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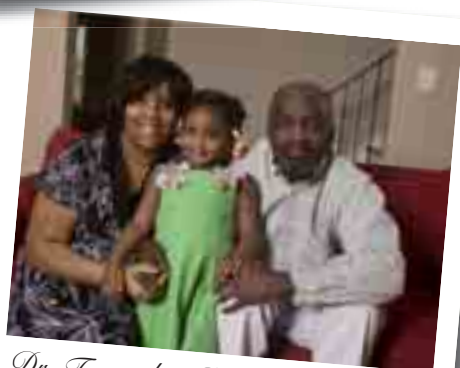
*Dr. Sneha Ramesh & Anand Natargjan*



*Lora and Dr. Sam Mesiano*



*Wendy and Randy Solganik*



*Dr. Tanyaika Phillips Towe and  
Eric Towe*

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## These families would like you to know why they live in *Shaker Heights...* and why your colleagues, friends and family should as well.

Work brought **Sneha and Anand** to the Cleveland area in 2006; Sneha is a researcher at the Cleveland Clinic and Anand is an I.T. consultant and MBA student at CWRU. "Shaker Heights really attracted us with its beautiful tree-lined streets, ethnic diversity and homes with character. It has the perfect blend of family-friendly atmosphere coupled with ample opportunities for fun!"

**The Mesianos** moved to Cleveland in 2004 after a six-year stint in Australia. Their children are 10 and 13 and very involved in the soccer scene in Shaker. "Shaker Heights seemed like a good match. We were very impressed with the schools and it was close to work at University Circle. We have come to realize that Shaker is more than just a collection of beautiful homes; it's the people in the homes who have enriched our lives."

**Randy** grew up in Shaker Heights and returned in 2000 with his wife, **Wendy**. Their children, ages 8, 3 and two months, are 4th generation Shaker residents. Wendy owns Luscious Verde Cards and Randy owns City Plating. They were attracted to Shaker's affordability. "When Wendy saw Shaker Heights housing, she knew she could find a home here," says Randy. "Both sets of my grandparents lived for decades in Shaker and never left... We look forward to sending all of our children through the Shaker School System, one of the best in the nation."

**Tanya and Eric**, with their three year old daughter Sophia, are brand new to Shaker Heights. Tanya was recruited to the area by the Ireland Cancer Center, where she is the Director of the Case Comprehensive Center Health Equity in Cancer Program. Eric is an entrepreneur with a mobile auto detailing company. "We simply love Shaker and want to grow old together here," they say. Tanya and Eric chose Shaker because of its "warmth, charm, excellent school system, diversity, business-friendly environment and proximity to most things 'happening' in Cleveland."

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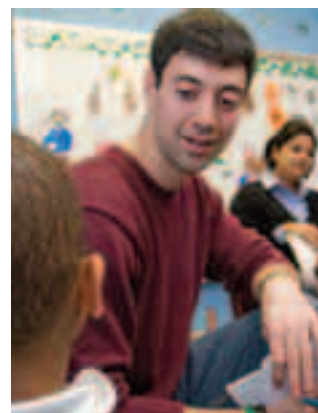


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## Celebrate the Season at the Summer Solstice Festival

The Shaker Arts Council and the City of Shaker Heights invite you to help usher in the longest day of the year at the 5th Annual Shaker Summer Solstice celebration on June 21. The festivities begin at 5 pm at the Shaker Heights Colonnade (near the intersection of Lee Rd. and Chagrin Blvd.) Admission is free. The event will be held rain or shine.

Bring the whole family – as well as blankets and lawn chairs – and enjoy art activities for children, street performers, handcrafted art from local artisans, and delicious, reasonably priced fare from local purveyors.

This year's music lineup includes something for everyone, with the musical drums of Steel Panic, the Workmen's Circle Klezmer Orchestra, a ska/pop/punk band known as Skatastrophes, and Mo' Mojo Mama, a New Orleans-style zydeco band. William Clarence Marshall, an audience favorite at "In Concert with Ludlow," plays an encore performance. At dusk, everyone is invited to gather 'round the glowing bonfire for a rhythmic drum circle.

To help get you in the mood, the Shaker Arts Council is once again sponsoring Sounds Around Town, live music from local talent at public venues during the week leading up to the Solstice. Visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) or [shakerartscouncil.org](http://shakerartscouncil.org) for up-to-date information on planned activities and entertainment.



## Ludlow Benefit Strikes Positive Chord

Among the top five reasons people choose to live in Shaker Heights is its strong sense of community. Showing solidarity with one's neighbor is the Shaker credo – a time-honored tradition. At no time was this more evident than in March, when more than 500 people attended "In Concert with Ludlow: Celebrating the Spirit of Neighborhood through Music and Dance," held at the newly renovated large auditorium at Shaker Heights High School.

The event, which raised more than \$7,000 to be used for youth development programs in the Ludlow neighborhood, was how Ludlow and the larger community chose to respond to an attack on one of its residents.

In the 1950s and '60s, the Ludlow Community Association enlisted greats such as Ella Fitzgerald and Nancy Wilson to help shine a light on the neighborhood's historic integration efforts. This year, local talent was in the spotlight, with performances by Verlezza Dance, Shaker public school students from the band, orchestra, choir, and acting ensembles, and several outstanding professional musicians from the area.

Luiz Coelho, band director at Woodbury School and co-president of the Ludlow Association, worked with Shaker residents Sabatino Verlezza and Barbara Allegra-Verlezza to direct the program. Marcia Romano, President of the Shaker Arts Council, organized the event.

The audience reacted with great enthusiasm, particularly to the many student performances. "This," said Jane Campbell, Shaker resident and former Mayor of Cleveland, "is really Shaker at its finest."

## A Tribute



Grodin

The City of Shaker Heights lost its biggest booster on April 25, 2008. In her capacity as director of Communications & Outreach,

Leslie A. Grodin tirelessly worked to promote the city she loved. Leslie was the guiding force behind the creation and design of the City's website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), the re-design of this magazine, and the marketing of Shaker Heights to both attract and retain residents committed to preserving this remarkable community. She was an inspiring leader, a delightful and supportive colleague, and a beloved friend. She will be profoundly missed.

## Safety First

Sales of commercial fireworks, and resulting injuries and property damage, are on the rise throughout the nation. Fortunately, no significant injuries were reported in Shaker last year due to fireworks, and the City would like to keep it that way. Assistant Fire Chief Wayne Johnson notes that although it is legal to buy commercial fireworks almost everywhere, it is illegal to set them off in Ohio, as well as in most other states.

School age children are at highest risk for fireworks injury; nearly half of all injuries are to children under the age of 15. Even legal fireworks, such as sparklers, come with inherent risks. Young children should never handle sparklers, and adult supervision is a must when using any fireworks.

Johnson advises, "Keep yourself and your family safe by leaving the fireworks display to the professionals." Come and enjoy the "ahh"-inspiring fireworks, as always, at Shaker Middle School on the Fourth of July at dusk.



Georgia Murray knows the benefits of the Shaker Heights community because she grew up and raised her family here. A bike ride to Shaker Square for a strawberry soda and swimming at Thornton Park remain vivid memories from Georgia's childhood. Traditional values. Simple pleasures. Fine homes. Ongoing commitment to excellence. All make Shaker an exceptional place to call home.

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## New Look for Lee/Van Aken Rapid Station

RTA and the City of Shaker Heights have teamed up to re-design the Blue Line Rapid station near the intersection of Lee Road and Van Aken Boulevard. Bialosky + Partners will prepare architectural and engineering renderings for the station, which will be completed in 2010.

Shaker residents provided input to the design process during a series of public meetings last summer. The new station will reflect the historic architecture of Shaker, combined with a more contemporary style. RTA Director of Programming and Planning, Maribeth Feke says, "This plan was a joint effort to enhance the transit environment of the station, and is the first project to proceed into design after an independent planning study."

The Lee/Van Aken station has the second highest ridership on the Blue Line. The new station will be ADA compliant and include elevators, a larger passenger waiting area, and enhanced security systems.

## Popular "Gracious Gardens" Tour Returns

Don't miss the Shaker Historical Society's 4th annual Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Tour on Sunday, June 22 from 1 to 5 pm.

Tickets and maps for this self-guided tour of eight inspiring private gardens are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event. Tickets are available at The Shaker Historical Society, J. Pistone Market, Realty One, Shaker Hardware, Gali's Florist and Garden Center, Heights Garden Center, Breadsmith in Lakewood, and Jan Dell Flowers in Rocky River.

"The gardens range from lavish to intimate, and are exceptionally well designed," states tour co-chair Ann Cicarella. "Shaker residents are so proud of the tradition of maintaining beautiful gardens, and they want to share their vision with others," adds co-chair Margaret Ransohoff.

In addition to the Sunday Garden Tour, the Twilight Benefit will be held on Friday, June 20 from 6 to 9:30 pm at the newly renovated Marshall Mansion on Lee Road between South Woodland and Parkland Boulevard. Tickets are available through The Shaker Historical Society, 216-921-1201.

The Gracious Gardens Tour and Twilight Benefit are fundraisers for The Shaker Historical Society.

## Special Event



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## Townley Residents Get to the Root of the Matter

In April, the City's public works department removed 18 ash trees on Townley Road, in accordance with the City's Emerald Ash Borer management plan. The concentration of so many ash trees on one street provided an opportunity to replace the trees using a method known as "bare root planting." Townley resident and certified arborist Jen Braman, and Pat Neville, Shaker's superintendent of forestry, already had participated in a bare root planting in the community of Silver Lake to pick up some first-hand experience. They gave it a try on Townley.

Bare root planting means that trees are purchased and planted with the roots



exposed. Bare root trees are easier to plant, recover more quickly from transplant shock, and grow to maturity more quickly. They also are less expensive to purchase and require less soil and water than deep-planted “ball and burlap” trees.

Alan Siewert, an urban forester with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, consulted with Pat Neville on this project. He says, “We are seeing far too many urban trees dying at 15 to 20 years of age, due to deep planting. A street tree should have the life expectancy of a person.” He notes that the city of Minneapolis has used bare root planting for nearly half of their trees over the past 10 years with wonderful success.

Shaker plans to monitor the development of the Townley Road trees over the next year or so before deciding whether to employ bare root planting on a widespread basis. One drawback is that bare root trees are not as readily available as ball and burlap trees. Also, as with all newly planted trees, their success depends largely upon consistent watering by residents, particularly during the first three years. As Neville remarked, “Residents are funding trees through their assessments. It makes good sense to protect this investment.”

### Shaker Wins “Tree City USA” Growth Award

The sight of majestic boughs arching gracefully over our streets is one of the great pleasures of life in Shaker. The National Arbor Day Foundation once again has named Shaker Heights as a “Tree City USA.” Shaker has met the criteria for 22 years in a row by having a tree advisory board, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry department, and an annual Arbor Day observance.

The Foundation also presented Shaker with a Growth Award, for demonstrating progress in continuing education for tree workers, tree inventory and analysis, and planning and management. The Foundation praised our community for recognizing the benefits that trees provide, such as keeping the air cleaner and



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## Grand Old Sugar Maple Wins Annual Heritage Award

Rick and Jane Hill nominated the recipient of this year's Heritage Tree Award, a beautiful sugar maple in their front yard on Drummond Road. At 90 feet tall and with a crown spread of 70 feet, it shades their entire home during the summer.

The age of the tree also conveys a great sense of character and history. An arborist explained to them that the tree is likely over 150 years old, and showed them how the branches have curved over time to accommodate the house, built decades after the tree was planted.

Residents can nominate trees to be honored with the Heritage Tree Award by completing an application at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) or by calling Public Works, 216-491-1490. Nominated trees should be associated with a famous person or significant event, an historical landmark, or unusual in size, form or age.

## Join Fire Safety Campaign by Welcoming Firefighters

The Fire Department is increasing its efforts to educate the public on fire safety in the home.

A new campaign, Partners for Fire Prevention, unites the City and area businesses and residents to make all homes safer. Expect to see firefighters knocking on doors and looking for functioning smoke alarms on each level of the home.

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### This Will Only Hurt for a Moment...

The Health Department once again offers back-to-school immunizations for children aged six weeks through 18 years, as well as optional immunizations for meningitis, rotavirus, and hepatitis A.

All shots are offered in the basement of City Hall, at 3400 Lee Road. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

Required childhood vaccines are \$12 each. The fees for adult shots vary according to market prices for the vaccines. Clinic dates and prices are available at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com). Watch the next issue of Shaker Life for information about flu and pneumonia shots offered in the fall.

### Citizens Police Academy Accepting Applications

Learn about the real-life workings of the Police Department by enrolling in the Citizens Police Academy, a 12-week course designed to raise awareness of police procedures and programs.

The course is free and open to residents 21 and older, and those who work in the City full time. Classes are held on Thursdays from 7 to 10 pm, starting August 28 and ending December 1 (no class October 9 or November 27), and cover such topics as criminal investigation, response tactics, SWAT team, and the K-9 unit. Applications are available at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), at the Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, or by calling the office of Interim Police Chief D. Scott Lee at 216-491-1240.

## Business News

### Updated Ohio Savings Building Attracts New Tenants

Amy Joy Donuts is returning to its roots by opening a new store on the south side of Chagrin Boulevard. Developer Russell Lamb of Bluewater Capital Partners says there was "a gap in the market" that offered a great opportunity. The new store also will feature a coffee bar and gourmet ice cream. Amy Joy will occupy the newly renovated former Ohio Savings Building.

Joining Amy Joy in that building will be an upscale, full-service women's salon, Millennium Salon, which operates another location in Cleveland Heights.

Lamb says that both tenants were inspired to include hardwood floors and other interesting architectural features in their decor after seeing the newly refurbished Sherwin-Williams space next door.

"They are making not just run-of-

the-mill updates; they are making truly creative improvements," says Lamb.

Gorman Insurance now occupies one of three upstairs office suites in the building, and Lamb is in negotiations to fill the other two suites. The building Gorman once occupied is being razed to make room for an outdoor dining patio.

Lamb has re-signed Al Nola Shoes, A Touch of Italy, Sherwin-Williams, Gorman Insurance, and Mr. Hero, whose building will be updated by the end of the year.

## News Briefs

- In April, Shaker violin virtuoso **Chad Hoopes** won first prize in the Junior level of the Menuhin Competition, the world's leading international competition for young violinists. Chad is a seventh grader at Shaker Middle School, and has studied under **David Cerone** at the Cleveland Institute of Music since the age of 8.

This year's competition was held in Wales at the University of Glamorgan. Chad competed alongside 40 other musi-



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cians under the age of 22, who were selected from a pool of 156 applicants from around the world.

With characteristic poise, Chad commented, “Simply making it to this competition is an honor. I want to become a great artist and be the best violinist I can be. This competition is helping achieve that goal.”

In the final round Chad performed Trio Serendade Op.10 (movements 1 & 2) by E. Dohnanyi, Zigeunerweisen by Sarasate, and Four Seasons (Spring) by Vivaldi. He also performed the Vivaldi at the closing Gala Concert.

- **Sandra Kiely** was appointed to the Civil Service Commission to fill an unexpired term that runs through December 31, 2011.

- SHHS senior **Joanna D. Mitchell** will receive a medal as a Presidential Scholar in the Arts during Presidential Scholars Week in Washington, D.C. June 21-24.

The U.S. Department of Education annually selects 141 Presidential Scholars who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, leadership, citizenship, service, and contribution to school and community. Twenty of them, including Joanna, were recommended by the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA) youngARTS™ program for their artistic excellence.

