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Spend the summer discovering anew what Thornton has to offer. Coming up:

- The six and under crowd is cordially invited to spend a special afternoon *chez* kiddie pool. Games, swimsuit contests, party favors and ice cream guarantee a wet and wild beach party. Parents and/or grandparents are welcome to join in. It's the **Itty Bitty Beach Party**, Wednesday July 13, Noon-2 pm.
- Take a splash in the pool, then enjoy a family style, scrumptious steak dinner. Wash it down with some cool live jazz by the Stanley Moss Trio. The menu also includes potatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, bread, drinks, and an ice cream sundae, all for only \$12/adult, \$8/senior, \$6/child. Place your dinner orders no later than July 11. Don't miss the **Steak Stampede**, Sunday, July 17, 5-7 p.m. (Rain date: Sunday, July 24.)



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From Our Readers Shaker's Environmental Challenges

Just wanted to thank writer Beth Friedman-Romell for the nice work on the Doan Brook watershed articles in the May/June issue. This certainly will help give our organization greater visibility and should generate a lot of interest in the challenges at hand.

Keith Jones, Executive Director
Doan Brook Watershed Partnership



I enjoyed reading the May/June issue. You did a wonderful job with the stories about recycling, composting, environmentally-friendly gardening, and the Doan Brook watershed.

It is rare to see so many informative stories about the environment in a community publication. Many people think that taking care of the environment is something that is just too big for one person to do anything about. Your articles prove otherwise. They show that we all have a responsibility and can make a difference. Keep up the good work.

Diane Bickett, Assistant Director
Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District

Take a Tour of Magnificent Shaker Homes

The eagerly anticipated **Landmark Tour of Homes**, sponsored by the Landmark Commission, is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. This year's tour is titled *Before and After the Van Sweringens*. Watch for more news about the event in the next issue of Shaker Life.

Schedule Your Free Special Pickup Now

Time to clear out the old and make way for the new! During the month of **August**, one free special pickup is offered to residents. The Public Works Department will haul away discarded appliances, carpeting, furniture and mattresses.

All special pickups must be scheduled by calling the Public Works Department between July 1 and August 15. Calls received after August 15 will not qualify. Requests may also be sent using the City's website, shakeronline.com. Forms to email your request are located under Contact Us, at the top of the page.

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Road Rehabilitation Projects Scheduled

Two road improvement projects are under construction in Shaker Heights. On the east side, a short section of Northfield Road, from the intersection at Chagrin south to the City limit (about 700 feet) is being repaved.

On the west side, a larger project will improve Shaker's portion of Lee Road. North-south traffic on both roads will be maintained during construction.

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Hot Times *continued*

• Long day on the job? Need a moment or two to catch your breath, kick back and cool off? Thornton's Pool Deck is the place for you. Bring the family for an evening of free jazz. See the **Stanley Moss Trio**, Sunday, July 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Rain date: July 24.) And the good times keep rolling with the **Sammy Delon Latin Jazz Ensemble**, Sunday, August 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Rain date: August 21.)

The Scoop on the Raider Café

The concession at Thornton, the Raider Café, is now owned and operated by Neysa and William Krueger. The new arrangement insures a guaranteed annual rent, minus utilities and repairs, and saves the City more than \$50,000 a year.

The Raider Café now offers an expanded menu, with deli sandwiches, fresh salads, Dip-N-Dots ice cream, Starbucks coffee, and Cheesecake Factory products added to its staples of hot dogs, hamburgers, and fries. New prices deviate by no more than 50 cents up or down from previous prices.

The new café operates from early morning to late evening during summer months and will be open days and evenings from September through May, varying with the season and special events needs.

The Kruegers also operate the Lancer Café at Gilmour Academy Ice Arena. "We liked what we saw at the Lancer Café," says Pam Quinn, Director of Community Life, who is responsible for the Thornton Park operation, "especially considering the larger space at Thornton Park."

The new café should be a crowd pleaser at Thornton, where thousands of residents and non-residents use the arena and park monthly. Be one of them!

• But wait! There's more. The clever folks at Thornton are calling them Pool Days...and Nights when one admission covers two people. Check out the schedule below for your *two-fer* opportunity to enjoy the pool:

Days:

JULY 7 Shaker Youth Soccer

Association Day

JULY 9 Sussex, Mercer, Thornton Park Neighborhood Associations Day

JULY 14 Shaker Scout Day

JULY 16 Boulevard, Ludlow, Malvern Neighborhood Associations Day

JULY 19 Grandparents Day, Shaker Figure Skating Club, Learn-To-Skate Day

JULY 23 Onaway, Fernway Neighborhood Associations Day

JULY 30 Moreland, Lomond

Neighborhood Associations Day

Nights:

JULY 15 Family Night 6:30-9 p.m.

AUGUST 5 Family Night 6:30-8:30 p.m.

• Looking ahead to September, there's one more pool event. A life guard will be watching an unchlorinated pool when Fido and his pals go for a late summer dip. You can jump in as well, if you are so inclined. Owners are reminded to leash their eager pups on the jog to the pool and to clean up after those who become a little too excited. Behavior problems must be muzzled. Residents may bring non-resident guests with dog for an additional fee. A doggie buffet is available. Residents: \$1/dog, Non-Residents: \$3/dog. It's good dog day: **Doggie Dip**, Saturday, September 10, 10 am-noon.



Meanwhile, at the Colonnade, open up your lawn chairs, spread out your blanket, and settle in for an

evening's entertainment. Bring a picnic for *al fresco* Shakespeare and live music. All performances begin at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival performs in repertoire:

Cymbeline, **JULY 22, 24, 28** and **30**.

All's Well that Ends Well, **JULY 21, 23** and **29** and **31**.

Straight 6 Dixieland Band, **JULY 19**.

Shaker Community Band, **JULY 27**, **AUGUST 17**.

Judy Strauss Trio, **AUGUST 11**.

Hillcrest Concert Band, **AUGUST 2** at 7:30 p.m.

Camp Speaks to Unique Needs

Most women will tell you that they wouldn't be a teenager again for any amount of money. The adolescent years are an incredibly difficult time in a girl's life, when many girls suffer alone. And it's getting worse, according to a study by the American and National Bar Associations: girls are the fastest growing population in the juvenile justice system.

A new program to address the issues faced by adolescent girls begins with a three-week summer camp offering this summer. Girls Achieving Possibilities (GAP) camp offers a small group of girls the opportunity to build self esteem, develop and appreciate healthy relationships, and to discover safe and healthy solutions to common adolescent pressures and issues.

A team of trained professionals works with campers in a supportive and fun environment. The program is funded in part by a Drug Free Community Support Grant and will be among the first of its kind in the area. Visitors from other communities are expected to observe how Shaker's pilot program works. For information about fostering positive behavior and attitudes in girls, visit the Girls Institute of Ohio, Inc. (GIO) website, girlsinstituteofohio.org. GIO is a non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting healthy girls through awareness, advocacy and education.

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The Bearcat's Got Your Back

Residents of Shaker Heights can feel even safer now that the Bearcat, an armored rescue vehicle, is on the prowl for the Police Department. The new vehicle is ideal for the extremely rare situation in which the safety of an officer or resident is compromised. It's capable of stopping bullets and can accommodate up to 15 people. Bottom line: it saves lives.

The secure rescuing tool enables the City to comply with homeland security demands – most of which are unfunded – as well as to continue to provide the superior day-to-day policing for which it is known. The Bearcat was carefully researched and then made its way to the department's capital budget request for 2007. But the impact of declining state revenue sources made its purchase uncertain. That's when 13 Shaker residents stepped forward to make the Bearcat a reality.

Lieutenant James Mariano led the effort to raise private funds to purchase the Bearcat and a number of other communications equipment items, with the assistance of Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association President Greg Gibson. The donors generously supported the project.

"No one turned us down," remarked Mariano, "They understood it and realized that during challenging economic times, the City might not be in a position to afford it. We want to be the best that we can be, to protect our citizens."

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Special Pickup

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The rules:

- Only carpeting, appliances, furniture, and mattresses will be collected.
- Only one of each type of major appliance is allowed per household.
- No building materials (concrete, tile, wood, plaster), yard waste (grass, leaves, brush, rocks, logs) or hazardous material (oil, paint, gasoline, acid) will be collected.
- Materials must be placed neatly on the driveway at the rear of the house. In certain circumstances, they may be required to be brought to the curb.
- Multi-family dwellings are asked to plan special pickups on the same day.

For more information, or to schedule a pickup, call 491-1490.

Road Rehabilitation Projects

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The Lee Road project will rehabilitate the street from the northern city limits at Fairmount Boulevard to the southern limits at Scottsdale. It includes resurfacing, cleaning and lining of waterlines, sewer installation, streetscape improvements, and spot curb and apron replacement.

The first phase will begin at the intersection of Lee and Chagrin. Any necessary detours will be short-lived and signs will be posted well in advance to indicate traffic pattern changes. The project is scheduled for completion by June 2006. Working hours are between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Updates on the project's progress are available on the City's website, shakeronline.com. For additional information, call 491-1490.

West Nile Virus Prevention

While risks associated with West Nile Virus have been greatly reduced, residents are urged to continue taking efforts to protect themselves. The following are some guidelines:

The End of an Era

People sometimes are extraordinary not for what they do but the fact that they reliably do it every day. Eugene Cranford is just such a person. For 20 years – through rain, sleet, snow and shine – he diligently watched over Boulevard School children and helped them arrive safely at school. At the end of this past school year, with just two days off for doctors appointments, Gene Cranford retired.

Gene took the job as a crossing guard on a whim after retiring from Inland Steel, where he had worked for 30 years. During his years of service to the Shaker School District, the 74-year-old father of seven and grandfather of eight never missed a day of work due to the weather. "You take the weather as it comes, and I've kind of gotten used to it," he said with a deep laugh and the wisdom of one who knows much without having to travel far.

Fond of children and disinterested in television soap operas, he comfortably settled into the steady rhythm of ensuring the safety of children. With Gene steadfastly monitoring the busy intersection in front of Boulevard School year after year, we parents could pretend our children might remain little forever. But sadly, nothing lasts forever.

Come fall, as young students tie new shoes, don tidy backpacks, and march off to Boulevard School, Gene won't be there to cross them. And when teens, college students, and parents drive by and wave, Gene will no longer be the friendly guard who waves back. But generations of Boulevard families can take heart when the weather outside turns frightful, knowing Eugene Cranford will be warm and dry at his home in Cleveland with Georgia, his wife of 58 years.

– Jayne Eiben



Personal Protection

- Personal protection is most important at dusk or dawn, when mosquitoes are more likely to feed. During these times, wear socks and shoes, long sleeved shirts, long pants, and a hat. Use insect repellent containing 15 percent or less DEET to exposed skin. The Health Department offers free insect repellent to senior adults.
- Check window screens to be sure they are properly installed and are free of holes.

Protecting Homes and Neighborhoods

Mosquitoes will breed in any standing, untreated water that lasts for four or more days. Do not rake leaves and other yard waste into the gutter or storm drains because it prevents water from flowing, giving mosquitoes a place to lay eggs and develop. Follow these tips for removing mosquito

breeding grounds on your property:

- Remove abandoned tires, tin cans, children's playthings, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other open containers that may collect water.
- Fill or drain any low places (puddles and ruts).
- Keep drains, ditches, and culverts clear of weeds and rubbish.
- Empty plastic wading pools, bird baths, and pots at least once a week.
- Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Keep grass short and shrubbery trimmed to give mosquitoes fewer places to hide.
- Fill tree rot holes and hollow stumps with sand or concrete.

For more information and updates, visit the City website at shakeronline.com/services/safety/westnilevirus.asp.

Immunizations Available through Health Department

The Health Department offers back-to-school immunizations. Required vaccinations for children aged 6 weeks to 18 years are available by appointment for the administration fee of \$10 per immunization.

Vaccinations required for college entrance/attendance, including the

Meningococcal vaccine, are also available by appointment at the current market price plus a \$10 administration fee. Vaccinations for travel, such as Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Twinrix (Hepatitis A and B combined) Tetanus/Diphtheria, Polio, and MMR are available at the current market price plus a \$10 administration fee. TB skin testing (Mantoux) is available for all ages at \$10. Appointments are required for all services and can be made by calling

491-1480. Avoid the end of August rush by scheduling your appointment early. All vaccines are in stock. Please call the Health Department at 491-1480 if you have any questions.

Business News

A new medical practice has opened its doors in Shaker Heights. The Anti-Aging Medical Spa and Family Medical Center, also known as the Elegance Medical Spa, moved to Shaker from Cleveland Heights.

The company's Medical Director, Elizabeth Ranasinghe, is a board certified physician and member of the Case Western Reserve University Department of Family Medicine, where she is a clinical instructor. See elegancemedicalspa.com.

Shaker News Briefs

- The following residents have been appointed to City Boards and Commissions:

Sarah J. Beimers to the Landmark Commission for a three-year term.

Jim Neville to the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term.

Dick Cowan as an alternate member of the Architectural Board of Review for a three-year term.

Kevin Madison to the City Planning Commission/Board of Zoning Appeals for a six-year term.

- The Rotary Club presented its annual Officer of the Year awards to Firefighter **John O'Neill** and Sergeant **Richard Mullaney** of the Shaker Heights Police Department. Both are described by their chiefs as hard working and exceptional men, deserving of this recognition.

- A team of **Shaker Heights High School students** emerged as finalists in the 2005 Fed Challenge, which promotes a better understanding of the nation's central bank. This was the fifth time that a Shaker team won the District title. Shaker team members, their teacher, and the school received cash awards.



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- The Shaker Heights Youth Center is recruiting new board members. The Center is a nonprofit agency that partners with the Shaker Heights City Schools and the City of Shaker Heights to provide prevention, suspension and expulsion programs that target at-risk youth in the Shaker community. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Trustees or would like more information, call 752-9292, and ask for Harriet Lyons.

