amount of it. You can get tile for \$2 a square foot, but easily spend \$1,000 on a decorative picture that goes over the range. You can save a ton by buying a field tile that is inexpensive, but spending more on those decorative pieces if you want them. You can mix and match lines of tile.

Knobs. You don't have to spend \$30 on a knob. You can get knobs that look great for \$5.

Windows. You don't need to replace these unless they get in the way of the new design. There's no way to recoup the cost. We almost always work with existing windows.

Plumbing fixtures. You can spend \$300 for a decent quality faucet or \$1,200

for a high-end one.

Cabinetry. Typically most cabinet companies price cabinet door styles in tiers. It's most cost effective if you stay in the first tier. Stained cabinets are less expensive than painted. Paint the walls and trim yourself if you can. Save your hardwood floors and refinish them. They will be wavy and have imperfections, but that's part of the character of these old homes. If you have to totally redo your kitchen and you're not going to be there a long time, you can go with semi-custom cabinets. Custom cabinets are built to the exact size. Semi-custom means you are using pre-set sizes from a manufacturer, like Kraftmaid, and then fitting them to your space.

You can also save costs in lighting. Pendant or surface mount lights can be less expensive than canister lights. Try to keep your radiators if you can. If necessary, you can always add toe-space heaters to supplement. But do not skimp on anything

that is hard to replace if it goes bad, like an under-mount sink.

## Once I sign a contract for the build, what should I expect?

You and your contractor still have to pick out the allowance items and make final decisions about layout and so on. Your contractor should generate a schedule that says when they're starting, when they're finishing, basically when everything is happening.

We'll have a preproduction meeting before we start. We go over things like: Where's the dumpster going to be? Where and how are we setting up your temporary kitchen? Do you have pets? All kinds of stuff. In my experience, kitchens will take eight to 12 weeks regardless of size, the average being 10 to 12 weeks for a high-end. We stick to our schedule because if we don't finish on time, we can't start our next job, the client is unhappy, and it's not a pleasant experience.



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# **Science is Elementary**

# WONDER QUESTIONS EXCITEMENT AND A HEALTHY DOSE OF FAILURE

By Jennifer Proe Photography by Kevin Reeves



Above photo: Something as simple as a magnifying glass can bring about the "wonder, questions, and excitement" Carol Hochman aims to instill in all students at the Woodbury K-4 science lab.

Children everywhere are accustomed to hearing this basic rule when they visit museums, art galleries, stores, and Great Aunt Edna's house: "Don't touch anything!"

But when a group of kindergartners visits the K-4 science lab at Woodbury school, they are excited to hear a different kind of instruction from Carol Hochman, Shaker's elementary science specialist. She tells them, "My one rule is to touch everything."

Their eyes grow wide with disbelief and excitement as they are turned loose to explore the lab, handling skeleton bones, shells, rocks, tornado tubes (two-liter bottles with colored water), and quite a few mystery objects.

"What is this thing anyway?" inquires one boy, eyeing a brown lumpy object about six inches in diameter.
When he finds out that it's a cow's

hairball, he is far from disgusted, pronouncing it to be "coool."

Hochman also lets them touch the exactly-one-meter-long snake ("He doesn't have a name, because he wouldn't come if I called him," she says), and hold the hissing cockroaches.

"Somebody hold my hand so I can be brave and touch the cockroach!" says one of the girls, who discovers that "it's sticky, and it tickles," but it's not actually all that scary.

The visit is over way too soon for the kids, but Hochman has accomplished her primary objective. "I want them to leave here with three things," she says: "Questions. Wonder. Excitement."

Fortunately, the students will get to return many times over the next several years, as they perform increasingly challenging labs – and ask increasingly sophisticated questions.

#### WONDER

Seventeen years ago, Hochman came to the Woodbury science lab for a one-year teaching stint and never left. A Shaker grad with a degree in nutrition sciences from Case Western Reserve University, she was working as a classroom aide at Mercer when she was tapped to fill in for the Woodbury science teacher who was on sabbatical. The teacher ended up not returning, and Hochman stayed on at the lab.

"By that time, I loved what I was doing. I was hooked completely," says Hochman. "No one had ever made science fun for me as a kid. And I realized that the minute you make science exciting, the kids just get turned on. That was such a thrill for me, to see how much wonder they could find in the world."

to life.

"Science is not always part of an elementary teacher's comfort zone," says Hochman. "A big part of my role is helping teachers to feel comfortable with the material, especially as the state standards are changing."

Says Lomond third-grade teacher Steve Smith, "Carol does a great job of looking at our standards and lesson plans and helping us create experiments. We often ask her to attend our common planning time. It's almost like Batman: We put the signal in the sky, and she's here! And she can get us almost anything we want, like solar ovens so the kids can cook things outdoors and learn first-hand about solar power."



Carol Hochman uses the Woodbury science lab's meter-long snake to help kids learn about metric measuring ~ and to become risk-takers as they touch him.

Hochman sees all of the District's K-4 students about four times a year in the lab. She also accompanies them on science-related field trips to North Chagrin Reservation, Cleveland Botanical Garden, and the Cleveland Museum of Natural History. And she provides support as needed to the K-4 teachers, letting them bounce ideas off her and recommending materials that she can order or lend them from the lab to help bring their lesson plans

#### **QUESTIONS**

Hochman's labs tend to start with open-ended questions. What happens when you put this Alka-Seltzer tablet in a film canister with water and put the top on? What does a flower look like under a microscope? What do these weird-looking powders do when you add water?

"Microscope study is one of my favorite things to do with students," says Hochman. "Kids need to see something



Students get up close and personal with a hissing cockroach. "It's sticky and it tickles," says one student.

to wonder about it. Microscopes open up a whole new world of wonder and a whole new area of inquiry. You have to react to what you see under a microscope. Did you ever see a flower under a microscope? They are incredibly hairy!"

Hochman also gets them started early with the scientific method, guiding them through the steps: posing a question, creating a hypothesis, testing their idea, and reflecting on the result to decide what they might do differently next time.

Her labs also teach them about such things as the properties of matter, chemical changes, and the laws of motion and inertia. While second-graders may not recognize all of those terms just yet, they are certainly learning those concepts as they're designing a seatbelt for a raw egg riding down a ramp in a wooden car.

#### **EXCITEMENT**

Jennifer Goulden and Vicki Fagan, thirdgrade teachers at Boulevard, waste no time at the beginning of the school year getting their students excited about science.