The award carries a \$5,000 cash prize.

In addition to recognition events, the works of the young artists will be featured in an exhibition at the Smithsonian’s National Portrait Gallery on Sunday, June 22.

“Congratulations to Joanna for receiving such an honor,” said NFAA President Christina DePaul. “It’s wonderful to see her acclaimed nationally.”

- Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, UCC, installed the **Reverend Shawnthea Monroe** as its senior minister in April. She comes to Shaker from Moorhead, Minnesota, where she served as the minister of First Congregational United Church of Christ. She received a Doctorate of Ministry in Preaching from Chicago Theological School, and was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Yale Divinity School.

Dr. Monroe brings dynamic preaching skills and a talent for writing. She is the author of the book, “Not So Desperate: Fantasy, Fact and Faith on Wisteria Lane,” which explores how popular culture reflects modern issues of faith.

Her husband, **Dr. Neil Mueller**, is a tenured professor of music at North Dakota State University and a principal trumpet player with the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony Orchestra. They have three children who attend Shaker schools.

Dr. Monroe was recruited by several congregations, including several on the east coast, but felt drawn to Shaker. One important factor was the school system.

She says, “We found an openness and neighborliness in Shaker that was all but absent in some of the other places we considered...I also love that we have sidewalks here – and people use them.”

- When **Betsie Norris** founded the Adoption Network of Cleveland in 1988, company headquarters were in her Shaker Heights living room. Now celebrating its 20th anniversary, the organization has grown from three employees to 28 and is located on Prospect Avenue in Cleveland.

ANC is currently the only organization in the country that serves the entire adoption triad: adoptees, birthparents, and adoptive parents. It also supports youth in foster care, foster parents, siblings, and adoption professionals. They have had particular success reuniting birthparents with their children, as well as finding adoptive homes for children at risk of aging out of foster care. The idea for the organization grew out of Norris’s own experience in successfully locating her own birth parents 22 years ago.

- When Hathaway Brown senior **Amy Ransohoff** took on a summer internship at her father’s research lab, she never dreamed she would be presenting her own scientific findings at a prestigious medical conference – much less one where her father was to be honored for his own work.

Shaker resident **Dr. Richard Ransohoff** is a neurologist specializing in the research and treatment of multiple sclerosis at the Cleveland Clinic’s world-class Mellen Center. He was delighted and impressed with his “artsy” daughter’s developing interest in the subject, which progressed from “basic computer work” to a full-blown research project that focused on particular patterns of grey matter damage that occur in MS.

Dr. Ransohoff credits the Science Research Program at Hathaway Brown for helping Amy to prepare and present her findings to the Ohio Academy of Sciences, where she won second prize in the state. As a result, she was invited to present at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) conference in Boston last February, where Dr. Ransohoff was inducted as a Fellow of the



Joanna Mitchell



AAAS for his significant contributions to MS research. Amy is college bound in the fall, where she intends to use her newly found interest in neuroscience to study psychology.

## Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 7, 14, 21 & 28 and July 12, 19, & 26 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

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**Contractors:** While the City does not recommend contractors, regularly updated lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

**Dogs:** Dogs may not run at large, and owners must immediately remove waste deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside, as it poses a health hazard. Report nuisance dogs to Public Works, 216-491-1490.

**Domestic Power Tools:** Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am, or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 am is prohibited.

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

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

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

**Horseshoe Lake Park Picnic Permits:** Reservation permits are limited to the large pavilion. Permission for use of both pavilions may be granted to larger groups. Two weeks advance notice of requested date is required. Picnic organizers are encouraged to view the park's new configuration prior to requesting a permit. Priority is given to in-person requests at the Shaker Community Building, which began March 25. For phone-in reservations call 216-491-1351. The park is available M-SU from May 27 to September 1 and September 6-28 on weekends only. The park is open, but no reservations will be taken for July 4 or Labor Day. Pavilions may be used on a first-come, first-served basis on these holidays.

**Power outages:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 888-544-4877.

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

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

**West Nile Virus:** For up-to-date information and tips on prevention, check the City's website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), or call the Health Department's Infoline: 216-491-3170.

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

For more information on the City's Codified Ordinances, visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com). ■

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## REAL NUMBERS

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

ADDRESS	2008 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
21211 ALMAR DR	\$375,000	\$335,000 (2000)	\$ 35,000 (1954)
3346 AVALON ROAD	\$210,000	\$191,500 (2001)	\$ 6,500 (1921)
3008 COURTLAND BLVD	\$930,000	\$985,000 (2006)	\$300,000 (1988)
3690 DALEFORD ROAD	\$136,500	\$165,000 (2003)	\$ 7,700 (1940)
3630 MENLO ROAD	\$154,000	\$ 54,900 (2006)	\$ 7,000 (1923)
19000 OXFORD ROAD	\$442,000	\$435,000 (2003)	\$ 14,000 (1937)
22599 RYE ROAD	\$249,000	\$256,000 (2003)	\$ 25,000 (1952)
18115 SHAKER BLVD	\$820,000	\$775,000 (2002)	\$ 20,000 (1936)
23900 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$265,000	\$250,000 (2001)	\$ 35,000 (1958)
3681 SUTHERLAND ROAD	\$190,000	\$177,000 (2003)	\$ 11,500 (1927)
16850 S WOODLAND ROAD	\$668,200	\$416,700 (2007)	\$ 45,000 (1926)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## City Offers Many Resources for Landlords

If you’re thinking of turning an unsold property into a rental or if you want to enhance a current rental property, take some time to learn how the City can help. You don’t have to go it alone; the City provides support in the following areas:

### Become “Certified Shaker”

Give yourself a leg up by attaining certification in this unique program. Properties meeting specific criteria are promoted on the City’s website and are shown to prospective renters by relocation specialists, among other benefits. To learn how to qualify, call 216-491-1370.

### Landlord Training

The City offers a comprehensive course twice a year, covering topics such as property maintenance, marketing strategies, legal issues, and City requirements. The next class is September 13. Call 216-361-9240 to reserve your spot.

### Tenant Screening

The key to finding good tenants is screening, interviewing, and fact checking. The City has an agreement with Rental Services, Inc. (RSI) to provide professional tenant screening at a discounted rate to rental property owners in the Shaker school district. Contact Jacqueline Patterson at 216-491-1333 for details.

### Online Help

Check the City’s website, shakeronline.com, for an online Landlord Training Manual, property management advice, updates on housing legislation, financial assistance, and decorating and landscaping tips. ■



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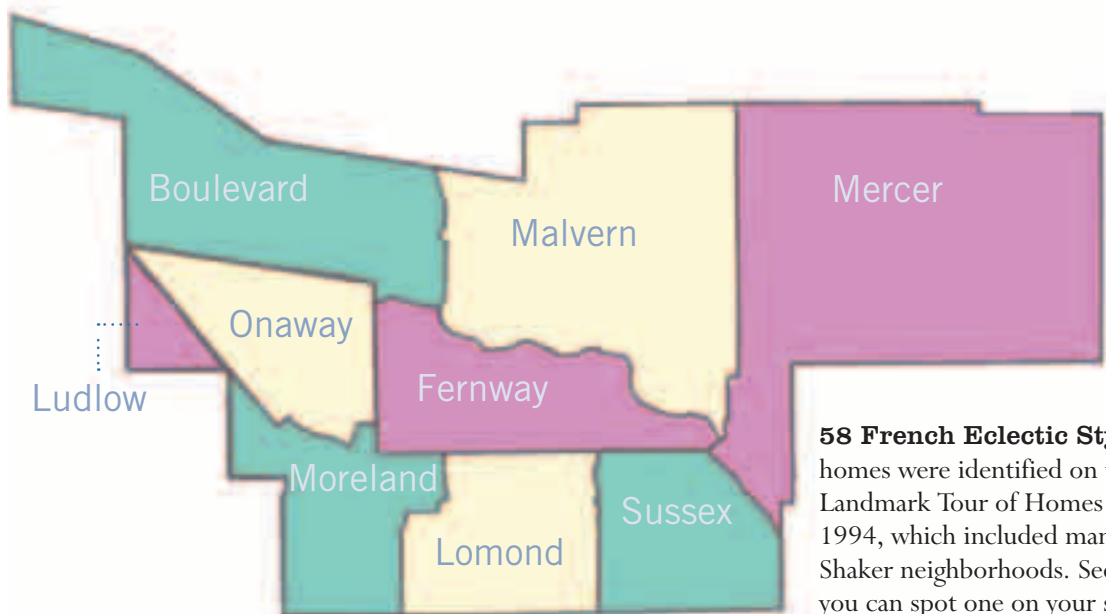
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# shaker neighborhoods:

## *French Eclectic Style*



Stately Malvern neighborhood French style home.



**58 French Eclectic Style** homes were identified on the Landmark Tour of Homes in 1994, which included many Shaker neighborhoods. See if you can spot one on your street, then visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) to view the list.



**How do you know** you're in Shaker Heights? Block after block of fabulous homes, of course! Here you find large, small, medium-sized – each one making a different architectural statement. No cookie cutter prefabs here.

Starting with one of three architectural styles (English, French, and Colonial), but improvising, combining, and incorporating unique elements, the prominent architects who tackled the City's residential skyline had a field day. They followed orders from the City's founders, Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen, to build unique homes.

French Eclectic Style homes are located throughout the city, although the largest concentrations of these homes are found in the Malvern and Sussex neighborhoods. French homes can be symmetrical and formal or asymmetrical and picturesque; they can be urbane or rustic in character. Many two-family homes were also designed in the French style.

#### Look for:

- Steeply pitched, hipped roofs, often with flared eaves, and sometimes featuring multiple dormers
- Formal French houses tend to have flat, even-textured slate roofs; less formal French homes may have rough-cut slate or wood shingles for a more rustic effect

- Some with clapboard siding, but most often are masonry, stucco, or a combination of the two materials
- Brick work may be patterned in basket weave or checkerboard designs
- Tall casement windows with leaded glass panes, but double-hung windows are also common
- Symmetrical French houses feature windows with shutters; asymmetrical houses have windows that are more often accentuated with stone, carved wood or plaster trim
- Massive chimneys, small balconies at the second story level, and round towers with conical roofs
- Features from other architectural styles such as English half-timbering or Colonial entries on French homes. Likewise, English or Colonial homes may have French roof lines or

incorporate other details from the French style.

#### French Eclectic Style

##### Tax\* (not resale) Values:

- Single family homes estimated from \$172,000 to \$1,000,400.
- Single family homes range in square footage from 1,589 to 6,294.
- Two-family homes estimated from \$211,200 to \$223,000.
- Two-family homes range in square footage from 2,460 to 3,199.

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

**To learn more** about the character and specific charms of each of Shaker's neighborhoods, visit [www.shakeronline.com/relocationbuying/ShakerNeighborhoods.asp](http://www.shakeronline.com/relocationbuying/ShakerNeighborhoods.asp).



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March 3, 2009

Colson Whitehead, recipient of the MacArthur Foundation "genius award," and Anisfeld-Wolf Award for writing novels with inventive plots that weave American folklore and history into the stories. His titles include *The Intuitionist* and *Apex Hides the Hurt: A Novel*.

Essayist, writer and book reviewer Myla Goldberg's bestselling novel *Bee Season* was adapted into a critically acclaimed film. Her second novel, *Wickett's Remedy* was published in 2006.

Jonathan Lethem is the author of seven novels, including *Motherless Brooklyn*, a National Book Critics Award winner, and *The Fortress of Solitude*. He has also published a novella, two short story collections and a volume of essays.

These young authors will be interviewed by NPR commentator and national book reviewer Nancy Pearl.



### DAVID MCCULLOUGH

October 21, 2008

David McCullough, "master of the art of narrative history," is a two-time Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom – the nation's highest civilian award. His latest book, *1776* – a New York Times bestseller – has been called a "classic," and his acclaimed biography *John Adams* is now a seven-part mini-series running on HBO.



### JANE & MICHAEL STERN

December 2, 2008

Jane and Michael Stern are the authors of more than thirty books about America. Their "Road to Food" column for *Gourmet* magazine has won the James Beard award three times. Their website [www.roadfood.com](http://www.roadfood.com), was named a Top Site by *PC Magazine* and Best of the Web by *Forbes.com*.



### JOHN UPDIKE

May 12, 2009

John Updike is an American novelist, poet, short story writer and literary critic. His "Rabbit" books *Rabbit Run* and *Rabbit Redux*, helped establish him as a leading author of his generation. His best known titles are *The Widows of Eastwick* and *The Witches of Eastwick*. His most recent work are *Due Considerations* and *Terrorist*.



## New Trustees Appointed to Library Board

The Shaker Heights Board of Education has appointed Kurt F. Miller and Chadrick A. Anderson to the Library Board of Trustees. Miller was reappointed to a seven-year term after serving two years of David Bergholz's unexpired term. Anderson was appointed to fill the unexpired



Miller

term of Tom Schorgl.

During his previous two-year term, Miller served on the Strategic Planning Committee and helped with the Library Staffing Study and Organizational Assessment. He also served as the Board liaison to the Committee for Shaker Library Levy. Miller lives in the Onaway area.

He says, "I view service on the Library Board as an opportunity not only to support and perpetuate the excellence of this vital resource but also to devote the time and efforts necessary to expand the Shaker Heights Public Library's role in the community."

Chad Anderson is Executive Director of Strategic Planning for American Greetings. He received his BA degree in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College in 1992 and his MBA with a concentration in finance and marketing from the University of Chicago in 2000.



Anderson

Anderson worked in Kentucky and New Jersey for General Electric and worked as a consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, helping

Fortune 500 companies develop and implement growth strategies. He has been with American Greetings since 2005, where he led strategic planning efforts to identify critical risks and opportunities and to develop multi-year plans to implement the company's strategies.

As a community volunteer, Anderson has served as den leader for Shaker Heights Tiger Scouts Pack 61 and has volunteered through his company with Habitat for Humanity.

Anderson says, "I believe that one of the most powerful aspects of the Shaker Library is its ability to serve as a community hub, encouraging a broad swath of residents to come together."

Having lived in many different places before settling in Shaker, Anderson observes that he has "never come across a library system as impressive as Shaker Heights'."

Anderson lives in the Mercer area with his wife, Eileen, a student at Case Western Reserve University, studying for her master's degree in Speech Language Pathology, and their three children, Paige and Paul, students at Mercer elementary, and Abby, a student at the Lerner School.

Anderson is an audiobooks fan, and enjoys fiction, history, and biography.

## Meet-the-Author Series Continues with Terry Pluto and Nancy Pearl

The Library's Meet-the-Author series continues this summer with a visit from sportswriter Terry Pluto, and book reviewer Nancy Pearl.

Meet Terry Pluto, sports columnist for the Plain Dealer, at 7 pm Wednesday, June 25 at Bertram Woods Branch. Pluto has been honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers and was nominated twice for a Pulitzer Prize. He is an eight-time winner of the Ohio-Sports-



Pluto

Writer-of-the-Year award and has received more than 50 state and local writing awards. In 2005 he was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame.

Pluto is the author of 23 books, including *The Curse of Rocky Colavito* (one of the New York Times' five notable sports books of 1989), and *Loose Balls*, which was ranked number 13 on Sports Illustrated's list of the top 100 sports books of all time. He was called "Perhaps the best American writer of sports books," by the Chicago Tribune in 1997.

