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Shaker Night at the Cleveland Play House

Mark your calendars and save the date! Join your friends and neighbors on Saturday evening, March 25, at the first Shaker Night at the Play House featuring the comedy

Well. Specially priced tickets will include a pre-show party at the theater. Limited transportation may be available. Watch for details at shakeronline.com, in the March issue of Shaker Life or call City Program Coordinator Kevin Crowe at 491-2595.

Well is a comedy in which author Lisa Kron attempts to write a play about her mother, Ann. Ann was one of Lansing, Michigan's first community activists, who contributed to the successful integration of her neighborhood.

Ann is also a chronically-ill, well-meaning mother who continually interferes with

Lisa's effort to tell the story in her own words. Well is a contemporary tale of health, wellness, and community.

The New York Times called Well "something magical...one of the two best plays of the season" when it was produced Off Broadway two seasons ago. A new production will open on Broadway in March—catch The Cleveland Play House production first!

This special evening is co-sponsored by the City of Shaker Heights and The Cleveland Playhouse.



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It is the first in a series with Shaker realty offices. Watch for more workshops later this spring.

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First time Homebuyers Seminar WHAT:

WHEN: Saturday, January 21, 2006

10 a.m.-noon

WHERE: Shaker Community Building 3450 Lee Road

Admission is free of charge.

FOR MORE INFO CALL MYRA WHITE, HHSC MANAGER, 751-8550.





MLK, Jr. Award Presentation

The recipient of the 2006 Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for Human Relations is the Youth Ending Hunger/Interact Club of Shaker Heights High School. The award will be presented Monday, January 23 at Shaker Heights City Hall, 3400 Lee Road. The program will take place at the beginning of the City Council meeting at 7:30 p.m.; a dessert reception in of honor the club's volunteers and faculty advisors will precede the award presentation at 7 p.m.

Accepting the award on behalf of YEH's many volunteers will be the group's officers: President, Shaina Pollard; VP, Leslie Johns; Treasurer, Allison Tillman; Secretary, Luisana Rojas-Rodriguez and Representative, Kate O'Gorman. Faculty Advisors are Bill Scanlon and Katherine Brown. The community service group's mission is to improve the lives of the people around them by giving their time (e.g. Cleveland Food Bank), raising money (e.g. Harvest for Hunger) and interacting with people (e.g. visits to Judson Manor).

City's Human Relations Commission sought nominees who made a significant contribution in 2005 through volunteerism and community service, helping others and building community in Shaker Heights. The actions of the nominated individuals or groups were to exemplify Dr. King's values through their commitment to compassion, humility, and service.

Tree Nominations

Nominate trees for the Tree Advisory Board's 2005 Heritage Tree awards. The awards will be part of the City's annual Arbor Day observance in April.

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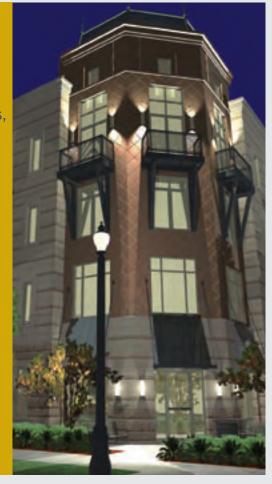
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Council Considering Gun Control Legislation

When a federal ban on assault weapons expired in 2004, it became the responsibility of state and local governments to enact their own bans. Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati have all done so. Council is considering legislation that would create such a ban in Shaker Heights.

Gun sales of any type may be prohibited in the City as well. Existing legislation provides only for the regulation of gun dealers. There are no guns for sale in Shaker at present. The proposed change would prevent any in the future. The new law would prohibit gun shops and the sale of guns in any retail establishment. East Cleveland and Cuyahoga Heights both have similar bans.

Council agendas and minutes are posted on the City website, shakeronline. com. To track the progress of this legislation, click on Inside City Hall, then Agendas & Minutes, and scroll to City Council listings.

Business News Construction Update

Here's the upside to inconvenience: progress! Demolition at Van Aken Center is underway.

• Inside the parking lot, the lane of traffic directly in front of the Center's shops will be redirected somewhat and there will be a large gap in the façade. What you will see happening here is over \$3 million in construction to accommodate a new Fresh Market grocery store scheduled to open in late '06 or early '07.

All other businesses at the Center will remain open during this time, including Sand's and Charter One, on either side of the construction.

Something similar will be seen across the tracks at Shaker Plaza. A new drivethrough Walgreens also requires considerable construction - nearly \$1 million of it. The new pharmacy, anchoring the east end of the Center, is scheduled to open late summer to early fall.

Door-to-Door SolicitationRules Revised

While we may be able to ignore a ringing telephone at dinnertime, it's a lot harder to hide from the solicitor peering through the window in the front door. Many organizations, from political groups to scouts, rely on this face-to-face marketing opportunity. And it is permitted in Shaker Heights.

Solicitors who are: selling items that they have made, raised or produced; offering services to be personally performed by them; selling newspapers; or asking for donations for any religious, charitable, civic, educational, or political organization, are permitted to go door to door in the City without a license. This is a right protected by the U.S. Constitution.

This kind of door-to-door solicitation may be permitted only during the hours of 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. if Council votes to approve new legislation. Currently, solicitation is permitted until one-half hour after sunset, which would vary seasonally. Commercial solicitors who do not fall into one of the categories described above would still be limited to soliciting only until one-half hour after sunset, year-round.

There is no time restriction for the distribution of fliers, circulars, etc., when no contact with the resident is involved, or to discuss political or religious matters door to door, so long as there is no solicitation for donations or for the sale of a product.

Still don't want to answer the door? City ordinances permit placement of a *No Solicitation* (or similar) notice in a window. Solicitors must respect your wishes.



Project Update

Sewer Improvement: North East Ohio Regional Sewer District



- Construction of new sanitary relief and storm sewers.
 S. Woodland between Green and Belvoir closed to westbound traffic until approximately May.
- Green between S. Woodland and Canterbury/Bryden subject to possible lane closings on Bryden when work begins in May. Expected completion in June.



Lee Road Project



- Paving from Van Aken to City limits begins in April. Expected completion in July.
- Installation of median strips from Van Aken to the City Hall north end parking lot, also begins in April. Expected completion in May.
 Sewer work from Van Aken to north of City Hall parking lot begins in January. Expected completion about 30 days later.

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.

Shaker News Briefs

The Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development was recognized by The Cleveland Restoration Society with a 2005 Preservation Award in Institutional/Public Restoration. The Center renovated the former Malvern School building, built in 1922, maintaining much of its architectural character and charm, in time for the school year of September 2003.

The original palladium windows were restored and updated as were the sky lights in the former gymnasium. The building boasts a new energy efficient geothermal heating and cooling system which is planted 300 feet below nearly four acres of green space. The grounds include two fully equipped playgrounds — one for the school and one for community use — as well as both a butterfly garden and a vegetable garden.

 Congratulations to Carol Nursery School and the Early Childhood Enrichment Center on earning threestar ratings from the Ohio Department of Job & Family Services (ODJFS). Both belong to Shaker Family Center, home of quality family-friendly services and early childhood programs. Each school applied separately to the pilot program, "Step Up to Quality," which looks at the effectiveness of early childhood care and education. The following measures were used to evaluate the programs: ratio of staff to child, staff education and qualifications, professional development, employee benefits, and curriculum. The ODJFS created the program in order to improve the quality of care and pre-school education in the state and to provide parents with a means of evaluating providers.

Participation in "Step Up to Quality" is voluntary, but applications were only accepted from programs already licensed by the ODJFS. This means that even programs earning only one star have exceeded minimum licensing requirements.

Shaker Heights is the only community in the state to have two three-star rated programs.

Top Seasonal Reminders

• Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow: But, don't forget! Clearing sidewalks when the snow is less than 6 inches deep is the homeowner's job. School children, dog walkers and seniors all rely on our miles of sidewalks. Keep sidewalks safe for everyone's use. The City plows sidewalks only if the snowfall is deep and

Residents are asked not to park cars in the street when snow is two or more inches deep. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks or onto another person's property. The City does not plow residential driveways.

• Snow Plow Operators:

when scheduling allows.

Snow plow operators must register with the Police Department and clearly display a permit. They may elect to have their names placed on the Public List of Snow Plow Contractors. The City does not endorse any contractor, but provides the list as a courtesy to residents. See the City website, *shakeronline.com*. For more information, call the Police Watch Office, 491-1220.



Winter Safety Tips:

Winter heating costs may have you considering whether use of a portable heating device in one room makes more economic sense than warming the entire home. Maybe so, but please keep these safety cautions in mind:

• Use of self-contained liquefied heaters (such as Coleman-type stoves) in a structure is prohibited and extremely dangerous.

- Kerosene heaters pose the greatest risk of all alternative heating sources carefully follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Gas-fueled heating devices must be professionally installed.
- Plug electric space heaters directly into a properly functioning wall outlet, never into an extension cord.
- Do not use large heaters in smaller rooms with limited ventilation.
- Keep heaters at least three feet from combustibles such as furniture or drapes and place properly to prevent unit from being knocked over.
- Be sure heaters have a UL listing.
- Never leave a unit unattended when in use.
- Be sure you have smoke detectors on every level of the home, test them monthly, and install a carbon monoxide detector (see related story).

Are you snug at home with windows closed and furnace working? You may be toasty warm, but if you don't have a carbon monoxide detector, you could be in danger.

Every year, elevated levels of carbon monoxide (CO) are reported in Shaker homes. CO is an odorless, colorless gas produced by fuel-burning appliances, such as a furnace or fireplace. CO poisoning may cause irreversible damage to your health and requires immediate medical attention.

The Fire Department recommends installation of at least one detector near the sleeping areas of the home. In addition, make sure appliances are properly and regularly maintained.

CO poisoning symptoms mimic the flu, without the fever. If everyone in the family has those symptoms, CO could be the cause. If your detector goes off and you feel ill, leave home immediately and seek emergency help. If the detector goes off but you don't feel ill, open the windows and doors to ventilate the home, shut off all fuel-burning appliances and call the Fire Department to investigate. Never ignore the alarm!

Maintain the CO detector according to manufacturer's instructions and test it monthly.

And Don't Forget...

• Bicycle Licenses:

Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. January 14 and February 18 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's (or parent's) Social Security number, which is recorded on the application.

• Citizens Award:

The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service - above and beyond expectations – provided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring of 2006. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, shakeronline.com.

• Electric Power Outages:

Please call CEI at 888-544-4877 to report outages and register your report. To learn what the City knows about the outage, call 491-1400.

• Health Services:

Blood pressure screening for residents is available on Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinics are free and no appointment is necessary. Immunizations and screenings for glucose and cholesterol are available by appointment. Call 491-1480 for information or visit the City website, shakeronline.com.

• Sewer Backup Prevention:

Do not flush paper towels or commercial wipes (baby, household, automotive, etc.) down toilets; do not wash grease down sinks or toilets - put into a container, allow to harden, then include with trash. Do no place trash, debris, or grass clippings in catch basins located along street curbs.

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



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Residents Offered Discounts on Security Lighting Products

The winter season brings long hours of darkness. The Shaker Heights Police Department endorses the use of outdoor security lighting systems in areas not illuminated by streetlights, increasing safety throughout the community. Now, with the cooperation of area hardware stores, such systems are being offered at discounted prices to residents of Shaker Heights. The outdoor systems eligible for the discount are dusk-to-dawn and motion-activated lighting.

Shaker Hardware, 17111 Chagrin Blvd. and Van Aken Hardware, 20159 Van Aken Blvd. offer 30 percent discounts on the lights through February 17. Both stores provide individualized customer service, but will also have sign-up sheets for those interested in an installation class.

The City does not recommend specific contractors to perform the light installations, but can provide lists of electrical contractors who have registered with the City. The Sussex Neighborhood Association also provides a list of resident referrals. Both lists can be obtained at the Building Department, 3400 Lee Rd. and at *shakeronline.com*. In addition, the participating hardware stores may be able to make recommendations.

Participants will be required to show proof of residency (driver's license, utility bill, etc.) at the time of purchase.

For additional information, call Crime Prevention Officer Jerry Jankowski at 491-1230 or Kevin Kelley, (Building Department) 491-1461.

REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between May 16, and June 15, 2005 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

	2005	PRIOR	ESTIMATED
ADDRESS	SALE PRICE	SALE PRICE	CONSTRUCTION COST
22150 Calverton Road	\$375,000	\$260,500 (1998)	\$16,000 (1937)
22275 Calverton Road	\$385,000	\$275,000 (1998)	\$15,000 (1932)
3197 Chadbourne Road	\$253,000	\$193,000 (2001)	\$ 9,000 (1922)
19435 Chagrin Blvd	\$179,900	\$149,000 (1999)	\$61,000 (1978)
3256 Chalfant Road	\$352,500	\$280,000 (1998)	\$19,000 (1937)
3270 Daleford Road	\$242,500	\$187,000 (1997)	\$12,000 (1925)
3309 Daleford Road	\$249,900	\$195,000 (2003)	\$13,000 (1925)
3710 Daleford Road	\$190,000	\$150,000 (2002)	\$12,000 (1931)
3715 Daleford Road	\$190,000	\$156,000 (2002)	\$10,000 (1930)
22699 Douglas Road	\$450,000	\$330,000 (1999)	\$30,000 (1954)
2706 Dryden Road	\$650,000	\$538,000 (1999)	\$17,000 (1939)
3264 Enderby Road	\$217,000	\$190,625 (2001)	\$10,000 (1926)
19170 Fairmount Blvd	\$300,000	\$260,000 (2001)	\$98,000 (1977)
3638 Glencairn Road	\$147,500	\$124,689 (1998)	\$13,000 (1928)
3356 Grenway Road	\$249,000	\$155,000 (1996)	\$11,000 (1930)
3651 Gridley Road	\$215,000	\$194,900 (2001)	\$ 9,500 (1941)
3669 Gridley Road	\$175,000	\$163,000 (2002)	\$ 7,500 (1928)
20930 Halburton Road	\$153,000	\$131,000 (2001)	\$27,500 (1950)
23650 Hazelmere Road	\$169,100	\$155,000 (1998)	\$22,000 (1952)
3135 Huntington Road	\$299,900	\$180,000 (1998)	\$16,000 (1926)
3687 Ingleside Road	\$156,000	\$115,000 (1998)	\$ 7,500 (1939)
3692 Latimore Road	\$169,900	\$135,600 (2002)	\$16,000 (1948)
2750 Leighton Road	\$515,000	\$475,000 (2002)	\$10,000 (1916)
3164 Ludlow Road	\$210,000	\$136,750 (1998)	\$ 6,500 (1937)
3635 Norwood Road	\$191,000	\$165,000 (2002)	\$22,000 (1951)
3672 Riedham Road	\$154,900	\$145,000 (2005)	\$ 8,100 (1938)
23980 Shelburne Road	\$232,000	\$225,000 (2004)	\$38,500 (1959)
3656 Sutherland Road	\$228,000	\$201,500 (2002)	\$10,000 (1927)
3670 Townley Road	\$230,500	\$172,500 (2002)	\$11,000 (1930)
3687 Traver Road	\$237,000	\$222,500 (2001)	\$11,000 (1941)
3690 Winchell Road	\$170,000	\$165,000 (2002)	\$18,500 (1952)
17408 Winslow Road	\$92,500	\$120,000 (2004)	\$12,000 (1925)
18220 Winslow Road	\$239,900	\$190,000 (1999)	\$15,000 (1927)
18412 Winslow Road	\$230,000	\$178,500 (2000)	\$12,500 (1927)
2953 Winthrop Road	\$695,000	\$402,500 (1998)	\$20,000 (1923)

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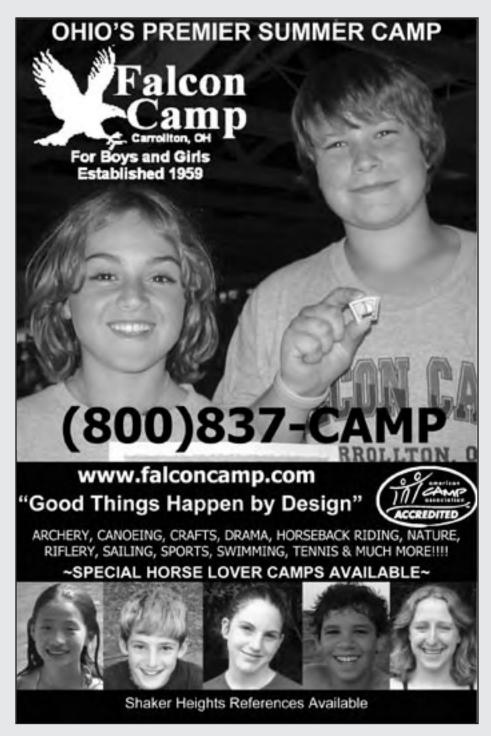
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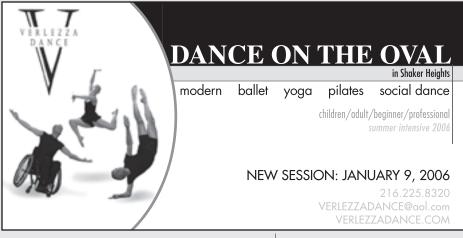
Congratulations to the new Certified Shaker property owners, listed below. These listings represent some of the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com. To learn more about becoming certified, call 491-1370.

Rental Homes 18402 Chagrin Blvd. (Craig Williams) 3711 Latimore Rd. (Robin Grant Hughes) 3578 Palmerston Rd. (Paul Landis) 19406 Winslow Rd. (Mike McDowell)











Happy 300th Birthday, Ben!

