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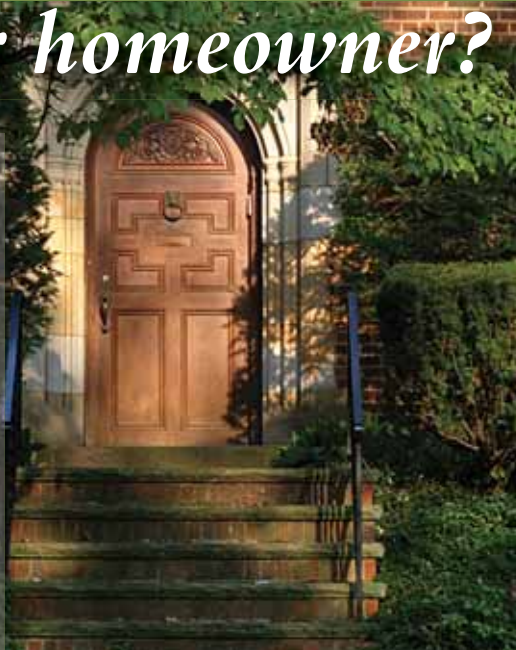
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Canterbury Hosts 70th Annual Senior PGA Championship

Big Golf is coming to Shaker's backyard in May, to a club with some serious golf history – and serious topography. Sam Snead said he'd rather face a rattlesnake than a downhill putt at Canterbury Golf Club. Arnold Palmer has called the last three holes at Canterbury some of the toughest in all of golf. Even the great Ben Hogan once shot an 8 on the eighth hole for a quadruple bogey.

During the week of May 19-24, Canterbury Golf Club hosts the most historic and prestigious event in senior golf, the Senior PGA Championship. Canterbury will now be one of only two clubs in the country to have hosted all five of these major tournaments: the PGA Championship, Senior PGA Championship, U.S. Open, U.S. Senior Open, and the U.S. Amateur. The event will be broadcast to millions of viewers with 12 hours of live coverage on NBC and the Golf Channel. Over 40,000 are expected to attend, giving a healthy boost to the local economy.

Championship Director Brett Sterba, a native of Westlake, says of Canterbury, "This course is such a gem. Anyone can build a new course, but what we look for is a course with some history, some stories to add to the tradition. No other course can tell the stories that this course can."

Designed by Herbert Strong and opened for play in 1921, the course has hosted scores of legendary players. Three golf greats are honorary club members: Ohio native "Golden Bear" Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, and Mark O'Meara. Henry Picard's 1938 Masters' jacket hangs in a place of honor at the club, in memory of his time as Head Pro from 1945-64. It is one of only two Green Jackets displayed outside of Augusta, Ga.

The field of eligible competitors for this year's tournament includes defending champ Jay Haas, Mark O'Meara, Greg Norman, Tom Watson, Gary Player, and Bernhard Langer among many others. The course has been reconfigured for maximum fan-friendliness, so that no point on the course is more than 600 yards from the newly renovated clubhouse. The changes will keep fans in the action at all times, but those famous final holes will remain the ultimate test of skill and endurance for the players.

The tournament takes 15 months to mount and relies on an army of 1,400 volunteers from local clubs, who perform a multitude of tasks, such as driving players and their families, reporting scores to the media, and marshalling the course. The

PGA Foundation also gives back to the community, with a golf clinic for at-risk youth, and financial contributions to four local charities: Achievement Centers for Children, the United Way of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Food Bank and Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland.

Tickets for the tournament are on sale now; prices increase May 1. Gate hours vary by day. Children under 17 are free with a paying adult. Free parking/shuttle transportation is available. For tickets or information: 216-283-2009 or www.seniorpga2009.com.

Memorial Day Weekend in Shaker Heights

Come back to Horseshoe Lake Park for Pancakes in the Park, Saturday May 23 from 8:30-11:30 am. Eat your fill of hot-cakes, and enjoy the glories of the Park. Kids can enjoy the 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 24.

Then on Monday May 25, gather at the flagpole at City Hall at 9 am for the City's annual Memorial Day salute to America's fallen soldiers. The parade, which follows, travels east to Thornton Park in the westbound lane of Van Aken Boulevard. Stick around for the season's official opening of the pool. Swimming and ice skating regular admissions apply.

NEW THIS YEAR: To participate in the parade, sign up your group, organization, or float online at shakeronline.com by May 15, or if you do not have access to the Internet, please call Sandra Moore at 216-491-2598. Volunteer servicemen and women are needed to carry flags from their branch of service, in uniform if possible.



“Staycations” Offer Fun Close to Home

Staying close to home this summer? The Community Life Department wants to help you rediscover fun in your own backyard – and they’ll even book the fun for you. Pam Quinn, Community Life director, worked with Positively Cleveland, University Circle Inc., and Playhouse Square to put together two “Staycation” packages designed to help you be a tourist in your own town. “We’re providing concierge service for residents,” says Quinn. “We coordinate everything – all you have to do is show up.”

For family fun, check out **A Howling Good Time at Great Wolf Lodge and Cedar Point**, July 10-12. The package includes a family suite and waterpark passes for Great Wolf Lodge, plus one-day passes for Cedar Point Amusement Park. Total cost: \$525 for three people (additional person \$30.) A 25 percent deposit is required at the time of registration, with balance due June 5.

A Spoonful of Sugar offers a variety of downtown attractions, July 31-August 1. It includes two nights at the downtown Radisson, two tickets to a Friday night baseball game at Progressive Field – the Cleveland Indians vs. the Detroit Tigers – with a picnic supper on the mezzanine and fireworks after the game. On Saturday, tour the Rock Hall or museums (admissions not included), and dine out with a \$25 gift card to the Hard Rock Café. On Saturday night, enjoy two tickets to the popular Broadway show, *Mary Poppins*. Total cost: \$550 for two people (additional person \$120.) A 25 percent deposit is required at the time of registration, with balance due June 15. All registrants are entered into a drawing for a *Mary Poppins* parrot-handled umbrella, donated by Playhouse Square.

To register for a Staycation, contact Community Life at 216-491-1295.

Shaker Family Center is the Place for “Family Connections”

Shaker Family Center is still the place to go for outstanding early childhood programs in Northeast Ohio. But now, there is a new identity for those programs: “Family Connections.”

Development Director Susie Cargile explains the need for the new name. “As part of a strategic planning process, we learned that we had an identity issue. It was unclear whether the Shaker Family Center was a building, a preschool, or a program. Now, we hope it will be more clear to the community that Shaker Family Center is the name of the building, and Family Connections is the name for our organization.”

Families from 19 different communities, and representing 14 nationalities, travel to Shaker Heights to take advantage of Family Connections’ comprehensive programming, designed for families with children from birth to six years.

“Many of them tell us there is nothing to compare in their own communities,” says Cargile. Programs offered include: the Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom; LEAF, or Learning English as a Family; Play and Learn Station (at Main Library); Dinner and Discovery, a program offered at local schools for families with kindergartners; Family Support Project, for families with special needs children; and the Debra Ann November Learning Garden, a beautiful gathering space that is open to the public year-round.

A grant from the William J. and Dorothy K. O’Neill Foundation funded the strategic process that identified the branding issues, as well as the need for updated materials and a new website: www.FamilyConnections1.org.

Family Connections also received a three-year grant from Cleveland Social Venture Partners to improve communications and infrastructure.

The City still owns and maintains the Shaker Family Center building. Family Connections operates the building and subleases to three independent early childhood programs: Carol Nursery School,

Early Childhood Enrichment Center (ECEC), and the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities (CCBMR/DD). Although the programs are separate entities, they do share resources and collaborate on providing services to families.

Executive Director Joanne Federman believes, “Having a name that better describes our mission will make it easier to form the community partnerships that are so vital to our organization.”

Family Connections already partners closely with the Shaker Heights Public Library, Shaker Schools, and the Shaker Heights Youth Center to develop and execute many of its programs. They also plan to work more closely with organizations from University Circle and downtown.

Family Connections relies heavily on those partnerships when organizing popular community-wide events like the annual Dad’s Day Run in June, and the Family Fall Fun Fest, which is co-sponsored by the City. “In addition to being successful fundraisers for our organization,” says Cargile, “these events foster a wonderful sense of community throughout Shaker, and beyond.”

For more information on Family Connections, contact Joanne Federman, Executive Director, at 216-491-2023, or visit: www.FamilyConnections1.org. Family Connections is located at 19824 Sussex Road.

Carol Nursery School Invites Alumni to Open House, Retirement Party

Carol Nursery School invites all of its past and present families to say good-bye to Director Barb Palumbo, who retires at the end of the school year after 32 years of service. Palumbo began her career with CNS as a teaching assistant in 1977, when the school was located at Temple Emanuel in University Heights.

Over the years, the school grew in size and moved two more times, once to Malvern Elementary School, and again to its current location at Shaker Family Center where it has remained since 1987. Palumbo has held the post of Director since

1994. In her 17 years of teaching, and 14 years as director, Palumbo developed relationships with thousands of preschoolers and their families. "We now have parents at the school who were my preschool students," says Palumbo with pride.

The open house is April 25 from 1-3 pm, at Shaker Family Center. Refreshments will be served in the gym, and all Carol Nursery School classrooms will be open for touring. A sustaining fund has also been created in Palumbo's honor. During her years at CNS, Palumbo was committed to finding funds for families who could not afford tuition. The sustaining fund is a way of continuing that legacy. Anyone wishing to make donations to the fund can do so at the event, or by contacting Carol Nursery School at 216-991-3449.

Make Block Party Requests at shakeronline.com

Is your street thinking block party?

Be sure to make your request at least two weeks in advance by completing a form at shakeronline.com, or call 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.**

Services the City can provide prior to your block party include:

- 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
- A visit from the Mayor or Council members

NOTE: The City does not have tables and 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.

Cleveland Foodbank Gets "Star" Treatment

Greg Korponic, owner of Star Paving Company, has two words for Shaker residents: thank you! Just before the holidays last year, Korponic learned from a news report that Cleveland Foodbank was running dangerously low on supplies. The report spurred him to action.

"Most of my customers are in Shaker," says Korponic, "so I asked the Mayor's office if it would be okay to organize a food collection here." After getting the go-ahead, he and two volunteers went door-to-door in Shaker asking for nonperishable foods and monetary donations.

Within a week, he collected over 700 pounds of food and \$2,000 in donations for Cleveland Foodbank. "I was completely overwhelmed by the generosity of Shaker residents," says Korponic.

One family used his visit as a teaching experience, and involved their children in selecting the many items they donated, including four cases of canned food from a wholesale club. Another resident asked Korponic to come back the next day so that he could have time to do some research about the cause. When Korponic returned, the resident handed him a check for \$500, having been duly impressed with his findings.

Tracy Martin, Manager of Corporate and Foundation Relations at Cleveland Foodbank, was astounded with Korponic's results. "The amount he collected was more on a par with what we typically see from an organization or a company, not from one individual. We are so grateful for the donations he collected, it really did make a difference." In fact, the \$2,000 in contributions provided 8,000 hot meals for families in need, and the collected food items helped to replenish much-depleted shelves on site.

Korponic was so excited with the results, he plans to do another collection next year, most likely for two weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas. "I probably only knocked on about five percent of the doors in Shaker last year; imagine how much more we could do now that I know how willing everyone is to contrib-

ute," says Korponic. He is also hoping to round up more volunteers for next year's efforts. Anyone interested in helping can contact him at 440-234-7283.

Cleveland Foodbank Facts

The Super Six: The top six requests for food are canned vegetables, beef stew, soup, tuna, peanut butter, and cereal.

Every dollar contributed provides four hot meals.

To volunteer at Cleveland Foodbank, or for more information, contact Tracy Martin at 216-738-2068. Cleveland Foodbank is located at 15500 South Waterloo Road, Cleveland.

Lomond Association Receives Funds for Home Improvement, Beautification

The Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights has awarded a \$150,000 grant to the Lomond Association, which allows Lomond residents to apply for matching funds for home improvements. Single-family residences can qualify for up to \$5,000 each, and two-family residences can receive up to \$7,500. The funds can be used for permanent exterior improvements that are visible from the curb. Two-family owners may also use funds for kitchen and bath renovations in the rental space. Residents applied for the funds in March. A committee of residents outside the Lomond area will approve projects and distribute the funds by the end of 2009.

The City has also set aside \$30,000 in the 2009 capital budget for a grant match to be used for beautification of the park at Gridley Triangle. The City will work with the association to apply for grants to improve the park; in 2009 it will apply for an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant. Shaker landscape architect Jim McKnight developed a landscape design based on the Association's vision for a neighborhood destination and gathering space.

"Residents are excited about the plans," says Dena Smith, chair of the Lomond Association's Beautification Committee. "The City's financial commitment gives



Concept drawing of Gridley Triangle.

us a very competitive advantage in being considered for grant funding.”

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count, all that is required is the bank routing number and account number found at the bottom of your checks. Credit cards are also accepted.

For more information, log onto www.ritaohio.com or call 800-860-7482.

State Fire Marshal: Install and Check Smoke Detectors Now!

In the wake of several tragic home fires this past holiday season, State Fire Marshal Michael P. Bell urges all residents to install, maintain, and test their smoke detectors immediately.

More than 180 Ohioans lost their lives to fire in 2008. In many cases, “Working smoke detectors could have made the difference between life and death,” says Bell.

Fortunately, Shaker Heights experienced no fire fatalities in 2008, and also saw a significant reduction in cooking fires. Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Johnson believes that targeted education and voluntary fire safety surveys likely played a significant role in improving overall fire safety in Shaker. After a 2007 home

fire that took the lives of three children, the SHFD conducted a “smoke detector blitz,” going door to door to offer free fire safety surveys. About 34 percent of the homes surveyed did not have a functioning smoke detector. The SHFD replaced batteries and installed smoke detectors on the spot as needed. Another common problem spotted during safety surveys: combustible materials placed too close to the furnace or hot water heater.

Johnson reminds residents, “Even if you have a working smoke detector, they do wear out every 10 years or so. If you think it may be that old, go ahead and replace it.” The same is true for fire extinguishers, another safety device that is a must for every home. A few more important tips to follow for smoke detectors:

- Install a detector on each level of your home and inside each bedroom.
- Replace the batteries twice a year, when you change your clocks.
- Never remove smoke detector batteries to put into other appliances. If cooking sets off a smoke alarm, do not disable it.

Wave a towel, open a window, or run a fan to clear the smoke.

Johnson would also like to see every Shaker home equipped with a carbon monoxide detector. "Choose a CO detector that is certified by a testing laboratory such as UL (Underwriters Laboratories)" says Johnson. He recommends placing one on each level of the home, and outside the bedroom area.

It's Easy Being Green: Recycling Ready Reference

Not only is recycling good for the environment, it benefits the City financially. The City earns \$40 for each ton of paper recycled, and saves money for items not sent to the landfill. City procedures make it simple for Shaker residents to do their part. For guidelines, check the web site, www.shakeronline.com.

Items for Regular Pick Up (on designated rubbish collection day):

PLASTICS 1-7, GLASS, AND ALUMINUM

Commingle and place in designated recycling bins provided by the City (preferred), or place in reusable plastic bags, such as grocery or dry cleaning bags. Note: Bags must be kept separate from rubbish and should not be placed in rubbish bins.

For additional recycling bins, call the Service Department, 216-491-1490.

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List with links to websites available at shakeronline.com

Allemas Childcare and Enrichment Center

16500 Chagrin Blvd.

216-752-2223

Email: tyrawlsallemas@sbcglobal.net

Ages 2-1/2-5 yrs.

www.shakerpreschool.com

Ages 2 ½-5 yrs.

Hanna Perkins School

19910 Malvern Rd.

216-991-4472

www.hannaperkins.org

Ages 15 mos.-6 yrs.

Hathaway Brown Early Childhood Program

19600 North Park Blvd.

216-320-8098

www.hb.edu

Ages 2 ½-5 yrs.

Carol Nursery School

19824 Sussex Rd.

216-991-3449

Email: carolnurs1@aol.com

www.carolnurseryschool.org

Ages 3-5 yrs.; 2 ½ with parent

Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation/Developmental Disabilities

19824 Sussex Rd.

216-765-0381

www.ccbmrdd.org

Ages 0-3 yrs. (special needs only)

JDN Early Childhood Center

22201 Fairmount Blvd.

216-320-8489

Email: weavers@bellefairejcb.org

www.jdnearlychildhoodcenter.org

Ages 18 mos.-5 yrs.

Early Childhood Enrichment Center

19824 Sussex Rd.

216-991-9761

Email: lprange_ecec@sbcglobal.net

www.ececshaker.org

Ages 18 mos.-5 yrs.

Laurel Pre-P Primary School

1 Lyman Circle

216-464-0946

Email: mlgeppert@laurelschool.org

www.LaurelSchool.org

Ages 1-5 yrs. (coeducational)

Pre-K Early Intervention Class

Shaker Heights City School District

Onaway Elementary School

3115 Woodbury Road

216-295-4311

Email: ott_p@shaker.org

Ages 3-5 yrs. (special needs only)

Nana Ella's Day Care

3685 Lee Rd.

216-991-6139

Ages 18 mos.-5 yrs.

CEOGC Plymouth Head Start

2860 Coventry Rd.

216-991-8752

www.ceogc.org

Ages 3-5 yrs.

Parent's Day Out at Plymouth Church

2860 Coventry Rd.

216-991-1961

Email: jalbrecht@plymouthchurchucc.org

Ages 2 ½-5 yrs.

