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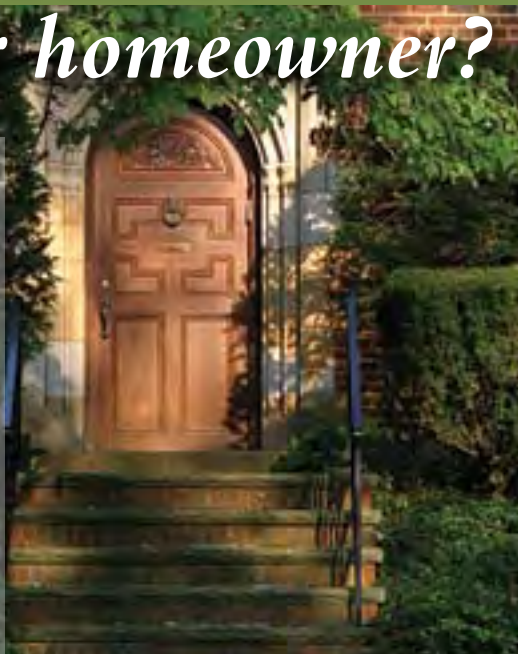
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We-a Culpa



In the February/March issue of *Shaker Life*, Earl Williams was inadvertently omitted from the story about re-elected City Council members. We apologize for the oversight.

Williams is a staff attorney with the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority and was assistant Cuyahoga County public defender and an assistant Cuyahoga County prosecutor. He volunteers as a member of the board of directors of the Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corp., which is engaged in a multi-million dollar economic and community development investment program for the Kinsman Road area. He holds a bachelor's degree in Communications from Ohio University, and a law degree from Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Come Out and Play

Two exciting projects on the City's Recreation and Leisure Plan agenda have come to fruition just in time for spring-time enjoyment.

The new 1.5 mile multi-purpose trail meanders along the south side of Shaker Boulevard's median, between Warrensville Center Road (near Realty One) and Sulgrave Road. The smooth, wide trail is perfect for walking, jogging, bike riding, and rollerblading. It is also completely handicap accessible and includes markers at every quarter mile. The trail is dotted with benches and trees, including 15 new trees that were planted across from the Middle School. Waste receptacles and dog waste bag dispensers are placed along the trail.

The median trail connects with the Beachwood City Park trail and beyond – giving residents access to many miles of continuous paved trails.

Beloved Shaker picnic destination, Horseshoe Lake Park, is also a must-see. With over \$800,000 in renovations, the park is ready to host a whole new generation of outdoor enthusiasts. The improvements include:

- Two new picnic shelters
- New asphalt walking/biking trails
- Boardwalk
- Climbing web
- Fossil digging pit
- Toddler play area, with age-appropriate equipment
- Swing set

Every element of the park is designed to bring people in closer touch with nature. Cleveland Heights artist Debbie Apple-Presser created a public art piece for the park in the shape of a spider web (not the climbing apparatus described below), made entirely out of recycled materials such as bottle caps, paper clips, and old jewelry. A rain garden at the center of the driveway turnaround collects rainwater to nourish nearby native plantings, which will be identified by placards.

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From Our Readers

I really enjoyed Jennifer Proe's article about the rental market in Shaker Heights ["Easy Living," February/March]. It's nice to know that Shaker housing has something for everyone, and that the city is working hard to maintain Shaker's status as an attractive place to live for all residents, regardless of their ability and/or desire to buy a house. I have friends who are in the process of down-sizing, hopefully in Shaker Heights, and I will certainly put them in touch with Judy Steehler's relocation services. Thanks for making me aware of this useful City resource.

– Molly Walsh

Your article, "On the Home Front," [December/January] was a refreshing story about Shaker residents with family members fighting the global war on terror. Beth Friedman-Romell wrote, "you don't think about Shaker Heights with soldiers in the military." So I compliment her on this story.

I am a Shaker Heights High School graduate (Class '72) now fighting for our country. Having served a tour of duty in Afghanistan, I would encourage all of us to not let Afghanistan become a forgotten fight.

– LTC Robert Roy



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Next up for the park: the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes is leading the design process for a \$40,000 children's tree house, funded in equal parts by the City and the Hershey Foundation. The Nature Center anticipates completion of the tree house by the end of 2008. For information about reserving the park pavilions for picnicking, see Seasonal Reminders, page 9.

The Jury's In!

Shaker residents have now had three opportunities for input regarding the proposed transformation of the Warrensville/Van Aken intersection. Their insights, hopes and dreams have all been documented, analyzed and crafted into a final plan that City Council will review at an upcoming meeting. Visit the City website, shakeronline.com, to read summaries of each meeting and to learn when the plan will be on Council's agenda.

Memorial Day Activities

After you put out the flag and dust off the grill, round out your holiday weekend with the following activities:

Pancakes in the Park,

Saturday May 24 from 8:30-11:30 am

Explore Horseshoe Lake Park in its newly renovated glory. Fill up on hot-cakes, then walk them off on the new boardwalk and walking trails (with guided tours at 10 and 10:30). Youngsters can romp and climb on new spider web apparatus and swing set, and dig for "treasures" in the fossil pit. Bring a ball or Frisbee to toss in the open grassy area. The breakfast is \$7 for adults, \$5 for children (\$2 for children under 5). Proceeds go to the Recreation for Youth Scholarship Fund, which helps offset the cost of attendance at local recreation programs. Rain date: Sunday, May 25.

SPLASH into Summer,

Saturday May 24 from 1-3 pm

Be the first one in the pool at Thornton Park! Sign up for SPLASH, a national

water safety program sponsored by the City's Community Life Department, South Pointe Hospital, and the Southeast YMCA, and learn water safety through fun and games. A great introduction to safe pool use. Only program participants will have use of the pool. Free. Registration begins May 1; call the Community Life Department, 216-491-1295.

Memorial Day,

Monday May 26 at 9 am

Gather at the flagpole at City Hall at 9 am for the City's annual salute to America's fallen soldiers. Mayor Earl Leiken will be the featured speaker this year. Then join friends and neighbors along the parade route – from the flagpole to the westbound lane of Van Aken Boulevard to Thornton Park. Stick around for the official opening of the pool – swimming and ice skating after the parade – regular admissions apply.

To participate in the parade, sign up your group, organization, or float by May 16. Call Sandra Moore, 216-491-2598, or reserve a spot via email at sandramoore@shakeronline.com. Volunteer servicemen and women are still needed to carry flags from their branch of service, in uniform if possible.

Learn-to-Swim Program Offers More Flexibility in 2008

The Recreation Department has implemented a few changes to the Learn-to-Swim program this year.

- Two-week sessions are now offered four days a week instead of five. Or, parents can choose a two-day per week option (M/W or T/Th) for a four-week session.
- Swim classes for toddlers and pre-schoolers are now offered on Fridays as well as Saturdays. Parents can choose either or both days for an eight-week session.
- To arrange private lessons with a Learn-to-Swim instructor of their choice, parents will purchase a coupon from the City for each lesson to present to the instructor.

For questions about the Learn-to-

Swim program or to enroll in classes, call 216-491-1295. Enrollment for the first session begins April 1.

It's Block Party Season

Pass the sunblock and let the games begin! The City is geared up for another bumper crop of block parties; nearly 100 are held each summer. The City can provide a number of services including:

- A special brush pick-up and street cleaning prior to the event
- Delivery of road barricades to block the street
- An up-close tour of a fire truck or police car or a visit from a police dog (all depending on availability)

A key to block party success is to make your request at least two weeks in advance by completing the online form at shakeronline.com (preferred). If you do not have access to the Internet, you may register your party by calling Sandra Moore at 216-491-2598. The two-week window is necessary in order to schedule staff and resources accordingly. Due to safety issues concerning police and fire routes, all block parties must be registered with the City.

NOTE: The City does not have tables or chairs available for loan or rent, and is not able to deliver equipment to block parties or association gatherings. Also, if using a tent, contact the Fire Department, as a permit may be necessary.

June Fundraiser to Unveil Renovated Marshall Mansion

Don't miss the chance to see inside the beautifully transformed, historic Marshall Mansion at 3074 Lee Road, at the corner of South Woodland Boulevard. The mansion's owners, Gayle and Don Prebis, have graciously agreed to open the mansion to the community for a cocktail reception benefiting the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights.

For over two years, the couple has been hard at work restoring the 1918, six-bedroom, eight-bathroom mansion.



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This is one open house you won't want to miss! Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 8th from 5-7 pm. Tickets are \$100, or \$200 for patrons. For more information about the event or the Fund, contact the Fund for the Future office, 216-491-1457, or visit shakeronline.com.

"Rent A Raider" for Spring Clean Up

Need a little help with your spring yard clean up? The Shaker Raider Football team wants to tackle the job with their second annual "Rent A Raider" fundraiser. The Raiders are available to rake leaves and help with yard and garage clean up on April 12, 19 and 26. Parent volunteers assess each job and provide a cost estimate depending upon the size of the job. The service is open to all residents, and senior citizens are particularly encouraged to call. All proceeds fund the Raiders' summer camp, pre-game meals, and academic awards. For price quotes or more information, contact Ellen Frank, 216-378-0868 or Ric Johnson, 216-921-1485.

Recycling Events in April and May

The Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd., is now accepting household batteries (i.e. AA, C, etc.) for recycling on Saturdays and Sundays, year round.

In addition, specific recycling round-ups are scheduled at the Service Center on Saturday and Sunday, between 8 am and 4 pm on the dates indicated.

Bring household hazardous waste items on April 12 and 13, and April 19 and 20. The following are accepted:

- Oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, or coatings (aerosols or liquids)
- Varnishes, polyurethanes, shellacs
- Paint thinner, mineral spirits,

turpentine

- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- Caustic household cleaners
- Automotive fluids, motor oil, car batteries
- Adhesives, roof tar, driveway sealer
- Kerosene, gasoline, lighter fluid
- Mercury, fluorescent bulbs

NO LATEX PAINT. According to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, latex or water-based paints are not hazardous and can be safely disposed in household trash once they have solidified. For instructions on how to solidify latex paint, visit the District website at <http://cuyahogaswd.org/pdf/latexpaint.pdf>.

Bring computer equipment on April 26 and 27, and May 3 and 4. The following items are accepted:

- CPUs
- Monitors
- Keyboards
- Mice
- Printers

- Terminals
- Modems
- Cables
- Software
- Printer cartridges
- Cell phones & accessories

Inspections Begin in the Spring

Shaker protects the competitive value of its homes and neighborhoods through a systemized program of exterior inspections. The inspections rotate through the various neighborhoods on a five year cycle. This year, the Public Works Department will inspect sidewalks and aprons in the Lomond and Sussex neighborhoods. For more information or questions, contact the Public Works Department at 216-491-3289.

The Housing Inspection Department will conduct exterior inspections in Boulevard and Moreland. The standard compliance time for housing code viola-

tions is 90 days, but extensions of time to make repairs are granted if progress is satisfactory, even if not completed. For more information or questions, contact the Housing Inspection Department at 216-491-1470.

Fundraiser to Benefit Ogbuji Family

A fundraiser has been organized on behalf of Roschelle and Chimezie Ogbuji, the Shaker Heights couple whose three children perished in a house fire on Rawnsdale Road last December. The Lomond and Sussex Community Associations, Lomond School, and St. Dominic Church have banded together to coordinate a spaghetti dinner to benefit the family.

The dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27 from noon to 4 pm at St. Dominic School, 3450 Norwood Avenue, in the cafeteria (use the Van Aken parking lot entrance.) Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7 for children, with a maximum of \$35

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Why do the roads in Shaker curve? Why is Shaker called a "garden city" suburb? How can you learn about the history of your home? Find answers to these and more questions by attending "Shaker Heights 101: The Story Behind the 'Garden City' Suburb" on Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm at the Shaker Heights Main Library.

Sabine Kretzschmar, executive director of the Shaker Historical Society and Museum, and Meghan Hays, local history librarian at the Shaker Heights Public Library, will give this fun, informative presentation on Shaker Heights history, and answer questions about researching the history of your home. To reserve your space for this free program, contact the Shaker Heights Public Library at 216-991-2030.

Even if you can't make the presentation, the museum and library can still offer assistance in researching your home. Says Meghan Hays, "I work with a lot of people who are looking for more information about their homes. This is a city dedicated to its unique and dramatic architectural history, and people are very proud of their homes." Residents can fill out a form to get the process started, at www.shakerlibrary.org/request, or call Hays to find out what resources are available, at 216-367-3016.

The museum also has some information of interest to homeowners, but is particularly interested in historical documents homeowners may have to share, such as original plans, architectural drawings, deeds, and any correspondence between architects, builders, and owners.

"You'd be amazed at what is of interest to the historian," says Sabine Kretzschmar. "I would love to put together an exhibition of some of the key archi-

facts of Shaker, but I don't have enough pieces of the puzzle yet." To share items of interest, contact the museum at 216-921-1201.

Avoid Fires Caused by Roof Work



Spring's warmer temperatures bring melting ice and snow on house roof tops resulting in leaks and the need to summon the assistance of a roofing contractor. To replace or repair roofs, contractors often use torches. Those torches can start devastating house fires. Before hiring a roofing contractor, ask the following:

- 1. Is the contractor registered with the City's Building Department?** Reluctance to register with the City can be an indication that the contractor is not licensed to do the work and/or is not insured.
- 2. Will you be using torches during repairs and/or installation of roofing materials?** Torches are often unnecessary. Rubber, roll and modified roofing materials work well and do not require the use of torches.
- 3. Has the contractor been issued a permit from the Building Department** (required for new roof installation) and/or the Fire Department (required for use of torches)?
- 4. Does the contractor have references?** If you have questions or concerns, contact the City's Building (216-491-1460) or Fire (216-491-1200) departments.

Shaker News Briefs

• When National Chess Champion **Trey Modlin**, a 9th grader at SHHS, picked up his first chess piece at age four, he was hooked immediately. It



Modlin

wasn't long before he was beating his father, Charles Modlin, a kidney transplant surgeon at the Cleveland Clinic. To help Trey advance his game, the Modlins enlisted a private coach, Mike Joelson, who is now the director of Shaker's chess

program, "Progress with Chess."

In the seven years since its inception, the program has grown from a lunchtime activity at Boulevard School to a hugely popular after school program serving over 300 students each year, at every level in the Shaker school district.

Trey also used an instructional CD-ROM by Maurice Ashley, known in the chess world as "the Tiger Woods of Chess." Ashley is the first and only international African American chess grandmaster. The Modlins had an opportunity to meet Ashley at the 2007 tournament where Trey won his title. They invited him to come to the Shaker and Cleveland school districts to share his knowledge.

A natural mentor, Ashley was happy to oblige. In January he spoke at a Shaker Middle School assembly, followed by a lively demonstration in which he engaged more than 30 students in simultaneous play.

"The beauty of chess is that, in a fun, engaging format, kids learn all the discipline and self-esteem building skills they need: the ability to reason, calculate, plan ahead, set goals, discipline their emotions and remain flexible. It trains kids to do well in school, life and business. I really feel we are training the future leaders of our society," said Ashley.

• **Gerald Jackson** was appointed to the Board of Appeals as a new member for a two-year term, and **John Fahsbender** was re-appointed for a two-year term.

• **Reggie Williams** was reappointed

to the Fair Housing Review Board for a three-year term.

• **La Sondra Davis** was re-appointed to the Human Relations Commission for a two-year term.

Seasonal Reminders

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

Fire Hydrants: The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants from March 31 through April 12. Schedules and affected streets are posted on the shakeronline.com calendar.

Grass Ordinance: Grass may not be taller than 6 inches. Tall grass and weeds which are spreading or maturing seeds, or are about to do so, including ragweed, goldenrod, poison ivy, or poison oak are declared nuisances.

Horseshoe Lake Park Picnic Permits: Reservation permits are limited to the large pavilion. Permission for use of both pavilions may be granted to larger groups. Two weeks' advance notice of requested date is required. Picnic organizers are encouraged to view the park's new configuration prior to requesting a permit. Priority is given to in-person requests at the Shaker Community Building, which began March 25. Phone-in reservations were taken beginning March 26. Call 216-491-1351. The park is available M-SU from May 27 to August 31 and in September on weekends only. The park is open, but no reservations will be taken for Memorial Day, July 4 or Labor Day. Pavilions may be used on a first-come, first-served basis on these holidays.