Tuesday, January 17, 2006, Benjamin Franklin will become the first of our nation's Founding Fathers to reach that



extraordinary and Shaker Library will mark the day with a birthday party. Residents are invited for Cake, Coffee and Open Aphorisms at 7 p.m. Thursday, January

17 at the Main Library.

Franklin was a scientist, inventor, entrepreneur, philanthropist, printer and revolutionary statesman in search of a better world. As a salute to Benjamin Franklin, Shaker Library will celebrate a year of Healthy, Wealthy & Wise programs based on one of his maxims, "Early to bed and early to rise, makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Join in the celebration of the many accomplishments of a common man with uncommon curiosity. Come to the library for cake and then return throughout the year for programs designed for your health, wealth and wisdom.

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Bertram Woods Branch has a new shed to store its lawn and snow equipment. Located behind the Woods Branch, the shed was built by the library's Maintenance Services staff at

considerable cost savings.

In addition to the new roof currently being installed at the Main Library, the library has also been busy improving its computer system. During the month of January, more than 25 public computers in the Adult Services and the Youth Services area in the Main Library will be upgraded.

Student Writing Contest Reception Set for January 13

The Library invites the community to the Main Library from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Friday, January 13 for a reception and presentation of the winners in the Library's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. student writing contest. Youth in grades 3-8 were invited to write a poem or essay in 100 words or less on how they could bring peace to the world.

First place winners in each category (grades 3 & 4; grades 5 & 6; grades 7 & 8) will receive US Savings Bonds. Second and third place winners will receive ribbons and certificates, and all entries will be printed on the back of bookmarks.

New Trustees Sought

The Shaker Heights Board of Education is seeking candidates for appointment to the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees. The appointments are for a 7-year term of office to fill the term of Edward Parsons, which expires in March; and for a 2-year term to complete the unexpired term of David Bergholz, who is retiring early from his board position. The new board members would begin duties April 1, 2006.

Shaker Library is a school district public library serving the same geographic area as the schools, but is a separate political entity with an autonomous Board. The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the library and establishes policies

Reader of the Month

PAULA SIVANANDAN

LIVES IN: Malvern area

USES: Bertram Woods Branch

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: A Suitable Boy by Vikram Seth

OTHER FAVORITES: The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency books

by Alexander McCall Smith

LIKES TO READ: Fiction by foreign authors and mysteries

LIBRARY SERVICES: Online catalog, both the children's and adult collections and videos. "The library's Children's Department is fabulous with a professional, enthusiastic and knowledgeable staff, whose love of books is matched only by their dedication to children."

OTHER INTERESTS: Family travel, Laurel School Parents Association and the Fogana/ Qujerti Samaj of Greater Cleveland

FAMILY: Husband, Sanjay, and daughters Natasha, age 8 and Maya, age 5

VOLUNTEER WORK: Paula is a full-time mom and the Friends of the Shaker Library's Book Sale Chairperson. She is busy throughout the year helping to organize the details for the huge semi-annual sales that entail sorting more than 900 boxes of books.

BRIEF BIO: "We arrived in Shaker Heights three years ago and have loved it more each year. We have the very nicest neighbors and made wonderful friends. This is a great place to have a family."



and approves the expenditure of funds.

Current members of the Library Board are Emma Benning, David Bergolz, Mimi Karon, Kenneth McGovern, Edward Parsons, Tomas Schorgl and Donna Whyte. The Board usually meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month September through June at the Main Library.

Shaker School District residents interested in being considered for an appointment to the Library Board can pick up an application at either Shaker Library and the Board of Education Administration building or they can address their request to: Library Trustee Search, Shaker Heights Board of Education, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, OH 44120. Completed applications must be returned to the Board of Education by February 6.

Library Celebrates Black **History Month** with a Program Series on the Post-Integration Legacy of Black Americans

Shaker Library celebrates Black History Month with a provocative program series that begins with a book discussion at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 11 at the Main Library. Read and discuss Race Matters, Cornel West's book that examines black leadership, Black-Jewish relations and affirmative action with candor and intelligence. Everyone can benefit from the critical dialogue this book encourages.

2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 18, members of Cleveland State University's Jazz Heritage Orchestra present The Melody and the Legacy of Jazz Music: Musical Performance and Discourse at the Main Library. Musicians will entertain and enlighten listeners with live performances accompanied by a discussion on the heritage of jazz culture and music. The Jazz Heritage Orchestra is composed of veteran jazz performers who have worked alongside jazz greats such as Dizzy Gillespie, Ella Fitzgerald, George Duke and Branford Marsalis. The presentation will take place on the first floor of the Main Library.



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7 p.m. Thursday, February 23 the Library presents some of the area's foremost community leaders and scholars who will discuss The Post-Integration Legacy of Black Americans. This program serves as the capstone event of the library's month-long series. Health, politics, education, and religion will be among topics of insightful dialogue and lively discussion.

Channel 19 Action News reporter and 90.3 WCPN journalist Harry Boomer, a 30-year, award-winning broadcasting veteran will moderate the panel discussion. Panelists include Dr. Rita "B" Beckford, a CWRU Medical School graduate board certified in Family Medicine; Mayor Marcia L. Fudge, Esq., Shaker High graduate and the first elected African-American female mayor of Warrensville Heights and one of the top three mayors in Northeast Ohio for 2005; Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, former Vice Mayor and Shaker Heights City Councilman with a history of public service and civic engagement; Rev. Dr. Marvin A. McMickle,

Senior Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, professor of theology at Ashland Theological Seminary and former Shaker Heights School Board president; Shaker Heights City Councilman Earl Williams, an industry arbitrator with the National Association of Securities Dealers and President of the Board of Directors of the Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corporation; and Dr. Regennia N. Williams, Assistant Professor of History at CSU and the co-founder of the Langston Hughes Literary Society.

All programs are free and will be held at the Main Library. More information about the Black History Month program series and its prestigious presenters is available at both libraries.



You Are Invited... to a Traditional African Baby Naming Ceremony

Shaker Library and the Anioma Association of Greater Cleveland invite families to A Traditional African Baby Naming Ceremony at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 4 at the Main Library. The African Baby Naming Ceremony is a continuation of the program presented by the Library and the Anioma Association of Greater Cleveland last February as part of Black History Month programming.

Last year Ifi and Jude were "married" in a dramatization of a Traditional African Marriage Ceremony. Now the families reunite to welcome and celebrate the naming of their first child. Join in the traditional naming ceremony, which is always followed by music, food and dance.

Celebrate Black History Month! Sign up for this free program or call the Main Library's Children's Desk.

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Crafty Novels

It's a great time to be indoors with a cup of tea and a craft project — or better yet, a book about one! Try one of these books about crafty women as they knit, quilt and stitch their way through their stories.

Knitting by Anne Bartlett. Houghton Mifflin, 2005.

Grieving widow Sandra meets Martha, an expert knitter, and they collaborate to create an artistic exhibit of knitting. As they work on the project, they develop a rich friendship.

The Florabama Ladies' Auxiliary & Sewing Circle by Lois Battle. Viking, 2001.

Faced with divorce and bankruptcy, a wealthy Atlanta socialite relocates to Florabama, Alabama where she takes a job working with displaced homemakers and garment workers, encouraging them to employ their sewing skills in new ways.

The Sugar Camp Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini. Simon & Schuster, 2005.

Set before the Civil War, this is the story of Dorothea and the peculiar quilt her uncle asks her to make. When her uncle dies, her family discovers that Sugar Camp, his maple syrup business, is actually a stop on the Underground Railroad and Dorothea's strangely designed quilt is a map to guide escaped slaves to the next station.

The Alpine Quilt by Mary Daheim. Ballantine Books, 2005.

The latest in the series of Emma Lord mysteries, this title finds plucky newspaper publisher Emma investigating the suspicious death of a local quilter.

Embroidered Truths by Monica Ferris. Wheeler Publishing, 2005

In this recent addition to the Needlework mysteries, a needlework shop owner becomes involved in solving a crime with personal connections when her good friend is accused of murder.

Delectable Mountains by Earlene Fowler. Berkley Prime Crime, 2005.

Benni Harper is the amateur sleuth and quilter who discovers the church caretaker murdered in the sanctuary in volume 12 of the Benni Harper mystery series.

The Shop on Blossom Street by Debbie Macomber. Mira Books, 2004.

"A Good Yarn" is the name of the shop on Blossom Street where four women from varied backgrounds come together to form friendships in a weekly knitting class.

 ${\it Wedding~Ring~by~Emilie~Richards.}$ Mira Books, 2004.

The history of three generations of women is traced through an heirloom wedding-ring quilt.

Knit One, Kill Two by Maggie Sefton. Berkley Prime Crime, 2005.

With help from the knitters at a local yarn shop, Kelly Flynn learns to knit and works to uncover the mystery behind her aunt's untimely death.

The Healing Quilt by Lauraine Snelling. Waterbrook Press, 2002.

After a woman's young daughter dies of cancer, she gathers a group of diverse women to make a quilt to be auctioned for the local hospital's cancer program.

THE TEEN SCENE

MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER
RE-OPENS AFTER WINTER BREAK

3:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 3

FREE SAT TEST & STRATEGY WORKSHOP SERIES

9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Saturday, January 7 and 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, January 14 Take the SAT Test on January 7, then come back January 14 to get your scores and learn some test-taking strategy skills to help boost them. This is a FREE two-part workshop. Registration for the



440-442-1671 www.lyndhurstlumber.net 2-part FREE SAT Workshop began in December; please call the Main Library Fiction/Teen Desk to see of there is still space available.

T.A.B. TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETINGS

Main Library Teen Center 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 17 7:30-8:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 21

WRITING WAYS FOR TEENS AT **WOODS BRANCH**

4:00-5:30 p.m. Thursdays, January 26-March 2

Susan Rzepka, Ph.D., leads a 6-week creative writing group for teens ages 12-16. Limited to 12 teens, the workshops are designed to inspire confidence in developing a unique writing voice. The only requirement is the desire to write. Register for the 6-week series in person at the Woods Branch Information Desk or by calling 991-2421. This writing series is made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Shaker Library.

Shaker Library and **Shaker Family Center Hold** Preschool Fair at Main Library

Shaker residents with young children are invited to a Preschool Fair from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday, January 26 at the Main Library. Parents and caregivers can meet representatives from local preschool and daycare centers, who will be available to answer questions about schedules, visitation days and tuition costs.

The Shaker Family Center will provide brochures detailing what to look for in a preschool and Shaker Library will have a list of books to share with children from birth to age 5. For more information, please call Shaker Library's Early Learning Specialist Wendy Simon at 991-2030 ext. 3184.

Knit Nights Continue at Woods Branch

Stymied by a new stitch? Need the encouragement of others to complete your knitting project? Shaker Library continues its popular Knit Nights from 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, January 12, 26 and February 9 at Woods Branch.

Library staff member and experienced knitter Fern Braverman moderates the evenings that include warm cider and sweets. The programs are free; however, registration is requested by calling 991-2421.

Not Your Mother's Needlepoint

Meet Adrienne Spencer, Wool & Willow Needlepoint Shop instructor, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 17 at the Bertram Woods Branch. Spencer will speak about the art of needlepoint, discuss new trends, and bring examples of projects. Participants



are encouraged to bring their needlework and to ask questions. Registration is requested; call Woods Branch: 991-2421.

Spencer's career path has followed



Spencer

both a teaching and design path. Armed with a degree in dance education, Spencer opened a dance studio and taught dance. She then worked as a lobbyist before earning a degree in interior

design and forming Adrienne Spencer Interior Design in 1986.

An award-winning designer, Spencer is a member of The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Board of Directors. Her work has appeared in Cleveland Magazine, Cleveland Home Décor, The Cleveland Plain Dealer and Akron Life and

As relaxation, Spencer has stitched all of her adult life and is a member of The American Needlepoint Guild. She has taught needlework for the past ten years, and presently teaches beginning and advanced technique classes at Wool and Willow Needlepoint Shop. She also designs commercial and custom stitch guides and customizes canvases and color schemes. According to Spencer, "The creative expression possible in needlepoint is exciting and most rewarding. I am fortunate to have found an outlet for my creativity in both my vocation as an interior designer and my avocation in the field of needlepoint."

Get the Low-down on Downloading

Beginning in January, Shaker Library cardholders will have access to even more downloadable books and audiobooks from the Library's website. To kickoff this new service, the Library invites residents to a casual and informative Downloading Drop-in Clinic at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 11 in the Main Library Training Lab on the second floor.





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Residents are encouraged to bring their MP3 players and they will be able to ask the experts how to download books. Refreshments will be provided. While not required, reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.

Movies at Main

Thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Shaker Library, which underwrites the movie licensing rights, the Library continues is movie series at the Main Library. All films are free and begin promptly at 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, watch Four Brothers. The R-rated, Paramount Pictures film directed by John Singleton stars Tyrese Gibson, Andre Benjamin and Fionnula Flanagan. The film is about four adopted brothers, who reunite to bury the woman who raised them. When they learn that she may have been murdered, they vow to revenge her death.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, watch Red Eve. The PG-13-rated DreamWorks Pictures film is directed by Wes Craven and stars Rachel McAdams, Cilliann Murphy, Kyle Gallner and Brittany Oaks. The suspense takes off when Lisa Reisert's airplane seatmate tells her that if she doesn't help him kill an important government official, then he will have her father killed. Within the confines of a jet at 30,000 feet, Lisa has to find a way to thwart this seemingly inescapable plot.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, watch The Corpse Bride. The PG-rated Warner Brothers film directed by Tim Burton features the voices of Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter and Emily Watson. Set in a 19th century European village, this animated feature follows the story of Victor who travels home to get married. When he stops to rest, he puts his wedding ring on what he thinks is a stick and rehearses his wedding vows. The stick turns out to be a rotted finger belonging to a corpse who returns as a zombie and insists that she is now his lawfully wedded wife.

Library Offers Program **on** Municipal Bonds

Jeff Marvaldi and Chris Rosenthal, financial advisors with UBS Financial Services, will present Municipal Bond Investing: An Investment for Tax Conscious Investors at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 15 at Bertram Woods Branch.

With more than 25 years combined experience in the financial services industry, Marvaldi and Rosenthal work as a team to provide financial advice with a particular focus on municipal securities. Their clients range from individual investors to Fortune 500 companies. Rosenthal joined UBS Financial Services as Senior Vice President of Investments in 1999, after 12 years with Lehman Brothers in New York City. Marvaldi joined UBS Financial Services as a Corporate Services Financial Advisor in 2002 after 5 years with Merrill Lynch.

There is no fee for the program; however reservations are requested by calling 991-2421.

Contemporary Cloth Artists (CoCA) Exhibit

at Main Library

A Square Deal: Art Quilts by CoCA is on display on the second floor of the Main Library through January 15. Residents are invited to meet the fiber artists at a special reception at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 12 at Main Library.

Contemporary Cloth Artists (CoCA) create high-quality fiber art ranging from art quilts to wearable art. The group shares their work in exhibitions designed to foster the understanding and sale of fiber art. Formed in 2005 when Sonja Tugend, seeking a small, intimate group like the one she had left behind in St. Louis, advertised in the Textile Arts Alliance newsletter for others interested in making art quilts. Thirty people showed up, and the membership capped at forty.





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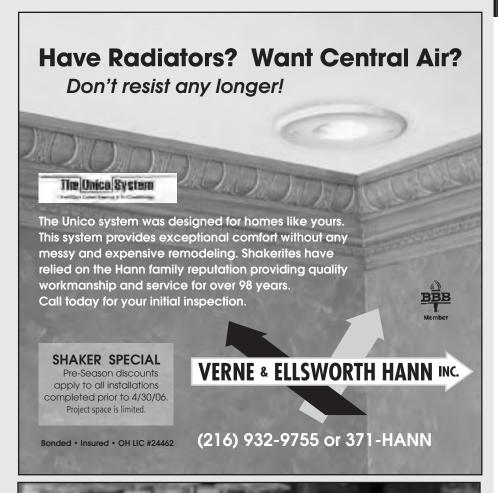
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Members come from Fairport Harbor, Amherst, Wooster and Cleveland. Among the members are Shaker Heights residents Saundra Bohl and Elise Newman.

Like all quilt groups (even though interests and finished work are not limited to quilts), members thrive on "show and tell," and as a spur to their creativity and artistic growth the group has an annual "challenge" that results in a group work that travels to galleries and art centers for one year. Their first challenge was to create 15-inch by 40-inch pieces. That particular exhibit is on tour with the International Sewing Expo through spring 2006.

This year's challenge was to make a square piece no more than 34 inches on a side. The twenty-six quilts and fiber pieces in A Square Deal: Art Quilts by CoCA represent an exciting range of approaches and individual responses to that challenge. The exhibit began its year-long traveling exhibit at Shaker Library on December 12 and will remain on exhibit until January 15.

Book Discussions at Main Library

10 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

A Good Scent From A Strange Mountain

by Robert Olen Butler

This collection of 15 stories about the unspoken legacy of the Vietnam War and the reality of contemporary American culture is told by the Vietnamese themselves

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

A Fine Dark Line by Joe R. Lansdale Thirteen-year-old Stanley Mitchell tries to unravel the mysterious deaths of two women and finds himself in peril in this suspense set in 1958 Dewmont, Texas.

2 P.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

The Vulture Fund by Stephen Frey A Wall Street banker uncovers investment irregularities and intrigue in this financial thriller.

Kids' Corner

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

Free drop-in literacy based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 cosponsored with the Shaker Family Center. 10 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

BOOK BABIES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for one-year-olds with an adult. Spring Session: March 13-May 11, 2006 Babies 12-18 months (must be 12

months old by March 1) 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch or 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at **Main Library**.

