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In February 2004, art students from Shaker Heights High School won 37 awards in the Cuyahoga Regional Scholastic Art Awards Program — the most won by any of the 100 participating high schools in the competition.

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## TOWN TOPICS

### *Shaker is picture perfect for photo contest*

Get your cameras ready! *Shaker Life* magazine is teaming up with several local businesses to sponsor *A Day in the Life of Shaker*, a contest for amateur photographers living in the Shaker Heights City School District.

Whether you're snapping members of Shaker's diverse community at work and play or capturing scenic shots of our beautiful ever-changing landscape, there's a wealth of picture perfect portraits waiting to be taken! The competition runs through October 31 and winners will be announced in two categories: Youth (students aged 17 and under) and Adult. For more details, see page 46.

Elsewhere in this edition is a new section readers may contribute to: *Shaker Postcards*. This issue, Moreland resident Angelia Lee writes about her first foray overseas – to West Africa – in her story, *Serenade to Senegal*. Closer to home, we have a feature about that perennial Shaker favorite: the block party and all the different ways neighbors can celebrate summer together.

One city-wide block party is, of course, July 4 and the ideals of the Declaration of Independence resonate as strongly today as they did during this country's founding. Enjoy the party – and don't forget to take your camera!

Have a great summer!

*Felicity Hill*

### **Join in the Community Conversation about recreation on July 13**

The City's second community forum about Shaker's recreation and leisure is 7 p.m., July 13 at the Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. Join your neighbors and help plan Shaker's future recreation and leisure offerings. For more information, contact the Planning Department, 491-1430. (Can't make this date? The City will hold its third, and final, community conversation at 7 p.m., September 21, also at the Community Building.)



## **Summer in Shaker**

### *Enjoy Poolside Fun & Fireworks on July 4!*

Fly Old Glory, grab your swim gear, and join your friends and neighbors for Shaker's Independence Day bash. From noon to 6 p.m., enjoy a Water Carnival at Thornton Park. Pack a picnic basket or sample the concession stands and spend the day enjoying free swimming, games, and prizes for kids of all ages. End your day's fun with the grand finale: the free fireworks festival, beginning at dusk, at Shaker Middle School.

### **Itty Bitty Beach Party**

It's fun time for the younger set at Thornton Park Kiddie Pool on July 14. From noon – 2 p.m., children six years and under are invited to paddle, play games, parade in a swimsuit contest, and enjoy party favors. Free ice cream included!

For more information, call 491-1295.

### **Summer Sizzlers at Thornton Park**

The Community Life Department is holding a series of specials at Thornton Park. See page 47 for details.

## **AT THE COLONNADE**

The Community Colonnade, adjacent to Main Library, will come alive again this summer with a series of open-air productions. Bring your blankets, lawn chairs and picnics and enjoy evening entertainment ranging from jazz to Shakespeare! All performances begin at 7 p.m. If it rains, most events will move to the Shaker Community Building. For more information, call 491-1360.

**JULY 8–11, 22 & 24** Cleveland Shakespeare Festival: *The Tempest*.

**JULY 15–18, 23 & 25** Cleveland Shakespeare Festival: *Romeo and Juliet*.

**JULY 19** Family Storytelling features *Bug Tales – Stories to Tickle your Fancy*, courtesy of the Shaker Heights Public Library.

**JULY 28** Shaker's Community Band, under the direction of maestro Luiz Coelho, plays patriotic tunes to delight all ages.

**AUGUST 3** Hear the harmonies of the Johnnycake Ridge Singers, a 30-man barbershop chorus.

**AUGUST 12** Enjoy the youthful sounds of Perfunktory, a hometown band with a funky, foot-tapping style.

**AUGUST 24** The Hillcrest Concert Band, a 60-member ensemble with music for everyone.

## Homes and Neighborhoods

### *Tour Shaker's Landmark Homes on September 12*

Join your friends and neighbors from 1 to 5 p.m. on September 12 for the Landmark Commission's 22nd annual walking tour of Shaker's notable homes. This year's theme, Shaker Heights: The Harmony of Diversity, embraces the variety of architectural styles found here. There will be an evening party on Friday September 11; on Saturday, tour historic houses at your leisure. Proceeds from the event benefit Fund for the Future, a home loan program that promotes neighborhood diversity. Call 491-1430 for tickets and info.

### *Shaker Garden Collective beautifies rental properties*

The Neighborhood Revitalization Department has an innovative new program for rental property owners: discounted plant and garden supplies at a participating nursery and free landscape



## Summer Groundbreaking for Kensington Station

An August groundbreaking is set for Heartland Developers' \$57 million Kensington Station project at Shaker Towne Centre. Their plans detail mixed residential-commercial buildings comprised of light and airy loft condos above both first-floor residential and first-floor high-end retail space. Two L-shaped buildings of 61 condo units will be priced from \$170,000 to \$350,000; the first stage of construction begins this summer. A third building, designed for residents aged 55 plus, will offer optional services for seniors. Seventeen townhouses are also planned. A spring 2005 move-in date is expected for the development's first new residents.

Construction is currently underway on the Chagrin Boulevard road narrowing and the creation of a new Center Street at Shaker Towne Centre.

Kensington Station is part of the City's \$70 million rejuvenation of the Chagrin-Lee area, which includes pedestrian-friendly streetscaping, public art and green space, and a new firehouse on Chagrin Boulevard. The City is also seeking development options for the south side of Chagrin Boulevard.

*Note: The City would like to thank Shaker Towne Centre and Chagrin Boulevard businesses for their patience during this construction and reminds residents that stores remain open for business.*

plans, courtesy of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, when Ohio native plants and organic materials are used. For more information contact the Neighborhood Revitalization Department, 491-1370, or the Nature Center's Victoria Mills, 321-5935, ext. 234.

## Landmark Commission Announces

### *Preservation Awards*

Sixteen winners were announced at the Landmark Commission's Seventh Annual Preservation Awards held in May. Four homeowners won accolades for architecturally appropriate additions that both complemented existing architectural fea-

tures and met the Commission's design guidelines, three homes met the criteria for the TLC Award for Continued Stewardship, and seven awards were made in the Retention of Original Materials category.

Both the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Hanna Perkins Center, at the former Malvern Elementary School, won Before and After awards for dramatic exterior restorations.

For more information, call 491-1433.

## *Computer Round-Up is July 24 & 25*

Do you have any defunct computers, keyboards, monitors and other items in need

of safe disposal? The Service Center is conducting a Computer Round-Up on July 24 & 25 at the Service Center on 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Bring along your old computers as well as software, printers, modems and cell phones between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. No cost.

## Reserve-a-Truck for Home Projects

Through September, residents tackling major home and garage clean-ups may rent an open dump truck for an entire weekend through the City's Reserve-a-Truck program.

For a charge of \$50 per load, a dump truck will be parked and locked on a resident's property from Friday night until Monday morning. Building materials, such as plaster, lumber and roofing, are not permitted.

Call the Public Works Department, 491-1490, for information and reservations.

## Certified Shaker Properties

The following rental properties have been "certified" as meeting the standards set by the City's Department of Neighborhood Revitalization. Owners are listed in parentheses. (Note: Apartments are certified based on common areas, not individual units.) Availability changes daily; to find out if there are vacancies call the Neighborhood Revitalization Department at 491-1370 or check the City's web site, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### Rental Homes

3324 Aberdeen Road (Karen Miner)

3138 Albion Road (Laura Rose)

3597 Avalon Road (Robert Stovall)

3261 Braemar Road (Glen Lair)

16011 Chadbourne Road (Linda Hart)

3362 Chalfant Road (Heather Chapman)

17625 Chagrin Blvd. (Connie Pinkley)

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- 3455 Glencairn Road (*Margaret Walton*)
- 3665 Glencairn Road (*Eric Ozan*)
- 3561 Gridley Road (*Terri Stone*)
- 3559 Gridley Road (*Bruce Altchouler*)
- 3610 Gridley Road (*Harold Spivack*)
- 3545 Gridley Road (*Deborah Goshien*)
- 3618 Gridley Road (*Cyril Weathers*)
- 3622 Gridley Road (*Constance F. Speed*)
- 2928 Huntington Road (*Angela Binger*)
- 2557 Kendall Road (*Brian Hoover*)
- 2565 Kendall Road (*Janet Alter & Kevin Lovas*)
- 3266 Lansmere Road (*Aisling Downey*)
- 3647 Latimore Road (*Norman Sigel*)
- 3664 Latimore Road (*Josh Lovinger*)
- 3711 Latimore Road (*Robin Grant-Hughes*)
- 3716 Latimore Road (*Bernice Levine*)
- 3466 Lynnfield Road (*Joanne Caterino*)
- 3673 Lynnfield Road (*Pam Cleverly*)
- 3686 Lynnfield Road (*Robert McMahon*)
- 3658 Lynnfield Road (*Liz Sargent*)
- 18231 Lynton Road (*Pat Arnold*)
- 2840 Ludlow Road (*Charles Richards*)
- 2879 Ludlow Road (*David Kramer*)
- 18327 Newell Road (*Marc Rossen*)
- 18406 Newell Road (*Deborah Goshien*)
- 18419 Newell Road (*Helen Kubach*)
- 3525 Normandy Road (*Robert Jacobs*)
- 3598 Palmerston Road (*Ellen Roberts*)
- 3584 Palmerston Road (*Paul Landis*)
- 16500 Parkland Drive Carriage House  
(*Rita Bryce*)
- 3643 Riedham (*Robert McMahon*)
- 15804 Scottsdale Blvd. (*Andrea L. Beight*)
- 17918 Scottsdale Blvd. (*John Franks*)
- 14600 South Woodland Road  
(*Thomas Chelimsky*)
- 22455 South Woodland Road  
(*Leo Krulitz*)
- 3560 Tolland Road (*Terri Stone*)
- 3000 Warrensville Center Road  
(*Jane Tresville*)
- 2865 Weymouth Road (*Robert Burger*)
- 3701 Winchell Road (*Sue Stanton*)
- 3629 Winchell Road  
(*Mr. & Mrs. Agustine Ponce de Leon*)
- 3566 Winchell Road (*Henry Hwang*)
- 3657 Winchell Road (*Chris Reminder*)
- 3697 Winchell Road (*Terri Stone*)
- 19809 Winslow Road (*Nick Palumbo*)

19615 Winslow Road (*Emilie Barnett*)  
 19621 Winslow Road (*Sandra M. Jones*)  
 19606 Winslow Road (*Carole Lindow*)  
 19611 Winslow Road (*Mr. Joseph Bordonaro*)  
 19420 Winslow Road (*Brian Heyman*)  
 19406 Winslow Road (*Mike McDowell*)  
 19407 Winslow Road (*Anita Dillen*)  
 19024 Winslow Road (*Bonnie Banks*)  
 18932 Winslow Road (*Marcella McCord*)  
 18931 Winslow Road (*Robert Humphrey*)  
 18920 Winslow Road (*Julie Snipes*)  
 18708 Winslow Road (*Susan Severy*)  
 18419 Winslow Road (*David Chrien*)  
 18428 Winslow Road (*Joe Beatrice*)  
 18409 Winslow Road (*Maureen Glasper*)  
 17928 Winslow Road  
     (*Mari Lynne & James Patterson*)  
 17601 Winslow Road (*Robert A. Cugini II*)