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

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

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

Parking Ban: Parking is not allowed on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 am.

Rubbish pickup: Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, unless they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, will be one day late: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and **Memorial Day**. Call the Public Works Department, 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.

Safe City Hotline: To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 216-295-3434.

Security: The Police Department reminds residents leaving town on vacation to lock securely all windows and doors and to make arrangements for the house to be checked periodically, the newspapers and mail to be picked up and the lawn to be mowed regularly.

Smoke Detectors: Residents are required to have at least one 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.

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

REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between December 1, 2007 and January 31, 2008 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2007/2008 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
2957 EATON ROAD	\$313,000	\$333,334 (2006)	\$20,000 (1926)
3366 ELSMERE ROAD	\$140,000	\$145,152 (1999)	\$25,000 (1930)
20799 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$215,000	\$155,000 (1998)	\$26,000 (1954)
17127 FERNWAY ROAD	\$264,000	\$278,000 (2006)	\$10,000 (1928)
3535 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 97,000	\$157,000 (2001)	\$15,000 (1928)
2904 HUNTINGTON ROAD	\$274,000	\$220,000 (2004)	\$ 7,000 (1917)
13623 LARCHMERE ROAD	\$319,000	\$350,000 (2004)	\$19,000 (1929)
20030 LOMOND BLVD	\$158,000	\$205,000 (2001)	\$12,000 (1940)
2911 PAXTON ROAD	\$830,000	\$650,000 (2005)	\$30,000 (1928)
3650 ROLLISTON ROAD	\$137,000	\$ 69,000 (2005)	\$12,000 (1926)
16670 S PARK BLVD	\$775,000	\$400,000 (2006)	N/A (1909)
3686 SUTHERLAND ROAD	\$245,000	\$252,000 (2005)	\$ 9,500 (1931)
3590 TRAVER ROAD	\$201,000	\$228,000 (2003)	\$11,500 (1940)
3644 TRAVER ROAD	\$148,000	\$192,000 (2002)	\$12,000 (1928)
2529 WARWICK ROAD	\$262,800	\$357,000 (2002)	\$40,000 (1953)
2544 WARWICK ROAD	\$440,000	\$349,900 (2000)	\$12,000 (1936)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Landlord Training Program Offered

A comprehensive landlord training program is offered on Saturday, May 3 from 8:45 am to 4 pm and again, on Saturday, September 13 at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. The program is designed for existing and prospective Shaker two-family landlords, but it is open to all. The program encourages superior property management and maintenance, provides professional training to owner-occupant rental property owners, and helps landlords maintain a competitive edge in the marketplace.

The training is delivered by a team of professionals with expertise in the many facets of rental property ownership. Training is interactive, encouraging discussion of real-life situations and circumstances. Even experienced landlords gain valuable insights. Some of the topics covered:

- Ohio Landlord-Tenant Laws and Legal Issues
- Fair Housing Laws
- The Eviction Process
- Property & Business Management
- Property Maintenance
- City Requirements, Regulations and Programs
- Marketing Strategies

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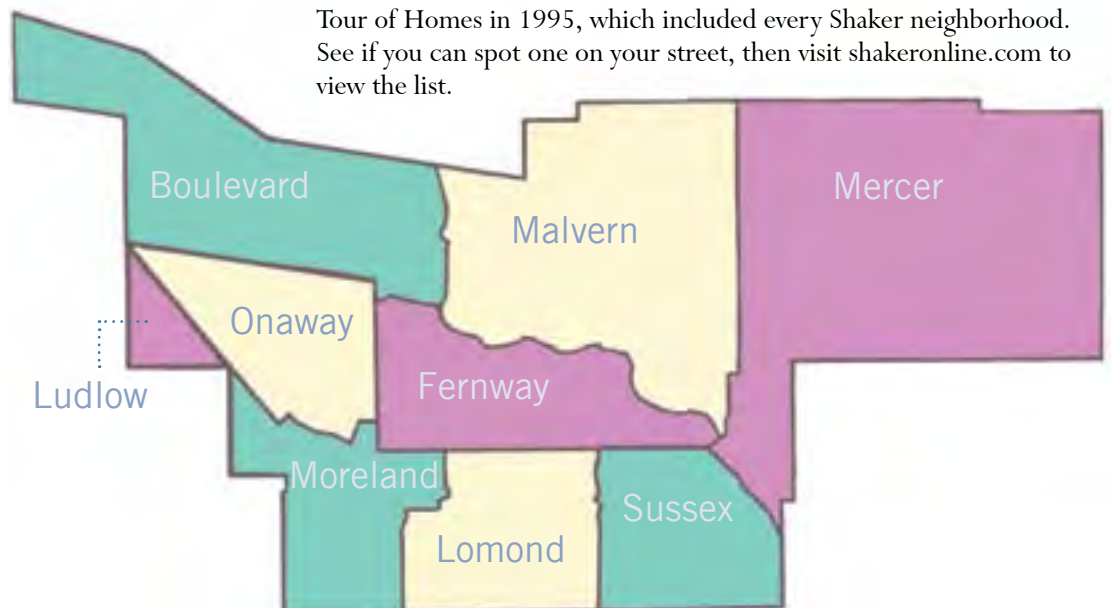
Tudor Revival Style



Before

Renovation of a magnificent Tudor in the Boulevard neighborhood.

52 Tudor Revival Style homes were identified on the Landmark Tour of Homes in 1995, which included every Shaker neighborhood. See if you can spot one on your street, then visit shakeronline.com to view the list.



Growth of the American suburb has been characterized by rows of identical houses, one street very much the same as the next. Ho hum.

And then there's Shaker Heights. Each home a jewel of architecturally significant, quality construction.

In the City's infancy, the City's founders, Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen, advocated that the homes be designed by an architect and built in one of three styles, English, French, and Colonial. This was the foundation. Beyond that, it was decreed, make each home unique. This produced homes with differing details and styles based on one or more influence. Add the requirement of quality construction materials, and you wind up with homes with extraordinary foundations – the bones – on which future generations of homeowners could depend to make upgrades and renovations.

The ingredients for a sublime suburb: beautiful homes on tree-lined streets with miles of sidewalks along which to stroll and admire the view.

Scattered throughout Shaker are homes built in the Tudor Revival Style, many designed by famous architects. See for yourselves, by car or foot, if you can spot the style in virtually any Shaker neighborhood.

Look for:

- Tall, narrow windows, often with leaded glass.
- Crenellated (indented or notched) towers (think, battlements)
- Pointed or elliptical arches over windows and doors
- Slate roofs (most common) or the more rare wood shingled roofs with curved eaves, intended to mimic the appearance of a thatched roof
- Steeply pitched roofs
- Decorative half-timbering (visible wood structure) with stucco, masonry or wood siding – a mix of all three is common
- Windows in multiple groups, bay windows
- Massive, elaborate chimneys

Tudor Revival Style

Property Values:

- Single family homes estimated tax value* from \$213,000 to \$1,220,800.
- Single family homes range in square footage from 1,842 to 7,935.
- Two-family homes range in estimated tax value* from \$174,800 to \$272,600.
- Two-family homes range in square footage from 3,150 to 3,195.

**Based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation.*

To learn more about the character and specific charms of each of Shaker's neighborhoods, visit www.shakeronline.com/relocationbuying/ShakerNeighborhoods.asp.



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Congratulations to the new Certified Shaker property owners, listed below. These represent some of the best rental properties the City has to offer.

For a complete list of certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 216-491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com. To learn more about becoming certified, call 216-491-1370.

Rental Homes:

3582 Latimore Road
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Celebrate Older Americans Month at the Library

The Library celebrates Older Americans Month in May with a series of programs and classes designed with its older users in mind. A special Meet Your Senior Advocate Reception is set for 6 to 7:30 pm Monday, May 12, at Bertram Woods Branch, when residents can meet and talk with State Representative Armond Budish.

The host of "Golden Opportunity" on WKYC TV Channel 3, Budish is a consumer journalist, senior advocate, and attorney. He will speak about his latest book, *Why Wills Won't Work (If You Want to Protect Your Assets): Safeguard Your Estate for the Ones You Really Love*. Light refreshments will be served and Budish will be available to answer questions.

A series of computer classes for seniors is also scheduled from 10 to 11:30 am Wednesdays and from 3–4:30 pm Fridays at Main Library. *Concepts, Tools and Uses* class will be held to help seniors become familiar with the Internet on April 30 and May 2. *Family and Friends* class will be offered on May 7 and May 9 to teach ways the Internet can be used to communicate with loved ones and friends. *Government Resources* class on May 14 and May 16 will highlight some of the most important government websites for seniors. The May 21 and May 23 *Health Resources* class will help seniors become familiar with reputable online health resources. Classes are small and registration is requested one week before the classes begin.

Meet-the-Author Series

The Library continues its Meet-the-Author series at Bertram Woods Branch with chefs and authors Michael Lyons and Bev Shaffer.

Meet Michael Lyons at 7 pm Wednesday, April 23. Lyons has an



Lyons

undergraduate degree from Duke University and graduate degrees in Accounting and Finance from Bentley College. After working as a Big Six technology consultant he decided to change careers and attended the Cordon Bleu program of the Pennsylvania Culinary Institute in Pittsburgh. He served an internship at the Ritz Carlton in Cleveland where he stayed on to be the Chef de Garde before leaving to run his own catering company, Accessible Gourmet.

An Onaway resident, Lyons has donated his cooking talents to many local fund-raising organizations, including The American Heart Association, The Gathering Place, The Millridge School, and Journey of Hope. In his free time he teaches cooking classes to grade school students.

Lyons published his first book, *A Cook at Heart: A Recipe for Transforming Your Life*, and can be seen around town promoting his story of following your heart to live out your dreams.

Bev Shaffer will be the featured author at 7 pm Wednesday, May 28. Shaffer is a chef, cooking school instructor and author. Her weekly column, "Ask Bev," can be seen in the Wednesday



Shaffer

Plain Dealer. She also writes the feature, "Gadget Freak," in *Northern Ohio Live* magazine. As Director of Mustard Seed Market's Cooking Schools in Akron and Solon, Shaffer has developed more than 9,000 recipes. She has taught classes at the Cleveland Clinic, the Cleveland Botanical Garden, and Akron General Wellness Center.

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She is the co-author of the cookbook *No Reservations Required*, and the author of *Brownies to Die For!* She also serves as culinary editor for the books *Healing Gourmet: Eat to Lower Cholesterol* and *Healing: Gourmet: Eat to Boost Fertility*.

Her latest cookbook, *Mustard Seed Market & Cafe Natural Foods Cookbook (Our Food is Fresh, Our Customers are Spoiled)* features 50 color photographs by her husband, John, who has become her food stylist and food photographer.

Meet the authors and hear them speak about their publishing experiences. Following their talks, both authors will be available to sell and sign books. Participants will also have the added treat of sampling some of their recipes. The programs are free; however, reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421.

Celebrate National Library Week... and All that Jazz

The Library kicks off National Library Week, April 13–19 with a special jazz performance by the Northcoast Jazz Collective at 3:30 pm Sunday, April 13, at the Main Library.

Onaway resident and Beachwood special education teacher, Mark Grey is the drummer and founder of the group that also includes John Gallo on acoustic bass, Dave Grey



Frank on tenor sax, soprano sax and flute, and Dan Maier on piano. The group plays modern jazz as well as jazz standards and has released two albums of original material, *The Northcoast Jazz Collective* and *Changing Times*, for which jazz fan and aficionado, Harvey Pekar, wrote the liner notes.

Born to a family of drummers, Grey learned to play on his father's

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years of age. *No registration is required.*
 10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
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PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

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 10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays
 6–8 pm Thursdays

PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years of age. A one-time registration is required; please call Shaker Family Center at 216-921-2030.

Play and Learn programs are offered in partnership with Shaker Family Center.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories and fun for 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds
 10 am or 1:30 pm Mondays at **Main Library**
 1:30 pm Tuesdays or 10 am Thursdays at **Woods Branch**
No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.
 No programs during the week of Spring Break: March 31–April 3.
 Last program is on May 8.

EVENING SPRING PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories, songs and a craft about Spring for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds
 7 pm Tuesdays April 8, 15, 22, 29
Registration begins March 25.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult
 7:15 pm Monday, April 21 & May 19

Registration begins two weeks before each program.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

April 14–19: Decorate a bookmark for National Library Week.
 May 19–24: Make a May basket of flowers.

WHAT AND WHERE IN THE WORLD? AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 2–5)

The Cleveland Museum of Art brings some unusual artifacts from around the world. Guess what part of the world the objects come from, and what purpose they served
 1:30 pm Wednesday, April 2
Registration began in March and is limited to 25 students.



STRANGER DANGER AND

SUMMER SAFETY (Grades K–5)

Shaker Heights Police Department's Jerry Jankowski talks about summer safety.
 4:15 pm Tuesday May 6
 at **Woods Branch**
(Registration begins April 22.)
 4:15 pm Wednesday, May 7
 at **Main Library**
(Registration begins Wednesday, April 23.)

COME FLY WITH ME

AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K–5)

Ever dreamed of being a pilot? Join Continental Airlines pilot and member of The Organization of Black Airline Pilots and learn more about the Aviation industry and piloting as a career.
 4:15–5:15 pm, Wednesday, April 30
Registration begins Wednesday, April 16.

THE HOMEWORK CENTER

AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades 3–6)

The Homework Center is staffed by undergraduate education students and certified teachers. Register for tutoring times at the Main Library Youth Services Desk or visit the Homework Center.
 4–6:30 pm Mondays & Wednesdays
 (Closed Wednesday, April 2 & Monday, April 7)
A parent or guardian must complete a registration form for each student the first time the student visits the Center.

1950s Slingerland drums at the age of 10 and played through college (John Carroll and Kent State universities) and graduate school at the University of Hawaii.

A former Captain and artillery officer in the Marine Corps, Grey moved back to the Cleveland area in 2000 to teach. He worked as a special education teacher in the Shaker schools for a year where he met his wife, Aimee Grey, an English teacher. The couple has two children, Ella, four years old, and Gus, five months. The family moved to Shaker last March "for the schools and great neighborhoods."

The Northcoast Jazz Collective has played at Fat Fish Blue, Boulevard Blue, and Nighttown as well as at First Madison Jazz Fest and Ingenuity, and the Cleveland Museum of Art Summer-in-the-Courtyard series.

Following their Sunday performance, the group will sell and sign their jazz CDs.

Meet Continental Airlines Pilot Ron McLin

Children in grades K-5 and their parents can meet Continental Airlines pilot Ron McLin at 4:15 pm Wednesday, April 30 at Main Library and learn about the aviation industry and what it's like to be an airline pilot.



McLin

McLin was born and raised in Cleveland. He graduated from Bedford High School and became a paramedic and firefighter to help pay his way through The Ohio State University where he earned a B.S. in

Aviation/Aircraft Systems. He learned to fly at the OSU airport, and after graduation, he became a flight instructor and taught at Burke Lakefront Airport.

McLin now works for Continental Airlines where he spends half of each month flying the Boeing 737. He has been a member of the Organization of Black Airline Pilots (OBAP) since 2000, promoting the airline industry and stimulating an interest in careers in aviation. McLin lives in Cleveland Heights with his wife and 4-year-old daughter. To register, call the Main Library Children's department beginning April 16.

Shaker Historical Society and Museum Offers Programs at Main Library

Shaker Historical Society's executive director Sabine Kretschmar and local history librarian Meghan Hays will present Shaker Heights 101: The Story Behind the Garden City Suburb at 7 pm Tuesday, April 29, at Main Library.

In addition, residents can learn some little known facts about Shaker Heights

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and get information about their homes.

At 2 pm Sunday, May 4, Shaker Historical Society returns to Main Library with a special program about Shaker furniture. Meet Charles Muller, author of *The Shaker Chair*, who will discuss the modern day appeal of the Shaker style.