Babies 18-24 months (must be 18 months by March 1) 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at **Main Library.**

Registration for the winter session (Jan. 10-Mar. 2) began in December, please call the library to see if there are still available spaces. In-person registration for the spring session begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, February 25 for Shaker Heights City School District residents. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

TODDLER STORYTIME

Stories, songs, movement and rhymes for 2-year-olds (must be 2 years old by January 1) with an adult. Winter Session: January 9-March 2, 2006 Spring Session: March 13-May 11, 2006 (must be 2 years old by March 1)

10 a.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at

Woods Branch; 10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays at **Main Library**

Registration for the winter session began in December; please call the library to see if there are still available spaces.

In-person registration for the spring session begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, February 25 for Shaker Heights City School District residents. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories and fun for 3-, 4-, & 5-yearolds. Winter Session: January 9-May 4, 2006 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Mondays at **Main Library** 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays at **Woods** Branch

No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult 7:15 p.m. Mondays, January 23 and February 20 Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before each program.

EVENING PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BETRAM WOODS BRANCH

Stories, songs and crafts for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. 7 p.m. Thursdays, January 19 and February 23 Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

January 9 - 14: Create a "bag" snowman. February 6 -11: Make a special Valentine. Visit the library and make a craft to take home.

INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUS-SION GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

Librarian-led discussion for parents, grandparents, or caregivers and children in grades 4 - 6. 7:30 Tuesday, January 10 Read Hatchet by Gary Paulsen and discuss it with others. Registration and book pick up began in December.

SCHOOL-AGE SPECIALS FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-4

It's Abrakadoodle! at Woods Branch 4:15 p.m. Tuesday, January 10 Bring your creativity and imagination and make an art project using an assortment of materials and media at the library's "Abrakadoodle Art Class." Registration began in December; please call the Woods Branch Children's Desk to register.

MEET YOUR ROBOT AT MAIN LIBRARY

4:15 p.m. Wednesday, January 25 Drive your own VEX Robot on a friendly field of competition. Help build and then maneuver your robot to get the tennis balls into the goal. Registration begins January 11 at the Main Library Children's Desk.

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7:30 P.M. TUESDAYS, JANUARY 24 & **FEBRUARY 28**

Anna Karenina by Leo Tolstoy

This masterpiece is the saga of a married woman and the consequences of her affair set against the backdrop of 19th-century Russia.

2:00 P.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

When Love Calls, You Better Answer

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10 A.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Dreams From My Father by Barack Obama In pursuit of his own racial identity, Illinois Senator Obama explores his legacy from a white American mother and black African father.

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Bethlehem Road Murder by Batya Gur In the fifth Michael Ohayon mystery Chief Superintendent Ohayon investigates a brutal murder set against the backdrop of Israeli society.

7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking by Malcolm Gladwell Why do we make split second decisions?

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Free Computer Classes in January and February

HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

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INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT

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GRAPHICS AND TEXT IN WORD AND POWERPOINT

3-4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 3-4:30 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 This class will highlight the differences and similarities of using graphics in these two popular programs. To register, call Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156

INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET

10-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 10-11:30 A.M TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 Discover how to find and use a variety of online resources using Internet Explorer. Participants will learn how to "surf" the web to find sites of interest. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 9 This 2-hour session will cover the basics of spreadsheet design and construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.



Kids' Corner

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CREATIVE MEMORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

4:15 p.m. Tuesday, February 7 Experience the fun of keeping your memories and sharing your stories in a keepsake story card. Creative Memories consultant Deborah Fish Gordesky offers ideas on the different ways to begin your memory album. Bring 2 photos to "crop" for your finished book. Registration begins January 24 at the Woods Branch Children's Desk.

AFRICAN DANCE AND DRUMMING AT MAIN LIBRARY

4:15 p.m. Wednesday, February 22 Express yourself through the rhythms and dance traditions of West Africa when Debra Ike demonstrates basic drumming rhythms and how to move to the beat of the drum. Those with drums are welcome to bring them. Registration begins February 8 at the Main Library's Children's Desk.

CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL

10-11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 3-4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10 Explore the ways Excel can display data as charts and graphs and learn the basic ways data can be charted. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156

MOUSE CLASS

2-3 P.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 10 2-3 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 The class is limited to four people so individual attention can be given. The onehour session is designed to help the beginning mouse-user become comfortable with this important tool.



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Patrick Campbell, Director of Economic Development, City of Shaker Heights

People are Calking

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by Cecil Hickman, Media Consultant edtr1947@aol.com

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INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

3-4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 13
6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13
10-11:30 A.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Learn how to work with Microsoft's popular database program to build databases, enter information into a data table and generate simple queries and reports from the database. (Access is for those who have tried to use a spreadsheet to store data and found it to be somewhat inadequate.) Participants must be able to use the mouse.

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10-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, JANUARY 14
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3-4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17
10-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18
Learn how to set-up free e-mail accounts as well as send and receive messages. Participants must be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight and be able to navigate web sites and type URLs.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 10-11:30 A.M. SATURDAY. FEBRUARY 25 Learn how to format documents using Microsoft Word software. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS

3-4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20 Forms do two things in database programs. They make data entry less risky to the database and allow users to see data from the database. This 90-minute class will explore designing and using forms in an Access database. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

WORKING WITH WINDOWS

3-4:30 P.M.TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, JANUARY 30
10-11:30 A.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23
3-4:30 P.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28
Learn how Windows works! This class is designed for those who can navigate the 'Net and work with programs, but aren't comfortable using multiple windows. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

CREATING AND USING QUERIES IN ACCESS

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USING OFFICE PROGRAMS TOGETHER

3-4:30 P.M.TUESDAY, JANUARY 31 Office is a suite of programs designed to work as a whole. See some of the ways elements of one program can be used within another in this hands-on class. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

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3-4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3 There are several styles of reports available in Access. In addition to reviewing them, the class will learn to manipulate the design of the report, show summaries of data, and more. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 x 3156.

GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT

10-11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 3-4:30 P.M.FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24 Learn how create effective PowerPoint presentations using pictures and animation – two powerful tools in the program. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

All classes begin promptly at designated times. Please be courteous and arrive on time. Empty seats will be awarded to walk-ins at start time. Registration for these classes begins on the Monday of the week before the class. Unless otherwise noted, call the Computer Center at 991-3020 ext. 3185.

Friends Corner

Friends of the Library will sponsor an Altered Books Workshop from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, February 11 at Bertram Woods Branch. Artist Brenda K. Robinson will help participants recycle their old books into beautiful works of art, using their own pictures, poems, collages, decorative papers and paints.

The program is free; however, reservations are required by calling 991-2421.

End Notes

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 2-7 p.m. February 13
- Poetry Not in the Woods will be held at 7 p.m. at Main Library Mondays, January 30 and February 20.
- The 7th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition will be held in March this year and entry forms will be available beginning January 15. Art Drop dates will be March 10 and 11 with the Awards and Gallery Opening Reception scheduled for Sunday, March 26.
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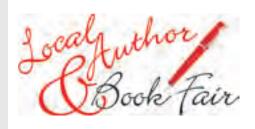
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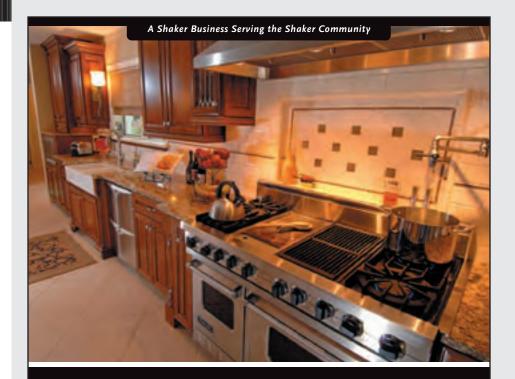


The Library's Inaugural Local Author & Book Fair last November was a great success with more than 47 local authors and nonprofit agencies in attendance. More than one hundred library visitors had the opportunity to meet the authors and buy signed copies of their books. Authors came from around the corner and from as far away as Washington, D.C. and Chicago, Illinois.









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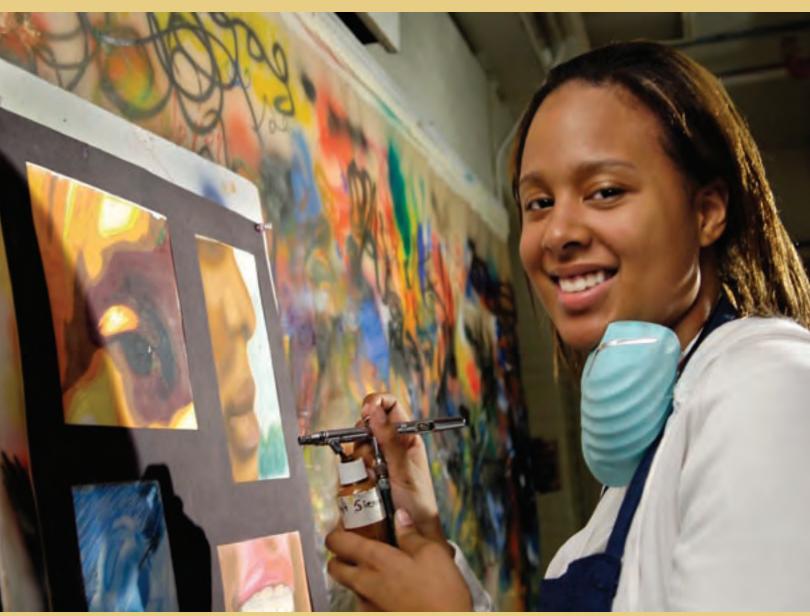
creativity rules A record-breaking 600 students are enrolled in visual arts classes at

Shaker High this year. Great news, because studying the

arts positively impacts other academic subjects.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR PHOTOS BY KEVIN REEVES

It's what you hear when you slip into Dan Whitely's Advanced Drawing class that gets the heart racing – the soft scratching of pencils earnestly at work on blank sketchbook pages. Students sit bent over the drawing pads perched on their laps, furtively glancing up every few seconds at the still-life arrangements before them, their forearms in constant motion.



Senior Jasmine Taylor.



Visual arts faculty members (left to right) Keaf Holliday, Kathleen Fleming, Karen DeMauro, Susan Weiner, Dan Whitely, Jody Trostler. Dan Whitely (below) providing instruction to junior Emily Kent.

Just a few doors away, the atmosphere is anything but hushed, as Jewelry I students hammer and pound at pieces of copper and silver and solder tiny metal rings and clasps under the watchful eye of Karen Mehling-DeMauro.

Nearby, in Keaf Holliday's Graphic II class, young men and women working on self portraits sit before computer screens, rearranging the elements of their own faces into striking designs that will eventually be recreated on canvas using paint or airbrushing techniques.

These are true artists at work. Through classes offered by the Shaker Heights High School Visual Arts Department, they are exploring new ways to view the

world, understand it, interpret it, and share their visions with the larger community.

Upstairs, the learning may focus on facts and theories and prepping for standardized tests, but here in the basement bunker known as the Visual Arts Department, the learning is as soulful as it is cerebral. Here is where individuality is king, creativity rules, expressing oneself becomes the greatest challenge, and even tongue-tied teenagers learn to communicate freely using paints and pencils, clay and computers.

While other school districts are reducing arts programming because of budget cuts, Shaker's educational leaders are to be applauded for their commitment to the arts as a fundamental part of a solid education, and for their financial support of the music, theater, and visual arts departments.

A record-breaking 600 students are enrolled in visual arts classes this year, roughly one-third of the entire student body. Only a small percentage of these students are likely to pursue careers in the arts, a fact that squares perfectly with the department's philosophy that "all individuals, regardless of background and abilities, are entitled to develop their artistic potentials to the fullest extent of the capacities and wills."

"The visual arts serve as a creative channel to inspire and challenge critical thinking in all core curriculums," says Whitely, the department's new chair. "The arts emphasize problem solving,





Malcolm Brown Something of His Own

In carrying on the mission to provide outstanding visual arts instruction at Shaker High, Dan Whitely and his team of noted artists/educators follow in some very large footsteps, including those of internationally acclaimed watercolorist Malcolm Brown, who has been described as "a dancer with a brush."

Brown, whose gallery at Chagrin and Lomond celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, taught in Shaker schools for more than 30 years before retiring in 2000. All the while, he continued to work as a fine artist, exhibiting and selling his paintings at home and abroad, doing commission work, winning dozens of awards, running a successful gallery, and raising three children with his wife and gallery partner, Ernestine.

Brown's artwork is in many public and private collections, including the Cleveland Museum of Art and Springfield Art Museum, and is part of the Grant Hill Collection of African American Art: Something All Our Own, an exhibition touring nine museums across the United States through 2006.

During his years as a teacher at Shaker High (1985-2000), Brown taught such classes as Design and Drawing, Art Exploration, and Advanced Drawing to hundreds of students. Many went on to advanced studies in the arts; most did not. But all, Brown believes, benefited tremendously from having studied the arts.

"The experience of taking art classes is valuable for all," he says. "The visual arts teach you about seeing, observing, looking. The kids learn to appreciate art, and, as they move on in their lives, they may collect it even if they don't practice it."

He applauds Shaker High's efforts to bring college and design school representatives to the school to talk with students. "Reps from art schools in Chicago, New York, Rhode Island – they all come to talk to our students and share with them the many fields in which an artist can use his or her talents."

With his own experience perhaps as the best proof, "a good fine artist can do well," Brown promises.

- Nancy O'Connor



Susan Weiner demonstrating the potter's wheel to senior David Turner and sophomore Derrien Creel. Junior Karla Ortega-Revelo (below) displaying her creation.



risk taking, personal experience, and self expression."

"Visual arts classes let all students show their passions," says Susan Weiner, who has taught all levels of Sculptural Design and Ceramics at Shaker High for 16 years. "They learn to share their feelings and express themselves."

Kathleen McGuan Fleming credits visual arts classes with "encouraging the development of higher order thinking skills and fostering organizational skills." In her Art Exploration and Sculptural Design and Ceramics classes - comprised primarily of freshmen and sophomores - she purposely emphasizes the performance verbs that students will need to know to pass the Ohio Graduation Test.

"Much of that vocabulary applies to art," she says, "including terms such as 'evaluate', 'design', 'compare and contrast', 'defend', 'modify', and 'determine."

Attracted by Design and Craftsmanship

A growing body of research tends to confirm the district's faith in the value of arts education. Studying the arts positively impacts other academic subjects, attitudes, and behaviors. Virtually every assignment in nearly every art class requires the students to understand the arts in relation to history and cultures. The arts teach kids to be more tolerant and open, and to express themselves creatively. The arts promote individuality, bolster self-confidence, and improve overall academic performance.

For troubled youth, the arts can also provide an alternative to delinquent behavior while fostering an improved attitude towards school.

"Anyone who thinks visual arts classes are a frill should spend a day visiting our department," challenges Keaf Holliday, who moonlights as a freelance illustrator and designer for clients such as BP America, Essence Magazine, and Golden Book Publishers. Not only do most art projects require extensive research, analysis, and problem-solving, he points out, but the quality of the art education offered at Shaker High fully prepares the serious art student for later success.

"You just have to look at the number of our students who have received college scholarships for art and those who have chosen art as a major."

One fine applied arts credit is required of every student for graduation, which can be earned by taking a music or theater class, or any one of the more than a dozen visual arts classes. The breadth of options range from popular starter classes like Art Exploration and Mixed Media to introductory and advanced classes in Drawing, Printmaking, Sculptural Design and Ceramics, Painting, Illustration and Graphic Design, Jewelry, and Digital Multimedia. In the Art Portfolio Workshop offered to seniors, students get one-onone assistance in building their portfolio for college admission.

Jewelry I and II are among the department's newest offerings, and enrollment in these classes has grown steadily. "Adding the jewelry class to the curriculum has added a new option for those students looking for a different approach to art besides drawing, painting, and graphics," says Karen Mehling-DeMauro, who also teaches Mixed Media and, like all six department instructors, has a master's degree in art.

The class appeals to students - young men as well as women - who are attracted by design and craftsmanship. Producing three-dimensional, palm-sized pins required the jewelry students to first understand symmetry, texture, and repeated pattern, then to draw eight designs before selecting three to refine and create.

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External



Susan Stevens Jaros is waging a successful effort to keep the Cleveland Museum of Art connected to the community during the museum's extraordinary renovation and expansion.

BY RORY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Out-of-touch old friends of Rocky Riverite turned Shakerite Susan Stevens Jaros will be glad to hear that she has lost none of her down-toearth charm after spending her adult life residing and working on the East Side.

This is good, because the woman who is in charge of raising the money for the historic renovation and expansion of the Cleveland Museum of Art will need all her native charm during the next five years or so.

And not necessarily just for fund raising. As the museum's deputy director for development and external affairs, raising money is the easier part of Susan's task; the museum's board would not have adjourned after five years of strategic planning sessions in 2000 without knowing how to secure the \$258 million for the renovation and expansion. About 100 people, many of them Shaker Heights residents, have already committed a combined \$127.3 million.

The real work ahead is in the external affairs part of Jaros's task–keeping the museum in front of the community during the renovation and expansion. For the first time in its 90-year history, the CMA will undertake a multi-year venture into venues well outside its home in University Circle, with classes, concerts, promotions, and exhibits.

Plans include showing items from the museum's cherished permanent collection in galleries around the U.S. and the world, as well as in the CMA itself.

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Susan Stevens Jaros at the Cleveland Museum of Art, NOVEMBER 2005.

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Nationally recognized artists find that Shaker Heights is the perfect place to call home.