- Volunteers and staff of LifeBanc, the nonprofit organ and tissue recovery agency for Northeast Ohio located in Shaker Heights, recently celebrated the 25th anniversary of their executive director **Debbie May-Johnson**. Among May-Johnson's accomplishments are an increased rate in the number of organ donors and the development and launch of award-winning advertising campaigns. May-Johnson, a Shaker resident, received a proclamation from Mayor Judy Rawson. For more information about LifeBanc, call 752-5433 or log onto lifebanc.org.

Reminders

• Bicycle Licensing:

Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 9, 16, 23 and 30, and August 6, 13, 20 and 27 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.

• Bicycle Riding:

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

• Block Party Requests:

Register at least two weeks in advance to close streets for block parties, races or parades. For more details and to send an online email registration (preferred), visit the City website, shakeronline.com.



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- **New Citizens Award:**

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- **Citizens Police Academy:**

The 2005 class begins in September. To check on applications for this year's class, or to be placed on the list for the class of 2006, call 491-1240 or visit shakeronline.com.

- **Domestic Power Tools:**

Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 p.m.

and 7 a.m., or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 a.m. is prohibited.

- **Grass Ordinance:**

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

- **Jogging:**

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

- **Landscaper Registration:**

Landscapers, tree maintenance and removal contractors must register with the Building Dept. (\$100 fee.)

- **Lost Pets:**

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

- **Noise:**

The playing of radios, television sets, musical instruments, and similar devices is prohibited between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays and 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, if they create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

- **Picnic Permits:**

To reserve tables at Horseshoe Lake Park, call the Community Life Dept., 491-1295.

- **Playing in the Street:**

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

- **Recycling:**

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- **Security:**

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

- **Temporary Sign Ordinance:**

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

- **West Nile Virus:**

For up-to-date information and tips on prevention, check *shakeronline.com*, or call the Health Department's Infoline: 491-3170.

- **Wood Chips:**

Wood chips are available year round at the Canoe Club on South Park Blvd. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels.

- **Yard Waste:**

During April, and from October 1 to December 15, residents may place leaves and grass clippings loose on the tree lawn. During other times of the year, residents must use the specifically marked paper yard waste bags for this material. The bags are available at many area merchants and most City buildings for \$1, which goes toward paying for the separate collection and composting program. At no time may waste be placed in the street.

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



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Top Selling Real Estate Agents Earn Page on City Website

A pilot program promoting Shaker's top selling, best-informed real estate agents is underway. The program puts prospective residents together with agents who are knowledgeable about what's new in Shaker, its schools, housing stock, myriad housing programs, and website.

To qualify for promotion on the City's website, shakeronline.com, agents attended the Shaker Real Estate 101 class and sold a minimum of two Shaker homes in 2004. The fee included the class, which provided three continuing education credits, curriculum development and materials, and promotional listing on the site through 2005.

The website's Relocation Assistance section, consistently among the most heavily used portions of the site, capitalizes on the market of buyers and renters who research housing options online.

"I think the class offered a lot of useful information and was very well done. I received three calls directly from the site just three weeks after it was posted," said Cathy LeSueur, one of Shaker's top selling agents who works out of the Shaker Howard Hanna Smythe Cramer office. The 47 participating agents represented offices from around the area.

Peggy Garr of the Pepper Pike Realty One office said, "I found the program very informative. Shaker has so much to offer and the City is constantly improving and making it a more beautiful place to live. It is my job to know what is available to my clients. Education is a key part of being a professional real estate agent. Shaker offers an excellent opportunity to learn everything that is happening in the City."

The promotion of top-selling agents is the most recent step in the expansion of the City's relocation sections of its

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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between September 1 and December 15, 2004. 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 foreclosures, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2004 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3293 Aberdeen Road	\$227,900	\$155,000 (2001)	\$12,000 (1927)
3327 Aberdeen Road	\$242,900	\$149,500 (1998)	\$15,000 (1927)
2830 Attleboro Road	\$830,000	\$520,000 (1995)	\$40,000 (1926)
3333 Avalon Road	\$215,000	\$132,000 (1994)	\$15,000 (1931)
2709 Belvoir Blvd	\$560,000	\$430,000 (1998)	\$16,600 (1936)
17720 Berwyn Road	\$325,000	\$186,000 (1994)	\$14,000 (1929)
20500 Byron Road	\$157,000	\$125,000 (1997)	\$24,000 (1948)
2997 Chadbourne Road	\$191,000	\$160,999 (2001)	\$14,000 (1922)
3057 Chadbourne Road	\$250,000	\$235,600 (2003)	\$9,000 (1922)
17460 Chagrin Blvd	\$170,000	\$86,500 (1999)	\$28,000 (1955)
18421 Chagrin Blvd	\$220,000	\$163,000 (1998)	\$40,000 (1953)
3319 Chalfant Road	\$272,500	\$215,000 (1998)	\$14,500 (1928)
2948 Courtland Blvd	\$625,000	\$360,000 (1998)	\$33,000 (1927)
3585 Daleford Road	\$170,000	\$142,800 (1998)	\$11,000 (1927)
3650 Daleford Road	\$185,000	\$135,000 (2002)	\$11,500 (1927)
3279 Grenway Road	\$275,000	\$230,000 (2002)	\$12,000 (1925)
3284 Ingleside Road	\$325,000	\$220,000 (1997)	\$12,000 (1927)
3259 Lansmere Road	\$185,000	\$179,000 (1996)	\$5,000 (1920)
3723 Lindholm Road	\$165,000	\$96,900 (1997)	\$15,000 (1950)
19014 Lomond Blvd	\$210,000	\$159,000 (1995)	\$9,000 (1940)
18426 Lynton Road	\$379,000	\$289,900 (1999)	\$20,000 (1945)
22251 McCauley Road	\$760,000	\$630,000 (1999)	\$24,500 (1937)
3288 Norwood Road	\$245,000	\$162,500 (1995)	\$8,000 (1920)
17250 Parkland Dr	\$1,500,000	\$842,400 (2000)	\$40,000 (1935)
18016 Parkland Dr	\$370,000	\$285,000 (1998)	\$35,000 (1948)
3719 Rolliston Road	\$151,500	\$105,000 (1998)	\$8,000 (1938)
22326 Rye Road	\$200,000	\$186,000 (1994)	\$32,000 (1954)
22361 Rye Road	\$188,000	\$167,000 (1998)	\$27,000 (1953)
14006 S Park Blvd	\$337,500	\$242,500 (1999)	\$32,000 (1958)
16900 S Park Blvd	\$1,500,000	\$1,050,000 (2004)	\$60,000 (1919)
16868 Shaker Blvd	\$770,000	\$585,000 (1995)	n/a
22449 Shelburne Road	\$400,000	\$373,500 (2003)	\$50,000 (1962)

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site. Certified Shaker rental properties are currently featured and promotional listings of residential and commercial properties for sale are tentatively planned for 2006. The Economic Development portion of the site will also be a focus of City efforts for 2006.

The program will be evaluated later this year to determine whether it becomes permanent. For more information, call 491-1332.

City Awards Neighborhood Grants

The City's 2005 Neighborhood Grants Program awards were presented in May. This year's program was available to neighborhood groups working together on projects to either strengthen and improve housing stock or improve public spaces in the City.

This is the program's fourth year: to date the City has awarded \$50,000 to leverage projects totaling \$209,004, representing 6,584 hours of volunteer effort.

The panel of Shaker residents that reviewed the applications and made the awards included Rev. Jim Antal, chairman, Henry Doll, Jim LaRue, Carlton Rush, and Marlene Washington.

A total of \$13,163 was awarded to five projects, which must be completed no later than November 30, 2005. They are:

Lomond PTO, \$1,163 for the repair, extension, and replanting of the garden area on Lomond School property at the northeast corner of Lomond and Palmerston. The garden design was donated by a Lomond parent, and a community planting day this fall will allow school and neighborhood families to get to know each other.

Onaway Community Organization, \$3,000 to provide partial financial support to residents wishing to install exterior lighting. The lighting will beautify streets at night and increase neighborhood security.

The Sussex Community Association, \$3,000 to plant, install, and maintain hanging baskets along Winslow Road

REAL NUMBERS, *continued*

23625 Shelburne Road	\$317,000	\$295,000 (1999)	\$27,000 (1954)
3389 Sutton Road	\$72,000	\$33,600 (2003)	\$10,000 (1943)
3646 Tolland Road	\$215,000	\$152,000 (1999)	\$10,000 (1937)
3631 Traynham Road	\$248,000	\$184,500 (1997)	\$7,500 (1932)
3686 Traynham Road	\$251,000	\$187,500 (1999)	\$9,000 (1931)
3004 Warrington Road	\$267,000	\$242,500 (2002)	\$12,000 (1922)
23931 Wimbledon Road	\$337,000	\$210,000 (1997)	\$20,000 (1954)
19221 Winslow Road	\$210,000	\$201,000 (1999)	\$17,000 (1928)
19814 Winslow Road	\$240,000	\$150,000 (1998)	\$23,500 (1945)
19836 Winslow Road	\$243,400	\$200,000 (2002)	\$23,000 (1950)
18800 S Woodland Road	\$576,000	\$431,000 (1996)	\$14,500 (1935)
17626 Van Aken Blvd	\$155,900	\$140,000 (2004)	\$24,000 (1955)

Information source: First American Real Estate Solutions

and Lomond Boulevard in the Sussex neighborhood. The hanging baskets will increase the curb appeal of the homes, and create a special "sense of place."

The Winslow Block Club, \$3,000 to replace security doors on Winslow Road with full view, energy efficient storm doors. These new storm doors will improve the appeal and marketability of the homes and the neighborhood, and provide a secure entrance for the homeowner.

The Winslow Preservation Organization, \$3000 to provide rebates to homeowners who purchase lighting systems for front gardens, walkways, or facades. This will showcase the variety and architectural beauty of Winslow Road houses, as well as improve safety after dark.

For further information about the Neighborhood Grant program, call the Neighborhood Revitalization Department, 491-1370.

2005 Landmark Preservation Awards Presented

The City's Landmark Commission presented its eighth annual Shaker Heights Preservation Awards in May at a reception at City Hall.

The awards were created in 1998 to spotlight local preservation efforts.

The 2005 recipients are:

Architecturally Appropriate Addition (An addition that complements the architectural features of the existing structure and is consistent with the Commission's design guidelines.)

- David and Julie Given
- David and Katherine Piraino
- Kent and Amy Mann

Before and After

(For a dramatic exterior restoration.)

- Anita and Judson Smith
- Astri Seidenfeld
- John and Donna Conry
- Rita and Peter Carfagna
- William Gaskill and Kathleen Burke

TLC Award for Continued Stewardship

(For properties that have been carefully maintained by their conscientious owners.)

- Marcella McCord
- Rosalie Litt
- Catherine Crowther Doyle
- Charles and Sheila Clarke
- Deb and Jeff Schelling
- Nathan and Emma Clements

Retention of Original Materials (Preserving a structure's original slate roof; replacing deteriorated wood siding with new wood siding rather than vinyl or aluminum; or other efforts property owners have made to retain or restore the structure's original materials and details.)

- Curtis and Sara Moll

Lifetime of Service Acknowledged

Jim La Rue was recognized by Mayor Judy Rawson and City Council for the many contributions made in service to the City of Shaker Heights and to the region. La Rue was hailed as a tireless proponent of the green building movement and an expert at educating homeowners on energy efficiencies and high performance building. A light-hearted resolution, introduced by council member Nancy Moore, managed to both list La Rue's achievements and poke gentle fun at him.

Jim is a long-time Shaker resident and a very good sport. He owns House Menders, Inc. and also works for the Cleveland Green Building Coalition.

Certified Shaker Properties

Certified Shaker is a program that recognizes rental properties which meet or exceed the City of Shaker Heights' standards of excellence, and encourages rental property owners to make their properties the best they can be.

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

3365 Daleford Road
(George & Andrea Holt)
3076 Warrensville Center Road
(George Muskal)
3688 Latimore Road
(Richard Koletsky & Susan Braham)
3568 Palmerston Road (Michael Leeson)
19442 Winslow Road
(Suzanne Beatrice).

Improving Energy Efficiency Workshop

DATE: Saturday September 10

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LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

Luren E. Dickinson Is Shaker Library's Seventh Director

The Library Board of Trustees has appointed Luren E. Dickinson Director of the Shaker Heights Public Library. He began his duties May 2.

A native of Lockport, New York, Dickinson worked in a variety of administrative positions since he began his library career in 1975 as a "Semi-Professional Assistant to the Branch Manager" at the Maumee Branch of the Toledo-Lucas County Public Library. He received his Masters in Library Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1978. His undergraduate degree is from Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. He also has a Certificate from the Advanced Library Management Program at Miami University of Ohio.

As Director of the Jackson District Library in Michigan, Dickinson oversaw a Main Library, 12 branches, and a staff of 115 employees that served a county of 160,000. Prior to his time in Jackson, he served for five and a half years as the Director of Libraries for the Reading Public Library in Pennsylvania. Before that he was Director of the Findlay-Hancock Public Library in Ohio for more than 11 years.

Library Board President David Bergholz says, "The Trustees are pleased to have Luren Dickinson as the Shaker Library Director. His record in library management and innovation is outstanding and we believe that he and his wife, Shawn, will be great assets to the Shaker Heights community. We look forward to working with him in this fine library system."

Dickinson is a member of the American Library Association, the Public Library Association, the Michigan Library Association, and is a past member of the California, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Texas Library Associations.



Dickinson has served as a board member or a volunteer for groups as varied as the American Red Cross, a credit union, a crisis pregnancy clinic, a literacy council, local school groups, a mental health agency, the Rotary Club, and the United Way, in addition to coaching teens in a variety of sports.