Says Goulden, "On the first day of school, we show them a naked egg that has no shell. We ask the kids to come up with a theory about what they think happened to it. They have all sorts of different ideas."

Then the teachers actually do the experiment with them, putting the egg in a jar of vinegar for three days, which dissolves the shell and leaves the egg whole but rubbery. For weeks afterward, there is a constant parade of students bringing in eggs from experiments they



Microscope study opens up a whole new world of wonder to students. "You have to react to what you see under a microscope," says K-4 science specialist Carol Hochman.

have conducted at home with different variables – using milk or orange juice instead of vinegar, putting it in the freezer, leaving it in the jar longer – just because they were curious.

"I feel like this experiment really starts the fire for the whole school year," says Goulden. "Within the first six weeks of school, we have done lots of experiments and talked about the scientific method. At the end, there is always the wondering part – what could we have done differently?"

By January, says Goulden, "The kids are so excited about science that even working with soil is exciting to them." Fagan adds, "They want to touch it, measure it, smell it – their faces get all smudged."

After soil study, the students graduate to observing living things like mealworms, chicks, and tadpoles, to compare their life cycles. Goulden's daughter, who works on a farm, even brought in a baby lamb and goat for the students to touch and observe. "My daughter said, 'You didn't warn me they were going to ask such hard questions,'" says Goulden.

Fagan admits, "I was never a science person before. Now I really understand the concepts by doing the experiments with the kids. We want to encourage the kids toward more experimentation to get them excited



Students can enjoy creating their own tornado in a bottle during free-exploration time.

about science. I have a lot of kids, girls especially, who tell me they might want to go into science or engineering."

#### **FAILURE**

Just as in life, not everything goes according to plan. Experimental fizzles and flops are to be expected. "I make a big deal about accepting failure," says Hochman. "It's part of the process. I tell the kids, in science, we're all about being wrong. If you already knew everything, you wouldn't have to do anything."

Steve Smith gives his students plenty of opportunities to fail in the name of science. In one lab, he gives them each a lump of clay to create a boat that floats while holding as many pennies as possible.

"Typically, they have an idea, they

plan it, construct it, and the boat sinks like a stone. They have to start over again. It's a great demonstration of the scientific method."

They make many boats over the next several weeks, improving their designs each time. At first, the winning boat might hold one or two pennies. By week five, says Smith, "it's usually up to 20 or more. We even had one that held more than 30. We kept putting the pennies in and the kids were just spellbound."

Every Friday for six weeks, Smith's students work in teams to design a contraption to launch a raw egg from the balcony in the Lomond auditorium. (One wonders just how many eggs the Shaker science curriculum requires each year.) Smith "sells" a variety of items to the students, such as string, cotton, and construction paper, each of which has a point value. The objective





Learning to look is just part of the fun; young scientists also learn how to record and reflect upon their observations.

is to protect the egg using the fewest points possible.

"Students learn very quickly that they have a lot of flaws in their design," says Smith. "They have to learn to fail. I tell them that success probably won't come on your first or second try. I do a lot of front-loading with the International Baccalaureate learner concepts – they have to be risk-takers, they have to be tolerant of others' ideas, and they have to communicate with one another."

#### **KEEPING PACE WITH THE FUTURE**

In terms of national trends, Hochman sees an increasing demand for science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) skills, both on state assessments and in the workforce. In order to meet that demand, she feels, "We need to teach higher-order thinking skills – designing and thinking and solving problems – instead of teaching isolated facts as we used to do."

However, many school districts are cutting back on elementary science instructional time in order to meet the increasing demands of standardized testing in reading and math. According to a 2012 report on this issue, sponsored by the Noyce

Foundation, "National trends analysis shows a decline in time for elementary science instruction....At a time when proficiency in science is more important than ever, the average time students spend learning science in the elementary grades is declining.<sup>17</sup>

Further, the same report concludes, "The elementary and middle school years could well be the best time to capture students' interest in and motivation to pursue postsecondary STEM learning. There is a high demand for U.S. high school graduates who are prepared to enter careers requiring STEM knowledge. By 2018, there will be more than 2.8 million job openings for STEM workers; 92 percent of those jobs will require at least some postsecondary education.<sup>2</sup>"

Hochman believes that the International Baccalaureate program is a crucial factor in allowing science to remain a robust part of Shaker's elementary curriculum. "The International Baccalaureate program in the K-4 grades is trans-disciplinary, so teachers are really encouraged to put science into every aspect of the curriculum," she says.

After 17 years of teaching in the Shaker schools, Jennifer Goulden observes, "I see so much more of students taking action with their learning. We have more science time than I ever had before. Because of IB, science can be wrapped into everything."

Hochman concurs. "IB allows us to be much more creative in how we are delivering science. We're all about inquiry and hands-on learning."

However, while the hands-on aspect is crucial to the process, she says, "Activities alone do not teach science. It's the reflection afterwards that is critical. We have to be sure we have a thoughtful process."

A thoughtful process, and a lot of eggs.

<sup>1</sup>What Is the Impact of Decline in Science Instructional Time in Elementary School?, Paper prepared for the Noyce Foundation, Rolf K. Blank, Ph.D., 2012.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid Carnevale, Smith & Stroll, 2010

# MORELAND RISING

The recent activity in the Moreland neighborhood's housing market and commercial sector are just the first salvos in the City's strategy to entice a new generation to call it home.

Stories by Rory O'Connor Photography by Kevin Reeves

The recent changes by the City in the residential sections of Shaker's Moreland neighborhood are evident when an observer drives up and down the streets: well-tended, fenced lots landscaped with hedges, new playgrounds, and renovated homes — all of which seamlessly blend into this venerable neighborhood. All are the

results of City initiatives.

Long-time Moreland resident Renee Bonner, a retired attendance liaison officer with the Cleveland school district, sits in her cozy Chelton Road living room, a few minutes walk from the Main Library and the bustle of Shaker Town Center, and muses on the phenomenon.

"There used to be three old houses on the lot next door. The City tore them down." And landscaped the lots. Now, the City is holding those properties in their land bank and marketing them to potential home developers. However, Renee says, the City offered part of the lot to the Bonners for use as a garden until a new house is built there.. "But I couldn't do that," Renee says. "My back won't let me."