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

Joe the Coupon Guy Shares Money-Saving Secrets

Joe Daugirdas, also known as "The Coupon Guy," has been honing his shopping skills in Northeast Ohio for years and typically saves 70 to 80 percent on groceries. Meet him at 7 pm Monday, April 21, at Main Library when he will share his shopping secrets and money-saving tips.

An auxiliary policeman for Willowick for 17 years, Daugirdas is a full-time employee at Applied Industrial Technologies. He has taught a "Savvy Shopper" class at Lakeland Community College and has been active with Junior Achievement.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Winners

The Library invited youngsters grades 3 through 8 to write a short essay or poem listing ten things they thought they could do to help all people live together peacefully. The winners in 3rd and 4th grades were: First Place: **Anielle Barden-Dancy**, Lomond Elementary School, 4th grade; Second Place: **Nabhonil Kar**, Boulevard Elementary School, 4th grade, and Third Place: **Aisha Siddiqui**, Boulevard Elementary School, 4th grade. The winners in Grades 5 & 6 were: First Place: **Zaylon Green**, Woodbury Elementary School, 6th grade; Second Place: **Taylor Butze**, Woodbury Elementary School, 5th grade, and Third Place: **Cherie Lo**, Woodbury Elementary School, 5th grade. Winners in Grades 7 & 8 were: First Place: **Jamahn Warren-Bey**, University School, 8th grade; Second Place: **Bardia Rahmani**, University School, 8th grade,

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and Third Place: **Prasan Srinivasan**, University School, 8th grade.

The awards ceremony was held Friday, January 18, at the Main Library when students received their awards and read their affirming essays. Every student who entered the contest was honored with a ribbon and a printer's sheet of their individual entry printed on the back of a bookmark.

Judges were Cheryl Darden, Anne Fink, Eleanor Bell and Makeba Jordan.

The Bookshelf: Books for Earth Day

Kermit the Frog was wrong! It is easy being green. Shaker Library offers a variety of books and resources with practical, helpful advice so we can celebrate Earth Day for eons to come.

FOR ADULTS

The Green Book: The Everyday Guide to Saving the Planet One Simple Step at a Time by **Elizabeth Rogers and Thomas M. Kostigen**. New York: Three Rivers, 2007. Simple changes at home, school and work can make a positive environmental impact.

Green Housekeeping by **Ellen Sandbeck**. New York: Scribner, 2008. Learn how to preserve the health of your household and your planet.

Organic Lawn Care by **Paul Turkey**. North Adams, MA: Storey Publishing, 2007. This how-to guide to natural lawn care helps homeowners maintain beautiful, lush lawns with environmentally friendly methods.

Raising Baby Green: The Earth-Friendly Guide to Pregnancy, Childbirth and Baby Care by **Alan Greene**. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007. Eco-conscious parents will appreciate this book's tips for raising a healthy child, from avoiding environmental hazards to shopping for green baby products.

Wake Up and Smell the Planet: the Nonpompous, Nonpreachy Grist Guide to Greening Your Day edited by **Brangien Davis and Katharine Wroth**. Seattle: Mountaineers Books, 2007. Inspired by www.grist.org, the online magazine dedicated to environmental news,

this light-hearted book recommends ways to make choices that make a difference.

Worldchanging: A User's Guide for the 21st Century by **Alex Steffen**. New York: Abrams, 2006. A companion to the website www.worldchanging.com, this volume inspires with information reflecting efforts to create a more environmentally sustainable world.

FOR CHILDREN

Dinosaurs to the Rescue! A Guide to Protecting Our Planet by **Laurie Krasny Brown and Marc Brown**. Little, Brown & Co., 1992. In a colorful cartoon format designed to engage youngsters just learning about protecting our environment, the Browns suggest many things that even a child can do, with ideas to accomplish them.

Earth Day: Keeping Our Planet Clean by **Elaine Landau**. Enslow Publishers, Inc., 2002. Landau offers a history of the changes that have taken place on Planet Earth that have led to the pollution of air, water, and atmosphere that have become a primary concern in today's world and led to the creation of Earth Day. She also offers some suggestions for crafts, recycling projects, and other steps that kids can take to help save the Earth.

Earth Watch by **David Burnie**. Dorling Kindersley, 2001. Glaciologists, hydrologists, organic farmers, conservationists, garbologists – these are some of the professionals who are working to save our environment, plants and animals from destruction. Topics such as water pollution and floods, soil erosion and forest fires, wasteful living and polluting fuels are covered in an attractive format, chock full of interesting facts. Includes many color photographs.

Going Green: A Kid's Handbook to Saving the Planet by **John Elkington, Julia Hailes, Douglas Hill, and Joel Makower**. Puffin Books, 1990. Easy-to-digest information about the greenhouse effect, the ozone layer; air, water, and trash pollution, along with lots of ideas for home, school, and community projects that will inspire young people to pitch in to help clean up and protect their environment.

An Inconvenient Truth: The Crisis of Global Warming by **Al Gore**. Viking Books, 2007. Here is Gore's best-selling book adapted for children. Easily understood explanations of Earth's environmental problems are accompanied by colorful maps, charts, diagrams, and many outstanding photos showing both the beauty and the sad pollution of nature.

Why Are the Ice Caps Melting? The Dangers of Global Warming by **Anne Rockwell**; illustrated by **Paul Meisel**. HarperCollins, 2006. In terminology that young children can understand, Rockwell describes the effects of global warming around the world, and she tells about some of the things that are being done, and some things that we can all do to help solve the problems.

Computer Classes

In addition to a series of classes geared especially for seniors, the Library offers a variety of free computer classes. The latest class addition is MYSPACE™ IS FOR EVERYONE!, which will be offered from 3-4:30 pm Friday, April 11 and again from 6:30–8 pm Monday, May 19 at Main Library. Watch a demonstration of MySpace and find out why millions of people are participating in this social tool on the Web.

Register by calling the Main Library Computer Center at 216-991-2030 ext. 3185.

INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS™

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, April 1

(Registration began 3/24.)

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, April 22

(Registration begins 4/14.)

Learn to work with the Microsoft database program to build databases.

CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS™

10-11:30 AM Thursday, April 3

(Registration began 3/24.)

10-11:30 AM Wednesday, April 23

(Registration begins 4/14.)

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WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

3-4:30 PM Friday, April 4

(Registration began 3/24.)

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MOUSE CLASS

10-11:30 AM Saturday, April 5

(Registration began 3/24.)

10-11:30 AM Saturday, May 3

(Registration begins 4/21.)

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6:30-8 PM Monday, April 7

(Registration began 3/31.)

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, May 6

(Registration begins 4/28.)

10-11:30 AM Thursday, May 22

(Registration begins 5/12.)

Learn strategies and tricks for finding better information using the Google search engine.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, April 8

(Registration began 3/31.)

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, April 15

(Registration begins 4/7.)

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INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

10-11:30 AM Wednesday, April 9

(Registration began 3/31.)

10-11:30 AM Thursday, May 8

(Registration begins 4/28.)

10-11:30 AM Tuesday, May 27

(Registration begins 5/19.)

Learn the basics of creating a spreadsheet, including formatting design, printing options and creating basic formulas.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM Thursday, April 10

(Registration began 3/31.)

10-11:30 AM Saturday, April 26

(Registration begins 4/14.)

10-11:30 AM Saturday, May 31

(Registration begins 5/19.)

Learn how to format documents using Microsoft Word software.



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Mini Med School Medical Director:

Nathan A. Berger, MD, Director, Center for Science, Health and Society

Oncology: Breast Cancer and Geriatric Oncology
Wednesday, April 30

Join us Wednesday evenings beginning April 30: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Hematology: Venous Thromboembolism
Wednesday, May 7

Light refreshments provided.

Orthopaedics: Understanding Joint Replacement Surgery – The Latest Innovations
Wednesday, May 14

Registration fee: \$100 for the entire series.

Psychiatry: Autism
Wednesday, May 21

For more information or to register by credit card, call (216) 983-1239 or fax to (216) 844-8133, or see our website at <http://cme.case.edu/minimedschool>

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10-11:30 AM Thursday, May 15

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HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

10-11:30 AM Wednesday, April 16

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6:30-8 PM Monday, May 12

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This 90-minute class explores HTML, the language used to create many of the web pages found on the Internet.

MAIL MERGE

10-11:30 AM Thursday, April 17

(Registration begins 4/7.)

6:30-8 PM Monday, April 28

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3-4:30 PM Friday, May 30

(Registration begins 5/19.)

Mail Merge uses information from many sources, like Word tables, Excel sheets, and Access Data Tables.

WEB EMAIL

10-11:30 AM Saturday, April 19

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10-11:30 AM Saturday, May 17

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Learn how to access a web email account and how to send and receive messages.

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10-11:30 AM Thursday, April 24

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Teen Scene

Teen Anime Club at Woods Branch

3:30-4:30 pm Thursday, April 17

Final Anime Club Meeting for this school year. Anime fans get together to watch films, learn about Japanese culture and munch on Japanese snacks.

Teen Volunteer Fair for Teens ages 12-18 at Main Library

6:30-8 pm Wednesday, April 23. Don't miss this opportunity to meet with representatives from area organizations who are specifically looking for teen volunteers. Representatives from museums, hospitals, senior centers, youth centers, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, The Cleveland Orchestra, and many more area organizations can answer your questions about the volunteer experience. Find the perfect volunteer opportunity, whether just for

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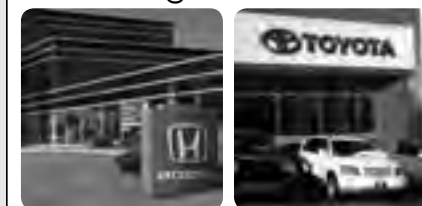
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7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, May 20

Members eat pizza, share memories and receive their Community Service Certificates.

Book Discussion Opportunities



Reading is enhanced through discussion because every reader offers a different way to interpret the same story. Bring a friend or come and meet new ones at a library book discussion. Books are available at the service desks at the library where the discussion is held. Pick up a copy and plan to join the dialogue.

10 AM APRIL 8 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Last Night I Dreamed of Peace

by Dang Thuy Tham

This posthumously discovered diary of a 27-year-old Vietnamese doctor is a story of the horrors of war and one doctor's devotion to family and sense of hope in the face of desperate political upheaval.

7:30 PM APRIL 8 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Watchman by Robert Crais

Former LAPD officer Joe Pike is hired to protect a young, reckless L.A. heiress who has seen something that has made her a target for assassination.

NOON APRIL 12 AT MAIN LIBRARY

A Cold and Silent Dying

by Eleanor Taylor Bland

Marti MacAlister is at the center of all things wrong again. Her boss dislikes her; a psycho-killer is out to get her, and her friends are falling apart.

2 PM APRIL 14

AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

Atonement by Ian McEwan

Guilt and innocence, punishment and forgiveness are recurring themes in this tragic tale of the stunning consequences of a young girl's lie.

7:30 PM APRIL 22 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

This multi-layered historical mystery set in 1950s Spain, and is the story of a young man who discovers a novel by an obscure author with bizarre parallels to his own life.

NOON MAY 10 AT MAIN LIBRARY

2 PM MAY 12 AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar

An upper middle class Parsi housewife and her domestic servant inhabit different worlds, but find they share much in common as they discover they are bound by common life experiences.

10 AM MAY 13 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan

Fact and fiction are blended in this compelling story of the early 20th century scandal set in motion by architect Frank Lloyd Wright's affair with one of his married clients.

7:30 PM MAY 13 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Girl Next Door by Patricia MacDonald

Convinced that her physician father, who has just been released from prison, did not murder her mother, part-time actress Nina Avery joins him to search for the real killer.

7 PM WEDNESDAY MAY 14

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Success by Instinct by William Boswell

The author, a former Shaker resident, uses his own experiences to help people in their job decisions. He focuses on 14 principles and uses motivating, humorous examples from the animal kingdom to bring them to life.

7:30 PM MAY 27 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Brontë

Set in England in the 1800s, a young woman takes a job as a governess and falls in love with her employer in this classic story of dark secrets and love triumphing over evil.

Friends of the Shaker Library Hold Spring Book Sale and Seek Volunteers

Friends of the Shaker Library hold their spring book sale from Thursday, April 17

to Sunday, April 20 on the second floor of the Main Library. Friends members get priority admission on Thursday from 4-8 pm. (Non members may join at the door.) The sale continues from 9 am-4 pm Friday, April 18 and Saturday, April 19.

The popular Bag Sale will be held from 1-3 pm Sunday, April 20 when all items in the "Specials Room" are half price and all bags of books cost \$5.

The sale features a fine selection of children's books, which are only 50¢ each and a wide selection of classical literature and poetry and some very nice fine art books. There is also a large selection of VHS videotapes and music CDs

Friends will be on the second floor of the Main Library setting up for the sale from Monday April 14 to Wednesday, April 16. Volunteers should call Book Sale chairman Tim Burke to volunteer, 216-283-6168.

EndNotes

- Knit Nights are held at 7 pm Thursdays, April 10 and May 15 at Bertram Woods Branch.
- Poetry Back in the Woods is the longest running poetry series in Northeast Ohio and features talented local poets. Programs are held at 7 pm at Bertram Woods Branch Tuesday, April 22 and Thursday, May 2.
- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Main Library from 3-7 pm Monday, May 12 to accept blood donations. To make an appointment, call 800-448-3543.
- Artwork juried into the 9th annual Barbara Luton Art Competition is on display on the Main Library Art Wall through May 9.
- Friends of the Shaker Library underwrites the public performance rights to show movies at Main Library. First-run films are offered at 6:30 pm Tuesday evenings April 1 (*Sweeney Todd*, Rated R) and May 6. Family features are shown at 2 pm Saturdays, April 26 (*Bee Movie*, Rated PG) and May 24.
- Both libraries are closed Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day. ■

Our Mission

Shaker Heights Public Library provides an extraordinary range of books and other resources and activities for a lifetime of enrichment and enjoyment in an environment that exemplifies the inclusive ideals of our community.

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Real Estate Property Tax	2,979,537.07
State Income Tax	1,849,598.39
Patron Fines and Fees	135,627.71
Tangible Personal Property Tax	92,233.83
Miscellaneous Revenue	115,268.46
Investment Interest	62,649.34
Contributions	250.00
Total	\$5,235,164.80

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Salaries & Benefits	3,645,063.34
Library Material & Information	947,349.95
Purchased & Contracted Service	646,178.32
Interfund Transfers	210,000.00
Supplies	69,954.51
Capital Outlay	56,120.24
Other	21,748.93
Total	\$5,596,415.29

Library Use

Items Borrowed	1,330,555
Registered Library Card Holders	30,349
Library Visitors	614,446
Study Room Use	2,246
Meeting Room Bookings	908
Children's Program Attendance	18,851
Summer Reading Participants	1,687
Reference Questions Answered	145,518
Directional Questions Answered	262,386

Play and Learn Station

Sessions	296
Attendance	15,325

Library Collections

Books	215,589
Magazine Subscriptions	693
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Movies	29,414

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Imagine the possibilities at Shaker Heights Public Library

The year 2007 was the year we re-imagined the Shaker Library. Our program year centered on the theme What If . . . ? Imagine the possibilities at Shaker Heights Public Library. We invited speakers and audiences to imagine What If . . . I Could Get Out of Debt . . . I Came of Age in Africa. . . I Had a Green Thumb. . . I Could Cook for the Heart and Soul. . . I Could Make A Nutritious Meal. . . I Had Been there to Hear the News . . . I Were a Poet . . . I Could Pick the Perfect Book. . . Enough Were Enough, and our capstone, three-part Abraham Salon, What If . . . Jewish, Christian and Muslim People Could Explore their Common Traditions?

Physically, we imagined the library in many colors and painted the Main Library's plain, cream-colored walls a variety of vibrant colors. With bond funds, we replaced the Main Library's front doors and purchased time-and-print management software for the computers. We exhibited the unique creations of artists, Richard Howell, Elise Newman, Kate Uhler, Alexandra Brin, Amy Lewandowski and George Kocar on our Main Library art gallery wall, and former Shaker resident Daniel George won the 8th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition for his digital artwork, entitled 220 Stories, which hangs at Main Library.