Dickinson's reading tastes lean toward nonfiction. He has been a frequent presenter at Readers' Advisory Workshops where he has reviewed and recommended *Ballad of the Whiskey Robber* by Julian Rubinstein, *Shadow Divers* by Robert Kurson, *Finding Fish* by Antwone Quenton Fisher, and *Cork Boat* by John Pollack. He read *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown before it was published in 2003. Other recent fiction favorites include *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon and *Pompeii* by Robert Harris. He is currently finishing *Bound for Canaan*, a history of the Underground Railroad, by Fergus M. Bordewich. He has worked with a variety of authors, including Judith Viorst, Elmore Leonard, and Sue Harrison.

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Reader of the Month

NIKKI EVANS

OCCUPATION: Marketing and communication

LIVES IN: Fernway area

USES: Main Library

VOLUNTEER SERVICE: Friends of the Shaker Library, Community Rose Garden, American Red Cross

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: *The Feminine Mystique* (Betty Friedan), *Black Beauty* (Anna Sewell)

OTHER FAVORITES: *Presidential Voices* (Allan Metcalf), *The Art of Clear Thinking* (Rudolf Franz Flesch), *Lily Dale* (Christine Wicker), *The Secret Life of Bees* (Sue Monk Kidd), *Selling the Invisible* (Harry Beckwith), and *The Red Tent* (Anita Diamant)

LIKES TO READ: Usually nonfiction . . . "but a good, well-crafted fictional story can capture my attention."

DOESN'T READ: Science fiction

LIBRARY SERVICES: "I use the library often to borrow books and movies, attend art shows, and to buy books from the Friends Never-ending and Spring and Fall Book Sales. I have enjoyed using the Moreland Room (home of the Local History collection) to do research on our home and the people who built it."

OTHER INTERESTS: Oil painting, walking and gardening

FAMILY: Husband, Don Crone, a licensed massage therapist, and daughter Mackenzie, SHHS '00 and recent graduate of Parsons School of Design in New York City.

BRIEF BIO: Evans lived in Columbus for several years after college, and then moved to Baltimore where she met her husband and had her daughter. The family moved to Shaker where they found the home of their dreams – original kitchen cabinets, usable third floor, hammock, the back yard close to all the action and friendly neighbors. "Through my involvement with the Community Rose Garden and Friends of the Shaker Library, I have met other very nice and interesting people. Life is good."



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Dickinson and his wife, Shawn, who has worked in the field of human services for a number of years, have two adult children, Joe and Mandy. He and his wife live in the Fernway area.

the Bookshelf

This summer, take the family on an epic reading adventure as the Library highlights "Dragons, Dreams and Daring Deeds" in its summer reading program. The legend of King Arthur, his Knights of the Round Table, the indomitable women surrounding him, the wizards and fairies battling for and against his reign, and the mythical castle of Camelot date to the 12th century, and have inspired countless stories of bravery and adventure. To whet your appetite for *dragons, dreams, and daring deeds*, try this short list of modern novels inspired by Arthurian legends.

Avalon: The Return of King Arthur by **Stephen Lawhead**. Avon, 1999.

21st century politics, social problems, and royal scandals have Brits on the brink of abolishing the monarchy, until a commoner in the neighboring Scottish highlands discovers that he is actually the reborn King Arthur.

A Coalition of Lions by **Elizabeth Wein**. Viking, 2003.

After the death of her father, Princess Goewin travels to the land of Aksum to meet her intended husband and is subsequently swept up in a storm of intrigue. (Teen)

Grail Prince by **Nancy McKenzie**. DelRey, 2003.

After the death of King Arthur, and the betrayal by his father, Lancelot, 15-year-old knight Galahad and his cousin Percival set out on a quest to reassemble the riches of the kingdom, including a grail, a spear, and the sword possessed by the Lady of the Lake.

I Am Morgan le Fay: A Tale from Camelot by **Nancy Springer**. Philomel Books, 2001.

Morgan, who witnessed her father's murder and the treachery that resulted in the birth of her half brother, the future King Arthur, slowly transforms into a villain plotting Arthur's downfall. (Teen)

Kingdom of the Grail by **Judith Tarr**. Roc, 2000.

Still imprisoned hundreds of years after King Arthur's death, Merlin is visited by a descendant, Roland, who vows to free Merlin, embarks on a quest for the Holy Grail, and rises to become a favorite of Charlemagne.

The Last Enchantment (The Arthurian Saga, Book 3) by **Mary Stewart**. William Morrow and Company, 1979.

While recounting the battles that form the story of the rise and fall of King Arthur, the wizard Merlin tells the story of his own love and life. Last in a trilogy.

The Mists of Avalon by **Marion Zimmer Bradley**. DelRey, 1982.

Women take center stage in this epic retelling of the Arthurian legend from the perspectives of Arthur's sister, Morgaine, who battles to preserve traditional ways of magic and polytheism, and Arthur's wife Gwenhwyfar, who is determined to convert Britain to Christianity.

The Once and Future King by **T. H. White**. G. P. Putnam's Sons, 1958.

A young boy named "the Wart" is destined to become one of the greatest characters in British legend in this compilation of four novels chronicling the various stages in the lives of Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table.

The Seeing Stone by **Kevin Crossley-Holland**. Scholastic Books, 2000.

Medieval manor life forms the backdrop for this story of a young boy, who receives a mysterious stone that allows him to vicariously experience the exploits of King Arthur. First in a trilogy. (Teen)

The Squire's Tale by **Gerald Morris**. Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

In an unlikely turn of events, an orphan becomes squire to the newly and

improbably knighted Gawain, and sets out on a rollicking series of comic adventures. (Teen)

Sword of the Rightful King: A Novel of King Arthur by **Jane Yolen**. Harcourt, 2003.

Things go awry for the young, unsure, and newly crowned King Arthur, when Merlennus' plan to prove he is the rightful king by having him pull a sword from a stone backfires.

Summer Computer Classes Offered at Main Library

In addition to classes that teach how to surf the Internet, how to send and receive email and how to word process, the Library offers a series of more advanced classes this summer.

GRAPHICS AND TEXT IN WORD AND POWERPOINT

3-4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 7

This class will highlight the differences and similarities of using graphics in these two popular programs. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 11

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to drag and highlight. Registration begins July 5.



CHARTS AND TABLES IN EXCEL

6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 18, 2005

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TODDLER STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, songs and fun for 3-, 4- and
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10 a.m. Mondays thru July 18 at
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1:30 p.m. Tuesdays thru July 19 at
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SUMMER SPECIALS

Crafts, stories and special programs
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4:15 p.m. Tuesdays, July 5, 12, & 19
at **Main Library.**

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays, July 6, 13, &
20 at **Woods Branch.**

*Registration is required and begins two
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MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

Book discussion for girls entering
grades 4-6 and their mothers.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 19.

Read *The Puppeteer's Apprentice* by
D. Anne Love. This tale of mystery and
suspense was selected to complement the
Summer Reading program as it is set in
medieval England. *Registration and book pick
up began June 21.*

USING OFFICE PROGRAMS TOGETHER

3-5 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 21

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. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156 beginning July 11.

WORKING WITH WINDOWS

6:30-8 P.M. MONDAY, JULY 25

Learn how Windows works. This class is designed for those who can navigate the Internet and work with programs, but are not comfortable using multiple windows. Registration begins July 18

THE NON-EMAIL PARTS OF OUTLOOK

3-5 P.M. THURSDAY, JULY 28

Outlook is an email client and personal information manager included in some versions of Office. Outlook has a calendar, task list, contacts area, and notes, which will be introduced and used in the session. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156 beginning July 18.

Teen scene

Joust Read! teen summer reading continues through July 30. Get caught *joust* reading by the teen librarian and get a green dragon temporary tattoo on the spot.

Teens: Enter the Fantastical Beast Essay Contest!

Teen in grades 6-12 are invited to enter the library's Fantastical Beast Essay Contest. Create your own original, fantastic, mythical beast and describe it in a 250-to 500-word, typed essay. Essays must include: a description of what your beast looks like (no illustrations), where your beast lives, what special abilities it has, and what its family or social structure is. The rest is up to you!

Entries are due July 20 and will be judged on creativity, originality and technique. Rules and entry forms are available at the Teen Desks at both libraries. For more information, call or email Teen Librarian Audrey Leventhal at 991-2030 ext. 3186 or leventhal@shakerlibrary.org.



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Summer Book Discussion Opportunity

Residents are invited to join in a casual book discussion at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 12 at the Main Library. Read *Brick Lane* by **Monica Ali** and discuss it with others. Books are available at the Fiction Desk at the Main Library.

For more information, please call Lynda Thomas at 991-2030.

Friends Elect Officers and Welcome Book Editor at Annual Meeting

Meet the Friends of the Library and learn about volunteer opportunities.



Friends will hold a brief business meeting and elect officers at their Annual Meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12 in the Bertram Woods Reading Garden. The

proposed slate for 2005-2006 is: Nikki Evans, President; Paula Sivanandan, Vice President/Book Sales; Karen LaJoe, Vice President/Membership; Evelyn Greene, Vice President/25th Anniversary; Nancy Eiler, Corresponding Secretary; Joy Smith, Recording Secretary, and Sanford Cone, Treasurer.

Following a brief business meeting, Friends welcome *The Plain Dealer* book editor Karen Long, who will speak about how she chooses books to review and answer questions from the audience.

There is no fee for the program; however, reservations are requested by calling 991-2421. In the event of rain the program will be held in the community room.



Friendly Flashback!

"Children, children everywhere,
children dark and children fair,
children of all shapes and sizes,
children springing odd surprises.
children chasing, running races.
children laughing, making faces,
children cooking mud for dinner,
children, every one a winner.

Children jumping, children wiggling,
children grumping, children giggling,
children singing, sneezing, weeping,
children sometimes even sleeping,
children giving children hugs,
children chewing worms and bugs,
children in their parents' hair
children, children everywhere."

—Jack Prelutsky

The Random House Book of Poetry for Children

Flashback 13 years to the summer of 1992, when children, parents and grandparents got together to create an intergenerational quilt based on Jack Prelutsky's poem, "Children, Children, Everywhere."

Under the leadership of then president **Susan Gall** and the guidance of quilt artist **Ruta Marino**, children drew pictures after hearing the poem read aloud. They enlarged the drawings, traced them to fabric scraps and eventually put together the blocks of the drawings. Adults quilted them on long tables set up at the Bertram Woods Branch. The Friends invited the community to its unveiling on November 6, 1992.

The completed quilt – along with a letter from the poet and a plaque that lists all 61 participants – is displayed in the Woods Branch children's room.

Happy Anniversary, Paperbacks!

Friends of the Library will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the debut of the paperback book (July 30, 1935) and the end of the summer reading program with a Used Paperback Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bertram Woods Branch. Browse and buy from a great assortment of paperbacks and enjoy cake and lemonade compliments of the Friends, who are celebrating 25 years of service to the library and the community this year.

The sale will be held under the Friends canopy on the lawn. If it rains, the sale will be held in the community meeting room.

Stories for a Midsummer's Eve

Youth Services Librarians Tricia Springstubb, Virginia Schoelch, and Susan Scheps will present a "fantastical" evening of spellbinding stories and splendidly silly songs at 7 p.m. Monday, July 11 at the Colonnade.

Families can bring dinner and enjoy a picnic while listening to silly stories. Please call the Main Library Children's Department at 991-2030 for reservations.

Hear Back-to-School Stories on a School Bus

Children's librarians will tell back-to-school stories at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 18 on a yellow Shaker school bus, which will be parked in the Bertram Woods Branch parking lot. Look for the Back-to-School stories sign and board the bus for stories about school. Stories will be geared to children ages 3 and older. Parents are welcome, too. Registration begins August 4 by calling 991-2421.

Main Library Art Exhibits

This month residents can view the art exhibit *Mulenburg County* and *Anonymous Humanities* on the second floor of the Main Library. The photography exhibit features the talents of Shaker resident

Ben Hauser. Meet the young artist at a reception 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday, July 7.

In August members of the Photocrafters Photography Club will exhibit their collective body of work.

Residents interested in displaying their art at the Main Library should contact the Public Relations Department at 991-2030.

Footnotes

Shaker Library was runner up in the Kids at Random *Wild About Books* Display contest and will receive autographed books by Marc Brown and Judy Sierra. The Library invited children to comment about their favorite books and displayed their entries on a bulletin board surrounded by colorful, three-dimensional animals. The judges cited the Library's display "for its sheer creativity and the way the Library promoted it to children and adults."

Shaker Library received four Best of Show awards from the American Library Association for its public relations

materials, including its original summer reading materials, homeowner's booklist, *A Mind of Her Own Jewish Literature* brochure, and for its fund-raising promotional material for the library's *Evening of Literary Laughter*, co-sponsored with the Friends of Boulevard Community Theatre to benefit the Endowment Fund.

- Main Library is closed on Sundays in July and August.

- Both libraries will be closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, August 15.

- During July, Main Library's display case features a collection of medieval figures, including knights and damsels. In August, a unique collection of butter dishes will be on display.

- The Main Library Teen Center reopens from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, August 22.



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an update on

shaker's future

This summer marks the fifth anniversary of Shaker's Strategic Investment Plan. This is the decade of repositioning Shaker. Much has happened. Much more is in the works.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Visionaries, yes. Clairvoyants, not quite. Otherwise the Van Sweringen brothers would have seen how, 100 years later, key tenets of their idyllic "Shaker Village" design would challenge the City's competitive edge.

Take their restrictions on commercial enterprise: How could they know that in year 2005, tax revenues from businesses would be essential to offsetting the burden of the property taxes and income taxes required to support exemplary public services and schools?

They did not foresee that this fully planned and developed community would not meet the changing housing needs of some empty nesters, young professionals, and singles, for example.