Children's Center of First Baptist Church

3630 Fairmount Blvd.

216-371-9394

www.firstbaptistcleveland.org

Ages 6 weeks -5 yrs.

St. Dominic Early Childhood Program

3455 Norwood Rd.

216-561-4400

Email: stdominic@leeca.org

www.stdominicschool.net

Ages 4-5 yrs.

Cooperative Nursery School

at Heights Christian Church

17300 Van Aken Blvd.

216-751-2593

Tree of Life Learning Center

3635 Lee Rd.

216-752-6922

Ages 6 weeks-5 yrs.

Items for the Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Boulevard (Saturdays and Sundays, year-round, 8 am – 4 pm):

Large corrugated boxes, flattened • Scrap metal • Fluorescent bulbs • Motor oil • Batteries

Large item drop-off is available at the Service Center from April 1 to October 1. At other times, call the City to estimate a fee for special pick up at 216-491-1490.

In April and May, round-ups of Computers and Household Hazardous Waste are scheduled. See “Seasonal Reminders” in this section. Consult the website for electronics recycling information, shakeronline.com.

Shaker News Briefs

- The law firm of Hahn Loeser + Parks named Shaker resident **Lawrence E. Oscar** as Managing Partner, effective January. Oscar is co-chair of the firm’s Creditor’s Rights, Reorganization and Bankruptcy area. He holds a law degree from New York University as well as a business degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He is involved in several local organizations, including the Museum of Contemporary Art and the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland. Hahn Loeser employs over 120 attorneys with offices in Cleveland, Akron, Columbus, Fort Myers, and Naples, Florida.

- The Shaker Historical Society Board has elected a new slate of officers for 2009. In addition, five new trustees have taken three-year terms on the board. “I look forward to working with both the new board members and officers,” said Sabine Kretschmar, Executive Director of The Shaker Historical Society. “Their combined leadership skills and professional expertise will greatly enhance the Society’s role as a significant community asset.”

OFFICERS

President: **Ann C. Cicarella** is the principal of Ann Cicarella Landscape Design, LLC. She is a founder of the Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour.

Program Vice President: **Donna Fal-**

lon has served on the boards of numerous organizations including as President of the Council for the Cleveland Center for Contemporary Art (now MOCA Cleveland), as well as President of the Cleveland Area Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association.

Administrative Vice President: **George Cannon** is a former teacher who also held positions as principal of Fernway Elementary and administrator for the Shaker Heights City School District.

Treasurer: **Anthony Gentile, Jr.** is currently Deputy Director of Finance for the Village of Hunting Valley.

NEW TRUSTEES

Keith Arian is president of Keith Arian Construction.

Janet Everett is a retired library administrator.

Martin Gates is a partner at Calfee, Halter & Griswold LLP with their Commercial Business & Finance group.

Jacquelyn A. Joseph-Silverstein, PhD, is Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Cuyahoga Community College.

Robin Schachat is an independent landscape designer.

- Mayor Earl Leiken and City Council have approved the following appointments:

William Oeflein will serve a three-year term as a regular member of the Architectural Board of Review. Oeflein is an architect with Ecopoint LLC, and has extensive experience in commercial design and construction. He has performed project management, design, planning, interior design, and contract administration services for more than ten years. He has served as an alternate and regular member of the ABR since 2007.

Richard Bauschard will serve a three-year term as an alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review. Bauschard is an architect with Bostwick Design Partnership. He has over 30 years of experience in design, master planning, feasibility, programming, administration, and marketing. He has served the ABR as an alternate and regular member since 1994.

James Karlovec has been re-appointed to a two-year term as a citizen member

of the Board of Appeals. He is the owner of Karlovec & Company, a Shaker Heights-based building and remodeling company.

Earl Williams is appointed to serve the Board of Appeals as Council member and Council member **Nancy Moore** is appointed as alternate.

David Weiss will serve a six-year term on the City Planning Commission. Weiss is Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Developers Diversified Realty in Beachwood. He is a former City Council member and City Planning Commission member.

Michael Shinn will serve a six-year term as Civil Service Commissioner. The post was formerly held by Heidi Makela, who resigned last November after serving with distinction since 1993. Shinn is a Certified Financial Planner and an investment advisor for Financial Network Investment Corporation. He is also a retired GE Executive. He holds a degree in Engineering from the University of Kansas and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

Rodney Dial has been appointed as a citizen member of the Human Relations Committee. He is finishing the term of a vacant position ending in December. Dial holds a BA in Social Work from Cleveland State University and a Masters in Public Administration from Walden University. He provides social services for homeless men at Joseph’s Home.

Brian Cook will serve on the Landmark Commission, filling a vacant, unexpired term ending in 2010. Cook is a principal in charge of brokerage operations with Bridge Partners, a real estate advisory firm. He holds the Certified Commercial Investment Member (CCIM) designation and is a licensed Ohio real estate broker.

Kathryn Wertheim Hexter will serve a three-year term on the Landmark Commission. Hexter is the Director of the Center for Civic Education at Cleveland State University’s Levin College of Urban Affairs. She holds a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

Jan Devereaux has been reappointed for a three-year term to the Landmark Commission. She is a former City Coun-

cil member and has served on numerous other commissions for the City.

Seasonal Reminders

Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm April 4 and May 2, 16 and 23 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

Computer Round-up: April 18 & 19, 25 & 26, from 8 am to 4 pm, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Bring any of the following items: CPUs, monitors, keyboards, mice, printers, terminals, modems, cables, software, printers, cartridges, cell phones & accessories. Reminders of upcoming round-ups delivered right to your desktop. Sign up for Recycling Updates using the email sign-up box on the homepage of shakeronline.com.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up: April 25 & 26 and May 2 & 3, from 8 am to 4 pm, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Includes oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, coatings (aerosols or liquids); varnishes, polyurethanes; paint thinners; pesticides; household cleaners; motor oil, car batteries; adhesives, driveway sealer; kerosene, gasoline; mercury, fluorescent bulbs. No latex paint. Call 216-491-1490 for more information. Reminders of upcoming round-ups delivered right to your desktop. Sign up for Recycling Updates using the email sign-up box on the homepage of shakeronline.com.

Hydrant Flushing: The Fire Department will conclude a semi-annual hydrant flushing and inspection in early April. To see if flushing is scheduled in your vicinity, check the City calendar at shakeronline.com. Crews typically place a warning notice in each neighborhood a day or two before flushing begins. If your tapwater appears brown after hydrants are flushed in your area, run cold water at the lowest point in the home until it runs clear.

Nominations for Customer Service: The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service — above and beyond expectations — pro-

vided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, shakeronline.com as well as at the reception areas of City Hall, Shaker Community Building, Court, Police, Fire, Public Works and Thornton Park.

Trash Pickup Delays: 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.

Sewer Safety: Prevent sewer problems before they begin!

- Do not flush paper towels or commercial wipes (baby, household, automotive, etc.) down toilets. Discard with trash only.
- Do not wash grease down the sink or toilet. To safely discard, put into a container, allow to harden, then include with trash.
- Do not place trash, debris or grass clippings in catch basins located along street curbs.
- When you hire a plumber to snake your property lateral, please contact Public Works afterwards. The City will inspect the public side of the line to be sure that both sides remain clear.

To ask a sewer-related question or report a problem, call the Public Works Department at 216-491-1490. For emergency service, the City will attempt to provide temporary relief by accessing the test tee on the property. If the City is unable to locate the test tee, it becomes the homeowner's responsibility (per City ordinance) to hire a private contractor or plumber to locate the tee.

Yard Waste: During the month of April, residents may place leaves and grass clippings loose on the tree lawn.

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

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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between November 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009 appear below. The first list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are “quit claim” transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2008/09 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3365 AVALON ROAD	\$245,000	\$221,500 (2002)	\$ 15,000 (1926)
22325 CALVERTON ROAD	\$260,000	\$379,750 (2004)	\$ 13,500 (1935)
3028 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$255,000	\$308,000 (2006)	\$ 13,000 (1924)
3286 DALEFORD ROAD	\$158,000	\$203,000 (2003)	\$ 10,000 (1925)
22499 DOUGLAS ROAD	\$290,000	\$320,000 (1999)	\$ 14,000 (1936)
23585 DUFFIELD ROAD	\$242,000	\$224,000 (2007)	\$ 15,000 (1947)
2969 EATON ROAD	\$700,000	\$530,000 (2005)	\$ 25,000 (1925)
3345 ELSMERE ROAD	\$204,500	\$230,000 (2003)	\$ 12,000 (1928)
3293 ENDERBY ROAD	\$170,000	\$194,000 (2000)	\$ 13,500 (1926)
3347 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$380,000	\$289,000 (1998)	\$ 10,000 (1932)
3305 GRENWAY ROAD	\$325,000	\$278,000 (2002)	\$ 12,500 (1925)
3686 GRIDLEY ROAD	\$154,000	\$210,000 (1999)	\$ 12,000 (1928)
2923 LEE ROAD	\$380,000	\$108,000 (2008)	\$ 7,000 (1915)
3705 RAWNSDALE ROAD	\$141,000	\$141,000 (1998)	\$ 11,000 (1929)
3628 RIEDHAM ROAD	\$ 71,000	\$ 83,334 (2008)	\$ 8,500 (1938)
19029 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$ 98,000	\$ 75,000 (2007)	\$ 29,000 (1954)
23150 SHAKER BLVD	\$344,000	\$370,000 (2002)	\$120,000 (1984)
24060 SHAKER BLVD	\$145,000	\$135,000 (2007)	\$ 20,000 (1956)
3675 STRATHAVON ROAD	\$139,000	\$ 46,000 (2007)	\$ 8,000 (1940)
18951 S WOODLAND RD	\$562,000	\$500,000 (2002)	\$ 30,000 (1948)
23801 S WOODLAND RD	\$193,300	\$129,500 (2007)	\$ 28,000 (1954)

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

2665 ENDICOTT ROAD	\$520,000	\$330,000 (1997)	\$ 20,000 (1921)
2536 KENDALL ROAD	\$135,000	\$ 70,000 (1996)	\$ 4,500 (1917)
14610 S WOODLAND RD	\$196,500	\$180,000 (1996)	\$120,000 (1990)

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

3310 GRENWAY ROAD	\$237,000	\$183,000 (1992)	\$ 15,000 (1924)
3528 INGLESIDE ROAD	\$138,000	\$103,000 (1990)	\$ 13,000 (1927)
14110 S PARK BLVD	\$345,000	\$272,500 (1993)	\$ 45,000 (1959)
19407 WINSLOW ROAD	\$160,000	\$132,500 (1988)	\$ 14,000 (1929)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Landlord Training Program Offered

A comprehensive landlord training program is offered at no charge on Saturday, May 2 from 8:45 am to 4 pm and again on Saturday, September 12 at the Stephanie Tubbs Jones 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 rental property ownership. Training is interactive, encouraging discussion of real-life situations and circumstances. Even experienced landlords gain valuable insights. Topics covered:

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

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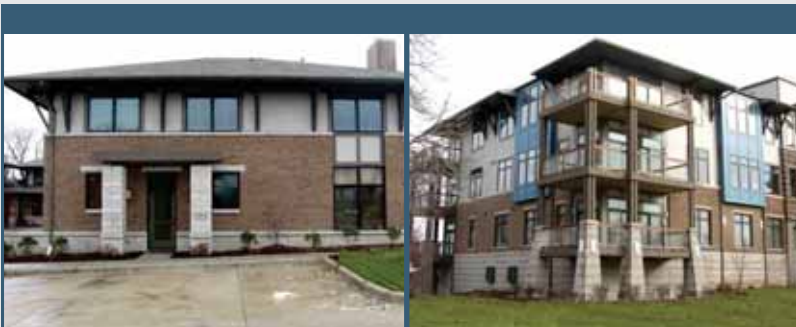
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Newly Certified and re-Certified Shaker property addresses and their owners' names are listed in this publication. The listings represent the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of Certified properties and to find out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

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Your Tax Dollars at Work

The Library appreciates the outstanding support from Shaker residents, and works hard to earn that support. From the beginning of the Library's strategic planning process in 2006, well before the economic problems of today, the focus has been on streamlining operations to use tax dollars wisely.

The Library re-bid photocopier contracts in 2007 and property and liability insurance in 2008 to realize an annual savings of more than \$5,000 and \$7,000, respectively. Last year, significant changes were made to staff health insurance, including increased deductibles, to hold increases in the single digits. Similar efforts will be made in 2009 to try to contain the ever-rising costs of health insurance.

Another area of savings has been in the Library's material budget for books, DVDs, and audio material. In the past six years, the Library has shaved \$240,000 from collection development costs. How? Falling prices for audiovisual materials, better bargaining, eliminating an underutilized electronic resource at a savings of \$15,000 per year, and through partnerships with others, such as the CLEVNET consortium, to eliminate underused databases and to reduce annual access fees by \$17,000. In addition, Library staff is more selective in ordering popular material.

The Library also seeks outside funding to supplement the regular tax-supported budget, such as the \$16,000 grant from Cuyahoga County used to expand Teen Center programs last summer; and by participating in community efforts such as the MyCom planning project, funded by the Cleveland Foundation, to serve the youth of South Shaker.

To remain cost-effective, the Library will create more self-service opportunities for the public, such as self-check out desks and roving reference staff who can help with check out and reference questions. The Library is fortunate to

have strong community support, and during this period of tight funding, the Library will continue to work hard to stretch your tax dollars.

Going, Going, Gone...Green!

The Library no longer gives away plastic bags. Customers can purchase a recyclable bag. No money? No worries! The Library will lend you a bag. Check one out the next time you visit the Library and return it with your books.

MLK Student Writing Contest Winners

The Library invited youth in grades 3 through 8 to write a short essay or poem about someone they knew who embodied the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Winners of the 2009 contest in grades 3 and 4 were Omari Scott, fourth grader at Fernway School, first place; Anna Walker, third grader at Fernway School, second place, and Syria Vassar, third grader at Lomond School, third place.

In grades 5 and 6, winners were Sarah Rose Reynolds, fifth grader at Woodbury School, first place; Leah

Toney, sixth grader at Woodbury School, second place, and Michael Hancock, fifth grader at Woodbury School, third place.

In grades 7 and 8: Katie Hankins, eighth grader at St. Dominic School took first place; Tyleah Smith, seventh grader at St. Dominic, second place, and Mariah Douglas, eighth grader at St. Dominic, third place.

While the themes of the contest change each year, the one constant is Shaker resident Cheryl Darden, who organizes the judges who select the winners. Without her annual assistance and the help of this year's volunteers, Rebecca Elle, Shelly Johnson, and Terri Woodson, the contest would not be possible.

Every student who entered the 2009 contest received a commemorative Martin Luther King, Jr. poster inscribed with their names and quotes from the winning essays. Copies of the poster are available at the library.

Celebrate Older Americans Month at the Library

The Library celebrates Older Americans Month with a series of programs and classes. Come for coffee, tea, and conversation at 10:30 am Wednesday, May



MLK student writing contest winners pose with Cheryl Darden after the MLK Awards ceremony. Leah Toney, who missed the awards presentation, poses with her second place ribbon and certificate.

Kids' Corner

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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. *No registration required.*

6–8 pm Tuesdays

10 am–noon Thursdays & Saturdays

1–3 pm Thursdays

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months with their parents or caregivers. *No registration required.*

10 am–noon Thursdays & Saturdays

PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS

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

10 am–noon Wednesdays

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

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

CREEPERS

It is never too soon to start sharing books with babies! Enjoy songs and rhymes, books and bounces in this class for babies who have begun to creep and crawl (with an adult).

Spring Session: April 7–May 20

9:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

9:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library

Registration began March 2.

WALKERS

Experience the wonder of words through stories and songs, movement, puppets and fun in this story time for children under two who have begun to walk (with an adult).

Spring Session: April 7–May 20

10:30 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch
 10:30 am Wednesdays at Main Library

Registration began March 2.

TERRIFIC TWOS

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

Spring Session: April 6–May 21

(Must be 2 years old by April 1.)

10 am Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Tuesdays or Thursdays at Main Library

Registration began March 2.

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 the week of March 30–April 3. Programs end Thursday, May 7.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Mondays, April 20 & May 18

Registration begins two weeks before each program.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK

AT WOODS BRANCH

April 13–18 – Make a tissue paper butterfly

May 11–16 – Make a daffy daffodil

MEET AMERICAN GIRL KIRSTEN

(Grades 1–5)

Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft, and enjoy a snack from Kirsten's era.

2–3:45 pm Saturday, April 4 at

Woods Branch

Registration began Saturday, March 21.

2–3:45 pm Saturday, May 2 at Main Library

Registration begins Saturday, April 18.

MY HEART IS WARM AND MY FRIENDSHIP IS FREE, WON'T YOU JOIN ME FOR A CUP OF TEA? AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K–5)

Join us as we go on a tea excursion and taste delicious teas with some furry friends.

4:15–5 pm Wednesday, April 22

Registration begins Wednesday, April 8.

PAWS FOR READING AT MAIN LIBRARY (Grades K–5)

Want to practice your reading skills? Visit the library and read your favorite book to man's best friend. Dogs from Buckeye Therapaws will be at the library and they love listening to stories! *Registration begins May 2.*

2–4 pm Saturday, May 16

THE HOMEWORK CENTER AT MAIN LIBRARY

Free homework help provided by teachers and education students under the supervision of Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools.

4–6:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays

An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit and students must be picked up by 6:30 pm. The Homework Center will be closed Monday, March 30 & Wednesday, April 1.