With the help of the community, we began to imagine what the Library could be in the future. We wrote a new mission statement that reaffirmed our belief in the importance of books and we restated the value we place on diversity and inclusiveness. We developed a Strategic Plan for the next three years with plans to implement it. We invite you to imagine how the Shaker Library can enhance your life.

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Families in Shaker Heights figure prominently in The Cleveland Indians Winter Development Program.

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON

Elite Prospects



C.C. Sabathia slept here. Tribe pitching ace at the LeSueur home. Photo courtesy the LeSueur family.



On a January evening, everything seems frozen solid outside Raul and Sandy Seballos' home in the Fernway neighborhood. But inside, it's warm and welcoming, and the dining room table is abuzz with spring thaw-inspiring Cleveland Indians' baseball talk. Such conversation is hard to avoid when you've got two of the Boys of Summer living with you.

This year, which marks the tenth that they've housed Indians players for the team's innovative Winter Development Program, the Seballoses hosted Jose Costanza, an outfielder from the Dominican Republic, and Wyatt Toregas, a catcher from Virginia.

"The players in this program are considered the elite prospects within our organization," says Meka Asonye, assistant of player development for the Indians. "We fully expect them to make a big impact at the major league level at some point."

Every January Shaker Heights becomes a hive of Tribe activity, as several players live with host families while visiting Cleveland. The first year they participate in the program, the players stay for three or four weeks, and the second year they stay for one. This year, there were seven Shaker Heights host families, the highest concentration in the region, with some players staying in North Royalton, Pepper Pike, and Strongsville.

During the day, the players attend meetings about such topics as proper nutrition or interacting with the media; listen to motivational talks from guests such as Cleveland Browns' head coach Romeo Crennel or St. Ignatius High School football coach Chuck Kyle – Toregas' favorite – or Indians manager Eric Wedge; run, lift weights, and take batting practice.



"These guys are usually pretty tired by the time they come home," Raul says, noting that Toregas crashed on their couch for an hour before dinner.

"Three weeks is a long time for these guys to stay in Cleveland, so placing them with host families gives them a comfortable place to come home," Asonye explains. "There's a big benefit to them coming home to a family and not back to a hotel room at four o'clock, when they're done with their workouts."

"The meals are better," Toregas cites as one benefit, sitting in front of a table full of food and drink, featuring everything from a big plate of sushi to a box of chocolate chip cookies designed for dunking. "If you leave it up to us, we would just go to McDonald's."

As it is, baseball players spend a significant part of the year living in hotels, during spring training or while traveling for away games. Some even reside in transient housing during the season, especially when they're in the minor leagues, since they're never sure how long they will play in one place.

"By staying with a family, you're not stuck in a hotel somewhere that can get kind of lonely and stupid," Toregas says. "We also get to meet good people and make good friends along the way, and we have a good bed to sleep in."

"And the kids pick on them," adds Raul.

Toregas confirms that, indeed, he has found rocks in his pillow, a "thing making weird noises" in his bed, and a scary Lurch-looking mannequin in his closet that the Seballos use for a Halloween decoration. It scared his teammate, Jose, as well, who was here for his first session. Each item was strategically and affectionately placed by the Seballos' kids: Spencer, 14, Evan, 12, and Anna, 10. Last year, they greeted Toregas with a "Welcome, Wyatt" sign on what he thought was his bedroom door. Nope. Hallway closet.



Opposite page: Indians prospects Jose Costanza (left) and Wyatt Toregas sit down to a meal with the Seballos family. PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB. **Above:** Prospect Shawn Nottingham with the Raymer family. From left Rebecca, Michael, Jaclyn, and Greg. PHOTO COURTESY THE CLEVELAND INDIANS.



"It breaks the ice," Toregas says. "It lets you settle into the family quicker."

Besides, the players give as good as they get. Like the year pitcher Adam Miller put toothpaste on Spencer's forehead while he slept and didn't notice until he shuffled to the breakfast table in the morning. Or the time third baseman/outfielder Russell Banyan incited the kids to tell their mother they were not going to eat their vegetables anymore.

"He was a bigger kid than they were," Sandy says of the major league prankster.

According to Asonye, the Indians prefer families with kids. "Kids think it's cool to have a player there," he says. "The players enjoy having someone they can talk to, play video games with, or mentor."

While the Seballos don't have any video games, they have an abundant array of board games. Ask them about the night the monopoly game was called on account of it being 2 AM and ended up being continued the next evening. Toregas also honed his chess game skills at their home, although Spencer boasts that it took Toregas a while to beat him.

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Above: Phil Woodcock and his wife GiGi Benjamin hosted players for more than 10 years. "It was fun having another kid around," Woodcock says. PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB. **Opposite page:** Molly Ritts and sons Benjamin (left) and Daniel with prospects Chris Gimenez (left) and Sean Smith. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE CLEVELAND INDIANS.



For Hispanic players who don't speak much English, like Jose or Indians shortstop Jhonny Peralta, who stayed with the family several years ago, Sandy, who speaks fluent Spanish, serves as a tutor. She employs a series of Scholastic Books for children written in Spanish. Anna also benefits, since she is learning Spanish.

When asked what he thinks of staying with the family, Jose, who has been quietly listening or chatting with Toregas, who speaks a little Spanish, says "They're good people," in Spanish. Then in English, he says, "Nice people." When asked what he thinks of Cleveland winters, Jose comments in Spanglish, "Mucho freezing."

It's not unusual for the players to become big brothers to the children in the homes. For example, all three players who have stayed with Geoff and Molly Ritts, who live near Laurel School, have attended at least one of their son Daniel's Shaker Hockey League games. This year, catcher Chris Gimenez even called after he left Cleveland to see if Daniel's team won its division. (It did.)

"I was pleasantly surprised at how willing they all were to interact with our three boys," says Geoff, a partner and litigation attorney at Jones Day. "Of course, the boys were overjoyed to have professional baseball players staying with us." The Ritts are friends of the Seballoses, who recommended them three years ago to serve as a host family, which is how the Indians usually recruit new families when necessary. Most remain in the program for many years, at least as long as they have children in their homes.

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A Long Way From LEGO

Joe Marencik's Engineering Applications class at Shaker High is leading the effort to raise the science and technology bar in U.S. high schools.

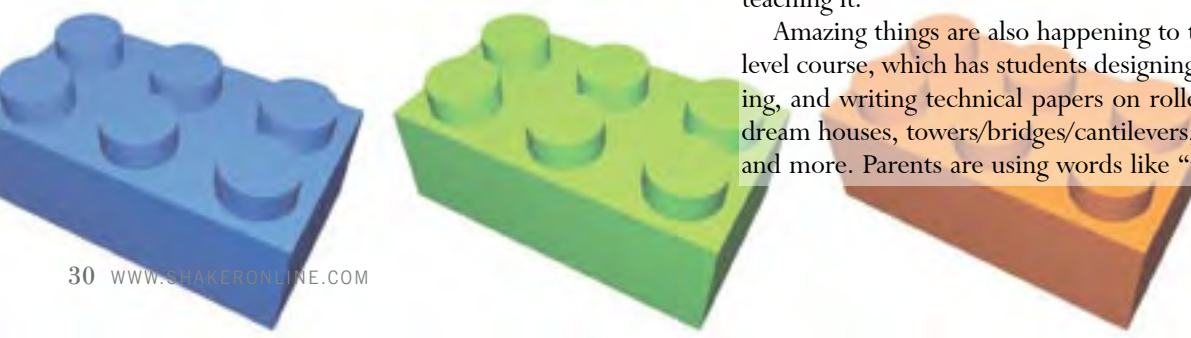
BY NANCY O'CONNOR
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The most amazing thing happens when the bell rings signaling the end of Joe Marencik's new Engineering Applications class at Shaker High: Nothing.

No frenzied packing of backpacks, no mad dash to the door. You wonder if the students even heard the bell, so engrossed are they in tinkering with their robotic creations at their workstations one February afternoon.

"This is how I know I've hit the nail on the head with this new course," says Marencik. "Students come into class and ask to get started before the tardy bell rings, and none of them move for the exit door at the end of class. They are learning, applying knowledge, working hard, and thoroughly enjoying it. And I'm having a blast teaching it."

Amazing things are also happening to the kids taking the Honors-level course, which has students designing, building, testing, presenting, and writing technical papers on roller coasters, slot cars, flight, dream houses, towers/bridges/cantilevers, microgravity, Vex robotics, and more. Parents are using words like "transformative" to describe



the impact on their children.

Lori White can't remember her son Patrick being so excited by a course. "To see him wanting to stay after school – well, I haven't seen him this excited about schoolwork in a long time. He loves math and science and had considered going into the engineering field, and this class seals the deal."

Senior Natalie Mercer has surprised herself and her family with her newfound passion for engineering, which has led her to rethink her choice of colleges and majors. Her mother, Ida, is still shaking her head about her creative writer-turned-engineer daughter. "Natalie loves to write, is very creative, does animation video – I saw her as an artsy-focused person. But as it turns out, engineering is kind of the artistic end of math and science."

Ashley Hughes already had her eye on engineering when she heard the class was to be offered during her senior year. "One of my intended majors is engineering and I really wanted to have some exposure to the field before I made a decision in college. I plan to major in pre-med or engineering, and maybe combine the two areas of study."

Patrick, Natalie, and Ashley are among the 32 juniors and seniors enrolled in the two sections of the new course. Shaker was one of only seven recipients in the nation of a Garrett A. Morgan Technology and Transportation federal grant that has made the new course and other engineering initiatives possible. The Shaker Heights City School District applied for the grant and developed the course in collaboration with Cleveland State University.

"It has helped us to build a bridge between engineering faculty at local universities and engineers throughout northeast Ohio," says Jim Paces, Shaker's director of curriculum.

Twenty-six of Marencik's students are male, six are female, and four are minority students. These demographic details matter because the conditions of the grant call for not only boosting student interest in the field of engineering, but to increase participation of girls and minorities.

"Our profession needs different and varied experiences. This increases the likelihood of creativity and adds new viewpoints," says Stephen F. Duffy, chair of Cleveland State's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and director of the University Transportation Center.

Only about 20 percent of the engineers in the U.S. are female, according to statistics Duffy cites. "If we want to fulfill our nation's need for more engineers, it would seem prudent to convince more women to enter our profession. The numbers for minority engineering students are equally bad. Just 12 percent of the students enrolling in engineering are minority students."

Natalie doesn't understand why so few females chose to enroll in what has become her favorite class. "Designing solar ovens and constructing wind turbines just doesn't seem interesting to most girls, I guess. But I genuinely don't understand why. I've always been interested in building things. When I was younger, I had a ton of LEGO sets, K'NEX, Erector Sets, and pretty much any building kit that my dad could find. Recently, though, my interests have turned towards robotics. So when I heard that there would be a robotics section in this course, that was the deciding factor."

Natalie has discovered what the course's creators hope every student will: "Engineering is certainly a course that revolves around math and science, but the great part is that it is also extremely creative. It's not just plugging in equations and cranking out calculations; it's incredibly creative problem solving, which is so neat."

"I want students to know that engineers as a group are very creative people," echoes Duffy at CSU. "Engineers synthesize, solve problems, and innovate – all big words meaning that they make new things and make old things better."



Opposite page: Thomas Bostwick, Hartley Brody, teacher Joe Marencik, Greg Hering, and Eric Balester take temperature measurements of their solar oven and a pop tart out of the baking chamber. **Above:** Molly Shlaes, Justine Ryu, and Natalie Mercer glue pieces of balsa and bass wood to their boom structure.



Joe Marencik and Natalie Mercer discuss how to make her boom structure more efficient.

Marencik, who also teaches Project Physics and Advanced Placement (AP) Physics at Shaker, hopes funding and student demand will permit him to teach a third section of the course next year.

Just a First Step

The course is a first step in a larger plan by Shaker and CSU to build a K-16 engineering pipeline in the region to increase the number of students with the high school preparation to pursue careers in engineering. The federal grant was awarded largely on the merits of this plan. So the District is, in effect, a testing ground.

The grant also funds elementary grade activities, educational programming for teachers, administrators, and guidance counselors, and the development of an academic “Roadmap to Engineering” document to be used by teachers, counselors, and parents in helping their children take the appropriate courses from middle school through high school that will best prepare them for an engineering career.

“Our society is becoming more technical and the job opportunities that will be available to our children will require a good background in science, engineering, and math,” Marencik says. “Even if they do not go into a technical field as a career choice, our students will still need to be informed citizens to make good decisions about current U.S. and world problems such as energy, transportation, medicine, food, and climate.”

The new applications course, he says, “affords students the opportunity to engage in the engineering process with a wide range of design projects. It also gives them the opportunity to do some technical writing and presenting. In fact, the students have begun publishing their technical papers in the Student Journal of Science and Engineering, which I created for this purpose.” (The papers can be read online at www.marencik.com/sjse.)

To enroll in Engineering Applications, a student must have completed or be concurrently enrolled in Honors or AP Physics. Next year, still more students will get the opportunity to experience engineering at the college preparatory (CP) level when the Project Physics class becomes the new Project Physics and Engineering course.

Approximately half of the curriculum will focus on the “design-build-test” process of engineering through projects in alternative energy, transportation, residential electrical, electronics, and aviation. A professor from Case Western Reserve University will offer instruction focusing on fuel cell research and applications.

Marencik believes the Honors and CP courses serve a vital purpose. “When I spoke to engineering professors from Cleveland State University, Case, Ohio State University, and Akron University, they all said the same thing: We need more students in the engineering fields. We need them to have experience with tools and machinery, experience with data acquisition, and most of all, experience with communicating their experimental procedure and findings through writing and presenting.”

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Putting the "E" Back in STEM

Nurturing student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) is a national movement and one in which Shaker schools are taking a leading role by introducing engineering coursework and career awareness for students in grades 4-12.

"Many curriculum directors have observed that the 'E' is missing from STEM course offerings in our nation's high schools," says Jim Paces, Shaker's Executive Director of Curriculum. "Offering a pre-engineering experience to our juniors and seniors will give them an edge in college and will enhance Shaker's rigorous mathematics and science courses," Paces says.

Younger students also enjoy expanded exposure to engineering in their science courses and through special events. Earlier this year, for instance, Martin Reese, who was then the engineer for the City of Shaker Heights, made presentations to Woodbury and Middle School students.

"He explained the work of an engineer and the kinds of courses you need to excel in to become one," says Paces. "Mr. Reese was extremely well received and, as an African-American engineer, provided a great role model for all of our students, but particularly our African-American students."

Building such a bridge, he feels, is vital. "I've always felt that schools need to do a better job educating students about careers. Engineering is an extremely attractive career field, one that offers a wide variety of opportunities, challenging work, intellectual development, financial security, prestige, and ways to express your creativity and benefit society."

Advancing STEM skills at all grade levels, he points out, can also help to safeguard American's future. "In today's global economy, innovation is clearly one of our country's greatest strengths. Of the 20 fastest-growing occupations projected for 2014, 15 of them require significant mathematics or science preparation to compete successfully for the job."