The City used a federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grant to demolish houses like those on Chelton and others that undermine Moreland's stability. The goal: to clear the way for new housing that builds on the assets and character of the neighborhood and contributes to its vitality. Shaker's official neighborhood revitalization strategies deal with both residentially and commercially zoned properties, their acquisition and usage, and involve cooperation and funding from all levels of government – city, county, state, and federal – and lots of long-term strategic planning. It is what Kamla Lewis, who directs the City's neighborhood revitalization efforts, calls "patient capital." Moreland (and, to a lesser extent, Lomond) is the focus of the City's most intense revitalization efforts because it was the hardest hit

during the national foreclosure crisis.

Residential property values plunged after the catastrophe. To prevent the foreclosed housing from falling into unsightly and dangerous ruin at the hands of speculators, it was imperative that the City intervene by purchasing as many of the homes as possible - demolishing some and renovating others, including two that are rented exclusively to entrepreneurs from Shaker's business accelerator, LaunchHouse.

"Despite how hard hit the Moreland neighborhood was by the housing crisis, thanks to the collaboration between the City and the residents, the neighborhood remains strong and vibrant," Lewis says.

"The people here are taking pride again," Renee

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Moreland resident Renee Bonner on the porch of her home. The turret on the porch's roof is indicative of the architectural touches that grace many homes in the neighborhood. says. Many Moreland residents have caught the vibe and have spruced up their houses and yards with paint and flowers. Moreland's resurrection comes from the ground up, as do all the City's neighborhood revitalization efforts. "The residents tell us what they want, and we try to accommodate them," Lewis says. "And every neighborhood has different needs."

Because Moreland has a fair share of elderly residents who want to age in place, the City worked with two developers, Zaremba Home Again and QDC of Ohio, to renovate three foreclosed Pennington Road bungalows with accessibility features. The house renovated by QDC of Ohio includes a first-floor master bedroom, first-floor laundry, and an attached garage. All the units have been sold to owner-occupants.

And with input from the Moreland on the Move Community Association, the City identified three sites for family-oriented parks and spent \$181,000 in federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program grants to make the parks a reality: The Menlo Tot Lot, the Chelton Playground Expansion, and the Ashby Play Lot. Moreland residents along Menlo, which borders Cleveland, also wanted an attractive wooden fence strung along the block behind their houses; the City obliged.

"Playgrounds, landscaping, and fencing are strategic in their own way," Lewis says. "They're essential to helping a neighborhood look like a neighborhood."

## The Role of the Commercial Districts

Moreland is in the City's southwest corner, which includes the Community Colonnade, the Main Library, the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, the Library Court apartments for seniors, and The Woodlands of Shaker Heights, an assisted living facility. There are convenient Rapid stops at Lee, Ashby, and Onaway roads.

The neighborhood also includes commercial sections along Chagrin Boulevard and Lee Road that have



Moreland residents at play at the Chelton Playground (above) and at work on their 1920's-era Cleveland doubles (below).



started to blossom in recent years as parts of the Shaker Town Center area. The City acquired some of the commercially zoned property along both sections and then waited for the right buyers and/or tenants. The business accelerator LaunchHouse now anchors the Lee Road section, while RDL Architects and Library Court are the pride of the Chagrin section.

"If you're going to attract new residents to these neighborhoods, you have to change the commercial aspect," Lewis says. "When we find the right project, the right developer, the right price, then it happens. Patient capital. Once you start changing the commercial sections, people start paying attention.

Moreland was not part of the original Shaker Heights. It was called East Village, and was later annexed to Shaker. "You'll notice that the housing stock is different from the rest of Shaker," says Lewis. "There are a lot of what are called 'Cleveland doubles,' all built in the 1920s."

According to Ron Lloyd, the owner and president of RDL Architects, those doubles were built and occupied by the master craftsmen who worked on many of the homes in Shaker during the building boom of the 1920s.

"Those doubles are sturdy, well-built homes," Lloyd says. "A lot of them have interesting architectural touches." (And many of them have something lacking in most other Shaker homes – a large front porch.)

"Those craftsmen took a lot of pride in their work," Lloyd says.

Kamla Lewis points out that the first new house built in Moreland since the 1920s – a single-family at the northwest corner of Chelton and Hampstead roads – is only about 10 years old. The City's plan is to give that lonely newcomer some company.

"We have about 70 lots in Moreland in our land bank," Lewis says. "We bank the land for strategic development, but most are also available to neighbors as side lots. Houses generate property taxes, so whenever new housing is a strategic option, we hold the land."

# The Entrepreneurial Houses Creating a Special Ambiance in Moreland

The City's commercial and residential redevelopment strategies in Moreland dovetail in what are known as the Entrepreneurial Houses – two renovated houses on Chelton Road rented to members of Shaker's business accelerator, LaunchHouse, whose parking lot backs up to the single-family house at 3353 Chelton. The City even built a gated walkway between the LaunchHouse parking lot and the house. The other house is a double at 3599 Chelton.

The City used federal grant money to renovate the homes, then transferred them to Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, which rents them, by agreement with the City, to LaunchHouse members, including start-up companies that have been chosen to participate in LaunchHouse's Accelerator program, called LHX – a fast-track 12-week business development bootcamp for entrepreneurs who specialize in software and Web-based technology.

Moreover, the Entrepreneurial Houses were brought to the attention of the State of Ohio, which provided most of the funding for the first LHX bootcamp; the houses gave the LHX program a distinct advantage in the state's decision to fund a second

bootcamp, which is now underway.

The Entrepreneurial Houses help create an entrepreneurial ambiance in Moreland beyond the confines of LaunchHouse itself, which does its own important part in attracting the plaid-shorts-and-backpack crowd – the so-called Millennials, whom the City hopes will take advantage of the relatively inexpensive housing in Moreland.

Three such young men – A.J. Mihalic, Matt Strayer, and Art Geigel – who were part

of the first LHX program, occupy the Entrepreneurial House at 3353 Chelton. They split a \$1,200 monthly rent, which includes utilities.

Strayer and Mihalic, both 21, are graduates of St. Edward High School in Lakewood, They are working to launch Widdle. a social media company they founded, which, by virtue of being chosen for the LHX program. received \$25,000 in seed funding. They will spend this particular evening working on material for the Widdle press kit, mandated

by LaunchHouse Marketing and Public Relations Director Stephanie Bartolone. Their third-floor workspace/mancave is full of computer equipment, as well as guitars and drums – they are, after all, 21- year-old social media entrepreneurs.

"Living here is great," says Strayer.
"The rent is affordable and there's a wide choice of food from Shaker Town Center – Subway, Italian takeout, Chinese takeout, you name it. But for entertainment – that's downtown. For now."

# "Living here is great"





(top) LaunchHouse Accelerator entrepreneurs A. J. Mihalic (foreground) and Matt Strayer at work on the third floor of their Moreland rental house.