Meet author and book reviewer extraordinaire, Nancy Pearl at 7 pm Wednesday, July 16 at Woods Branch. The former Executive Director of



Pearl

the Washington Center for the Book, Pearl has worked as a librarian and bookseller in Detroit, Tulsa, and Seattle. In 1998, she developed the program, "What If

All of Seattle Read the Same Book," which spread across the country.

Currently, she is serving as a consultant for Cuyahoga County Public Library's *Reconnect with Reading* initiative under the auspices of Shaker resident and Cuyahoga Library's Executive Director Sari Feldman.

Pearl is the author of *Book Lust*, *More Book Lust* and *Book Crush*. She is a regular commentator about books on NPR's Morning Edition and, in 2004, she won the Women's National Book Association Award for her contribution to the world of books. Readers

# Kids' Corner

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## **PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY**

A free, preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children from birth to age 5.

*No registration is required.*

10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

1–3 pm Thursdays

6–8 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

## **PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY**

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

10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6–8 pm Thursdays

## **PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS AT MAIN LIBRARY**

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

10 am–noon Wednesdays

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

## **BABY SUMMER SAMPLER**

Explore new ways to bond with your one-year-old and promote language learning and literacy in this six-week series of 30-minute classes, including Baby Sign, Baby Yoga, Nature Baby, Baby Rhymes, Baby Songs, and Baby Play. Registration is open to children 12 through 23 months with a parent or caregiver.

Summer Session: June 17–July 24

10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, June 3.

10 am Thursdays at Main Library.

*Registration begins Thursday, June 5. Register for one or more classes beginning two weeks before the start of the session.*

## **STORIES AND MORE**

Stories, songs, and crafts for 2- and 3-year-olds with an adult.

Summer session: June 17–July 23

10 am or 11 am Tuesdays at Main Library

*Registration begins Tuesday, June 3.*

10 am or 11 am Wednesdays at Bertram Woods Branch

*Registration begins Wednesday, June 4.*

*Register for one or more classes beginning two weeks before the start of the session.*

## **PRESCHOOL STORIES**

Stories, rhymes, and fun for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds.

Summer Session: June 16–July 22

10 am Mondays at Main Library

1:30 pm Tuesdays at Woods Branch

*No registration is required; however, groups must make special arrangements.*

## **PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH**

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

7:15 pm Monday, June 16

Registration begins June 2.

## **EVENING SUMMER PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT WOODS BRANCH**

Stories, songs, and crafts for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds.

7 pm Tuesdays

July 1, 8, 15, and 22

*Registration for one or more programs begins June 17.*

## **SUMMER SPECIALS: JUNE 17–JULY 23**

Stories, crafts, and special guests for children entering grades 1–4 in the fall.

4:15 pm Tuesdays at Main Library

4:15 pm Wednesdays at

Woods Branch

*Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.*

## **BE A WORLD CLASS READER:**

### **JUNE 9–JULY 31**

A summer reading program for children from 2 years to eighth grade. Read for fun and prizes. Sign up in either children's department and join the team!

## **KNOW THE SCORE...READ!:**

### **JUNE 9–JULY 31**

A summer reading program just for teens ages 12–18. Read a book and enter to win gift cards.

and book club members will enjoy meeting the author and sharing her passion for books.

Following their talks, the authors' books will be available for sale and signing. Please reserve your place by calling Woods Branch, 216-991-2421.

## **Library Announces Winners of the 9th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition**

Mary Ryan won Best of Show for her platinum-palladium photograph entitled *Doan Brook*, which was purchased for the library's public art collection. Toni Fiderio won First Place for her oil *Laurel*. Amy Lewandowski took second place for her watercolor *Olivia's Tomatoes and Blue Eggshells*, and Joyce Logan received Third Place for her sugar lift etching entitled *Old Woman Waiting*.

Honorable Mentions went to Virginia Kiraly-Schweter for her oil, *Margo*; S. Anna Hsu for her ink, *Hermit in the Wind*; Joseph Kaczmarek for his oil, *Self Portrait*; David Brichford for his archival



inkjet photograph, *Birdhouse*; Michael Cole for his photograph, *The Palace Guard, City Palace, Udaipur, India*; Lynn Kleinman for her oil, *Ashley #12*; Leena Nevalainen-Smith for her linoleum print, *Man*; Leslie R. Greenberg for his inkjet print, *Autumn Splendor*; Catherine Walworth for her oil, *Blow Up*, and Glenn Jambor for his oil, *Fox Point*.



**Art Competition Juror** Daniel Levin poses with Mary Ryan, who won Best of Show.

Other artists juried into this year's show included Victor Taylor, Elise Newman, Pat Barrington, Elias Traboulsi, George Kocar, George Rosenberg, Eric Linderman, Robert Stone, Tyrone Moore, Maureen Lanza, and Jeanne Fuller.

This year's competition was juried by Shaker resident Daniel Levin, Coordinator of the Cuyahoga Community College Photography Department.

### Butterfly Hands

This summer the Library will begin a new series of sign language classes for babies and children. Participants in this four-week introduction to signing will learn basic signs through song, fingerplays, flannel boards, and interacting with Sammy the "sign dog" puppet.

Shaker resident Nancy Barnett, a teacher and interpreter of American Sign Language, will lead the classes. Barnett has taught sign language at the Early Childhood Enrichment Center since 2000,

where she has successfully taught children how to sign their names, colors, feelings, emotions, family members, community members, and animals. She also works as an interpreter for hearing impaired students at Cuyahoga Community College.

After working for 25 years as an interpreter, Barnett came to realize, "My passion really is in bringing language to children who otherwise don't have a means of communication." Barnett is a certified baby signer, but prefers to teach American Sign Language because it's more global.

Barnett and her husband, Bill, have three children, who are third generation Shaker School kids, Sara (SHHS '03), Rob (SHHS '06), and Joshua, an eighth grader at Shaker Middle School.

Barnett will lead signing classes for babies from birth to age three (with an adult) at 10 am Wednesdays June 18 to July 9 at the Main Library and at 10 am Mondays July 14, 21, 28 and August 4 at Bertram Woods Branch.

She will also lead classes for children

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**Nancy Barnett** signing at the library with former student Jaedon Sargeant.

ages three to six at 10:45 am Wednesdays June 18 to July 9 at Main Library and 10:45 am Mondays July 14 to August 4 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Registration begins June 4 for the programs at Main Library and June 30 for programs at Woods Branch. Please call the Children's Department to register.

Butterfly Hands is funded through the generosity of Friends of the Shaker Library.

## Be A World-Class Reader

Join the library's all-star reading team where everyone is a winner! Visit either library June 9 through July 31 to register for the Summer Reading Program. Read or listen to books, report hours read and earn stickers and prizes. Children not yet reading independently can join the program and participate on a read-to-me basis.

Readers can take the Daily Challenge to help the library to reach its summer goal at each building by completing a fun activity or answering a trivia question.

Teens can participate at their own pace in the Know the Score...Read! program and win gift cards for pizza, ice cream, books, and movies.

Weather permitting, the library will kick off the summer reading program, which is funded by the Friends of the Shaker Library, with its annual Ice Cream Social/Tailgate Party from 6:30 to 8 pm Friday, June 13 on the lawn at Bertram Woods. Children can meet local high

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Don't get *shut out* of the fun this summer. Increase your ERA (Earned Read Average) and become an MVP (Most Valuable Page turner). Have fun, earn prizes, and help the library reach its goal of fielding a team of all-star readers.

## The Bookshelf



Now hear this! June is National Audiobook Month! Mark the occasion by checking out some of the Library's many audiobooks. Besides the traditional cassette tape and compact disc formats, listeners can also borrow a new medium called a Playaway, an all-in-one book and player device that does not require disc changing or downloading. Pocket-sized with easy-to-use controls, the Playaway is a popular choice for people who like to listen to books while walking, knitting, or doing yard work.

*Belong to Me* by **Marisa de los Santos**, read by Julia Gibson. New York: HarperAudio, 2008. When Cornelia and her family move from the city to the suburbs, she is challenged by new relationships with her neighbors and discovers what it really means to belong.

*Cormac: The Tale of a Dog Gone Missing* by **Sonny Brewer**, narrated by the author. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 2007. The author is out of town when he learns that his beloved Golden Retriever has gone missing. His quest to find the dog leads him on a touching and sometimes desperate journey.

*Gardens of Water* by **Alan Drew**, read by Mark Bramhall. Westminster, MD: Books on Tape, 2008. Tensions mount when a 15-year-old Kurdish girl's father objects to her relationship with the 17-year-old son of American missionaries.

*The Invisible* by **Andrew Britton**, read by J. Charles. Grand Haven, MI: Brilliance Audio, 2007. Kidnapping and terrorism highlight the action in the third installment in this thrilling series about CIA operative, Ryan Kealey.

*People of the Book* by **Geraldine Brooks**, read by Edwina Wren. New York: Penguin Audio, 2008. After a long-lost manuscript is discovered, rare book expert Hanna Heath examines the book and unveils clues to its history and its disappearance.

*The Race* by **Richard North Patterson**, read by Michael Boatman. New York: Audio Renaissance, 2007. The race for the American presidency is the theme of this title by an author who is gifted at suspenseful storytelling.

*Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time* by **Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin**, read by Patrick Lawlor. Old Saybrook, CT: Tantor Media, 2006. After a mountain-climbing incident left him in the care of villagers in a remote area of Pakistan, the author vowed to return to build a school for the children of the area. This true story chronicles his success in building 55 schools in a region under Taliban control.

*Unaccustomed Earth* by **Jhumpa Lahiri**, read by Sarita Choudhury, Ajay Naidu. Westminster, MD: Books on Tape, 2008. The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Interpreter of Maladies* and *The Namesake* presents eight short stories about the immigrant experience and the difficulty of assimilation.

*Winter Study* by **Nevada Barr**, read by Barbara Rosenblatt. Prince Frederick, MD: Recorded Books, 2008. The latest installment in the mystery series about National Park Ranger Anna Pigeon finds her on the Canadian border in Isle Royale National Park studying wolves and a bizarre murder.

*World Without End* by **Ken Follett**, read by John Lee. New York: Penguin Audio, 2007. This sequel to *The Pillars of the Earth* begins 200 years later to reveal life in and around the central, Gothic cathedral.

*The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by **Diane Ackerman**, read by Suzanne Toren. North Kingston, RI: BBC Audiobooks America, 2007. When the Warsaw Zoo was destroyed by the German blitzkrieg, the zoo director and his wife saved hundreds of Jews by hiding them within the cages and buildings.

## Upcoming Book Discussions at Main Library

Readers who have never attended a book discussion at the library might find summertime a perfect time to join in the discussion. June and July discussion books are listed below and were selected to appeal to many varied interests. Sign up a month before the discussion and pick up the book at the Main Library.

NOON SATURDAY, JUNE 7

*Absolute Power* by **David Baldacci**

A cat burglar, who only steals from the very rich, witnesses an intimacy between the President of the United States and his lover.

10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 10

*Founding Mothers* by **Cokie Roberts**

Through private journals and personal correspondence, the NPR news analyst reveals surprising stories of the fascinating women of the American Revolutionary period and the influence they had on the Founding Fathers.

7 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 10

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## library news

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 24

*A Thousand Splendid Suns*

by Khaled Hosseini

Thirty years of Afghan history are chronicled in a moving story of family and friendship as seen through the eyes of two women, who become allies in their battle with a man to whom each was married.

10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 8

*The March* by E. L. Doctorow

In this powerful novel of William Tecumseh Sherman's march to the sea, events are narrated through the perspective of freed slaves and slave owners, unionists and rebels portraying a lively illumination of a country at war with itself.

7 PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 16

*The 4-Hour Work Week: Escape 9-5, Live Anywhere, and Join the New Rich*

by Timothy Ferriss

A high-energy, 20-something CEO offers insights on how to quit the rat race and still be successful.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 22

*Dance Hall of the Dead* by Tony Hillerman

Lieutenant Joe Leaphorn of the Navajo Nation Tribal Police sets out on a complicated search for two missing boys.

## Hear World-Class Stories at The Colonnade

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7 pm Monday, July 14

Registration begins June 30. Call the Main Library's Children's Department, 216-991-2030 ext. 3141.

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Summertime is the perfect time to get some hands-on help with computer classes. Browse through the Library's class offerings and plan to enhance or improve your computer skills this summer.

Curious about the social networking sites teens and college students use? The

Library offers a special MySpace™ is for Everyone! class on July 25. Watch a demonstration of the website and find out why millions of people are participating in this social tool on the web.

**WINWAY RESUME WRITING**  
6:30-8 pm Monday, June 2  
(Registration began 5/27)

6:30-8 pm Monday, July 7  
(Registration begins 6/30)

6:30-8 pm Monday, July 21  
(Registration begins 7/14)

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

**WORKING WITH WINDOWS®**  
10-11:30 am Tuesday, June 3  
(Registration began 5/27)

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

**INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®**  
10-11:30 am Wednesday, June 4  
(Registration began 5/27)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, June 10  
(Registration begins 6/2)

3-4:30 pm Friday, July 11  
(Registration begins 6/30)

6:30-8 pm Monday, July 14  
(Registration begins 7/7)

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options and using basic formulas.

**INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®**  
10-11:30 am Thursday, June 5  
(Registration began 5/27)

10-11:30 am Wednesday, June 11  
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10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 1  
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10-11:30 am Wednesday, July 9  
(Registration begins 6/30)

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

**INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS™**  
3-4:30 pm Friday, June 6  
(Registration began 5/27)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 8  
(Registration begins 6/30)

Learn to work with the Microsoft database

program to build databases.

**MOUSE CLASS**  
10-11:30 am Saturday, June 7  
(Registration began 5/27)

10-11:30 am Saturday, July 5  
(Registration begins 6/23)

Learn to use the computer mouse in one hour.

**MAIL MERGE CLASS**  
6:30-8 pm Monday, June 9  
(Registration begins 6/2)

10-11:30 am Wednesday, July 30  
(Registration begins 7/21)

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

**CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®**  
10-11:30 am Thursday, June 12  
(Registration begins 6/2)

10-11:30 am Wednesday, July 16  
(Registration begins 7/7)

10-11:30 am Thursday, July 31  
(Registration begins 7/21)

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

**GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®**  
3-4:30 pm Friday, June 13  
(Registration begins 6/2)

10-11:30 am Thursday, July 10  
(Registration begins 6/30)

Learn to create effective PowerPoint presentations using clip art, Word Art, and digital pictures.

**INTERNET CLASS**  
10-11:30 am Saturday, June 14  
(Registration begins 6/2)

10-11:30 am Saturday, July 12  
(Registration begins 6/30)

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

**WEB EMAIL CLASS**  
10-11:30 am Saturday, June 21  
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**GRAPHICS AND CLIP ART IN WORD®**

10-11:30 am Wednesday, June 25

*(Registration begins 6/16)*

Explore the types of objects that can be inserted into a document.

**How to Build a Web Page**

10:00-11:30 am Thursday, June 26

*(Registration begins 6/16)*

3-4:30 pm Friday, July 18

*(Registration begins 7/7)*

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

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS: GOOGLEMANIA™**

3-4:30 pm Friday, June 27

*(Registration begins 6/16)*

10-11:30 am Wednesday, July 2

*(Registration begins 6/23)*

10-11:30 am Thursday, July 24

*(Registration begins 7/14)*

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

**BASIC WORD PROCESSING**

10-11:30 am Saturday, June 28

*(Registration begins 6/16)*

10-11:30 am Saturday, July 26

*(Registration begins 7/14)*

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software.

**INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:****SCAMS AND SPAM**

10-11:30 am Thursday, July 3

*(Registration begins 6/23)*

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

**CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS™**

10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 15

*(Registration begins 7/7)*

Forms do two things in database programs. They make data entry less risky and allow users to see data.

**CREATING AND USING QUERIES IN ACCESS™**

10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 22

*(Registration begins 7/14)*

Queries are questions asked of databases. Learn to ask the questions correctly.

**MYSPACE™ IS FOR EVERYONE!**

3-4:30 pm Friday, July 25

*(Registration begins 7/14)*

See a demonstration of MySpace and find out why millions of people are participating in this web-based social tool.

**MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®**

6:30-8:00 pm Monday, July 28

*(Registration begins 7/21)*

Create and explore the uses of macros to accomplish tasks more efficiently.

**CREATING AND USING REPORTS IN ACCESS™**

10-11:30 am Tuesday, July 29

*(Registration begins 7/21)*

Discover the different styles of reports available in Access. Learn to manipulate the design of the report and show summaries of data.

## Shaker Library To Lend Video Games

This summer, Shaker Library will begin a pilot program to lend video games for Playstation, Wii and Xbox systems. This new service is available at a considerable discount though the library's membership in the North East Ohio Regional Library System (NEO-RLS).

Every three months, NEO-RLS will send the library 20 different games to circulate for one-week loan periods. Call either library for further details.

## Friends Annual Meeting Features a Program about Frank Lloyd Wright

Join the Friends of the Shaker Library at 7 pm Tuesday, July 8 at Bertram Woods Branch for their annual meeting, election of officers and a special program about Frank Lloyd Wright with Cheryl Kuonen.

Cheryl Kuonen has been a professional librarian for the past 10 years and is currently the manager of the Willowick Library. She has a Masters in Library Science and BA in Art History with a minor in Studio Art and Business Management. Kuonen has visited more than 25 Wright-designed homes throughout the United States and will discuss Wright's major works, including the Penfield House located in Willoughby Hills.

Frank Lloyd Wright is considered to be one of the greatest American architects. According to Kuonen, "Wright might argue that he was the greatest architect ever." Learn more about the architect, his creations and his controversial personal life. Following her talk Kuonen will take questions from the audience.

Refreshments will be served and reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421.

## Endnotes

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 pm Monday, June 9 at Bertram Woods Branch.
- Main Library is closed Sundays through August 31.
- Poetry Back in the Woods is held at 7 pm Thursday, June 19 at Bertram Woods Branch.
- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Main Library from 3-7 pm Monday, July 14.
- Both libraries will be closed Friday, July 4 and Saturday, July 5 for Independence Day. ■





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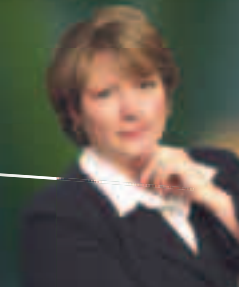
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# *Dandelion House*







✧ How one Shaker family has sown seeds of sustainable home design and construction.

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

You don't often get to choose your next-door neighbors. But our family got lucky, thanks to a chance sidewalk meeting between two sociable preschoolers a few years ago. Young Fenner Dreyfuss-Wells and Harlan Friedman-Romell are at least partly responsible for the attractive and environmentally trailblazing new Ludlow Road home that's gone up next to my own.

Fenner's parents, Kevin and Kyle Dreyfuss-Wells, share a long-standing interest in "sustainable, urban spaces and design that make sense," says Kyle, who is the Director of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners, Inc.

Kevin, an architect with the firm City Architecture, has a wealth of experience in the areas of adaptive reuse of buildings, green renovation, and historic preservation. Previous projects include Park Lane Villa, University Lofts, and the renovation of the Shaker Heights High School large auditorium.

While the couple enjoyed living in Tremont, they dreamed of "taking green residential design from zero to sixty," by building the first LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold or Platinum home in Ohio.

At the same time, they wanted a walkable neighborhood close to retail and public transportation, both key elements for LEED homes, and an excellent public school for Fenner.

**Kyle and Kevin Dreyfuss-Wells** next to a door he found in their former Tremont neighborhood. The door is on a track, and is used to zone off the upstairs.







**Living room** with panels closed (left) and open (above). There were no plans to replace the unique coffee table.

Shaker fit the bill on all counts. But the couple was having trouble finding a suitable lot to build on – so said Kyle’s mother, Onaway resident Elisabeth Dreyfuss, on that long-ago morning as we watched our charges investigate a puddle.

I got excited. There was a lot next door to my house that I thought the current owner might be willing to sell. I rushed home to provide the family with the owner’s phone number, just in case. Some weeks later, Elisabeth strolled by my house to let me know that Kyle and Kevin would be building their green home right next door to me and my seventeen rain barrels. A friend for Harlan and a sustainable home story for Shaker Life – bonus score!

## Taking the LEED on form and function

The U.S. Green Building Council has a rating system that promotes the design and construction of high-performance buildings, known as LEED. (The Council provides information on green remodeling projects and improving a home’s sustainability, available at [www.usgbc.org/leed/homes](http://www.usgbc.org/leed/homes).) Homes are awarded points in multiple categories, such as innovation and design, size, site location and linkages, materials and resources, energy and water efficiency, indoor atmosphere, and awareness and education.

Green homes may earn Certified, Silver, Gold, or Platinum status, depending on how many LEED points are acquired. Only five homes in Ohio are LEED Certified, all in the Cincinnati area. Dandelion House will be the first in the state to achieve Gold or Platinum level status.

The very location of Dandelion House “is a huge green feature,” says Kyle. In fact, anyone who lives in Shaker has already scored points on the LEED scale, which favors homes in existing neighborhoods on smaller lots, with easy access to public transportation, retail, and amenities.

“We walk places all the time, and Kevin can take the RTA or bike to work,” says Kyle, no fan of suburban sprawl. “To put a green house on 20 acres of land kind of negates the benefit.”

Location also played an important role in Kevin’s design. He placed extra-tall windows across the front of the home to take advantage of the southern exposure, and avoided windows on the north side, to protect against winter winds. Ceiling fans and casement windows provide plenty of ventilation.

# Dandelion House



**Fenner Dreyfuss-Wells** in his bedroom. Storage space is built under the loft, where the bed is. Opposite: The wood stove with its ecofan.

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The exterior of Dandelion House presents a contemporary take on traditional Shaker Tudor design, featuring brick, wood beams, and a sharply peaked roof. A stylized dandelion motif graces several of the energy-efficient windows. As many trees as possible were spared during construction, to provide beauty, shade, and habitat for wildlife.

Step inside, and you find a warm, inviting space that’s both chic and comfortable. While there are no glamour baths, 50-inch televisions, or cavernous ceilings here, every inch of this 1,754 square foot home serves its purpose with panache. The compact home features three bedrooms, two full baths, an open living area, mudroom, and rear patio. There is ample storage in the attic and the second floor of the detached garage, another green feature.

## Beauty and Functionality

As I toured the home shortly after move-in day, I learned that everything that looks great also turns out to be functional, energy-efficient, and/or recycled at the same time.

The kitchen/dining/living space is flooded with natural light and connects the inhabitants with the outdoors. Along with the tall windows, a second focal point is an incredibly efficient woodstove with an “ecofan” that circulates warm air around the room, without electricity – one piece of wood lasts for three hours.

A handsome polished concrete floor made partly from recycled fly ash conceals the efficient radiant heat system.











**Dandelion motif** graces this second floor energy-efficient window. Opposite: The front door and hallway leading to Kyle's home office.

"Concrete is becoming more common in residential construction," says Kevin. "It's not too absorptive and doesn't release dust. It can be colored, patterned, and polished." Kyle adds that it's super easy to maintain.

The floors are also a vital part of the home's passive solar system. In the winter, they absorb the heat all day and give it back at night. In the summer, it takes longer for the concrete to heat up, thus keeping the house cool.

The family regulates all that sunshine with an ingenious series of sliding panels on aluminum tracks, a design repeated in most of the doorways in the home. They also plan to establish a living window treatment across the front of the home by growing deciduous vines over trellises for shade in summer and light in winter.

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# The Knitters

Two Shaker library employees, Fern Braverman and Elfriede Heany, are the doyens of the City's most unusual art movement.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Scan the stands at any sporting event in Shaker this summer and you're likely to see KIP taking place: the national phenomenon otherwise known as Knitting In Public.

All over town, knitting needles are flying as parents and grandparents tote their knitting projects along to baseball games, soccer matches, and tennis tournaments. They're the ones (often, the only ones) smiling over extra innings, game delays, and tie-breakers, because down time means more time to knit.

Knitting's portability is one of its great appeals for Mercer resident and lifelong knitter Fern Braverman. "I take my knitting with me everywhere," she admits. "I knit in movies, on planes, on buses. But I draw the line at knitting at stoplights. That's a little much, even for me."

A picker-and-thrower versus a Continental knitter, Fern finds knitting "creative, stress-reducing, and soothing. I also enjoy creating something out of nothing, and the selection of materials you can knit with today is wonderful – fuzzy mohair, soft angora, scratchy linen. You can even knit with ribbon and metals."

Fern, whose talents elevate knitting to an art form, began knitting as a child. "My mother taught me to knit when I was five years old. She was more particular than me, more of a perfectionist." Edna Smollin, who died two years ago at 90, "knitted almost to the end," Fern recalls. "That's how I knew her mind was slipping – she was dropping stitches."

Her mother's influence also extends to Fern's one dirty habit: "I'm always early! It's a holdover habit from my mother. She was always thirty minutes early; I'm fifteen minutes early. Being habitually ahead of schedule means lots of down time. So I knit."

**Fern Braverman**, decked out in her own creations.

## *Knit Night*

Fern's is a familiar face at the Shaker libraries, where she has worked as a circulation desk clerk for 13 years. She is also the moderator of the library's popular drop-in Knit Night program, which draws as many as two dozen beginner to advanced knitters to the Bertram Woods Branch one evening each month.

"I don't conduct a class. We just all sit around and people can ask for help," she explains. "There's no sign up, no cost, no commitment. Some come to chat and support others while they knit. Some need a little help with a specific project. Others I've taught to knit from scratch. I always have yarn and chopsticks on hand to teach beginners, the only constraint being the amount of time I will have for them that evening."

One Knit Night this spring, 20 women gathered in a circle in the spacious meeting room behind the library's checkout desk,

knitting projects on their laps, tote bags filled with extra needles, crochet hooks, and balls of yarn at their feet.

The youngest in the circle was six-year-old Jessica Bruening, who knitted beside her grandmother, Charlotte Mason. A few seats away, Jo Anzalone and Ruth Robbins admired each other's yarns. Strangers quickly became friends as they showed off their works-in-progress.

"It's just about following the directions, that's all there is to it," one promised in response to the fuss made over her nearly finished shawl. Another knitter sheepishly held up her piece, noting "It's just a scarf." "Well, that's something!" she was told encouragingly.

Fern, wearing one of her stylish, hand-knitted angora vests, is among the most supportive of all. Her enthusiasm for knitting is obvious as she moves about the circle.

"That's why she's the ideal moderator for the program," says Margaret Simon, the library's public relations coordinator

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Yarn and "chopsticks" at Knit Night.



## Fine Points:

# *A Knitter's Fantasy*

Liz Tekus encourages artistic knitters to stretch their imaginations.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB



Personality, charm, and a splash of the unexpected – that describes just the exterior of Fine Points, the knitting store and clothing boutique in a two-story house in the Larchmere Boulevard shopping district.

Step inside and it's as if a fleece rainbow had exploded. Yarns in every conceivable color spun from every known material are tucked into floor-to-ceiling cubbies and nestled in wicker baskets. Knitting needles of all lengths and sizes and hundreds of unique buttons beckon from clear cupboard drawers. And at every turn hangs another exquisite knitted shawl, vest, scarf, or skirt challenging you to step up your knitting game.

Venture upstairs and you're suddenly in a Euro-esque boutique surrounded by high-fashion clothing, hand-painted clogs and sandals, hand-crafted jewelry, knitted purses, and other distinctive items you're not likely to find anywhere else.

The heart and soul and artistic flair of owner Liz Tekus are evident everywhere throughout the store. Knitting has taken the woman, who never had a business plan, from a home-based hobby to a thriving endeavor. She's at juried art and knitting shows across the country when she's not happily entrenched in her bustling shop.

"Liz is a master of color," says Fern Braverman, one of Shaker's most accomplished knitters who moderates Shaker Public Library's monthly Knit Nights. "She puts colors together like no one else I know. Bring her any yarn you have, and she'll find great yarns to go with it, often in colors you'd never think to combine. She also has a way of selecting just the right buttons that make a big impact on your finished piece."

"I'm more into color than stitches," Liz concedes. "You can knit a basic sweater – or you can make a work of art. I encourage knitters to not play it too safe, to stretch themselves and their imaginations. I tell them that knitting patterns are like recipes. You follow the directions to a certain extent, but you can start here and end at a very different and fabulous place."

Fine Points stocks traditional and exceptional yarns, including luxurious, hand-painted and custom-dyed yarns, organic cottons, and Japanese linens. Fine Points Kits are all-in-one packages containing a house pattern and the yarn required to complete the project pictured. These kits are top sellers, as are Sue's Spiral Hat patterns, designed by a store employee. Always on the cutting-edge, the store is now carrying the nearly three-foot-long "Extreme Knitting" basswood needles that are creating a buzz nationwide.

Knitter or not, Fine Points is a delightful destination. But should you be inspired, knitting classes are also offered at the store. Fine Points is located at 12620 Larchmere Boulevard and online at [www.finepoints.com](http://www.finepoints.com). Phone: (216) 229-6644.



## Check Out These Knitting DVDs

*As recommended by Margaret Simon, public relations coordinator of the Shaker Heights Public Library.*

Most knitters or want-to-be knitters are visual artists, so what better way to learn or re-learn the art of knitting than by watching? Here are a few helpful DVDs to get you started on your next project. Of course, the library also has a great variety of books on knitting and arts and crafts – and the staff to help you find what you need.

### **The Art of Knitting: Stitches, Colors, Fashion**

If a picture is worth a thousand words, this DVD is worth millions as a teaching tool for beginners through advanced knitters. Grab your knitting needles, pop this DVD into your player, and get ready to knit.

### **The Art of Knitting and Crochet**

A group of notable designers and instructors shows and tells how to knit and crochet – and if you don't quite understand, you can rewind and re-play.

### **Learn to Knit**

This three-disc set is divided into beginner, intermediate, and advanced skill levels and leads viewers through a project on each disc.

### **I Can't Believe I'm Knitting!**

Geared for the beginner, this DVD offers close-up shots of each technique – from casting on to finishing.

### **Beyond Purl**

Clear, concise instructions are provided along with demonstrations of both Continental and American styles of knitting.

### **Oops! Correcting Your Knitting Mistakes**

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**Resident** Charlotte Mason shows granddaughter Jessica Bruening, 6, the finer techniques. **Opposite:** Elfriede Heany and her magnificent hand-knitted shawl.







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who was instrumental in launching Knit Nights two years ago. The idea for the program arose, she says, "because so many library staffers are talented knitters, and coworkers and library patrons would delight in what they would wear to work. Several of us thought that if we can get answers to our knitting questions on our lunch hour, wouldn't other people like to drop in and get help?"

Simon adds that the program fits nicely with the library's mission to provide an extraordinary range of books and other resources and activities for a lifetime of enrichment and enjoyment.