FREE FAMILY FILM AT MAIN LIBRARY

Watch a free family film at Main Library thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library.

2 pm Saturday, April 25: *Bolt* (Rated PG)

2 pm Saturday, May 23: *The Jetsons* (Rated PG)

6 at Main Library when Christine Devine, an advocate with Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program (OSHIP), presents “Medicare 101.” Devine speaks about Medicare A, B, and D, supplemental insurance, advantage plans, Medicaid plans and predatory sales practices. The following Wednesday, May 13 at 10:30 am at Main Library, Devine returns to speak on long-term care.

7 pm Wednesday May 27 at Main Library. Learn to Maintain your Brain.[®] Kerry Lanigan, a care consultant with the Cleveland area Alzheimer’s Association, presents nutritional and lifestyle advice and suggests strategies to keep your memory sharp.



Shaker Library is a 5-Star Library

Library Journal's new national rating of public libraries, the *LJ* Index of Public Library Service 2009, identified Shaker Heights Public Library as a 5-star library. The Index rated 7,115 public libraries according to four output measures that indicate public service—circulation, library visits, program attendance and public Internet use on a per capita basis. Rankings were based on 2006 data collected by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Top libraries in each category were organized by ranges of operating budgets and assigned three, four or five stars.

The library attributes its commitment to community as one of its greatest hallmarks. The library is community based and community responsive, and this attribute is its most effective technique for building loyalty as evidenced by high voter approval ratings and library circulation that is well over one million. Shaker Heights residents love and use their library! A dedicated Board of Trustees, an enterprising Friends of the Library, an excellent staff, community partnerships and a willingness to work and play well with others are other hallmarks for the library’s success.

Library and Shaker Historical Society Present Shaker Heights 101

Want to learn more about Shaker Heights? Meghan Hays of the Library and Sabine Kretzschmar from the Shaker Historical Society continue their successful series, *Shaker Heights 101*, at 7 pm Tuesday, April 28 at the Main Library.

The sixth class in the series, entitled *Shaker Country Estates: East of Warrensville Center Road*, focuses on the development of the section east of Warrensville Center Road, including the areas the Van Sweringen Company called Shaker Country Estates and the Country Club Estates. Discover resources to research your home, street, and neighborhood. The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2030.

Cookies Author Speaks at Woods Branch

Is there anything more welcome than a plate of cookies and a glass of milk? Come to Woods Branch at 7 pm Wednesday, May 20, when the Library serves up cookies while presenting Bev Shaffer, author of *Cookies to Die For*. Shaffer’s book has received starred reviews not only for its recipes but also for the author’s colorful anecdotes and reflections on baking.

Shaffer is a food writer and culinary instructor, as well as the director of Mustard Seed Market and Café Cooking Schools in Akron and Solon. A columnist for *The Plain Dealer*, Shaffer is a member of the International Association of Culinary Professionals, Chefs Collaborative, and Women Chefs & Restaurateurs. She is also the author of *Brownies to Die For!* and *The Mustard Seed Market & Café Natural Foods Cookbook*. Reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421.

Local History Librarian to Participate in Annual Ohio Archivists’ Conference

Local History librarian Meghan Hays has assembled a panel to speak on the development of the Cleveland Memory remote

hosting image database for the Society of Ohio Archivists Annual Conference to be held May 20–22 in Columbus

The theme of this year’s conference is “Archival Access & Accessibility: Tradition & Technology.” Hays invited Bill Barrow from Cleveland State University Special Collections, Rebecca Ranallo from Cuyahoga County public libraries, and Deborah Rossman from Westlake Porter Library to join her on the panel.

The Cleveland Memory Project is a searchable collection of digital resources representing historical material found in the Cleveland State University Library and in many other historical collections in Greater Cleveland. To view the Shaker Heights Public Library’s online image collection in Cleveland Memory, go to www.clevelandmemory.org/shakerheights.

The Bookshelf: Gardening Books



Here’s the dirt on the latest gardening books available at the Library. Dig in and take your pick!

Annals for Ohio by Debra Knapke and Alison Beck. Lone Pine Publishing, 2003. An Ohio horticulturist and garden designer feature over 335 annuals best suited to growing conditions in Ohio.

The Lawn Bible: How to Keep It Green, Groomed, and Growing Every Season of the Year by David R Mellor. Hyperion, 2003. A self described “lawnatic,” Fenway Park’s master groundskeeper encourages readers to think like a “lawn artist,” and offers trouble-shooting tips on all types of grasses, soils, weed control and lawn equipment.

Lilies by Pamela McGeorge; photographs by Russell McGeorge. Firefly Books, 2004. Detailed descriptions of the enormous diversity of lily varieties along with dazzling color photographs help gardeners choose and raise the variety best suited to their garden and climate.

Perennials: Designing, Choosing, and Maintaining Easy-Care Plantings by Sally Roth and Jane Courtier. Readers Digest Association, 2008. Lifelong gardeners

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Roses by Hazel White and Philip Edinger. Sunset Books, 2002. This handy, 128-page resource offers helpful information for the novice as well as the experienced rose gardener with shopping tips, planting, and pruning techniques, accompanied by lush photos showcasing over 350 different roses.

Sunset Landscaping with Stone by Jeanne Huber. Sunset Books, 2006. Photo galleries feature updated approaches to enhance gardens with stone, from traditional to contemporary with detailed step-by-step instructions for projects including paths, walls, and water features.

Tall Perennials: Larger-Than-Life Plants for Gardens of All Sizes by Roger Turner. Timber Press, 2008. An architect turned landscape designer explains how to grow tall perennials to create impact and excitement in your gardens. A plant directory of perennials follows introductory chapters on plant characteristics and combination ideas.

Taylor's Weekend Gardening Guide to Safe and Easy Lawn Care: The Complete Guide to Organic, Low-Maintenance Lawns by Barbara Ellis. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2009. Nationally respected gardening experts reveal how to have a beautiful lawn—the easy way.

FOR CHILDREN

Garden Crafts for Kids: 50 Great Reasons to Get Your Hands Dirty by Diane Rhoades. Sterling Publishing Co., 1995. Filled with detailed directions for success in creating, preparing, planting, and caring for a vegetable garden, this attractive, photo-filled book also offers garden-related building projects, recipes, clever crafts, experiments, and lots of information on a myriad of gardening-related topics.

Gardening Wizardry for Kids: Green Thumb Magic for the Great Indoors by L. Patricia

Kite; illustrated by Yvette Santiago Banek. Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1995. Kite offers clearly illustrated directions for growing fruit and vegetable plants from seeds and fruits; a number of vegetable-based experiments; advice on raising earthworms, pill bugs and snails; fascinating informational tidbits, full fruit and vegetable histories, planting directions and uses for a variety of homegrown foods and herbs, as well as some clever, useful craft projects.

Learn and Play in the Garden: Games, Crafts, and Activities for Children by **Meg Herd.** Barron's Educational Series, Inc., 1997. Youngsters who relish the joy of growing their own food; feeding the birds; creating crafts from natural objects; or just enjoying the great outdoors will find lots of information and ideas here.

Roots, Shoots, Buckets & Boots: Gardening Together with Children by **Sharon Lovejoy.** Workman Publishing Co., Inc., 1999. The appealing journal format offers advice for beginners on basic gardening, along with how-to tips for planting theme gardens – Pizza Patch; Snacking and Sipping Garden; Flowery Maze, and others – accompanied by detailed directions and charming illustrations that include diagrams of each garden.

Teen Scene

THE TEEN CENTER OPEN DURING SPRING BREAK

Not everyone in Shaker leaves town for spring break! Teens can enjoy their out-of-school time in the Main Library Teen Center, which will be open from 1-6 pm Monday through Thursday, March 30 to April 2 and from 1-5:30 pm Friday, April 3.

Teens can watch movies, relax and read, surf the Internet, or get a leg up on schoolwork and be prepared to spring into the final weeks of school.

TEEN VOLUNTEER FAIR SET FOR APRIL 22 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Looking for a teen volunteer experience? Need community service hours? The Teen Volunteer Fair, scheduled from 6:30–8

pm Wednesday, April 22 at Main Library, is the place to find it! Meet representatives from area organizations that accept teen volunteers (ages vary, starting at 12) who can answer questions to help find the perfect volunteer experience for you. No registration is required and parents are welcome!

Some of the volunteer organizations invited include: A.M.McGregor Home, Adoption Network Cleveland, Bellefaire JCB SAY, Cleveland Children's Museum, Cleveland Animal Protective League, Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Metroparks, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, Cleveland Reads, Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center, The Gathering Place, Great Lakes Science Center, Hospice of the Western Reserve, Judson at University Circle, Lifebank, Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage, Marymount Hospital, Montefiore, Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Playhouse Square, Severance Hall, more.

Volunteer organizations that wish to participate should call Audrey Leventhal, 216-991-2030 ex. 3186.

TAB FINAL MEETING

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, May 12 at Main Library

Final meeting for the 2008-09 Teen Advisory Board members. Members receive their community service hour awards and participation certificates.

Free Computer Classes Offered at Main Library

Take a free computer class this spring and learn to use PowerPoint and Excel to your best advantage. Curious about online social sites? Sign up for free classes on Facebook for Parents or My Space is for Everyone. In addition to these classes, library staff lead a series of classes geared for older Americans.

INTERACTIVE INTERNET

6:30-8 PM Monday, April 6
(Registration began March 30.)

Many web sites let you do much more than read text and look at pictures. Explore some of the more interesting sites of the day, with Training Specialist Walter Lesch

as your guide.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 am Wednesday, April 8
(Registration began March 30.)

10-11:30 am Thursday, May 21
(Registration begins May 11.)

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, to edit slides and to add sound and animation.

HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

10-11:30 am Thursday, April 9
(Registration began March 30.)

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

WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

3-4:30 pm Friday, April 10
(Registration began March 30.)

This class is designed for those who are not comfortable using multiple windows.

MOUSE CLASS

10-11:30 am Saturday, April 11
(Registration began March 30.)

3-4:30 pm Friday, May 1
(Registration begins April 27.)

Learn to use the computer mouse in ninety minutes.

INTERNET

3-4:30 pm Saturday, April 11
(Registration begins March 30.)

3-4:30 pm Friday, May 15
(Registration begins May 4.)

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

FACEBOOK® FOR PARENTS

6:30-8 pm Monday, April 13
(Registration begins April 6.)

Did you know that Facebook is for people 13 or over, and that Facebook advises parents to consider supervision of children over thirteen on the Internet? This class reviews what every parent should know about this very popular social networking site.

GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 am Wednesday, April 15
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3-4:30 pm Friday, April 17

(Registration begins April 6.)

10-11:30 am Saturday, May 2

(Registration begins April 27.)

6:30-8 pm Monday, May 4

(Registration begins April 27.)

Learn searching strategies, tips and tricks for finding better information using Google.

WEB EMAIL

10-11:30 pm Saturday, April 18

(Registration begins April 6.)

3-4:30 pm Friday, May 22

(Registration begins May 11.)

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

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

3-4:30 pm Saturday, April 18

(Registration begins April 6.)

3-4:30 pm Friday, May 29

(Registration begins May 18.)

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

ONLINE JOB HUNTING

6:30-8 pm Monday, April 20

(Registration begins April 13.)

10-11:30 am Thursday, May 7

(Registration begins April 27.)

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

ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 am Wednesday, April 22

(Registration begins April 13.)

10-11:30 am Thursday, May 28

(Registration begins May 18.)

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

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

10-11:30 am Thursday, April 23

(Registration begins April 13.)

10-11:30 am Wednesday, May 13

(Registration begins May 4.)

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design,

printing options and using basic formulas.

WINWAY RESUME WRITING

6:30-8 pm Monday, April 27

(Registration begins April 20.)

10-11:30 am Saturday, May 30

(Registration begins May 18.)

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 11.

MYSPACE™ IS FOR EVERYONE!

10-11:30 pm Wednesday, April 29

(Registration begins April 20.)

See a demonstration of MySpace and find out why millions of people are participating in this important social tool on the Web.

CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®

10-11:30 am Thursday, April 30

(Registration begins April 20.)

10-11:30 am Wednesday, May 20

(Registration begins May 11.)

Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs.

INTERNET FOR SENIORS:

CONCEPTS, TOOLS AND USES

3-4:30 pm Saturday, May 2

(Registration begins April 27.)

Become familiar with basic concepts, tools and uses of the Internet.

MAILMERGE

10-11:30 am Wednesday, May 6

(Registration begins April 27.)

MailMerge utilizes information from many sources, like Word tables, Excel sheets, and Access Data Tables.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 am Saturday, May 9

(Registration begins April 27.)

6:30-8 pm Monday, May 11

(Registration begins May 4.)

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

INTERNET FOR SENIORS:

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

3-4:30 pm Saturday, May 9

(Registration begins April 27.)

Learn the many ways the Internet can be used to communicate with your loved

ones and friends.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

SCAMS AND SPAM

10-11:30 am Thursday, May 14

(Registration begins May 4.)

Criminals and thieves use the Internet to bilk people out of money. Learn to recognize and avoid the scammers and spammers.

OPENOFFICE.ORG

6:30-8 pm Monday, May 18

(Registration begins May 11.)

10-11:30 am Saturday, May 23

(Registration begins May 11.)

Can't afford the cost of software? Try OpenOffice.org, a free suite of software with features and functions much like the others.

INTERNET FOR SENIORS:

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

3-4:30 pm Saturday, May 30

(Registration begins May 11.)

This class highlights some of the most important government web sites for seniors.

INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS™

10-11:30 am Wednesday, May 27

(Registration begins May 18.)

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

INTERNET FOR SENIORS:

HEALTH RESOURCES

3-4:30 pm Saturday, May 30

(Registration begins May 18.)

Become familiar with reputable online health resources.

Friends Book Sale Set for April 16-19

Friends of the Shaker Library holds its Annual Spring Book Sale on the second floor of the Main Library from April 16-19. The sale offers thousands of books in dozens of categories at prices as low as 50¢.

The Book Sale begins from 4-8 pm Thursday, April 16 for Friends members. (Those who are not members may join at the door for a small fee.) The sale opens to the public from 9 am-4 pm Friday, April 17 and from 9 am-4 pm Saturday,

April 18. From 1-3 pm Sunday, April 19, Friends holds its popular "Bag Sale" when all bags of books cost a mere \$5.

For more information about the sale, or to volunteer to help with the sale, call the Shaker Library at 216-991-2030.

Communities in Conversation

Join the conversation when the Library presents Communities in Conversation: Part I: Judaism, Christianity and Islam, A 6-week, scholar-led, interfaith study and discussion group exploring three great monotheistic religions and their modern relationships.

The series is co-sponsored by The Chautauqua Institution, Cuyahoga County Public Library, and Shaker Heights Public Library. The Shaker Library group meets on Mondays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18 and Tuesday, May 26.

Registration is limited; please call 216-991-2030 to reserve your place. Study guides are available at the Main Library.

Fun and Games at the Library... for Seniors

Seniors in the community are learning what area teens have known for years – that gaming is fun. Seniors who attended the library's first gaming programs for seniors were excited and ready to start playing games the moment they entered the room.

One woman was so intrigued by the entire gaming system that she asked many questions about buttons that weren't being used and techniques she wanted to try on her next turn. She said that she was glad she came because she always thought that video games were just the "shoot 'em up" types. Another gentleman brought his wife, who is recovering from a stroke, and they worked together to get her playing. Another cheerful, 90-year-old woman brought her great granddaughter with her. Everyone cheered and collaborated like true team members, and they were bowling like gamers by the end of the evening.

According to Shaker resident (and gamer) Mary Conti, "We did not have these things when I was a child. The opportunities libraries afford now are

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fantastic!" The library couldn't have said it better!

Interested in trying your mature hand at the gaming system? Upcoming dates and times for gaming for seniors only are: 2-4 pm Thursdays, April 2, April 9, May 7, and May 14; 10 am-noon Wednesdays, April 22, and May 20, and 7-8:45 pm Thursdays, April 30 and May 28.

April and May Book Discussions

Read and share your opinions with others at one of the library's many book discussion opportunities.

NOON SATURDAY APRIL 11 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The CrazyLadies of Pearl Street by **Trevarian Strong**, eccentric women keep the family together during the Great Depression.

2 PM MONDAY APRIL 13 AT WOODS BRANCH

The Cruellest Month by **Louise Penny**

In a tiny Canadian hamlet, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache sets out to discover whodunit.

10 AM TUESDAY APRIL 14 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Zookeeper's Wife by **Diane Ackerman**

This is the affirming story of connections between human nature and zoology and the need to adapt to survive.

7:30 PM TUESDAY APRIL 14 AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Sultan's Seal by **Jenny White**

A murder in Istanbul reveals the political and social upheavals of the waning Ottoman Empire.

7:30 PM TUESDAY APRIL 28 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Bachelor Brothers' Bed and Breakfast by **Bill Richardson**

Unmarried fraternal twins run a bed and breakfast for bibliophiles.

2 PM MONDAY MAY 11 AT WOODS BRANCH

Three Cups of Tea by **Greg Mortenson**

After being sheltered in a small Pakistani village, the author vows to return and build the town's first school.

10 AM TUESDAY MAY 12 AT MAIN LIBRARY
Mister Pip by **Lloyd Jones** and *Great Expectations* by **Charles Dickens**

This short, magical novel celebrates the transformative power of literature.

7:30 PM TUESDAY MAY 12 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Thunder Bay by **William Kent Krueger**

A retired Minnesota sheriff's search reveals treachery, greed, and murder.