Ron Lloyd (seated) and Steve Tan at work in the RDL offices on Chagrin Boulevard.

#### **RDL** Architects

#### **Committed to Neighborhood Revitalization**

Ron Lloyd, sole owner and president of RDL Architects, became acquainted with Shaker's neighborhood revitalization efforts when he was contracted in 2003-'04 to design infill homes in the Lomond neighborhood. Kamla Lewis, director of Shaker's Neighborhood Revitalization Department, convinced him to relocate his company from Garfield Heights to Shaker; the bait was an old medical office building at 16102 Chagrin Boulevard that the City owned in Moreland. The City was willing to sell it to Lloyd for a dollar – an offer too good for him to turn down.

The catch: The space was in dire need of a make-over. RDL spent about \$700,000 on renovations, using the latest green technology in materials and lighting.

When RDL opened shop in Shaker in 2005, it had eight employees. It now has 24, plus half a dozen consultants. The company is nationally known for designing facilities for seniors, and has expertise in residential and commercial design. National furniture retailer Arhaus is one of RDL's biggest commercial clients.

The firm's fingerprints are all over its block, on both sides of the street: Its architects designed the Library Court apartments on Chagrin cater-corner to RDL's building, and renovated the Buckeye State Credit Union building a few doors down from RDL on Chagrin.

RDL is an integral part of the Moreland and Lomond neighborhoods. The firm has been a resource to both community associations, assisting with the visioning plans for Lee Road that factored into the City's Lee Road corridor study and streetscape plans.

Lloyd, a native Pennsylvanian, also is one of the founders of Moreland Neighborhood Development, which he owns with Chagrin Falls attorneyand chemical engineer Steve Tan, who handles RDL's legal and financial work.

"Moreland Neighborhood Development is a vehicle for us to hold our building, and anything else we decide to buy in the neighborhood in the future," Lloyd says. "Our goal is the same as Shaker's, to see Moreland change," says Tan. "We're committed to neighborhood revitalization."



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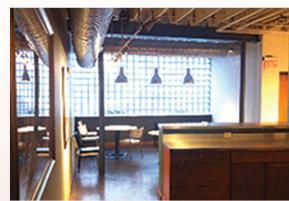


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# Ongoing Activities for FAMILIES

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-12:15 PM, THE PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Opportunities for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 to play, make friends, and network. Playroom is also open 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, EVENING HOURS: 6-8 PM TUESDAYS, MAIN

LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. 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-based 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, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Free, drop-in, facilitated playgroup for parents with children ages 3-5 with special needs. Special activities held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday of the month. INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS: Saturday Gym, 10 AM-NOON, GYM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. A place for parents and children, birth-6 years to climb, jump, ride trikes, and play on Saturday mornings beginning Oct. 19. All children must be accompanied by an adult. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: Birthday Parties, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM OR 2:30-4:30 PM, AND SUNDAYS 11 AM-1 PM OR 1:30-3:30 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Family Connections at Shaker Family Center is the perfect place to hold a birthday party for your young child. Enjoy private use of the gym filled with riding toys and equipment. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

ON SELECTED DAYS: Pizza and Play, 5:30-7:30 PM, COVENTRY BUILDING, 2843 WASHINGTON BLVD. CLEVELAND HEIGHTS. For preschoolers and hildren with special needs and their siblings up to age 8.

#### The Nature Center at SHAKER LAKES

2600 South Park Boulevard INFO: 216-321-5935 or shakerlakes.org

**TUESDAYS: Stone Oven Days, 2267 LEE** ROAD. Lunch thyme benefit. The Stone Oven donates a percentage of the day's sales to the Nature Center for its programs.

OCTOBER 1-28: Annual Bird Seed Sale. Purchase high-quality bird seed from Wild Birds Unlimited for Northeast Ohio's feathered friends. Order forms are available to download at shakerlakes. org and all orders are due by October 28. Pick-up times are noon-2 pm November 1 and 10 am-3 pm November 2.

OCTOBER 4: Photo Art Exhibit Reception & Awards Presentation, 5:30-7:30 PM. The public is invited to an opening reception and awards presentation for the juried exhibition "Beyond the Doan Brook: Images of an Urban Watershed." The exhibition will be displayed in the exhibit areas in the Nature Center through December.

OCTOBER 12 & 13 and OCTOBER 19 & 20: Family Portraits by MotoPhoto Shaker Heights. MotoPhoto Shaker Heights offers outdoor portrait sessions in the beautiful fall setting of the Nature Center and donates 10 percent of the proceeds to benefit the Nature Center. Create one-of-a kind heirloom portraits for your family to cherish while supporting the Nature Center. For more information and to schedule your appointment, visit motophotoportraits.com.

OCTOBER 13: Seasonal Bird Walk, 8:30-10:30 AM. Walk throughout the Shaker Parklands looking and listening for birds. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Free. Binoculars available for use with ID.

**OCTOBER 18: Family Campfire Night,** 6:30-8:30 PM. Bring camp chairs and marshmallow sticks for a fun evening of hiking, campfire songs, stories and, of course, s'mores! \$5/person with a \$25 maximum per family, up to 6 people. Register online by Wednesday, October 16.

OCTOBER 19: Stewardship Saturday, 10 AM-NOON. Help maintain the 20 acres of forest, marsh, and stream by removing invasive plants and collecting native seeds. This activity is open to individuals 13 and older and groups. Tools and instructions will be given at the start of each session. Bring a water bottle and wear waterproof boots, or borrow a pair from the Nature Center. To register, call Volunteer Coordinator Jessica Brand, 216-321-5935, ext. 237.

NOVEMBER 10: Seasonal Bird Walk, 8:30-10:30 AM. Walk throughout the Shaker Parklands looking and listening for birds. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot. Free. Binoculars available for use with ID.

**NOVEMBER 19: Deer Management Discussion, 7-8:30 PM.** Geoff Westerfield, from the Ohio Division of Wildlife will present information on the complexity of urban deer management. Westerfield specializes in working with private property owners with human-wildlife interaction issues. His talk will be followed by a Q & A session. \$8/members; \$10/non-members.

Forget about preparing dinner. Enjoy a slice of pizza and salad and some dedicated playtime with your child. Free, but registration required. Email Holly Palda at hpalda@familyconnections1.org or call: 216-321-0079.