Nor did the brothers anticipate that the appeal of a rapid transit line to Terminal Tower would be threatened as workers and shoppers followed employers and shops to points east and south.

In short, they did not envision sprawl and the growth of so many new communities over the past 30 years.

Fortunately, like the Van Sweringens, today's City residents and leaders have vision and a deep commitment to Shaker's future. More importantly, they have a plan to keep Shaker competitive: the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP).

This comprehensive roadmap to Shaker's future was finalized five years ago this summer, the culmination of several years of a lively exchange of ideas,

public meetings, and input from urban development experts. The SIP guides the decisions made in City Hall, day in and day out, that involve and impact housing preservation, recreation, and economic development.

Fruits of several of the plan's major initiatives are now evident on both Shaker's commercial and housing fronts, from one end of the City to the other, from the handsome new Sussex Courts townhomes on Chagrin at Farnsleigh Road to the makeover taking place at Shaker Town Center at Lee and Chagrin.

There's something new at City Hall as well – a tall man in a small office who's charged with leading the City's mammoth economic development effort.

The Sussex Courts townhomes, photographed from the roof of Tower East at Chagrin and Warrensville, looking west on Chagrin.





Shaker's director of Economic Development, Patrick Campbell, gets a bird's-eye view of the east end of the Chagrin Corridor from the roof of Tower East.

RDL Architects Buys Into STC Redevelopment

Ron Lloyd is among the business owners successfully enticed by the City of Shaker Heights to set up shop within City limits. Lloyd has purchased the former Glin Medical Building on Chagrin just west of Lee, and is converting it into two-story office space for his firm, RDL Architects, which is currently renting space in Garfield Heights.

Lloyd learned of the opportunity while doing work in Shaker Heights: His firm has assisted Rysar Properties in the design and construction of new "green" homes in Shaker's Lomond neighborhood.

"Buying a building in Shaker was the last thing on my mind when Kamla Lewis [Shaker's Director of Neighborhood Revitalization] approached me about this opportunity," says Lloyd. "Shaker is being very strategic about

what it's trying to do in this area to revitalize it. Folks like ourselves – architects, professional services people – are the neighbors they'd like to see here. We put in a proposal a little over a year ago and here we are."

Making the decision to relocate to the Shaker Town Center district came easy, he says. "It was clear to me that the City is committed to investing in this area and making it, in essence, a downtown for Shaker. Naturally,

the new housing and shopping center improvements just two blocks away stand to increase the value of our property as well."

Moving to larger quarters will also enable Lloyd to grow

his business. He and 14 associates currently share 1,800 square feet of rental space; once renovated, their new offices will boast 8,000 square feet.

"It's in my best interest to move into the new space so I can hire more people. The long-term position we're taking with the building is that we're

going to be here forever."

Lloyd plans to give the vacant building an exterior facelift and virtually gut the interior. Like the new homes being built with Rysar (whose principal, Ken Lurie, is a 1974 Shaker High graduate), the new office building will be as "green" – i.e., environmentally friendly and sustainable – as possible.

"First, we're recycling the building – we're not tearing down an existing building so that it ends up in a landfill somewhere. What materials have to be demolished will be hauled off to recycling centers. The building has asbestos that will be removed at a cost of \$30-40,000, making it a safer, healthier place.

"We're also introducing a lot of daylight into the building to reduce our demand for electricity, and using a lot of fluorescent lighting instead of incandescent. Many of the materials we're using for our finishes are also recycled or are being manufactured from materials that are readily renewable, such as bamboo flooring and carpeting with a high percentage of recycled content."

Relocating to Shaker Heights, Lloyd concludes, "makes good business sense. We were renting space before, and as a businessman, if there's a way to recapture the value of all that money going out and return it back into our investment, it's a good thing for the community as well, because we're much more viable that way."



Ron Lloyd: happily looking forward to increased property values.

Patrick Campbell, an architect turned urban development guru, was hired in 2004 to head the City's new Department of Economic Development. His mission is to grow Shaker's commercial property tax base to secure the City's future for generations to come. Council has set aside a nest egg to give this vision wings. The money was received as part of a one-time, extraordinary estate tax payment made in 2003.

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Campbell is identifying development and redevelopment opportunities and fostering enduring partnerships between the City and private developers and businesses.

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So how do you expand the commercial property tax base in a city with little to no undeveloped land on which to build?

"You make what exists much better," Campbell asserts. "You attract more vibrant, more durable retail that you expect to be competitive for the next 30 years. And you bring more office employment to Shaker by fostering construction of new office buildings and by encouraging home and small businesses to locate here."

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Momentum Is Building All Over Town

Here's a snapshot of other new housing and economic development initiatives happening in and around Shaker Heights:

South Park Row

Half of the 16 luxury townhomes and condominiums have already sold at this upscale development under construction at South Park and Moreland. With an average selling price of \$500,000, the development is on track to bolster Shaker's real estate tax base by \$8-9 million.

Larchmere

Around the corner from South Park Row, Larchmere Boulevard continues to boom as its transformation into an eclectic shopping, dining, and entertainment destination rolls on. Its unique assortment of charming shops, galleries, antique shops, restaurants, and services draws visitors from a large area, and offers a truly charming shopping and dining experience.

Shaker Square

New owner Peter L. Rubin of the Beachwood-based Coral Co. has exciting plans for Shaker Square, the oldest shopping district in Ohio and the second oldest in the nation. Several high-appeal tenants are already on board, including East Coast Original Frozen Custard and Dave's Supermarkets, and Rubin has plans to add top-notch restaurants and local merchants to the Square over time. New signage, lighting, and landscaping are also in the works to enhance the shopping and dining experience.

Reinventing Shaker's 'Downtown'

Housing is often the first step in enhancing any city's commercial viability. "Housing attracts residents and residents

attract retailers," says Joyce Braverman, Director of Shaker's Planning Department. Braverman is also Project Manager for the redevelopment of Shaker Town Center (STC), one of the first major projects stemming from the SIP.

ShakerTownCenter is more than just the shops at Chagrin and Lee – it refers to the entire neighborhood.

"Residents identified this area as most in need of revamping," Braverman says. "It is now the largest of the City's redevelopment projects, involving nearly \$60 million in investment among the City, Heartpoint, and Edens and Avant, owners of the Shaker Town Center shopping center."

From the point of view of regional merchants, the intersection of Chagrin and Lee – the heart of Shaker Town Center – is an "unknown crossroads" says Campbell. That's one reason why car

dealerships such as Blauschild and Zalud are gone. "Car dealerships draw from a 10-mile radius and 10 miles from here, no one knows where this location is."

But the potential exists, he believes, to make the Shaker Town Center area a local entertainment, dining, and shopping hub.

A crucial piece of STC's redevelopment is new housing – Avalon Station of Shaker Heights – from Heartpoint. Phase I of the loft, townhome, and retail development is scheduled to break ground by summer's end on Van Aken, now linked to the shopping center by a new road.

Shaker-based Heartland is one of the private developers that sees the potential for new development at Shaker's RTA rapid transit stops. Their Sussex Courts town

home development is just a block from the end of the Blue Line at Warrensville, and the new project is a block west of the Avalon Road station.

"In Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Denver, Washington, D.C., San Jose, and Dallas, developers are dying to get control of land at light rail stations. It's not happening in Cleveland with the exception of Shaker," says Campbell.



Planning director Joyce Braverman: garnishing Shaker Town Center with cool public art and hot new housing.



Shaker Town Center Master Plan Development

A host of public improvements in the Shaker Town Center have been completed:

- Chagrin Boulevard has been narrowed to make the area more pedestrian friendly and allow on-street parking.

- The City's new Firehouse opened in February on the south side of Chagrin.

- Decorative streetscaping has been installed.

- A new north-south street connecting Van Aken and Chagrin through the shopping center is nearly complete. "The center forms a wall to Van Aken," says Campbell. "But by perforating it with this new street, nearby residents and rail riders exiting at Lee or Avalon can more easily access it."

Shaker Town Center is more than just the shops at Chagrin and Lee. It is the entire neighborhood.

The City has been busy with other, unseen, improvements to enable the development of Avalon Station, such as strengthening the poor soil on the site, moving water lines and sewer lines, and dealing with flood plain issues.

To help fund improvements throughout the STC area, the City is using Tax Increment Financing (TIF), by which tax revenue, generated by the increase in the property value over time, will be used to repay the money borrowed by the City to make the improvements. The City also used TIF financing to fund public improvements tied to the Sussex Courts development. Incremental value on the Sussex Court project, says Braverman, have been greater than expected.

"TIF financing allows a city to make public improvements that private developers can't or won't," explains Braverman. "It is much easier and cheaper for a developer to build new, out in the hinterlands." Private-public collaborations are critical to make redevelopment in established communities viable.

Since the Chagrin Boulevard streetscape improvements have been



Avalon Station

Shaker's Newest Housing Venture

J. Gordon Priemer, president of Heartland Developers, Inc., first came to the Cleveland area in 1960 to attend John Carroll University. He never returned home to Michigan but settled in Shaker Heights, fortunately for Cleveland and its first-ring suburbs, which have benefited from his personal and professional commitment to high-quality new housing and neighborhood revitalization.

His company, Heartland Developers, Inc., built the Shaker Glen cluster homes on Warrensville Center Road at South Woodland, the Sussex Courts town homes on Chagrin, and the South Park Row development under construction at South Park and Moreland. Another company in which Priemer is a partner, Heartpoint Devco, is building Avalon Station of Shaker Heights.

"Shaker is such a great community, and one that's easy to sell," says Priemer. "We've got access to two RTA lines, easy access to Cleveland. Shaker is also so beautiful. People want to live and stay in Shaker." Expanding the housing options for those who want to call Shaker home is a rewarding endeavor, he notes. "It's nice when you do good and make money, too."

Priemer describes Shaker's leaders as "very committed" to economic development, and "progressive" and "strategic" in their thinking. His relationship with the City, he says, "is truly an example of public-private partnership at its best. We respect each other; we work closely together. Not that we don't have pulling and tugging now

and then, but that's part of any good relationship."

Priemer is particularly proud of Avalon Station, he says, "because it is designed to appeal to a broad range of potential buyers." The development will feature more than 150 units priced \$175,000-\$350,000, along with two retail buildings.

But Heartpoint isn't relying solely on reasonable pricing to attract buyers. "High taxes are a challenge for Shaker and for builders trying to sell new housing products in the city," says Shaker resident Don Gest, who is working with Priemer on the project.

That's why he and Priemer approached National City Community Development Corporation (NCCDC) about offering incentives to Avalon Station buyers, armed with a letter from Shaker's mayor, Judy Rawson. National City is involved in the development's construction financing. Moreover, numerous National City executives and employees have ties to Shaker, and the NCCDC is dedicated to stimulating economic revitalization and community growth.

The pitch paid off, as NCCDC has agreed to offer below-market interest rates to Avalon Station buyers and lock those rates for up to 12 months, enabling interested parties to purchase at Avalon Station now and secure the interest rate until construction is completed.

Additional incentives are being offered to Avalon Station buyers through the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights, a private, non-profit organization that offers low-interest, secondary mortgage financing.

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made, Braverman reports, “we’re already receiving more inquiries about the retail district. It’s a tried and true formula – public improvements generate interest from private groups.”

Public art and design elements have been added to the development plan. Shaker Heights High School graduate Steve Manka is carving historical Shaker themes into massive slabs of sandstone to create a decorative art walk that runs along the shopping center. Permanent metal banners on light poles and light towers at the corners of the new street are also planned.

The completed district becomes the desired crossroads, seamlessly blending the new with the old.

Van Aken-Warrensville has the best potential as a commercial location in Shaker because of its access to other affluent east side suburbs and to interstates 271 and 480. What Campbell envisions for the district “is much more radical” than merely upgrading what already exists.

Brainstorming continues about how to best maximize the value of the south side of Chagrin, where the City now owns eight of the 14 buildings.

“The City purchased the properties knowing that common ownership would be more advantageous,” Campbell says. “There were multiple buildings owned by multiple people, and the landlords that owned them were often working at cross purposes.”

The City has also purchased the three-acre lot where Zalud Oldsmobile-Pontiac once operated. Development of the site is on hold until the Avalon Station project is underway and a grand plan for the entire district is solidified.

The plan also will encompass redevelopment strategies for Chagrin west of Lee, where the recent purchase of

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The Big Time

in small rooms

Home-based businesses were not allowed in Shaker for many years. Now savvy business people and entrepreneurs can work from home and do their part for the City's economic development.

Shaker Heights began regulating home businesses in 1995. The thinking was that home businesses, if properly regulated, could be useful in helping develop and sustain economic vitality in the City. The income taxes generated by these businesses help keep City services at a high level. Moreover, it is hoped that as a home business grows, it will move into commercial space in the City.

The City doesn't require a permit or license for a home business. "But the home must still look and sound like a home," explains Senior Planner Dan Feinstein. The regulations balance the needs of residents wanting to work from home while maintaining the cherished qualities of Shaker's quiet neighborhoods.

- ✓ Exterior signs are prohibited.
- ✓ One additional employee is permissible.
- ✓ The person who operates business must live in the home.
- ✓ The business must be in the home, not outside or in the garage.
- ✓ The business can take up no more than 600 square feet of space in the residence.
- ✓ No more than 10 cars may visit business on any given day and no more than two at a time.
- ✓ Deliveries and pick ups must be made between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- ✓ Large scale manufacturing and assembly is prohibited.
- ✓ Small scale assembly (such as jewelry making) is permitted.
- ✓ There may be multiple businesses under one roof.

(For regulations for specific home-based business, go to shakeronline.com, section 1262.09 of the zoning ordinance.)

Some 500 Shaker residents work from home. While converting a garage into a manufacturing plant or opening a Starbucks in the family room won't fly, many other home-based work options exist. Accountants, lawyers, music teachers, architects, landscape designers, sales reps, musicians, photographers, psychologists, holistic doctors, real estate agents, contractors, insurance agents, writers, visual artists, and entrepreneurs are blooming in basements and spare bedrooms, making use of the Internet in no small way. Here are some of their stories.