NOON SATURDAY MAY 16 AT MAIN LIBRARY
The Sister: A Novel by **Poppy Adams**

Two sisters reunite and struggle to come to terms with their stormy past and hidden family secrets.

7 PM WEDNESDAY MAY 20 AT MAIN LIBRARY

Business Book Discussion: *Our Iceberg Is Melting: Changing and Succeeding Under Any Conditions* by **John Kotter** and **Holger Rathgeber**; with artwork by **Peter Mueller**

A parable of penguins reviews skills needed to survive in a dynamic world.

7:30 PM TUESDAY MAY 26 AT MAIN LIBRARY

In Cold Blood by **Truman Capote**

This is the gripping narrative about the senseless killing of the Clutter family by two amoral, illiterate young men.

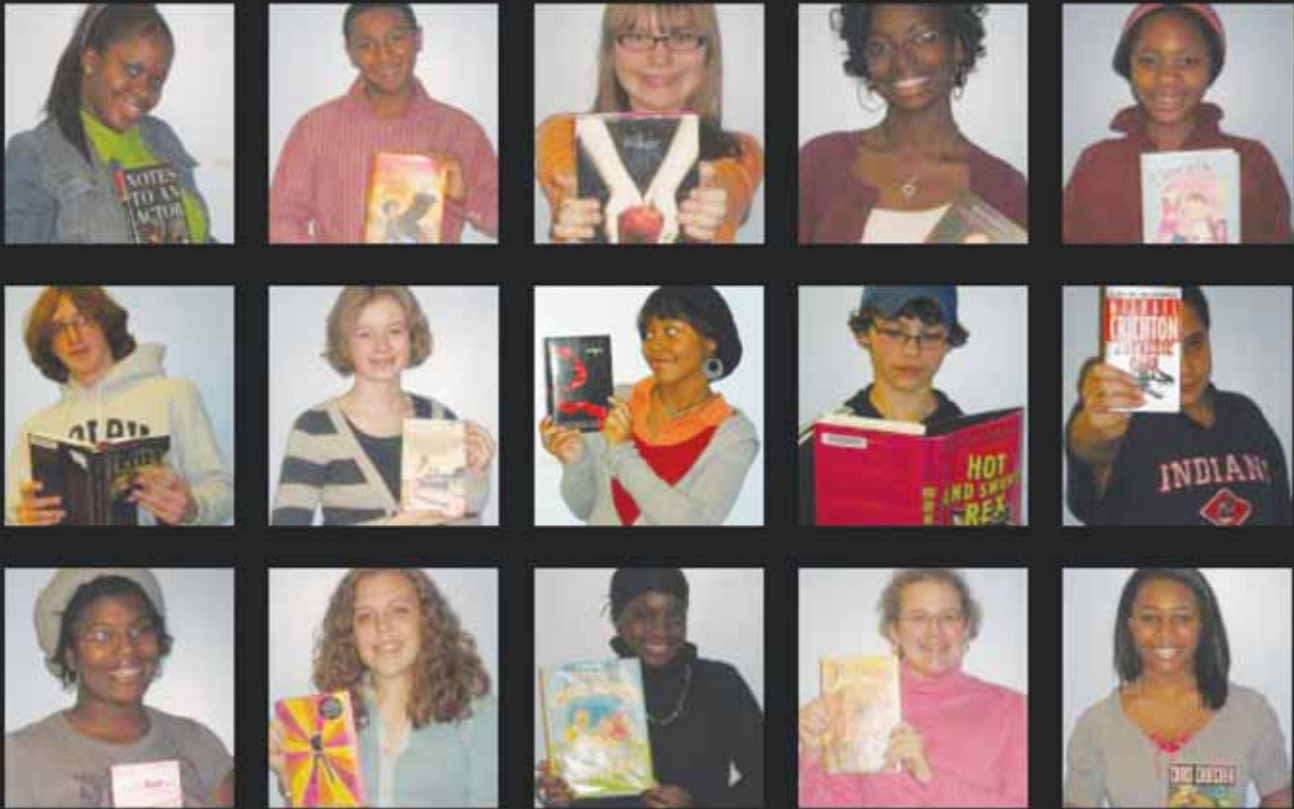
Endnotes

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 pm Tuesday, April 14 and Monday, May 11 in the Main Library Board Room.

- Friends of the Shaker Library meets at 7 pm Tuesdays, April 14 and May 19 in Main Library Meeting Room G.

- April is National Poetry Month. Celebrate it at 7 pm April 23 at Poetry Back in the Woods when The Tuthill Poetry Group, including Linda Tuthill, Shelly Chernin, Al Cahen, Joanne Milder, and Jenny Clark perform at Woods Branch.

- Main Library is closed on Easter Sunday April 12 and both libraries are closed Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day. ■



Shaker Library Teen Advisory Board: Positive Role Models for Youth

Look closely, you may recognize your neighbor or your teen's best friend on one of the READ posters currently on display throughout the Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch.

The project was the inspiration of young adult specialist Audrey Leventhal as part of her 9-month experience as a Fellow with The Treu-Mart Youth Development Fellowship Program, an affiliate of the Mandel Center for Nonprofit Organizations. The program provides support and professional development for those who work with youth during out-of-school time.

Each of the 16 Fellows was challenged to create a project to promote youth development and resiliency theory (looking at teens in a positive light). Leventhal adapted the American Library Association's celebrity READ posters, which feature photos of celebrities with their favorite books, to showcase the positive young people who are serving as volunteers on the 2008-2009 Teen Advisory Board (TAB) for the Library. TAB members had fun posing and photographing each other for the project.

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International Flair

Families from all parts of the world solidify Shaker's reputation as a diverse and internationally minded community. **By Nancy O'Connor**

Stefanie Jansen traveled from the Netherlands to Cleveland in July 2007 with a “must have” list in hand. Her husband Etienne was being transferred to the Highland Heights office of a Dutch multinational company, Philips, for three years, and the hunt was on for a home for the family.

“On my list was ‘good school district,’ ‘close to facilities’ such as shops, schools, and library, and ‘sidewalks,’ so I could still walk or ride my bike,” says Stefanie, who has two young daughters. Relocation specialists showed the couple several eastside communities but, she says, “Shaker had all the items on my list and more. The beautiful old houses, the trees, and people walking on the sidewalks with dogs and strollers – it just felt like home.”

For Mohammad Irfan, a professor of Mechanical Engineering from Pakistan, the opportunity to do post-doctoral work at Case Western Reserve University on a Fulbright Scholarship meant moving to the Cleveland area with his wife and two school-aged children. For him, the quality of the school district was paramount in deciding where to settle.

“My wife and I searched different websites for school rankings,” he says. “The Shaker Heights public schools were consistently ranked as among the best in Cleveland. Choosing a school for our children, sitting across oceans and continents, was a big leap of faith. So before arriving in Cleveland, we contacted the schools by email and got a very positive response. Upon arrival, we took our children to the school administration and everyone was very friendly to us and made the children feel very comfortable in a foreign land.”

He finds that “Shaker stands out for the diversity in its student population, coming from all over the world. My son is learning Chinese in second grade. That is what I call an international approach to education.”

The Jansens and Irfans are just two of many families from all parts of the world who contribute to Shaker's international flair and solidify its reputation as a diverse and internationally minded community. In any given year, the Shaker Heights School District enrolls students from more than 40 countries, the children of researchers, business executives, medical professionals, educators, graduate students, and others drawn to the area by Cleveland's corporate, medical, and higher education institutions.



Walkability

While the quality of schools is among Shaker's key selling points, the City's appeal doesn't stop there. Shaker native Margy Russell Judd, who specializes in "selling" Northeast Ohio as president of Executive Arrangements in Beachwood, says, "Organizations hire us to help create positive first impressions during recruiting or relocation. We help the professionals and their families fall in love with Northeast Ohio, to understand the quality of life available to them here, and to explore what their options are in places to call home."

Shaker holds particular appeal to Western Europeans, she finds. "They want pedestrian-friendly neighborhoods. They are accustomed to walking, biking, and pushing strollers where they need to go. They appreciate Shaker's urban lifestyle amenities, like having the Rapid a close walk from home and the dining and shopping available at Shaker Square and the Warrensville-Van Aken centers."

Shaker also attracts those who want neighborhoods with character, she notes. "They are looking for a unique, individual home, not a cookie-cutter development. They take one look at a place like Shaker, with its curb appeal, trees, and winding streets, and it feels good."

Judd's two largest clients – The Cleveland Clinic Foundation and University Hospitals – are also the two largest corporate employers in Northeast Ohio. According to the Greater Cleveland Partnership, Cleveland also boasts 11 Fortune 500 companies, another 13 Fortune 1000 companies, and 150 international companies from 25 different countries, contributing to a steady influx of international talent in the region.

Shaker's Community Information Specialist Judy Steehler is in regular contact with the human resource departments at many of these companies, providing them with Shaker Heights information packets for prospective and relocating employees. She also offers complimentary tours of the City, arranges school visits, and shows rental properties. (Homebuyers are referred to realtors.)

About a third of the 150-200 potential new residents Steehler works with each year are from other countries. Most, she finds, have researched the City online before setting foot in Shaker Heights.



PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB

Stefanie Jansen and her family:
husband Etienne, Laura, and Audrey.





Margy Judd, Executive Arrangements.

“The Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals, Case Western, and other employers provide links on their websites to Shaker’s site [www.shakeronline.com] to help people explore their housing options,” Steehler says.

Consequently, she says, many newcomers arrive knowing exactly what they are looking for. “Many of the Asian families, for instance, know they want to settle in the Boulevard area, because of its large international population and proximity to University Circle. For others, living within walking distance to a grocery store is important, as many wives of transplants don’t drive. Close proximity to Family Connections at Shaker Family Center is a priority for some families with small children, who have learned about its playgroups and Learning English as a Family program.”

Internet Influence

Glenda Moss, registrar for the Shaker Heights School District, can also attest to the growing influence of the Internet on families moving here from overseas.

“Almost all new families have seen our website [www.shaker.org] and know something about us when they first visit. They are impressed with our school offerings and say they’ve heard we have a great school system.”

On the large world map that hangs in the registration office, new families are encouraged to identify their home countries with a push pin. “You’d be hard pressed to find a country anywhere in the world without a pin,” Moss says.



Glenda Moss, the Shaker School District's registrar, in her office where a welcome poster greets families in 25 languages.

She is hopeful that more foreign high-school-aged students will choose to spend a year studying in Shaker, now that the District has become authorized to issue special I-20 visas for students. “We have one student from China here this year, living with relatives in Shaker Heights, and another expected to come next fall,” Moss says. I-20 visa students pay full tuition and their own personal expenses, and must arrange for their own housing.

Once they arrive, international students and families find Shaker Heights a very hospitable community. Says Stefanie Jansen, “People made us feel welcomed and helped us get acclimated within no time. They invited us for dinner and social get-togethers, and introduced us to other families.”

Initially, her daughters Laura, 5, and Audrey, 4, spoke no English. “In Holland, English is taught at schools starting at the age of 12. So the girls’ only knowledge of English was some Dora-the-Explorer English. But when they started preschool, they mastered English in only a few months.”

Many families take advantage of the English as a Second Language programs offered in Shaker, including free classes at the Shaker Heights Public Library and Family Connections. (See sidebar.) Each public school building also offers ESL instruction to help students quickly gain the communication skills they need.



PHOTO BY KEVIN G. REEVES





English Made Easy

A number of free language programs are available to Shaker's international residents who desire to strengthen their English skills.

FOR STUDENTS:

- Each Shaker Heights public school building offers the services of a specialist in English as a Second Language (ESL) who works with students to help them become proficient as quickly as possible. The ESL teachers structure classes around the needs of their students, depending on their strengths and the areas where they need more practice.

FOR ADULTS:

- English in Action class for adults meets Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm at Shaker Heights Public Library, 16500 Van Aken Boulevard. For more information, call (216) 991-2030.
- Free English class for adults meets Tuesday mornings from 10-11:30 am at Plymouth Church, 2860 Coventry Road. For more information, contact Ellen Potter, (440) 247-6146.

FOR FAMILIES:

- Learning English As a Family (LEAF) meets Monday evenings from 6:40-8 pm at Family Connections at Shaker Family Center, 19824 Sussex Road. A home visit program is also available. Call (216) 921-2023 for more information.

According to Family Connections Director Joanne Federman, the value of an ESL program can go beyond language acquisition. "In our Learning English As a Family classes, we also educate international families about community and area resources and American customs and holidays, and we help them know what to expect when entering Shaker schools," Federman says.

Family Connections also facilitates networking and friendship-building through its toddler play groups, open gym sessions, and social events, including an annual International Potluck Dinner.

However long their stay in the States, finding a global-minded community like Shaker Heights is a godsend for many international families.

"Cleveland, with its Midwest values, is a well-kept secret when it comes to a high-quality standard of life while raising a family," says Jansen. "Shaker Heights offers beauty, good schools, and an international-oriented community with a lot of young families. We signed an assignment contract for, in principle, three years – but hopefully we will end up staying longer."



PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB

English in Action program at the Shaker Library. Maria D. Valadez, Mexico.



“They take one look at Shaker, with its curb appeal, trees, and winding streets, and it feels good.”

— Margy Judd,
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Learning English As a Family (LEAF) program at Family Connections. Parent educator Nancy Levy with James Feng, 3, his grandmother Zhuo Li Qin, and Noi Sandler, 6.



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Hosting an Exchange Student Brings the World Home

Each year, Shaker families open their homes to high-school students from abroad who come to study at Shaker High through international exchange programs or Shaker's own programs with sister schools in other countries.

Carol Bell, a Shaker resident and American Field Service (AFS) volunteer, helps find host families for students who come through the AFS/USA Intercultural Programs. The AFS exchange programs began in 1919 as a way of promoting world peace. Since 2005, Bell has placed 25 young men and women with Shaker host families, including the five students from Argentina, Japan, Chile, Turkey, and Denmark currently attending Shaker High.

"Shaker families broaden their children's education by having a racially and culturally diverse experience within their schools," Bell says, "but some want to delve deeper into the cultural understanding that can be acquired by hosting an AFS student from a different culture."

Many families find, she says, "that to accept a student into your home, as a member of your family for almost a year, is to open yourself to not only learning about the other person and his or her culture, but it's also a real opportunity to understand more fully yourself, your family, and your own values."

For Beth Hyland and her family, hosting an exchange student from one of Shaker's sister schools in Goslar, Germany for several weeks last fall "opened our minds and hearts to other cultures."

It also reintroduced her family to the sit-down dinner. "Constantine brought old-world charm to our family," she says of the soft-spoken 16-year-old who had come via the Shaker Heights exchange program. "We spent more time together at the dinner table, and because I wanted to introduce Constantine to American foods, I had to do more meal planning. The focus was definitely put back on family meals, despite our sometimes hectic family schedule."

Hyland admits that she was initially hesitant about hosting an exchange student. "My husband Pat and I both work full-time, I also perform in a local folk-rock band, the Flip Side, and we already have three teenagers in the house." But her son Patrick, who had stayed with Constantine's family in Goslar the previous June as an exchange student, convinced her to say yes.

During his six-week stay, Constantine accompanied Beth's son Nick, a junior, to his classes and explored many of Cleveland's attractions with the family when not traveling with his fellow German students. He also learned to play the guitar, thanks to lessons from Beth and her husband.

"He told us playing the guitar was something he'd always wanted to do, so we taught him how to play," Beth says. "He

worked really hard at it, and when it was time for him to return home, we surprised him with a new guitar as a going-away gift." In his Christmas letter to the family, Constantine wrote that he "continues to play the guitar every day" and that his trip to Shaker Heights "was one of the best experiences I ever had."

"It made life exciting to bring another culture to our home," Hyland says. "You can read about other people and places, but it's not the same as spending time together."

Pat and Beth Hyland with German exchange student Constantine Eberhardt. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HYLAND FAMILY.



PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB

Some Shaker AFS exchange students and their hosts: Top row from left, hosts Natasha Lynn, Louise Lee, Bob Kimmelfield, Margaret Krolkowski, and AFS Shaker volunteer Carol Bell. Bottom row, from left, students Ryo Nakamoto (Japan, Lynn family), Maxi Mullally (Argentina, Lee family), Klaus Thomsen (Denmark, Kimmelfield-Krolkowski family), and Pato Avendano (Chile, Jacqueline Smith family, not pictured).