# Ongoing Activities for ADULTS

MONDAYS: Monday Morning Jumpstart, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. A jobs club moderated by Career Transition Center's Bonnie Dick. Meet other job seekers and gain insights about job strategies. INFO: 216-367-3011

TUESDAYS: English In Action, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. A free program for those seeking to learn to read and speak English. INFO: 216-991-2030.

WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS: Pick-up Hockey for Adults, 11:30 AM-1 PM, THORNTON PARK. Get out of the office and on the ice for friendly competition and exercise. \$7/resident; \$9/nonresident.

THURSDAYS: Open Bridge, 1-4 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Card lovers can't trump this activity that only costs \$1. Also meets Mondays. INFO: 216-491-1295.

FRIDAYS: Bread Distribution, 10 AM-NOON, CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 3445 WARRENSVILLE CTR. RD. Free bread from our neighbor, The Fresh Market, is available to the public. Some days other products are available. Everything is on a first-come, first-served basis. INFO: 216-991-3432.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE.** Farmers bring their wares to city folks. Buy fresh, local, seasonal produce and meet friends at the market. INFO: 216-751-7656.

# **Picture This:**ART ABOUT TOWN

THROUGH NOVEMBER 10: Would You Be My Neighbor? The Neighborhoods of Shaker Heights. SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. This exhibit highlights the components of each neighborhood in Shaker that make it unique for its schools, churches, and residents. Hear their stories of community spirit, social activism, and leadership. INFO: 216-921-1201.

THROUGH NOVEMBER 10: Michelangelo Lovelace: Inner-City Life. SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Colorful, vibrant artwork that interprets gritty inner city life. INFO: 216-921-1201.

#### OCTOBER 3 - NOVEMBER 4: Altered

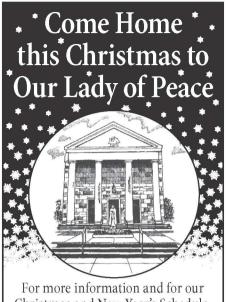
Octavos. LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Loganberry Books is holding an "altered book" contest coinciding with the Annex Gallery exhibition in celebration of Octavofest, a celebration of books and paper. Each artist is limited to one entry and artwork must be identified by artist, title, and price. (Entries must be available for sale with a 20 percent commission to Loganberry Books.) Awards include a \$500 Best of Show, a People's Choice Award decided by the general audience, and several Honorable Mentions. Voting will take place throughout the month, with awards announced at the closing of the show, October 31. INFO: 216-795-9800.

OCTOBER 4: Beyond the Doan Brook: Images of an Urban Watershed, 5:30-7:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Opening reception and awards presentation for the juried show on display through December.

**OCTOBER 7-NOVEMBER 8: Mixed Media of Gary Baganto.** MAIN LIBRARY. The artist presents a mix of surrealism and fantasy in oils and acrylics. INFO: 216-991-2030.

NOVEMBER 15: Patricia Zinsmeister Parker: Parker's Playground Opening Reception, 6-8 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Vibrant abstract and expressive paintings and still-life artwork in highly evocative and poetic images. INFO: 216-921-1201.

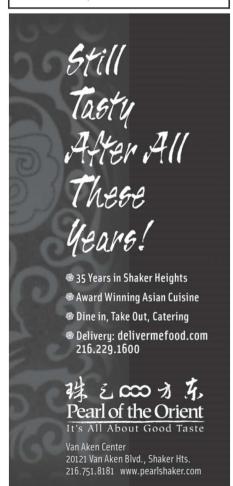




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#### **OUT & ABOUT**

NOVEMBER 18-DECEMBER 28: Celebrations. MAIN LIBRARY. Celebrate the warm, whimsical, colorful quilts created by members of the African American Quilt and Doll Guild. INFO: 216-991-2030.

# **Events for** OCTOBER

OCTOBER 1: A Celebration of Molly LaRue & Her Stamp, 5:30-7:00 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Celebrate the anniversary of the nation's first student-designed postage stamp with a presentation to Molly's family, followed by light refreshments. Free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

OCTOBER 1: Local Candidates Forum, 7-9 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Meet the candidates for City Council and School Board.

OCTOBER 3: Altered Octavos Opening Reception, 6-8 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy the talents of the artists who have created altered books. INFO: 216-795-9800.

OCTOBER 4: First Quarter Principal & Parent Coffee, 7:30-8:30 AM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL PARENT RESOURCE ROOM. Informal gathering for all high school parents with Principal Mike Griffith to meet, ask questions, and learn about current school topics. Continental breakfast and coffee provided by PTO. INFO: 216-233-6726 or email shhsptopres@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 6: The Dilemma of Climate Change: A Discussion about Risks and Moral Responsibilities, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Severe storms, heat waves, and other effects of climate change have increased, yet we don't seem to be able to muster the political will to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Following a presentation by David Beach, director, Green City Blue Lake Institute at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, join in small group discussions to identify specific actions to address these issues and reduce NE Ohio's carbon footprint. INFO: 216-751-2320.

OCTOBER 6: A Woman Scorned, 4 PM, HERR CHAPEL, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Together with "fiery Chicago mezzo" Angela Young Smucker, the Les Délices ensemble takes audiences on an intense, emotional journey when they open their 5th anniversary season with "Woman Scorned." The program of wild, descriptive music depicting sorceresses and temptresses includes two works never before heard in Ohio. Musicologist Susan McClary offers a pre-concert lecture at 3 pm. Tickets & INFO: lesdelices.org.

OCTOBER 8: Medicare and You, 1 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Eligible for Medicare? Need help sorting out the options and making the most of the program? Join the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program to learn about the latest changes in Medicare parts A, B, and D. The presentation will also cover Medicare Supplemental Insurance and Medicare Advantage plans. INFO: 216-961-2030.

OCTOBER 8: Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SMALL AUDITORIUM. Monthly meeting of the Shaker School Board. INFO: 216-295-1400.

OCTOBER 8: Paper Making Demonstration with Gene Epstein, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. As part of the Octavofest celebration of books and print making, Gene Epstein will demonstrate her craft. Be sure to see her altered books exhibit this October in the display cases at Main Library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

OCTOBER 8: Learning for Life Speakers' Series, 7 PM, THE AHUJA AUDITORIUM AT HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Clinical psychologist Catherine Steiner-Adair will speak about her latest book, The Big Disconnect, and talk about how technology and the Internet are fragmenting American families, leaving parents confused and children lonely. Put down your smartphone and read this book! Free but registration is required. INFO: kosborne@hb.edu.