— Jayne Eiben



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Motorheads In Paradise

BY ANN MCGUIRE

PHOTO BY JOHN GODT

For Bruce Marshall and Amy Dibner, the open road is more than just an opportunity for adventure, it's an invitation to dive into hours, and hours, and hours of research.

"I've always wondered, when I drive down the highway, what I'm seeing," Marshall says. "I wonder about the geography. I wonder about the land and what it's doing. I wonder about the people who settled this region, why they came, why they stayed."

Driving on Interstate 90 near Madison, Ohio one day in 1999, Marshall and Dibner noticed carousel horses painted on the water tower and they both began speculating as to the story behind the decorations.

By the time their conversation had exhausted all plausible explanations for painting carousel horses on a water tower, Dibner and Marshall were driving past vineyards, and began wondering about those.

"We had figured Ohio agriculture would run more to level-headed Midwestern crops like corn and soybeans," says Marshall, an Illinois native. They added Ohio winemaking to the list of topics to investigate.

Dibner and Marshall eventually learned that there was no story behind the carousel horses; they were just for decoration. But even that was interesting, and the couple pressed on. They would create a set of recordings that would narrate Ohio

interstate journeys with facts about local history and lore, background on the natural history of the regions, highway trivia, observations on social trends such as suburban sprawl, interviews with locals, a little music, and a few laughs.

A small business was born, and a website would soon follow.

Dibner, a native New Yorker, says, "This is similar in concept to books on tape, except that books on tape try to distract you while you're traveling. We try to engage you."

The couple decided on the name, Museum of the Open Road, as they were driving past those Ashtabula County vineyards.

"The next morning, I realized the acronym for Museum of the Open Road is MOTOR. We thought that was a sign that it was meant to be," says Dibner.

MOTOR began with lots of historical research and a time-consuming effort to create an efficient database that would sort the mountains of electronic information they had found.

Marshall and Dibner first created a recording narrating the trip on I-90 from Cleveland to Erie, Pennsylvania, and have since produced recordings for the return trip. Also available (as of May 2005) are: I-71 from Cleveland to Mansfield, from Columbus to Cincinnati, and between Cincinnati and Cleveland; I-80 and I-480 from Cleveland to Youngstown; I-77 from Cleveland to New Philadelphia; I-80/I-90 from Cleveland to Toledo.

They also have four I-70 programs: Wheeling, West Virginia to Columbus; Columbus to Wheeling; Columbus to Richmond, Indiana; and Richmond to Columbus.

Marshall, a freelance writer and former Unitarian minister in Shaker Heights, now works on the project "pretty much full time." Dibner, an architect with



**Museum of the
Open Road**



The Dibner-Marshall road show: more fun than counting license plates.

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Learning To Read With A Celebrity Dog

BY JAYNE EIBEN

PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

Danny, an irresistible 8-year-old yellow Lab, is the first to greet visitors at Mia Coulton's home. Were it not for Danny's gentle nature and photogenic looks, Coulton might still be a Reading Recovery tutor at Boulevard Elementary School and not the successful children's author and publisher she has become.

"After all," Coulton laughs, "I'm nothing without Danny." Together they have created a thriving book business and taught countless children to read.

MaryRuth Books Inc. (Mia is Coulton's nickname) evolved unexpectedly. After attending a teacher's workshop on classroom web pages, Coulton constructed one for her students, with pictures of Danny, for their writing assignment. The students, who all struggled with reading and writing, loved the project, inspiring Coulton to put together a little book called "Halloween Danny" that included photos of her pet.

The endearing pictures of the dog, the sweet stories, and the learning-friendly text were a winning combination. A teacher friend, delighted with the book, suggested Coulton put together six Danny books to sell at the annual National Reading Recovery Conference.

That was in 2002. Coulton now works full time on her business. She has written and self-published 26 Danny books. More than 60,000 copies are in print. Her books are sold throughout the United States, Canada, and overseas. She's as amazed by her success as anyone. All the attention has been something of a surprise after a quarter century spent raising children (her three children are grown) and tutoring first graders.

Despite her busy schedule as an author and publisher, Coulton still goes to school assemblies every week, and takes Danny with her. "When we walk on stage I'll hear the kids say, It's Danny! It's Danny! It's like they're saying, It's Elvis! It's Elvis!"

Though publishing has been more lucrative than tutoring, a home business can be all-consuming, obvious to visitors who see her crowded den packed with large boxes of stuffed Danny toys. Her basement rec room is an inventory-and-shipping department for thousands of books and the hundreds of orders that come in each month. Her daughter's former bedroom is now an office where she process-

es orders and writes her stories. It's a big change from working in a school.

Her work is the culmination of everything she's enjoyed most in her life. As a girl, she was happiest dressing up her dog, looking at dog pictures, and telling funny stories. As an adult, she's passionate about teaching children to read.

"I feel like I'm making a lot of kids happy, and I'm making a lot of teachers happy too. There is nothing more gratifying than helping a child become a member of that club of readers," she says with the conviction of a seasoned educator.

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MaryRuth Books Inc.



Mia Coulton and her pal Danny The Barking Model

Epicurean Delicacies

For Grown-ups

BY JAYNE EIBEN

PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

The mouth-watering smell of newly baked cookies is the first thing a visitor notices approaching Penny Parker's home. Several feet from the front door, it hit me like an irresistible magnet, drawing me inside. Though not particularly hungry, I politely took a bite of one of the white chocolate macadamia cookies Parker offered fresh from the oven.

Within seconds, I had inhaled the cookie and then greedily reached for a light and delicate triple-chocolate walnut brownie. She should be in the cookie business, I thought to myself while devouring these marvelous treats. Oh yeah...that's why I'm here...

A few short years ago, Penny Parker and Chris Anna Fullerton had little time for baking cookies. As marketing executives with Matrix Essentials, a hair product company in Solon, they lived high-powered corporate lives. When the company was sold, 57-year-old Parker accepted an early retirement package so she could spend more time at home with her aging mother. Fullerton, 42, refused the company's relocation offer, choosing to spend more time at her home in Medina with her husband and three young children.

After 30 years in corporate America and traveling up to 75 percent of the year, Parker relished her new-found time

to dabble in domesticity. Not one to be satisfied with dabbling, and buoyed by the enthusiastic response from friends and family to her holiday baking, Parker called her former colleague and disclosed a business idea – cookies!

"I was initially skeptical," Fullerton says, "but then she dropped off a batch of her oatmeal raisin cookies. My husband and I literally couldn't stop eating them and I thought, well, we don't have to worry about product quality."

Fullerton knew if they could figure out the marketing they'd be in business – a challenge that excited her, considering that between them they had 45 years experience in marketing and sales.

As a part of their market research, Parker went in search of fresh baked cookies throughout the region. "I couldn't find a decent cookie anywhere in Cleveland," she says.

"It's such a comfort food," Fullerton observes. "Few people in America can turn down a home-baked cookie."

Cookie Chix has sold more than 30,000 cookies and the numbers grow each month. Their cookies are increasingly popular because they are truly home-made with real butter, high-quality chocolate, whole eggs, and perfectly roasted nuts.

From their homes in Shaker and Medina, Parker and Fullerton mix and bake the cookies. Fullerton, whose kitchen is larger and whose children appreciate the broken pieces, does most of the baking. They market their products to individuals and businesses (word of mouth has hugely boosted sales) and manage all the paperwork, packaging, and delivery.

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Penny Parker and some of her to-die-for guilty pleasures.



The Cookie Chix



Art That's Edible

BY KATE MOORE

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**Crayola Crafty
Cooking Kits**

The day that Crayola Crafty Cooking Kits hit the stores, February 12, the Zeilinger family of Drummond Road staked out the baking aisle at the Heinen's in Brecksville.

"It was a Saturday morning. The kids made sure the launch day wasn't on a school day because they couldn't bear to miss it," says mother Andrea. "We waited to watch the first person buy a kit – and when she did we took pictures with her. It was very emotional. We had all put so much work into it."

Everyone in the entrepreneurial Zeilinger family had a hand in creating the Crafty Cooking Kits. With their easy-to-make treats, the kits encourage children to use their imaginations by emphasizing cooking as a creative process. The kits have simple-to-follow instructions with options to encourage kids to make each creation an original. Each kit also comes with facts, puzzles, and activities to foster dialogue between child and adult.

"We say it's art that's edible," says father Jimmy.

There are currently six different kits in stores: Fun & Hot Pretzel Shop, Create & Eat Brownie Treats, Inside-Out S'mores & More, Dino-mite Donut Party, Creative Cookie Studio, and Funny Face Crispy Rice Treats.

"Kids might help mom make brownies, but then they lick the spoon and run off to something else, because there really isn't much to do while the brownies are baking," Andrea says. "With the kits there are plenty of activities to keep everyone engaged."

The kits were born in 2004 "out of frustration," according to Andrea. "We were frustrated by the lack of kid-friendly products on the market that ensured creativity." Andrea loves to cook, Jimmy does arts and crafts, and the kids, Sienna, 11, and Amanda, 8, love to be creative and messy.

"We started brainstorming about what eventually became Crafty Cooking Kits,



Jimmy, Sienna, Andrea, and Amanda Zeilinger: rolling in dough?

and found the product could lend itself not only to family time, but to teaching and learning," Andrea says.

The Zeilingers formed Brand Castle LLC in the summer of 2004 to manufacture and distribute the kit. They worked with various prototypes, which were tested and critiqued by focus groups.

Marketing was the next challenge. No rookie, Jimmy once served as marketing director for his father's company, Magic American Products, which was sold several years ago.

"We felt we needed to go into the market with a strong name attached to the kits," Jimmy says. The name he wanted was Crayola.

It was an inspired choice. The Zeilinger's marketing consultant, Jennifer Deutsch, who runs Beachwood-based BrandInsights, says, "Crayola had yet to break into the food category, which it was looking to do, and it was felt almost

immediately that a partnership between Crafty Cooking Kits and Crayola was going to be mutually beneficial to both parties."

For the Zeilingers, being licensed to use the Crayola name was when Crafty Cooking Kits was no longer just a dream, but a new product that would soon be on grocery shelves all over the country.

The Zeilingers receive feedback on the kits at craftycookingkits.com that includes an online "Virtual Refrigerator" that lets kids post pictures of their creations. The site also has contests, ideas for each kit, and other promotions.

"We hear of different ways that people are using the kits," Jimmy says. "I think the most inspirational story was of a physical therapist who was using the kits to help her patients with their mobility and tactile skills."

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SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

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An Erosion of Taboos



Shaker High graduate Renee Romano is the white half of a black-white marriage. Her scholarly book on modern attitudes toward “race mixing” is providing readers with a new perspective on an old challenge.

By PEGGY CALDWELL and DAVID LOW

Since her early years, Renee Romano has been a keen observer of racial relations in this country – and in her own daily life. This lifelong interest, kindled during her adolescent years in Shaker Heights, led both to a teaching career at Wesleyan University in Connecticut and to her recent book, *Race Mixing: Black-White Marriage in Postwar America* (Harvard University Press, 2003), the culmination of 10 years of research. It explores the taboo against black-white interracial marriages in America from World War II to the present, how such marriages have gained acceptance over the decades, and what this tells us about American race relations now.

In 1980, when Romano was 12 and her sister Terese was nine, her family moved from an all-white suburb on the west side to Shaker Heights, only 45 minutes away, but worlds apart. Her parents, Marcia and Joseph, decided to move, in part because they wanted a better school system, but even more important, they didn’t believe a homogenous suburb was a healthy environment for raising children. They couldn’t have foreseen how much this change would affect their daughter’s life and outlook.

“It was probably the most formative social and political event in shaping who I was, who I became, and what I am interested in,” says Romano (SHHS ’86), now an associate professor of history and African American studies at the Connecticut liberal arts college.

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In high school, Romano signed on for the band, the debate team, the German exchange program, the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Orchestra, and the Student Group on Race Relations, a group dedicated to talking to elementary students about prejudice and discrimination. She also made nonwhite friends. In her senior year, she began dating Sean Decatur, then a student at Hawken School, whom she later married. Decatur, now a professor of chemistry at Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Massachusetts, is African American.

"We were friends before we began dating," Romano says. "We knew each other through the debate team. And race was simply not an issue. I would bring him to all the parties. None of my friends had any trouble at all with any of this. We hung out in big groups or had parties that were racially mixed." Her family and Decatur's were totally supportive.

Romano's research has influenced her own parenting, making her more aware of the identity and social issues her children, Sabine, 8, and Owen, 3, may face as biracial children.

Still, she concedes, "I wasn't fully aware of the social dynamics in school and the pressure kids are under to socialize or not socialize with someone." That became more apparent when she was an undergraduate at Yale and Decatur was at Swarthmore, and he wasn't sure how readily she would be accepted by his African American friends.

Another formative event was her family's adoption of her sister Amara, who was born in India. "In this way, [my parents] made it very clear that the way one looked had nothing to do with whom you can love. People can be brought into family networks and become family. They didn't say any of those things, but it was so implicit in the act of becoming

a family with a transcolor adoption."

She also singles out two teachers at the High School as particularly influential. English teacher Carol Fox made a strong impression with "her love of her subject and her passion for her subject. She really treated her students as intellectuals."

"And Mr. [Terry] Pollack, in Advanced Placement history, kept pushing you to do everything you could. He asked the big questions. That was the first time I thought of history as anything beyond getting the facts in the proper order."

Romano went to Yale already knowing that she "wanted to find out about African American history, about race relations, about politics and race."

One political science class at Yale addressed race relations in America, an issue she would later investigate in graduate school and in her book. The class examined poll data that looked at how white people answered questions about



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race. The data revealed that in 1950 most whites said they would not have dinner with blacks, invite blacks to their homes, or live next door to them.