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BY NANCY O'CONNOR

Q&A

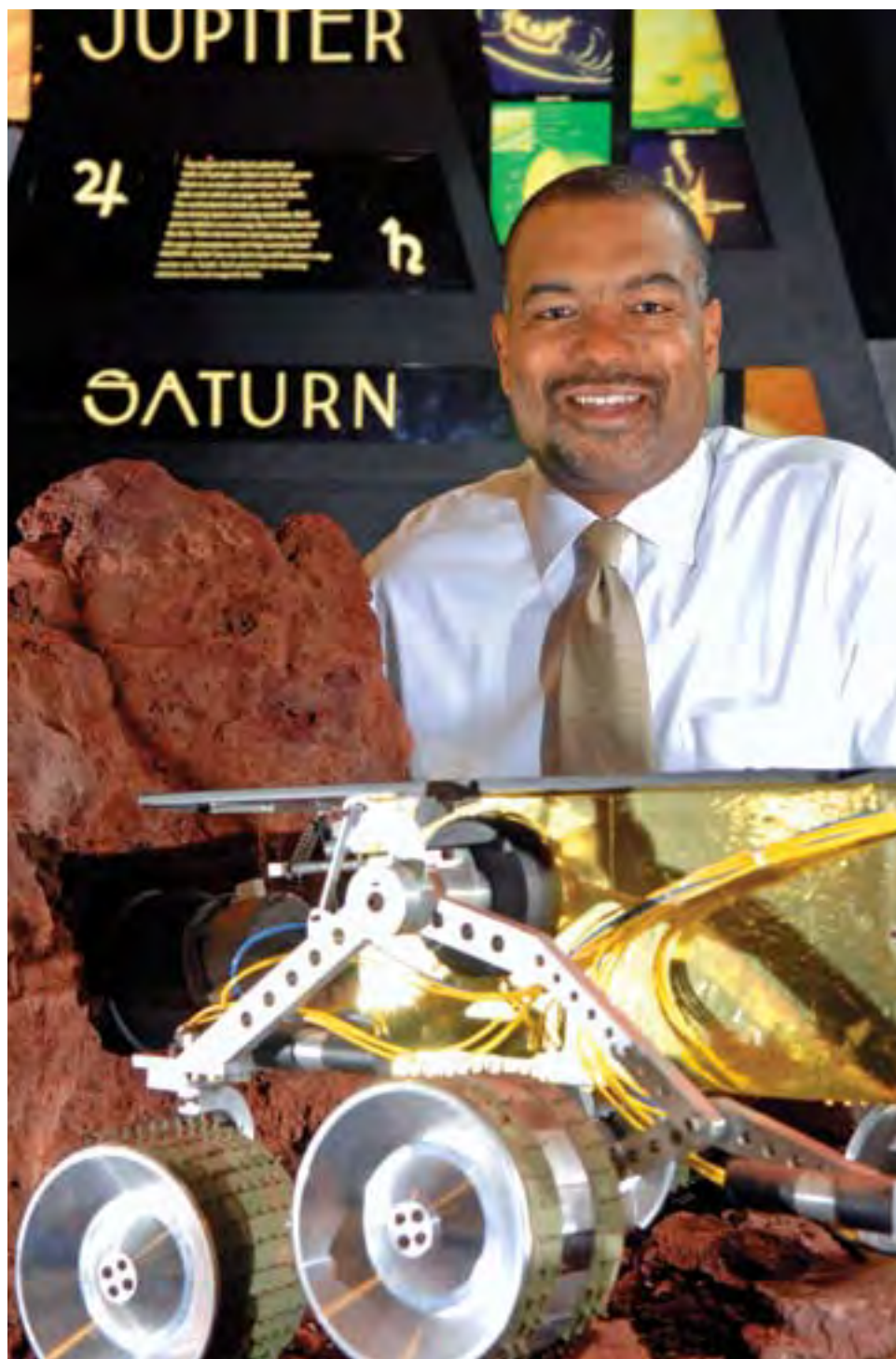


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Ron Alexander is chief of staff for the director of external programs at NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, a major regional hub for engineering research and education. He and his wife, Donna Williams Alexander, a federal Senior Trial Attorney, have lived in Shaker for 27 years.

The Alexanders embody the qualities that make Shaker Heights proud – a commitment to family, education, and civic volunteerism. Ron has served on the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee for four years. Donna served as a citizen member of the Community Life Committee and is a trustee for the Sussex Community Association.

The couple's daughter, Lauren, is a 2005 graduate of Shaker Heights High School studying at Ohio University, and son Bradley is in the eighth grade at Shaker Middle School.

Acknowledging that he is a public administrator and management development professional – not a scientist – Shaker Life asked Ron to talk about the importance of science, technology, engineering, and math to today's K-16 students. It doesn't take a scientist to inspire a young mind: Countless have been inspired by the basic public outreach performed on behalf of America's space program for decades.

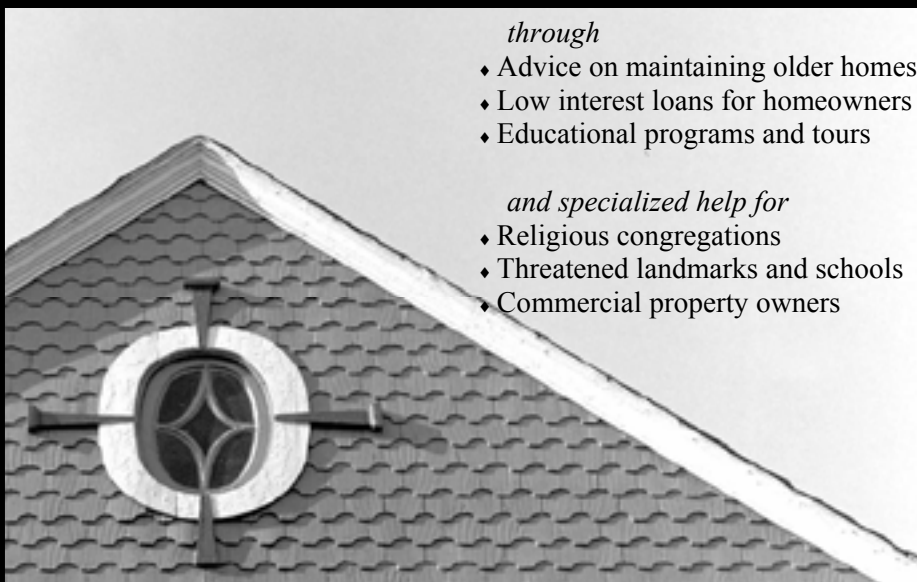
What role do you play at NASA Glenn as chief of staff for the director of external programs?

My primary responsibility is to support my director, John Hairston, in the management of the directorate. John is a former community relations official for the Cleveland Public Schools. He brought a wealth of experience to Glenn relative to community engagement and needed someone to support him who was familiar with NASA processes.

We are the equivalent of a corporate public affairs department, organized to address media, public outreach, technology transfer and commercialization, government relations, and K-12 education outreach. I am also responsible for federal congressional liaison.

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The tour is the brainchild of Shaker residents and co-chairs Ann Cicarella and Margaret Ransohoff. Cicarella, a professional landscape designer, and Ransohoff, an avid home gardener, comb neighborhoods all over Shaker to find gardens with that just-right combination of charm, uniqueness, and care to enhance the architectural beauty of Shaker homes.

As self-described "curators" of the event, Cicarella and Ransohoff are committed to finding a wide range of garden designs, from the elaborate to the achievable. After spotting a likely home, the energetic duo will knock on the homeowner's door to see if he or she is interested in participating. Cicarella says that usually people are "thrilled" to be selected.

"Some of the favorites have been quite modest in size, but they are so creative and well thought out," Cicarella observes.





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This year's tour promises to be no exception, with homes featured across the city, ranging from informal cottage gardens to a stately sculpture park.

"One of this year's homes sits on the corner of South Woodland and Torrington Roads. It's a small yard, but you have no idea of the surprises there," Cicarella hints. "They have raised beds for vegetables, a greenhouse (for orchids), perennial gardens...it's fantastic."

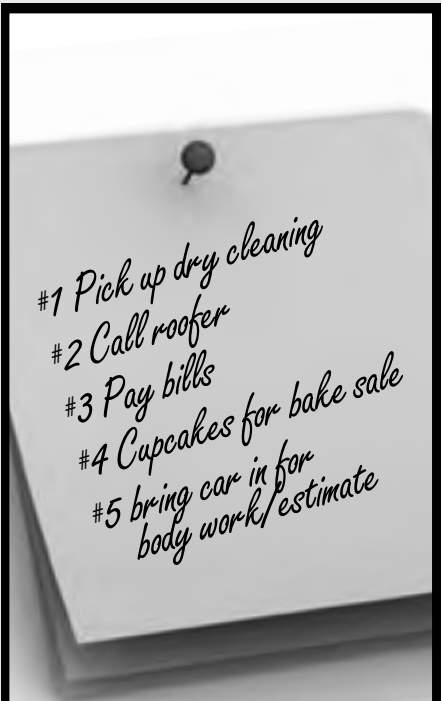
Other highlights of the tour will be stone patios, water features, swimming pools, and a "happy, exuberant" garden planned and maintained entirely by the homeowners. A special guided tour on Lolly the Trolley is also in the works. A twilight benefit will be held at a private home on Friday evening, June 20.

Proceeds from the garden tour benefit the Shaker Historical Society and Museum, located at 16740 South Park Blvd. The museum's mission is to preserve and promote the history of Shaker Heights, and the Shaker sect and Warrensville Township. The museum, library, and archive are open to the public five days a week.

Tickets to Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights will be on sale at the Society and other community locations starting in mid-May (\$15 advance; \$20 day of tour). For further information, contact the Shaker Historical Society at 216-921-1201; www.case.edu/affil/shakhist/one.htm.

— Beth Friedman-Romell

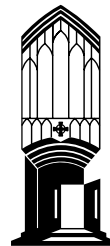


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BY JENNIFER PROE

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When it comes to preparing a community for a potential disaster, it takes a village.

Last fall, Shaker residents got into the action by participating in a Point of Distribution (POD) flu shot drill at the Middle School. Acting as if there were an actual emergency, local volunteers administered over 220 flu shots in just a few hours. The drill, led by Shaker's health department, combined the efforts of the Cleveland, Cuyahoga County and Lakewood health departments, the Shaker Heights departments of fire, police and community life, volunteer nurses from Shaker and Laurel schools, and the Cleveland Chapter of the Red Cross.

And last, but far from least, Shaker residents generously volunteering their time.

The POD drill was a prime example of the City's Emergency Response Plan in action. The goal of resident involvement is to empower residents to plan for a natural disaster, widespread illness, or any event that causes a sustained loss of power or water.

Perhaps the most critical component of the Emergency Plan is practice, practice, practice, which requires all hands on deck. Says Sandi Hurley, director of nursing for Shaker's health department,

Residents fill out flu shot forms at an emergency Point of Distribution drill at the Middle School.



Joan Thomas, RN, of the Shaker Heights Health Department, and **Graham Lanz**, of Shaker Heights CERT, talk with a resident about flu shots at the Middle School.

“In the event of a true biomedical emergency, we might need to deliver 29,000 doses of medication in a 48-hour period. That’s why citizen participation in these drills is so essential.”

Kathleen Kash, a busy parent of busy teens, found that the clinic also was a good way to fit immunizations into a crowded schedule, commenting, “This is great. It took no more than 10 minutes.”

Others appreciated the drive-through service. Nan Sims, a musician, and her husband John, a retired dentist, were thrilled to find that neither of them would have to leave their car to receive an immunization. “When we called for a reservation, they offered to accommodate us with this option, which I thought was terrific,” she said.

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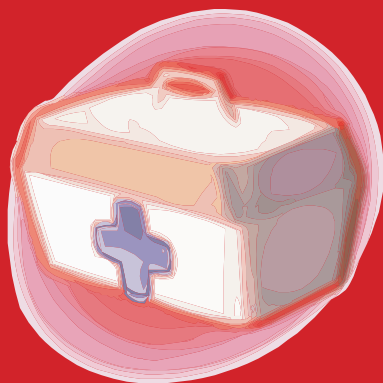


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Want to treat your family to nationally ranked skaters, professional lighting, dazzling costumes and a rockin' soundtrack? Check out Thornton Park's annual Spring Ice Spectacular, May 2-3, for three fun-filled performances.

"This show will blow you away – it looks like Stars on Ice," says Thornton's skating director, Erin Schopf. "It will look like something you'd see down at the Quicken Loans arena."

The theme of this year's show is "Hangman." While Schopf doesn't want to give away too many secrets, she hints that the show will feature a puzzle that will be solved in the finale. Music will include blockbuster hits from the '70s, a Blues Brothers tribute, and a selection from High School Musical II.

More than 100 performers, from age three to adult, will glide and spin their way through the event. Everyone in Thornton's 500-strong Learn-To-Skate program is eligible to perform. Schopf's own preschooler, Griffin, will participate in the "Schoolhouse Rock" number. Some kids will be skating in their 16th show this year.

Two of the performances will feature 19-year-old Shaker High graduate and current resident Steven Aviram, along with his partner, Kenston senior Jennifer Sulc, 17. Jenny teaches in the Learn-to-Skate program. The pair recently placed ninth at the Nationals of the U.S. Figure Skating Association, and they've been skating together for only six months.

"It's a huge accomplishment to make it to Nationals," Schopf explains.

With a low five-figure budget, Schopf is able to mount quite an impressive production. She is proud that in each of her five years, the show has either broken even or turned a small profit, while keeping ticket prices relatively low.

"This is a great event for the whole family," recommends Schopf. "There's no fighting with traffic, and these kids are good skaters. There's a lot of talent right here in Shaker. We have one of the strongest figure skating clubs in Northeastern Ohio."

Tickets will be on sale starting April 15 at the Thornton rink office. Performances will be held on Friday, May 2 at 7 pm, and Saturday May 3 at 1 pm and 6:30 pm. Tickets are \$12-\$15; specialty seating is available. For more information, call 216-491-1290.

— *Beth-Friedman-Romell*

Nationally ranked skaters Jennifer Sulc and Steven Aviram at Thornton Park Ice Arena, February 2008.

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Meet the Mayor

Q&A

BY RORY O'CONNOR

Earl M. Leiken, sworn in as Shaker Heights' mayor on January 1, faces all the challenges bequeathed to Cleveland's first-ring suburbs by a fragile Northeast Ohio economy and a downturn in the national housing market. Yet the long-time lawyer and public servant – school board, city council, Shaker Family Center – remains sanguine and even enthusiastic, attending meetings of suburban mayors, encouraged that the suburban political leadership and Cleveland's leadership are sincere about working together.

"In fact, I just got off the phone with Mayor Jackson in Cleveland," Leiken says one sunny afternoon in his office during a tempestuous January day: Leiken is dealing with the fallout from an Agence France-Presse wire story wherein the reporter, having roamed around Cleveland's struggling inner city, told his readers – after a vivid description of the economic devastation – that this was Shaker Heights.

The sheer lunacy of the story coupled with its international distribution has set everyone's teeth on edge in City Hall. Leiken's executive assistant, Karin Petrosky, is only slightly mollified when she reads a fresh email from Agence France-Presse agreeing to a complete retraction, which will be sent to every AFP subscriber.

Yet Mayor Leiken is unruffled, at least on the surface. "You're here to talk about macro matters, and I'm dealing with this micro stuff right now," he says. "Give me a minute to mentally shift gears."

Staff around City Hall agree that Leiken, as far as management style goes, stands in contrast to his predecessor and friend, Judy Rawson, a brisk-as-a-bee multitasker. Leiken, who as a city councilman was Rawson's vice mayor, is not given to multitasking. "Mayor Leiken clears the table of one thing at a time," smiles Petrosky.

This calm, lawyerly approach to day-to-day life as mayor befits Leiken's 21-year career at Baker & Hostetler, one of Cleveland's preeminent law firms, from where he retired the day before he was sworn in.

SL: You have a pretty straightforward agenda.

EML: During my campaign I said that for us to be successful in the 21st century, we have to address four things: attracting and retaining good residents, growing the tax base through economic development initiatives, strengthening our neighborhoods, and managing our resources in a strategic and effective way.

It all begins with residents. We have to attract and keep residents who are willing to get involved, willing to work hard to maintain the high standards in public education, housing, and neighborhoods that Shaker Heights is known for.

SL: It's residents who make the difference.

EML: If our residents insist on high standards, then they will elect quality people to public service and that will be reflected throughout the community, in the schools, our housing stock, and government services – speaking of which, I would like our residents to know that we have a great staff here at City Hall who reflect what a first-rate community is all about.

SL: The City's research shows that the public schools are the primary reason people move here. Reason two is the natural beauty, reason three is homes and housing. Are you surprised by those findings?

EML: No, and I constantly referred to that research during the campaign. Maintaining the high quality of the schools is of primary importance – look at all the National Merit semifinalists we had this year. Quality schools attract quality residents.



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City Hall and the school district have been operating on separate tracks in recent years. We've got to bring those tracks together. We rely on each other for attracting and retaining good residents. We can become more aware of what each other is doing by common strategic financial planning.

SL: Talk a little about your second point, economic development.