OCTOBER 10: Fall Harvest Dishes with John Pistone, 7 PM. BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Chef John Pistone will offer samples, tips, and recipes as he demonstrates how to make delicious dishes

with fresh and local fruits and vegetables. INFO: 216-991-2421.

OCTOBER 10: Steps to Your Success Career Transition Center Benefit, 6 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Keynote speaker: Armond Budish, Ohio state representative and host of Channel 3's "Golden Opportunities." Enjoy hors d'oeuvres, wine, beer, and a silent auction. Tickets: \$75/person. INFO: 216-367-3011 or Careertc.org.

OCTOBER 11: AARP Driving Safety, 12:30-4:30 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. This refresher course on the rules of the road and how to drive defensively may help you drive down insurance premiums. \$12/AARP member; \$14/non-member. INFO: 216-491-1360.

OCTOBER 11: Italian Song, 7 PM. The kick-off event of the 2012-13 AHA! Series season features classical singers Diane Menges, soprano, and Jennifer Woda, mezzo soprano, performing "Serate Musicali," a delightful program of selections from the works of Mozart, Puccini, Donaudy, Puccini, and Rossini. Concert begins at 8 pm following the reception. Tickets: \$30/person include food and beverages. INFO: 216-916-9360 or shaker-artscouncil.org.

OCTOBER 11: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Get a riff of this! Music amid the books. INFO: 216-795-9800.

OCTOBER 14: Tour Your Schools Day. Visit the Shaker Schools to see education in action.

OCTOBER 16: Health Fair and Expo for Adults 50+, 10 AM-2 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. This event highlighting local health care options for seniors is co-sponsored with The Woodlands of Shaker Heights. INFO: Andrea McNeil, 216-491-1351.

OCTOBER 16 & 23: Landlord Training: Part I, 5:30-8 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Stay on top of the latest legal issues, property maintenance tips, marketing strategies, and City of Shaker Heights requirements. Learn the principles and best practices to be a successful landlord. Full participation requires mandatory attendance for two

consecutive Wednesdays. Registration is required and seating is limited. For more information call 216-491-1434.

#### OCTOBER 16-20: Fall Book Sale Preview.

4-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library presents a huge fall sale with a large selection of children's and black studies books. Members get first dibs on a great selection in well-organized categories. Not a Friend? Join at the door for \$15. The sale continues October 17, 18 & 19 from 9:30-4 pm and October 20 from 1-4 pm when you can buy a bag of books for \$5. Want to volunteer? Email Joyce Balliet at joyceballiet@gmail.com. INFO: 216-991-2030.

OCTOBER 17: Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society (NOBS) Forum, 7 PM, LOGAN-BERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Joanna Connors & Karen Long speak about professional book reviewing. INFO: 216-795-9800.

OCTOBER 19: Movers and Shakers: An Evening to Celebrate Shaker Heights Visionaries, 6-11 PM, CANTERBURY GOLF CLUB, 22000 S. WOODLAND RD. The 3rd Annual Movers and Shakers event honors Leon Bibb, Paul and Jill Clark, and Donita Anderson – outstanding individuals who have made significant contributions to the community through their leadership, service, and philanthropy. Tickets: INFO: 216-921-1201.

OCTOBER 26: Inked Writing Competition, 9 AM-1:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. High school students are invited to participate in one of three writing categories:creative stories, poetry, or persuasive essays. Participants can also choose to do one round of each category. Inked has three 30-minute rounds of writing. Students' work will be evaluated by a talented pool of Northeast Ohio writers. The top five students in each cateogory will receive awards. The \$15 entry fee includes a t-shirt, a day of writing, helpful and thorough feedback, a pizza lunch, cupcakes, and chances for prizes. INFO: inkedwritingcompetition@gmail.com.



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OCTOBER 27: Urban Revitalization for the 21st Century: A Cleveland Update, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. University Circle, downtown Cleveland, and the lakefront are being transformed with new architecture and landscape design, changes in mass transit, and the creation of bike-and-pedestrian pathways. Steven Litt, The Plain Dealer's art and architecture critic, will discuss how the latest trends in urban development affect the livability and aesthetics of key areas of our community. INFO: 216-751-2320.

OCTOBER 29: Cuarteto Casals and Manuel Barrueco, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Cleveland Classical Guitar Society presents Spanish string quartet Cuarteto Casals, which has won a Latin Grammy, and legendary guitarist Manuel Barrueco, who has worked with such artists as Placido Domingo, the King's Singers, and Andy Summers of The Police. Tickets \$30/\$28/\$5. INFO: 216-905-9348.

OCTOBER 30: Halloween Ball and Luncheon for Adults 50+, 12:30-2 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Lunch, lurk, and have a frightfully good time. Come in costume and you may scare up a prize. INFO: 216-491-1360.

OCTOBER 31: Halloween, 6-7:30 PM. Boo who? Costumed characters and beasts with bags of treats up and down our Shaker streets.

# **Events for** NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 2: Nutcracker Suite Gala, 6-11 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Dinner, dance performance, silent auction, and wine raffle to benefit Cleveland City Dance Company. Want to get involved or make a donation for the Auction? Email: Courtney@clevelandcity-dancecompany.org.

**NOVEMBER 3: Daylight Saving Time ends.** Time to fall back! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

NOVEMBER 3: Inside the Affordable Care Act: Progress or Regression? 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. What are the political, economic and community consequences of Ohio's Medicaid Expansion decision? I.B. Silvers, professor of Health Care Systems Management at CWRU Weatherhead School of Management, will discuss what is happening with the healthcare exchanges. Are we getting more value (health) for our money? Is Cleveland being affected as a "healthcare hub"? INFO: 216-751-2320.

NOVEMBER 3: Emerging Movers and Shakers: Honoring Shaker Heights' Rising Young Citizens, 3-4 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Join us to honor nine young individuals who have contributed significantly to Shaker Heights and the surrounding community. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**NOVEMBER 5: Election Day.** Schools closed. Remember to vote.

NOVEMBER 5: NaNoWriMo Kick-off Write-in, 6:30-8:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Bring your laptop, notebook, or pencil and legal pad and join in the challenge of writing a novel in one month during National Novel Writing Month. INFO: 216-991-2030.

NOVEMBER 6: Board of Education Meeting, 6 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SMALL AUDITORIUM. Monthly meeting of the Shaker School Board. INFO: 216-295-1400.

NOVEMBER 5-7: Public Oral History Series, 6:30–8 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Three oral history panel interviews with three residents representing three Shaker neighborhoods per session. The interviews will include lively Q & A sessions with the audience, sparking storytelling experiences about living in Shaker past, present, and future. Free to members; \$5/nonmembers. INFO: 216-921-1201.