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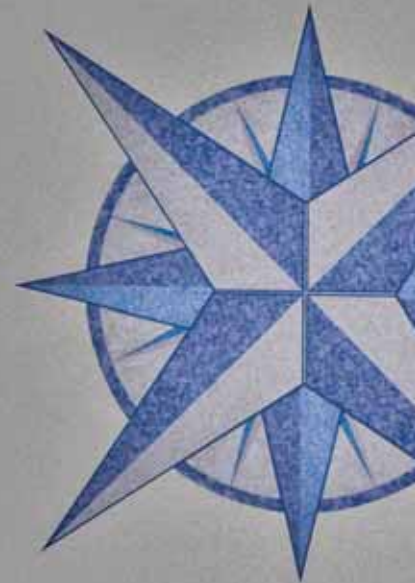
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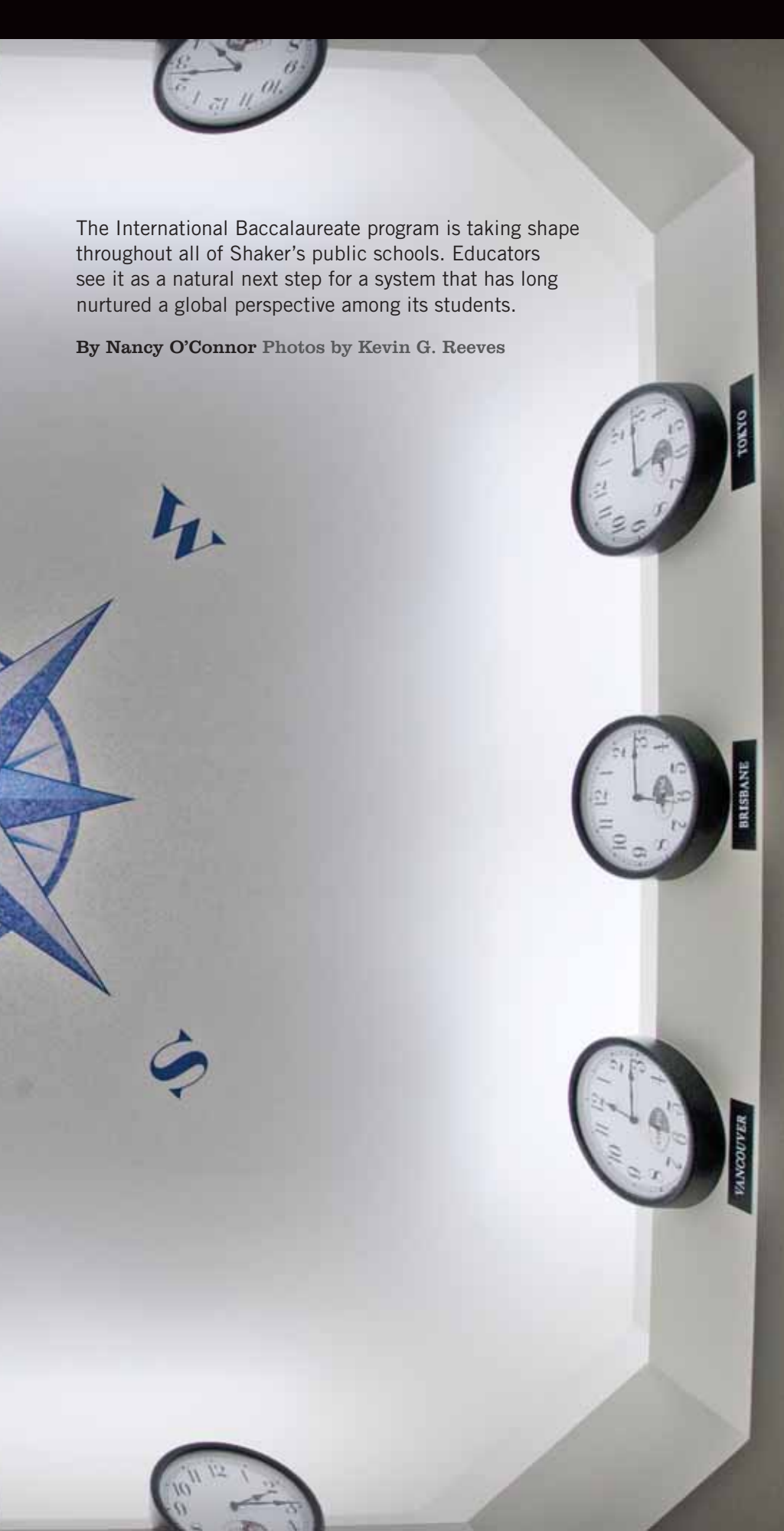
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a world of opportunities





The International Baccalaureate program is taking shape throughout all of Shaker's public schools. Educators see it as a natural next step for a system that has long nurtured a global perspective among its students.

By Nancy O'Connor Photos by Kevin G. Reeves

How will a senior

at Shaker High prepare to compete in a global economy? How can Shaker middle schoolers help improve their community? What part does a Woodbury student play in forging links between Shaker Heights and some of Greater Cleveland's largest employers? And why would an elementary school principal be walking the halls with a hole puncher?

Look to the International Baccalaureate program for the answers, as the Shaker Heights City School District pursues "International Baccalaureate World School" designation for each of its schools. Shaker's primary motivation for adopting the program, the district's application notes, "is to provide a rigorous, world-class education for students encouraging inquisitiveness, independent thinking, effective communication skills, and cultural understanding as well as responsible and ethical behavior."

Founded by educators in Geneva, Switzerland in 1968, International Baccalaureate weaves a global focus into a school's existing curriculum "to promote intercultural understanding and respect," the organization's literature reads, "not as an alternative to a sense of cultural and national identity, but as an essential part of life in the 21st century."

World clocks and a compass rose in the foyer of Boulevard Elementary School.



Only schools authorized by the International Baccalaureate Organization can offer any of its three individual academic programs – the Primary Years Programme (which will be adopted by Shaker’s K-4 schools), the Middle Years Programme (to be implemented at Woodbury and the Middle School), or the Diploma Programme, an elective course of study at the High School.

At the elementary and middle school levels, International Baccalaureate does not replace the existing curriculum, but helps teachers unify and enrich it. The three-to-five year phase-in involves teacher training, curriculum development, and lesson planning to infuse International Baccalaureate materials and practices into Shaker classrooms. Once approved by the International Baccalaureate Organization, Shaker would join a worldwide community of 2,500 International Baccalaureate World Schools, becoming one of only 20 in the state of Ohio, one of only three in Northeast Ohio, and the first district in the state to implement the program at every grade level.

“Shaker has a long track record in international education, with student and faculty exchanges and courses in world languages, global studies, Asian studies, and African-American history,” says Superintendent Mark Freeman. “But young people today are entering a very different world than their parents did, a world in which traditional economic, technological, cultural, and political boundaries are less and less relevant. The more our students understand about the world, the greater their chances of becoming productive, informed citizens.”

In many ways, the adoption of International Baccalaureate represents an evolution of practices already in place in Shaker classrooms: hands-on learning, emphasis on analytical skills, and collaboration among teachers. The program provides its global “spin” with a trove of instructional materials, ongoing professional development, and time-tested best practices.

“It’s an extension of a lot of what we’re doing now, like hands-on learning, inquiry, and meeting the individual needs of students,” says Lomond Principal Sue Alig. “It takes the best of everything in teaching and puts it under one umbrella.”

International Baccalaureate began taking root in Shaker’s K-4 buildings this year; it will be introduced at Woodbury Elementary and Shaker Middle schools next year, and Shaker High hopes to begin offering the International Baccalaureate Diploma option in the 2010-2011 school year, with the first diploma candidates graduating in 2012.

Paul Campbell, the man responsible for the development of all new International Baccalaureate programs in the Americas, is himself a Shaker native and a graduate of SHHS, Class of ’73. (See sidebar.)

Social studies teacher Tim Mitchell is spearheading the implementation of the IB program at Shaker High.



“When I came to the Shaker district in January 2008 as part of a consultancy, I realized that Shaker had ambitions beyond just adding the Diploma Program to the high school,” he says. “International Baccalaureate has well-respected and rigorous programs of international education for pre-K-12, and Shaker is interested in putting them in all its schools.”

Until recently, Shaker did not meet the International Baccalaureate’s prerequisite of offering a world language at the elementary level. But with the recent introduction of Mandarin Chinese in the elementary schools, the pieces have fallen together.

Jim Paces, Executive Director of Curriculum, believes International Baccalaureate offers a way to “enhance our current practices and to enrich the curriculum across all grade levels. We will continue to reflect Ohio’s academic content standards in our curriculum, and of course we will continue to teach United States history and government to all students, but increased emphasis will be placed on global issues and the acquisition of 21st-century skills such as collaboration, problem solving, and analytical thinking.”

The Elementary Level

At Shaker’s K-4 schools, teachers, staff, students, and families “are anticipating great things,” from the program, says Bernice Stokes, Executive Director of Elementary Education. All principals and several teachers have completed introductory training and are beginning to introduce elements of the program.

“I am excited about the challenge of educating global citizens—in other words, trying to predict the skills, the knowledge needed to fully participate





Letizia, Olivia, and Marielisa Autieri.

IB Diploma Especially Appeals to International Families

Applying to college is stressful for any student. For Letizia Autieri, a 2008 Shaker High graduate, going back home to Switzerland for college was especially arduous because every country – and in the U.S., every state – has its own standards for graduation. An International Baccalaureate Diploma would have made the transition easier for Letizia, and will for future students who wish to attend universities abroad.

“Even in times of ‘global village, global society,’ passing from one school system to another is a really complicated matter,” says Letizia’s mother Olivia, who with her husband Giuseppe and their three daughters moved to Shaker Heights from Italy by way of France and Switzerland in 2006.

“We discovered that Letizia would need to pass five Advanced Placement exams in order to be accepted to any college in Switzerland, where she wanted to return to study,” Olivia says. Had her daughter been able to earn an International Baccalaureate Diploma at Shaker High, things might have been easier.

“The International Baccalaureate is a great program,” Olivia notes. “It’s a kind of standard for expatriates. It really helps in dealing with one of the many difficulties for families who have to move from distant places and distant cultures, mostly with high school kids who have to face a major adjustment. In fact, in the very first steps of our decision-making about where to live in the Cleveland area, we were thinking of moving to Aurora, because it was the only place to offer such a program.”

While middle daughter Marielisa, a junior, will graduate before the International Baccalaureate Diploma is available at Shaker, younger sister Valeria, a Shaker Middle School seventh grader, could benefit from the program, “thus avoiding all problems of equivalences of high school diplomas that we have had to deal with so far,” says her hopeful mother. “It’s a wonderful thing for all international families that Shaker is a candidate for the International Baccalaureate program.”



Boulevard Elementary School students, front to back and left to right: Meg Bennett, Maha Altheabi, Kathleen Du, Alexa Clawson, Kayla Lowery, John Carter, Royden Kil, Athena Vadal, Matthew Krasuski, and Tevion Rush.



and contribute to global issues, says Onaway Principal Lynn Cowen. "It is truly like 'stepping out of the box' and looking at things from a different perspective."

One of the elementary staff's first tasks is to devise an engaging way to teach young children the ten attributes of an International Baccalaureate Learner: Inquirer, Knowledgeable, Thinker, Communicator, Principled, Open-minded, Caring, Risk-taker, Balanced, and Reflective. Now students and staff are (or soon will be) wearing "I Think Globally" cards around their necks. Those who display an attribute listed on the card get a hole punched beside it; once all ten are punched, the student earns special recognition. Mercer has even added the Chinese translation of each of the attributes to the cards.

"We introduced the attributes, week by week, at the start of the school year, defining them in a child's vocabulary and giving examples of fictional characters that embody the attribute," says Boulevard's Principal Colleen Longo.

Most Fridays, the basket on her desk contains as many as 150 nominations submitted by teachers, staff members, parents, or fellow students. Longo then finds each child in his or her classroom to punch the card.

"I ask the kids, 'What did you do to be nominated?' to gauge their understanding," she says. "Recently one child told me, 'I'm principled, because I found money on the playground and turned it in to my teacher so she could give it back to whoever lost it.' Imagine what kinds of people these kids will be, after being exposed to these attributes throughout K-12."

Indeed, the consistent emphasis on the attributes throughout the grade levels is considered one of the program's key contributions to positive school climate and academic success.

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Strength Upon Strength

Paul Campbell has literally gone around the world to come back home. As Head of Outreach and Volunteer Services for International Baccalaureate North America, Campbell, SHHS Class of 1973, is responsible for the development of all new programs in the Americas, along with the organization's relationships with universities, governments, and school districts.

He sees Shaker's adoption of the International Baccalaureate program as building strength upon strength.

"Shaker is already a high-achieving district," he says from his office

in New York City, "but not one to rest on past accomplishments. The District is always looking to improve the education students receive. Shaker also recognizes that students need to have a global perspective to fully participate in 21st century society, and the IB program fosters these skills at all levels."

The framework provided by IB, he says, "will enrich teaching and learning in Shaker's schools, and more of Shaker's student will have the knowledge and the habits of mind to make the most of their educational opportunities. They will also come to understand the challenges and choices that are present in an

interdependent global economy and society, and how they can thrive in that environment."

Campbell is not only a graduate, but has continuing family ties to Shaker. He is the younger brother of former Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell, who recently moved to Washington, D.C., and elder brother of Metro-Health physician Jim Campbell.

He also has seven nieces and nephews who have helped to carry on the family's SHHS tradition: Jessica and Katie Campbell-Morrison and Alexander, Julie, and Erin Campbell have already graduated, and Lucy and Ryan Campbell are juniors at the High School.

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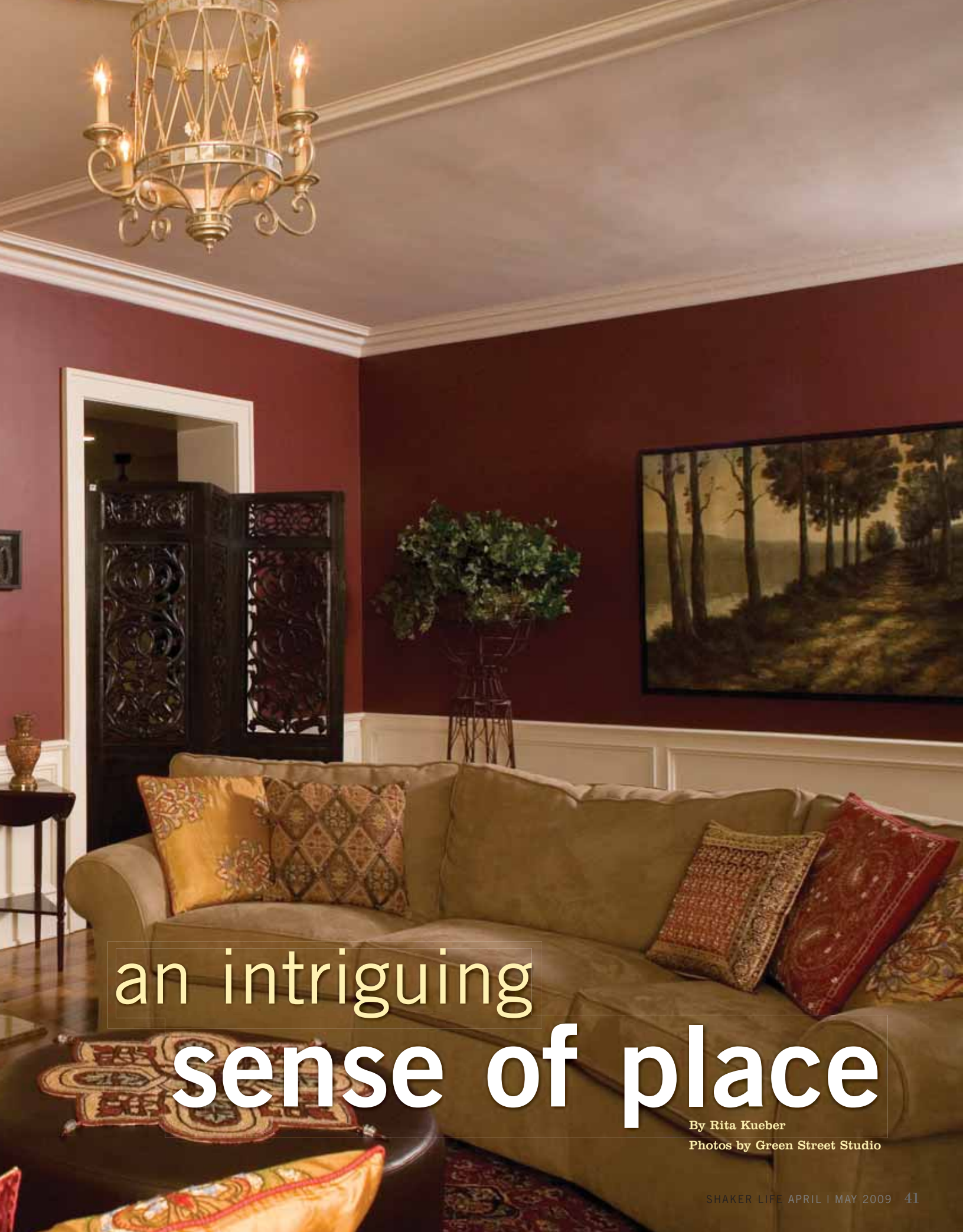
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an intriguing
sense of place

By Rita Kueber

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sense of place



Some Shaker residents live within the embrace of their ethnic heritage every day – their history, culture, and origins are literally on their walls, ceilings, and floors, expressed through furnishings, color, texture, art, and artifacts. Other Shaker residents, in traveling to another country become deeply affected by a new culture, leading to an environmental immersion in a previously foreign world within their own home.

Whether born into or captivated by the culture affecting their interior design, these five Shaker families have carved out private havens, creating both a source of pride, and an intriguing sense of place.



Jai and Sumita Khatri

Influenced by India

It took a year of renovation, but Jai and Sumita Khatri finally were successful in building a “new” house out of a nearly 100-year-old house on the edge of a Shaker lake. The couple, both medical doctors, and their four children lived with Jai’s parents in Barberton as Sumita visited the house nearly every day, overseeing its reconstruction.

Sumita incorporated the rich tropical colors of the Indian subcontinent as well as the artistry and craftsmanship found in the ancient palaces there. The hardwood floors and windows were upgraded as were the plumbing and electrical systems. The attached garage was gently retooled into the children’s area with a new back staircase leading up to airy bedrooms, one for each of the four-year-old triplets (all girls) – Seema, Leela, and Sonali – and a three-year-old boy, Samir. The children’s area is painted in lapis and a vibrant yellow green called Anjou Pear.