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TEXT BY LINDA SASLOW

Sabatino Verlezza and Barbara Allegra Verlezza, nationally recognized modern dancers, teach City-sponsored dance workshops. The Verlezzas live in the Lomond neighborhood with their two children, Sabatino Alexander and Allegra May, who attend Shaker Schools. Sabatino, a native of Italy, teaches at the University of Akron and Kent State. Barbara is an artist in residence at Kent State. The Verlezzas strive to serve non-traditional populations such as older adults and the disabled. They worked for many years with the Cleveland wheelchair dance company, Dancing Wheels. Because of the city's diverse population, "Shaker is a good place to take Verlezza Dance Company to the next level. We want to collaborate with many artists in Shaker and elsewhere in Ohio," says Barbara. In the spring, Verlezza Dance will collaborate with Alessandra Belloni and her New York City-based Italian Folk Opera Company.





How The City Grows The Arts

The Shaker Arts Council's mission is to make the visual and performing arts an integral and vibrant part of the community.



B.A. Green and photographer Herb Ascherman at Visual Vibes last October

In 2000, Mayor Judy Rawson and city council members Brian Parker and Jan Devereaux approached resident artists B.A. Green and Jan Thrope about forming a committee to create art events to attract residents to Shaker Town Center. The Shaker Arts Council (SHAC) now has an 11-member board, 100 members, and a substantial supporter base of more than 300 people.

And it has moved well beyond Shaker Town Center. SHAC's mission is to make the visual and performing arts an integral and vibrant part of the entire community.

It does this by helping to turn vacant buildings into gallery space and spearheading events that showcase local artists. For example, Suzanne Cooper, a SHAC board member and events chair, organizes several AHA! (At Home with the Arts) events, which are staged at homes and businesses each year.

Past AHA! events at Studio J Academy of Dance on Chagrin and Loganberry Books on Larchmere have featured music, dancing, drum circles, and poetry readings. SHAC has found venues by making creative use of empty retail space at Shaker Town Center and Van Aken Shopping Center.

SHAC supports its events with grants from businesses and individuals.

SHAC contributes to the City's economic development efforts

as well. The organization has provided City government with information on best practices in the development of art districts, as well as research statistics and a SHAC survey on Shaker arts consumers and the economic benefits of arts and culture.

According to Patrick Campbell, the City's director of economic development. public art and arts-related uses are important considerations in all of Shaker's new commercial development efforts.

"We are actively seeking creative design professionals as new office tenants at Shaker Town Center, and we are eager to collaborate with developers and SHAC on high-profile public art projects, which will set our commercial

districts apart from the boring, lifeless, auto-dependent office parks along I-271," Campbell says. "Exciting, urbane, mixeduse districts always include provocative artists and art."

Moreover, SHAC has partnered with Heartland Developers in promoting Shaker as an attractive place to live. This spring they collaborated on an art exhibit at Sussex Courts, and in the fall on the ground-breaking festivities at Heartland's newest housing venture, Avalon Station at Shaker Town Center.

In October, SHAC hosted its third annual visual arts event. Visual Vibes, which featured established and up-coming local artists in a fine arts exhibit and fine crafts show. The former Shooz space at Van Aken Shopping Center was transformed into a gallery for the shows. RMS, the property managers of the shopping center, and other Shaker businesses lent their support to the event. Businesses throughout the City, Shaker Square, and the Larchmere arts and antiques district displayed artists' works in their shops through November.

"These events show how the synergy among Shaker's arts community, businesses, and committed citizens can help bring vitality to the community," says B.A. Green.

- Linda Saslow



Visual Vibes

BY CAYDIE HEL SOTOH



Erica Weiss owns the Juma Gallery in the Murray Hill Galleries in Little Italy. She is a painter, and she also creates unique jewelry. She also sells the work of more than 20 other visual artists. A native of South Korea, she and her husband and two children live in Fernway. Weiss had her first show at the Shaker Square Farmers Market and Arts Festival in 2000, after being diagnosed with breast cancer in 1998. She put her career in human relations on hold and put her full energy into art. A recurrence of cancer in 2000 made her drive even greater. "The first diagnosis was a wake-up call that helped me to assess my life," she says. "The second time I felt like I really had to mean business and carry out my dreams. Ever since then my creativity has exploded with painting." Her paintings now are bought by private collectors all over the country. Her husband, David, says, "Erica has shown incredible strength, courage, sensitivity, and compassion for others in everything she does - from donating her art work for charity, her volunteer activities, opening her gallery only a year after her treatments ended and providing tremendous support to me, our children, and her friends, especially those friends who have also been touched by cancer."

Barbara Eady works full time as a psychiatric social worker for Kaiser Permanente. She also finds time to serve as president of the National Association of Black Storytellers and is a founder of the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers. Eady first experienced public speaking as a member of Toastmasters, and was further inspired 15 years ago when a friend loaned her a book titled Talk That Talk: An Anthology of African American Storytelling, by Linda Goss and Marian Barnes. As president of the National Association of Black Storytellers, she presides over an organization of more than 400 storytellers nationwide and 11 affiliate organizations. "The storyteller is the keeper of the culture and reminds people of the reason for many of our traditions. Watch Night, for example, is the practice in African American churches of bringing in the New Year in prayer and testimony. Watch Night was originally held on the eve of Emancipation, which took effect on January 1, 1863. People gathered in churches to wait for their freedom. They wanted to be awake and in prayer when they became free. They wanted to look freedom in the face. The practice continued every year but many forgot the original significance." She says many adults tend to think that storytelling is only for children. "But it is how we make sense of our lives," says Eady. "It is how we process things, death, tragedy, joy, opportunity. The telling soothes us, inspires us, empowers us. It is how we come to understand each other. It is hard to hate people when you have heard their story."



The Shaker In-Residence Gallery at the Shaker Community Building features different Shaker Heights painters and photographers every month. Local visual artist Penni Rubin, a 37year-resident of the Lomond neighborhood, coordinates the gallery's ever-changing roster of artists. Any local artist is welcome to submit for exhibition at the Shaker In-Residence Gallery. Rubin's own breathtaking array of paintings is done in gouache, a watercolor-like paint. Rubin has been painting since she was six years old and she has worked as a children's art instructor for the City for 34 years. Her courses offer children a chance to explore music, art, and science. She also works in the education department at the Cleveland Children's Museum. "I believe we find our vocational interests early in life. I take every opportunity to introduce kids to the arts and sciences before they are eight," she says.











Larchmere the neighborhood with a pulse

STORIES BY JAYNE EIBEN

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

With the proliferation of glitzy shopping centers designed to resemble charming main streets from years gone by, it's easy to overlook the real thing. For Shaker residents, the Larchmere Boulevard Arts and Antiques District has retained its old-fashioned charm.

And with the recent addition of one-of-a-kind restaurants and alternative housing options, the neighborhood is enjoying an infusion of contemporary vitality.

The neighborhood, built in the 1920s, has long been where Shaker Heights meets Cleveland. The boundary runs down the middle of Larchmere Boulevard on both sides of North Moreland. Today, the district is a dynamic intersection of cultures and tastes offering the truly unique in art, antiques, and dining. Shoppers and diners don't hear canned music emanating from faux antique light posts in the district, or suffer through assembly-line chow at chain restaurants.

"This is not a Disney version of a shopping village; it's the real thing with roots that go back over 80 years," says Marc Goodman, whose antique shop has been on Larchmere for 15 years.



Fred Bentoff, long-time Larchmere antiques merchant.

The district faced a turning point in the late 1980s when the anchor business, Sedlak Interiors, packed up and moved east, leaving 40 percent of the street's commercial buildings vacant. Rather than let the area slide, the Larchmere Merchants Association built upon their retail strength and branded themselves as

an arts and antiques shopping district. They successfully had the street's zoning changed from general retail to local retail, which kept used car lots, strip malls, and fast food franchises from moving in.

Pooling their resources, the cities of Shaker Heights and Cleveland coordinated a streetscape improvement plan, which included benches, shade trees, and new sidewalks with attractive grates and brickwork.

Since then, Larchmere has quietly established itself as a thriving neighborhood and popular destination for diners and shoppers from far and wide.

"It was a true bottom-up effort," says Shaker's Director of Planning Joyce Braverman. "It's one of our oldest neighborhoods and has a lot of character. It certainly fills a niche."

Sylvia Ullman was the district's arts pioneer. She opened her American Crafts Gallery in the early 1960s. Ullman's chic inventory of jewelry, ceramics, wood, furniture, and clothing marketed as art attracted many discerning shoppers over the years. The gallery, while no longer owned by Ullman, is still the grand dame of the neighborhood, setting the tone for the unique shopping Larchmere is known for.

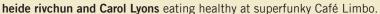
In that tradition, The Dancing Sheep, for example, offers one-

of-a-kind crafts and clothing. Two women visiting from San Francisco recently marveled at this store's beautiful and unusual offerings and lamented the fact that the Bay Area doesn't have anything like it. At the same time, a group of women from Gates Mills strolled the street with samples from Milner Wallpaper, utterly thrilled with what they'd found, saying they couldn't find wallpapers as nice anywhere else in Northeast Ohio.

Larchmere's stores brim with the unusual and hard to find, including, of course, antiques: everything from pricey 18th century fine furniture to thrift-store

bargains. Shaker Square Antiques is decidedly at the high-end of antique merchants on the street. Fred and Mary Bentoff bought their current building and moved their store from Shaker Square to Larchmere some 30 years ago.

"We currently have furniture that costs more than what we paid for this building," says the affable Fred Bentoff.





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A stroll through the store's bright red door into its expansive gallery is well worth it even for those shoppers on their way to the more budget-friendly thrift stores and consignment shops along the street.

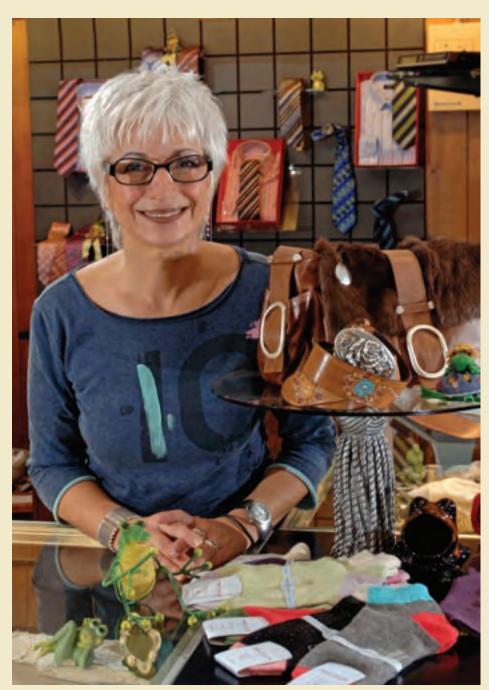
Unlike the indifferent welcome at the homogenized franchises at most malls, visitors to Larchmere's shops and restaurants are warmly greeted by responsive business owners. As Marc Goodman says, "Mom and Pop are alive and well here."

Gentlemen's Quarters is typical. Though not exactly owned by a real mom and pop, the store's personnel certainly feel like family. Walter Thompson, the longest continuing operator on the street, has been there since 1969. He hired Susan Geller and Susan Gerdy on the same day in 1979. Today, they make shoppers feel entirely at home while offering high-end men's and women's clothing from Italy, France, Germany, Spain, and Japan. In 1985 Susan Geller opened Frog's Legs inside Gentlemen's Quarters, specializing in women's accessories.

"This is not a Disney version of a shopping village, it's the real thing with roots that go back over 80 years," says Marc Goodman, whose antique shop has been on Larchmere for 15 years.

The fact that the district is not owned or managed by a developer works to its advantage. The Larchmere Merchant's Association, affiliated with the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD), keeps the neighborhood vital and thriving. The Association organizes a Holiday Stroll every Thanksgiving weekend, for which the merchants decorate the street and offer horse-drawn carriage rides.

The Association also sponsors sidewalk sales on the Saturdays of Memorial Day and Labor Day weekends, and a sidewalk Antiques Fair every June.



Susan Geller of Frog's Legs wants to accessorize you.

"There are hardly any vacancies on the street. If anything opens up, it fills quickly and those who participate tend to stay," says Rodger Daye, the Association president.

Daye's upscale Victorian art glass and porcelain store, Lord and Rodgers, has been part of the scene for almost two years. The Saint Luke's Foundation has also provided support to keeping the area vibrant with an initial planning grant focused on sustaining Larchmere as a competitively desirable neighborhood and retail district.

Café Limbo and Boulevard Blue

Eccentric and Hip, and Fabulous Food

Larchmere businesswoman heide rivchun (who cheerfully insists that her name be all lower case) began her furniture restoration business in the back of Shaker Square Antiques in the early '70s. She later bought her own building on Larchmere, the distinctive Conservation

Studios, where she continues to restore furniture.

She then purchased the house next door and converted it into a restaurant, which she and partner Carol Lyons named Café Limbo.

Limbo, as it's affectionately called by its loyal regulars, offers creative, scrumptious vegetarian fare, cooked to order by Lyons. Table service is minimal; diners peruse the menu and simply tell the kitchen crew what they would like to eat.

The restaurant's mismatched chairs and eclectic tables were all found and purchased on Larchmere, a visual metaphor of the district's cultural diversity.

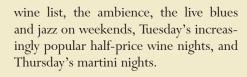
"We love that this is a multi-cultural, multi-racial neighborhood," says rivchun. "It's a real community."

Another popular newcomer among the district's restaurants is Limbo's neighbor, Boulevard Blue. Not as coolly eccentric as Limbo, the upscale and hip Boulevard Blue is still something of an anomaly in the district, where sturdy, old-time establishments such as the Larchmere Tavern, the venerable Academy Tavern, and Big Al's Diner have held sway for many years. Boulevard Blue is probably the first restaurant in the history of the district to offer valet parking.

Twenty-six-year-old Andy Himmel, Boulevard Blue's owner, chose the district for his endeavor because of Larchmere's decidedly urban feel.

"There are so few areas on the East Side where the windows come right up to the street and you can actually see people walking by," Himmel says.

The restaurant is doing exceedingly well with an interesting mix of older diners, some of whom have not been to the neighborhood for years, and a local younger crowd. Everyone is attracted by the high quality of Himmel's kitchen and



The Rush to Live in the District

Housing plays a huge part in a competitively desirable neighborhood. The Larchmere Arts and Antiques District's single-family homes and duplexes, which branch off north and south from Larchmere Boulevard, are famously tidy and well-kept.

But new kinds of housing has recently arrived in the neighborhood: upscale condos and townhouses.

One of Shaker's new housing projects, the South Park Row townhouses at South Park and North Moreland, is literally right around the corner from the district. Empty nesters Connie and Mark Swary, neighborhood residents for 26 years, recently moved into a South Park Row unit.

Connie says they wanted to downsize but just couldn't leave the neighborhood; they wanted to stay close to friends, work, and the Shaker Lakes, as well as be able to mingle with people of all ages. Mark loves Larchmere's small-town friendliness and Connie enjoys the convenience of being able to walk to restaurants and stores.

"It feels like Europe," she says.

In the district itself, across Larchmere from Boulevard Blue, the condominium development Larchmere Lofts boldly affirms the district's growing popularity as a residential neighborhood. Developer Tim Perotti believed he successfully could introduce condos to the district, but he didn't know how long success would take. To his delight, all 16 flats sold quickly to a wide variety of people, from young professionals to empty nesters.

The development proved so successful in fact that Perotti is currently building townhouses, The Larchmere Court, further down the street. These also are selling briskly.

Why the rush to live on Larchmere? "People like to walk to restaurants and shops," says Perotti. "There's a pulse to this neighborhood."





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Shaker Square Antiques (left).
South Park Row townhouses (above).

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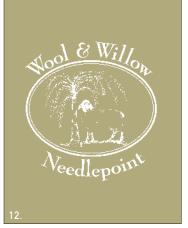
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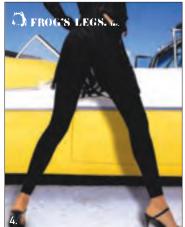
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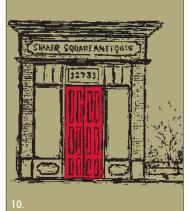












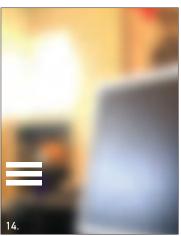




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Choosing a summer camp



Don't be put off by the frigid temperatures; if you haven't already picked out a summer camp for your child, get started as soon as possible. Most camps in Northeast Ohio are full before winter is over.

"Start looking in January and be ready to make your final decision no later than March. Summer camp is not a decision that you can put off," says Pam Quinn, Shaker's director of community life.

"Choosing a summer camp program is nearly as important as choosing a school, and really all the same concerns should be present when making the decision," says Siva Grossman, director of Hathaway Brown School's Broad Horizons camp.

"Main concerns should be about staff training, safety, and whether the child will be happy. When choosing the right camp for your child, it is crucial to ask your children what they hope to get out of their camp experience," Grossman says. "It's their summer – and the focus needs to be on fun."

Ask your child the following questions:

- What interests do you want to explore?
- Do you think you would prefer a smaller camp or a larger one?
- Do you want to learn new skills, or is meeting new friends more important?

By researching camps properly and striving for solid communication with your child, the camp experience can be a win-win.

"Parents win because their children grow and learn. Children win because they have fun and collect lifelong friends and memories as well as self-confidence," says Pam Quinn.

Before your child's heart is set on a certain camp, decide how much money you have available in your budget. Costs vary depending on the type of camp you choose and the number of weeks your child attends. Most camps also require that you pay in full before camp begins.