EML: Most immediately, we are working with RMS, a Ratner family partnership that owns the Van Aken Center, to redevelop the Warrensville Center/Van Aken area. We want to revitalize that shopping district, get it down from six roads to four, build new housing, and make it a light rail hub, maybe even extend the rail to the University Hospitals administrative facility on Warrensville Center Road – we'll see. This is a public-private partnership, and we've already jointly funded a study to improve the traffic plan. Things are moving ahead.

SL: Shaker Town Center's redevelopment seems to be going well.

EML: The redevelopment of the south side of Chagrin Boulevard is the next part of that project. It's going to look great. That entire area will be enhanced and the surrounding neighborhoods will benefit.

SL: Strong neighborhoods is a subject much on residents' minds these days.

EML: We've invested significantly in strengthening neighborhoods. It's a priority. We are rigorously enforcing all housing ordinances. We've enacted new laws to hold absentee owners responsible for their property and their tenants. The City will fix up nuisance houses if we have to, with money

borrowed from Cuyahoga County so taxpayers don't foot the bill. We have a strong inspection program.

We are also working closely with the neighborhood associations, which seem to have been invigorated lately. We also are helping them with beautification projects.

SL: The last of your four points is the strategic, effective management of resources.

EML: This takes a huge amount of my time. Just today I was at a meeting of regional mayors and city managers. It was all about our common issues – state funding and employee health insurance costs, which are just unbelievably expensive. We talked about forming partnerships to help us manage these things.

There are technological systems we can buy together; we can share the costs of emergency dispatch. We have a tax sharing agreement with Cleveland: Cleveland has ownership of our water and is responsible for the repair and maintenance of the system, and we in turn share tax revenues with them if a company relocates to Shaker. There are all sorts of possibilities for regional cooperation.

SL: Is this the most challenging time during your career in public service in Shaker?

EML: I was on the school board in the '80s when we had to close some of the elementary schools. That was a very tough time, and some of the residents did not make it any easier. But during this time, the residents have been supportive and understanding. It's very encouraging. Our people are pulling together. ■

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"It was just fun having another kid around," says Philip Woodcock, whose family hosted players for more than 10 years. "They're fun guys, and it's nice to have someone else at the table with something else to talk about."

Woodcock says that, for his wife, GiGi Benjamin, the players became another one of her boys. Several became good friends with his sons, Benjamin, 24, and Robbie, 21. Ben even played pool with former Tribe pitcher Bartolo Colon at the annual event the Indians throw for the host families at the Rock Bottom Brewery in the Flats.

"Ben said, 'I can beat you,' and Colon said, 'Bring it on,'" recalls Woodcock, who has his own software consulting business. "They're just guys having a good time."

"They're good guys, and they were great role models for my kids," adds Cathy LeSueur, whose daughter Kate used to take some of the players to Lombard School for Show and Tell. A Realtor for Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer in Shaker Heights, LeSueur befriended Indians General Manager Mark Shapiro in the early '90s when he was working in player development and seeking a home in Shaker. In fact, she helped start The Winter Development Program. She agreed to open her Fernway neighborhood home to players, and she enlisted another dozen families to serve as hosts for the inaugural year, 1995.

Among the many players the LeSueurs hosted until two years ago, when her children grew too old, was 2007 Cy Young Award-winning pitcher C.C. Sabathia. His two favorite dishes, she reveals, were her jambalaya and sausage-stuffed chicken.

"I told him they send me all of the good pitchers, because they know after a month of eating my food, they'll be ready to make the majors," LeSueur says.

The families frequently remain in touch with the players who become part of an extended family, attending weddings or birthday parties or attending their minor league games for the Akron Aeros, Buffalo Bisons, or Lake County Captains — and ideally, for the Cleveland Indians. A year after he had stayed with the LeSueurs for his second time through the winter program, Sabathia threw his 21st birthday party at the Mercury Lounge in the Warehouse District. The 6'6" pitching ace introduced the 5'4" LeSueur to Hall of Famer and former Indians slugger Eddie Murray as his Cleveland mom by saying, "Don't you think we look alike? She's just a little shorter."

As to getting used to having professional athletes as house guests, Molly Ritts says it was no problem. "Most of us have kids, so we keep doing what we do all the time," she observes. "The players have to adjust to us more than we have to adjust to them."

For Geoff, the main role the family should play is as an escape from the pressures of the fickle world of the minor leagues, where players never know if they're going to be traded, released, or brought up to the major leagues. "These players are all at stages of their careers where there's a lot of anxiety about how they are doing and their chances for making it in the big leagues," he says. "So staying with the families gives them a chance to get away from that for a little bit."

"Both the Seballos and Ritts families have been extremely helpful and a great resource for the program," Asonye says. "Every player who has stayed with them has commented on how much they've enjoyed the experience."

The Indians pay each family \$110 per week per player. But no one does it for the money or fame.

"For the families, it's not about what they are going to give us," says Sandy Seballos. "We just want to provide hospitality." ■

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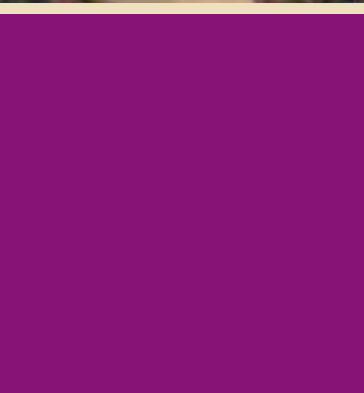
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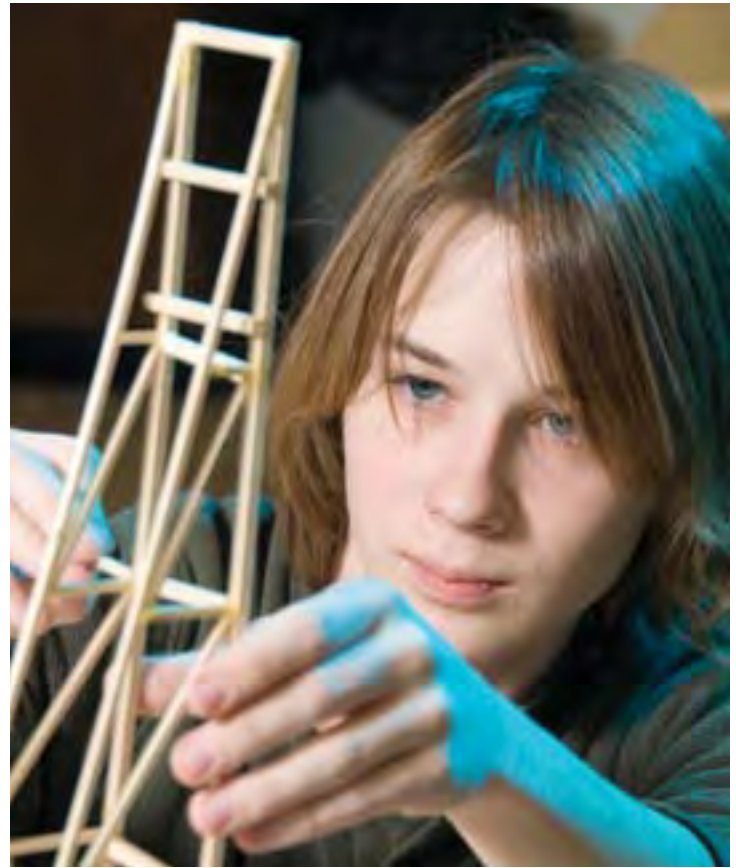
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The new applications course, he says, gives Shaker students a distinct advantage over most high school students across the country. "They are learning what engineering is all about and acquiring research skills, design skills, testing and data acquisition skills, technical writing and presenting skills, and more."

The Chair of Case's Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Dr. Clare Rinnac, was delighted when her stepson Greg Hering opted to take the course.

"Greg has a great interest and ability for building things and he is very detail-oriented. He's also enjoyed his physics, astronomy, and math courses at Shaker High, and I think he saw the potential to tie these interests together in this course. It has been gratifying for his father and me to see how Greg has been so completely engaged and motivated to learn by the projects that they have been working on. I wish something like this had been offered to me when I was in high school. It has clearly been transformative for Greg."

Rinnac arranged a recent field trip for the students to Case's Biologically Inspired Robotics Laboratory, where biologists and engineers work together to understand how animals control their movements and apply that knowledge to the development of mobile robots called "biorobots."



Greg Hering fits cross-members to his boom design to prevent the structure from twisting. PHOTO BY KEVIN REEVES



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Marencik, meanwhile, is pleased to see how many seniors in his class have chosen to focus their upcoming Senior Projects on engineering and related topics. David Kim will be working with breast cancer cell researchers. Sam Weir and Hartley Brody will work with CSU's design team. Patrick White and Nate Langhinrichs are teaming up to design several new hands-on projects for next year's course.

"With help from professors from Case, we will construct three new projects in the fields of biological, computer, and environmental engineering that Mr. Marencik can incorporate into the curriculum," explains Patrick.

"This is the most fun class at the high school if you enjoy building things or just science in general," Patrick says. "From the robotic kits to roller coasters to solar ovens, the class will allow you to relax and be creative while giving some idea of what a freshman engineering class would be like in college. This has been my favorite class at Shaker Heights High School."

To explore engineering career opportunities, visit www.asee.org/pre-college ■

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Tell our student readers what path you took to your position at NASA.

I earned an undergraduate degree in Political Science from Bowling Green State University. My intention was to attend law school, but I was offered a Graduate Assistantship in BGSU's Public Administration master's degree program. Given that I had a public sector career orientation, the offer seemed a good one.

I finished third in my graduating class and was selected for a Presidential Management Internship (PMI) in 1981 at NASA Glenn. The PMI program was initiated by President Carter to attract graduate students in public administration, business administration, and public policy to federal agency employment.

I went through a two-year management development assignment at Glenn. Early in my career, I was responsible for



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negotiating contracts with aerospace companies in support of the Center's research and technology mission. Subsequently, I was selected to work in the Center's training and organization development office, where I implemented the Center's new diversity management effort, worked as an organization development consultant, and managed employee development programs.

While working and raising my family, I did finally receive my law degree in 1999.

What brought you to Shaker Heights?

A true sense of place and community. My wife Donna grew up in Cleveland Heights, and I grew up in the Lee-Harvard section of Cleveland before moving to Columbus for high school. I always idealized Shaker. I would take long bike rides from Lee-Harvard to the Lomond neighborhood. I remember experiencing the beauty and serenity of the tree-lined streets.

After we were married my wife and I rented in historic properties on Van

Aken Boulevard. We bought our first home in the Lomond neighborhood, then moved to our current home in Sussex 10 years ago. We are committed to the concept of neighborhood that an inner-ring suburb such as Shaker provides.

How have the Shaker public schools served your children well?

Our daughter Lauren is a junior in the Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. The Scripps admission process is very competitive, and we are convinced that the Shaker brand was important to her admission.

Our son Bradley is active in a variety of sports and is doing very well academically. He is a minority achievement scholar (MAC), and we feel strongly that the administration and faculty at Lomond Elementary, Woodbury, and Shaker Middle School have been critical to his focus and success.

Talk about why STEM studies – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

– are important for today's students.

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It's a win-win for all parties: While residents benefit from convenience, the City benefits from the invaluable training opportunity.

The Emergency Plan assigns roles and responsibilities to City department leaders and public officials, depending on the nature of the crisis, and also establishes formal channels of communication. Camelia Sutorius, a Shaker schools nurse who volunteered her services at the POD drill, says, "Being prepared reduces the fear. You have to keep people aware and let them know what their role is. It's just the right thing to do."

She also appreciates the resources the City dedicates to health and safety issues. "Some city governments think it is a luxury to have your own health department, but it's not a luxury — it's vital to our community."

In addition to participating in the drills, there are other ways residents can do their part. One thing everyone should do is to prepare a personal emergency kit. Residents also can sign up for the Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), and for the Shaker Emergency Response Volunteers (SERV.)

CERT is an intensive, national program that trains citizens in responding to area emergencies. Shaker graduated its first team of 11 members last November. Team members receive structured training, assist with drills, and are on call to the City as needed for emergencies. Shaker Fire Chief Donald Barnes describes the CERT team as "an essential adjunct to the Fire Department. They are like



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our eyes, ears, and hands to the community. They are a very dedicated bunch, willing to make sacrifices and give up their time to reach out to their neighbors."

A free one-hour information session is scheduled for September. It will explain the benefits of becoming a member of CERT and provide specific details about the training. Current CERT team members will share their experiences and a question and answer session will be included. Check the City website and future issues of Shaker Life for specific date, time and location information.

Look for the Shaker CERT going door to door this spring providing fire safety education to residents.

Residents who would like to serve the community but cannot commit to the CERT program may wish to consider joining SERV. Says Sandi Hurley, "Our goal is to add as many people as possible to our emergency volunteer base. We can use people of all skill levels, whether you are CPR trained or if you want to help type lists and organize information packets. There is no limit to the number of people we would welcome."

The next CERT team will begin training in April. To learn more about joining either program, contact the Shaker heights Health Department at 216-491-1480.

Dr. Scott Frank, health commissioner and director of the health department, says, "Ultimately, emergency planning is all about people taking care of people. Those in the community who have stepped up to serve as trained volunteers not only make our community a safer place, but also understand how best to assure the safety of their families and loved ones." ■



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MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON. PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 3 can play, make friends, and network. Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 4-6 pm and Friday 3:30-5:30 pm for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions, 9-11:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 219-929-0201.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and

caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center. Evening hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8 PM and afternoon hours Thursdays from 1-3 PM. INFO: 216-991-2030 OR 216-921-2023.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS THROUGH APRIL 29: Drop-in Play Sessions, 2-3:30 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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

FRIDAYS: NEW "Family Fridays" Parent and Child Play Session, 9:30 AM-NOON, PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. (The Friday session is not included with Playroom membership. Current

members may upgrade membership to include Fridays.) Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 play and make friends. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. This is where your *square* meals begin! Buy fresh and local and *catch up* with your neighbors. Outdoor market begins April 12 with a blessing, sheep shearing and music. New to the market this season-chocolates, more baked goods and fresh fish. INFO: 216-751-7656.

SATURDAYS: Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door for a one-hour, naturalist-led walk around the trails. Weekly walk themes are: April 5: Found Underground; April 12: Invasive Species; April 19: Return of the Migrants, and April 26: Spring Wildflowers.) Free. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR www.ShakerLakes.org.