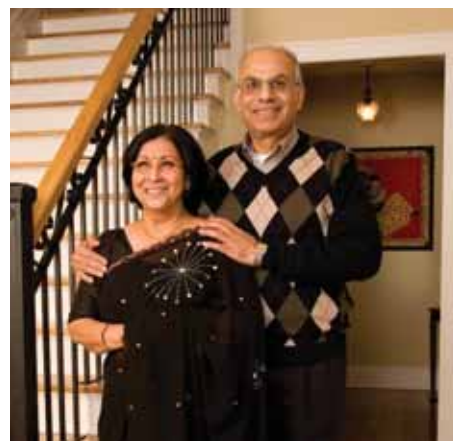
The dining room has lapis walls and oak flooring and the living room is offset by dark cherry paint against white crown molding. Here, details matter: Workmen pieced together an original chandelier. The back staircase boasts a commissioned piece of ironwork, fondly referred to as “the pineapple,” created by Ken Roby of The Village Blacksmith in Auburn, Ohio.

The upstairs family room takes advantage of the home’s setting, its main window framing the lake like a living picture. Here the family gathers together to relax, spotting runners and dog walkers throughout the seasons.

Sumita treasures her home’s new layout as it exemplifies the closeness of family and a respect for tradition. Her in-laws, Padmani “Pam” and Jethanand “Jay” Khatri also live with the family in their own suite with a sitting room/study, bedroom, and bath.

Sumita continues to work on the interior, working with designer Mickey Weiss on stenciling, furniture, drapes, and accessories.

“It’s not the biggest house in the neighborhood, but it’s everything we wanted,” she says of her masterwork.



Previous pages: The Khatri’s living room. This page: Jai and Sumita Khatri, Pam and Jay Khatri. Opposite page: Nina and Sebouh Setrakian’s living room.





Sebough and Nina Setrakian

Ancient roots, contemporary lifestyle

Dr. Sebough and Nina Setrakian's welcome is as warm and expansive as the interior of their home. Born and raised in Lebanon, the couple and their children Raffi and Lisa are of Armenian descent. That the family treasures their heritage is evident in the décor and accessories throughout the house, from the copper lamps and mirror in the front hallway to the Persian rugs on the floor.

The rooms are open and spacious, a mix of contemporary sophistication with antiques and artifacts scattered about. Tucked in the corner of the living room is a middle-eastern coal stove. Originally it would have been used to heat a small room, but now is an appealing, decorative accent. "We like to have little touches here and there," Nina says. "We don't want the style to be overwhelming."

Nina's sister, Sylva Nasrallah, who lives in Egypt, is a designer for Nagada, a company that fuses traditional designs with modern sensibilities, and offers clothing and fabric as well as household goods such as pillows and serving pieces. The "Welcome" sign in Arabic over the front door is from the company, as is a fabric hanging in the dining room, and pottery on the kitchen counter. Several times a year Nina hosts a private party offering Nagada's unique merchandise.

The Setrakians also decorate with items discovered in their travels to Lebanon, Egypt, Montreal, and elsewhere. Traditional Lebanese houses have distinctive red tiled roofs, and watercolors depicting this distinguishing characteristic and the surrounding landscape hold prominent places in the kitchen/den area.

Black and white photographs grace the walls of the family's first floor office. These photos show life in Lebanon: a portrait of a traditional clan, sweeping views of ancient cedar trees, and the glittering, modern city of Beirut. Just as that city blends its ancient history with a contemporary outlook, so too do the Setrakians seamlessly blend their ethnic roots with a traditional Shaker Heights lifestyle.



Patty and Steve Roberts

Simple serenity

Living on the West Coast, it was easy for Patty and Steve Roberts to spend more than one vacation traveling extensively through Japan. When they moved to Shaker Heights for Steve's job in 1993 it didn't take long before they converted a classic screened-in porch into a little slice of Japan – a stunningly simple but flexible space used for everything from family gatherings to sleepovers to Japanese-styled celebrations hosted by Patty and Steve.

"There's something about the simplicity that makes your blood pressure go down," Steve says of the open space with its relaxed, natural hues, shoji screens and tatami floor mats.

of place



Opposite page, top: Nina Setrakian. Bottom, Cynthia Taylor's living room.
This page: Patty and Steve Roberts' Japanese-style family room.





The Roberts worked with architect Clark Tufts who had lived in Japan, and Donahue Construction whose carpenters “rose to the challenge” of creating the perfect nihon-ma – Japanese room – in about six months. Patty worked the phone to research and order the proper building elements, found in Los Angeles, while Steve ended up staining and varnishing every inch of the chestnut beams throughout the room. In Japan, this room, at “14 mats,” or 252 square feet, might serve as an entire apartment, so the beautiful screens serve to hide deep shelves, and more storage is ingeniously tucked away unseen.

Set into an interior wall is a tokonoma, a display alcove that usually holds a treasured picture or fine piece of ceramic or ironwork. Here, the Roberts have a framed poster of an art exhibit on Nara, the old Japanese capital, that the couple attended while traveling. Another distinctive feature is the tokobashira, a decorative post or pole reminiscent of a pillar for the alcove. Such posts are often exported from Japan, but Steve salvaged a small white pine tree from their yard, its beautiful “bare bones” fitting perfectly into the room.

A shoji screen (always six feet by three), given a layer of acrylic for protection, serves as the coffee table in front of low, dark sofas. “There’s still a lot of floor sitting in Japan,” Patty says. “But we’re



not really designed for the floor, so we retreated to couches.”

In the Roberts’ dining room, a tansu, or chest, holds dozens of tiny plates, cups and serving pieces the couple use when hosting a dinner for friends. Patty and Steve also donate an evening at their home to their church auction, complete with an authentic menu and clothing, served in their serene room in Shaker Heights by way of Japan.



Cynthia Taylor

Spiritual art from two continents

As a self-described “army brat,” Cynthia lived in 13 countries on three continents by the time she was eight years old. Courtesy of her adult travels from the American Southwest to Africa, Mexico and other countries, Cynthia Taylor’s home reflects a gathering place for the artwork of the indigenous people she has met and cherished. Her home, the base for herself, sons Andrew, Danny, and Chris, two dogs and two cats, is a home filled with spiritual works that reflect this world, and possibly the next.

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Musician Jamey Haddad’s home, including the dining room, is decorated with percussion instruments from around the world.



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When Milena Sterio fled war-torn Serbia as a teenager, little did she dream she would one day marry a handsome Frenchman and happily raise a family in Shaker Heights.

They'll always have Paris, and New York was once their kind of town, but now Serbian-born Milena Sterio and her husband, Frederic Girault of Tours, France, are happily settled with their three young children on a cozy colonial in the Mercer neighborhood.

Milena, an assistant professor at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, holds law degrees from both Cornell University and the University of Paris, has published articles in many prestigious law journals, worked for a top New York law firm, and is a successful triathlete. Frederic, a former maritime shipping executive and amateur competitive road cyclist, has managed to completely renovate their home inside and out, in his "spare time" while caring for the kids.

They're young – she's 31, he's 38 – highly accomplished, handsome, and trilingual, with no previous ties to the area. Why come to snowy, cloudy Cleveland?

It's simple, explains Milena. "The more we learned about Cleveland, the more we felt it is a good place to raise our family."

Milena's story is a version of the classic American dream. As a teenager, she fled from war-torn Serbia with her parents and twin sister to a New Jersey suburb. The transition was not as difficult as one might imagine.

"We were going from a country where you see no hope, to a nice country, with nice schools," Milena reflects. "I was already fluent in English – everyone in Serbia is – and I was able to take AP classes and participate in varsity sports. It was a good high school experience."

Milena's talent and passion for international relations and foreign languages led her to spend her junior year as a Rutgers University undergraduate in Tours, France, where she took a friend's advice and "got a French boyfriend." After three years of a long-distance romance, Milena and Frederic were re-united in Paris. They were married in Tours in September 2001.

While living in France Milena accepted a high-powered job at a New York law firm, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton. She was three months pregnant with Luca, now 5. But even with Frederic's support as a stay-at-home father, Milena found the stress and schedule of her work to be "pretty impossible." Academia seemed to be a logical alternative.

"I enjoyed law school, and had always thought about teaching. I was hired at Cornell Law as an adjunct, and found I really, really liked teaching." So Milena went to the national law school job fair in Washington, D.C., where she thoroughly impressed Shaker native Geoffrey Mearns, Dean of CSU's law school, a former federal prosecutor.

"She had a very impressive academic record," Mearns recalls. "She was actively engaged in scholarship, while at the same time was working for a major New York law firm. Plus she was the mother of a young child. Clearly this was a person of many talents, who had the capacity to carry a pretty heavy workload."

Milena and Frederic with their children Elena, Luca, and Lara.



The couple came to visit on two snowy winter weekends. Euclid Avenue was under construction, and it was cold. Mearns and his colleagues warmly talked up the orchestra, museums, and sports teams, and how accessible everything was. When the couple toured homes in Shaker, they were sold.

“We had both lived in big cities, so we liked having sidewalks and neighbors,” says Milena.

“But at the same time,” Frederic adds, “we wanted to raise our family in a house with a yard. In the New York area, to have a house you need to be a Rockefeller or have a three-hour commute.”

While they may feel nostalgic for their days in Paris, the couple agree that they wouldn’t want to raise a family in the city, citing crowds, pollution, and the everyday hassles of life there with kids.

Milena and Frederic were surprised to discover, once again, that she was starting her new job pregnant – with twins this time. Dean Mearns took this in stride. The same thing had happened with him and his wife Jennifer when they moved back to Cleveland in 1997 from North Carolina, while Mearns was busy helping with the prosecution of the second Oklahoma City bombing case.

Since the addition of Lara and Elena, Milena treasures her saner work schedule more than ever. She especially enjoys the flexibility the family has to visit both sets of grandparents.

Frederic says that while it is unusual for dads to stay home with kids full-time in France, it has proven to be no big deal here in Shaker. He’s met several other at-home dads at places like Family Connections, area playgrounds, the Jewish Community Center, the Shaker Library’s Play and Learn Station, and at the Heights Christian Church co-op nursery, where Luca attends preschool.

“Shaker is similar to Tours, where I grew up,” Frederic says. “The kindness of people is a way of life here, everybody is trying to help each other, unlike New York or Paris.” Moreover, the athletic Frederic loves to be able to take the kids outdoors every day, even in the winter. He even squeezes in a 6 am bike ride

whenever weather permits.

It’s hard to figure out how, but Milena also finds time to train for and compete in indoor triathlons, such as the one held back in February at the Mandel JCC. She was pleased to top her scores from last year, swimming 33 laps in 15 minutes, running 37 laps in 20 minutes (13 laps to a mile), and biking 5.9 miles in 20 minutes. What Milena is too modest to tell you is that she was the women’s overall winner of the event.

It’s clear that this upbeat couple is raising the next generation of accomplished Shakerites. At age five, Luca speaks Serbian to his mother, French to his father, and English to everyone else. He’s long since abandoned his training wheels, and is eagerly awaiting the start of kindergarten next fall. Although the twins don’t say much yet, they know enough to find it hilarious when their French father tries to speak Serbian to them.

It’s just too bad that Milena and Frederic are unwilling to spread the good news about living in Shaker to their out-of-state friends.

“We’re keeping it a secret, or the real estate prices will go up,” Milena jokes. ■

Milena in a triathlon at the Mandel JCC, and in her classroom at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

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With another Ohio winter behind us, Shaker gardeners are hard at work turning the soil and preparing gardens to delight the senses and restore the soul. Come see their handiwork at the Fifth Annual Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Tour on Sunday, June 21, from 1-5 pm.

The tour is organized by Ann Cicarella, a much sought-after landscape designer, and by avid gardener Margaret Ransohoff. Each year, this team of “secret garden shoppers” roams the streets of Shaker seeking unique and lovely gardens of all sizes, shapes, and colors for the tour.

“Where you have a plot of land, however small, plant a garden. Staying close to the soil is good for the soul.”

— SPENCER W. KIMBALL

The tour includes seven gardens, some of which are large in scale, designed and executed professionally, as well as those of more modest size lovingly maintained by homeowners. “Our tours offer inspiration for any gardener, whether they have a postage stamp or a grand house on half an acre,” says Ransohoff.

One of the grander homes on the tour this year showcases an elegant, historic garden on North Park Boulevard with a fountain and reflecting pool. The owner still follows the original blueprints of A.D. Taylor, a prominent landscape architect of the 1920s, to faithfully maintain the original design.

Another large-scale garden, on South Park Boulevard, creates what Ransohoff calls “almost a fairyland, with

tons of whimsical garden art.” Gardeners looking for small-space inspiration will find it in two creative and colorful gardens across the street from one another. One is Zen-like in its use of shrubs and individual spaces. The other Ransohoff describes as “earthy and delightfully unconventional.”

Proceeds from the garden tour benefit the Shaker Historical Society and Museum, located at 16740 South Park. Tickets will be on sale at the Society and other community locations starting in mid-May (\$15 advance; \$20 day of tour.) A twilight benefit will be held at a private home on Friday, June 19.

“The best way to garden is to put on a wide-brimmed straw hat and some old clothes. And with a hoe in one hand and a cold drink in the other, tell someone else where to dig.”

—TEXAS BIX BENDER

Gardeners and spectators alike will enjoy a new exhibit at the Shaker Historical Society, timed to coincide with the garden tour. “Bee Skeps to Gnomes” is a collection of antique and vintage European and American outdoor ornaments, garden-inspired objects, tools, and ephemera.

Ann Cicarella, who curates the exhibit, gathered items from her own collection and from others, including a large display of garden gnomes from well-known local collectibles expert Terry Kovel. Cicarella also delivers a talk on “The Well Decorated Garden,” on Tuesday, June 30 at 7:30 pm. The exhibit and talk are free and open to the public. Call 216-921-1201 for more information or to reserve a space for the talk.

“When the world wearies and society ceases to satisfy, there is always the garden.” —MINNIE AUMONIER



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A World of Opportunities

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"Before we decided to move forward with the program, a group of educators from Shaker went to Texas for a two-day information session and we had the opportunity to visit some International Baccalaureate schools in the Austin area," Stokes recalls.

"One of the schools I visited was an elementary school that is racially and socioeconomically very diverse not unlike Shaker, but with a larger non-English-speaking population. I was immediately struck by the climate in the building. Everywhere you looked, you saw visual reinforcement of the attributes and behaviors expected of International Baccalaureate students. The messages and language are consistent from kindergarten through grade 12, and students really internalize it.

"Academically and behaviorally, all students were benefiting. The principal shared data showing improvement in state test scores and a reduction in disciplinary referrals. While test scores are not our primary reason for adopting the program, I think the experience underscores the value of an enriched curriculum and consistent expectations for all students. International Baccalaureate gives us tools to bring greater consistency to our best practices."

Those tools, notes Fernway Principal Christopher Hayward, include outstanding professional development and curriculum materials from schools all over the world.

Other early elements of International Baccalaureate at Shaker's K-4 buildings include posting Chinese vocabulary words alongside English signs and labels throughout the building, and expanding

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"The world clocks that have found a home in our front hall and the flags of the world that decorate our auditorium walls are just a start to the exciting changes that will happen," Mercer Principal J. Lindsay Florence told parents in February.

Shaker is one of just nine school districts in the nation chosen by the International Baccalaureate organization for on-site teacher training this year. In June, up to 200 additional teachers will be trained in intensive two-day workshops, enabling them to begin using International Baccalaureate principles in their classrooms next year. Woodbury and the Middle School are soon to follow.

The High School Level

The optional International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme offered at the high school level has been adopted by some of the most highly regarded schools in the country. In Ohio, several Columbus-area districts, including Dublin, Upper Arlington, and Bexley, offer the program; its presence in Northeast Ohio has been limited.

University admissions officers regard an International Baccalaureate Diploma as evidence of rigorous preparation for higher education. In the United States, students who have successfully completed an International Baccalaureate program in high school can earn college credit or advanced standing at any of some 1,600 colleges – including



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At Shaker High, staff training and curriculum development are underway in anticipation of next year's site visit by International Baccalaureate officials to determine whether the school can offer the IB Diploma Programme, a demanding, two-year, elective program culminating in a diploma that is recognized all over the world.

The District expects about 40 students to participate each year. Current ninth graders would be the first eligible to graduate from Shaker High with an International Baccalaureate diploma.

Spearheading the implementation at the high school is social studies teacher and former department chair Tim Mitchell. "As a longtime teacher of Advanced Placement U.S. History, Tim is in an excellent position to make sure International Baccalaureate is compatible with our Advanced Placement program, which is an area of great strength in Shaker," says Superintendent Freeman.

With 23 AP courses in 17 subject areas, "Shaker's AP program is almost unmatched, and our students' performance on AP exams is extraordinary," says Mitchell, who has graded AP exams and trained teachers for The College Board for ten years. Last fall, for example, a record 144 Shaker students were named AP Scholars by The College Board in recognition of their superior performance on three or more AP exams.

Mitchell sees the addition of International Baccalaureate as "not taking anything away, just adding something else." What makes that "something else" so exciting for him is the emphasis on inquiry-based learning, its Theory of Knowledge core course, the Creativity, Action and Service component, and the Extended Essay requirement, which he says, "will give our students the experience of real scholarship while still in high school."