## Apartments

Carlton, 2800 Van Aken Blvd. (*Charles Pinkney*)  
 Cormere Place, 2661 North Moreland Blvd.  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 Fairhill Apartments, 12700 Fairhill Road  
     (*A to Z Management*)  
 Fairhill Place, 3660 Fairhill Road (*Ken Montlack*)  
 Kemper Manor, 2501 Kemper Road  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 Shaker Lakes Apartments, 2590 North  
     Moreland Blvd. (*Michael Montlack*)  
 Shaker Park East, 2540 North Moreland Blvd.  
     (*David Goodman*)  
 Shaker Park Manor, 19220 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 Shaker Terrace, 19806 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Thomas Gerson*)  
 The Ambassador, 13700 Fairhill Road  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 The Blair House, 19601 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Zehman-Wolf Management*)  
 The Continental Luxury Apartments,  
     3341-3351 Warrensville Center Road  
     (*Alan Pearlman*)  
 The Greenbriar, 17100 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 The Waterford, 19250 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Howard Lake*)  
 The Monty, 2641 North Moreland Blvd.  
     (*Michael Montlack*)  
 The Morlee Apartments, 15810 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Michael Montlack*)

## Community rose garden needs volunteers

Volunteers are needed to lend some tender, loving care to the Community Rose Garden on Woodbury Road. The original plans for the garden, founded in 1927, called for “climbing roses on the fence, polyantha along the street line, rose rugosa in the hedge, sweetbriars at the end of the garden and a mixed planting of rose Hugonis, deciduous shrubs and evergreens, and hybrid teas and perpetuals.” Today, some 1,000 rose bushes, ranging from old Damask roses to ever-blooms fill the gardens, with some original plantings still thriving – but they need helping hands. If you can spend a few hours pulling weeds, dead-heading blooms, and watering, call Sandy Cone at 752-4286 or Connie Naugle at 751-7168, or come to the garden, located on Woodbury Road next to Onaway School, on Saturday mornings between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

North Moreland Gardens, 2626 North  
     Moreland Blvd. (*Sylvia Kugelman*)  
 The Oxford House, 15515 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Edward Mehler*)  
 The South Shaker, 15700 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Robert Hart*)  
 The Van Lee, 15836 Van Aken Blvd.  
     (*Lovelene B. Onutz*)

## Help Stop Foreclosures!

Nationwide, the rising number of foreclosures and concerns about predatory lending are prompting cities to try and better understand how changes in mort-

gage lending practices are impacting our neighborhoods. Using a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Shaker is studying trends in foreclosures and lending practices here. The study is being conducted by Cleveland State University and Housing Advocates, a non-profit that focuses on fair housing issues including predatory lending.

As part of this study, you may receive a brief survey aimed at identifying how Shaker homeowners are being targeted by lenders and how we, as residents, are making our lending or refinancing decisions. The survey should take less than 5 minutes to complete. If you receive a survey, *please* complete and mail to Housing Advocates in the

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If you suspect that you, or a family member, are a victim of predatory lending, please call Housing Advocates, Inc. at 391-5444, ext. 100. For more information about the study, please call the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization at 491-1373.

### Contact Us!

*Shaker Life* would like to hear from you! What articles do you like best and why? What would you like to see in the magazine?

Please write *Shaker Life* Magazine, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120 or email [shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us](mailto:shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us).

### Nature Center's Laudable Lawn Program helps create healthier yards

Every summer we embrace the warm weather with thoughts of leisure and spending time in the great outdoors. Yet often, by midsummer, these wistful images wither as we get swirled into the annual lawn maintenance hustle. We find ourselves watering two or three times a week; moving our Saturdays away, edging, pruning, weeding, raking, bagging, and, in some cases, applying more fertilizer and pesticides than are healthy or necessary. If our car required this much maintenance, we'd deem it a lemon. Yet, as many people are finding out, we don't have to trade in the best part of our summer to enjoy the outdoors.

Thanks to an Ohio EPA grant, the Laudable Lawn and Home Habitat

## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between Aug. 15 and Sept. 15, 2003 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS COST	2003 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION
15810 Aldersyde Road	\$551,000	\$315,000 (1998)	\$19,000 (1941)
15916 Aldersyde Road	\$360,000	\$224,000 (1994)	\$39,000 (1950)
17615 Berwyn Road	\$337,500	\$256,500 (2002)	\$11,500 (1931)
22499 Byron Road	\$331,000	\$261,500 (1997)	\$140,000 (1983)
3250 Chadbourne Road	\$203,000	\$180,000 (2002)	\$12,000 (1922)
3290 Chadbourne Road	\$240,000	\$214,000 (1998)	\$12,500 (1923)
3312 Chadbourne Road	\$257,000	\$172,000 (1996)	\$13,000 (1924)
3339 Chalfant Road	\$232,000	\$215,000 (2002)	\$15,000 (1957)
3286 Daleford Road	\$203,000	\$163,750 (1997)	\$19,000 (1925)
3593 Daleford Road	\$195,000	\$99,000 (1995)	\$12,500 (1928)
3388 Glencairn Road	\$257,250	\$215,000 (1999)	\$15,000 (1926)
3256 Kenmore Road	\$335,000	\$227,500 (1999)	\$13,000 (1926)
16711 Kenyon Road	\$139,400	\$106,000 (1995)	\$12,000 (1929)
14111 Larchmere Blvd.	\$555,000	\$345,000 (1996)	\$30,000 (1923)
3069 Ludlow Road	\$177,900	\$92,000 (1996)	\$30,000 (1951)
3155 Ludlow Road	\$126,000	\$144,500 (1998)	\$10,100 (1939)
3539 Lytle Road	\$176,000	\$171,000 (1998)	\$13,500 (1945)
3685 Lytle Road	\$171,200	\$127,000 (2000)	\$9,500 (1945)
19815 Marchmont Road	\$540,000	\$412,000 (1998)	\$24,000 (1928)
18606 Parkland Road	\$335,000	\$345,000 (2001)	\$30,000 (1948)
2905 Sedgewick Road	\$570,000	\$300,000 (1995)	\$11,000 (1925)
15830 S. Park Blvd.	\$595,000	\$340,000 (1995)	\$19,000 (1920)
22133 S. Woodland Road	\$162,000	\$150,000 (2002)	\$25,000 (1959)
3332 Sutton Road	\$100,000	\$51,000 (1994)	\$14,000 (1920)
3351 Sutton Road	\$156,900	\$90,000 (1994)	\$13,000 (1925)
20888 Sydenham Road	\$545,000	\$331,000 (1993)	\$15,000 (1933)
21032 Sydenham Road	\$500,000	\$365,000 (2000)	\$35,000 (1953)
3722 Traver Road	\$198,000	\$168,000 (1999)	\$9,500 (1936)
2681 Wadsworth Road	\$420,000	\$365,000 (2001)	\$56,000 (1958)
3030 Warrington Road	\$240,000	\$145,000 (1993)	\$12,000 (1922)
21911 Westchester Road	\$249,000	\$177,000 (1996)	\$16,000 (1947)
22649 Westchester Road	\$326,500	\$280,799 (1998)	\$16,000 (1931)
2667 Wrenford Road	\$212,100	\$180,000 (2000)	\$31,000 (1957)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

(LLHH), a joint program of the Nature Center and Doan Brook Watershed Project, provides assistance to folks who wish to reclaim time and money, and, as an added dividend, reclaim habitat and clean water. The LLHH Project was created after water quality tests of the Doan Brook revealed high levels of nutrients. And as the Doan Brook runs through residential neighborhoods, lawn fertilizer became the most likely culprit for the oxygen-depleting algal blooms on all of the Shaker Lakes. But there is an answer. Green landscaping is sweeping the coun-

try, as communities realize how applying tons of chemicals to our yards each year works against the livable outdoor environments we are trying to create. The marvelous thing about going organic, creating habitat and establishing a little ecosystem is that pests tend to stay in check.

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**NO LOW MOW:** A lawn should be mowed with a sharpened mower to a preferred height of 3 inches. Allowing the grass to grow a little taller encourages the roots to grow strong and deep, resulting in healthier grass that can withstand dry periods and other stresses. This is the most important thing you can do to improve the health of your lawn!

**WATER SPARINGLY:** Here in Northeast Ohio, we usually get enough rain during the summer to eliminate the need for watering the lawn. Grasses naturally slow their growth during the hot, dry summer months. During this dormant period, brown patches of lawn are not dead; they're just resting! You can check to see if your lawn needs water by walking across it. If footprints linger for several hours, your grass is dehydrated and needs water. Remember, between you and Mother Nature—never water more than one inch per week.

**FORSAKE THE RAKE:** Fertilize by leaving grass clippings and leaves on the lawn. The grass clippings that remain after mowing contain the three main fertilizer ingredients: nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Clippings decompose in 1-2 days (thanks to earthworms and soil microorganisms) and do not contribute to thatch accumulation. Important fact: during the growing season, grass-clippings account for 50 percent of the waste sent to landfills around the Great Lakes. If you do need to use fertilizer, choose organic varieties, which feed the healthy soil that is the building block of any plant. Here in the Doan Brook watershed, a phosphorous-free fertilizer is a must.

**TEST YOUR SOIL:** Grass grows best in 4-6 inches of well drained topsoil with plenty of organic matter. Soil pH should be between 6.5 and 7.0. You can learn where to send your samples by joining the LLHH program. Remember that grass can't grow successfully everywhere. Converting a little bit of your lawn each year to new habitat is a fun goal.

**GO NATIVE:** Plant native trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers that are already well adapted to the Northeast Ohio environment. Native species require less fertilizer, water,

and maintenance. Birds and wildlife benefit from a diverse menu, not a grass monoculture. Corporations, too, can decrease lawn size, save money and become models of sound ecology. Landscape fragmentation and loss of biodiversity have become major environmental issues. As wilderness shrinks and backyard acreage increases, we all have an increasingly important role to play in preventing extinctions and promoting diversity in our backyards.

Additional benefits to creating a new backyard ethic include improved water, air and soil quality, decreased water and fuel consumption, decreased landfill material, fewer toxins, and decreased municipal spending!

Call the Nature Center or the DBWP to learn how you can join the Laudable Lawn and Home Habitat LLHH program. The program provides education geared to sustainable outdoor living and is now offering small grant awards to individuals and families who create change in their backyards and community. In addition to the assistance our program can provide, you can help us to create a social shift to sustainability - not to mention saving time and money! Call me at 321-5935, ext. 234.

*Tori Mills is the Nature Center's Doan Brook Watershed Educator.*

## Health and Safety

### Safe Summer Grilling

One of summer's hallmarks is cooking in the great outdoors, and whether you're hosting an Independence Day picnic, rolling out your gas grill for the annual block party, or simply enjoying a backyard barbecue, be sure your grilling experience this summer is accident-free and fun.

To help residents stay aware of the potential dangers involved with gas or charcoal grills, Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Johnson has prepared the following safety checklist:

#### GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

**DO** keep a fire extinguisher accessible to the grill area at all times.

**DO** be aware when there are small children around.

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**DO** keep grills at least 15-20 feet away from the house or wood deck.