## *The Joys of Hand-spun Yarn*

Knit Nights are just one facet of Fern's deep immersion in the world of knitting. She is a member of the Northcoast Knitting Guild and regularly attends knitting conventions, style shows, classes, and festivals throughout Ohio and beyond. She subscribes to nearly every knitting publication and has a library of pattern books dating back to the 1960s.

She also compulsively buys yarn, and a lot of it. "I will never outlive my yarn stash," she confesses. "I'm an impulse buyer for specific projects that don't always come to fruition."

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Her husband Sheldon tolerates the knitting supplies spread throughout their home, and adult daughters Elise and Amy enjoy being able to “shop” on their visits home.

Fern frequents several local yarn shops, including Fine Points on Larchmere Boulevard and also buys supplies online. “There are hundreds of websites and I buy from all of them. At 4 am, when I can’t sleep, resistance is low. That’s when the boxes start coming. My UPS delivery man thought I was a home business.”

Though her work likely would sell briskly, she chooses not to sell her creations or knit for pay. Nor does she offer knitting instruction beyond Knit Nights. Family is an exception, of course, and over spring break Fern taught her eight-year-old granddaughter Maya Braverman Neidhart to knit, with help from the knitting poem she shares with beginners: “Under the fence, around the sheep, bring them through, and off they leap.”

One of Fern’s fellow knitters on the library staff, Page Supervisor Elfriede Heaney, not only knits but spins and dyes her own yarn as well. Like Fern, Elfriede has knitted since childhood, having learned from her mother and grandmother as a child in Germany.



Two of many sweaters that were created by Fern Braverman.

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# The Power of ‘Story’



Shaker High grad and author Daniel George is excelling in the field of medical anthropology in his quest to understand the minds of the elderly.

**BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON**

**PHOTOS BY JANET CENTURY**

Shortly after the bus pulls up to the Fairhill Center on a sunny afternoon, a group of elderly residents disembarks, just as they have every week since January, to volunteer at the Intergenerational School located at the Center.

Each makes a point of saying hello to a tall, slender young man clad in jeans and a burgundy crew neck sweater awaiting their arrival. Daniel George returns the obvious affection by greeting each with a smile, a gentle touch on the arm, a handshake for the one man, or a kiss on the cheek for the women.

When one diminutive lady comments on the spring weather, the 6'3" George leans into her, places his hand on her shoulder and responds, "It's nice that it's warm, and you don't have to get off the bus shivering."

These elderly volunteers are here at the Fairhill Center to sit in on a one-hour class with 13 young children, reading to them or being read to, and conversing with them. On alternate weeks, they attend a class of older children. A good 40 years their junior, George, 26, organized the senior mentor program at the innovative Intergenerational School which was founded by his own mentor, Dr. Peter Whitehouse, one of the world's premier experts on Alzheimer's disease.

The program is part of a study George is conducting for his doctoral requirements at Oxford University in England.

**The George family** at home in Shaker: Danny, Debra Rex, Emily, and George.







Basically, George is examining the impact of the intergenerational interaction on elderly individuals who suffer from some level of clinical dementia or Alzheimer's. As part of the study, George also monitors a control group at Judson Park, who, instead of working with the children, converse among themselves once a week for an hour. Thus far, he's found that the Judson Park residents with these conditions who often appear sedate or agitated when left alone become significantly more animated during the time they spend "laughing, smiling and singing" with the students.

"It just puts them in a different state of mind, when they feed off the raw energy of these kids," George relates. "It's also a reciprocal relationship, because it's a positive for the kids to have an older presence in their lives who cares about them, teaches them, and tells them stories from week to week."

How did young George position himself for such a groundbreaking endeavor? After graduating from Shaker Heights High School in 2000, he attended The College of Wooster, where he majored in English and philosophy. With a senior independent study on Alzheimer's disease, he began to explore the field of medical anthropology, which examines medical issues within the context of societies.

"The field appeals to me because it straddles the line between hard science and humanistic, cultural awareness," George says. "So, it gives you a very holistic view of human health."

For his senior project he volunteered at an assisted living facility in Wooster to study the therapeutic value of storytelling with residents who had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Wrestling with the typical "What am I going to do with my life?" anxiety of college seniors, George Googled "Alzheimer's Narrative Therapy Case Western Reserve" and found Dr. Whitehouse. In a move indicative of his verve, George slipped his independent study thesis under Whitehouse's door. A week or so later, he received a call from the famed geriatric neurologist, who was developing his own interests in narrative medicine.

**Opposite page:** Canaan Evans, Tariq Ferguson, and Hadi Beveridge huddle together to read with Mac Davis, a Judson resident who volunteers in Danny George's research project. **Top:** Mikaila Onyekpe (left), a student at The Intergenerational School (TIS) reads with Jane Brooke, a resident of Judson Park, and Danny George. Ms. Brooke has visited TIS every week since January as part of Danny's research project, serving as a reading mentor for TIS students.





**Dr. Peter Whitehouse** and Danny George deliver a talk at a meeting of the American Medical School Association at Case Western Reserve University in March.

“*The Shaker schools made me intellectually curious,” Danny explains. “I can safely say that I wouldn’t be able to function at Oxford if I hadn’t had my Shaker educational background.*”

Whitehouse hired George as his research assistant in the summer of 2004.

“Danny is a fine young man with a fine mind,” says Whitehouse, also a Shaker resident. He has a real sense of the power of ‘story’ to help people’s health, and his humanities background complemented the way we approached stories and health.”

George had also applied for a Rhodes scholarship from Oxford, which he didn’t win, but the process introduced him to the prestigious university, so he applied and was accepted to graduate school there. In the meantime, he co-authored *The Myth of Alzheimer’s* (St. Martin’s Press, 2008) with Dr. Whitehouse, which details Whitehouse’s belief that Alzheimer’s is a normal part of brain aging, not a separate disease. George wrote two chapters for the book, one about the history of Dr. Alois Alzheimer and the eponymous disease, and the other about preventive measures.

### **A Good Kid with a Strong Character**

Those who have known George since his youth are only a little surprised at his remarkable accomplishments. He did well in the Shaker schools, where he discovered an affinity with writing, but certainly no one used his name and Oxford in the same sentence.

“He was a high achiever in school, but not at the very top,” says his mother, Debra Rex, the chief executive officer of

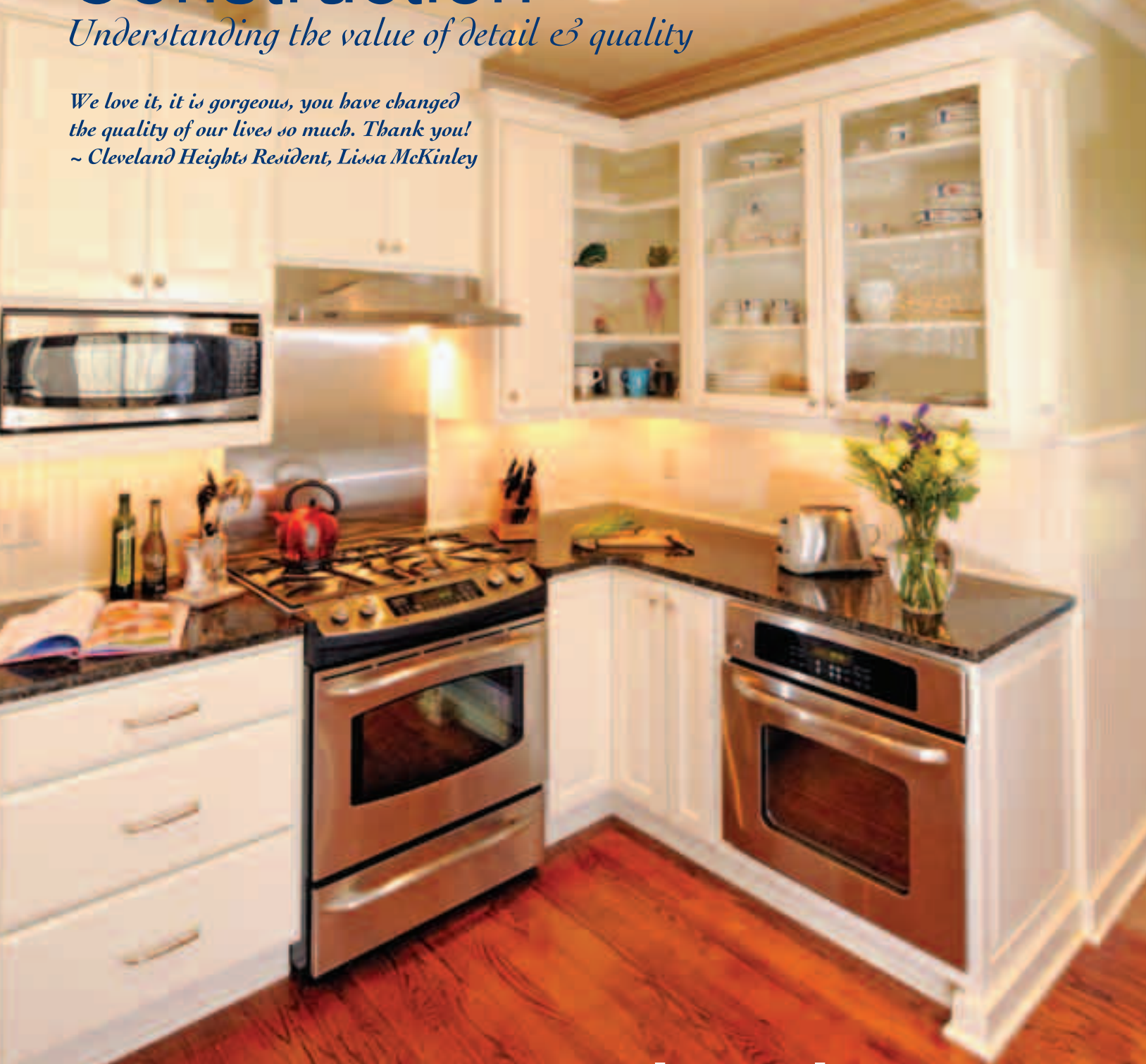
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**Warrensville-Van Aken Plan** One concept of what the area might look like. The Van Aken and Farnsleigh intersection is at lower center of the image. The Chagrin and Warrensville intersection is at upper right.





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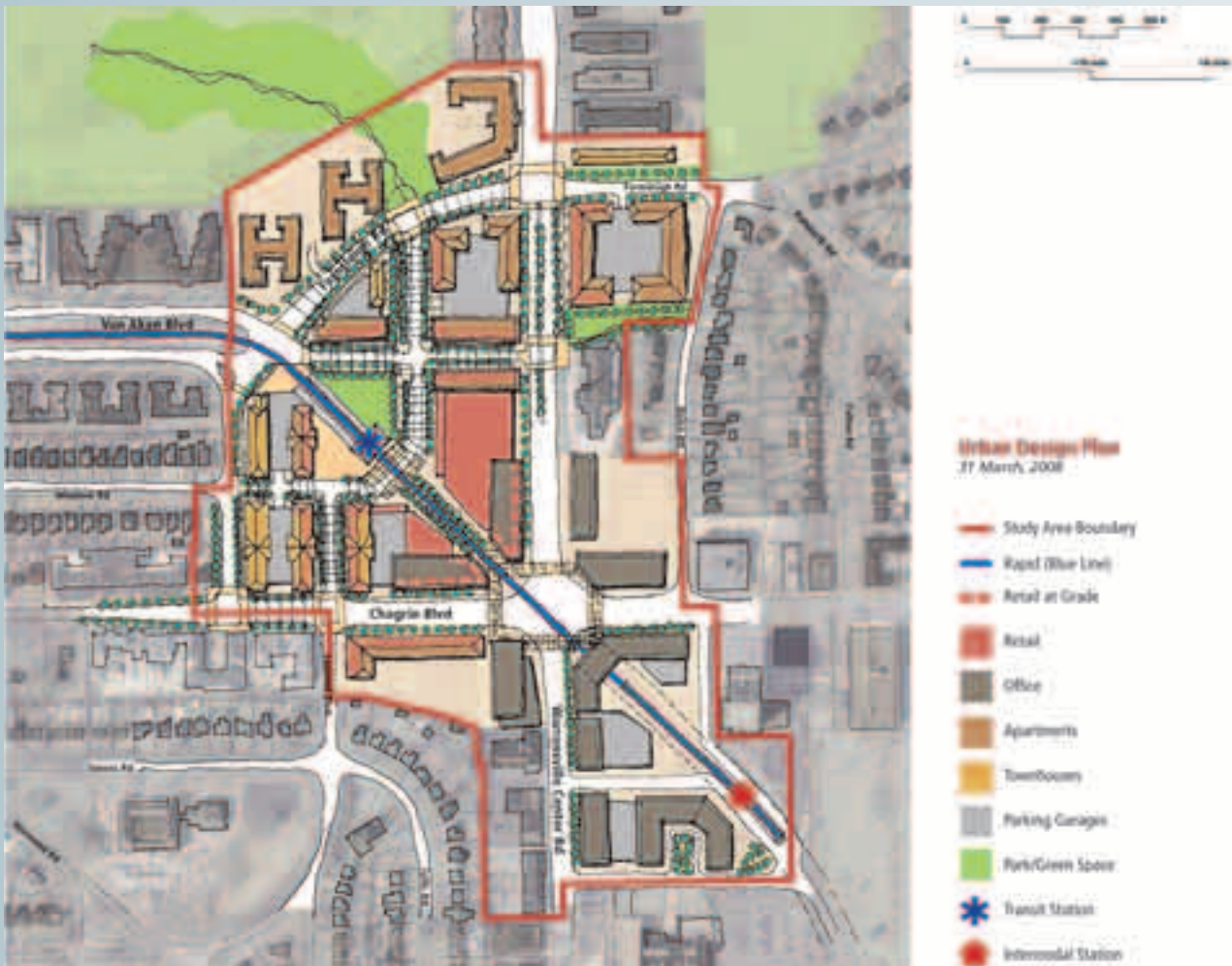
## The New Downtown

# A Progress Report

Enthusiastic residents helped dream it. City Council approved it. Now the Warrensville-Van Aken Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Plan enters its next critical phase: funding.

According to Planning Director Joyce Braverman, the City will need to secure between \$12 and \$20 million in state and federal funding for the comprehensive utility, road, and infrastructure work required to reconfigure the huge intersection and enable the 60-acre area to be transformed into “an exciting, urban, pedestrian-friendly downtown.”

The RTA is responsible for funding the transit redevelopment pieces of the plan, including a new, state-of-the-art intermodal transit center.



**The City** held three public workshops over the winter to solicit input from residents on a new and improved Warrensville-Van Aken neighborhood. Through a “visual preference” exercise that showcased transit-oriented development in other cities, workshop participants shared their ideas with City leaders and planning consultants. Plazas and landscaping were popular preferences.



Highlights of the TOD plan, which is available online at [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com) and at the Shaker Public Libraries:

- **Changing the six-way intersection** at Chagrin Boulevard and Warrensville Center Road into a standard four-way intersection with a 50 percent shorter wait time at the traffic lights.
- **Reconfiguring Van Aken Boulevard** to extend straight east between Farnsleigh Road and Warrensville.
- **Reconfiguring Northfield Road** to connect with Warrensville near the Post Office.
- **Extending the rapid transit line** through the Chagrin/Warrensville intersection to a new transit/bus terminal near the University Hospitals Management Services Center building.

The City's ultimate goal for the area is to make it a residential, office, retail, and recreational destination. The keys are the Rapid and the reconfiguration of the entire intersection to make it transit- and pedestrian-friendly in order to spur private development.