NOVEMBER 8: Gene's Jazz Hot, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy hot jazz in a cool bookstore. INFO: 216-795-9800.

NOVEMBER 14: Meet the Author, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet Elaine Richardson, author of From PHD to Ph.D: How Education Changed My Life. Learn how education took her from the streets of Cleveland to academia. "Dr. E" is currently professor of Literacy Studies at The Ohio State University. Books will be available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-991-2030.

NOVEMBER 15-DECEMBER 31: Otis' Old Curiosity Shop, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Holiday bazaar in the Annex Gallery features a lively mix of gift-giving favorites, including new toys, games, and knick-knacks, holiday

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**NOVEMBER 17: Redefining Scarcity** and Abundance: A Thanksgiving Journey Together, 9:30 AM-1:45 PM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. For what are you truly grateful? How long is your list and what do you lack? Guided conversations around forum tables can give new perspective on the abundance of resources and collective good fortune we have. Join the discussion. INFO: 216-751-2320

**NOVEMBER 19: Miniature Wonderlands.** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Enjoy winter holiday sparkle with fanciful miniature rooms and houses plus model trains on display through January 19, 2014. Delight in the private collections of Gerry Arnold, Cathy and Emma Lincoln, the Cleveland Miniature Society, and Stewart's Hobbies. INFO: 216-921-1201.

NOVEMBER 21, 22 & 23: Once on This Island, 7 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL. This one-act musical with book and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and music by Stephen Flaherty is the story of a peasant girl on a tropical island, who wields the power of love to unite people from different social classes. Box Office: 216-295-4287

NOVEMBER 23: Carlos Pérez, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Cleveland Classical Guitar Society presents Carlos Pérez, a native of Santiago. Chile and professor at the University of Chile, who has won many international competitions. Tickets: \$20/\$15/\$10. INFO: 216-905-9348.

**NOVEMBER 24:** The Future of News: Digital Delivery, Results and Opportunities. 9:30-10:45 AM. FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. What are the results of the Plain Dealer's scaled down home delivery? CSU journalism professor Anup Kumar leads a panel discussion. INFO: 216-751-2320.

NOVEMBER 26: National Novel Writing Month Sharing Session, 7-9 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. As National Novel Writing Month comes to an end, join in a novel night of sharing your best page, paragraph or sentence. INFO: 216-991-2030.

NOVEMBER 27-DECEMBER 1: Thanksgiving recess. Shaker schools closed.

**NOVEMBER 29 & 30: Larchmere Holiday** Stroll. 10 AM-8 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD. Bundle up and browse the boulevard to find unique gifts and friendly shopkeepers. Stay for lunch or dinner and put the ho-ho-ho back in holiday shopping.



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#### Shaker Heights DECEMBER HOLIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

**DECEMBER 8: Holiday Open House, 2-5 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Sweets and savories, nibbles and bits, sugarplums and serenading by Nightingale to inspire the holiday spirit. Free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

DECEMBER 11: Holiday Dinner, 12:30-2 PM, STEPHANIE TUBBS JONES COMMUNITY BLDG. Annual dinner for adults 50+. Reservations are required by December 6 Call 216-491-1360

**DECEMBER 15: Cleveland Christmas Memories,** 3-5 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL
SOCIETY. Gail Ghetia Bellamy shares
Northeast Ohioans' personal stories
and recollections from her book Cleveland
Christmas Memories. Following her presentation books will be available for sale and
signing. Free to members; \$5/nonmembers. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**DECEMBER 18: HS: Winter Choir Alumni Concert,** 7:30 PM, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH
SCHOOL. INFO: 216-295-4200.

**DECEMBER 22-JANUARY 6, 2014: Winter Recess.** Shaker Schools closed.

# **Beyond the**CITY LIMITS

OCTOBER 4: Rockin' Bach, 6 PM, THE COUNTRY CLUB, 2825 LANDER RD. Cleveland Institute of Music benefit features cocktails and dinner, and a musical performance by composer/virtuoso Robert Dick, CIM President Joel Smirnoff,

Mary Kay Fink, and CIM students. Tickets \$85-\$130/person. INFO: 216-795-3209 or cim.edu.

OCTOBER 5: Chagrin Documentary Film Festival Red Carpet Gala, 7:30 PM, 16575 SOUTH FRANKLIN ST. CHAGRIN FALLS. Celebrate the five-day (October 2-6) film festival in the falls. Mingle with directors and film enthusiasts, enjoy live entertainment, a silent auction, and fine food from local restaurants to benefit the Chagrin Valley Rotary. \$50/person. INFO: 440-247-1591.

OCTOBER 9: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lectures, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Carrie Sowden of the Peachman Lake Erie Shipwreck Research Center speaks on "The Archaeology of the Battle of Lake Erie." Free lecture followed by a reception to meet the speaker. INFO: 216-231-4600 or case.edu/artsci/clsc/cas/events.html.

OCTOBER 16: Writers Center Stage: Stephen L. Carter, 7:30 PM, OHIO THEATER, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Stephen L. Carter is a prolific writer who has published eight critically acclaimed nonfiction books and five works of fiction, including The Emperor of Ocean Park, a 2003 Anisfield-Wolf Book Award winner. His latest novel, The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln, explores what might have happened had Abraham Lincoln survived assassination and gone on to be impeached. He is currently the William Nelson Cromwell Professor of Law at Yale. \$30/person to benefit Cuvahoga County Library Foundation. Tickets & INFO: 216-241-6000.

OCTOBER 17: TRI-C Presidential Scholarship Luncheon, 11 AM, RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL. The Tri-C College Foundation Scholarship benefit features keynote speaker Bill Clinton – 42nd POTUS and founder of the Clinton Foundation. Tickets & INFO: 216-987-4868.

OCTOBER 17-20 & 24-27: Boo at the Zoo, 6-9 PM, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Eight nights of SPOOKtacular, scare-free fun designed for a younger audience. \$8/person. INFO: 216-635-3369.

OCTOBER 25, 27, 28 & 29: Designer Dress Days Preview, 10 AM-4 PM, MANDEL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, S. WOODLAND RD., BEACHWOOD. The National Council of Jewish Women Cleveland Section presents its 45th annual Designer Dress Days, filled with beautiful new and gently-worn clothing, purses, fine and costume jewelry, and more. \$20/person for preview. Oct. 28 and 29 hours are 10 am-8 pm. INFO: 216-378-2204.