But by 1988, the vast majority of whites answered yes to the same questions. Yet one question — "Would you be willing to let your daughter date a black man?" — still elicited "no" from most respondents.

"That really got me thinking," Romano says. "Why did this one area of social relations raise so much more concern for people than other kinds of less intimate relations? People still felt that it was okay to say, No, I don't want my daughter to date a black man."

For her doctoral dissertation at Stanford, Romano decided to write about the history of black-white interracial marriages in America from the 1940s onward, which would allow her to explore political, cultural, gender, and social issues and which would trace the gradual erosion of the taboo against such marriages over the decades. With major modifications, the dissertation ultimately became the book.

"There was an academic reason and a more personal reason" for choosing the topic, she says. "The academic reason was that there wasn't much literature on the topic that wasn't written by sociologists and based on very specific case studies. There wasn't much of a history where you could see development over time, and more seriously where you could look at the question of where changing attitudes toward interracial relationships fit into the larger pattern of race relations. The histories that did exist focused on the 19th century and on the history of laws. There was nothing that was a social-political history, which is the kind of thing I do."

History is, to a degree, about itself; that is, not only is the story important, but so is the story of how it came to be told. Primary sources were difficult to come by in Romano's research, underscoring the deeply held social taboos about interracial marriage. Her highly readable narrative rests on a wide array of sources, including letters, interviews, and popular magazines over the decades, as well as the more traditional official records and surveys. *Ebony* magazine, for example, ran hundreds of articles on interracial marriages, many of them positive. But the white press tended to be sensationalistic and usually portrayed interracial relationships as difficult to sustain, sometimes even dangerous or pathological.

"I found," she acknowledges "that there had been more change over time than I had anticipated."

The white press usually portrayed interracial relationships as difficult to sustain, even pathological or dangerous.

Fifty years ago, nearly 100 percent of whites surveyed said they were opposed to interracial relationships. "We don't know how blacks felt because they weren't asked," Romano says, "but it's probably safe to say that 70 percent were opposed."

In the early 1950s, interracial marriage was illegal in 31 of the 48 states. "Even where it was legal, it was looked down upon. Sociologists and psychologists argued that interracial relationships couldn't possibly be successful and that both blacks and whites would reject these couples," Romano recounts.

"Sometimes people would be fired from their jobs. There was a real stigma attached to this. Interracial couples could not move into white neighborhoods. As long as the white person was sincere and not condescending, black neighbors were accepting. I think African Americans have always been more accepting."



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Today, interracial marriage is legal everywhere in the United States and bans have finally been removed from state constitutions. "There is much more of a sense that relationships can cross cultural lines and be healthy," she says. "Couples are much more free to craft their relationships and decide how they want to live and raise their children."

A major national retail chain recently featured an interracial couple in a television commercial, prompting Romano to remark, "We're a market now."

"Interracial couples used to teach their children that they were black or they were white. Now, a goodly number teach their children that they are something else. They are biracial, they are multiracial, they are children of the rainbow, whatever you want to call it. There is still a lot of pressure on multiracial kids, especially in adolescence, to define themselves in a certain way, but they are no longer predefined by their parents in that way."

While there is somewhat less of a stigma among whites, there are still white parents who are not pleased when their daughter or son comes home with a black partner. And among African Americans, an interracial marriage is sometimes construed as a rejection of one's own culture. Writing the book has made Romano much more aware of the arguments against intermarriage that blacks and whites make, and better able to understand those who oppose the practice.

For decades, the portrayal of interracial couples in popular culture, with few exceptions, tended to reinforce prejudices. "Almost any time you saw an interracial couple on television or in movies, they were always doomed, they were always angst-ridden; in the end they either died or were torn apart. There were very few normal couples who might have to work through issues but who might actually have healthy relationships. I wanted to make an argument that there are many couples who look at themselves as completely normal."

Over time, portrayals of interracial couples have become somewhat less negative, and Romano believes the trend has accelerated in the last five years or so. A major national retail chain, for example, has recently shown an interracial family in its commercials. “We’re a market now,” Romano says.

Although Romano believes that there has been an erosion of the taboo against black-white interracial marriages in American society over the decades, she struggled to find the right tone in the book because she believed it important to point out that we haven’t arrived at a “wonderful utopian multiracial society.”

Increasing residential segregation in most areas of the country – by both race and socioeconomic class – makes it more difficult for interracial relationships to develop, she notes.



The eye-opening dust jacket for Romano’s book.

The response to the book has been overwhelmingly positive. Fellow scholars have praised Romano’s inventive research and critics her powerful prose. Most gratifying have been the personal notes from ordinary people who found the book made a difference to them personally.

“There are a lot of people out there who are involved in interracial relationships who want to reach out and find out more,” she says. “I’ve received a couple of letters from interracial couples thanking

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me and saying the book helped them talk to their parents about their relationship. One of the changes is that there's more networking and more resources out there for people to find out about other people's experiences, which is a huge boon."

Romano's research has influenced her own parenting, making her more aware of the identity and social issues her children, Sabine, 8, and Owen, 3, may face as biracial children, and what she needs to do to support them, as they grow up.

After an extensive search for the right place to raise their children Romano and Decatur settled in Windsor, Connecticut, a town north of Hartford with a diverse population and good schools – and which happens to be about midway between Wesleyan and Mount Holyoke.

"We seem, in this town at least, to be perfectly normal," she says. "But I know that that's a very recent historical development – for interracial couples to be accepted as normal – and I know that not all interracial couples today are so lucky."

The Shaker ties remain strong. Sean's mother, Doris, a retired Cleveland schoolteacher, and brother Steve, a technology consultant, are here along with Steve's wife and children. Renee's sister Terese (SHHS '89) is a social worker in Boston and Amara ('02) is a rising senior at American University in Washington, D.C. Her parents are still here – Marcia as a homemaker and community volunteer and Joe as a management-consultant-turned-teacher at Woodbury School.

"Shaker is a really wonderful place," Romano says. "I have very fond memories of it and I feel very strongly about it. I think one of the things that people don't really appreciate is how hard it is to find a community like this, one where the schools are racially mixed. The schools make a valiant effort to provide a high-quality education for everyone. That is really important and rare and difficult."

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res\$55 **nres**\$65

After Sept. 3: **res**\$70 **nres**\$85

Football: NFL/Nike Youth Flag Football

(Co-ed Grades 1-6)

Program encourages teamwork, respect for others, and fair play. NFL registration form must be completed prior to season. Mouthguards required. No class September 24.

Shaker Town Center
September 3-October 29 * 8 weeks

001 Gr. 1-2 9-10 a.m.

002 Gr. 3-4 10-11:30 a.m.

003 Gr. 5-6 11:30 am-1 p.m.

res\$55 **nres**\$65

Football: Punt Pass & Kick Competition

(Ages 8-15)

Four age divisions 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15. Boys and girls compete separately. Divisions compete in local competition. Top scorer in each age advances to sectional competition. Registration form required.

Shaker Town Center Field
Saturday, September 17
Rain date: Saturday, September 24
1:15-2:15 p.m.
No charge

Golf: Youth Instruction

(Ages 10-17)

Individual instruction for all levels. Weekly charge for bucket of balls: \$5.75 (large) or \$4.75 (medium).

Driving Range
Harvard & Green Roads
September 10-October 8 * 5 weeks
SA 11 a.m.-Noon
res\$65 **nres**\$85

Karate Intro

(Ages 7+)

Master Mark Siwinski
Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu/
Hapkido Karate

Co-ed introduction to self-defense using Karate, Ju Jitsu and Akido. Belt promotions available, but not mandatory. No class November 26.

Middle School East Gym
September 24-December 3 * 10 weeks
SA 9:15-10:45 a.m.
res\$85 **nres**\$105

Soccer: Intro Footskills

(Grades K-2)

George Shengelya

Basic soccer instruction including ball handling, concepts and rules. Registration form required. No class Sept. 24.

Middle School West Gym
September 10-October 22 * 6 weeks
SA
001 Gr. K 10-10:45 a.m.
002 Gr. 1-2 11-11:45 a.m.
res\$65 **nres**\$85

Soccer: Training and League

(Ages 5 & 6)

Shaker Youth Soccer Association

Middle School Lower Field
September 10-October 22 * 7 weeks
SA Noon-1:15 p.m.
res\$70 **nres**\$85

Soccer: Youth League

(Co-ed Grades 1-2)

Skill development and game principles. Practice sessions on weekday evenings and/or Sundays prior to game time. Interested coaches call: 491-1294. Each additional family member receives 10% discount. One child per volunteer coach plays for \$20. Registration form required.

Mercer School Field
September 11-October 16 * 6 weeks
SU 1:30-3:30 p.m.
(1-hr. sessions)
res\$65 **nres**\$85

Swimming Lessons

(Grades K-6)

Lessons offered at beginner and advanced beginner levels. Participants must be 48" tall or have certification from previous water instruction. Bring suit and towel. No class September 24.

Beg./Adv.Beg.
Woodbury School Pool
September 10-October 22 * 6 weeks
SA
001 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
002 1-1:45 p.m.
003 1:45-2:30 p.m.
res\$65 **nres**\$85

Swimming: Open/Family Swim

Children age 14 and younger must be accompanied by adult. Residents only.

Woodbury School Pool
September 13-December 15
TU/TH 7:30-8:30 p.m.
SU 2-4 p.m.
res\$3/person/session
res\$5/family maximum (3+)
Pool pass available for all open and lap swims: \$35.

Tennis: Stroke of Success

(Grades 4-8)

Dan Caplin

Instruction in strokes, serves, and score-keeping. Bring own racquet. Class assignments are 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m.

Thornton Park Tennis Courts

September 10-October 22 * 6 weeks

SA (times above)

res\$95 nres\$120

ADULTS

Enrichment & Leisure

Architectural Walking Tour of Onaway and Boulevard Neighborhoods

Ken Goldberg

Learn guiding principles of historic preservation, identifying styles, and means of dating Shaker homes. Wear walking shoes. Rain or shine. Registration required.

Meet at Fernway School parking lot (Dorchester side)

Saturday, August 20

2-4:30 p.m.

res/nres\$15 (must register in advance)

Bridge: Beginning

Dr. Bob Evans

Interactive and fun! Questions answered during play of the hand. Class party last session. Supply fee of \$7 (bridge game rule booklet) payable at first class.

Shaker Community Building

September 21-October 26 * 6 weeks

W 10 a.m.-Noon

res\$40 nres\$45

Bridge III: Play of the Hand

Dr. Bob Evans

Learn playing the hand by declarer and defending by the opposition, better use bridge of maxims and more. Prerequisite: Bridge II.

Shaker Community Building

September 21-October 26 * 6 weeks

W 1-3 p.m.

res\$40 nres\$45

Bridge: Open

Shaker Community Building

TH 1-4 p.m.

Donation: \$1

French: Beginning

Suzanne Gyurgyik

Hands-on lessons involve students in skits. Great for intermediate level students as well.

High School Room 307

September 19-November 1 * 8 weeks

M 6-8 p.m.

res\$82 nres\$90

Interior Design Basics

Nancy Patterson

De-clutter, organize and design! Covers furniture, fabrics, budgets, functional rooms and accessories.

Shaker Community Building

Saturday, August 13

1-3 p.m.

res\$25 nres\$35

Knitting: Workshop

Pia Alesci

Weekly lessons move beginners to advanced/beginners through basic cable, bobbles, pattern reading instruction, novelty yarn usage and more.

Shaker Community Building

September 29-November 17 * 8 weeks

TH 10-11:30 a.m.

res\$30 nres\$35

Fine & Performing Arts

Ballroom Dance Preview

Ed & Mitzi Dance Co.

Thornton Park

Saturday, August 20

1-1:30 p.m.



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Ballroom Dancing

Mitzi and Ed Waring Dance Co.

Learn waltz, fox trot, salsa, tango and more. Must have a partner. No class October 13.

Woodbury School Cafeteria

September 8-November 3 * 8 weeks
TH

001 Basic	6:15-7:15 p.m.
002 Advanced	7:15-8:15 p.m.
003 Intermediate	8:15-9:15 p.m.
res\$95/couple	nres\$115/couple

Quilting

Bring own materials or choose from assortment provided.

Shaker Community Building

Ongoing

M 10-11 a.m.

No charge

Sports & Fitness

Adult Tap Dance

(Ages 15+)

Peggy Brennan

Basic rhythm and tap techniques for the beginner/intermediate student. Tap shoes discussed at first class.

High School Dance Room

September 21-November 9 * 8 weeks

W 7-8 p.m.

res\$55 nres\$60

Aerobic Dancing with Jacki's Inc.

Jill Welsh & Hedda Dempsey

Build muscle strength and cardiovascular endurance in one-hour workout to upbeat music. All ages and fitness levels. Bring mat and hand weights. Register and pay instructor when attending class. Information: (440) 338-1739.

September 7-December 16

Shaker Community Building

001 M/W/F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Middle School

002 M/W 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Basketball

(Ages 21+)

Enjoy exercise and friendly competition after a hard day's work. Pay one fee and attend all three days if you wish. Registration begins August 16 for residents and August 19 for non-residents (space permitting). Enrollment strictly limited to 32. Players must have Thornton Park ID card (included in fee) and complete registration packet, to be presented to supervisors at first session. No phone-in registrations accepted.

Woodbury School Main Gym

TU/TH 8:30-10 p.m.

SU 2-4 p.m.

September 13-October 30 * 8 weeks

res\$65 nres\$80

Fitness Training: Private

Sandy Caminita, Certified Fitness Training

Burn fat, strengthen and tone. Sessions are one hour. One-on-one training from one session per week at \$45 to twelve sessions a month at \$520. One-on-two training also available. By appointment only. Call: 496-7640 or 641-9622

Shaker Community Building

Golf: Instruction

Individual instruction for all levels. Weekly charge for bucket of balls: \$5.75 (large) or \$4.75 (medium).