**DO** keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill. They are flammable!

**DON'T** wear loose clothing while cooking.

**DON'T** use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport or porch.

**DON'T** use grills under any overhead structures such as party tents, patios, or any surface that can catch fire.

**NEVER** leave any grill unattended or allow children to run and play in the area of the grill.

## PROPANE/GAS GRILL SAFETY

**DO** check for leaks every time the cylinder is replaced.

**DO** immediately turn off the gas if a leak is detected.

**DO NOT** attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.

**DO** see a licensed gas dealer or a qualified repair person.

**DO** check the burner tubes for any blockage from insects, spiders or food grease.

**DO** use a pipe cleaner to clear any blockage.

**DO** check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.

**DO** keep gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.

**DO** replace scratched or nicked connectors, which may eventually leak gas.

**DO** keep the top open when lighting the grill. If the grill does not light in the first several attempts, wait 5 minutes to allow gas to dissipate.

**NEVER** store a propane gas container indoors.

## CHARCOAL GRILL SAFETY

**DO** follow the instructions carefully when using charcoal lighter fluid and do not use too much.

**DO** use fluid made specifically for charcoal grills and *never* use any other type of fluid!

**DO** soak coals in water after use and dispose of in a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Many house fires start because hot coals, thought to be cool, are dumped into trash cans.

**DO** dispose of damp or wet charcoal immediately, as it can spontaneously combust.

**DO NOT** store the grill indoors with freshly used coals; charcoal produces carbon dioxide fumes until it is completely extinguished.

Follow these tips and you'll have a greatly reduced chance of accidents. Enjoy a safe summer!

## West Nile Virus Update

The risk of contracting West Nile Virus from infected mosquitoes is low, but with mosquitoes at their most active in August and September, the following steps can aid prevention:

### Personal Protection

- Protect yourself by wearing socks and shoes, long sleeved shirts and long pants, a hat and applying insect repellent containing 15% or less DEET to exposed skin.
- The Health Department offers free insect repellent to senior adults.
- Check window screens to make sure they are properly installed and free of holes and tears.

### 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. Community prevention is the best way to prevent the spread of West Nile virus. Please follow these tips for removing mosquito breeding grounds on your property:

- Remove abandoned tires, tin cans, abandoned children's playthings, plastic containers, ceramic pots and other open containers
- 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 less places to hide
- Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps with sand or concrete

Remember, the best way to combat West Nile virus is community prevention!

For more information and updates, visit the City website at [shakeronline.com/services/safety/westnilevirus.asp](http://shakeronline.com/services/safety/westnilevirus.asp) or call the West Nile Virus Hotline, 491-3170.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS

The Health Department is offering appointments for back-to-school immunizations. Schedule now to avoid the rush! All required school shots for students under 19 are available. Fees for both required immunizations and tuberculosis screening, using the Mantoux skin test, are \$10. Appointments are required.

The Health Department also offers immunizations for college-bound students including Meningococcal. Adult immunizations, including Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Twinrix (a Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B immunization), MMR, Pneumonia, Polio, and Tetanus/Diphtheria are available year round. Prices are based on current market rates.

The Health Department will be offering flu shots to residents of all ages from October through December, by appointment. Appointments may be made beginning mid-September.

*Note: The Health Department will have relocated to City Hall by Aug 1. Clinic hours are on [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com). For information, or to make an appointment, call 491-1480.*

### CYCLE SAFELY – WEAR YOUR HELMET!

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to the right side of the road as possible and may not ride more than two alongside in a single lane. Children under the age of 14 may ride their bicycles on the sidewalks, but must give right of way to pedestrians. Please remember to use reflective gear when cycling during and after dusk.

Safety-certified bicycle helmets are available at the Shaker Health Department for all ages (toddler through adult) for \$10 each and in various popular colors. For more information, call the Health Department at 491-1480.

## Will Wemer receives City's first Jane Wood Journalism Award

Shaker High senior Will Wemer has won the City's first Jane Wood Journalism Award, named for the founding editor of Shaker's community magazine. Wood retired last year



after twenty years at the magazine's helm.

Will, who will study journalism at Ohio University this fall on a full merit scholarship, received a cash award and editorial internship at *Shaker Life*. Formerly editor-in-chief of *The Shakerite*, Will is also the recipient of the 2004 Russell N. Baird High School Editor's Award (awarded to an incoming freshman by the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism). At SHHS he was president of the American Field Service/International Student Organization, co-captain of the Cross Country Team, a member of the Academic Decathlon Team and Gay Straight Alliance, and spent a summer as a foreign exchange student in the Netherlands.

Will lives in the Fernway neighborhood with parents Nancy (who works for the Shaker Schools) and Colin, and brothers Matt and Dave.

*Note:* Tax-deductible contributions to the Jane Wood Award program may be made by check, payable to the Shaker Schools Foundation – Jane Wood Award, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, OH 44120.



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- Shaker Heights Municipal Court **Judge K. J. Montgomery** has been appointed Director of the Cuyahoga County Mental Health Court Initiative. She has also been reappointed to the Cuyahoga County Corrections Planning Board as the suburban court representative.

- Shaker Heights High School was a finalist in the 2004 national **Fed Challenge** competition, held at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. in May. Team members Andre and Anna Dev, Kelly Schaefer, Jussi Tahtinen and Nadav Weinberg, who finished in the top four, each won \$4,000 scholarships from Citibank. Part of the team's \$25,000 prize winnings went to the High School and economics teacher Diana Jones.

- Residents have pledged the entire cost of a \$176,000 bulletproof **multi-purpose rescue vehicle** for the Shaker Heights Police Department. The vehicle is expected to last 25 years and would be loaned to neighboring police departments as needed.

- Detective **Patrick Carlozzi** of the Police Department's Strike Unit has been named the Rotary Officer of the Year. Firefighter and paramedic **Tim Wolf** is the Rotary Club's Firefighter of the Year.

- Nunzio Ricci and Mose Tolbert were recently honored upon their retirement for **30 years of service** with the Public Works Department.

- The City has identified six streets for this summer's **road resurfacing** and 24 for crack-sealing. The roads to be resurfaced include Chadbourne, Shelburne, Torrington, Ardmore, W. Sulgrave Oval and Scottsdale Boulevard.

- The City has approved plans for a Cingular **cellular site** at Shaker's Main Library on 16500 Van Aken Blvd. Cingular will join Sprint and Alltel at the site.

# Reminders

- **DOGS:** Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners must immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on any property other than their own. Dog waste must immediately be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner. It must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Animal Warden, 491-1490.

- **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.

- **BICYCLE LICENSING:** Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. July 10, 17, 24 & 31 and Aug. 7, 14 & 21 in the Police Dept. lobby, 3355 Lee Rd. 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.

- **PHONE BOOK RECYCLING:** The City is holding its annual phone book recycling campaign through July 24. Books are being collected at specially marked recycling dumpsters at the City Hall, Main and Bertram Woods library, Thornton Park and Nature Center at Shaker Lakes parking lots. For more information, call 491-1490.

- **SMOKE DETECTORS:** All Shaker Heights residents are required to have a minimum of one smoke detector adjacent to the sleeping area in each dwelling unit and at least one smoke detector on each additional level, including the basement. Smoke detectors are provided free to low-income residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance.

- **FIRE SAFETY:** The Fire Department offers free home safety inspections throughout the year. Using a "Home Fire Safety Checklist," two firefighters inspect dwellings from top to bottom. Among the hazards they look for are faulty or inadequate electrical wiring, improper storage of paints, thinners and other combustible liquids, and unsafe heating and cooking areas. To make an appointment, call 491-1215 between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

- **CHILD CAR SEATS:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call 491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.

- **CONTRACTORS:** While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of registered contractors are available. Updated listings can be viewed on [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com).

- **LOST PETS:** If you have lost a pet or wish to adopt one, please call or visit the Animal Shelter, located within the Service Department at 15800 Chagrin Blvd. Shelter hours are Monday - Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Public Works Department on 491-1490 (afterhours or emergencies, call 491-1499) or to speak with a volunteer, call 378-1312.

- **WOOD CHIPS:** Wood chips are available year round at the Canoe Club on South Park Boulevard. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels.

- **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.

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

- **RUBBISH PICKUP:** Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, unless they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, will be one day late: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Memorial Day. Call the Public Works Department, 491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day.

- **SAFE CITY HOTLINE:** To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 295-3434.

- **POWER OUTAGES:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 1-888-544-4877.

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# Books *to Go*

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A summertime friendship with an enthralling book is a pivotal childhood experience, with hours whiled away flipping through pages in a gently swinging hammock, under a shady tree, or on a brilliant, sandy beach. Time spent with a good book is as much a part of summer satisfaction as piling into the family car for an ice cream outing after dinner.

Many parents are thrilled to see their children enjoy reading because of a deep desire for them to do well academically and to embrace a lifelong love of reading. But what if children want to read nothing but *The Incredible Hulk*, *The Cheetah Girls Livin' Large*, and *Captain Underpants* during those summer months away from the classroom? Some parents might cringe at these selections, preferring the serious fiction that typically garners critical acclaim and prestigious awards. Yet our Shaker librarians say such choices don't pose a problem.

At the Shaker Heights Public Library, Children's Services Associate Tricia Springstubb has observed that literary diets vary according to personal need, in children and adults alike.

"I think if you ask any adult reader, you're going to find a wide variation in what they want to read. Sometimes you want to read poetry and sometimes you want to read *Shape* magazine," she says. In other words, if adults can savor the guilty pleasure of a "beach read," so can kids.

And the local library has plenty to offer. The Shaker Heights Public Library's summer reading club has been in existence longer than any of its librarians can remember. Youth Services Supervisor Susan Scheps says the goal of encouraging children to continue reading during the summer has remained the same.

According to the website for the Association for Library Service to Children, summer reading programs began in the 1890s as a way to encourage school children, especially those not needed for farm work, to use the library and develop the habit of reading. The Association's website also states that numerous studies have shown that summer programs help kids retain reading and learning skills over summer break. However, public library staff would be quick to stress the idea of reading for fun.

"Reading doesn't always have to be something you do because you have to write a good report," Scheps says.

Kathy Fredrick, Shaker Schools' director of library, media and instructional technology, agrees.

"Any summer reading keeps children's minds active and builds the fluency they need to develop lifelong reading skills," she says.

While the goal of summer reading has remained virtually the same over the years at the Shaker Heights Public Library, one major change in the reading program has been in the method of measure. The library used to track the number of titles children read with the intention of having them stick to



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books at their grade level. In 1985, the "per book" policy was swapped for a "per hour" policy, which tracks the number of hours children read. (Preschoolers are exempt from the policy and log in according to the number of visits they pay to either the Main Library or the Bertram Woods branch.)

Reading hours are recorded on the honor system. While some children are daunted by the idea of reading throughout the summer, others are may be overzealous.

"Thirty-five hours?" croaked one young participant, shaking his head at the thought of attaining such a lofty goal. "Oh, we're not allowed to read for thirty-five hours."

Another child responded with a resolved, "Of course I did!" when a librarian asked if she was sure she had read 23 hours since the previous day.

Audrey Leventhal, teen specialist at Main, is busy reworking the program to suit older participants. This year's bug theme has a teen-tailored twist. It is now entitled "Bug Off: I'm Reading!" After completing five books of their own choosing, teenagers can enter drawings for such donated prizes as key rings, leather-bound photo albums, and pizza coupons.

"I like to reward them along the way," says Leventhal. "Every reader is different. Some like to race through twenty books, others will savor two."