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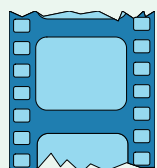


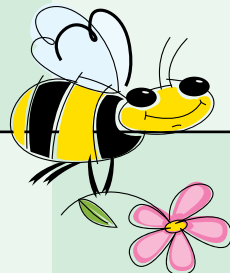
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april highlights

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		Environmental Town Hall Noon, Nature Center. (pg. 66)		Gallery-Opening Reception 6-8 pm, Annex Gallery. (pg. 66)	"Family Fridays" Parent & Child Play Sessions 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)	2008 Verizon Swim for Diabetes 1-5 pm, Cleveland Skating Club. (pg. 66)
		Movie@Main "Sweeney Todd," 6:30 pm. (pg. 66)				Edible Books Festival 1 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 66)
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Days of Knights Family Day 1 pm, Cleveland Museum of Art. (pg. 74)		Drop-in Play Sessions 2 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63)	School Days Open House 8:45-10 am, Laurel School. (pg. 67)	Getting into College 7 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 67)		Giant Garage Sale 9 am-3 pm, Heights Christian Church. (pg. 67)
			Installation of PTO Officers 4-6 pm, Community Building. (pg. 67)	Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 67)		Hanna Perkins Center Fun Fair 10 am-1 pm. (pg. 67)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Annual 5K Race & Carnival Race 9 am, Hathaway Brown School. (pg. 67)	Really Basic Computer Skills 1-3 pm, Fairhill Center. (pg. 67)	Parent University: Kindergarten Readiness 7:30-9 pm, Shaker Family Center (pg. 68)	Wood Working for Boys & Girls 4 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 68)	Friends Book Sale 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 68)	Spring Concert in Dance 8 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 68)	North Union Farmers Market 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 63)
North Coast Jazz Collective 3:30-4:30 pm, Main Library. (pg. 67)				16th Annual Evening of Jazz 7 pm, Shaker Middle School. (pg. 68)		Nature Walks 3:30 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 63)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Kids Cooking 4:15 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 68)	Red Book Project II 4/3-28 Annex Gallery. (pg. 66)	Music in the Mornings 9:30 or 10:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 69)	Planning Family/High School Reunions 10 am, Fairhill Center (pg. 69)	International Families Potluck Dinner 7 pm, Boulevard School (pg. 69)	Movie@Main "Bee Movie," 2 pm, Main Library (pg. 69)
	Joe the Coupon Guy 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 69)		Beam Art Show Reception 6 pm, Laurel School. (pg. 69)			
27	28	29	30			
Rain Barrel Workshops Noon-2 and 3-5 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 69)		Shaker Heights 101: The Story Behind the "Garden City" Suburb 7 pm, Main Library (pg. 69)	Kendal at Home 11:30 am, Cleveland Skating Club. (pg. 70)			
			Kentucky Derby Party 12:30 pm, Community Building. (pg. 70)			



may highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Spring Ensemble Show 5/1-5/3 8 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 70)	42nd Street 7:30 pm, Hathaway Brown School (pg. 70)	Landlord Training 8:45 am, Community Building (pg. 70)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Forest City Singers 4 pm, Community Building (pg. 71)	Barbara Luton Art Competition Thru 5/9 View the artwork juried into the 9th annual competition, Main Library (pg. 66)	Stranger Danger Summer Safety 4:15 pm, Main Library. (pg. 71) Ice Cream Social & Band Concert 6:30 pm, Shaker High Front Lawn (pg. 71)	Cleveland Archae- ological Society Lecture 7:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History (pg. 75)	Spring Photo Shoot 6 pm, Nature Center (pg. 71)	Book Signing with Santa Montefiore 5:30 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 71)	Annual Plant Sale & Go Green! Festival 11 am, Nature Center. (pg. 72)
	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Parent & Child Play Sessions 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)	Band Concert, Drumming Per- formance & Art Show 7 pm, St. Dominic School. (pg. 72)		Ann Douglas' Vintage Children's Things 5/1-6/2 Annex Gallery. (pg. 66)	Geranium Sale Pick Up 5 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 73)	North Union Farmers Market 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 63)
▲	18	19	20	21	22	23
Rite Aid 2008 Cleveland Marathon & 10K 7 am, St. Clair & E. 13th St. (pg. 75)		Drop-in Play Sessions 9 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63)	Scholastic Book Fair 5/21-5/22 9 am, St. Dominic School. (pg. 73) Shaker Family Center Annual Meeting 6 pm, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 73)		7th Annual Salute to our Armed Forces 8 pm, Severance Hall. (pg. 75)	Pancake Breakfast in the Park 8:30 am, Horseshoe Lake Park. (pg. 73) Sidewalk Sale 11 am, Larchmere Boulevard. (pg. 73)
25	MEMORIAL DAY 26	27	28	29	30	31
Family Picnic in the Park Shaker Family Center. (pg. 73)	Parade 9 am, City Hall. (pg. 73) 		Meet the Author Bev Shaffer, 7 pm, Bertram Woods Branch. (pg. 73) 			



out & about

Exhibits

THRU APRIL 27: What's That? Long Forgotten Tools and Other Obsolete Objects, Shaker Historical Museum, 16740 S. Park. Blvd. Experience the craftsmanship of the early settlers through their tools and equipment, often unfamiliar in present-day life. INFO: 216-921-1201.

THRU MAY 9: Barbara Luton Art Competition, MAIN LIBRARY. View the artwork juried into the 9th annual competition. Artwork is available for sale with a portion of the proceeds to benefit the library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

APRIL 3-28: Red Book Project II, ANNEX GALLERY, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy the imaginative works of local artists, Myrna London Aidlin, Sarah Clague, Gene Epstein, Margaret Yuko Kimura, Terre Maher, Lynn O'Brien, Jackie Parsons, Myrna Tatar and Anne Weissman. Each artist had a volume of the turn-of-century *Book of Knowledge*, and created an original work from it. INFO: 216-795-9800.

APRIL 29-JULY 27: Shaker Furniture, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM. Oprah Winfrey and Bill Cosby are among the many people who collect Shaker-made objects. Learn what is unique about the Shaker furniture created in Northeast Ohio. INFO: 216-921-1201.

MAY 1-JUNE 2: Ann Douglas' Vintage Children's Things, 6-8 PM, ANNEX GALLERY, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Ann Douglas has been a dealer and collector of vintage items for decades and has a particular eye for children's toys, books, puzzles, dolls, tea sets, games, ephemera. Items exhibited are for sale. INFO: 216-795-9800.

Events for *April*

April 1: **Environmental Town Hall, NOON-1 PM**, NATURE CENTER. John McGovern, Earth Day Coalition Clean Fuels Program Coordinator; Ryan McKenzie, owner of CityWheels, a local car-sharing program; and Kevin Cronin of Cleveland Bikes present *Holistic Transportation*, a discussion of environmentally-friendly transportation. Learn how to create a new transportation system that values city infrastructure and inner ring suburbs while improving the quality of life. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

April 1: **Movie@Main, 6:30 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Johnny Depp is the Barber of Fleet Street in the R-rated musical, *Sweeney Todd*. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 3: **Gallery-Opening Reception, 6-8 PM**, ANNEX GALLERY, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Red Book Project II artists will be available to discuss their unique artistry. INFO: 216-795-9800.

April 5: **2008 Verizon Swim for Diabetes, 1-5 PM**, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Dive in and help the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland raise money to support prevention and risk assessment, diabetes education, local medical research, and Camp Ho Mita Koda for children with diabetes. The DAGC offers free diabetes risk assessment and blood glucose monitoring training from 9:30-11am every Tuesday in April and May at 3601 S. Green Rd., #100, Beachwood. Appointments are required. INFO: 216-591-0800 OR www.dagc.org.

April 5: **Edible Books Festival, 1 PM**, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. *Read it and eat* when Loganberry Books and Strong Bindery

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April 7-May 17: Spring Outdoor Adventure Classes, NATURE CENTER. Crafts, games, learning and outdoor adventures. Class size is limited, so young adventurers should register soon. INFO: 216-321-5935 EXT. 235 OR www.shakerlakes.org for current class offerings.

April 9: School Days Open House, 8:45-10 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Visit classes in session. Call admission office, 216-464-0946.

April 9: Installation of PTO Officers, 4-6 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Honor your ed heads and sign up to help your school PTO.

April 10: A Northern Perspective: The Greenland Coast and Canadian Arctic, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Photo-lecture by Maria Kaiser, past President of the Cleveland Photographic Society who presents on both the Greenland coast and Canadian Arctic with photos that capture the unique adaptability of human beings in harsh, arctic climates. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

April 10: Getting into College, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. *Parents, don't let the SAT stand for sick and tired!* Bring your 10th and 11th graders and get prepped on the college process.

April 10: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. *Purl* up with a good book! Find reading material and hands-on help with a knitting project at this creative, drop-in session moderated by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

April 12: Giant Garage Sale, 9 AM-3 PM, HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 17300 VAN AKEN BLVD. INFO: KATHY MCWILLIAMS, 216-921-9210.

April 12: Hanna Perkins Center's Fun Fair, 10 AM-1 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Celebrate the Week Of the Young Child with a fun fair for children ages 2-8. Games and activities include simple wood-working project, kids cooking, crafts, planting seeds, building with Lego and Duplo and roller skating indoors. Free. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 13: Annual 5K Race and Carnival, RACE 9 AM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Catered lunch and fun activities for all grade levels and families sponsored by HB's senior class with proceeds benefiting Providence House, a crisis nursery in Cleveland. RACE REGISTRATION INFO: DENISE KEARY, 216-932-4214, EXT. 8789. INFO: JAMIE MORSE, 216-320-8769.

April 13: North Coast Jazz Collective, 3:30-4:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. It's National Library Week and all that jazz. Shaker resident Mark Grey helps to drum up local interest in jazz with a live performance at the library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 14, 28, May 5, 12: Really Basic Computer Skills, 1-3 PM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Introduction to hardware and software, Windows operating system basics, use of the mouse and keyboard. \$40/person. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT. 125.

April 15-May 6: Basic Digital Photography, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn the basic concepts of digital photography using Picasa, a free software program. \$40/person. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT. 125.

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April 16: Wood Working for Boys and Girls, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 4-8) and parents have fun learning to use tools safely for woodworking projects, including assembling precut wood kits as well as constructing projects from scrap wood. \$58/4-week session thru May 7. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 17: Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn to roller skate safely. Beginning skills include learning to get up from the floor, roll forward and pick up one foot at a time. Music is used for movement activities that coincide with skating skills. \$57.50/5-week session thru May 15. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

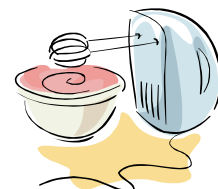
April 17: Friends Book Sale, 4-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Friends sell books at bargain prices and members get first dibs on the selections. Not a Friend? You can join at the door. Sale continues throughout the weekend from 9 am-4 pm. Come Sunday from 1-3 and fill a bag with books for \$5. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 17: 16th Annual Evening of Jazz, 7 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Cool middle and high school music students perform hot jazz.

April 17: N.O.B.S. Forums Altered Books Group, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. The Altered Book Group members tell how they came up with and executed their ideas. \$3 suggested donation. INFO: 216-795-9800.

April 18: Spring Concert in Dance, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Enjoy some fancy footwork under the footlights at the newly renovated auditorium at Shaker High School.

April 21: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. With a parent's help, children (ages 3-8) cook real food and prepare simple, wholesome recipes. \$58/4-week session thru May 12. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



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April 21: Art, 10:30 AM, OR 11:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Children (ages 2-4) and a parent use art media to learn about colors, design and textures. Each week children create a new page to their own portfolio. \$45/ 5-week session thru May 19. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 21: Joe the Coupon Guy, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn how you can save a buck or two using coupons when Joe Daugirdas, the king of coupon clippers, speaks. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 23, 30 & May 7: Flyers, Brochures And Newsletters, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn to create attractive, attention-getting flyers, brochures and newsletters using MS Word. Basic mouse and MS Word skills required. For people age 50 and better taught by peers. \$30/person. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT. 125.

April 23: Music in the Mornings, 9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to three) and their parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$69/7-week session thru May 28. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 23: Beam Art Show Reception, 6 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Showcase of artwork by Upper School students. INFO: 216-464-1441.

April 23: Teen Volunteer Fair, 6:30-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Opportunity for teens to see where they can lend a hand and learn about a variety of volunteer opportunities. Parents are welcome, too. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 23: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS. Meet Shaker resident Michael Lyons, owner of Accessible Gourmet and author of *A Cook at Heart: A Recipe for Transforming your Life*. Hear him talk about his book and enjoy some samples of his tasteful transformation. Books available for sale and signing. RESERVATIONS REQUESTED: 216-991-2421.

April 24: Planning Family/High School Reunions, 10 AM-NOON, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 1220 FAIRHILL RD. \$5/person. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT.125.

April 25: International Families Potluck Dinner, 7 PM, BOULEVARD SCHOOL.

April 26: Movie@Main, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Jerry Seinfeld is the voice of Barry B. Benson in this PG-rated animated feature, *Bee Movie*. And here's the buzz: it's free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 27: Rain Barrel Workshops, NOON-2 PM AND 3-5 PM, NATURE CENTER. Build a take-home rain barrel to capture the pure rain water garden plants prefer, free of salts and additives found in city water. Fee: \$30/Nature Center or Cleveland Botanical Garden members; \$45/non-members. REGISTER BY APRIL 21: 216-321-5935.

April 29: Shaker Heights 101: The Story Behind the "Garden City" Suburb, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. New to Shaker Heights? Curious about what a "garden city" is? Want to learn more about the history of your house? Find answers to your questions with Sabine Kretzschmar, Executive Director of The Shaker Historical Society & Museum and Meghan Hays, Local History librarian at Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2030.



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April 30: Kentucky Derby Party, 12:30-2 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Odds are* this will be a *perfecta* afternoon. \$5/person, INFO: ANDREA MCNEIL, 216-491-1351.

April 30: Kendal at Home, 11:30 AM-1:30 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Learn more about planning for your future long-term care needs while staying in your home! Reservations are required. INFO: LINDSAY LUTTRELL, 440-835-8681.

April 30: Come Fly with Me, 4:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Fasten your seat belts! Meet Continental Airlines pilot Ronald McLin. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Events for *May*

May 1: Gallery-Opening Reception, 6-8 PM, ANNEX GALLERY, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Meet collector Ann Douglas and enjoy her vintage children's toy collection. INFO: 216-795-9800.

May 1-3: Spring Ensemble Show, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.

May 2: 42nd Street, 7:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. *Come on along and listen to* HB 8th-grade students performing in this upbeat, Tony Award-winning musical about life on Broadway complete with energetic tap dancing, singing, and dramatic divas. Sunday matinee at 2:30 PM. Free. INFO: KATHLEEN OSBORNE, 216-320-8785.

May 3: Landlord Training, 8:45 AM-4 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Dwelling* in the possibility of becoming a landlord? Learn the ins and outs of a good landlord-tenant relationship. Open to current and prospective landlords. \$35/person. CONTACT DARLENE

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May 4: A Forty-Five Year Perspective on Shaker Furniture, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Simple, functional, timeless! Learn about Shaker furniture from Columbus-based antiques dealer, Charles Muller, author of *The Shaker Chair*, who will discuss the characteristics that make Shaker furniture so popular today. INFO: 216-921-1201.

May 4: Forest City Singers, 4 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Ensemble of experienced and talented singers performs folk songs from Hungary, Germany and the U.S. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-2595.

May 6: Stranger Danger Summer Safety, 4:15 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. SHPD's Jerry Jankowski gives summer safety tips to kids. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 6: Ice Cream Social & Band Concert, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL FRONT LAWN. Bring a blanket or lawn chair and listen to high school students toot their horns.

May 8: Spring Photo Shoot, 6-8 PM, NATURE CENTER. Join in the Nature Photography Club's annual spring Photo Shoot of the Nature Center grounds and upper Doan Brook basin. Photographers are encouraged to capture people in nature as well as flora and fauna. Participants go in groups or pairs. Dress for the weather and meet at the main entrance. INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHLE, 216-321-5935 OR www.ShakerLakes.org.

May 9: Book Signing with Santa Montefiore, The Sea of Lost Love, 5:30-8 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. The Cleveland Branch of the English Speaking Union invites bibliophiles to a wine and cheese reception and a rare American book signing with Santa Montefiore, author of *The Sea of Lost Love*. INFO: 216-795-9800.

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May 10: Annual Plant Sale & Go Green! Festival, 11 AM-3 PM, NATURE CENTER. Experience nature! Hands-on activities highlight alternatives for a greener, more ecofriendly life. Learn about water quality while frolicking in the Doan Brook; explore the world of worms at the composting station, build a rain barrel, walk through the woods, and more. Food and children's crafts are included in the fun. Free. Home-grown plants will be available for sale during the festival. Plant Sale pre-orders accepted until April 11. Proceeds support educational programs and the Rookery newsletter. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR www.ShakerLakes.org.

May 12: Meet Your Senior Advocate Reception, 6-7:30 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Join us for an informal reception to meet and greet senior advocate Armond Budish. The host of Golden Opportunity (WKYC TV Channel 3) is a consumer journalist, senior advocate, attorney and State Representative. He will talk about his book, *Why Wills Won't Work (If You Want to Protect Your Assets): Safeguard Your Estate for the Ones You Really Love*, and answer your questions. INFO: 216-991-2030 OR 216-91-2421.

May 13: Band Concert, Drumming Performance & Art Show, 7-9 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3445 NORWOOD RD. Discover some instruments of *mass concussion*. INFO: 216-561-4400.

May 15-18: Alumnae Weekend, LAUREL SCHOOL. INFO: 216-464-1441.

May 15: N.O.B.S. Forum: Internet Book Buying, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Stories and strategies for buying and selling on the Internet with an explanation of terminology, ethics, websites and fees. INFO: 795-9800.