While rigorous curriculum and high expectations also characterize AP classes, he points out, "I like that International Baccalaureate is a comprehensive pro-

gram, not an isolated course focused on a final exam. The depth and breadth of study provided by the student's three high-level and three regular-level courses is very impressive."

Given today's issues of globalization, he adds, "this kind of education simply makes sense. It's about increasing understanding of other people and other cultures, comparing different ways to acquire knowledge, to live and work – and learning to appreciate the differences."

Whether or not they opt to participate in the IB Diploma Programme, Shaker High students will continue to benefit from the multiple international education offerings already in place. They can learn world languages ranging from French, Spanish, and Latin to German, Greek, and Mandarin Chinese; study World History, African-American History, and Asian history and cultures; and join co-curricular clubs such as the American Field Service (AFS)/International Student Organization, French Club, German Club, Israeli Culture Club, Latin Club, Junior Council on World Affairs, and Mano en Mano (Outreach to Cleveland's Hispanic Community).

They can also travel internationally through Shaker's exchange programs with sister schools in Germany, England, France, Japan, Mexico, and China, via AFS and other independent student exchange programs, or on school-related musical and theatrical performance tours.

Freeman believes the introduction of International Baccalaureate will bring Shaker closer to its goal of being a "world-class" school district. He also believes it will help keep Shaker a school district of choice, especially for families relocating to Cleveland for jobs in academia, research, and health care.

"This generation not only needs to prosper in a global economy, it needs to lead the way in making peace," he says. "The stakes are just too high for us not to make a much greater effort, as a nation, to understand cultures and points of view that are different from our own." ■



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An Intriguing Sense of Place

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As a medical student, Cynthia's earliest travels were to a field hospital in Zaire (currently the Democratic Republic of the Congo). She recalls a MASH-like medical unit deep within the country's isolated central region, a nearly impenetrable jungle where the Tshiluba lived, and a prop plane as the means in and out of the area.

She believes that civil war and Ebola and AIDS epidemics caused the hospital to close or move, which makes the artwork she was given from her time working with the Tshiluba people all the more meaningful. The art is unique metal or beadwork, as well as hand dyed fibers with their delicate hues, painstakingly created with meticulous skill.

As Cynthia moved forward with her work in the field of psychiatry, she spent two years as an Indian Health Service doctor for the Navajo nation in Arizona, collecting the detailed sand paintings of the culture. She also became acquainted with the Huichol, scattered through Northwest New Mexico. The Huichol are one of the last native North American tribes to maintain pre-Columbian traditions, and their wildly colorful yarn paintings (yarn pressed into wax) are at once religious and cultural artifacts that speak to both myth and dreams encountered by the artist and shamans. These vibrant works, with their own unique palette, are imaginative and illustrative of myths and profoundly symbolic for the people who create them.

Recalling her travels, taking in the brilliant collection glowing on her walls, Cynthia marvels at the cultures of indigenous people she has known. "Their richness, artistry, beauty and kindness – this is just their way. These cultures are

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so life-giving," she says. "These bring the heart of each culture into my home."



Jamey Haddad

Home is where you hang your Hadgini

On entering Jamey Haddad's spacious, rambling home, evidence of his talent and his passion — rhythm instruments — is, well, everywhere.

In the living room, that interesting sculpted piece in the front window turns out to be a sort of two-toned drum. On the far wall in the dining room, that mandala-like wall hanging is actually an antique riq, a kind of tambourine from the Middle East. Settling before a roaring fire on a cold winter afternoon (don't mind the finger cymbals — just move them), Haddad is happy to describe his journey from Cleveland into the world and back again.

He is regarded as one of the foremost world-music and jazz percussionists in the U.S. He teaches at Boston's Berklee School of Music as well as the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Oberlin Conservatory. He has been a bandmate of Paul Simon's for nine years, and also tours with Yo Yo Ma, Joe Lovano, Nancy Wilson, and many others. He is on more than 170 recordings and has published numerous articles internationally relating to the experiences of the contemporary world musician.

Haddad received his first drum, a dumbec, from an uncle when he was four, easily produced, as it's in the din-



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ing room. A graduate of Cathedral Latin High School and Berklee College, Haddad played in jazz clubs throughout Cleveland before leaving to work in New York and San Francisco. Eventually he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to study percussion in India. He has also received four National Endowment for the Arts fellowships to pursue jazz and international studies and collaborations.

While living in New York he was “discovered” by Jim Corona, a technical assistant of Paul Simon’s. At the time, the cramped New York apartment he shared with his wife and daughter was completely occupied by instruments in his repertoire – the koohabata, udu drum, hadjira, oud, and others.

Today the family’s living space is bigger but still joyously jam-packed with part of the enormous collection Haddad has amassed over the years. The six trunks of instruments he uses on the road are packed away in a warehouse for easy shipping. Here at home, the drum sets and instruments that lay scattered around the house are the overflow he experiments with and plays for fun.

The third floor is stuffed with several drum sets and storage shelves filled with “toys” – sticks and bells, gongs, and drums of every shape and size – stored and spread over three colorful rugs.

A tour through the house reveals the darburku, an Arabic drum; the djembe from Mali, a ghatam from India, and scores of others handcrafted from wood, metal, and leather. The collection also holds those instruments Haddad has had a hand in designing, including the distinctive Hadgini drum, a sculpted u-shape with flares at both ends and openings to change pitch and tone.

A phone call from a former student now living in Israel interrupts the happy mélange of sound. After a brief discussion about politics, Haddad apologizes and returns. As a world traveler, he shrugs off the politics. “The real joy is in the people,” he says. “Find what people play and say in music – that’s the key.”

And of his neighbors living so close to a percussionist? “It’s no problem,” Haddad grins. “When I play, they say ‘play louder.’ ” ■

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Art & Exhibits

THRU MAY 4: Barbara Luton Art Competition, MAIN LIBRARY. View the artwork juried into the 10th annual show. Art is available for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits the Library Endowment Fund. INFO: 216-991-2030.

MAY 18: Alphabetical Butterflies in Color, MAIN LIBRARY. The art of Larry Holman is exhibited through June 27. INFO: 216-991-2030.

THRU MAY 24: Exhibit: Shaker Clothing and Textiles, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Rarely seen highlights of the Shaker clothing and textile collection on display. Dresses, coats, rugs, blankets and more. FEES & INFO: 216-921-1201.

Events for

April

April 1-3: **Shaker Schools Spring Break.**

April 2, 9, May 7 & 14: **Gaming for Seniors**, 2-4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Granny get your game on! Learn how to play the new Wii games and challenge your grandkids. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 4: **Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast**, 8 AM-NOON, NATURE CENTER. Don't waffle on this event! \$8/adults; \$5/kids 6-10; 5 & under free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

April 4: **Edible Books Festival**, 1 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. *Does your book take the cake?* Enter it! Make edible art that has something to do with books. Contest Categories are: Most Inspiring, Most Literary, and Most Delectable. \$3 to vote and eat. INFO: 216-795-9800.



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April 4: Verizon Wireless Swim for Diabetes, 1-5 PM, CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Swim laps, walk in or around the water, or stay dry and make a donation. Register online and develop a personal fundraising page at www.swimfordiabetes.com or www.scubaforddiabetes.com. INFO: 216-591-0800.

April 5: Community Forum, 9:30 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. The Local Food Movement: Deep Roots and Growing. Wayne Jennings, Ph.D. moderates a panel to discuss the next steps for back yard gardens, farmer's markets, urban farming, and community-based food. INFO: 216-751-2320.

April 5: Verizon Wireless Swim for Diabetes, 1-3:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, CAROL & JOHN BUTLER AQUATIC CENTER, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Swim laps, walk in or around the water, or stay dry and make a donation. Register online and develop a personal fundraising page at www.swimfordiabetes.com or www.scubaforddiabetes.com. INFO: 216-591-0800.

April 7: School Days, 8:45 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Parents of young ladies in grades 5-8 can tour the school; meet faculty, students, and Head of School, Ann V. Klotz. RSVP: 216-464-0946 OR www.LaurelSchool.org.

April 9: Photography Club, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Join a group of adults who enjoy capturing nature through a lens. INFO: 216-321-5935.

April 10: Good Friday. Shaker schools and offices closed.

April 12: Easter Sunday. Shaker Library closed.

April 13: Facebook for Parents, 6:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn to "poke" your kids on the Internet and discover what they are posting on the world wide web. Class is limited. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 13: Knitting Together, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 7-9 and their special adult learn simple basic knitting skills. \$69/5-week session thru May 11. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 16: Evening of Jazz, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH.

April 17-19: Book Sale, 9 AM-4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Buy bargains in books. Friends Members get first dibs at Preview Night from 4-8 PM

April 16. Not a Friend? Join at the door. April 19: Bag Sale Blowout, 1-3 PM. \$5/bag of hardback books or \$2/bag for paperbacks. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 17 & 18: Spring Concert in Dance, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH.

April 18: 3-on-3 Basketball, 7:30 AM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Hoop it up at Shaker Heights Youth Center's 16th annual Austin Carr Tournament for youth ages 10-18. All participants receive a 3-on-3 T-Shirt. FEES & INFO: 216-752-9292.

April 18: Educational Fun Fair, 10 AM-1 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Celebrate the Week of the Young Child with fun games and activities for children



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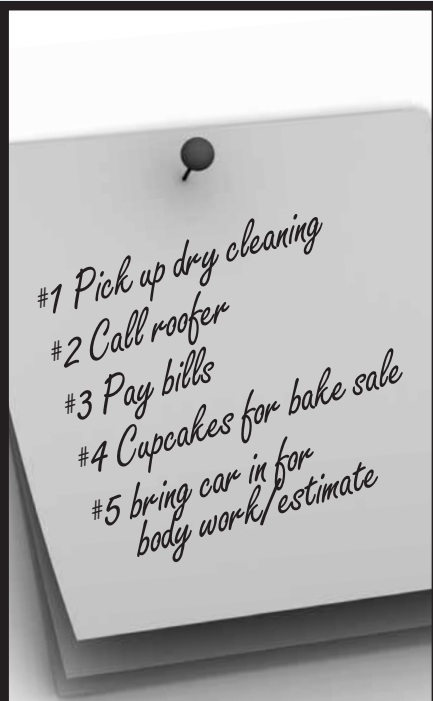
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ages 2-8. Join in a simple wood-working activity, kids cook, build machines and cars with Duplo & Lego, make some crafts, plant some seeds, roller skate indoors and more. Suggested donation: \$5/family. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 18: Rain Barrel Workshops, 10 AM-2 PM AND 2-4 PM, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. April showers are a great way to capture the rain that plants love, free of salts and other additives found in city water. Barrels are \$75 for non-members and \$65 for members (either organization). Additional rain barrel for \$50. Registration deadline is April 3. (Workshops also at Cleveland Botanical Garden from 10 am-Noon on April 25.) INFO: JUSTIN EVANS, 216-321-5935 EX.225 OR CBG: 216-721-1600 EX.100.

April 19: Community Forum, 9:30 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Landbanks, Foreclosures, and Housing Preservation: Community Solutions. How do we prevent the cycle of decline in our neighborhoods? What's the outlook in our local area for the next three years? How do we get there, as a community? Experts in several areas, including Shaker Mayor Earl Leiken, share their plans. INFO: 216-751-2320.

April 20-May 26: Communities in Conversation: Judaism, Christianity & Islam, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Join in a six-week, scholar-led discussion of three great monotheistic religions and their modern relationships. Study guides available. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 22: Teen Volunteer Fair, 6:30-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Teens ages 13-18 see where they can lend a hand and gain experience while helping others. INFO: 216-991-2030 EX. 3186.

April 22: Why the Dead Are of Interest to the Living, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Vicki Blum Vigil, author of *Cemeteries of Northeast Ohio* 2007, speaks. INFO: 216-921-1201.

April 23: Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn to skate safely. Beginning skills include how to get up from the floor, rolling forward and picking up one foot at a time. \$57.50/5-week session thru May 21. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 23: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Poets from the Tuthill Poetry Group perform their work. INFO: 216-991-2421.

April 25: Environmental Town Hall, NOON-2PM, NATURE CENTER. Attend a hands-on seminar on creating a rain garden at home. \$15/non-members; \$10/members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

April 25: Free Family Flick, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Fight inflation! Bring the kids and your own treats and watch the PG-rated film, *Bolt*, free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

April 26: Community Forum, 9:30 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Poverty in Cleveland: High Stakes – Next Steps. A religious leader discusses the progress on an important inter-faith effort to help revitalize Cleveland. INFO: 216-751-2320.

April 26: Gorge Hike, 1-4 PM, NATURE CENTER. Take a naturalist-led hike through the Doan Brook Gorge between Fairhill and North Park Boulevards. \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

out & about

April 27: Spanish Class in the Afternoon, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 7-9) learn Spanish language and have fun understanding the Hispanic culture while enjoying Latin music and hands-on activities. \$60/5-week session thru June 1. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 28: Music in the Morning, 9:30 OR 10:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to 3) and their parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$60/6-week session thru June 2. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 28: Meals-on-Wheels Benefit, 11:30 AM-9 PM, VIA VAN AKEN ITALIAN RESTAURANT, 20153 VAN AKEN BLVD. 20% of the day's income from lunch, dinner & take-out goes to support Meals on Wheels of Shaker, Beachwood and University Heights.

April 28: Shaker Heights 101: Shaker Country Estates, East of Warrensville Center Road, 7:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Want to learn more about Shaker Heights? Presented in partnership with the Shaker Heights Public Library, this program explores the history of the suburb, focusing on the design, development and construction of eastern Shaker. Learn about resources to research your home, street and neighborhood. INFO: 216-921-1201 OR 216-991-2030.

April 29: Art, 10 AM OR 11 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children

(ages 2-4) and a parent use different art media to learn about colors, design and textures. Each week children create a new page to compile their own portfolio. \$45/5-week session thru May 27. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

April 29, 30, May 1 & 2: Spring Ensemble Show, 8 PM, SHAKER HIGH.

April 30 & May 28: Gaming for Seniors, 7-8:45 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Come to the library and learn to play the newest Wii sports games. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Events for *May*

May 1: Peace Award Deadline, HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH 17300 VAN AKEN BLVD. A \$500 Scholarship is presented to a student who exemplifies working for peace in our community. Applications available in church office or in SHHS school office. INFO: REV. ROGER OSGOOD, 216-561-4800.

May 1: Spanish Together, 10 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 3-4) and a parent learn Spanish together during this fun, interactive class filled with Latin music and hands-on learning. \$60/5-week session thru June 5. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

May 1 & 2: Spring Ice Show, 7 PM, THORNTON PARK. Skating coordinator Erin Schopf directs a group of young skaters in *Memories Are Made of Us*. Saturday matinee at 1 p.m. FEES & INFO: 216-295-3461.


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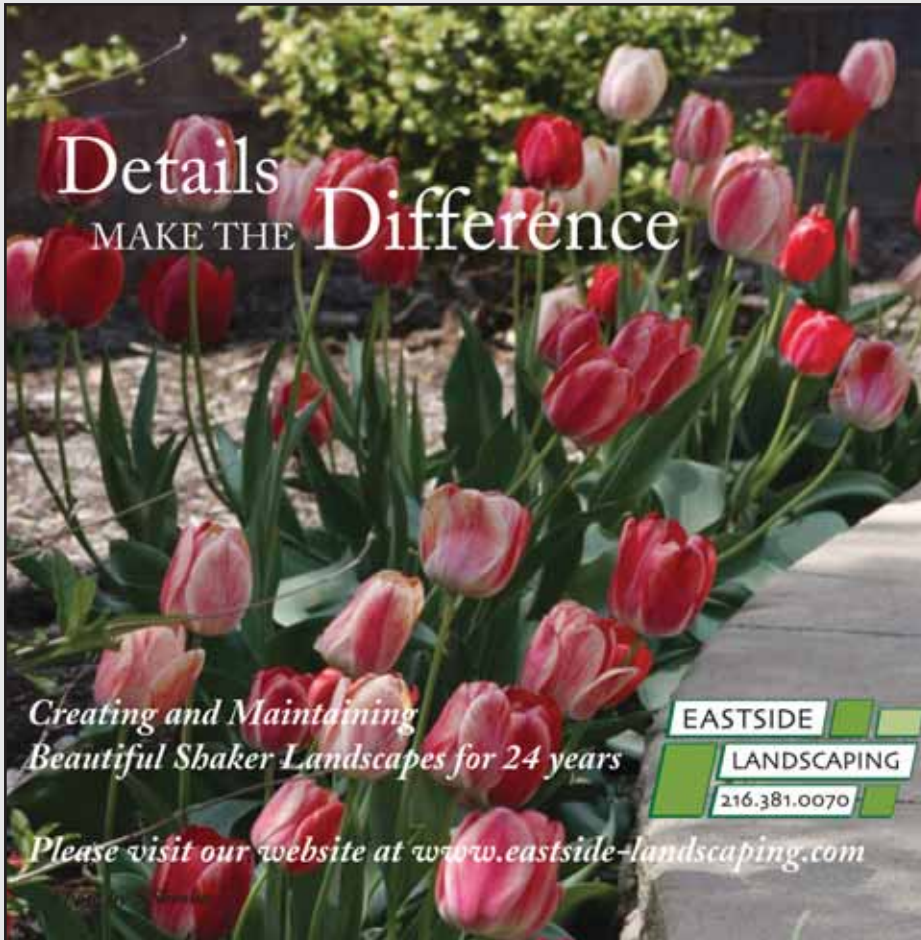
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May 2: Giant Garage Sale, 9 AM-4 PM, HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH. 17300 VAN AKEN BLVD. Over 50 tables of treasures plus furniture, Tiffany tables, and bake sale. Come early and spend the day. Lunch is available. Admission: \$1. INFO: KATHIE MCWILLIAMS, 216-921-9210.