Leventhal is also preparing mix-and-match contests, including one that involves famous lines from teen books and another that unites popular "mis-heards" (those unintelligible phrases of tunes that we mumble) with their song titles. Quiz responses will be used as entries into the prize lottery.

However, even despite incentives, some children are still not enthusiastic about a trip to the library.

"Sometimes a child's reluctance to read is due to his or her level of competence," notes Children's Associate Nikki Petrone. "Parents often tell me that listening to a book on tape while following along helps so much because the child doesn't have to struggle with pronunciation."

Children's librarian Kathy Fehrenbach suggests another practical



approach, which entails letting children get involved in the selection and allowing them to bring home plenty of books to accommodate unforeseen changes in preference. After all, adults often have several books on the nightstand ready to shift from a historical biography to a frothy novel when the mood strikes. Youngsters should have the same option.

Both Scheps and Fehrenbach strongly recommend non-fiction books and magazines, especially for children who may not be attracted to fiction. Books with amazing facts can be real page turners.

"There are good, informative books on snakes and other topics that can interest children as young as two years old," Scheps stresses.

Fehrenbach suggests asking children what their friends are reading if all else fails. "Peer recommendations are sometimes more readily accepted than those made by an adult," she says.

Experts say parents need to model pleasure in the reading experience and allow their children to find that pleasure for themselves. But that objective won't be realized when books are taken like medicine. The library's message to well-meaning parents is simple: relax and let kids enjoy summertime reading, without making it seem too much like homework.

## SHAKER LIBRARIANS' SUMMERTIME PICKS

"We live in a time when children's literature is such a wonderful field," says the School District's Kathy Fredrick. "There are so many good choices."

The Shaker Heights school librarians publish recommended summertime reading lists for all grade levels. There's plenty to choose from — fiction, nonfiction, and poetry to suit every age and interest — with an emphasis on pleasure reading. "We make sure all the books are eminently readable," says Fredrick.

Look for their lists at the Shaker Heights Public Library or online at [www.shaker.org](http://www.shaker.org) > Resources for Learning.

Public library employees also make recommendations when it comes to summer reading. Here are some of their favorites.

### TRICIA SPRINGSTUBB'S PICKS:

*Voyage to the Bunny Planet*—This series of three books, entitled *First Tomato*, *The Island Light*, and *Moss Pillow*, is about kids who have horrible days. An escape to the bunny planet restores their coping abilities. Families can create their own ideal bunny planet in writing or just discuss the idea in the car. By Rosemary Wells. Kindergarten through

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*A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems*—Poetry in which the words create pictures on the page. By Paul B. Janeczko. Grade 3 and up.

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# The Social

*Neighbors come together at Shaker's*

BY LINDA SASLOW

Summer is block party time in Shaker Heights and, after Memorial Day kicks-off the season, some eighty street parties will be celebrated throughout the city. While the traditions of many of these get-togethers hearken back to the Fifties, other ways of having fun have evolved as newcomers and younger generations pick up the baton.

Leighton Road is a small street in the Boulevard neighborhood with just fourteen homes. Sandwiched between Larchmere and Shaker boulevards, the street is one of Shaker's quietest byways. Yet it is here where one of Americana's greatest traditions is played out every Memorial Day weekend.

Robin Minter Smyers, who planned last year's party, says the event is more than just fun and games – it has history attached, creating a sense of community and identity enjoyed by residents of all ages.

One unique tradition of the Leighton block party is its acknowledgment of Memorial Day's significance. Each child takes a turn reading a portion of the Gettysburg address while wearing an Abraham Lincoln top hat. The well-worn hat has circulated through the families on the street longer than anyone on the street can remember. Another historic tradition is when residents march along the street together belting out Civil War tunes.

For Leighton Road couples, the chance to claim victory over the street's other duos has brought out a competitive spirit – as well as a fun-loving one – for years. “We have an egg toss that is taken much more seriously than you might expect,” laughs Smyers. The same trophy has been passed from home to home for the past five decades.

And teens are not left out either. Since the Leighton Road party is close to the end of the school year, there is often a special cake to cele-



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With so much to be organized, the party planners get together well in advance. Marked by cocktails and deserts, the annual planning party includes the ceremonial handoff of the 'planning bag' from last year's planner to the latest designated organizer. The bag contains past fliers for the event, and information about the correct city offices to contact about closing the

THERE WERE FOUR IMPROMPTU  
BANDS MARCHING AROUND  
HADDAM ROAD, EVEN MAKING  
HOME VISITS TO ELDERLY AND  
HOUSEBOUND NEIGHBORS.

street for the event. The younger generation is also involved: The eldest children on the street assist the planner by organizing the kids' events, such as the candy hunt and a bevy of summer games.

While all the Leighton Road households attend their own party, the annual Larchmere neighborhood party, which also takes place during the Memorial Day weekend, includes guests from six different streets, located in both Cleveland and Shaker Heights. Centered on Haddam Road, the street party was started in the Sixties by longtime resident Gus Douthitt. Gus's widow Pat recalls that some years there were four impromptu bands marching around Haddam Road, even making home visits to elderly and housebound neighbors.

Douthitt spearheaded the event for nearly thirty years, until his death in 1992. Now, nearly twelve years later, the residents of Haddam, Coventry, Cormere, Ardoon, Larchmere and Kemper roads still enjoy the traditions he started. Today's event features music by John Phillips Sousa, and a parade led by a red convertible flying the Stars and Stripes. More than fifty neighborhood children decorate their bikes and roller skates with streamers and follow the car as it circles the block.

According to party coordinator Michele Groneck, the children also engage in an annual but spontaneous free-for-all water pistol fight which leaves all the area children soaked by day's end. A fire engine is almost always featured as many firefighters lives in the neighborhood and like to bring one from their own unit.



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Because of the vast size of the Larchmere block party, organization is key. Groneck meets in February or March each year with a few friends, creating a "fabulous flier" that spells out the schedule and job assignments. The financial strategy of the party is simple: Groneck and her committee collect \$5 from each family at the party, and that becomes the budget for next year's event, paying for hot dogs, snacks and pop. The rest of the party food is "an elaborate and wonderful" potluck feast that is assigned via flyer.

While the Leighton and Larchmere residents opt to have their block parties at the beginning of the summer, residents of

When planning a block party, it's important to contact the City with the date and time of the party as soon as that information is set. No official city permits are needed, however in order to receive permission to block the road and to receive barricades from the Police Department, the City must be aware of the event two weeks before it occurs. Scheduling the block party is done through City Events Coordinator Sandra Blue at 491-1354, or fill out the online form at the City's website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

Lansmere Road in the Fernway neighborhood end the season with a Labor Day Weekend celebration. Since each family kicks in \$10 more than each family at the Larchmere party, the planning committee hires entertainment such as the Euclid Beach Rocket and a children's magician. Another Lansmere Road expense is the pizza delivery that supplements the potluck fare. Fun for the adults includes an ice cream eating contest and an egg toss. Lansmere block party planner Betsy Potiker says the event is a great opportunity for the "usual silliness" associated with an All-American block party.

Last summer, two sets of friends, Alice Dub and Liz Wright, and Laura McGowan and Jennifer Gehrlein, planned two different celebrations for the residents of the High School Oval, both to have occurred on Labor Day. The four did not realize the



plans of the other group until the groups ran into each other passing out signs promoting their respective events. They quickly joined forces and the result was a hugely successful, double-sized block party.

"The coincidence was scary, comical and a bit embarrassing," said Liz Wright. The coincidental parties had been planned in a spur of the moment spirit the two weeks before Labor Day. "It was really funny because we went out on the same day to pass

out fliers and saw what the other was doing." Wright also said that annual block parties have helped to create unity among the Oval's residents. "We are a unique neighborhood because we are separated by a large high school. We don't see these people everyday because of the distance."

And bridging the distances, as well as having summer fun, are what neighborhood block parties are all about.



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## Donna Williams Alexander: *Attorney and Advocate*

Donna Williams Alexander calls herself a “real cheerleader for Shaker Heights”, but she does far more than talk the city up to anyone who’ll listen. She’s really more of a “player” for Shaker. She’s been spotted walking the streets of her Sussex neighborhood, knocking on doors and talking to residents about grant money that is available for sprucing up their neighborhood. That’s part of what she does as a trustee of the Sussex Community Association. She’s also been named to the mayor’s Task Force for Recreation and Leisure. It’s not that Alexander has a great deal of leisure time herself: she’s a wife, a mom, and a trial attorney for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Alexander, who grew up in the Heights, was thinking about balancing her life way back in high school. She was considering pursuing a career as a physician, when she decided that that would leave her little time for a family. She opted instead to study law and help others in the legal arena. “The time period I grew up in really shaped me as an individual,” the tail-end baby boomer says. “I left high school with a real sense of the need for civil justice.” While a law student at Ohio State, Alexander did a stint working for a congressman on Capitol Hill.

Alexander’s first legal job was helping small companies incorporate and develop personnel policies. She also spent time as the assistant university attorney for Case. But long hours at a medium-size law firm and a persistent daughter sent Alexander looking for something different. “Working at a busy law firm and heading for the partner track were simply not my values,” she said. “I had to work Saturdays and my daughter, especially, hated it. I used to try to sneak out of the house before she got up. I tried to explain to her that her father and I had to work to earn money, but she walked over to a drawer and pulled out some change and said, ‘Look! We’ve got money!’”

When a position became available at the EEOC offices in Cleveland, Alexander was quick to make the move. The Cleveland office covers all of Ohio. Anyone who believes they’ve been discriminated against in the workplace due to age, race, gender, disability, religion or national origin, can ask the EEOC to investigate. If investigators find cause for the claim, the first step is to try to mediate a settlement. If that fails, the file comes to Alexander and the other trial attorneys for litigation consideration. “We do look for impact cases, such as class action cases that would provide relief for more than one person. That’s a better use of taxpayer dollars. But we also do one-on-one cases,” she says. “We have an incredible amount of sexual harassment cases. There are so many cases of women being held economic hostage by employers.” Alexander also spends time



educating corporate America about EEOC laws and educating citizens about their rights.

With a full plate at work, Alexander still tries to zip home to cook dinner for her family, which includes husband Ron, an administrator at the NASA Glenn Research Center, and daughter, Lauren, 17, and son, Brad, 10, who are in Shaker Schools. She and Ron were college sweethearts. When it came time to decide where to settle, the couple was quick to choose Shaker Heights. “We’ve always loved the architecture here,” she says. “And we’re big fans of the schools, too. In fact, I’m quite a cheerleader for Shaker Heights in general. I think it’s a wonderful place to live and I’ll do anything I can to keep it that way. We like it here; it speaks to who we are. We have a real sense of community here.”



## Jeffrey Maguire: *Software Entrepreneur*

New Yorker Jeff Maguire discovered the greater Cleveland area quite by accident. Meeting up with a business acquaintance here during one of the Indians' winning seasons, Maguire quickly decided that this would be a great place to start his internet technology business. "The cost structure of starting an internet technology company here was much more affordable here than the East Coast," he says. "And Cleveland's central location makes it easy for travel to many major cities. I knew I could be as happy here as just about anywhere." Eight years, one company, a wife, one major haircut of formerly waist-length locks, four children and a minivan later, Maguire has his roots sunk happily into good Ohio soil.