Braverman anticipates it could take up to six years to get the TOD funding in place. However, it's anticipated that private redevelopment of the existing shopping centers – Van Aken Center and Shaker Plaza – will get underway well before that.

– Nancy O'Connor



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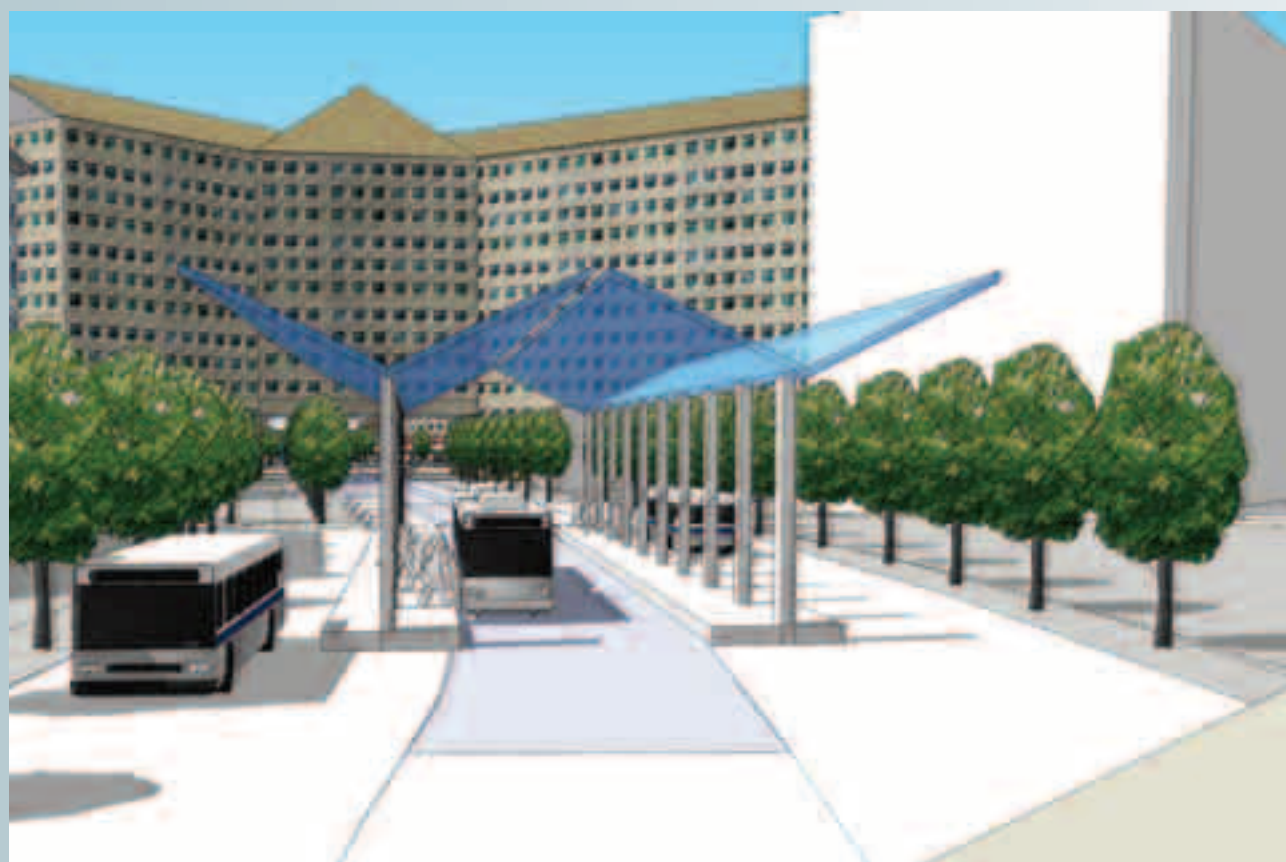
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## Thornton Park Facility Schedules

### Swimming Pool

(SHAKER ID REQUIRED)

#### Public Swimming Schedule

EARLY SEASON: May 26–June 13

REGULAR SEASON: June 14–Aug. 10

LATE SEASON: Aug. 11–Labor Day

(Pool closes at 6 pm on July 4)

A calendar with dates and hours of operation is available at Thornton Park's front office. Regular admission rates apply for July 4 and Labor Day.

Regulation swimwear is required. Only United States Coast Guard-approved flotation devices may be used.



### Swimming Pool Season Passes

Season passholders receive admission to general swimming, lap swims, and discounts on Learn-to-Swim classes. A family pass includes children under age 18. Proof of residency is required when purchasing season passes. Individual passes are available for nannies; please provide proof of employment. Season pass refunds are not available. Passes are on sale now.

	<b>Reg. Season</b>
	APR. 15–SEP. 1
Individual	\$110
Each Additional	\$30
Family Max.	\$260
Ind. (50+)	\$65
Husband/ Wife (50+)	\$90
Corporate*	\$120

(\*Individual Corporate pool passes are available to employees of Shaker businesses only. Proof of employment with picture ID required at time of registration. In-person registration only.)

Partial Swim \$60  
Pass - 15 swims  
(transferable/non-refundable)

### Pool Daily Admissions

	<b>Resident</b> <i>ID required</i>	<b>Guest</b>
Preschool (ages 2–4)	\$1.50	\$2.00
Youth (ages 5–18)	\$4.50	\$7.00
Adult (ages 19–49)	\$5.50	\$7.50
Adult 50+	\$4.50	\$7.00
Spectator*	\$4.50	\$7.00
ID Card	\$5.00	N/A
Replacement Pass	\$10.00	N/A

\*A spectator fee is charged even if the guest does not swim.

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Jeff Ellis swimming lessons are designed to enhance student learning in a challenging and fun environment. It is not necessary to know child's skill level as all children are tested on the first day of lessons.

### Registration and Session Dates:

Registration begins April 1 for all sessions. *Must register at least one week prior to each session.* Scheduled times for Starfish, Rainbow Fish, Sun Fish and Beginner classes are available at the front office, and shakeronline.com.

<b>SESSION I</b>		
M&W (*New!)	June 16–July 9	
TU&TH (*New!)	June 17–July 10	
M–TH	June 16–26	
SA	June 21–Aug. 9	

<b>SESSION II</b>		
M&W (*New!)	July 14–Aug. 6	
TU&TH (*New!)	July 15–Aug. 7	
M–TH	June 30–July 10	

<b>SESSION III</b>		
M–TH	July 14–24	

<b>SESSION IV</b>		
M–TH	July 28–Aug. 7	

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### Ice Arena

#### Ice Skating: Summer Passes

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	<b>res</b>	<b>nres</b>
Individual	\$35	\$50
Family	\$90	\$105
Adult (50+)	\$25	\$40
Husband/ Wife (50+)	\$40	\$55

#### Ice Skating Daily Admission

	<b>res</b>	<b>nres</b>
ID required		
Student or		
Adult (50+)	\$3.00	\$4.75
Adult	\$3.75	\$4.75
Skate rental	\$2.50	\$2.50
Skate rental discount pass (10)	\$20	
Group Rates	\$4.00	\$5.00

(Price per person. Min. 10. Includes skate rental.)

### Summer Public Skating Sessions

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Monday, June 9–Sunday, Aug.10

Monday 6:15–7:45 pm

Tuesday 6:15–7:45 pm

Friday 6–7:30 pm

Saturday 12:15–2:30 pm

Sunday 1–3 pm

*Schedule is subject to change.*

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## Skateboard Park

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### SCHEDULE

April 1–June 13

September 2–October 31

9 am–7 pm or dusk if earlier

June 14–September 1

9 am–8 pm or dusk if earlier

*Trespassing will result in forfeiture of season pass privileges*

Season Pass Fees: **res\$5**

Shaker residents only. Proof of residency required. Passes are non-transferable or refundable.



## Basketball Court

(Photo ID required at all times)

### SCHEDULE

April 1–June 13

September 2–October 31

M–F 10 am–7 pm or dusk if earlier

SA/SU & Holidays: 2–6 pm

June 14–September 1

M–SU: 9 am–8 pm or dusk if earlier

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## Events

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#### SATURDAY, JUNE 21

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#### MONDAY, JULY 14

Shaker Library Family Story Telling

#### SATURDAY, JULY 19

Cleveland Shakespeare Festival  
Sunday, July 20 - 11th season

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

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All events (with the exception of Summer Solstice) begin at 7 pm and are held inside the Shaker Community Building in the event of inclement weather. INFO: 216-491-1360.

## End of Year Party

(Grades 5-8)

School is finally over! Come celebrate the re-opening of Thornton Park. DJ, swimming and plenty of fun. Regular pool admission applies.

Thursday, June 12, 1-4 pm

Thornton Park Pool

## Iced Tee – Miniature Golf on Ice

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Friday, June 20, July 11, August 1

6:30-8:30 pm

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## Taste of Shaker

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Participants enjoy a different restaurant every month. Reservations must be made 7 days prior to the trip. INFO: 216-491-1360. (continued)

Wednesday, June 11

Marbella Restaurant

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1-3 pm

## Hello Summer Picnic

Come and enjoy hot dogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings. We will give tours of the new surroundings at Horseshoe Lake Park. INFO: 216-491-1360.

Horseshoe Lake

Wednesday, June 25

12:30-2:30 pm

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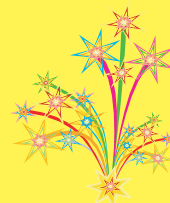
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Noon-2 pm

Thornton Park Pool

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Thursday, July 17

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Wednesday, July 2

7:30 am-7 pm

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### Special Event



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## Dandelion House

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To avoid the “drywall box” look of their previous home, Kevin left some concrete blocks and pine ceiling beams exposed. Kevin and Kyle are proud that most of the home’s building materials were obtained from local sources and in some instances are recycled or salvaged. One of Kevin’s most interesting finds is a large wood paneled door from a church in their former neighborhood in Tremont that he uses to zone off the upstairs area.

Dandelion House has no basement, which saves money, energy, and some plant life, Kevin explains. The mechanicals and laundry area are on the second floor, which has several advantages, according to Kevin.

“We’ve tightly clustered the bathrooms and the water heater. We only wait about 4-5 seconds for hot water,” he says. Moreover, the plumbing system manifold sends water directly to each fixture, through a small diameter pipe, to reduce the amount of water sitting in the pipes losing heat. Low-flow toilets and shower heads further increase water efficiency.

Water conservation is a key feature of the Dreyfuss-Wells landscape plan as well. Rainwater from the house and garage roofs is collected in a 1,100 gallon cistern and used for irrigation. The overflow will drain first to a pond, then to a rain garden planted with native species. The system will greatly reduce runoff to the storm sewer.

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“This house is tailored to how we like to live,” Kevin concludes. “We’d like it to serve as a model of what can be done.”

That’s why Kevin chose the dandelion as a motif for his dream home. “The dandelion is a humble weed, but it’s enormously successful and useful, for medicine, wine, as a food source. It survives in urban environments, under all kinds of conditions. We’re hoping the concepts we’ve applied here will take root and spread, like the dandelion.”

“Besides,” quips Kyle, “they’re ubiquitous in Shaker.”

That’s what I like best of all about my new neighbors – they appreciate the flowers in my lawn. ■



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## The Knitters

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"I took up knitting seriously in college in the 1970s, at St. Mary in Indiana," she says. She also honed her weaving and dyeing skills there, earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

Unlike Fern, she rarely purchases yarn. "I prefer hand-spun yarn. It feels different. It has more life in it, it's more springy. It has a very nice feel in your hands. Spinning your own yarn, though, means it is not as fancy as what is now available in stores."

The wide array of appealing yarns now available are contributing to knitting's resurgence, Elfriede believes.

"Mills are now producing yarns they couldn't a few years ago. Equipment and processes are adding metallic flecks to yarns and making it possible to knit with a variety of unusual materials," she says. "Today, even with a simple stitch, you can produce a sophisticated-looking piece, and that's very encouraging for a beginner."

Elfriede knits only for herself, her husband James, their adult daughters Cordelia and Stephanie, and close family and friends. At any one time, she's likely to be working on a half-dozen projects. "Right now I have a scarf on the loom, a sweater that needs to be sewn together, another sweater started, and a few spinning projects, including a new shipment of alpaca wool ready to be spun. I just finished a shawl I'm very proud of, a lace one knitted from a blend of wool and cashmere. It's beautiful."

As an artist, Elfriede isn't one to follow strict rules. "I don't buy patterns; I like a material, then I figure out what to do with it. I like to have a lot of material around to look at, and sometimes it will sit for a year. Then it tells me what to do with it. That's why I am not a good teacher, because of how I work, my laissez-faire approach. Fern, on the other hand, is a very good teacher."

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**Anya Balazs** shows off her work at Knit Night.

One of Knit Night's regulars, Elfriede graciously offers assistance to other knitters. "I like helping others solve problems they are having, and the other knitters inspire me. I always come home with two or three ideas."

One of the program's greatest values, she believes, is helping knitters at every level to advance. "You don't need anything but perseverance to knit," she contends. "You're never too young or too old to try it. And there isn't any 'wrong' way to knit! You just have to get started." ■

*Interested in trying your hand at knitting? Attend one of the upcoming Knit Nights: Thursdays, June 12, July 17 & September 11, from 7–8:45 pm at the Bertram Woods Library. No reservations required. Knitting classes are also offered through yarn shops and Shaker's Community Life Department. Go to [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com) for details.*





## The Power of 'Story'

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Beech Brook school in Pepper Pike. "He was basically a good kid with a strong character."

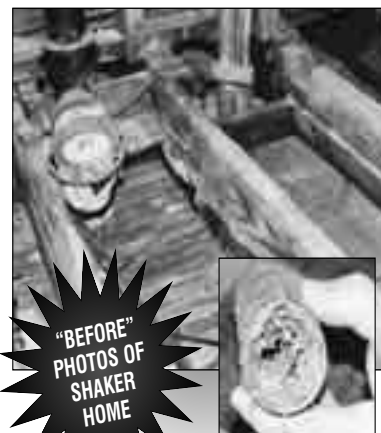
Our good kid did experience a few bad moments, though, that had his parents "scared to death at the time," she says. One of those moments came when he wrote an article for the Shakerite, the school newspaper, about an NBA lockout. The article led to a scuffle with another student, who had made a racially charged comment about the article, and a suspension. Today, he can joke about defending his right to free speech, but at the time, he remembers being really agitated.

"We all have different developmental trajectories, so you can't give up on kids," George concludes.

Overall, he was a good student who played quarterback for the football team, pitched for the baseball team, and volunteered in Youth Ending Hunger. He also was maturing as a writer, which began to give his studies a center of gravity. His mother believes his opportunity to serve as editor of The Plain Dealer's teen-written "Next" section, which once required him to travel to Washington, D.C. to write a front-page story for the newspaper, represents a formative experience that fortified his confidence.

George also credits the Shaker school system with preparing him to flourish at higher academic levels. "The Shaker schools made me intellectually curious," he explains. "It sowed the seeds for a love of learning that I took with me when I went to Wooster, and I can safely say that I wouldn't be able to function at Oxford if I hadn't had my Shaker educational background."

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Moreover, the schools fostered his love of befriending and learning from a diverse school population. "The Shaker schools prepare you to have that flexibility and cultural dexterity to talk with people from different cultures and understand their perspective and views," he says.

Of course, he also credits his family with initiating a love of reading and learning, and giving him his earliest taste of the benefits of diversity. His father, George George, a public defender for Cuyahoga County, is of Lebanese extraction, his mother's family is Scots-Irish, and his adopted sister, Emily, is from South Korea.