May 4: Orchestra Concert, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH. A *notable* calendar event.

May 5: Ice Cream Social & Band Concert, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH. Mark time for this up-tempo activity with a treat.

May 6: Medicare 101, 10:30 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. Confused about the A, B & D's of Medicare? Christine Devine from the Ohio Health Insurance Information Program talks about the plans and the library provides the morning coffee and tea. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 8: Geranium Sale Order Deadline. 31st annual sale to benefit SHHS PTO offers geraniums, petunias, New Guinea impatiens, purple fountain grass, spikes and vinca vines, 12-inch terra cotta patio pots of colorful flowering plants plus trays of assorted tomatoes and herbs. Order forms available at the Shaker Schools Administration building, City Hall and libraries. INFO: ANNE WILLIAMS, 216-751-7911.

May 9: 27th Annual Plant Sale, 9 AM-2 PM, NATURE CENTER. Sale of a wide variety of native plants, rain garden and butterfly garden kits, annuals, perennials, herbs and edibles, hanging baskets, rain barrels, compost bins, organic mulch, biodegradable pots and more. INFO: 216-321-5935.

May 9: Bicycle Rodeo, 10 AM-2 PM, THORNTON PARK PARKING LOT. Calling all pedal pushers! Come for a quick bike inspection by Bicycle Boulevard of Shaker Heights, learn the rules of the road, and buy a bike helmet. Rain Date: May 16.

May 11: Pre-Primary Drop-In for Prospective Families, 9:30 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL. Drop in and check out the coed Pre-Primary program. Tour the school; meet faculty, students, and Head of School, Ann V. Klotz. RSVP: 216-464-0946 OR www.LaurelSchool.org.

May 13: Long-Term Care, 10:30 AM, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn about some new options in long-term care from Christine Devine of the Ohio Health Insurance Information Program. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 14: 2009 Distinguished Alumnae Dinner, 6:30 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL. Distinguished alumnae honored are Virginia "Ginny" Foote (Class of '73) president and co-founder of the U.S. Vietnam Trade Council and Camilla Taylor (Class of '89), senior staff attorney, Lambda Legal Defense. INFO: JULIE DONAHUE 216-455-3028 OR www.LaurelSchool.org.

May 15: Geranium Sale Pick Up, 5-8 PM, SHAKER HIGH SOUTH GYM. Use the Aldersyde Drive entrance to pick up your plants. May 16: Pick-up Time: 8 AM-NOON. Optional delivery is available for \$10. INFO: ANNE WILLIAMS, 216-751-7911.

May 15: Nature Center Photography Club, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Shutterbugs meet to discuss monthly photography topics. INFO: 216-321-5935.

May 16: Mulch Sale Pick Up, 8 AM-3 PM, SHAKER HIGH NORTH GYM. Mulch ado about sporting! Shaker Sports Boosters sell mulch in three cubic feet bags (9 bags equals 1 cubic yard). Shredded textured mulch is available in brown, black & reddish hues for \$5.60/bag. Prepaid orders are due by May 2. Home delivery is available with a minimum order of 10 bags. For custom-delivered mulch orders, call Linda Taylor, 216-752-2939 or Annie Hubbard, 216-595-9507 or www.shaker.org/boosters.

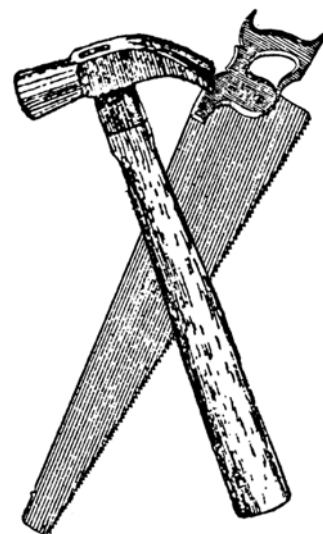
May 16: Paws for Reading, 2-4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Who let the dogs out? Read to man's best friend when folks from Therapaws bring their four-legged friends who love books. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 16: Prom, 8 PM-MIDNIGHT, SHAKER HIGH. Prom night prediction: a bevy of beautifully clad and coiffed gals & guys, limos (or Dad's shiny car) and the last hurrah of high school. The fun continues at a parent-run After Prom from midnight-4 AM.

May 18: Spring Sports Awards, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH. Celebrate athletes' feats.

May 20: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bev Shaffer, author of *Cookies to Die For*, offers her reflections on baking and the library serves up some cookies. INFO: 216-991-2421.

May 21-24: 70th Senior PGA Championship, CANTERBURY COUNTRY CLUB, 22000 SOUTH WOODLAND RD. *Par none!* Here's a fine opportunity to cheer a golf champion to victory, to get autographs and/or to volunteer. Ticket fees range from \$15 to \$200. INFO: www.pga.com/seniorpga/2009.



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May 23: Pancakes in the Park, 8:30-11:30 AM, HORSESHOE LAKE PARK. You'll flip for these flapjacks that benefit the Recreation for Youth Scholarship Fund. All you can eat pancakes, sausages, coffee, orange juice & milk. \$7/adults \$5 children ages 5-12; \$2 children under 5, Rain Date: May 24, INFO: 216-491-1295.

May 23: Spring Sidewalk Sale, 11 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD. Stroll down the streets of one of the last old-world neighborhoods with over 50 independently owned businesses and browse their wares. INFO: www.larchmere.com.

May 23: Free Family Flick, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Blastoff to the library to watch *The Jetsons*. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 25: Memorial Day. City, schools and libraries closed. Honor those who brought our country honor. After a brief dedication, join the parade up Van Aken to Thornton Park. This community event signals the start of summer.

May 27: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Listen to poets versify! INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 28: Maintain Your Brain[®], 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Make a conscious choice to attend this program when Kerry Lanigan from the Alzheimer's Association offers nutritional and lifestyle suggestions to help you maintain your brain. INFO: 216-991-2030.

May 30: Festival, 6-8 PM, NATURE CENTER. Enjoy a dinner made with the invasive species of garlic mustard. If you can't beat it, eat it! FEES & INFO: 216-321-5935.

In the Circle and Beyond

THRU APRIL 3: Faces and Places: The Photographic Art of Herbert Ascherman, Jr., ARTISTS ARCHIVES OF THE WESTERN RESERVE, 1834 EAST 123RD ST. Exhibit takes viewers on a photographic journey of Herbert Ascherman, Jr.'s travels and documents his project to capture the essence of artists. INFO: 216-721-9020 OR www.artistsarchives.org.

THRU MAY 3: Brain Teasers, 2 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Produced by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, exhibit features a collection of 21 hands-on puzzles designed to develop problem-solving skills and provide plenty of fun parent-child interaction. FEES & INFO: 216-231-4600.

THRU MAY 30: Making Faces: The Art and Science of Forensic Facial Reconstruction, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Examine the art of facial reconstruction, its uses, methods and the ways in which it is employed to solve mysteries of the past and present. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR www.cmnh.org.

APRIL 4: The Daughters' Club of the Alzheimer's Association Annual Brunch & Lecture, 11 AM, THE CLUB AT KEY CENTER, 127 PUBLIC SQUARE. Bruce Lamb speaks on "New Insights into Alzheimer's Disease Using Animal Models." TICKETS & INFO: DONNA FALLON, 216-491-9733 OR MARSHA SPITZ, 216-464-8079.

APRIL 8: A State of the State's Birds, 7 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Dr. Andy Jones, Curator of Ornithology, discusses the prospects for Ohio's bird life. TICKETS & INFO: 216-231-1177 OR www.cmnh.org.

APRIL 10: Cleveland Indians. The Tribe takes on Toronto in the Indians' home opener.

APRIL 10: Gallery Opening Reception: A Tribute Exhibition for David Moskovitz, 5:30-8 PM, HARRIS STANTON GALLERY, 2301 WEST MARKET STREET. Exhibit continues through May 2. INFO: 330-867-7600.

APRIL 13: For Good, PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, CUYAHOGA COMMUNITY COLLEGE EASTERN CAMPUS, 4250 RICHMOND RD. Artists Striving To

End Poverty benefit is organized by HB 8th grader Emma Wahl. The one-night show features Broadway stars Julia Murney, Tituss Burgess, Alexander Gemignani, and Lauren Kennedy from the Broadway casts of *Wicked*, *Jersey Boys*, *Spamalot*, *Les Miserables*, *Guys & Dolls*, and others. \$100/VIP, includes preferred seating, post-concert reception; \$50/adult; \$25/student. INFO: www.hb.edu/ForGood.

APRIL 17 & 18: Opera Scenes, 8 PM, CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC. A diverse program of fully-staged, costumed opera scenes with projected translation so you won't miss a word! Tickets: \$15/adults; \$10/students/seniors. Matinee at 3 pm April 19. INFO: 216-791-5000 EX. 411.





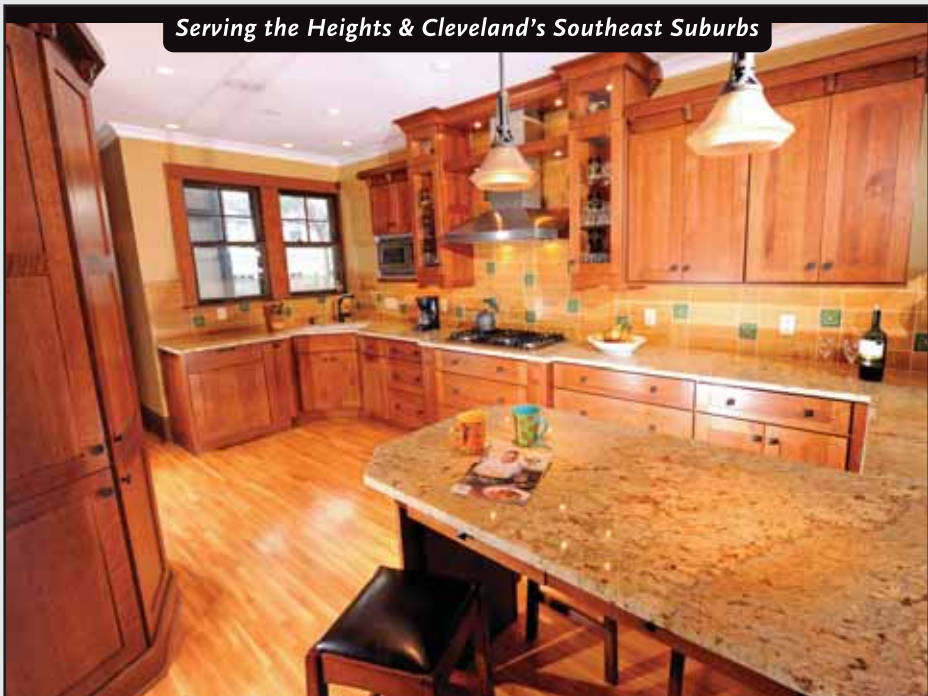
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APRIL 18: The Natural History of Spices, 6:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. The museum's Natural History of Food series continues with Guest chef, Karen Small of the Flying Fig and speaker, Heather Marks, owner of Heather's Heat and Flavor. Complimentary valet parking. Dinner begins at 8 p.m. TICKETS & INFO: 231-1177 OR www.cmnh.org.

APRIL 19: Earth Fest 2009, 10 AM-5 PM, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO. The Earth Day Coalition presents Ohio's largest environmental education event with more than 160 exhibitors with sustainable environmental solutions, including clean transportation, alternative energy, green home improvement and local and organic foods. Other exhibit and activity areas feature groups working in the ecological non-profit sector. Live entertainment, prizes and giveaways. Free admission to those who ride the clean-air bus to the zoo.

APRIL 19: Writers and Readers, 2 PM, CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 325 SUPERIOR AVE. Diane Ackerman, author of the award-winning book, *The Zookeeper's Wife*, speaks. Free. INFO: 216-623-2800.

APRIL 22: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Myles McCallum, professor at St. Mary's University, Halifax speaks on "The Beautiful South: Investigating Imperial Properties in Roman Puglia." Reception follows lecture. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR 216-932-6219.



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MAY 3: Out-of-this-World Fashion, 2 PM, NASA GLENN VISITORS' CENTER, HOPKINS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, 21000 BROOKPARK RD. It's Fashion Week! Cleveland and NASA aerospace engineer Bryan Palaszewski gives folks a peek at space suits and other attire worn in space. View space suit displays, an interactive kiosk, and take a NASA Visitors' Center tour, but you must be a United States citizen with a state driver's license or U.S. Passport to enter the NASA-Glenn Research Center. INFO: 216-433-2000 OR www.visit.grc.nasa.gov.

MAY 7: In Tribute to the Public Service: A Salute to Judy and Bob Rawson, 5:30 PM, HANNA THEATRE, 2067 E. 14TH ST. Dynamic duo receives kudos for public service at this benefit for CSU's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban

Affairs. INFO: WWW.URBAN.CSUOHIO.EDU

MAY 12: Restrospective Exhibition of David Moskovitz Paintings, HUMPHREY ATRIUM GALLERY AT UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS. The exhibit continues through July 6.

MAY 13: Cleveland Archaeological Society Lecture, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY 1 WADE OVAL. Donny George Youkhanna, former Director General of the National Museum in Baghdad and professor at SUNY, Stony Brook speaks on "Looting of the Iraq Museum: Loss of a Nation's Memory." Reception follows lecture. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR 216-932-6219.

MAY 17: 32nd Annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon, 7 AM, ST. CLAIR & E. 13TH ST. Annual event includes a marathon, half-marathon, 10K, walking marathon, kid's run, and more. FEES & INFO: 800-467-3826 OR www.clevelandmarathon.com.

MAY 20: James A. Garfield: Teacher, Preacher, President and Champion of Government Geological Investigations, 7 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Dr. Joe Hannibal, Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology presents different aspects of the martyred president's life and the remarkable story of Joe Stanley-Brown, the man in the urn in the Garfield Monument. TICKETS & INFO: 216-231-1177 OR www.cmnh.org.

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Growing Dumber

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

One of the great myths of parenting is that it somehow gets easier as children grow taller and, presumably, more self-sufficient, requiring less, er, *nose-wiping*, etc. etc. Nothing could be further from the truth, of course, as Shaker Man learns first-hand from his 16-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son, in a variety of ways:

General Demeanor: One of Shaker Man's friends explains it at a dinner party this way: *At 11 and three-quarters years old, it's still "Daddy, Daddy, Daddy." But as soon as they hit 12, you find that your IQ has somehow dropped 100 points in three months, and that the biggest favor you could do for them is to hide in a broom closet for the next six years.*

"That'll never happen to me," says Shaker Man.

"Oh, *totally*," says Ms. Shaker Man. "I mean, you're so *hip*, and *groovy*..."

"Just wait."

Which she does, for about five minutes – the span it takes for Shaker Man to hail his daughter from the table (eye-roll, exasperated spin to face him, the word "What?" uttered as if he had just asked the same inane question for the 377th time), and called his son "dude" in a manner so mortifying (i.e., simply pronouncing it) that his son will likely never recover ("Daaaad, *please!* Geez.")

Adds Ms. Shaker Man: "You are so *cool*, man."

Arguments: Ah, for the days when a tiny child would express displeasure by holding her breath until she turned blue. Alas, one of the drawbacks of having fine local schools, Shaker Man discovers, is that the teens attending them are apparently taught not just words but how to string them together into coherent arguments.

"Dad," says a thoroughly disgusted 16. "You can't just say 'Because I said so.' It's not rational. It's not logical. You can't just ignore the facts!"

"Yes I can."

"Why?"

"Because I said so."

"MOM!"

Cleaning: A reasonable person (i.e., a non-parent) might assume that no one in his or her right mind would consider dropping a coat or backpack or magazine in the middle of a hall or foyer. Yet scientific studies prove that a little-known brain enzyme (*ithoughtsomeoneelsewould-pickitupalase*) actually renders objects left on the floor invisible to those between 12 and 18 years of age. Oddly enough, in a household with more than one teen, this enzyme also seems to trigger territorial behavior, with each child maintaining completely separate yet complementary ZoDs (Zones of Disaster). A typical configuration might include:

Hers: Front Entrance Hall (backpack, schoolbooks, coat, shoes); Floor Under Kitchen Table (mail from prospective colleges, magazines, letters, pages ripped from New Yorker Cartoon Calendar); and Stairs (fiction, poetry, pencils, makeup, anything ordered to be removed from Entrance Hall or Kitchen).

His: Back Entrance Hall (backpack, coat, gloves, large branch found in yard); Basement, aka The Boy Cave (dishes, socks, gum wrappers, video game cheat sheets downloaded from Internet); and Bathroom (don't ask).

Unfortunately, a separate enzyme found only in the brains of parents (*whatthefhellisthisdoinghereagainlase*) makes all objects left in the middle of the floor appear (to parents) three times as large as they really are. Not surprisingly, then, in a house afflicted with both enzymes, conflict is inevitable.

"Who left this here?" demands Shaker Man.

"What?"

"Everest. McKinley. The Matterhorn. This enormous 520-pound backpack in the middle of the floor!"

"Oh, that," says 16 (or, on another day, 12). "Yeah. Sorry. Didn't see it."

"How could you not see —"

"Calm down. I'll take it up to my room later."

"NOW!"

"Why?"

"Because I said so."

"MOM!"



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