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May 15: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Is your knitting project coming *unraveled*? Get help from a *close-knit* group moderated by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

May 16: Geranium Sale Pick Up, 5-8 PM, SHAKER HIGH. *This bud's for you!* Pick up orders in the south gym. Saturday pick-up hours 8 AM – noon.

May 16: Shaker High School Prom, 8-MIDNIGHT. Limos, corsages and suits are the order of the night when every high school student is prom king or queen. Parent-sponsored After Prom runs from 1-5 AM.

May 16: Summer Music Soirée, 7:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. HB Middle School and Upper School orchestras host a concert in the school's atrium, when annual awards and recognition are bestowed at this festive event. Free. INFO: KATHLEEN OSBORNE, 216-320-8785.

May 21 & 22: Scholastic Book Fair, 9 AM-5 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3445 NORWOOD RD. What better school fund-raiser than a book fair? INFO: 216-561-4400 OR VISIT www.stdominic-school.net.

May 21: Shaker Family Center Annual Meeting, 6 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Annual meeting honors past president David E. Weiss for his dedication during his eight years on the Board of Directors, and Mr. and Mrs. Mort November for the dedication of the "Debra Ann November Learning Garden," named in loving memory of their daughter. TICKETS & INFO: 216-921-2023.

May 23 & 24: After Juliet, 7:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL ATRIUM, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Are the Capulets and Montagues still feuding? In this modern sequel to Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Scottish playwright Sharman Macdonald imagines what

happened after they died. Tickets: \$8/person; \$6/seniors & students. RESERVATIONS: MOLLY CORNWELL, 216-320-8796, EXT. 7186.

May 24: Pancake Breakfast in the Park, 8:30-11:30 AM, HORSESHOE LAKE PARK. See the newly renovated Horseshoe Lake Park, enjoy the swings, trails and fossil pit. Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausages, and coffee, orange juice and milk. Tickets: \$7/adults; \$5/children 5-12; \$2/children under 5. Proceeds benefit the Recreation for Youth Scholarship Fund.

May 24: Sidewalk Sale, 11 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BOULEVARD. Discover a boulevard of bargains during the semi-annual sidewalk sale. More than 40 independent merchants offer something of interest to everyone. Come for the sales, linger for the ambiance.

May 24: Aquatic Safety Day, 1-3 PM, THORNTON PARK POOL. All hands on (the pool) deck to learn about water safety and sign up for swimming lessons. This free event is co-sponsored by the City's Community Life Department, Southeast YMCA, and South Pointe Hospital.

May 25: Family Picnic in the Park, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Sussex Association continues its family tradition with a day to picnic in the park, enjoy music and fresh ice cream. INFO: mikehoffman@sussexassociation.com.

May 26: Memorial Day. City, schools and libraries closed. Show your patriotic spirit and join the parade that begins at City Hall at 9 AM.

May 28: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS. Meet Bev Shaffer, chef, cooking school instructor and author of *Brownies to Die For!* and *Mustard Seed Market & Cafe Natural Foods Cookbook* (Our

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May 28: Hats Off to the Cleveland Indians, NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch the Tribe play the Chicago White Sox on the big screen and enjoy hotdogs with all the trimmings! Cost: \$5. RESERVATIONS: 216-491-1360.

May 30: St. Dominic Golf Outing, HIGHLAND GOLF COURSE. Duffers for St. Dominic's. Calling all saints, sinners and sandbaggers fore a round of golf. FEES & INFO: 216-991-1444.

May 31: Third Annual Festival, 6-8 PM, NATURE CENTER. If you can't beat it, eat it! Join the Nature Center as it turns the invasive garlic mustard plant into a delicious pesto meal. FEES & INFO: 216-321-5935 OR visit www.ShakerLakes.org.

In the Circle and Beyond

APRIL 5: Rain Barrel Workshop, 10 AM-NOON, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. *It isn't raining rain, you know.* It's raining additives. Build a take-home rain barrel to capture the pure rain water garden plants prefer, free of salts and additives found in city water. Fee: \$30/ members of CBG and the Nature Center; \$45/ non-members. Registration began March 28. INFO: 216-707-2832.

APRIL 5-JUNE 29: Zensai: The Horticulture of Japan, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. *The Japanese Garden: Photographs by Haruzo Ohashi*, a major exhibit touring for the first time from the permanent collection of the The Morikami Museum and Japanese Gardens in Florida, and a wide selection of Japanese fine art from the acclaimed Verne Collection.

APRIL 6: Days of Knights Family Day, 1-4 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. Drop-in, hands-on workshops for the family feature different collection-based art projects: "Good Knight!" and "Yours Truly." Family tour at 2 pm and more! Plus two talks by historian, Paul Newman, who will describe the functions and care of a suit of armor, and demonstrate the complex process of putting one on using an authentic replica suit!

APRIL 9: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 10600 EAST BLVD. Clemson University Professor Kostis Kourelis speaks on *Town and Country: The Archaeology of Crusader Greece*. Reception follows lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR: 216-932-6219.

APRIL 11 & 12: Mozart and Haydn on Fire!, 8 PM, ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, 2747 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Apollo's Fire introduces Haydn's "Fire" Symphony in a virtuoso performance of Mozart's restless Symphony No. 40 in G Minor, with a fiery finale, and soprano Amanda Forsythe performs virtuoso coloratura arias of Mozart. TICKETS & INFO: 216-320-0012.

APRIL 13: University Circle Wind Ensemble, 2:30 PM, HARKNESS CHAPEL, 11200 BELLFLOWER RD. Gary M. Ciepluch conducts. TICKETS & INFO: 216-791-5000.

APRIL 13: Stages at the Play House, 5:30 PM, 8500 EUCLID AVE. CIM Women's Committee presents *From Beethoven to the Beach Boys!* benefit. CIM students, soloists & Small ensembles take the stage to highlight the hits from the classes to rock 'n' roll. Cocktails, dinner, and silent auction benefit CIM. TICKETS & INFO: 216-791-5000, EXT. 360.



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APRIL 20: Viva! And Gala Around Town: Paul Jacobs, 2 PM, TRINITY CATHEDRAL, 2230 EUCLID AVE. Hear Paul Jacobs on organ. The young, distinguished alumni from the Yale School of Music and current chair of the organ department at Julliard is the first organist to receive the Harvard Musical Association's Arthur W. Foote Award. Not to be missed and free.

APRIL 25 & 26: All the World's A (Musical) Stage, 8 PM, KULAS HALL. CIM OPERA THEATER. Enjoy a diverse program of fully staged and costumed opera scenes with piano accompaniment. Sunday matinee at 3 PM. Tickets: \$15/adults; \$10 students/seniors. INFO: 216-791-5000, EXT. 411.

APRIL 28: Let's Get Fresh Benefit, 6:30-9:30 PM, THE ETON COLLECTION, CHAGRIN BLVD. *You'll really be eatin' at Eton!* More than 30 chefs will cook up fresh and local foods to please your palates. Be a *tarragon of virtue* and support this benefit for the North Union Farmers Market. TICKETS & INFO: 216-751-7656.

MAY 2: A Place to Dwell Gallery-Opening Reception, 5:30-8:30 PM, THE SCULPTURE CENTER, 1834 E. 123RD ST. Charmaine Spencer's installation of shelter-like forms made of paper pulp and dirt, dried to rock hardness, explores concerns of community stability, social justice, and respect for the multicultural American heritage. Spencer is a 2006 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art. Exhibit continues through May 31.

MAY 4: Heights Chamber Orchestra's 25th Anniversary Celebration, 4 PM, JUDSON MANOR, 1890 EAST 107TH ST. An evening of dinner and musical favorites featuring waltzes and orchestra soloists. TICKETS & INFO: 216-321-3315 OR www.heightschamberorchestra.org.

MAY 6: CIM UNCORKED!, 6 PM, WINDOWS ON THE RIVER, 2000 SYCAMORE AT THE POWERHOUSE IN THE FLATS. Foster's Wine Estates joins forces with CIM and the area's top restaurants for a combo of fine wines, good food and great music. Tickets: \$75-\$125 INFO: 216-791-5000, EXT. 411.

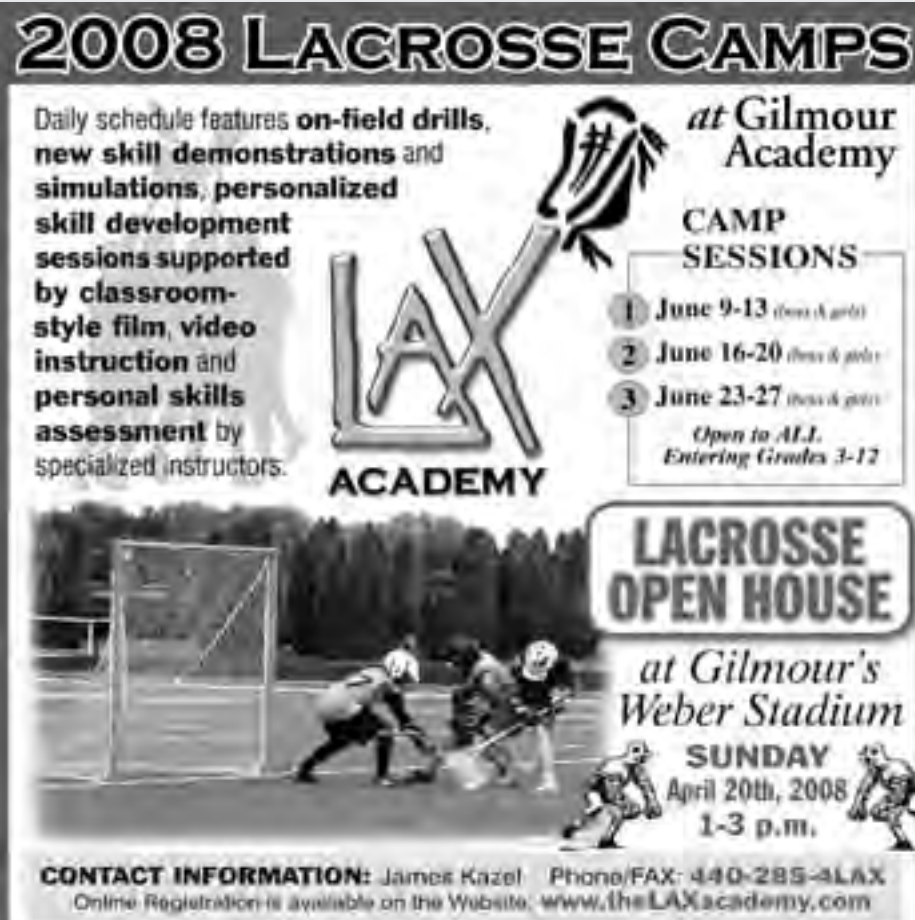
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MAY 7: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 10600 EAST

BLVD. Columbia University Professor Holger Klein speaks on *Body Politics and Relic Diplomacy: Christianizing the Late Antique City* with an emphasis on Constantinople. Reception follows lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR 216-932-6219.

MAY 18: Rite Aid 2008 Cleveland Marathon, Half Marathon & 10 K, 7 AM, ST. CLAIR & E. 13TH ST. Join in one of the 50 oldest marathons in the country. Get fit and help *foot the bill* to some worthy charities. INFO: www.cleveland-marathon.com/registration.html.

MAY 23: 7th Annual Salute to our Armed Forces, 8 PM, SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. The United States Army Field Band & Chorus joins Carl Topilow and the Cleveland POPS in an epic tribute to the men and women—past and present—who serve our country. TICKETS & INFO: ELLEN WIEDER, 216-765-POPS. ■



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'S Not Fun Getting Smuggled

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Residents of Shaker have much to boast about – fine homes, fine schools – but for some, self-satisfaction can overwhelm good sense, leaving their friends, neighbors, and co-workers wondering exactly how to respond to the Magnificent Tale of Little Billy's Latest Grade School Honor. As a service to Shaker residents smuggled by these immodest souls, Shaker Man offers this quick guide to suburban one-upmanship defense:

Kids: Braggers assume that since child shares their DNA, anything good child does is a direct result of parent's genetic superiority. (Curiously, braggers don't seem to think this works in the other direction; if child screws up, it's always the fault of schools/friends/society.) Most kid-bragging in Shaker takes one of three forms:

- **Academics:** *Assertion:* Little Billy is in the gifted program, or read the entire Herman Melville oeuvre by age 6, or placed second for the entire Great Lakes region in the 2008 UberMathNerd Classic, held last weekend in beautiful downtown Steubenville. *Defense:* Uh, OK, but why can't Little Billy zip his own jacket? And would he have placed first in Steubenville if he'd had both index fingers available, instead of leaving one jammed up his nose?

- **Sports:** *Assertion:* Little Sally is on three travel soccer teams, or

currently holds the Northeast Ohio record for seven-year-olds in the 25-meter breast-stroke (outdoor, wind-aided), or is planning to attend an invitation-only field hockey camp this summer in Goditsfar, Maine, which-costs-thousands-of-dollars-don't-you-know-but-all-the-top-college-recruiters-go-there, etc. *Defense:* I'm sorry you couldn't find a local soccer team that would take her. Maybe next year. And help me out here, because I can't remember: Which ESPN channel shows professional field hockey? I know I've seen it, late maybe...

- **Culture:** *Assertion:* My kids don't eat McDonald's, they eat dim sum. Or sushi. Or foie gras. *Defense:* Ppppppphhhhhhhhhhhhhttttttt.

Home: The Home Brag almost always takes one of two forms:

- **We spent less than you did, because we're smarter than you:** *Assertion:* Gosh, with all this subprime stuff, we're so happy we refinanced in 2005 at a 4.75 percent fixed 15-year note, no prepayment penalty and no closing costs. What kind of mortgage do you have? *Defense:* Silly us, we paid cash. Wish we'd known how good rates were!

- **We spent more than you did, because we're smarter and richer than you:** *Assertion:* Really, you just can't believe how hard it is to find good contractors any more, we gutted and restored five bathrooms

this year and you'd think we'd built the Taj Mahal. Ha ha ha. *Defense:* That sounds like a lot of toilet paper! Or do you use different bathrooms for specific purposes? Oh, and by the way, the Taj Mahal is a mausoleum.

General importance: Not to be confused with actual importance; also assumes one of two forms:

- **I am so much busier than you are:** *Assertion:* (Delivered via cellphone from car while typing madly on BlackBerry) Oh-my-God-it's-been-so-insane-at-work-I-have-a-new-project-I-just-got-promoted-I'm-pulling-together-a-program-for-the-community-association-I'm-fundraising-for-the-church-we're-headed-to-Hilton-Head-the-landscapers-are-coming-this-week-to-put-in-a-new-lawn....How are you? *Defense:* Have you lost your mind?

- **My kids are even busier than I am, and they are way, way busier than your stupid slacker offspring:** *Assertion:* (Similar delivery to above) Oh-my-God-I'm-driving-them-everywhere-Billy-has-three-music-lessons-two-karate-three-Chinese-one-baseball-and Sally-has-three-ballet-two-voice-one-tap-she-tutors-math-don't-forget-soccer-I-don't-know-how-we-do-it...Your kids aren't this crazy, are they? *Defense:* No, but you are. Wait here while I call Social Services! ■

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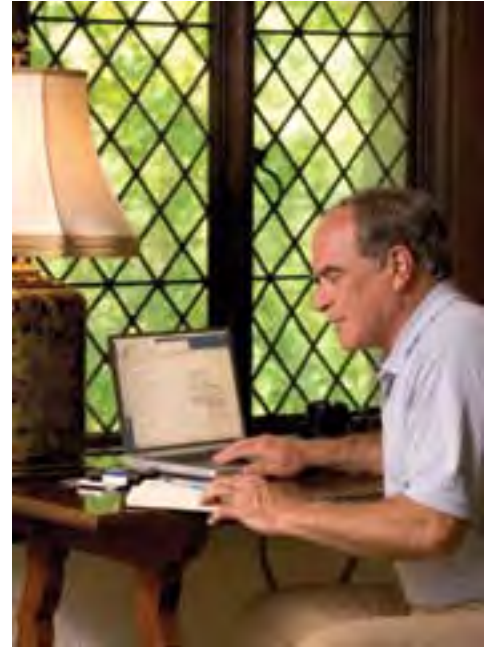
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