Also an aspiring artist, George co-created the mural of John Lennon that graces the second floor hallway at the high school. Another of his paintings, "220 Stories," a political statement about 9/11, won Best of Show last year at Shaker Public Library and is on permanent display there.

George has also developed a reputation for his desire to give back to his community. Throughout college and to this day, when he's home from school, he helps maintain the ball fields at Thornton Park and collects recyclables from the park trash cans.

"Even though a lot of this work is pretty menial, he's very dedicated to the job, and he's very reliable," attests Bill Murray, facilities manager for Thornton Park.

"For someone with so much talent, Danny is the most un-self-absorbed person I've ever met," says Suzanne Cooper, vice president of the Shaker Arts Council and founder of Teens Learning to Connect, a Shaker Heights summer program that George attended as a camper and later worked for as a counselor and assistant director.

Emily, 20, a sophomore at Wooster, offers this uniquely sisterly insight into her big brother: "He might be one of the smartest people I know, but he's

just a big goofball at heart. Even though he's often in the spotlight because of the book, he's actually pretty shy."

This May, George wrapped up his study at the Intergenerational School and returned to Oxford to work on his Ph.D. But he may be back in the fall to assist with Barack Obama's presidential campaign – if the Senator is nominated. He's also "pondering medical school."

"Danny has a nice constellation of talents, but to me, it's his humanity and sense of humor that stand out," George's father says.

After escorting all of his Judson Park volunteers back onto the bus that spring day, he talks about how much he enjoys playing guitar with his father at various open-mike nights and how much they love the Beatles' music. Sweeping his hand toward Fairhill Center behind him to indicate his medical anthropological work, George says, "I guess my song should be 'When I'm 64.'" ■



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**WEDNESDAYS: Play & Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 AM–NOON,** MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop in literacy play sessions just for home

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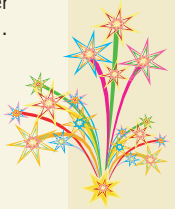

# june highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <b>Aetna's Race for Kids '08</b> 9 am, Progressive Field. (pg. 66)	2	3 <b>Free Flick</b> 6:30 pm, Main Library. (pg. 67)	4	5 <b>Annex Gallery Opening Reception</b> 6 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 67)		7 <b>North Union Farmers Market</b> 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 63) ◀
8 <b>Sunbeam Run</b> 9 am, Horseshoe Lake Park. (pg. 66)  <b>Fund for the Future Open House Benefit</b> 5 pm, Marshall Mansion. (pg. 67)	9 <b>Summer Reading Program 6/9-7/31</b> Main Library & Bertram Woods. (pg. 63) ▶▶ 	10	11	12 <b>Gene's Jazz Hot</b> 6:30 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 67)		13 <b>Family Ice Cream Social Tailgate Party to Kick Off Summer Reading</b> 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 68)
15 <b>6th Annual DadsDay Run</b> 9 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 66) ▶▶ 	16	17 <b>Really Basic Computer Skills</b> 9:30 am, Fairhill Center. (pg. 68)	18 <b>WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays 6/18-8/27</b> 6 pm, University Circle. (pg. 74)	19 <b>Family Fun in the Forest</b> 5 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 68)  <b>Sounds Around Town 6/19-21</b> Noon-midnight. (pg. 68)	20 <b>Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit 2008</b> 6 pm, Marshall Mansion. (pg. 69)	21 <b>23rd Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown 6/20-21</b> 10 am. (pg. 69)  <b>Shaker Summer Solstice Festival</b> 5 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 69) ▼
22 <b>A Most Excellent Race</b> 9 am, Beaumont School. (pg. 66)  <b>Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Tour</b> 1 pm. (pg. 69)	23 <b>Basic Digital Photography</b> 1 pm, Fairhill Center. (pg. 70)	24	25 <b>Flyers, Brochures, and Newsletters</b> 9:30 am, Fairhill Center. (pg. 70)  <b>Meet the Author</b> Terry Pluto, 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 70)	26 <b>Bike to Work Day</b> (pg. 66)	27 <b>Lois S. Becker Annual Jewelry Sale 6/27-29</b> 11:30 am. (pg. 71)  <b>CIM Summer Chamber Music Final Concert</b> 7 pm. (pg. 74)	28 <b>Larchmere Flea Market &amp; Festival</b> 11 am, Larchmere Boulevard. (pg. 71)  <b>Free Family Flick</b> "The Spiderwick Chronicles," 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 71)
29	30 <b>Parent &amp; Child Play Sessions</b> 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)					





# july highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Carl & Louis Stokes: From the Projects to Politics Thru July 31 Western Reserve Historical Society. (pg. 74)		Lunch & Listen Recital 7/3, 7/10, 7/17, 7/24 Noon, CIM. (pg. 74)	Fireworks Sunset, Shaker Middle School. ▶▶	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	Night Rides on the Tow Path 8 pm, Century Cycles. (pg. 66) ◀◀	Composting Workshop & Compost Bin Sale 6 pm, CH-UH Library. (pg. 72)  Friends of Shaker Library Meeting & Program 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 72)	WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays 6/18-8/27 6 pm, University Circle. (pg. 74)	Gene's Jazz Hot Jazz 6:30 pm, Loganberry Books. (pg. 73)	Cain Park Arts Festival 7/11-13 Cain Park, Superior Rd at Lee. (pg. 75)	North Union Farmers Market 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 63)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Hogs for Dogs 10 am, Brooklyn Memorial Park. (pg. 66)	Red Cross Bloodmobile 3-7 pm, Main Library.	Shaker Furniture Exhibit Thru 7/27 Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 63)	Meet the Author Nancy Pearl, 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 73) 	Mixer on the Marsh 5:30 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 73)	Family Fridays Parent-Child Play Session 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)	Play & Learn Station 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 63)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	The Canary Project: Landscape of Climate Change Thru July 31 Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (pg. 73)		WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays 6/18-8/27 6 pm, University Circle. (pg. 74)		Young Composers Program Final Concert 8 pm, CIM. (pg. 75) ◀▶	IngenuityFest 7/25-27 Playhouse Square. (pg. 75)
27	28	29	30	31		
Rain Barrel Workshops Noon & 3 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 73)			Parent & Child Play Sessions 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)			

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**JUNE 15: 6th Annual DadsDay Run, 9 AM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER.** Registration begins at 7:30 am. Open to everyone, not just Dads, runners, walkers, and strollers are encouraged. Register for the 5-mile or a 1-mile run through Shaker Heights. Awards to the top finishers and everyone gets a T-shirt, food, and refreshments. Fee: \$12/ages 12 and under; \$20/adults or \$15 pre-registration by June 13. Entry forms available at Shaker Family Center or online at [www.active.com/search](http://www.active.com/search). In

honor of Father's Day everyone gets a "tie" when crossing the finish line. INFO: 216-921-2023 FOR DETAILS.

**JUNE 22: A Most Excellent Race, 9 AM, BEAUMONT SCHOOL, 3301 NORTH PARK BLVD.** 10K, 5K, 10K Wheelchair Race & 5K Fun Walk to benefit the Achievement Centers for Children's Camp Cheerful. Registration begins at 7:30 am. \$18/pre-registration; mailed entries must be received by June 18: Make checks payable to Achievement Centers and mail to: A Most Excellent Race Achievement Centers for Children, 4255 Northfield Rd. Highland Hills, OH 44128 \$20/race day. T-shirt, post-race snacks and beverages. INFO: 216-623-9933.

**JUNE 26: Bike to Work Day.** Park the car and get out the bike! ClevelandBikes is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting all forms of bicycling as economical and healthful recreation, sport, and transportation, and serves as an information resource for cyclists. INFO: 216-374-7578.

**JULY 7: Night Rides on the Tow Path, 8 PM, CENTURY CYCLES 621 MAIN ST. PENINSULA.** All skill levels are welcome on these free fun rides. Rides are 15 to 20 miles long, which usually take from one and a half to two hours. Cyclers must have a light and helmet. Usually, a group goes to the Winking Lizard after the ride and re-lives past cycling adventures. INFO: 800-201-7433.

**JULY 13: Hogs for Dogs, 10 AM, BROOKLYN MEMORIAL PARK 7916 MEMPHIS AVE.** Poker Run to benefit the Brooklyn Animal Shelter. All vehicles welcome. Live Music! Hot Food! Cash Prizes! Raffles and 50/50! INFO: SHIRLEY PALUMBO, 216-749-4893.

# Events for *June*

**June 2: SAY Summer Leadership Institute Application Deadline,** BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Three-week opportunity (10 am–3 pm June 23–July 10) for students who will be in high school in the fall who want to learn leadership skills, enjoy working and meeting with fellow teens, and want to help promote positive adolescent health. Fee: \$50. INFO: NANCY SCHAUMBURG, 216-320-8469 OR [Schaumburn@bellefairejcb.org](mailto:Schaumburn@bellefairejcb.org).

**June 3: Free Flick, 6:30 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the R-rated horror film, *The Eye*, about a blind woman whose sight is restored allowing her to see ghosts. Friends of the Shaker Library generously funds the movie licensing rights. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**June 3: St. Dominic School 8th Grade Graduation, 7:30 PM,** ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, NORWOOD RD.

**June 5: Annex Gallery Opening Reception, 6–8 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Terry Michelle: *Fear, Death & Fascination*. Wedding photographer by day, Terry Michelle showcases her abstract and modern photographs, collages, and digitally enhanced photos. Show runs through June 30. INFO: 216-795-9800.



**June 8: Rain Barrel Workshops, NOON & 3 PM,** HEIGHTS GARDEN CENTER. Rain barrels capture the pure rainwater that garden plants prefer, free of salts and other additives found in city water. The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Cleveland Botanical Garden team up to present these hands-on workshops to educate participants on the benefits of rainwater harvesting. Workshop fee includes materials for constructing one rain barrel. \$30/Nature Center members; \$45/non-members. Register by calling 216-321-5935.

**June 8: Fund for the Future Open House Benefit, 5–7 PM,** MARSHALL MANSION, 3074 LEE RD. Peek inside the historic Marshall Mansion and benefit Shaker's Fund for the Future, which provides low-interest loans to help sustain Shaker's racially diverse neighborhoods. The 1918-restored home features six-bedrooms, eight-baths, a family entertainment suite, modern kitchen and four-car heated garage. Tickets: \$100–\$200/person. INFO: GAIL GIBSON, 216-491-1457.

**June 12: Gene's Jazz Hot, 6:30–9 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Enjoy an easy evening of jazz surrounded by good books. Bring a friend and make a night of it. Grab some eats from across the street or bring your own and sit back and enjoy the show. Free, but donations for the band are gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**June 12: Photo-Shoot Review, 7 PM,** NATURE CENTER. Members of the Nature Center and the Photo Club can preview the May photo-shoot pictures and participate in the critique using the code of supportive and helpful critiquing. All photos should be 8x10, 8x12, or mounted in a traditional 11x14 white matte. INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHLE, 216-321-5935 OR [www.ShakerLakes.org](http://www.ShakerLakes.org).



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**June 13: Family Ice Cream Social Tailgate Party to Kick Off Summer Reading, 6:30-8 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Friends of the Shaker Library helps the library celebrate another summer of reading fun. Get the home-field advantage this summer. Enjoy music, popcorn, soft drinks, ice cream, and a mini book sale. Plus meet local sports heroes and try on some equipment. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**June 14: Mercer School PTO Garage Sale, 9 AM – NOON, MERCER SCHOOL PARKING LOT, 23325 WIMBLEDON RD.** Want to sell your household items, but don't want folks traipsing through your yard and home? Mercer School PTO has the answer! Rent a table from Mercer School PTO for \$25 and they'll take care of the advertising and the crowd control – and you'll keep

all the profits. INFO: LAURA WHEELER: 321-9559.

**June 17: Really Basic Computer Skills, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD.** Introductory classes to learn about hardware, software, Windows operating system basics and use of the mouse and keyboard designed for beginners. Fee: \$40/4-week session. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT.125.


**June 19: Family Fun in the Forest, 5-8 PM, NATURE CENTER.** Free hot dogs and veggie dogs and marshmallows by the fire plus games and activities for the kids. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.ShakerLakes.org](http://www.ShakerLakes.org).

**June 19: N.O.B.S. Forum: Caldecott Collecting, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Named to honor 19th-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott, the Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the American Library Association to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children. This prestigious award has spawned a collectors' circle, with the most prized collectible being the first edition of a Caldecott Award winner prior to the application of the gold-foiled sticker. Some books are quite scarce, and in great demand. Hear the tale of one collector, and the stories of the most sought-after books. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**June 19-21: Sounds Around Town.** Music around town from noon to midnight. For a schedule of performers and venues visit [www.shaker-arts council.org](http://www.shaker-arts council.org).




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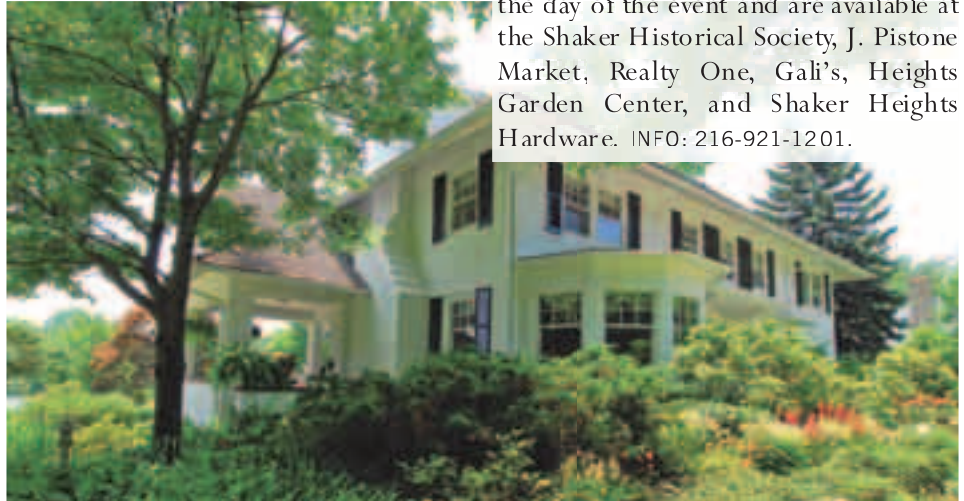
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**June 20: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit, 2008, 6 PM, MARSHALL MANSION, 3074 LEE RD.** Benefit Chair Susan Dumas and her committee invite residents to tour the elegant, Tudor-style, Shaker Heights Landmark home, which has undergone a 2-year renovation. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, delectable desserts, live music, and an array of exciting Silent Auction and raffle items to benefit Shaker Historical Society. Valet parking available. TICKETS & INFO: 216-921-1201.

**June 21: Shaker Summer Solstice Festival, 5-10 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** The sun never sets on Shaker's art and music when the Shaker Heights Arts Council presents an evening of fine arts including live music, arts and crafts, food and children's activities co-sponsored by the City of Shaker Heights. INFO: MARCIA ROMANO, 216-561-7454 [www.shakerartscouncil.org](http://www.shakerartscouncil.org).

**June 20-21: 23rd Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown, 10 AM-8 PM, 19600 N. PARK BLVD.** Garden-party style craft fair featuring the fine jewelry, clothing and art of more than 150 artists, plus refreshments and live music. \$6/person with return admission; children 12 and under free. INFO: [www.ohiocraft.org](http://www.ohiocraft.org).