Traditional camp vs. specialty camp

Traditional camps offer a broad range of activities such as team and individual sports, and arts and crafts. In addition, campers often have the chance to spend extra time participating in activities they particularly enjoy.

"Traditional camps are great because they often help develop an interest, whether that be a sport or creative writing," says Toby Lagarde, coordinator of summer programs at University School.

Specialty camps revolve around a certain theme or goal such as tennis, drama, or sailing.

"Specialty camps are perfect for an older child who has already developed an interest or talent in a particular activity and is very focused and ready to take that interest to the next level," Lagarde says.

With a space camp at University School, a business entrepreneurs camp at Laurel, karate at Hathaway Brown, or white water rafting at Shaker Heights, the opportunities are nearly limitless for summer adventure around the City.

Day camp vs. residential camp

Day camps are ideal for the first-time camper, for younger children, or for parents who want their children close to

Day camp programs are offered to children in kindergarten through junior high school, although a few have programs for preschoolers or older teens.

Daily sessions usually run from morning to late afternoon, beginning a week or two after the end of the school year and ending a week or two before the start of the next school year.

If you work and don't have flexible hours, a day camp can be a good way to meet your summertime childcare needs, because many day camps offer extended care if you can't pick your child up by 3 or 4 p.m. Most day camps also offer bus or van transportation to and from certain pickup points.

Residential camps cater to children five and older who are ready and willing to sleep away from home and participate in group activities for an extended period. Most residential camp sessions range from five days to eight weeks, and campers can usually stay for more than one session (convenient if your child loves camp or if you need care for the entire summer).

Questions for a Camp Director and Why You Should Ask

(Courtesy of the American Camping Association)

What is the camp's philosophy and program emphasis? Each camp has its own method of constructing programs based on its philosophy. Does it complement your parenting philosophy? Many camps actively promote competition and healthy rivalry among camp teams. For many campers this is pure fun, and some parents feel that learning to be competitive at an early age teaches essential survival skills. However, other parents and educators are in favor of cooperative learning. Research has shown that noncompetitive methods encourage young people to learn more, retain the knowledge longer, and develop greater self-esteem and appreciation for others. Knowing your child's personality and style of learning is valuable in selecting the right camp.

What is the camp director's background? The American Camping Association's minimum standards recommend directors have a bachelor's degree, have completed in-service training within the past three years, and have at least 16 weeks of camp administrative experience.

What training do counselors receive?

At minimum, camp staff should be trained in safety regulations, emergency procedures and communication, behavior management techniques, child abuse prevention, appropriate staff and camper behavior, and specific procedures for supervision.

What is the counselor-to-camper ratio? ACA standards require different ratios for different ages and needs. Generally, the ratios at resident camps range from one staff for every six campers ages 7-8, one staff for every eight campers ages 9-14, and one staff for every 10 campers ages 15-17. At day camps the ratios range from one staff for every eight campers ages 6-8, one staff for every 10 campers ages 9-14, and one staff for every 12 campers ages 15-17.

Camp Options in Shaker

Shaker Heights Community Life Department offers a wide variety of camps for the summer.

For children grades K-2, the traditional camp includes creative crafts, field trips, sports, swimming, and outdoor play. Children grades 3-8 are able to schedule their own day. They are able to choose from soccer, floor hockey, volleyball, badminton, and more. Chess, arts and crafts, cartooning, drama, field trip.

lifeguard training camp, fencing, football, girls field hockey, ice skating, lacrosse camp, soccer, softball, tennis, wrestling, and white water rafting.

Specialty camps include writing, art, dance, nature as well as Shaker Heights Safety Town, Safety Town Counselor-in-Training Camp, Teens Learning to Connect, Shaker Summer Theatre, Shaker on Stage, and Strike Up the Band.

Hathaway Brown's Broad Horizons for Beginners is for boys and girls who socialization skills, group dynamics, reading basics, vocabulary building, motor skill development, and artistic growth.

There is also a Broad Horizons camp for girls grades K-8, where campers

requiring childcare during the March and August breaks. For information call Siva Grossman at 320-8085.

Laurel School has completely revamped its camp program with two new programs called GLEE. For grades 5 and 6, GLEE stands for Girls Learning through Experiential Education. The program focuses on many of the outdoor Township, as well as at the Shaker Heights campus. Girls explore the Project Adventure courses, art, and the land.

For girls in grades 7 and 8, GLEE stands for Girls Leading through Enterprising Entrepreneurship. The focus is on learning to start one's own tennis, and volleyball as well as a fitness camp for Upper School girls. For information call 464-1441.

University School offers academic, athletic, and recreational programs for boys grades K-12, and girls grades 4-12. Camps are held at the US campuses in Shaker Heights and Hunting Valley.

transforms participants entering grades 4-8 into astronauts when they take Participants are trained in methods used by astronauts and are taught the basics of shuttle science.

Comp-Unique presents technology instruction and project work to students entering grades 5-8 who are serious about computers and technology. New this year is an All-American Sports Camp for boys grades 6-8. For more



SUMMER CAMPS

Traditional Camp

Registration for all camps begins THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2 at Thornton Park, 20701 Farnsleigh Road. No phone-in registrations.

Registration hours: Thornton Park

M 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
TU-F 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
S 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Shaker Community Building
M-F 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

All campers must have a completed medical form at registration. In case of emergency, call 216-491-1295. We will contact the appropriate camp director. 10% discount for each additional child on the lowest camp fee. NOTE: The 10% discount pertains only to the full time traditional camp. Campers must provide their own lunch.

WOODBURY SCHOOL (Grades K-2)
Camp includes a wide range of activities. Sports focus builds and strengthens large and small motor body parts.
Outdoor play, cooperative play and healthy competitive and non-competitive action games and swimming also included. Creative Crafts include paints, beadwork, and construction activities. Field trips included with each session. Information: 491-2583, Rhonda L. Miller.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Grades 3-8)

Make your own schedule! Choose from, soccer, floor hockey, volleyball, badminton, and more! Chess, arts & crafts, cartooning, drama, hiking and science are also offered. Each session has a talent show and field trip. Trips in order of session are: Pioneer Waterland, Dover Lake, Cedar Point/Good Times & Geauga Lake. Information: 491-3144, Sue Trizzino.

Junior Raider Sports Camps that can be combined with traditional summer camp are marked with . See Sports & Fitness Camps. Sports Camp INFO: 491-2599, James Garrett.

PRE-CAMP FUNDAZE

Grades K-8

Woodbury School June 9, 12-16 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$32/day registration \$42/day registration

Traditional Camp

(Grades K-8)

Session I

June 19-June 30 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$265 nres\$315

Session II

July 5-14 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$265 nres\$315

Session III

July 17-28 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$265 nres\$315

Session IV

July 31-August 11 Grades K-2 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$265 nres\$315

Grades 3-8 Hinckley Metroparks* 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (no before or after care) res\$300 nres\$350

Fee includes admission and transportation for field trips. Late fee of \$50 if registering after the Thursday before each camp session. *Daily bus transportation. Arrive and depart from Thornton Park.

Before (7-9 a.m.): \$40 **After** (3-6 p.m.): \$50

Enrichment and Leisure Learning

Nature Camp

(Ages 6-7, 8-11)

The world of nature will become a new playground for those who attend this half-day camp. Activities include wild-life identification, nature hikes, and learning to respect and care for nature. Instructional support will be provided by The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Note: All activities will take place outdoors. Bring a snack.

Horseshoe Lake Park
M-F 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
001 Ages 5-6 June 19-23
002 Ages 7-9 June 26-30
res\$100 nres\$115

Safety Town

(Grade K)

Safety Town graduates get a head start on Kindergarten. Safety skills taught with assistance from the Shaker Heights Police and Fire Departments. Space is limited. NOTE: Participants must be entering Kindergarten by September 2006. Cost includes a \$10 material fee. NO CAMP ON JULY 4.

REGISTRATION PERIOD:

(IN PERSON ONLY)
Shaker School District Res:
April 3-May 5
Open Registration: May 8-June 16

June 26-July 7 001 9:30-11:30 a.m. 002 1-3 p.m.

July 10-21 003 9:30-11:30 a.m. 004 1-3 p.m.

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July 24-August 4 005 9:30-11:30 a.m. 006 1-3 p.m.

Shaker Family Center 2 weeks/ session res\$70 nres\$90

Safety Town: Counselor-in-Training (Ages 12-14)

Counselor trainees are needed to assist instructors in daily details and tasks. Gain experience with young children. Counselors receive a T-shirt and certificate of completion. Space is limited. NO CAMP ON JULY 4.

June 26-July 7 001 9:30-11:30 a.m. 002 1-3 p.m.

July 10-21 003 9:30-11:30 a.m. 004 1-3 p.m.

July 24-August 4 9:30-11:30 a.m. 005 006 1-3 p.m.

Shaker Family Center M-F 2 weeks/ session res\$45 nres\$60

TLC (Teens Learning to Connect) (Ages 11-15)

The only summer camp east of the Cuyahoga River designed to introduce teens to volunteer opportunities. Participants earn 20 hours toward community service credits. We'll assist an assortment of agencies throughout the Cleveland area and host a fundraiser for a charitable cause. Come see what's new and who's new. Registration fee includes a field trip to Cedar Point on July 21. A three-week commitment is required. Space is limited.

Middle School M-F, July 10-28 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$210 nres\$230

Fine and Performing Arts

Dance Workshop - Dance as Art (Ages 8-15) Verlezza Dance

Sabatino Verlezza and Barbara Allegra Verlezza will direct this intensive workshop in dance. Mr. Verlezza holds a BA from SUNY Brockport and an FMA from the University of Michigan. Ms. Verlezza holds a BA and MFA from the University of Michigan. Their choreography and restagings have been presented at cultural institutions such as Lincoln Center in NYC and the Kennedy Center in Washington. D.C. and across South America. Europe and Taiwan. The workshop will offer exposure to the following facets of dance: Modern Dance Technique, Composition/Improvisation, Repertory and a Performance Showing, to be presented the final day of the workshop. INFO OR TO REGISTER, call Verlezza Dance at 283-5673.

Middle School M-SA July 24-29 10 a.m.-3 p.m. res/nres\$350

KidzArt Camp

(Grades 1-5)

Participate in jewelry making, macramé, collage designs, and more! INFO: 491-2583, Rhonda L. Miller.

Woodbury School M-F 9:00 am-Noon 001 June 19-23 002 June 26-30 res\$45 nres\$55

Band Camp: Strike Up the Band (Grades 6-8) Luiz Coelho Band Director, Woodbury Asst. Band Director, High School

Mr. Coelho holds a BFA degree and a Masters degree in Music. Small group instruction, music theory and exposure to various styles of music, including jazz. An opportunity for students (who have completed at least one year of instruction) to improve their abilities. A concert for family and friends on the last day of camp. Students must provide their own instruments (except percussion). Campers attending both sessions will need to bring a lunch.

Middle School Band Room M-F, July 10-21 9-11:30 a.m. 001 002 12:30-3 p.m. res\$240 or \$400 (both sessions) nres\$280 or \$470 (both sessions)



THEATRE CAMP: Shaker Summer Theatre (Grades 5-11) Martin Friedman, PhD

Join Martin Friedman, along with artists from area professional and community theatres, for another rewarding summer experience. Dr. Friedman has been on staff at John Carroll University since 1990 and is the Artistic Director of Lakeland Theatre. He holds a BS degree in Theatre Education, and an MA and PhD in Theatre. Classes in acting, directing, improvisation, music and movement will culminate in a non-musical production. In a series of short plays and monologues, everyone will have the opportunity to be in the spotlight. Additional activities include a field trip to an area professional theatre. Both Before and After Care available at Woodbury School.

High School Auditorium M-F, June 12-30 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$390 nres\$440

Before Care (7-9 a.m.) \$60 After Care (3-6 p.m.) \$75

TWO CAMP REGISTRATION SPECIAL:

Register for both Shaker Summer Theatre and Shaker on Stage at the same time and receive \$25 off each registration fee.

THEATRE CAMP: Shaker on Stage (Grades 3-11)

Discover the joy of musical theatre. The final production, unlike any other, will consist of musical numbers from Broadway shows. Everyone will have time in the spotlight by being featured in solos, duets, and big production number from a number of famous musicals. Classes in acting, directing, improvisation, dance and song will be led by artists from local theatres as well as theatre students from John Carroll University. Self-confidence will be cultivated in a creative and supportive environment. Both Before and After Care available at Woodbury School.

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High School Auditorium M-F, July 10-28 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$355 nres\$405

Before Care (7-9 a.m.) \$60 After Care (3-6 p.m.) \$75

Sports & Fitness Camps

AQUATICS: Lifeguard Training Camp (Ages 12-14)

Ellis & Associates' Jr. Lifeguard program combines skill development, field trip, teamwork and leadership skills to provide a well-rounded training experience. Fun and educational. Prerequisites: must be 12-14 years old by July 1; must be able to swim 50 yards using crawl or breaststroke without resting; do a surface dive, retrieve a 10-lb. brick from a depth of 5 feet; swim underwater 10 feet. Information: (216) 491-2594, Pam Quinn.

Thornton Park Pool M-F, July 10-28 10-11:30 a.m. res\$120 nres\$150

AQUATICS: White Water Rafting (Grades 6-9)

DELUXE MOTOR COACH. A day of guided white water rafting down the beautiful Youghiogheny River Gorge through the heart of Ohiopyle State Park. Trip includes a stop along the river for a provided lunch. Please bring change of clothes and money for dinner on the way home. Life vests are provided. Staff member accompanies each raft. Bus leaves Thornton Park promptly at 6:30 a.m. and returns by 10 p.m. (return time may vary depending on water level). Deadline to register is May 19. INFO: 491-3144, Sue Trizzino.

Friday June 9 res\$95 nres\$115

BASEBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Hitting & Fielding Camp (Ages 8-10)

Trip to batting cages, Friday, July 21. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, glove. May use own bat.

Mercer School M-F, July 17-21 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$95 nres\$120

BASEBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Rookie

(Ages 8-10)

Trip to batting cages, Friday, June 23, returning at 3 p.m. Bring water, snack, sunscreen, glove. May use own bat.

Mercer School M-F, June 19-23 9:30 a.m.-Noon res\$50 nres\$60

BASEBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Rookie/Semi-Pro

(Ages 8-12)

Trip to batting cages, Thursday, June 15. Bring lunch, water, sunscreen, glove. May use own bat.

Mercer School M-F, June 12-16 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. res\$50 nres\$60

BASKETBALL CAMP: Junior Raider (Grades 3-6)

Bring water. May purchase NCAA Wilson synthetic basketball for \$15 (must order 2 weeks prior to camp).

Woodbury School Main Gym M-F, June 12-16 9:30 a.m.-Noon res\$45 nres\$55

BASKETBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Gym Rat

(Grades 3-8)

Bring water, towel, sunscreen. May purchase NCAA Wilson synthetic basketball for \$15 (must order 2 weeks prior to camp).

Middle School East Gym W-F, July 5-7 001 Gr. 3-5 9 a.m.-Noon 002 Gr. 6-8 Noon-3 p.m. res\$35 nres\$45

BASKETBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Pee Wee (Grades K-2)

Bring water. May purchase a basketball for \$10 (must order 2 weeks prior to camp).

Woodbury School Main Gym M-F, June 12-16 001 Gr. K-1 1-1:45 p.m. 002 Gr. 2 2-2:45 p.m. res\$30 nres\$35

BASKETBALL CAMP: **Junior Raider Rising Star** (Grades 6-8)

Bring water, towel.

Middle School M-F, June 26-30 9 a.m.-Noon res\$45 nres\$55

BASKETBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Shaker Storm Girls (Grades 3-9)

Bring water, towel.

M-F, July 10-14 Middle School East Gym 001 9 a.m.-Noon res\$45 nres\$55

Woodbury School Main Gym 002 Gr. K-1 1-1:45 p.m. 003 Gr. 2 2-2:45 p.m. res\$20 nres\$25

Cheerleading Camp

(Ages 5-12) Cheerleading Academy

A week of cheers, chants and fun games! Learn proper motion and jumping techniques for all aspects of cheering. The week ends with a performance for the parents. Bring t-shirts, shorts. Players receive pom poms, t-shirt and Merit Award.

Mercer Gym July 10-14 M-F 9 a.m.-Noon res\$70 nres\$85

Fencing Camp

(Ages 6-15) William Reith

A structured and focused experience for the serious beginner or advanced student. Campers receive a fencing foil and compete in a tournament at the end of each session. Bring clean, floor-soled shoes and long pants. A \$70 non-refundable deposit is included in the camp fee.

High School Fencing Room M-F 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. 001 June 12-16

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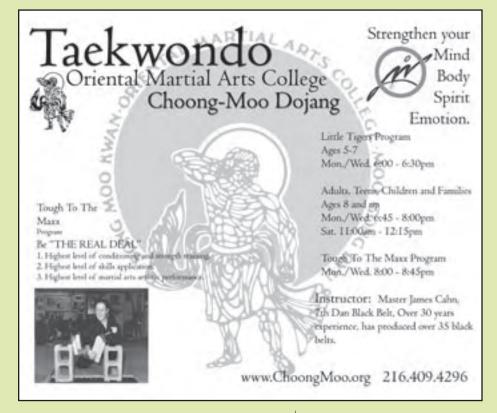
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nres\$310 – any one session \$565 – any two sessions \$849 - all three sessions

FIELD HOCKEY CAMP: Junior Raider Girls Intermediate/Advanced (Grades 6-8)

Ideal for girls preparing for Middle School field hockey in the fall. Some prior running experience helpful. Mouthguards and shin pads are mandatory. Bring water, towel and sunscreen.