Maguire's company, Knowbase Networks, combines his experience with internet technology with a lifelong love of learning, reading and understanding. His technology career began even before he graduated from high school. The young computer guru worked as an internet technology consultant for an environmental consulting firm. He continued consulting for another company while in college, and Maguire watched firsthand as the internet began to heat things up in the business world. "We saw the need to leverage technology to drive learning within organizations," he says. "Here at Knowbase, we bring together organizational development and design and see how we can help a company run more effectively. We like to say we can make the company smarter."

The key, Maguire says, is changing human behavior. "You can teach anybody anything, say, about time management. But to have a lasting impact, you need to change that person's behavior," Maguire says. "We offer interactive role play situations for training, to try and drive the behavioral change." For interactive training purposes, Knowbase might develop a story board and script, toss in some animation, and perhaps tap some of the client's employees as actors.

Knowbase also produces online software that enables salesmen all over the country to take online courses regarding specific product knowledge. The company also assists with online commercial banking. Knowbase does, in other words, whatever can be done to make a company's sales and customer service processes work smarter.

When Maguire isn't changing the corporate world from his office in Cleveland Heights, he has plenty of action waiting for him at his Lomond home. He and his wife, Alison, met shortly after he moved here, and now juggle four children: Zachary, 7, Austin, 4, Arianna, 2 and Isabella, eight months. Because he married into a hockey family, Maguire not only helps to coach Zachary's team, he's also taking



hockey lessons so he knows what he's talking about. "Besides," he jokes. "Hockey is the center of Shaker Heights' universe."

In his spare time, Maguire might get in some writing and recording of music -which brings us back to that waist-length hair thing. Although his hard rock band, Eleven, only has a few engagements each year, Maguire admits to starting to think about growing his hair again. "I wouldn't go as long as it was," he muses. "Maybe just about down to my shoulders." It's good to be the boss.





# *Serenade to Senegal*

BY ANGELIA LEE

“Don’t breathe the air and don’t touch anyone. Really, just don’t go.”

That was the advice I received from an old friend by telephone early one morning, a week before I was to fly off to the Dark Continent – Africa.

“Thank you for your concern,” I mumbled, half awake. “But I already paid for my ticket. And, besides, the president went.”

“Yes,” was the response. “But he cleared the island of Goree of all its residents first and brought his own food and bottled water.”

“Well, my brother,” I thought. “You’ve been hoodwinked, bamboozled, run amuck and misled!” I had seen a PBS special a year earlier where Dr. Henry Louis Gates from Harvard University had traveled to many different African countries and shared his findings. I remember being impressed when he went to Goree Island, just outside of Dakar



Angelia Lee (right) helps Fulani village women pound grain for bread.



At the invitation of  
a Shaker dance and  
song ensemble,  
Moreland resident  
Angelia Lee took  
her first interna-  
tional trip —  
to West Africa.

The author with souvenirs  
from her trip: a Fulani tribal  
mask, a kora (Senegalese  
lute), instrument case, and  
blanket.



The tour group included Shakerites (from left) Dr. Eugene White, Josephine and Marlana Kendricks, Ashley Mackel, Edna Duffy, Brittany Prevo, Angelia Lee, Pam Prevo and Laverne Jenkins. The group is with Chief Ndual (rear) and their tour guide (second from right) in a Fulani village near Pink Lake.



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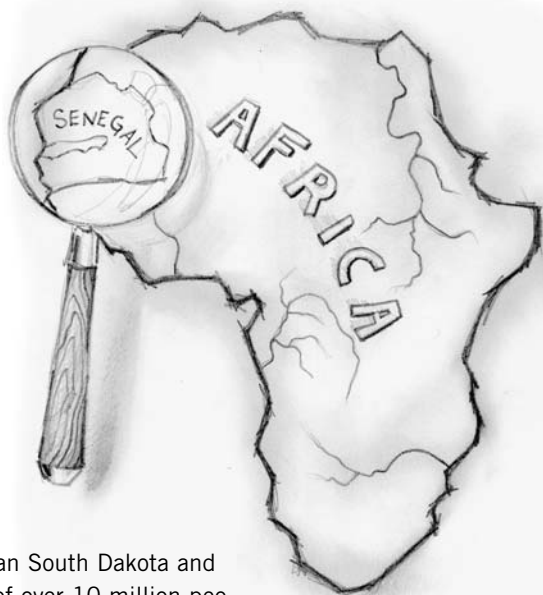
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The group poses with a tour guide, Konte (left), on their way to the sand dunes.



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(the capital of Senegal in West Africa), where the Maison Des Esclaves, or slave house, and the famous "Door of No Return" are – I dreamed to go. Then, like a fairytale wish being granted, I met the members of Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble, an intergenerational dance and choral group here in Shaker. The group, which preserves Negro spirituals in song and expresses them in dance, takes international tours: Their next trip was to be Dakar, that ancient city, whose jutting tip on

the edge of the the continent was the departing point of countless Africans sent as slaves to the New World.

Edna Duffy, a former Shaker Heights Middle School teacher and the ensemble's visionary, invited me to go along. The only requirement was that I had to sing or dance! Having just finished a five-week National Writer's Project at Kent State University, I had time for only two rehearsals with the troupe before we left. I went to one dance session and, although it

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was modern based, I was too out of shape for a public showing. My mother, however, was pleased because she was finally able to see her thirty-five-year-old investment in Music School Settlement voice lessons put to use – I became the newest member of the Duffy Liturgical chorus. I had always been a soprano and never sang alto but luckily still had some voice range. It seemed like a small price to pay for the experience of a lifetime; hopefully no one knew I was singing off key!

The tour was set up by Music International, a Connecticut-based firm, who assured us of excellent accommodation and a seamless progression of events and concerts. Most of the members of Duffy Liturgical Ensemble are Shakerites, although some people from Delaware, Washington, D.C., and Illinois joined us. In all, seventeen of us traveled from Cleveland to Madrid to Dakar. In Spain we had a mini-tour and made a stop at The Prada, Spain's National Art Museum. Our tour guide, who was supposed to inform us of the arts and culture of the region, did not even know that the Moors, who had a great influence on Spain, came from Africa or were black. Director Duffy, whose motto is "Engaging the mind, disciplining the body, and developing the talents of all ages" decided to tell her differently. Next stop: Dakar. On the flight, spirituals were softly played throughout the cabin as we cruised onward toward Africa.

This was my first overseas trip, touching three continents in a day. I had some trepidation about flying this far for so long and then there was the issue of terrorism. Before I left, an old friend suggested that if terrorists didn't get me, the bugs would.

The sky was veiled in black when we arrived at the Leopold Sedor Senghar Airport, named for Senegal's first president and national poet. There to meet us was a

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young official dressed in his entire regalia, a brown shirt with gold braids looped to colorful medals, blue pants with red stripes on each side, and sporting a cap like that of our own Marines. He stood tall, black as the night itself, a natural beauty smiling a perfect set of white teeth at me and simply said, "Welcome home."

I stopped holding my breath. The sweet air, the warm smiles everywhere and the beautifully sculpted black people, made me feel that this tiny protrusion of the Dark Continent splashed stars over this light-skinned African-American girl and was illuminating and emanating a light so bright that my cells danced to the rhythms my soul had almost forgotten. I was in the place that existed before we were all divided into human races; I was at home.

Our ensemble stayed at the Le Meridien President Dakar hotel for five days, which was absolutely beautiful. Dakar is a modern city of 1.5 million inhabitants with stunning skyscrapers and historic colonial homes. Situated on the ocean, it is vibrant with open-air markets and cafes, art galleries, museums and festivals. It is a shoppers' paradise with exquisite arts and crafts and skilled carpentry for sale everywhere, on the streets, in markets, and a multitude of stores. We explored the city, the Sandaga, Kermel and Soumbédioume markets, Independence Square, the Presidential Palace, Dakar University, and visited a sand-painting gallery.

One of the most outstanding moments for me during the tour was the day we went on a ferry to Goree Island for a performance. It was when we were at the Sudan School on Point Street, the site of a seventeenth century military barracks,

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that I learned, by spirit, the true meaning of the American Negro Spiritual. It was there that I felt my ancestors rise up from the ground to take hold of me and not let me go. I cried an ocean of tears as we sang, "Lord, How Come I'm Here."

When we got to the slave station, with cells that held up to 200 Africans with the apartments of the slave dealers up above, one of our members felt he could not proceed. It was at the slave house of Saint Germain, with the 'Door of No Return' as our backdrop, that we sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" and our souls began to heal. Here, our feet stood on the same dirt that had been drenched with blood, sorrow, tears, sweat and pain. Here, we came back as the great, great grandsons and granddaughters of those who had survived. Pride rushed over me like the ocean crest rushed the shore, changing me forever.

We performed at the Martyrs del Ouganda Church, Douta Seck Theatrical Hall, the National School for the Arts, the Missionary School, and the Dakar Hospital. Our final performance was at the Mission Catholique. A man rushed with outstretched arms to me and said, "You sing of life. Thank you." He said they had never heard such songs and I reminded him this was an original American art form which sprang from the longing for an African home, or a coding system to escape from the oppression of a new one.

I saw a woman take her gold and diamond earrings out of her ears and give them to our senior dancer in appreciation. I saw Americans who came to our perform-



The sculpture, La Porte du Millénaire, greets visitors in downtown Dakar. French is the republic's official language.

ance wipe their tears. At one performance, we joined with three regional choirs where we sang together in French, Wolof (the native tongue), and English.

We went to Lac Retba, or Pink Lake, where the water is so salty it appears pink, rode up and down sand dunes, and visited a Fulani village. We stayed at the Hotel Japon Savana Resort and went on an excursion to Saloum Ndangane, a delta area in one of the most beautiful parts of Senegal. We returned to Cleveland, Ohio on a Saturday night. Back to fast foods, faxes, fast paces, and our own richly diverse cultures.

The people of Senegal were colorful and kind, their food was both different and familiar, and the accommodations were superior. I would have to say, though, that the greatest experience of this Shaker Heights girl was to go to Africa with a group of scholarly Shakerites, brought together by Shaker's Duffy Liturgical Dance Ensemble, and sing American Negro Spirituals to my ancestors. As a result, I have a completeness that will last a lifetime. And to my old skeptical friend, I would say the African Riviera is truly something to behold. People from all over the world have been enjoying it for years. I did as well.

*If you have an interesting story about a vacation or sabbatical that you would like to share with Shaker Life readers, please email [shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us](mailto:shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us) or call 491-1459.*

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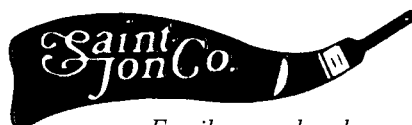
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SHAKER JOURNAL:

# Field of Dreams

*Shaker Man discovers that, during baseball season, he may just be 'The Rookie'*

Nothing feels more like summer than baseball—and nothing feels more All-American, All-Suburban and All-Shaker than coaching your offspring's baseball team. For Shaker Man, day-dreaming at a deskful of paperwork, the smell of the leather and the crack of the bat are powerful reminders of shining summers past, when he roamed right field like a gallant knight ...

"I thought you only played one year of Little League," he wife says, interrupting his reverie. "And that you only got on base one time. Didn't the pitch hit you or something?"

"I was standing my ground in the batter box."

"And then you played, what, two years of softball?"

"Where, I might point out, my slick fielding got me moved to second base."

"Didn't they call you Linguine Arm?"

"We all had nicknames. It's a guy thing."

"And you think you're ready to coach a bunch of six-year-olds?"