NOVEMBER 8: An Evening with Patti LaBelle, STATE THEATER, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. The soulful songbird performs for the benefit of Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Northeast Ohio's largest youth workforce development organization. Tickets: \$35-\$125 INFO: 216-241-6000 or youthopportunities.org.

NOVEMBER 6, 7, 8: Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theater, 7:30 PM, KULAS HALL, CIM. David Bamberger directs and Harry Davidson conducts the CIM Orchestra in Mozart's "The Magic Flute." Production includes projected text and translations. Tickets: \$20/adults, \$15/seniors. INFO: 216-795-3211.

NOVEMBER 14: 59th Annual Humanitarian Award Dinner, 5:30 PM, RENAISSANCE CLEVELAND HOTEL. Reception and dinner to honor Beth E. Mooney, chair & CEO KeyCorp; Thomas W. Adler, senior advisor, Playhouse Square Real Estate Services, and Larry Pollock, managing partner, Lucky Stars Partners, LLC. Tickets & INFO: The Diversity Center, 216-752-3000.

NOVEMBER 19: Writers Center Stage: Cheryl Strayed, 7:30 PM, OHIO THEATER, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. American memoirist, novelist, and essayist Cheryl Strayed is best known for The New York Times best-seller, Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail, a memoir that has been translated into 28 languages. Strayed's work has been published in The Washington Post, The New York Times, Vogue, and Allure. \$30/person to benefit Cuyahoga County Library Foundation. Tickets & INFO: 216-241-6000.

NOVEMBER 28: Thanksgiving at the Zoo, 10 AM-5 PM, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Special feedings and free admission to the Zoo and the Rainforest.

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# From Slow Burns To Sexism

#### By John R. Brandt

Of the many challenges a Shaker parent faces, none is more important than being able to outwit their children on a wide variety of subjects. Unfortunately, in a city full of excellent schools, this is easier said than done. As a public service, then, Shaker Observer offers this guide to parent-child "discussions:"

Display Of Overwhelming Force Under Stress (DOOFUS): Pioneered some 50 years ago by Shaker Man's father, this strategy involves a slow paternal simmer as children "keep fooling around," followed by a red burn that rises from shirt collar to ears as kids become "mouthy," and finally erupts in a volcanic explosion of sputtered, partially comprehensible phrases such as:

- I've had enough of your dadblame [misbehavior, noise, uncanny insight into Dad's character];
- You dang kids have no idea how [good, easy, soft] you have it now; or
- When I was your age my Momma would've beaten me with a [switch, belt, broom, two-by-four, etc.].

Unfortunately, these effective techniques - along with spanking, guilt trips, and threats to leave obstreperous children outside the Salvation Army - are now considered outdated or, in some jurisdictions, criminal. Modern parents are left only with the same threat over and over, i.e.

 You will NEVER, EVER [fingerpaint, bake cookies, drink soda in the den, play Xbox, drive, leave your room under any circumstances including nuclear war] again. The problem with smart kids is that they eventually (by age 4) realize that all DOOFUS threats are empty, and that Daddy is hopelessly wrapped around their chubby, chocolate-covered little fingers.

Shaker Man: "You will NEVER, EVER..."

"That's just not true, Daddy."

"What-"

"Last week you said I couldn't have my Barbies back for three days, but as soon as you started watching that show with the bad words, you said I could have them in my room...."

Rapid Distraction Technique (**RDT**): Extremely effective in extricating parents from losing arguments, and can take many forms, including:

Look over there: For a small child, this can be as simple as pretending to pull a coin out of his or her ear, at least until they realize that you're a crap magician ("Please, Daddy. I can see the penny sticking up between your fingers."). For older children, it more typically involves looking off into space at a key moment, sighing, and then delivering a grand non sequitur: "You guys are growing up so fast. It's really amazing."

"Not half as amazing as your ability to avoid verbal defeat by changing the subject. Do you do this at work?"

"That's another interesting question. How do you guys come up with these?"

Funny voices: "Dad, that doesn't make sense."

"Oh ho! So you theenk theez does not make sense, eh? Sacre bleu!"

"No. Not even in the worst French Canadian accent ever."

"Ach du lieber! Zis iss ein outrage!"

"Not in German either. Can we talk, or do you have to offend every ethnic group you can think of first?" Escape: "I think I hear water running in the basement. Does anybody else hear water running? I'll check it out...."

#### Discussion of Objective Meaning

(DOOM): Alas, every Shaker parent eventually faces a day when he or she must engage in rational, fact-based conversation with adult children who are both better educated and better informed. Attempts to play on their level only result in deeper levels of fail.

"I negate that assumption," Shaker Man says with a wink to his 16-year-old son, a champion debater.

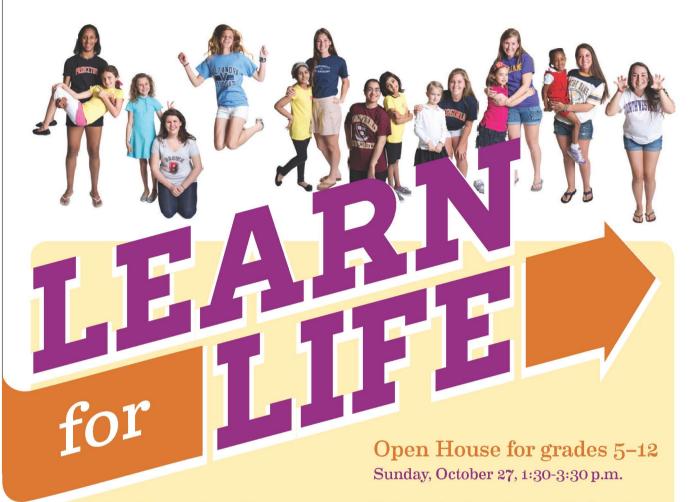
"You mean my 'assertion," says 16. "Also, if this were a real debate, you'd have to have an argument. A few facts. Maybe even a conclusion. All of which means that in your hands, 'I negate that assumption' is about the same as 'No, you are."

Things go from bad to worse with a 20-year-old daughter majoring in sociology.

"You realize," says 20, "that the assumption behind your argument is inherently sexist, right? I mean, I know it's kind of not your fault, since you were raised decades ago in a patriarchal society with restrictive gender norms, but it's 2013, right?"

Pause.

"Oh-ho! Zee old 'patriarchal society' defense, eh? We will zee about zat one, right after I check on... dinner. Yes. Oui. Dinner. Back in zee flash, as we say in Quebec...."



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