Thornton Park M-TH, August 14-18 9 a.m.-Noon res\$90 nres\$110



FOOTBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Flag (Grades 1-8)

Bring water, towel, sunscreen, mouthguard. Must complete NFL registration forms prior to camp.

Middle School M-F, July 24-28 001 Gr. 3-8 9 a.m.-Noon res\$50 nres\$60

Woodbury School 002 Gr. 1-2 9-10 a.m. res\$25 nres\$30

GOLF CAMP: Beginning

(Ages 5-9) Skyhawks Golf Academy

Golfers experience success by using a plastic golf club with an oversized ceramic head. Starting New At Golf (SNAG) system builds confidence and teaches proper technique and etiquette. Bring t-shirt, shorts, sweats, socks. Players receive t-shirt and Merit Award.

Boulevard School Soccer Field June 19-23 M-F 9 a.m.-Noon res\$118 nres\$140

Golf Dome Camp: Novice *NEW! (Ages 8-12)

Novice camp focuses on development of a fundamentally sound and repeating golf swing, proper grip, stance and alignment. Short game techniques include chipping, pitching and putting fundamentals.

Golf Dome, 8198 East Washington St. Chagrin Falls

M-TH 9-10:30 a.m. 9 a.m.-Noon (at Auburn Springs) 001 June 5-9 June 12-16 002 003 June 19-23 004 June 26-30 005 July 3-7 (No class July 4)

006 July 10-14 July 17-21 007 800 July 24-28 July 31-August 4 009

010 August 7-11

res\$130 nres\$156 res\$104 nres\$ 124

GOLF DOME CAMP: Intermediate *NEW! (Ages 10+)

Intermediate camp improves and refines fundamental skills. Focus on individual stroke corrections for each golfer.

Golf Dome, 8198 East Washington St. Chagrin Falls

M-W 10:30 am-Noon

TH-F 1:00-4:00 pm (at Auburn Springs)

001 June 5-9 002 June 12-16 003 June 19-23 004 June 26-30

005 July 3-7 (No class July 4)

006 July 10-14 007 July 17-21 800 July 24-28 009 July 31-August 4 010 August 7-11

res\$160 nres\$192 res\$128 nres\$153

ICE HOCKEY: Summer Weekend Specialty Clinic Series

(Mites through High School)

Top college, junior and high school players and coaches instruct at summer specialty clinics. Offered on weekends only, Friday through Sunday starting the week of June 19. Work specifically on offensive, defensive or individual skills. Pre-high schoolers learn what it takes to compete at a varsity level. INFO: 491-2581, Caleb Wyse.

ICE HOCKEY: Raider Hockey Camp

A co-ed full-day camp for Mites and Squirts, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Mighty Mites, PeeWees and Bantams have a mini camp during the week. Top quality national and local coaches provide expert instruction. Adults and high school hockey players available to assist instructors and supervise campers on and off the ice. INFO: 491-2581, Caleb Wyse.

Thornton Park Ice Arena August 14-18

ICE SKATING: Elite Figure Skating Camp (Ages 7+)

For the serious competitive figure skater. Includes on-ice sessions for Freestyle and Moves in the Field, onice clinics, off-ice jump and conditioning classes, Yoga, Pilates and Ballet.

Thornton Park also offers an array of off-ice activities such as swimming, tennis, volleyball, games and more. INFO: 491-3461, Erin Schopf.

Thornton Park Ice Arena M-F, June 12-August 11 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.* (*time schedule subject to change)

LACROSSE CAMP: Junior Raider Shaker Top Gun

(Boys 8-15, Girls 8-15)

All skill levels. Boys (12-15) require full equipment; girls require sticks only. Bring sunscreen, towel, water and lunch.

Middle School Upper Field Location subject to change M-F, July 24-28 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$95 nres\$120

Roller Hockey Camp

(Ages 7-14) Skyhawks Roller Hockey Academy

Fast-paced program teaches proper stick handling, passing, shooting, and skating techniques. Must bring roller hockey stick*, protective gloves*, elbow/knee/shin pads*, helmet with full mask*, in-line skates, mouthpiece, appropriate clothing, water bottle, running shoes, sunscreen. *Items available for rent. To reserve a roller hockey kit call 800-804-3509 (7 days prior to start of program) or at skyhawks.com.

Middle School Tennis Courts June 12-16 M-F 9 a.m.-Noon res\$118 nres\$130

Skateboarding Camp

(Ages 7-14)

Skyhawks Skateboarding Academy

Fun and exciting program that teaches balance and pushing (both on ground and on ramps), tricks, riding on flat rails, sliding on rails, and dropping onto ramps. Friday showcase for parents. Bring own skateboard. Participants receive t-shirt and certificate.

Middle School Tennis Courts June 12-16 M-F 9 a.m.-Noon res\$95 nres\$120

SOCCER CAMP: Challenger Sports Soccer Camps First Kicks

(Ages 3 & 4)

Introduction to the basics through games, stories and fun. Each participant receives ball, t-shirt, bag tag, and player evaluation. Register online at challengersports.com 45 days prior to class and receive a free British Soccer replica jersey and Sports Illustrated for Kids magazine. Free equipment for host families at challengersports.com.

Middle School Lower Soccer Field July 17-21 M-F 9-10 a.m. res\$65 nres\$75

SOCCER CAMP: Challenger Sports Camps Mini Soccer

(Ages 5 & 6)

Games, competitions and challenging skill-building activities. Each participant receives ball, t-shirt, bag tag, and player evaluation. Register online at challengersports.com 45 days prior to class and receive a free British Soccer replica jersey and Sports Illustrated for Kids magazine. Free equipment for host families at challengersports.com.

Middle School Soccer Field July 17-21 M-F 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. res\$80 nres\$95

SOCCER CAMP: Challenger Sports Half-**Day Player Development Camps**

(Ages 7-14)

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Middle School Soccer field July 17-21 M-F 1-4 p.m. res\$99 nres\$115

SOCCER CAMP: Great Britain-Buckeye (Grades 2-8)

Boys and girls learn from professional English soccer players. Campers are grouped by age and ability. T-shirts provided. Bring water, sunscreen, and soccer ball. Soccer ball sizes: ages 5-6 #3, ages 7-10 #4, ages 11+ #5. Soccer balls can be purchased: sizes 4 and 5 \$8, size 3 \$6 (must order one week prior to camp). Host families for coaches are needed and receive discount on camp. Call (800) 877-0834, Debbie Dawson.

Lomond School (subject to change) M-F, June 12-16 9 a.m.-3 p.m. res\$135 nres\$150

SOCCER CAMPS: Major League

(Ages 5-12)

The official camp of Major League Soccer, the nation's premier professional league. Each participant receives Columbus Crew ticket, MLS gift and player evaluation. Bring water, towel, sunscreen, and soccer ball. Soccer ball sizes: ages 5-6 #3, ages 7-10 #4. Soccer balls can be purchased: size 4 \$8, size 3 \$6 (must order one week prior to camp). Host families are needed.

Mercer School M-F, July 24-28 001 Ages 5-6 9-10:30 a.m. res\$65 nres\$75

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002 Ages 7-12 9:00 am-Noon res\$125 nres\$150

003 Ages 3-4 11-11:45 a.m. res\$55 nres\$65

SOCCER CAMP: Mini Kickers

(Grades K-1)

Half-day camp, led by the Great Britain-Buckeye Soccer Clinic, is an introduction to soccer. T-shirts provided. Bring water, sunscreen, and soccer ball. Soccer ball sizes: ages 5-6 #3, ages 7 #4. Soccer balls can be purchased: size 4 \$8, size 3 \$6 (must order one week prior to camp). Host families for coaches are needed and receive a discount on camp. Call (800) 877-0834, Debbie Dawson.

Lomond School (subject to change) M-F, June 12-16 9 a.m.-Noon res\$100 nres\$115

SOFTBALL CAMP: Girls Fast Pitch

(Ages 8-12)

Designed for the future female "slugger" looking to improve or begin learning skills in hitting, fielding, pitching and base running. This camp teaches the essential skills and techniques necessary by mixing drill and cage time with fun activities and contests.

Golf Dome, 8198 East Washington St. Chagrin Falls

9:00 am-Noon M-F 001 June 5-9 June 12-16 002 003 June 19-23 004 June 26-30 005 July 3-7 (NO CLASS JULY 4) July 10-14 006 July 17-21 007 800 July 24-28 009 July 31-August 4 010 August 7-11

res\$115 nres\$138 res\$92 nres\$110

SOFTBALL CAMP: Junior Raider Girls Fast Pitch & Slow Pitch

Sue Trizzino, SHHS Varsity Coach (Grades 3-8)

Trip to batting cages, June 15 and July 13. Bring water, towel, swimsuit, sunscreen, glove, bat.

Middle School M-F, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. 001 June 12-16 002 July 10-14 res\$95 nres\$120

TENNIS CAMP: Intro

(Grades 4-8)

Al Slawson, SHHS Varsity tennis coach

Daily schedule includes tennis instruction and games, use of the pool and lunch. Campers are closely supervised by qualified instructors. Meets rain or shine. Class size limited to 30. Bring water, towel, sunscreen.

Thornton Park Courts M-F, 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. 001 June 12-16 002 June 26-June 30 003 July 10-14 004 July 24-28 res\$130 nres\$160

TENNIS CAMP: Intermediate/Advanced (Grades 5-11)

Al Slawson, SHHS Varsity tennis coach

Daily activities include instruction through drills and games, conditioning, and mental training for success. Everything presented in a positive and fun way, but focus is on daily improvement in a challenging environment. Bring water, towel, sunscreen.

High School Courts

M-F, 9 a.m.-Noon

001 June 12-16

002 June 19-23

003 June 26-June 30

004 July 3,5,6,7 (res\$84; nres\$108)

005 July 10-14

006 July 17-21

007 July 24-28

res\$105 nres\$135

High School Courts

M-F, Noon-3:00 pm

008 June 12-16

009 June 19-23

010 June 26-30

011 July 3,5,6,7 (res\$84; nres\$108)

012 July 10-14

013 July 17-21

014 July 24-28

res\$105 nres\$135

VOLLEYBALL CAMP: Sand Volleyball

(Ages 6-14)

Skyhawks Volleyball Academy

Serving, hitting, spiking and setting using fun games and activities for novice or experienced player. Co-ed and skill-based. Bring knee pads, t-shirt, shorts, sweats, socks. Players receive t-shirt and Merit Award.

Thornton Park Sand Courts July 25-29 M-F 9 a.m.-Noon res\$118 nres\$130



Camp Registration & Medical Form

Either Part I or Part II below must be completed: DO NOT COMPLETE BOTH

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upon arrival at the designated source of emergency medical or dental treatment, transportation for a child. This form does not authorize or guarantee treatment for emergency medical or dental treatment. for I do not give the City of Shaker Heights permission to transport my child emergency dental care, or to the nearest available source for assistance. give the City of Shaker Heights my permission to transport my child fo This form authorizes the City of Shaker Heights to secure emergency Date_ Date as each emergency facility sets its own treatment procedures. dentist/dental clinic hospital/clinic I wish the following action to be taken: Part I: Permission to transport child Part II: Refusal to grant permission 우 for emergency medical care or to Parent/Guardian Signature Parent/Guardian Signature child's name child's name Must list all allergies and any special precautions or treatments, including □ III □ IV (Gr. K-2) ≥ □ □ After □ After Relationship to child Dates ≡ Phone number_ Course # (001, 002, etc.) = ■ Before □ Before Name_ medication, indicated for identified conditions: = Traditional camp session(s) attending: □ I For Band Camp only: Instrument played Before/After care: 🗖 Before 🗖 After Session(s): Shaker Summer Theatre: Grade (as of Fall '06) Shaker On Stage: Parent/Guardian name(s) Specialty/Sports camps Relationship to child **Emergency Contacts:** Daytime phone(s) Email address Phone number_ Camper name Camp Name Address Name_ Age__

Traditional Camp Activity Options

(Grades 3-8 only)
Please indicate first and second choice

			Session		
	Grades 3-5	1	2	3	Grades 6-8
1 st Period	Swim lessons (int/adv)			·	Swim lessons (int/adv)
9:15-10:30 am	Basketball		ĺ		Football
(select 2)	Cartooning				Cartooning
	Hiking				Volleyball
	Volleyball				Softbali/Baseball
	Chess				Chess
2 nd Period	Open Swim				Open swim
10:35-11:55 am	Football				Basketball
(select 2)	Soccer				Badminton
	Drama				Drama
	Frisbee Golf				Frisbee Golf
	Arts & Crafts				Arts & Crafts
3 rd Period	Swim lessons (beg)				Hiking
12:35-1:45 pm	Floor hockey				Swim tessons (beg)
(select 2)	Kickball		!		Soccer
	Talent Show				Kickball
	Chess				Talent Show Chess
	Munchie magic*				
	Badminton				Munchie magic*
4th Dariad	Open guim				Mountain biking**(Gr. 6-8 only) Open swim
4 th Period	Open swim Baseball/softball				Floor hockey
1:50-2:50 pm (select 2)	Hiking	· ·			Basketball skills
(Select 2)	Science				Frisbee Golf
	Frisbee Golf				Science
	Arts & Crafts				Arts & Crafts
	7113 & Oldita				Mountain biking**(Gr. 6-8 only)

^{*}Munchie magic (menu planning and cooking daily) - \$44/session

INFO: 491-3144, Sue Trizzino

^{**}Mountain Biking (once weekly in Cuyahoga Valley National Park) - \$20/session. Campers must provide bicycle and helmet. Grades 6-8 only.



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Liz Schorgl has a unique perspective and understanding of the needs of her clients. She and Winston have been consistent mega-million dollar producers, and are pacesetters of the real estate industry. Liz lives with her family in Shaker, where she is active with Friends of Shaker Towne Centre and the Shaker Heights Arts Council. Liz and her family are committed to Shaker Heights. All of her children have attended Shaker public schools, and her husband, Tom, is on the library board.







Winston Richie has been involved in real estate since 1956, when he was instrumental in founding the Ludlow Association, whose purpose was to prevent re-segregation and to maintain diversity. Win is nationally recognized as a leading advocate of residential racial diversity. Win was the first African-American elected to the Shaker Heights City Council. He has served the community as a Boy Scout master, Little League coach and as an elder at the Fairmount Presbyterian Church.



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When Shaker Life visited the students in the fall, sophomore Tashley Ramial was intently working on a decorative cross pendant inspired by African jewelry she'd spotted in one of the classroom's resource books. At the same table, Dan Chessin, a junior, was crafting a chain of textured flat disks, at the center of which he planned to hang the polished Egyptian Ankh he had fashioned after one he discovered in another book.

Like many of Shaker High's avid art students, Chessin's foray into visual arts started as an obligation. Business classes are his preferred electives, he admits. He chose the jewelry class "because I wanted a class where the work was more handson." He now plans to take Jewelry II in his senior year.

"Many students start the year with the same I-need-this-credit attitude," says Fleming, "Then many go on to drawing or graphics out of choice."

Creating art requires a surprisingly in-

tellectual approach, students discover. Before they delve into painting the human figure, for instance, Dan Whitely's drawing students examine the human body like a biologist would, from the inside out.

"Studying bone structure and how bones and muscles work below the skin's surface helps the artist drawing the human figure to recognize and draw the subliminal shapes of the shoulders, for example," Whitely explains.

Art is Here, There, and Everywhere

The fruits of students' efforts flow far beyond the basement walls. Art calls proudly from glass cases across from the main office, whispers respectfully in study halls and library corners, and shouts loudly in the bustling cafeteria and teacher's lounge. Even Room 110, home to the vice principals and landing pad for disciplinary discussion, has been used as a gallery.

Dan Whitely believes student art can play a significant role in communicating the school's vision and promoting a positive and respectful school climate. Not long after attending a staff meeting in a barren study hall room, he arranged to have student art hung on nearly every blank surface.

"The room had no personality before. Now it looks like a gallery and is far more inspiring."

Whitely, an award-winning painter who exhibits regularly and does commission work, is eager for the visual arts department "to be a resource for every school club and sport team. We can do logos, posters, and banners to promote all the student activities."

Each spring, student art takes center stage at the multi-media Art Fair, held in the quadrangle. Open to the public, the Art Fair is built around a theme, such as the Harlem Renaissance or Mexican Art. This year's theme will be Asian art. The fair is scheduled for April 28.

"Dan Whitely has brought the Art Fair to a new level," says Susan Weiner, whose sculpture and ceramics students will be crafting Japanese tea bowls and lanterns for the show while learning about Japanese





Junior Lauren Black admires her handiwork.

culture and art history in the process.

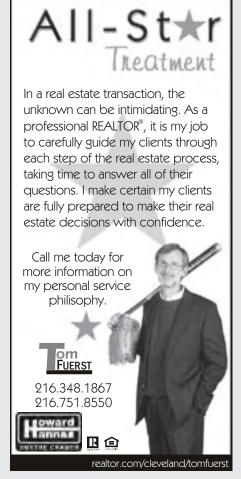
Her advanced students will create haniwas, 14- to 18-inch figures that adorned ancient Japanese burial mounds.

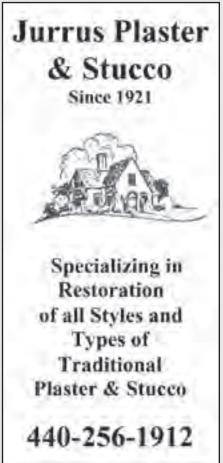
"I'm having them personalize their haniwa in some way – not a self-portrait, but somehow reflecting who they are - perhaps with the figure wearing their favorite baseball cap!"