"Manage the team. As in *Manager*. And they don't need a Hall of Famer," he says. "They need a teacher. Someone with an understanding of the basic skills and the patience to pass them on."

"So who'd you have in mind?"

"Funny. Just you watch. This will be the best-managed T-ball team in history. You'll be—"

"—Amazed if you make it through the summer without breaking a leg?"

"You'll be—"

"—Stunned if you're not sputtering by the end of the first game?"

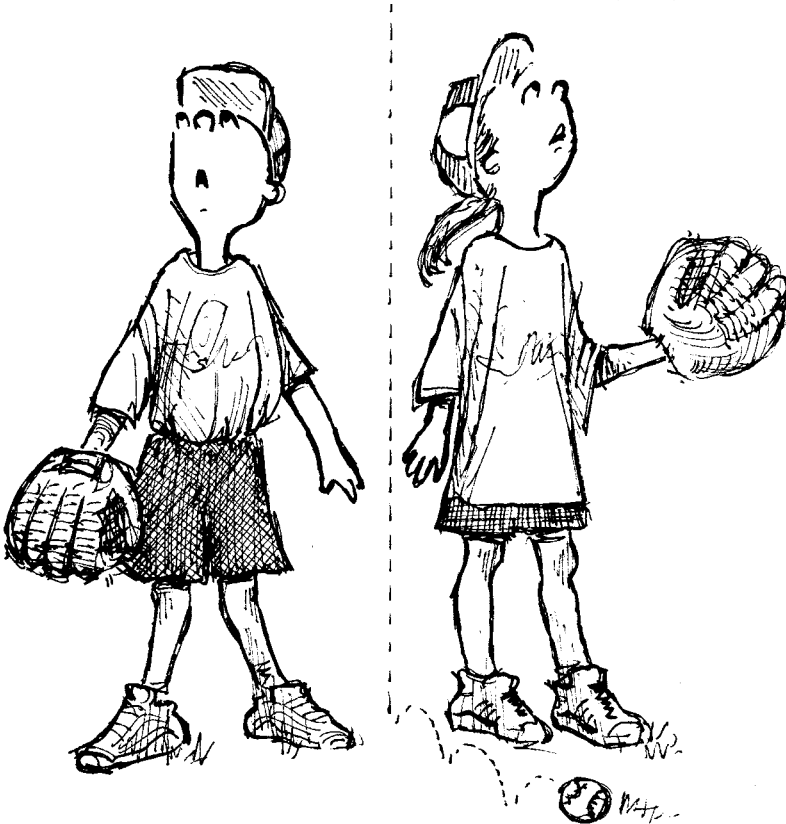
"If I could just—"

"—Go back in time and recapture whatever it is you think you lost in right field or wherever?"

"Just you wait and see."

**Practice:** Alas for Shaker Man, he learns at the first practice that most of the kids on his T-ball team have never

held a mitt or bat, much less run the bases, fielded grounders or caught a fly ball. Even worse, they close their eyes for every activity except throwing (for which, based on their accuracy, they might as well close their eyes). Shaker Man—eyeing a dusty field full of batters flailing helplessly at teed-up balls, at throws rolling under bleachers, at outfielders playing tag with their mitts—decides to take matters into his own hands. Finding a T-baller still clinging to his mother, Shaker Man offers to take the young man—call him Herman—under his wing. Herman's mom beams.





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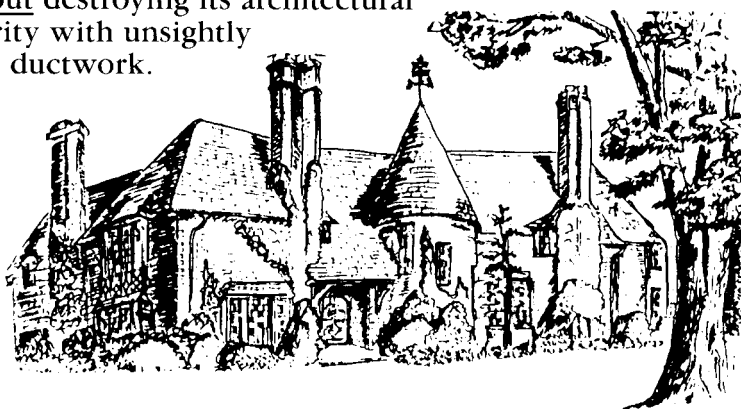
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"But—"

"I have two words for you."

"Yes?"

"Bad Coach."

"I'm going."

Unfortunately for Shaker Man, his choice of "healthy" snacks at the local Gas-It-Up-And-Go—apples and bananas, junior bottles of Nada por Nada spring water—remain untouched on the bench.

"Well," he says. "Dig in! It's snack time."

After a pregnant pause, one little T-baller offers: "What are these?"

Followed by another: "Last year we at least got Popsicles."

And another: "And sometimes ice cream."

"Or cookies."

"Or fruit roll-ups."

"With juice drinks!"

"Or soda pop!"

"Yeah!"

In the midst of this mob scene—Shaker Man could swear a banana was just thrown at him, and an apple is rolling at his feet—Six tugs at his sleeve.

"Dad," he says. "I want to go home."

"More paperwork?"

"No," he says. "But I think Herman might be right."

"Herman?"

"Maybe you are a Bad Coach ..."



John R. Brandt warms the bench in the Boulevard area with wife Lana, daughter Emma and son Aidan.



## Come to Summer (Computer) School at Main Library

Want to learn how to build a web page or add animation and sound to a PowerPoint presentation? This summer, residents can take free computer classes at Main Library to learn a new skill or to hone an old one. A variety of classes are offered at different times during the day. Listed below are the class dates and times. For a complete class description, ask for a Computer Class Schedule at either library.

3 P.M. JULY 8: WORKING WITH WINDOWS

6:30 P.M. JULY 12: INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT

10 A.M. JULY 14: HOW TO BUILD A WEB SITE

3 P.M. JULY 15: GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT

10 A.M. JULY 21: CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS

3 P.M. JULY 22: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

10 A.M. JULY 28: CHARTS AND TABLES IN EXCEL

3 P.M. JULY 29: CREATING ACCESS DATABASES FROM SCRATCH

In addition to these classes, the Library offers introductory classes on the Internet at 10 a.m. Tuesdays July 6 and 20; a Basic Word Processing class at 10 a.m. July 27 and a Web E-mail class at 10 a.m. July 13.

For more information or to register for classes, please call the Main Library Computer Center at 991-2030 extension 3185.

## Sign of the Times

If it's summer, it's time to join the library's Summer Reading Program, which continues through July 31. This year's theme is "Buggy for Books" and the library is swarming with children participating in a variety of activities.

Children, teens and adults, too, can read along and earn a bright green yard sign that shows they are "Buggy for Books at the Shaker Library."

Plant a seed (and your sign) — READ! For more information, call or visit the library.

## Informed Decision 2004

The Library continues its series on issues that will be important in determining the outcome of the November Presidential Election. May's topic included a discussion on the federal government's role in health care and June's conversation focused on civil unions, same sex marriage and the Defense of Marriage Act.

Representatives from the Republican, Democratic, Green and Libertarian Parties will be present to discuss issues with those who agree — and disagree with them at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, July 19 and August 23.

The topic for the July 19 discussion is *Environment: Should the Government Protect It?*

The August 23 topic is *Education and the No Child Left Behind Act*. Registration, while not required, is appreciated. For more information, please call the Main Library's Information Desk, 991-2030.

## Wireless Access Is Available at the Library

The second floor of the Main Library and the entirety of Bertram Woods Branch offer wireless connections to the Internet. No special procedure is required for connection. Properly equipped laptop and notebook computers can connect using the Library's wireless connection just as they would to other typical wireless networks.



## Reader of the Month

MARY LOUEY D'SOUZA

**AGE:** 50-something

**LIVES IN:** Fernway area

**USES:** Main Library

**OCCUPATION:** Self-employed preschool teacher

**READS:** 2 – 3 books a week

**ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK:** *The Wind-Up Bird Chronicle* by Haruki Murakami

**OTHER FAVORITES:** *The Horse Whisperer* by Nicholas Evans

**LIKES TO READ:** Cookbooks in bed

**DOESN'T READ:** Science fiction

**INFLUENCES:** According to D'Souza, "My husband is an A+ reader and we share our reading suggestions — and the Shaker Library staff is always very helpful and friendly."

**INTERESTS:** Enjoys teaching children to cook and sew

**VOLUNTEER SERVICE:** D'Souza is a former board member of the North Union Farmers Market and the Shaker Heights PTO. She currently volunteers her sewing skills for the Play and Learn Station at the Main Library.

**FAMILY:** Stanley, medical scientist; grown children Sunil (SHHS '98), Ranjit (SHHS '00) and Ping (SHHS '03)

**BRIEF BIO:** D'Souza grew up in the Chinese food business in Melbourne, Australia. She has worked in the field of early childhood education for the past 28 years. D'Souza and her family have enjoyed life in the U.S. for the past 20 years.



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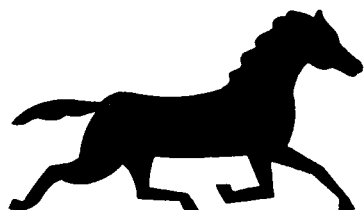
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### Summer Reading Program (for children ages 2 - 12)

**BEE A READER GOES BUGGY FOR BOOKS  
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Here's the buzz! Visit the Children's Department at either library to register for the Summer Reading Program and reap exciting rewards. Report your hours spent reading, now through the end of July. Prizes include a yard sign, a buggy T-shirt transfer and more! Have your photo taken with a giant insect and add your picture to our reading wall of fame! Save your check-out receipts and add your name to the Creepy Crawly Critter. Answer the 'Question of the Day' and take a chance on weekly prize drawings!

### Summer Book Talks and Book Discussion Opportunities

Residents seeking summer reading book suggestions are invited to Bertram Woods Branch at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 7 or 3 p.m. Thursday, July 8 for a Recent and Recommended Book Talk by Shaker librarians. Handouts with annotation of the suggested books will be available following the program. Reservations are requested by calling 991-2421.

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 13 residents can discuss the book *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf at the Main Library. To reserve your spot, call 991-2030.

### Friends Elect Officers and Host An Author in the Woods Garden

Friends of the Shaker Library will hold their Annual Meeting and Election of Officers at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 13 in the

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10 a.m. Mondays, July 12 (Baby Songs), July 19 (Baby Touch) and July 26 (Baby Play)

Class size is limited and registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

## STORIES AND MORE AT MAIN LIBRARY

Stories, crafts, & activities for children ages 2 & 3 with an adult

10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays July 6 – 22

Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

## TODDLER STORYTIME AT WOODS BRANCH

Summer stories for 2-year-olds with an adult

10 a.m. Wednesdays, July 7, 14, & 21

Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

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

Stories, songs, rhymes & fun for preschoolers

10:30 a.m. Mondays at Main Library.

10 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch

No registration required.

Due to limited space, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

## POETRY AMONG THE FIREFLIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Children entering grades 1 and up can read, write & enjoy summertime poetry. 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, July 8 & July 22.

Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

## CREEPY CRAWLY CRAFTS

Stories & related crafts for children entering grades 1 – 4

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Main Library

July 6 – 21

Registration is limited and begins 2 weeks before each program.

Due to limited space, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

## MOTHER/DAUGHTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

A librarian-led book discussion for girls in grades 4 – 6 and their mothers.