Driving Range: Harvard & Green roads

September 10-October 8 * 5 weeks

SA

001 9-10 a.m.

002 10-11 a.m.

res\$65 nres\$85

Ice Skating: see page 50.

FLOW YOGA

Learn to "Go with the Flow" from a teacher with 20 yrs. of experience
Flow Yoga is a combination of several Yoga styles. Your practice will flow with motion and pause with classical yoga poses to create balance, strength, calm and the ultimate union of body and mind. All levels welcome. Bring a mat to class.

Fall 2005 Session

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Innergy Fitness

Cynthia Jordan

Get in shape with friends and neighbors! Bring exercise mat, towel, water bottle and comfortable shoes. Register with instructor at first class. No class October 4, 13.

Middle School West Gym
September 13-October 27
TU/TH 6:30-7:30 p.m.
res/nres\$42
walk-in: \$5

Line Dance

(All ages)

Learn all the latest line dances. Burn calories. No partner needed. No class October 4.

Middle School East Gym
September 13-October 25 * 6 weeks
TU 7:45-9 p.m.
res\$30 **nres**\$35
walk-in: \$7

Swim Conditioning

Improve stroke, endurance and cardiovascular fitness. Swim and diving teams may share pool from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Middle School Pool
September 12-December 16 * 14 wks
001 M-F 6-7 a.m.
res\$3/drop-in (exact change only)

Swimming: Lap

Lap swimming is limited during open swim hours. Residents only. Pool pass for all open and lap swims is available for \$35.

Woodbury School Pool
September 13-December 11
TU/TH 8:30-9:30 p.m.
SU 9:30-11 a.m.
res\$3/drop-in (exact change only)

Tai Chi

Danny Kelly

Slow, rhythmic, gentle movements loosen muscles and joints without strain. Increase blood circulation, improve energy and mental focus. Register with instructor first day of class or call: 932-7629.

Oliver House
3715 Warrensville Center Road
August 30-October 6 * 6 weeks
TU/TH 9:30-11 a.m.
res\$40 **nres**\$45 1 day/week
res\$60 **nres**\$65 2 days/week

Tai Chi Chuan

Danny Kelly

Yang-style Tai Chi (taijiquan) form involves series of continuous, flowing movements done with relaxed alertness. No class September 24.

Woodbury School Upper Gym
September 10-October 20 * 6 weeks
TU/TH 7:45-9 p.m.
SA 9:45-11 a.m.
res\$60 **nres**\$70 2 days/week
res\$75 **nres**\$85 3 days/week

Yoga: Beginners/Intermediate

Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Recommended for new students or those returning to yoga. Basic yoga postures improve breathing, body structure, strengthen and lengthen muscles.

Shaker Community Building
August 8-29 * 4 weeks
M 7-8 p.m.
res/nres\$30

Yoga: Lunch Time

Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Enjoy a healthy and relaxing break at lunchtime. Yoga postures and breathing techniques relieve workday stress and increase energy.

Thornton Park Community Room
August 8-29 * 4 weeks
M Noon-1 p.m.
res/nres\$30
drop-in: \$5 (payable at Thornton Park front office)

Yoga: Prenatal

Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Yoga can help soothe aches and pains during pregnancy. Helps to reduce stress, teaches relaxation, and helps in preparation for childbirth and motherhood. Open to healthy pregnant women in their 2nd and 3rd trimesters. Please get approval from doctor before attending class.

Shaker Community Building
August 8-29 * 4 weeks
M 10-11 a.m.
res/nres\$30

ADULT 50+

Enrichment & Leisure

Benefits CheckUp

Reduce out-of-pocket expenses. Receive a listing of benefits available through the county, state and federal government. Information is confidential. Obtaining funds is responsibility of participant. Schedule an appointment: 491-1351.

Tuesday or Wednesday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Bridge - see page 46.

Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

Ongoing. Information or for a schedule of events: 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building
W 10-11:15 a.m.

First Friday Free Flicks

AUGUST 5

Ocean's Twelve (125 min)
Brad Pitt, Catherine Zeta-Jones,
George Clooney

SEPTEMBER 9 (2nd Friday)

Ray (153 min)
Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington,
Clifton Powell

Shaker Community Building
1:30 p.m.
Popcorn, 50¢

Health Roundtable

In cooperation with the Shaker Heights Health Department
Sandi Hurley, City Nurse

Call 491-1480 to make an appointment for flu shots beginning Monday, September 12.

City Hall Health Department
Thursday, September 15
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
No charge

Immortal Paw Prints

Tina W. Bulucea, MSSA, LISW

Grieving over the past or anticipated loss of an animal companion? Refreshments provided. Information: 407-4037 or email tina@immortalpawprints.com

Shaker Community Building
4th Tuesday of each month
7-8:30 p.m.
No charge

Look Good...Feel Better

Sponsored by the
American Cancer Society

A free, national, public service program that teaches female cancer patients to cope with the appearance-related side effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Non-medical, free of charge and product neutral. Advance registration required: 491-6407.

South Pointe Hospital Building A
Tuesday, September 13
3-5 p.m.

Low Vision Support Group

Marie Prendergast

Ongoing free service for Shaker residents.
Transportation available: 491-1348.

Second and fourth Mondays
11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
No charge

Podiatry Care

Laurence Spivack, DPM

Simple foot care services provided on a first-come basis. (Massage available on hands and/or feet after foot procedure: Donna Lipscomb, LMT \$5). Information: 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building
August 11, September 8
TH 8:30 a.m.
\$15

Taste of Shaker

Marie Prendergast

Enjoy friends, old and new, while dining at local eateries. Reservations must be made by Friday of the week before the trip. Includes Shaker Heights door-to-door roundtrip transportation (\$5). Cost of lunch not included. INFO: 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building
August 8: Picnic at SCB
(reservations required)
M 1-3 p.m.
September 13: TBD
TU 1-3 p.m.

Fine & Performing Arts

Dance as an Art Form: Forever Young

Sabatino Verlezza and
Barbara Allegra Verlezza

All class work is adapted for more mature bodies with physical challenges; including those with arthritis, bursitis, etc. and those who use mobility devices. INFO: 491-1360.
Shaker Community Building
August 1-5
M-F 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
res/nres\$200

Sports & Fitness

Aquatic Exercise

Arthritis Foundation in cooperation with
Judson Wellness Department

Ongoing. Register: 791-2393. Transportation available: 491-1348.

Judson Park
2181 Ambleside Drive
TU/TH 11-11:45 a.m.
\$50 monthly membership

Fun with Fitness

Beth Parnin

Low impact exercise set to popular tunes and requiring no floor work. Wear comfortable tennis shoes. No class October 10.

Shaker Community Building
Room 018
September 12-October 24 * 6 weeks
M/W/F 9-10 a.m.
2 days/week:
res\$30 nres\$35 individual
res\$50 nres\$55 husb./wife
3 days/week:
res\$35 nres\$40 individual
res\$55 nres\$60 husband/wife

People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE)

In cooperation with Judson Wellness
Department

Ongoing recreational exercise program taught by Arthritis Foundation certified instructors. Transportation available: 491-1348.

Shaker Community Building
M/W/F 11:15 a.m.-Noon
\$2/class

*New! Strength Training for Women

Tone up. Burn calories. Stay strong. Judson brings the Joan Pagano exercise method to you. Ongoing classes.

Shaker Community Building
M/W 12:15-1:15 p.m.
\$2/class

THORNTON PARK

Ice Hockey: Raider Camp

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.

Thornton Park Ice Arena
M-F August 15-19
Mites/Squirts
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
res\$420 nres\$445
Mighty Mites
11 a.m.-Noon
res\$115 nres\$135
PeeWees/Bantams
6-9 p.m.
res\$260 nres\$290

Ice Hockey: Summer Clinics

Check shakerhockey.com for upcoming clinics or call: 491-2581, Caleb S. Wyse, Shaker Youth Hockey Coordinator.

Ice Skating: Learn to Skate Classes

Session I classes meet once a week for six weeks. Session II classes meet once a week for eight weeks. Registration ends two business days prior to first class. New/beginning skaters please arrive 10 minutes early on the first day of class for orientation by the entrance to the ice rink. Skate and helmet rentals extra, if needed. If there are fewer than 3 skaters in a level, class may be cancelled, or levels combined. Information: 295-3461, Erin M. Schopf, Learn-to-Skate Coordinator.

FALL SESSION I: September 8-Oct. 13

REGISTRATION

Shaker Residents – July 5

Non-Resident – August 8

FALL SESSION II: October 20-Dec. 15 (No classes on November 24, 25 - Thanksgiving Break)

REGISTRATION

Shaker Resident – September 12

Non-Resident – October 3

LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES

res\$40/with pass; \$50/without pass

nres\$60/with pass; \$70/without pass

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS

A knit stocking cap, gloves or mittens and snowpants are recommended for Tots and Basic I students. All skaters should wear one pair of socks or tights. Bike or hockey helmets may also be worn.

Skill Level Information

BASIC 1-7 & FREESTYLE 1-6

(Ages 6-15)

Group instruction for the beginning to advanced skater. Hockey skates may be worn for Basic 1-4. Figure skates only for Basic 5-7 and Freestyle.

POWER HOCKEY

(Ages 6+)

Improve skating technique and skill. Emphasis on forward skating stride and edges. Prerequisite: Completed Basic 2.

TOT SNOWPLOW SAM 1-3 (Tot SPS)

(Ages 3-5)

Beginners should start with SPS 1. SPS 2 and SPS 3 are a progression of more advanced skills for beginners age 5 and under.

TOT BASIC 2-5

(Ages 3-5)

For advanced tot skaters. Same as basic skills taught to older skaters.

TOT HOCKEY SKILLS

(Ages 3-5)

Basic skating and power skating skills for hockey players under age 6. Prerequisite: Completed SPS 3.

ADULT

(Ages 16+)

For beginners to advanced adult skaters who wish to learn basics or to improve skills in a group setting. Hockey or figure skates.

Class Schedule

MONDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m. Tot SPS 1-2

1:45-2:15 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2

5-5:30 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2, Basic 6-7, Power Hockey

5:30-6 p.m. Basic 1-5, Freestyle, Adults

TUESDAYS

9:30-10 a.m. Tot SPS 1-2

10-10:30 a.m. Tot SPS 3, Tot Basic 2, Adults

1:15-1:45 p.m. Tot SPS 1-2

1:45-2:15 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2, Adults

THURSDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m. Tot SPS 1-2

2-2:30 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2, Adults

4:30-5 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2, Power Hockey, Basic 6-7

5-5:30 p.m. Basic 1-5, Freestyle

FRIDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2

SATURDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m. Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2, Basic 6-7, Freestyle

1:45-2:15 p.m. Basic 1-5, Adults



Recreation Class Registration Forms

ADULT NAME (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):

Last First MI

Address

City, State, Zip

Day Phone () - Night Phone () -

Email address:

PARTICIPANT NAME(S)	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY	SECTION	FEES

FORM OF PAYMENT: ☐ Cash (in person only) ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card TOTAL FEES:

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Credit Card type: ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

ACCOUNT NUMBER: Exp. date: /

SIGNATURE

ADULT NAME (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):

Last First MI

Address

City, State, Zip

Day Phone () - Night Phone () -

Email address:

PARTICIPANT NAME(S)	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY	SECTION	FEES

FORM OF PAYMENT: ☐ Cash (in person only) ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card TOTAL FEES:

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Shaker's Future

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the vacant Glin Medical Building by an independent architectural firm (see sidebar) is fueling the momentum in that area.

Van Aken-Warrensville: Tremendous Potential

The lion's share of Shaker's commercial tax base is located in and around the Van Aken-Warrensville area, home to OfficeMax, Tower East, Wendy's, Somerset Point, Van Aken Center, and Shaker Plaza.

Some 70,000 cars cross the area's main intersection daily, making it the fifth most heavily traveled in Cuyahoga County. While exasperating for drivers, the intersection has the potential to be a tremendous asset, Campbell says.

"People know how to get here and they come on a regular basis. What they do now is try to figure out how to get through the intersection as quickly as possible to get where they are going. But if new retailing, new offices, and new housing can be brought here, instead of just driving through the intersection, they'll stop. They'll shop here, live here, and locate their investment firm or law office here."

Van Aken-Warrensville has the best potential as a commercial location in Shaker because of its access to other affluent east side suburbs and to interstates 271 and 480. What Campbell envisions for the district "is much more radical" than merely upgrading what already exists.

"Right now, the Van Aken Center and Shaker Plaza are 55 years old and functionally obsolete. They turn their backs to the main streets, so that potential customers driving along Warrensville Center and Chagrin see only their loading docks and dumpsters."

Campbell also sees the potential in the largely underused two-acre parking lot the City owns near the northwest corner of Farnsleigh and Van Aken.

"This is a tremendous development site and we get calls nearly every week

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about it," he says. "We know it could be worth five to ten times more than it's worth today once there is a master plan for redeveloping this entire district."

Campbell works with the center owners as well as other interested developers to maximize the value of this high potential commercial hub.

The success of the Sussex Courts just a block away on Chagrin speaks to the viability of the area. Campbell points out there are people who are willing to spend north of \$400,000 to buy a condominium here because of the convenience factor. "You can be downtown in 15 to 20 minutes, be at 271 and Chagrin in fewer than ten minutes, or drive to the airport in half an hour."

The solution to Shaker's long-term vitality is providing a quality of life that is greater than any other suburb can offer, so that Shaker's higher taxes are justified.

That superior quality of life, the City believes, can be attained through the combination of exceptional housing options, unique retail experiences, exciting recreational offerings, and forward-looking leadership.