Senior Vaughn Robinson was diligently at work on his haniwa last fall, shaping chicken wire to form the frame that will eventually be covered in plaster cloth and then painted. Vaughn hopes to study graphic design in college and become a professional artist. He recently met with representatives from the Kansas City Art

Institute during a visit they made to Shaker High. He also is exploring his options at the Art Institute of Houston. Susan Weiner and her colleagues are helping Vaughn and other aspiring professionals create digital portfolios of up to a dozen pieces of work, which are required with their college applications.

For the aspiring artist as well as the ordinary teenager with interests all over the board and talents yet to be defined, Shaker High's visual arts classes offer exciting artistic adventures and the possibility for powerful personal discoveries.







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"We're looking at the Cleveland Orchestra as the model for that," Jaros says. "We're going on tour."

The Cleveland Museum of Art is the last great art museum in America whose permanent collection is free to the public, and it is arguably the town's most popular cultural institution. The Cleveland Orchestra is the city's most famous cultural jewel outside of Cleveland, but the CMA serves a much larger local constituency. During the renovation and expansion, Jaros and her staff are aggressively seeking opportunities to remain connected, creating new partnerships and initiatives with CMA members and the community.

For example, Susan and her hard-working external affairs staff have made *The CMA Red Line Tour*, a series of 43 posterized "masterpieces" along RTA's Red Line route, a reality.

Fund raising and community awareness are two sides of the same coin — a point made by the CMA's chairman, Michael J. Horvitz, in an e-mail to Shaker Life: "Susan brings a great enthusiasm and a knowledge of Cleveland that can't be matched. In order to raise the money for this ambitious project, we need to generate great enthusiasm in the community, and that requires the museum's staff to be enthusiastic and understand what this project means, not just to the museum, but also for Cleveland."

Institutions and businesses around Shaker have been keenly receptive to the museum's requests to partner up. Notably, Peter Rubin of the Coral Group, which owns Shaker Square, has donated a space on the Square's southwest quadrant (the old Gap store) so that the museum can hold studio art classes for the public and operate a retail outlet while the museum is closed from January though July this year.

"By the way," Susan says, "that's the only period of time that the museum will be completely dark." Given that the renovation and expansion will be a 15-year project, from the first strategic

planning session in 1995 to the moreor-less completed project in 2010, "six months is a mere blink."

Susan emphasizes the six-month blink because of misperceptions in the community about the length of time the museum will be closed.

"Actually, we will begin a series of 'reopenings' at the museum as early as this fall, beginning with a spectacular exhibition, Barcelona, in October. The show will feature works by Gaudí, Dali, Miró, and Picasso."

Following Barcelona, in February '07, the museum will mount an exhibit called Monet in Normandy.

"And," Jaros stresses, "we'll begin to reinstall the galleries that spring."

The exhibition Artistic Luxury: Fabergé, Tiffany, Lalique will open in the summer of 2008.

The relationship between the CMA and Shaker Heights goes well beyond business partnerships. Shaker schools and the City's community life department have longstanding relationships with the museum. Community Life and the schools use the museum for art classes, and the schools at every grade level routinely take field trips there. Moreover, the high school's Asian Studies course makes productive use of the museum's substantial permanent collection of Asian art.

An old Shaker Heights adage has it that Shaker school kids know more about the art museum than their parents do.

"I'm pretty sure the Shaker schools use the museum more than any other district," Jaros says. "It's a terrific relationship. The new museum will allow us to provide an enhanced educational experience to what we hope will be an ever broader audience."

Jaros was working in the development office at Case Western Reserve University in 2001 when she was approached by then-director, Katharine CMA's Reid, about the possibility of taking the development reins for the renovation

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and expansion. It was an easy decision. Jaros has been involved in the arts throughout her careers as a lawyer and as a development professional. She has been friends with Michael Horvitz, of counsel at Jones Day, for 30 years.

"Because of my close friendship with Susan, and because I was on the board of Case while Katharine was recruiting her, I felt I should stay out of the recruiting and decision-making process, and I did," Horvitz said in his e-mail.

When he was informed that Reid had hired Susan, "I was truly delighted that CMA had been able to attract such an experienced development professional who knew Cleveland so well."

Jaros is a 1973 graduate of Case School

of Law. Her first job was a plum, and an honor — clerking for Cleveland Federal District Judge Tom Lambros. During her two years there she married Stanley Jaros, also a lawyer. Then in 1975 she went to work as a litigation associate at Hahn Loeser & Parks, which is where she met Horvitz, who also worked for the firm at the time.

Hahn Loeser has been the CMA's law firm since the museum's earliest days. The firm then was called Mooney, Hahn, Loeser & Keough. The Hahn was Edgar A. Hahn, one of Cleveland's preeminent civic leaders of the 20th century. He was a patron of the arts who, in 1959, when he was in his late 60s, became "one of the museum's greatest trustees," says Jaros. The Encyclopedia of Cleveland History notes that Hahn "was chiefly responsible for the museum's acquisition of a number of fine 18th century paintings."

Susan was put on CMA work at Hahn Loeser. One of the highlights of her five years at the firm was working with the museum and its then-director, Sherman Lee, on getting Isamu Noguchi's 36-foot steel sculpture, *Portal*, placed on the Cuyahoga County Justice Center's plaza. A tough sell to the public at the time, *Portal* is now the most prestigious piece of outdoor public art in Ohio.

Susan turned her skills to fund raising when she took the development director's job at Case law school in 1983, where she regularly taught a seminar on arts and the law. A couple of years later she moved to the development office at the university itself. She and her family moved to Shaker's Mercer neighborhood in 1988, near University School.

"Shaker Heights is the kind of community that has a vision of what it wants to be," she says approvingly. "And it's only a 12-minute drive from our house down to University Circle."

One doesn't have to ask how she knows that.





Choosing A Summer

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How old are the counselors? ACA standards recommend that 80 percent or more of the counseling/program staff be at least 18 years old. Staff must be at least 16 years old and be at least two years older than the campers.

What are desired qualities in camp staff? The trustworthiness and dependability sought by any employer are valued commodities in camp employees. Also, the ability to adapt to a variety of situations, empathy for and ability to work with camp clientele, a strong self-image and an outgoing personality are important characteristics for camp staff.

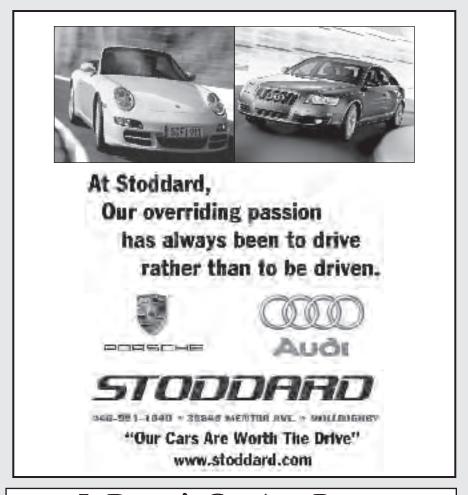
What percentage of the counselors returned from last year? Most camps have from 40-60 percent returning staff. If the rate is lower, find out why.

How are behavioral and disciplinary problems handled? This is where the director's philosophy comes through loud and clear. Positive reinforcement, assertive role modeling, and a sense of fair play are generally regarded as key components of camp counseling and leadership. Rules are necessary in any organization and the disciplinary approach taken should be reasonable and well-communicated. If penalties are involved for violations, they should be applied quickly, fairly, calmly, and without undue criticism.

How does the camp handle special needs? If your child has special requirements, ask the camp director about provisions and facilities. Is there a nurse on staff? A designated place to store insulin or allergy medicine? Are special foods available for campers with restricted diets? Every question is important.

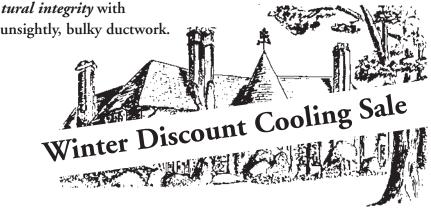
What about references? This is generally one of the best ways to check a camp's reputation and service record. Directors should be happy to provide references.





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January 24 THru June 4: Life of a

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Tan. 1: New Year's Day.

Tan. 2: New Year's Day observed. CITY OFFICES, SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES CLOSED.

Jan. 3: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Dr. David Saja, will speak on the Geology along the Doan Brook Gorge. Learn how to tell geologic time — dating back millions of years — through visible rock layers in the gorge. Learn about the natural and human forces that created this unique gorge and the Doan Brook. INFO: 321-5935.

Ian. 5 & 10: Introductory Class on Computer Use and Mousing Skills for Adults 50 and Better, 9 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 1 P.M. & 2:30 P.M., FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Free class limited to nine participants. Registration required: 421-1350, ext. 125 Tom Cerjak.

Art About Town

THRU January 15: A Square Deal:

Fiber Art by Contemporary Cloth Artists (CoCA), MAIN LIBRARY. INFO: 991-2030.

THRU January 22:

Winter Wonderland, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Display of old skates, sleds, woolen mittens, hats, etc. Open Tuesday - Friday & Sunday. FEES AND INFO: 921-1201.

1211. 5: Movie@ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the action suspense Four Brothers. Rated R. Public performance rights paid for by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 991-2030.

1211. 5: Orchestra Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Students perform. Free.

dll. 6: Owl Prowl, 7-9 P.M., LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. Whooo wants to learn about owls? Study the habitat of owls and search for their signs and sounds at the cemetery. The tour begins at the Lake View Cemetery Mausoleum, located just inside the Mayfield Gate. Reservations: 421-2665 ext. 3035. (\$4/person or \$11/family)

Destinations...

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY 20600 Fayette Road

MAIN LIBRARY 16500 Van Aken Boulevard THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES 2600 South Park Boulevard

SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING **COMMUNITY COLONNADE** 3450 Lee Road

SHAKER FAMILY CENTER 19824 Sussex Road

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL 15911 Aldersyde Drive

SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM 16740 South Park Boulevard

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL 20600 Shaker Boulevard

THORNTON PARK 20701 Farnsleigh Road Jan. 7 & 14: Free 2-Part SAT Test & Strategy Workshop, 9:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Take the test, and then come back on January 14, 9:30-11 a.m., to get the results and some tips on test taking. This great opportunity is limited to 24 teens. Free, but teens must attend both workshops. Registration began December 12. INFO: 991-2030.

Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28:

Nature Walk, 3:30-4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Beat feet to the front door of the exhibit and join the weekend naturalist for a walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

Tan. 9: Swearing In Ceremony, 7 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBERS CITY HALL. Newly elected City Council members will be sworn into service. INFO: 491-1421, JERI CHAIKIN.

Tan. 10: Concert Band & Winds Performance, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High school students toot their horns.

Jan. 11: The Low-Down on Downloading, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Got a new MP3 player for the holidays? Need to know how to use it to download books? Get help at the library. Steve Smith from Recorded Books will be on hand to talk about what's new in the ebook world and librarians will serve up hands-on help and refreshments. INFO: 991-2030.



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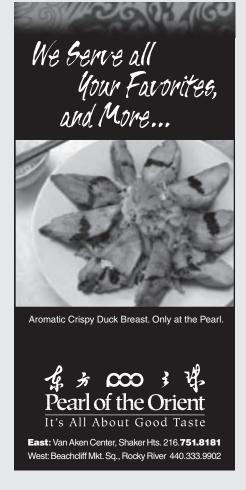
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Tan. 12: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. All are welcome in the meeting room of the Nature Center. For more information, email NCSL Volunteer & Visitor Coordinator Sara Thorne at thorne@shakerlakes.org, or call 321-5935 x 237. The Nature Center's Nature Photography Club meets the second Thursday of each month. For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, visit www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm

Jan. 12, 26 & Feb. 9: Knit Nights, 7 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH, 20600 FAYETTE RD. Bring a project and get or give help. Experienced knitter Fern Braverman and others will be on hand to help. INFO: 991-2421.

Jan. 12: Meet the Artists, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the Contemporary Cloth artists whose unique work hangs on the library's gallery wall. INFO: 991-2030.

Tan. 13: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest Awards Ceremony, 4:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the winners in the library's 8th annual competition and hear them read their Peaceful Expressions. INFO: 991-2030.

Jan. 14: Thornton Park Ice Fest, NOON-6 P.M., THORNTON PARK. Ioin in the winter fun for a hot time and cool activities. INFO: 491-1290.

Jan. 16: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. CITY OFFICES, SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES CLOSED.

Tan. 17: Mysteries of Easter Island, 10-11:30 A.M. NATURE CENTER. Friends of the Nature Center host John Gardner, who will present a slide show about Easter Island, which is home to giant statues and many curiosities. INFO: 321-5935.

Ian. 17: Ben Franklin's 300th Birthday Party & Open Mic Aphorisms, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Celebrate the accomplishments of this statesman responsible for the creation of the first free lending library and for revamping the postal system. Sample birthday cake and read a maxim at the mic. INFO: 991-2030

[an. 17: Not Your Mother's Needlepoint, 7:30 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Adrienne Spencer of Wool and Willow Needlepoint Shop will talk about trends and bring examples of new products. INFO: 991-2421.

Jan. 18 & 25, FeB. 1, 8, 15 & 22: Parenting Class, 6-8 P.M. SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Stressed out? Kids driving you crazy? Come for a light meal, childcare and tips on how to parent successfully. Free. This series is funded by Ohio Children's Trust Fund. INFO: 921-2023

Jan. 19: Flyer & Brochure Class, 9:30-11:30 A.M., FAIRHILL CEN-TER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Class for the 50+ set to learn how to create computer-generated flyers and brochures. FEES AND INFO: 421-1350 EXT. 125.

121. 19: Movie@ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch Red Eye, a PG-13 rated suspense that takes place in a jet at 30,000 feet. Public performance rights paid for by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 991-2030.



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Jan. 20: Professional Day. NO SCHOOL FOR SHAKER STUDENTS IN GRADES 7-12.

Tan. 20: Buckeye Bob Assembly, 1 P.M., ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, Buckeye Bob will tell tales of the early Ohio settlers. All are invited! INFO AND RESERVATIONS: 561-4400.

Jan. 20: Story Time, 10:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER. Shaker Library's Early Literacy Specialist Wendy Simon tells stories. \$5 or free with dropin pass purchase. INFO: KAREN GOULAND-RIS 929-0201.

Jan. 21: A Night at the Races, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL. Imagine yourself at the Kentucky Derby! St. Dominic School is hosting its annual Run For the Roses complete with food, spirits, Chinese auctions and raffles! The night culminates in the ten races! TICKETS AND INFO: 561-4400.

Jan. 21: Early Childhood Discovery Days: Chinese New Year, 10 A.M.-NOON, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL. Children ages 2 1/2-5 years and a parent are invited to celebrate the Year of the Dog! INFO: 320-8098.

Jan. 21: First Time Homebuyers Seminar, 10 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Learn from the experts about how to be a savvy buyer in today's market. INFO: 751-8550, MYRA WHITE.

Jan. 23: Open House, 1-3 P.M. ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL. Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week with a school tour followed by a spaghetti dinner. INFO: 561-4400.

Tan. 23: MLK, Jr. Award for Human Relations, 7 P.M. CITY HALL. City's Human Relations Committee honors winner of the MLK award for 2005

Jan. 26: Preschool Fair, 6:30-8 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet reps from area preschools and daycares and find the right program for your progeny. This event is cosponsored with Shaker Family Center, INFO: 991-2030.

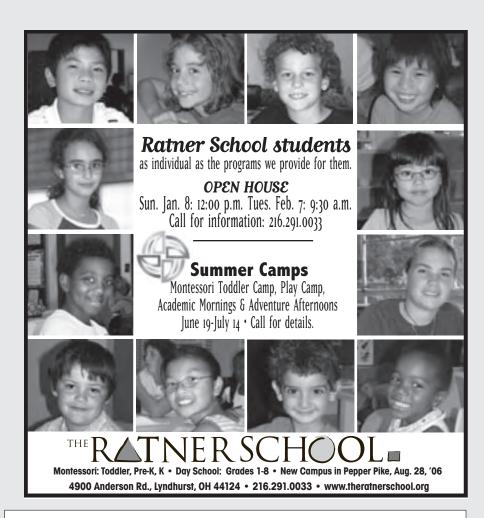
Jan. 28: Open House, 10 A.M.-NOON, LAUREL SCHOOL. Parents and children are invited to visit the Coed Early Childhood Center & Girls' Primary Division. INFO: 464-1441.

[an. 28: The Vermeer String Quartet: The Beethoven String Quartets, 7:30 P.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH. Part of the Cleveland Museum of Art's VIVA! & Gala series, this outstanding group will retire at the end of 2007. See them in Shaker before they are gone! Tickets: \$29/person; \$24/ CMA members.

1an. 30: Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library funds original poetry performances by significant poets. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

for February

FCB. 2: Movie @ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch The Corpse Bride, Tim Burton's PG-rated animated feature. Public performance rights paid for by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 991-2030.





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FCB. 2: 8th Grade Orientation,

7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Evening opportunity for students and parents to take a peek at the high school.

FCB. 3, 10, 17 & 24: Fri-

days in February, 1-2 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL. Learning activities and crafts for pre-school children and parents. INFO AND REGISTRATION: 320-8098.

FCB. 4: Hands-On Science,

9-11 A.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. PTO-sponsored interactive science fun for students in grades 2-6.

FCB. 4: Traditional African

Baby Naming Ceremony, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Join in the festivities that feature music, dance and food! Cosponsored by the Anioma Association of Greater Cleveland, INFO: 991-2030.

Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25:

Nature Walk, 3:30-4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door for a naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

FCB. 7: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series,

NOON-1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. CSI Goes Buggy! Joe B. Keiper, Curator of Invertebrate Zoology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, discusses Forensic Entomology and takes questions from the audience. INFO: 321-5935.