Read *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry

7:30 p.m. July 20

Registration and book pick-up began June 22.

## FAMILY STORYTELLING AT THE COLONNADE

### BUG TALES: STORIES TO TICKLE YOUR FANCY

Bring a blanket or a folding chair and join in a program of fun-filled storytelling, songs and poems for all ages told by Shaker Children's librarians.

Location: the lawn near the Community Colonnade (next to the Shaker Community Building).

7 p.m. Monday, July 19

Registration begins July 6 at either library.

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories about school, friends & fun for children ages 3 & up

10 a.m. Thursday, August 19

Registration begins August 5.

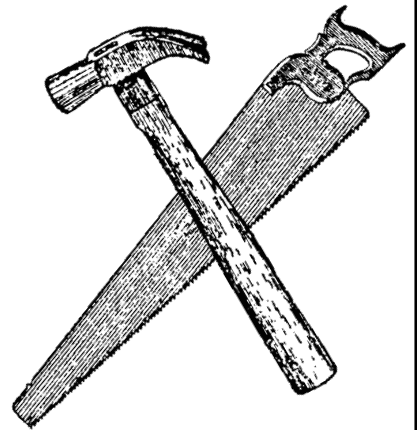
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Following the election of officers and a brief business meeting, the Friends invite readers to meet

author Dan Chaon at 7:30 p.m. Chaon's book *Among the Missing* was a New York Times Notable Book and a finalist for the National Book Award.

Chaon will speak about his new book, *You Remind Me of Me*.

Following his presentation, books will be available for sale and signing. Reservations are requested by calling 991-2421.



Dan Chaon

## the Bookshelf

### Audiobooks for the Family

*Charlotte's Web* by **E.B. White** (1952)

A shy pig and a spider with amazing web-weaving skills become lasting friends in this children's classic read by the author. (3 ¼ hours)

*Eragon* by **Christopher Paolini** (2003)

In the tradition of Tolkien, this 19-year-old author has created an exciting story of the adventures of a poor young man who finds a dragon's egg and begins a series of magical adventures. (16 ½ hours)

*Fair Weather* by **Richard Peck** (2001)

Narrated by Rosie Beckett, this story is filled with humor and history as the hayseed Beckett family makes their way through the thrills of the Chicago World's Fair during the summer of 1893. (3 ½ hours)

***Inkheart* by Cornelia Funke (2003)**

A girl discovers that her father has the magical gift of making book characters come to life when he reads aloud. The fantasy continues when she and her father attempt to escape some dangerous characters. (15 ¼ hours)

***Master and Commander* by Patrick O'Brien (1970)**

Set during the Napoleonic wars on a warship, this tale of adventure features Captain Jack Aubrey and his friend and surgeon, Stephen Maturin. (16 ¾ hours)

***Poppy* by Avi (1995)**

Poppy is a mouse, who lives quietly with her family in a territory ruled by an owl named Mr. Ocax. When she discovers that Mr. Ocax is not the protector he claims to be, she embarks on a journey to find a safe, new home for her family. (4 ¼ hours)

***The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd (2002)**

This debut novel is the coming-of-age story of 14-year-old Lily Owens and her "stand-in" mother, Rosaleen, who find refuge, courage and hope in the loving home of three black, bee-keeping sisters. (10 hours)

***A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson (1998)**

With wry humor, a prolific travel writer shares astute observations about his 2,100-mile hike along the Appalachian Trail. (10 hours)

***Walk Two Moons* by Sharon Creech (1994)**

When her mother leaves home, 13-year-old Salamanca and her grandparents head west to Idaho, following her mother's route. Along the way, Sal talks about her friend, Phoebe, whose mother also left. The touching stories of both girls merge to reveal a surprising conclusion in this 1995 Newbery Award winner. (6 hours)

***The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis (1995)**

Nine-year-old Kenny Watson recounts the everyday interactions of his African-American family at home in Flint, Michigan and their summer trip to visit Grandma in Birmingham, Alabama that changed their lives. (5 hours)



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## Footnotes

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 2 – 7 p.m. Monday, July 12.

Main Library is closed on Sundays in July and August.

Both libraries are closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Rode your bike to the library but forgot your bike lock? Both libraries have locks for adults and children to secure their bikes while they visit the library. Ask about this service at the Circulation Desk.

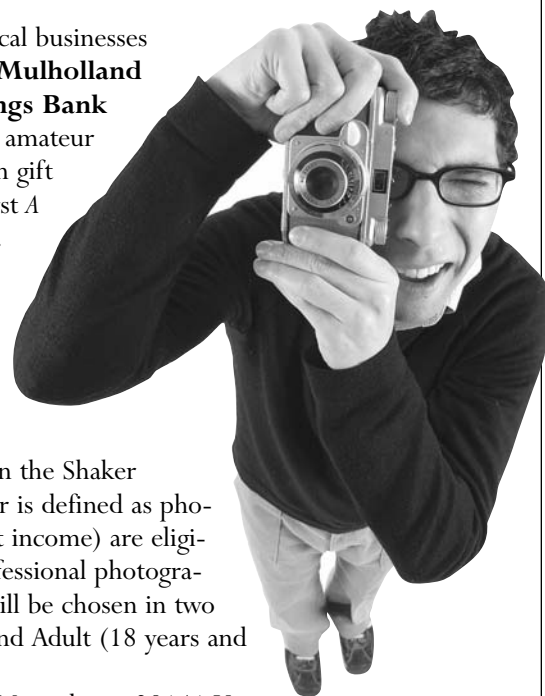
## Calling all shutterbugs!

*Shaker Life* magazine, together with local businesses **Loganberry Books, Motophoto, Mulholland & Sachs, Park View Federal Savings Bank** and **Pearl of the Orient**, is offering amateur photographers the opportunity to win gift certificates and other prizes in the first *A Day in the Life of Shaker* photo contest.

Whether portraying Shaker's diverse community at work or play or our city's stunning architecture, scenery and wildlife, there are myriad ways to capture the spirit of Shaker!

All amateur photographers living in the Shaker Heights City School District (amateur is defined as photography is not a source of significant income) are eligible to enter. Winners, judged by professional photographers and *Shaker Life* editorial staff, will be chosen in two categories: Youth (17 and younger) and Adult (18 years and older).

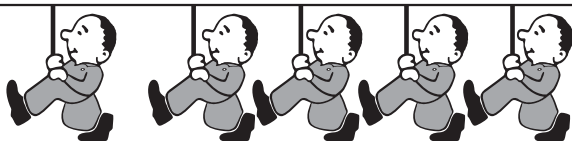
Please bring your photographs to Motophoto, 20141 Van Aken Blvd. by October 31. Photographs (one per participant) may be either black and white or color and in slide or print format (at least 4 x 6 inches). Digital images must also be printed. Please identify entries clearly with name, address and age (for Youth category) and title. Winning entries will be published in an upcoming edition of *Shaker Life*.



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## Events for July

### **4 Birthday Bash & Water Carnival, NOON – 6 P.M.**

**THORNTON PARK.** Family fun before the fireworks! Swimming, games and prizes for kids of all ages plus free ice cream and cake. Pool closes at 6 p.m. and fireworks begin at dusk at the Shaker Middle School. INFO: 491-1295.

### **5 Shaker Libraries & City Hall closed in observance of the July 4 holiday.**

**6 ART for Kids, 10:15 – 11 A.M., THE PARENT-CHILD RESOURCE CENTER AT THE HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Children ages 2 – 8 can explore their creativity using paint, mosaics, plaster of Paris, clay, oil pastels and other materials in a 4-week series or by session. \$15/series or \$5/session. INFO: KELLY SCOVILL, 929-0201.

**6 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON TO 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Mustard Seed Market's Phillip Nabors will discuss *Genetically Engineered Foods: Ethics and Policy*. An expert on genetically engineered foods, Nabors has testified before Congress on the Bovine Growth Hormone and the need for product labeling. INFO: 321-5935.

**7 Recent & Recommended Book Talk, 7 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Shaker librarians recommend books for summer reading. Program repeats at 3 p.m. July 8. INFO: 991-2421.

**8 Movie at Main Library, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Watch *Cold Mountain*, the story of a wounded Confederate soldier's struggles to return to the woman he left behind. (Rated R) INFO: 991-2030.

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**July 1: Shaker Youth Baseball Day.** Wear your baseball shirt and bring a buddy.

**July 8: Shaker Youth Soccer Day.** Wear your soccer shirt and bring a buddy.

**July 10: Sussex and Thornton Park Neighborhood Day.** Party with your neighbors!

**July 15: Shaker Scout Day.** Wear your scout shirt and bring a buddy.

**July 17: Boulevard, Ludlow and Malvern Day.** Join your friends from the neighborhood.

**July 16: Teen Night.** Join your pals at the park 8-10 p.m.

**July 20: Shaker Figure Skating/Learn to Skate Day.** Skate on over!

**July 20: Grandparents Day.** Bring your best buddy – Gram or Gramps!

**July 22: Shaker Youth Hockey Day.** Wear your jersey and bring a buddy.

**July 24: National Ice Cream Day.** Cones cost 50¢.

**July 24: Fernway and Onaway Neighborhood Day.** Have fun with your neighbors!

**July 31: Lomond and Moreland Neighborhood Day.** Celebrate summer with friends old and new!

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**MAIN LIBRARY**  
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**THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES**  
2600 South Park Boulevard

**SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING  
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3450 Lee Road

**SHAKER FAMILY CENTER**  
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**9 OASIS Book Club, 10:30 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Read and discuss *Galileo's Daughter: A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love* by Dava Sobel. \$3. INFO: 440-886-1157.

**8 Movie at Main Library, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Watch *Cold Mountain*, the story of a wounded Confederate soldier's struggles to return to the woman he left behind. (Rated R) INFO: 991-2030.

**10 Connecting with Nature: Reflection and Expression through the Arts, 10 A.M. - 4 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Rain or shine this all-day workshop offers yoga, writing, walking, meditation, plein air painting and drumming. Pre-registration required. \$15 members; \$20 non-members; rain or shine; box lunches available for a small fee. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 236.

**12 - 23 Arthritis Water Exercise, 11:30 A.M. – NOON, THORNTON PARK POOL.** Gentle exercises for adults with arthritis. Stretching, balance and walking in the water. \$15/person plus Thornton Park Pool pass. INFO: 295-1295.

**12 Introduction to PowerPoint Class, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY COMPUTER CENTER.** Put some *power* in your presentations. Learn how to create a slide show with graphics, sound and animation. Free. Registration required. INFO: 991-2030 EXT. 3185

**13, 27 & AUG. 10 & 24 Volunteers Wanted! 5:30 – 6:45 P.M., 3150 CHESTER AVE.** *Citizenship in action!* Margaret W. Wong & Assoc. CO., LPA seeks volunteers to help permanent residents complete their N-400 Naturalization forms. INFO: 579-0150.

**13 Friends of the Shaker Library Annual Meeting & Author Visit, 7 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Following a brief business meeting & election of officers, meet **Dan Chaon**, author of *You Remind Me of Me*. Free. INFO: 991-2421.

**14 Learn How to Build a Web Site, 10 A.M. – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY COMPUTER CENTER.** *Global reach from a local teach(er)!* Give yourself a worldwide presence this summer. Free. REGISTRATION & INFO: 991-2030 EXT. 3185.