Cookie Chix

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On my way out, Parker insisted I take home a bag of cookies for my family. She didn't need to twist my arm. My children liked the cookies but then again they like all cookies, no matter how generic. It was my husband, not known for having a sweet tooth, who went crazy for them, especially the caramel pecan chocolate chip. Watching his eyes close in ecstasy as he chewed slowly, I realized that the Cookie Chix create epicurean delicacies for grown-ups, every bit as enjoyable as really good chocolate, caviar, or a fine pinot noir — the kind of culinary treat that seems a shame to waste on the children.

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MOTOR

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Westlake Reed Leskosky and a member of Shaker's Architectural Board of Review, works on MOTOR as her schedule permits.

The process for creating a MOTOR recording starts with driving the route and taking notes on everything of interest – an old barn, a curious town name, the topography. Dibner and Marshall also pay close attention to the mile markers so they can indicate where landmarks are found.

One valuable resource is "The Ohio Guide," the Buckeye State's edition from a series produced by a Depression-era Works Progress Administration program called the Federal Writers Project. Marshall says MOTOR traces its roots to this initiative, and he hopes the Museum of the Open Road will help travelers appreciate the mosaic that is this region.

In addition to using secondary sources, Marshall conducts interviews, some of which he includes in the recordings. On the Cleveland to Erie recording, for instance, he interviews the executive director of the Ohio Winemakers Association and the director of the Underground Railroad Museum in Ashtabula.

Local actors read some portions of some recordings, but Marshall's public-radio-smooth voice covers most of the narrative.

Marshall also writes the first draft of each script. "Then we test-drive the script. The timing can be tricky." MOTOR recordings always assume drivers are driving the speed limit. But to accommodate lead-footed motorists, or those caught in traffic jams, the recordings break at regular intervals, bracketed by a "car-horn chorus."

The couple recalls climbing a huge learning curve when they first started, but have picked up speed and efficiency since. The first tape was recorded in 2001, two years after they first came up with the idea for MOTOR. By contrast, Marshall and Dibner produced their four I-70 recordings in six months.

As keen as they are for the call of the open road, Dibner and Marshall both say they relish coming back to Shaker

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MaryRuth Books

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Dozing beside us in Coulton's kitchen, Danny is oblivious to his celebrity or to the challenges of running a small business. Nonetheless, when our interview is over, ever the gracious professional, Danny awakes and escorts me to the door, smiling gently and waving goodbye with his tail.

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Crafty Cooking Kits

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Jimmy and Andrea credit their young daughters with catalyzing the product's development as well as being irreplaceable colleagues on the endeavor.

"They are our toughest critics and, of course, our taste testers," Jimmy says. "Sienna has seen this product through from start to finish, and could compete with those seeking their MBAs in regard to her knowledge of product development."

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"It has been an amazing journey, harder and more work than I initially thought, but we are right on track," Jimmy says.

Brand Castle plans to continue to develop new concepts with a new product likely hitting the market next year.

Jimmy says, "Who knows what's next for us? When you have the support and the effort of your entire family behind you, anything is possible."

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2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31: Nature Walk, 3:30-4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door for a one hour, naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

4: Independence Day Fireworks, 9:45 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

5: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 P.M., CLEVELAND GREENHOUSE. Keith Jones, Director of the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership presents *Restoring the Doan Brook: What Does It Mean for Rockefeller Park?* Free. INFO: 321-5935.

7: Meet-the-Artist Reception, 7-8:45 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY 2ND FL. Meet Shaker photographer Ben Hauser and view exhibit of his color photography. INFO: 991-2030.

7: Movie @ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. *The Pacifier* with Vin Diesel. Free.

7-28: Sketching In Nature, 6-7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Environmental art. For adults with a strong interest in drawing. Jennifer Rohrer leads outdoor sessions. \$40/members; \$50/non-members.

Exhibits

Through July 25: Mulenburg County & Anonymous Humanities MAIN LIBRARY 2ND FL. Color photography of Ben Hauser. INFO: 991-2030.

Through mid August: Communal Life in a Shaker Village. SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Tools and items used by the Shakers for daily chores, plus photo exhibit: *In Time and Eternity: Maine Shakers in the Industrial Age, 1872-1918.* INFO: 921-1201.

August 1-30: Photocrafters, MAIN LIBRARY, 2ND FL. Photography club exhibit of members' photographs. INFO: 991-2030.

9 & 16, AUGUST 13 & 20: Gardening Indoors and Out, 10:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN. Help little ones ages 2-8 blossom. Saturday morning gardening classes and simple cooking show children the natural connection from garden to table. \$56/8 week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

10: Archeology in Cleveland, 5 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Tri-C Professor Al Lee presents an overview of archeology. Program fee includes box supper. INFO: 921-1201.

11: Low Vision Support Group, 10-11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

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Mondays & Wednesdays: Play Times, 9:30 AM-NOON, MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Meet other parents and play in the air-conditioned playroom. For children birth to 3 years with a parent or caregiver. Additional hours: 4-6 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. Ongoing programs include Baby Talk for parents and caregivers of babies from birth to 18 months from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Thursdays and Toddler Talk for children ages 18 to 36 months from 4-6 p.m. on Thursdays. FEES & INFO: 921-2023.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays (through July 15): Drop In Sessions, 9-11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver. Free. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Play and Learn Station and Play and Learn Babies, 10 A.M.-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children up to five years old. Evening hours: *Target Tuesdays* (funded by Target Stores) and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. Cosponsored by Shaker Family Center. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

Wednesdays: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 A.M.-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR. Free, drop-in sessions just for home day care providers. Cosponsored by Shaker Family Center. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

Wednesdays: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation, 10-11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. For a schedule of events, call 491-1360.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, 1-4 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. \$1/person donation.

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11: A Midsummer's Eve at the Colonnade, 7 P.M., THE COLONNADE. Children's librarians tell fantastical tales in the out-of-doors. INFO: 991-2030.

12: Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Brick Lane* by Monica Ali. INFO: 991-2030.

12: Meet The Plain Dealer Book Editor, 7 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Following a brief business meeting and election of officers, Friends of the Shaker Library presents guest speaker Karen Long, book editor of *The Plain Dealer*. INFO: 991-2421.

13: Itty Bitty Beach Party, NOON-2 P.M., THORNTON PARK.

14: Podiatry Care, 9 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

14: Make a Magical Rune Set, 3 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Teens in grades 6-12 can make mystery, fortune-telling rune stones complete with pouch. INFO: 991-2421.

14: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet in the Meeting Room the 2nd Thursday of each month. Visit their website at shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm. INFO: CRYSTAL BIRNS, 321-5935 x 237 or birns@shakerlakes.org.

15: AARP Shaker Chapter, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

17: Steak Stampede, 5-7 P.M., THORNTON PARK.

JULY 18-22: Teen Writing Institute, 9 A.M.-5 P.M., POETS' & WRITERS' LEAGUE OF GREATER CLEVELAND, 12200 FAIRHILL, TOWNHOUSE #3A.

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19: Straight 6 Dixieland Band, 7 P.M., THE COLONNADE.

19: Mother-Daughter Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Read *The Puppeteer's Apprentice*, D. Anne Love's suspenseful story set in the Middle Ages. INFO: 991-2421.

21: Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M., CITY HALL HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

21: Movie @ Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. *Constantine*. Free.

21, 23, 29, 31: All's Well That Ends Well, 7 P.M., THE COLONNADE.

22, 24, 28, 30: Cymbeline, 7 P.M., THE COLONNADE.

23: Book Signing, 1-3 P.M., LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE. Carol Poh Miller, who wrote the introduction, will be on hand to sign a re-release of Harriet L. Keeler's book, *Our Native Trees and How to Identify Them*, first published in 1900. INFO: 795-9800.

25: Low Vision Support Group, 10-11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

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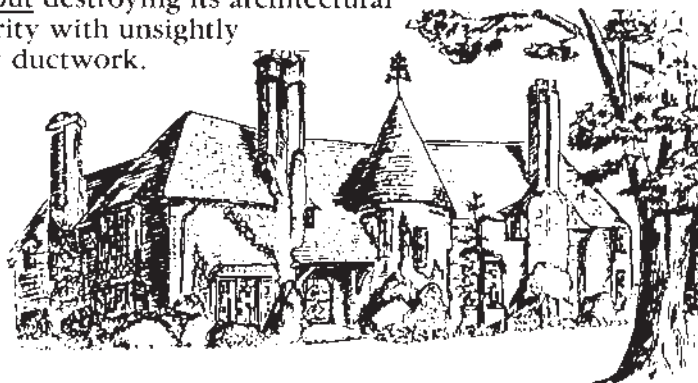
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26: Immortal Paw Prints, 7-8:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

27: Shaker Community Band, 7 P.M., THE COLONNADE.

28: Basic Digital Photography Workshop, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Rick Santich of MotoPhoto and Portrait Studios presents a workshop on digital photography. INFO: 991-2030.

30: Book Signing, 1-3 P.M., LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE. Kelly Ferjutz signs copies of *Windsong*, an historical romance set on the Great Lakes. INFO: 795-9800.

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INFO: 321-5935.**

**11: Podiatry Care, 9 A.M.,
SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.**

**11: Judy Strauss Trio, 7 P.M., THE
COLONNADE.**

**14: Sammy Delon Latin Jazz
Ensemble, 6:30-8:30 P.M.,
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**15: Red Cross Bloodmobile,
2-7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY, 2ND FL.**

**17: Shaker Community Band,
7 P.M., THE COLONNADE.**

**18: Back-to-School Stories on
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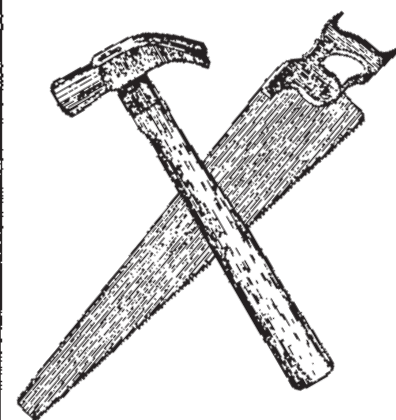
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Fishin' Blues

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

One of the underappreciated benefits of summer in the great outdoors is that it is, in fact, *outdoors*, and can be avoided simply by closing a window and turning on an air conditioner, with all manner of bird-chirping and bee-buzzing and nipper-whooping drowned out by the white noise of refrigerated air and the pleasant tinkling of ice cubes in an adult beverage. Unfortunately, this option is not available to Shaker parents, as every year various unhelpful influences (i.e., grandparents, teachers, kids' magazines with overpunctuated names like *Go! Outdoors* and *Nature Is Fun!*) convince children throughout the City that worthwhile July and August activities happen only where it is hot, sweaty, and full of bugs.

A terrific example of these delusions, of course, is fishing, in which poor, defenseless creatures are tortured at the end of a line, the other end of which is attached to a fish. If, for example, you saw an ad in the newspaper for a \$9.95 fishing kit – COMPLETE! – then you, like Shaker Man, might think that fishing was inexpensive, something that could be done, in a pinch, with string, hooks, and nightcrawlers.

But you would be wrong.

You, like Shaker Man, would learn this from your eight-year-old son, who suddenly can think or speak of nothing else. You would be enlightened by Eight – in the car, over dinner, while you're balancing the checkbook – about the many different types of lures involved in fishing, ranging from spoons to plugs to jigs to poppers to red-bellied zig-zaggers. You would have explained to you, in the minutest of detail, how each lure is prop-

erly attached and accessorized with swivels and lead shot and knots ranging from the bowline hitch to the double surgeon's loop. You would answer hundreds – nay, thousands – of questions about what types of fish might be in this lake or that.

And just at the moment your head is about to explode – at that moment, inside Rick's Really Big Sporting Goods Store, when your son begins a 20-minute dissertation on the subtle differences between large- and small-mouth bass – you, like Shaker Man, would finally see the light. You would put a fatherly arm around Eight's shoulders and say, in a whisper both tender and grateful at your own brilliance: "Son, instead of talking about fishing equipment, should we maybe buy some?"

It is, you will reflect later, the best \$287.42 you ever spent.

Yet expense is only the start of a bad summer activity; nothing can be characterized as truly parent-unfriendly unless it makes the children who supposedly enjoy it both grumpy and envious.

Take Shaker Man's 12-year-old daughter, for instance; her initial reaction to her new \$9.95 fishing rod – bought as part of the Shaker Parent's eternal quest to make sure that *Everything Is Equal and Gender-Neutral* – is less than enthusiastic: "I'll try it," she says after a 30-second stare, "as long as I don't have to touch any worms or fish."

Her indifference fades, however, once all are at a stream and – after several unsuccessful trips notable only for the bored complaints of both Eight and Twelve – the fish actually begin to bite. Suddenly

she is an Angler – and needs Dad to cast her line instead of Eight's. The resultant bickering –

He helped you twice already!

Did not!

Did so!

No, I did one cast myself!

But he baited your hook!

He clipped your bobber!

I'll clip your bobber!

DAD!!!!!!

– would have scared away all fish in a three mile radius IF Shaker Man himself – running from pole to pole, leaping from tackle box to snagged line, tying knots with his teeth – hadn't already frightened them off with a last cast that was a little too quick and a little too overhead, with just a little too much excess line.

Followed, as reported by Twelve to Ms. Shaker Man, with just a little too much *colorful* language.

At the emergency room, once the staff stop laughing long enough to snip the lure's barbed hooks from Shaker Man's upper arm (*Wince*) and then give him a 12-gallon tetanus shot (*What the–OUCH!*), he faces his toughest fishing challenge yet.

"Dad?" says Eight.

"Yes?"

"That lure that got stuck your arm?"

"Yes."

"Did they cut it with those special pliers?"

"Yes. But it didn't hurt too much."

"I know. But I was thinking. That lure was my red-bellied zig-zagger."

"So?"

"Well," says Eight, "You owe me a new one. When do you think we can go to Rick's?"





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