FCB . 7: Sports Boosters, 7:30

P.M., SHAKER HIGH TEACHERS' CAFE-TERIA. All athletic supporters welcome!

FCB. 7: Jim "Basketball" Jones,

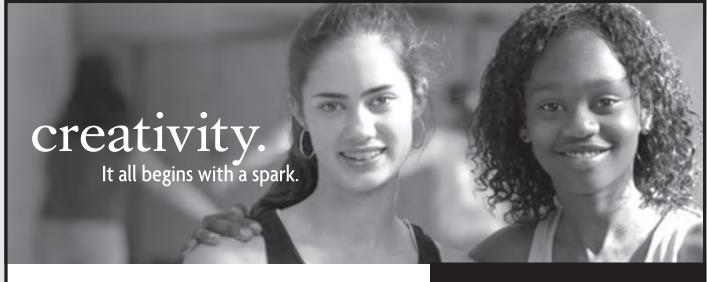
1 P.M. ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL. Learn to rebound from life's little fouls! Motivational speaker Jim Jones offers full-court press inspiration along with encouragement accompanied by basketball spinning, dribbling and juggling. Reservations: 561-4400.

FCB. 9: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet in the Meeting room of the Nature Center. For more information, email NCSL Volunteer & Visitor Coordinator Thorne at thorne@shakerlakes.org, or by phone 321-5935 x237 each month.

For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, go to www.shakerlakes. org/photographyclub.htm

FCB. 11: Altered Books Work-

shop, 10 A.M.-1 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Friends of the Shaker Library presents a unique workshop with artist Brenda K. Robinson, who teaches recycling old books into art. INFO: 991-2421.



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FCB. 11: Bird Seed Sale Pick-

up, 10 A.M.-3 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Mark your calendar now – the birds are counting on you for the winter! Call Paul Anderson at the Nature Center at 321-5935 ext. 222 to pre-order seed. Deadline is Monday, Feb. 6.

FCB. 11: Book Discussion, 2:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss Race Matters by Cornel West. INFO: 991-2030.

FCB. 12: Cleveland's Black Lawyers in a Changing City: 1870-1930, 3 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSE-UM. CWRU Law Professor Bob Strassfeld is the featured speaker. INFO: 921-1201.

FCB. 13: Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2-7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Give the gift of life.

FCB.~15: Public Forum for

Thornton Park Plan, 7 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Make a splash with your ideas and add your constructive comments about Shaker's plan for recreation. INFO: ANN PYLKAS, 491-1436. Local History Tidbit: Thornton Park was named for Charles Thornton, who became the City's first recreation director, combining his part-time position with his duties as principal of Moreland School, which is now the Main Library. Barbara Haas Rawson was chair of the Recreation Board in the 1960s that recommended the creation of Thornton Park.

FCB.~15: Financial Literacy: Municipal Bond Investing, 7 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Jeff Marvaldi and Chris Rosenthal UBS Financial Services advisors will speak on municipal bonds. Free. INFO: 991-2421.

FCB. 15: Orchestra Concert,

7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High school and middle school students perform.

FCB. 15-18: New Stages 24, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Students perform student work. February 17 and 18 performances at 7:15 and 9 p.m.

FCB. 18: The Melody and the Legacy of Jazz, 2:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Members of the Jazz Heritage Orchestra of Cleveland State University's Black Studies Program entertain and enlighten listeners through live performances and accompanying discussion on the heritage of jazz culture and music. Free. INFO: 991-2030.



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Ongoing Family Activities

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Red Letter Day! Get the red out and circle the date of March 11 for the Friends of the Shaker Schools Foundation benefit A Night for the Red & White to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel. Shhhh! Want to donate to the silent auction or advertise in the catalog? Deadline is January 19. TICKETS AND INFO: 295-4325, CHRIS AUGINAS.

MONDAYS: Art, 11:30 A.M., HANNA PER-KINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Children use different art media to explore and learn about colors, designs and textures. Each week children ages 2-4 will create a new page to compile their own art portfolio. \$35/5-week session beginning Jan. 9. INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family, 7-8 P.M. SHAKER FAMILY CEN-TER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Program includes weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. REGIS-TRATION AND INFO: 921-2023.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-In play Sessions, 2-3:30 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOP-MENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play sessions for infants to age 8 with a parent or caregiver. FEES AND INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions, 9:30 A.M.-NOON, SHAK-ER FAMILY CENTER PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to 3 years can play and make friends. MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURS-DAYS & FRIDAYS: 4-6 P.M. for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age five. FEES AND INFO: 921-2023.

4 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 5-9 with an adult) use

MONDAYS: Wood Working for Kids,

physical, logical and social knowledge while learning to use tools safely to make a footstool and a musical instrument. Fee: \$40/4-week session beginning Jan. 23. INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop-In Play Sessions, 9-11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Child's play sessions for infants to age 8 with a parent or caregiver. Fees and INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 A.M.-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age five. Co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 6-8 PM. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

TUESDAYS: Art, NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Children ages 2-4 years will use different art media to explore and learn about colors, designs and textures and will create a new page each week for their own art portfolios. \$35/5-week session beginning Jan. 10. INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

TUESDAYS: Books By Me, 4 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER.19910 MALVERN RD. Parents help their children (ages 4-7) compose a book after listening to a story. Books will focus on feelings and issues children may experience as part of growing up. \$70/8-week session beginning Jan. 10.

INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

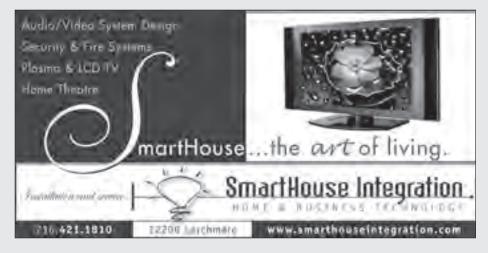
WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Literacy Play Sessions for Home Daycare Providers, 10 A.M.-NOON, PLAY AND LEARN STATION, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in times for home daycare providers and their children from birth to age five. Co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

WEDNESDAYS: Music in the Morning, 10:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Parents and children (infants-4 years) share the joy of music through group singing, fingerplays, and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$60/8-week session beginning Jan. 11. INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

THURSDAYS: Roller Skating, NOON. OR 4.00 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Yes! It still exists! Children ages 2 1/2-4 years can have fun safely learning beginning skating skills. Music is used for movement activities that coincide with skating skills. Skates are provided by the Resource Center. \$60/8-week session beginning Jan.12. INFO: 929-0201, KAREN GOULANDRIS.

FRIDAYS: Music and Fun, 4-4:45 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT- PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER. Parents and children (infants-4 years) share the joy of music through group singing, fingerplays and experimentation with instruments and dance. Infants-4yrs \$60/8-week session beginning Jan. 13. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

SATURDAYS: Drop-in Gym, 10 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Parents/grandparents and children from birth to age five can run and play Saturdays, 10 a.m.-noon, beginning November 5. Discount family passes available. 921-2023.





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FCB. 20: Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library funds original poetry performances by significant poets. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

 $FCB.\ 21$: Building Bridges Between Home & School, 7 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL. The Parenting Lecture Series features a presentation by child psychologist Lisa Damour. Free and open to the public. INFO: 464-1441.

FCB. 23: The Post-Integration Legacy of Black Americans, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet and hear Channel 19 Action News reporter and WCPN journalist Harry Boomer, Dr. Rita "B" Beckford, Warrensville Heights Mayor Marcia L. Fudge, Esq., Cuyahoga County Commissioner Peter Lawson Jones, Rev. Dr. Marvin A. McMickle, Shaker Heights City Councilman Earl Williams and CSU's Assistant Professor Dr. Regennia N. Williams share in a discussion on issues affecting African Americans in a culturally diverse society. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

FCB. 23: Little Women, 7 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL. How apropos! The young women of HB perform the classic story of Marmie and her four little women — Jo, Meg, Beth and Amy. FEB. 24 & 25 performances begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$8/adults; \$6/students and seniors. Box Office: 932-4212 ext. 7186.

FCB. 24: Annual Friends Fireside Dinner, 6:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Join the Friends of the Nature Center for the annual potluck dinner. Bring a side dish to share and gather 'round the fireplace with good food and friends. \$8/members; \$10/non-members. (Drinks and main dish provided.) Call 321-5935, to sign up and tell us what you will bring.

FCB. 24: Sankofa Celebration, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Students and teachers celebrate Black History Month.

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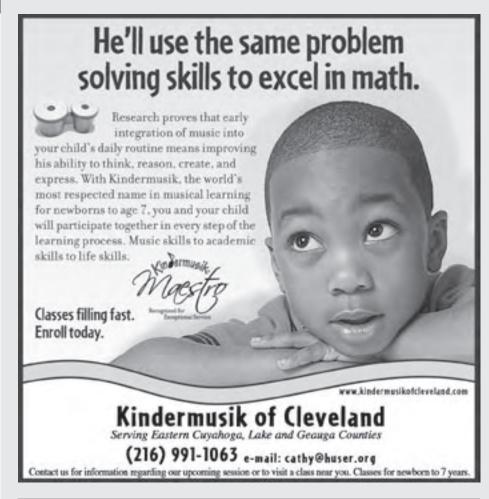
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Row: The Legacy of Euclid Avenue. WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 10825 EAST BLVD. Exhibit looks at turnof-the20th-century Euclid Avenue when it was home to Cleveland's many millionaires, FEES AND INFO: 721-5722.

Jan. 20-Feb. 17: window to Sculpture Artist 3: Kristen Baumlier, THE SCULPTURE CENTER, 1834 E. 123RD ST. Does technology bring us closer or further away from one another? Find the answer in these multimedia installations. INFO: 229-6527.

FCB. 1, 8, 15: Midday Music, 12:30 P.M., CIM, 11021 EAST BLVD. Free student performances. INFO: 791-5000 OR www.cim.edu









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FCB 12: Ohio Center for the Book: An Afternoon with Rita Dove, 2 P.M., CLEVELAND PUBLIC LI-BRARY LOUIS STOKES WING AUDITORIUM. Rita Dove received the Pulitzer Prize in 1987 for her book of poetry, Thomas and Beulah. She was the youngest poet laureate of the United States and has received national and international recognition for her poetry, including a National Book Critics Circle Award nomination for On the Bus with Rosa Parks. Free. INFO: 623-2800.

FCB. 12: 15th Annual Black Heritage Concert, 4 P.M., CIM. Ensemble performances by Cleveland School of the Arts, R. Nathaniel Dett Concert Choir directed by William B. Woods, Chamber Orchestra directed by Dianna Richardson, and Urban Dance Collective directed by Terrence Green. Seating passes are distributed 30 minutes before the concert. INFO: 791-5000 OR www.cim.edu

FCB. 21: Pianofest, 7:30 P.M., CIM. Students and faculty perform under the direction of Paul Schenly, who adds lively commentary that brings great piano literature to life. Reception following. General admission \$5 at the door; students free. INFO: 791-5000 OR www.cim.edu

FCB. 22: CityMusic, 7:30 P.M., FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. All-Beethoven program, includes Symphony #7 and the Triple Concerto. Soloists are violinist Kyung Sun Lee of the Oberlin Conservatory; cellist Edward Arron, Artistic Director of the Metropolitan Museum Artists in Concert; and pianist Daniel Shapiro, of the Cleveland Institute of

Music. Program includes an art exhibit: of mixed media by Cleveland artists. FREE. Families and children welcome. INFO: 321-8273 OR EMAIL info@citymusiccleveland.org.

Region Feb. 25: The Kronos Quartet, 7:30 P.M. CLEVELAND MASONIC AND PERFORMANCE CENTER, 3615 EUCLID AVE. Galactic sounds and multimedia music! NASA commissioned piece by Terry Riley features photos of the solar system from the Voyager and Galileo space probes prepared by designer Willie Williams. Tickets \$39/person; \$34/CMA members.



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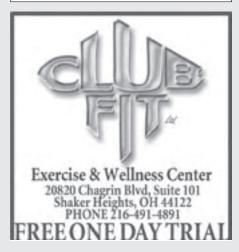
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Signalizationizingation

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Nothing says "Shaker" more in recent months than the City's durable new flower: the Orange Barrel, now blooming on a corner near you. And while the OBs have, at long last, provided a reason to own that 78-ton amphibious SUV that doesn't fit into your little Shaker garage (i.e., it's now easier to drive across the Shaker Lakes than on the City's streets), these traffic-tanglers have confused residents as to just why they suddenly appeared. As a public service, then, Shaker Man offers his guide:

Roads: Perhaps the simplest to explain, as the City labors to upgrade our aging streets. Less comprehensible, however, is why every state agency and local utility east of the Mississippi also decided to start infrastructure work at the same time; these projects include sewers (recognizable by secret work sites surrounded by 10-foot prison fences) and water lines (recognizable by the presence of large hoses by the side of the road and spurting fire hydrants).

All these detours and confusions mean that Shaker Man now has to carry a highlighted map of the City at all times, trying to remember which roads are open and in what direction at which times of the day. His task is complicated by the fact that just when he thinks he's got it down, a road crew suddenly appears at Lee and Shaker, blocking two lanes while they excavate a deep hole, only to mysteriously abandon it later in the day after covering it with steel plates and four OBs.

Then, too, the (alleged) precision of the planning – the signs say things like "Road Closed For 413 Days" – boggles the mind. "I don't know what's more amazing," Shaker Man tells his wife, "The fact that a single project will take 413 days, or the fact that they know EXACTLY how long it will take."

"You have too much time on your hands," says Ms. Shaker Man.

Traffic Signalization is easily the most confusing part of Shaker's infrastructure renovation, with stumpy new electrical conduits installed on corners in the middle of the night, only to be covered with orange barrels for months until the traffic fairy, again at midnight, deposits new traffic light poles (but, oddly enough, no traffic lights).

Background: Federal funding was originally requested by the City during the Fillmore administration in 1852, but approvals from various agencies - including neighborhood associations, City departments, state agencies, the U.S Department of Transportation, the U.N. Committee on Suburban Traffic Congestion, and the International Indoor Knitting League – resulted in a 153-year delay, driving the project's cost from \$56.38 and three chickens to more than \$78.2 billion.

"You know you're in trouble," offers Shaker Man, "with any project that takes a perfectly acceptable noun like signal, bastardizes once it into a verb signalize – and then re-bastardizes it into yet another noun: signalization. I can't wait for them to actually begin hooking up traffic lights – or, as I

like to call it, the Signalizationizing Process. Which will lead, inevitably, to Signalizationizingation..."

Tree Trimming. This work, like most utility efforts, is difficult and slow, requiring lots of workers in each location. For Shaker Man, however, the worst part of the trimming process occurs not on the roads, but in his own backyard. One fine Monday morning, as our hero yodels country music in a loosely tied bathrobe while taking out the garbage, he runs smack into one of the hard-hatted tree guys surveying the Norwegian Fjord Oaks, dislodging both a cigarette and a look of abject fear. Shaker Man quickly learns that not only is there no graceful way to explain bathrobe yodeling, but that every attempt to do so will only inspire a 250-pound utility worker to run even faster – backwards – down your

Offers Ms. Shaker Man: "Now that's something you don't see every day."

"A utility worker with a 4.6-second 40-yard dash?"

"No," she says, pointing, "A utility worker putting a line of orange barrels across our entire front yard."

"I'd better go explain...."

"No."

"But...."

"There's a sign, too."

"That says?"

"Crazy Person Here for 413 Days."



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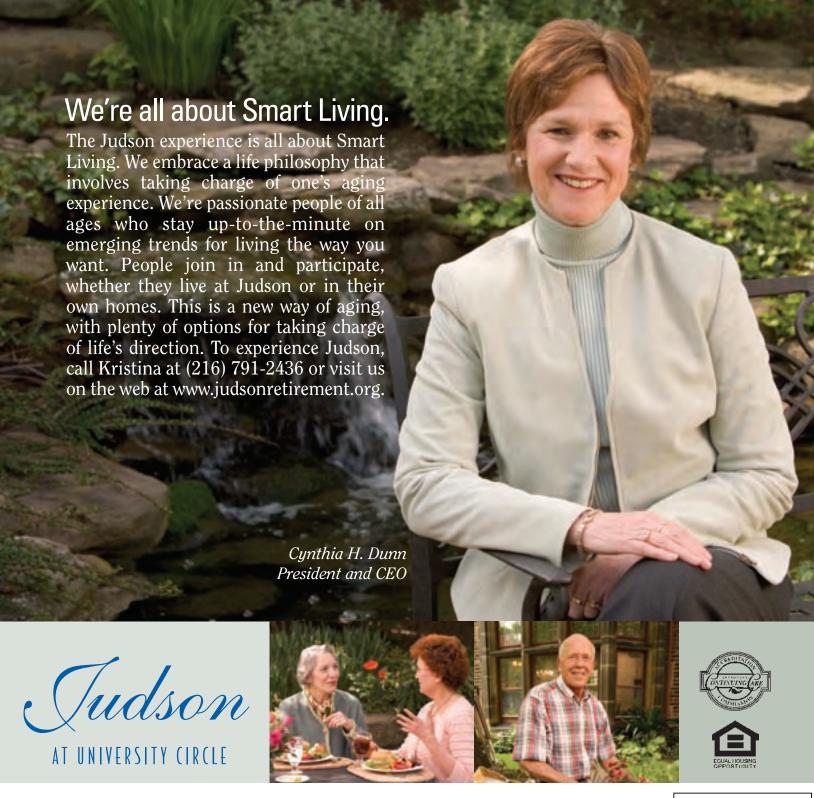




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