**14 Itty Bitty Beach Party, NOON – 2 P.M., THORNTON PARK POOL.** *Kiddie pool capers!* Children 6 years & under play games and join in a swimsuit contests with party favors and ice cream. Parents and grandparents welcome! INFO: 491-1295.

**14 Business Start Up Clinic, 7 – 9 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Thinking of starting a business? Get your questions answered by a panel of business experts. INFO: HRCC, 397-7322. ALSO ON AUG. 11.

## Ongoing Activities

**Saturdays: North Union Farmers Market, 8 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER SQUARE.** Get good pickings from local farms at their open-air tables and learn what's cooking from the Chef at the Market. INFO: 751-7656 OR EMAIL: NORTHUNIONFARMERSMARKET@YAHOO.COM

**Sundays: Recovery, Inc, 2 P.M., SOMERSET POINT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, 3550 NORTHFIELD RD.** Self-help group for adults who experience difficulty due to panics, anxiety, depression, fears. INFO: NATALIE SILVERBERG, 595-9276 OR RECOVERY-INC.ORG.

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays: Health Benefits Check Up Program, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD.** A free information service of the National Council on the Aging, the BenefitsCheckUp program (benefitscheckup.org) help seniors (age 55 and older) find programs that may pay for some medical or drug costs. SIGN UP FOR ONLINE HELP BY CALLING 491-1360.

**Thru Aug. 8: Exhibit, Shaker Historical Museum.** Simple Gifts: Building a Museum Collection features the more than half a century of gifts to the museum. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

**15-18, 23 & 25 Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE AT VAN AKEN BLVD/LEE RD.** *Wherefore art thou Romeo?* With Juliet at the Community Colonnade! FREE. INFO: 491-1360 OR WWW.CLEVESHAKES.ORG.

**16 Prayer Warriors, 7:30-9:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** The Unity Church of Greater Cleveland joins the Nature Center for an outdoor concert of inspirational groove music with a message. Parking lot seating is available. Grounds open at 7 p.m. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Beverages and snacks will be available for sale. Parking on South Park, West Park and North Park; RTA stop on S. Park (Green Line). Bike racks available. Tickets: \$5 presale; \$7 at the door; \$10 for limited pavilion seating. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 236.

**17 St. Dominic's Picnic in the Park, 7 P.M., OUTDOOR FESTIVAL FOR FAMILIES.** INFO: 991-1444.

**18 Magpie Music, 5 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Shaker Family Center and Heights Parent Center join the Nature Center to celebrate our living planet with the musical sounds of Terry Leonini and Greg Artzner. Beverages and snacks will be available for sale. Parking on S. Park, W. Park and N. Park; RTA stop on S. Park (Green Line). Bike racks available. TICKETS: \$5



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**19 Storytelling at the Colonnade, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Shaker Heights children's librarians tell bug tales to tickle a family's fancy. Registration begins July 6. INFO: 991-2030.

**19 Informed Decision 2004, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Join in conversation with those who agree and disagree with you! Representatives from Republican, Democratic, Green and Libertarian Parties will discuss The Environment: Should the Government Protect It? INFO: 991-2030.

**20 Mother-Daughter Book Discussion Group, 7:30 P.M., WOODS BRANCH.** Read and discuss *Number the Stars*, Lois Lowry's Newbery Medal Book about a courageous girl who helps her friend escape from the Nazis. INFO: 991-2421.

**22 Senior Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.** City nurse Sandi Hurley leads a group that shares experiences and humor. Bring a brown bag lunch and join in the fun. INFO: 491-1360.

**22 Introduction to Excel, 3 - 5 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY COMPUTER CENTER.** Learn the basics of spreadsheet design and how to use basic formulas. Free. REGISTRATION & INFO: 991-2030 EXT. 3185.

**22 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Watch *Starsky and Hutch* starring Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson and Snoop Dogg. (Rated PG -13) INFO: 991-2030.

**23 Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Retired Case audiologist Dr. Ray LeZak offers tips for dealing with hearing impairment. INFO: 491-1360

**25 A Bug Bash, 5 TO 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Co-chairs Char Glatley and Sarah Morgan have been busy bees getting ready for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Biannual Bug Bash to benefit the Nature Center. There'll be a hive of activity with food, fun, games, family activities and a buzzing silent auction. Meet special guest musician, Justin Roberts, "a rising star in the world of children's music," according to the *New York Times*. Tickets: \$25/adults; \$8/kids. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 236.

**27 Nature Reads, 6 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Bring a brown bag supper and join fellow nature and book lovers at a monthly book club meeting for a discussion of *The Exploration of the Colorado*



## And Beyond . . .

**JULY 1, 2 & 3: Grease, 8 P.M., CAIN PARK, EVANS AMPHITHEATER.** Teenage angst musical at Cain Park. TICKETS & INFO: 371-3000.

**JULY 16: Jewel, 8 P.M., CAIN PARK, EVANS AMPHITHEATER.** Spice up your night! TICKETS & INFO: 371-3000.

**JULY 27: Make-A-Wish Walkathon, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY.** 11th Annual Walk for Wishes to grant to children with life-threatening illnesses. FEES & INFO: 241-3670.

*River and Its Canyons* by John Wesley Powell. INFO: LESLIE KREBS AT (216) 321-5935 EXT. 226.

**28 Shaker Community Band, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** A true community concert! Bring a neighbor to hear your neighbors make beautiful music under the direction of Luiz Coelho. INFO: 491-1360.

## for August

**2-13 Art in August, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER.** Art classes for children 4 & 5 years old. REGISTRATION & INFO: 921-2023.

**3 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON, NATURE CENTER.** Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy a provocative discussion on a topical environmental issue. INFO: 321-5935.

**3 The Johnnycake Ridge Singers, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Outdoor A Cappella by a 30-member barbershop group. INFO: 491-1360.

**6 First Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Mark Wahlberg, Charlize Theron and Donald Sutherland star in *The Italian Job*, the story of a parking jam and a bank heist. INFO: 491-1360.

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**10 Exhibit, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** *Shaker Heights: City of Gracious Living* exhibit features photos and material that focus on the homes and gardens of our city. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

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**12 Perfunktory Band, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Join in an end of summer concert by a local Shaker band. INFO: 491-1360.

**18 Shaker Community Band, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Luiz Coelho directs a band of neighbors. INFO: 491-1360.

**21 St. Dominic Block Party, 4 — 10 P.M., 3455 NORWOOD ROAD.** INFO: 991-1444.

**23 Informed Decision 2004, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Don't be left behind! Republican, Democratic, Green and Libertarian Party representatives will discuss *Education and the No Child Left Behind Act*. INFO: 991-2030.

**24 Hillcrest Concert Band, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE.**

**27 Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.** Retired Case audiologist Dr. Ray LeZak offers tips for dealing with hearing impairment. INFO: 491-1360.

**29 2004 Biathlon & Walk, 8:30 A.M., BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.** Rain or shine! 9th annual family 3-mile run and 12.9-mile bike course or 2-mile stroll with a post-race picnic featuring licensed massage therapists, face painting, balloon art and arts & crafts. Hebrew National hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, fresh fruit, bagels, pastries, beverages and more round out the day. \$25/Biathlon; \$15/Walk; \$44/Relay. INFO: JANE FURTH, 320-8276.

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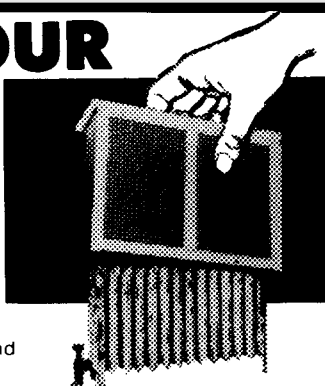
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**Monday, Wednesdays, Thursdays: Patricia S. Mearns Indoor Playroom, 9:30 A.M. – NOON, SUSSEX FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD.,** and Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4 – 6 p.m. For children birth to 3 years and a parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: 921-2023.

**Mondays: Open Hours, 10 A.M. – 11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Free drop-in time for parents and children from birth to age 6 to play together. The center offers free dramatic play equipment, puzzles, a collection of toys and books, and hands-on activities including science, gardening and arts & crafts projects. Other play days: **Tuesdays:** 1:30 – 5 p.m.; **Wednesdays:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Thursdays:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. (in July) and 2 – 5 p.m. (in August); **Fridays:** 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. in August. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

**Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Play and Learn Station, 10 A.M. – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.** Free drop-in play and literacy-based activities for families with infants to age 5 cosponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. 6 – 8 p.m. Thursdays. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

**Wednesdays thru July 26: Books By Me, 4 – 5 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Children ages 2 – 8 can write books about feelings with inventive spelling and illustrations. \$25 per 7-week session or \$5/class. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

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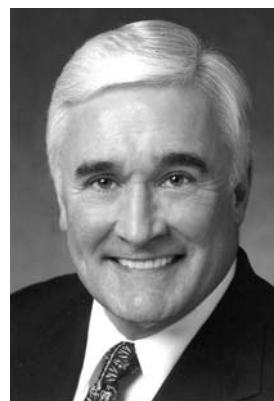
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**July 7: Lunch & Listen, noon, CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC, 11021 EAST BLVD.** *Divas in the Afternoon* features five CIM divas performing favorite opera arias. Free musical performances sponsored by the CIM Alumni Association continue at noon on July 14, 21 & 28. INFO: 791-5000.

**July 21 & 23: The Hebrew Hammer, 7 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART.** A street-savvy Jewish superhero connects with the Kwanzaa Liberation Front to save the year-end holidays from a homicidal Santa Claus. Tickets for the Cleveland premiere: \$7/person; \$5/CMA members; \$3/students & seniors. INFO: 421-7350.

**July 25: Faith Ringgold: More Than 30 Years, 1:30 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART.** University of California at San Diego art professor surveys her career as a painter, sculptor, performance artist and writer from the early 1960s to the present. Sponsored by the Women's Council. Book signing follows. \$15/person; \$10/CMA members; \$5/students. INFO: 421-7350.

**Aug. 6: Pink Martini, 7:30 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART GARTNER AUDITORIUM.** *Ohio premiere!* 10-member ensemble blends Cuban rumbas, classical chamber music, Parisian café tunes & foreign film soundtracks to create a vibrant, sensuous sound. Tickets: \$25 - \$30/person. INFO: 421-7350.

**Aug. 11: My Flesh and Blood, 7 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART.** An inspirational Sundance prizewinner, this documentary is the story of an adoptive mother of ten severely disabled children. \$7/person; \$5/CMA members; \$3/students & seniors. INFO: 421-7350.

**Aug. 13 – 22: Chili Pepper Festival, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD.** Things are heating up in the garden! Sample chilies and food made with chilies, buy chilies and chili-related products. INFO: 721-1600.

## SCHOOL BELLS

*Back to books and studies ... and the chance to make new buddies!*

**Aug. 24: Shaker Schools**

**Aug. 24: Laurel Upper School**

**Aug. 25: St. Dominic School**

**Aug. 30: Laurel Preschool – Grade 8**

**Sept. 2: University School**

**Sept. 7: Hathaway Brown**

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Living at Judson, I have state-of-the-art Health and Wellness programs, fine amenities and so much more. But most importantly, I enjoy the comfort, ease and security of retirement living at its best! For more information, please call Kristina at (216) 791-2436.



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