**June 22 Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Tour, 1-5 PM.** Benefit co-chairs Ann Cicarella and Margaret Ransohoff have organized a self-guided tour of eight inspiring private gardens to benefit Shaker Historical Society. Ann Cicarella Landscape Design, Gali's Florist and Garden Center, and Ulmer & Berne LLP are sponsors of the event. Tickets cost \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the event and are available at the Shaker Historical Society, J. Pistone Market, Realty One, Gali's, Heights Garden Center, and Shaker Heights Hardware. INFO: 216-921-1201.



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**June 22: Bug Bash + Chrysalis 2008, 3-9 PM, NATURE CENTER.** 5th biannual family-focused benefit that features music, games, crafts and nature hikes for children of all ages. Families can enjoy dinner and raffle items. Chrysalis is a party for 'tweens and includes interactive activities and a "pest bar" for parents. Bug Bash is for children to 8 years and runs from 3 to 6 pm. Chrysalis is for youth ages 9 to 14 from 6 to 9 pm. Beat the swarm! Events sell out fast. Advanced tickets required: \$40/adults; \$15/ages 9-14; \$10/ages 3-8. Under 2 years free. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.ShakerLakes.org](http://www.ShakerLakes.org).

**June 22: Summer Musical Salon at Hanna Perkins Center, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS SCHOOL, 19910 MALVERN RD. M.U.S.i.C. (Musical Upcoming Stars in the Classics)** presents Classic Spanish Music from Around the World featuring the music of Jason Vieaux on guitar, Regina Mushabac on cello, Javier Gonzalez on piano and Sandra Bohl

and Friends offering Spanish dance. Tickets: \$40/patron; \$25/adults; \$15/students INFO: JODI KANTER, 216-378-1887.

**June 23: Basic Digital Photography (Picasa), 1-3 PM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD.** Learn basic photo editing, how to store, print and email photos using Picasa, a free software program. Fee: \$40/4-week series. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT.125.

**June 25-27: 2008 Annual Conference - National Coalition of Girls' Schools, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE.** Activities scheduled at both Laurel School and Hathaway Brown.



**June 25: Flyers, Brochures and Newsletters, 9:30-11 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD.** Learn to create attention-getting flyers, brochures and newsletters using MS Word. Fee: \$30/3-week session. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350 EXT. 125.

**June 25: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Meet sports-writer and author, Terry Pluto, and learn about his life in sports. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**June 26: Book Club Meetings: Bloomsday Club & Austeniana Club, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** After celebrating the official Bloomsday on June 16, the Bloomsday Club carries on with Chapter 14 of James Joyce's *Ulysses*. The Austeniana Club will be discussing Jane Austen's *Persuasion*. Newcomers welcome anytime.



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**June 27-29:** Lois S. Becker **Annual Jewelry Sale**, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Local jeweler presents her annual sale of unique jewelry creations. Cash or checks, no credit cards. INFO: 216-921-3083.

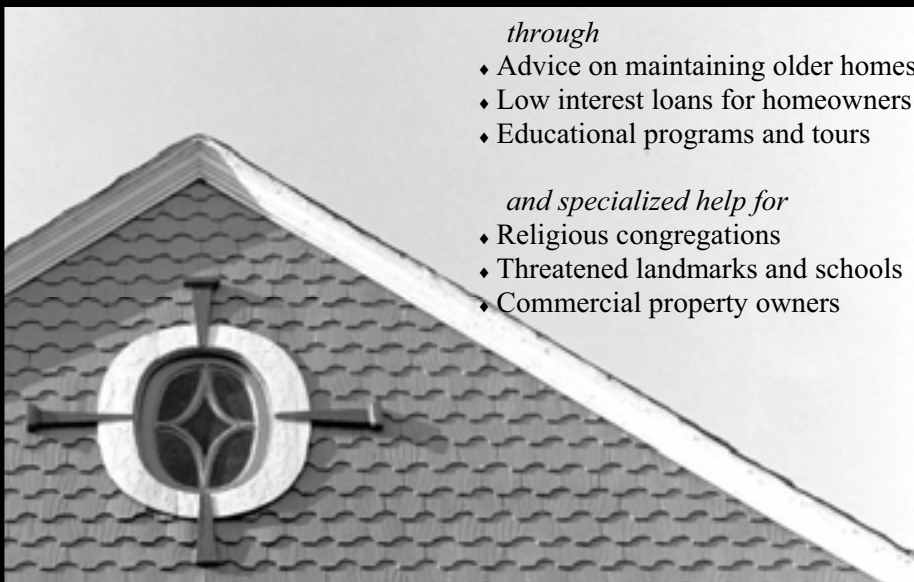
**June 28:** **Larchmere Flea Market and Festival**, 11 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BLVD., 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Not just a day of bargains and goodies, but also a time of camaraderie with neighbors, festivities, and workshops. Shop for vintage goods, antiques, art, and collectibles, along with a community garage sale for bargain hunters. Music, the Euclid Beach Rocket, and food add to the fun. Workshops include knitting, paper marbling, health seminars, green home improvements, and a local author book fair. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**June 28:** **Free Family Flick**, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the PG-rated fantasy film, *The Spiderwick Chronicles*, about the Grave family who moves into the secluded house of their great, great uncle Arthur Spiderwick and begins to uncover the truth about the creatures which inhabit the estate. Friends of the Shaker Library generously funds the movie licensing rights. INFO: 216-991-2030.

## Events for *July*

**July 3:** **Annex Gallery Opening Reception**, 6-8 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. *Words to Live By* exhibit by Contemporary Cloth Artists. The group is comprised of local quilt makers who have incorporated words, images, patterns and vibrant colors for this show that is part textile art/part poetry slam. The exhibit is on display through August 4. INFO: 216-795-9800.

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## out & about

*July 4:* **Fireworks, SUNSET, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Red, white and boom! Bring the family for a display of fireworks.



*July 8:* **Composting Workshop and Compost Bin Sale, 6-8 PM, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS-UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS LIBRARY, 2345 LEE RD.** Learn the fundamentals of composting and household worm farming while decreasing garbage going into burgeoning landfills. Worm composting is a way to recycle food waste into a rich, dark, earth-smelling soil conditioner; it can be done indoors and outdoors, allowing year-round composting, even for apartment dwellers. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935 EXT. 225 OR VISIT [www.ShakerLakes.org](http://www.ShakerLakes.org).

*July 8:* **Friends of the Shaker Library Annual Meeting & Program, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Learn more about the Friends and what they do. Following a brief business meeting and election of officers Cheryl Kuonen presents a slide lecture about Frank Lloyd Wright. INFO: 216-991-2421.

*July 10:* **Gene's Jazz Hot Jazz, 6:30-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Come in out of the heat and get hepped up on cool jazz. Free, but donations for the band are gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.



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**July 14:** **Red Cross Bloodmobile,** 3-7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Give the gift of life.

**July 16:** **Meet the Author,** 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet book reviewer and author, Nancy Pearl, who shares her suggestions for good reading. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**July 17:** **Mixer on the Marsh,** 5:30-8:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment while mingling on the boardwalk overlooking the marsh. Registration required. \$15 for members/ \$20 for non-members. INFO OR TO REGISTER, CALL 216-321-5935 OR VISIT [www.ShakerLakes.org](http://www.ShakerLakes.org).

**July 17:** **N.O.B.S. Forums,** 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Collectors love to show and tell. This session is designed for you to show and tell about your favorite books. Personal stories, mysteries, and questions are welcomed. Learn what makes something collectible. \$3 suggested donation. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**July 24:** **Book Club Meetings: Bloomsday Club & Austeniana Club,** 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Bloomsday Club tackles Chapter 15 of James Joyce's *Ulysses* while the Austeniana Club discusses Jane Austen's *Northanger Abbey*. Newcomers welcome. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**July 25:** **MySpace™ is for Everyone!,** 3 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Watch a demonstration of MySpace and find out why millions of people participate in this social tool on the web. INFO: 216-991-2030.



**July 27:** **Rain Barrel Workshops,** NOON & 3 PM, NATURE CENTER. Rain barrels capture the pure rainwater that garden plants prefer, free of salts and other additives found in city water. The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Cleveland Botanical Garden team up to present these hands-on workshops to educate participants on the benefits of rainwater harvesting. Workshop fee includes materials for constructing one rain barrel. \$30/Nature Center members; \$45/non-members. Register by July 20 by calling 216-321-5935.



## In the Circle and Beyond

Circle your calendar for these exhibits and events at cultural institutions in University Circle and beyond.

**THRU JULY 31: The Canary Project: Landscape of Climate Change,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DRIVE. Susannah Sayler, co-founder of The Canary Project, photographed landscapes that are showing signs of climate change. Enjoy Sayler's compelling images of dramatically transformed landscapes, as well as photographs of landscapes where successes in conservation and adaptation to climate change are visible.



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**JUNE 14: Parade the Circle Celebration**, 11 AM-4 PM, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. More than 20 cultural institutions on Wade Oval offer entertainment, food and hands-on activities. The vibrant community art parade begins at noon.

**JUNE 14: The Natural History of Asparagus Presentation Dinner**, 6:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DRIVE. Monica Bongue, who grows asparagus on her farm near Wooster offers a presentation about the natural history of this nutrient-dense vegetable and guest chef Ben Bebenroth, executive chef

and owner of Spice of Life Catering, creates a seven-course dinner featuring asparagus. Bebenroth and wine purveyor Mary Lapham provide commentary on each course and its complementary wine. Tickets: \$150/person. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR 800-317-9155, EXT. 3279.



**JUNE 18-AUGUST 27: WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays**, 6-9 PM, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Free summer concert series with top musical entertainment spanning a wide range of genres. Visit the Circle and take advantage of extended hours at the museums.

**JUNE 20: The Nature League's 11th Annual UnNatural Affair Summer Solstice Party**, 6-10 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DRIVE. Annual party on the Museum's Observatory Deck features tours of Mueller Observatory, food, cocktails, raffle, and entertainment by DJs, Go and Impure. Tickets: \$15/ Nature League members: \$20/general admission. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR 800-317-9155, EXT. 3279.

**JUNE 27: CIM Summer Chamber Music Final Concert**, 7 PM, 11021 EAST BLVD. Ten-day festival culminates in a gala concert featuring pre-college level pianists and string players. INFO: 216-795-3125.

**JULY 3, 10, 17, & 24: Lunch And Listen Recital**, NOON, CIM, 11021 EAST BLVD. Bring a brown-bag lunch and enjoy it on CIM's new terrace or in the Student Lounge along with a com-

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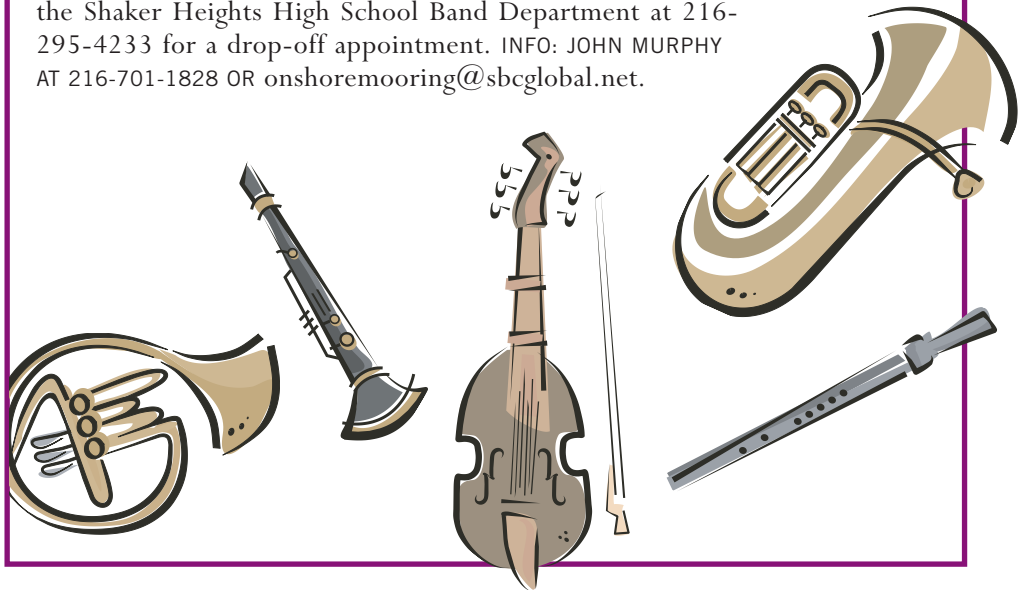
plementary beverage. Concert begins at 12:30 pm in Mixon Hall. INFO: 216-791-3125.

**JULY 11-13: Cain Park Arts Festival,** CAIN PARK, 14591 SUPERIOR RD AT LEE. Juried fine art and crafts show with more than 150 nationally recognized artists. INFO: 216-371-3000.

**JULY 25: Young Composers Program Final Concert, 8 PM,** CIM. Exceptional young composers, aged 14-19, week-long musical experience culminates in two concerts of their music performed by CIM students. Saturday, July 26 concert at noon. INFO: 216-791-3125.

**JULY 25-27: IngenuityFest,** PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Enjoy visual exhibits, concerts, poetry slams, opera, theater, ballet, step dancing, break dancing, contemporary dance, and more. Stilt walkers, jugglers, parades, food, flowers, and activities for kids, all transformed by technology. ■

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# Weapons of Mass Humiliation

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Many mistakenly believe that June graduation ceremonies are times of celebration, moments of pomp and circumstance in which young persons are lauded for their high school achievements and launched into the next phases of their lives by smiling (if exhausted) parents. In fact, nothing could be further from the truth: Recent research – right here in Shaker – reveals that Graduation Season is actually a lengthy war of escalating embarrassments between progenitors and offspring. Shaker Observer offers this guide to survival:

**Anticipation:** Parents hold the upper hand in the months leading up to graduation, or at least the keys to the car. Students can expect the following weapons of mass humiliation:

- **Graduation Picture:** Parents force child (sorry, *young adult*) to sit for a enormous 8 x 11 photo in formal clothing guaranteed to be an embarrassment now and a mortification 25 years later when eventual grandchildren find it in garage and say, “Mom, did you really go out in public like this?” SCORE: 20 points for parents.

- **Announcements:** Parents force graduate-to-be to mail modified wedding invitation announcing impending celebration to 5th and 6th cousins, once removed, implicitly requesting gifts in honor of the Great Day. SCORE: 10 points for parents unless rich Uncle Louis sends large check (5 points for child) or

3rd Cousin Smitty brings his whole family to stay at the house for entire weekend (-20 points everyone).

- **Cap and Gown:** Student asked to model mortar board and billowy, tent-like gown for everyone who visits house in days prior to ceremony; when student reasonably refuses, goofy father places mortar board on his massive head instead. SCORE: 15 points for parents.

Near-graduates can’t really score during this period, because even acts that dismay parents (getting caught with a trunkful of toilet paper on Senior Prank Day, posting inappropriate photos on FaceBook) have negative consequences for students (detention or expulsion, life-long digital embarrassment).

**Graduation Day:** Things even out on the Great Day, in no small part because graduates already have their tickets punched and are (mostly) beyond the reach of school discipline. Parents still have options –

- *Taking 5,781 photos with fancy new digital camera that neither parent knows how to work* (“Dad, it doesn’t need film. It’s digital!”) SCORE: 10 points.

- *Crying and/or hugging incessantly* (“For cripes sake, Mom, your mascara is running. You look like a raccoon.”) SCORE: 5 points.

- *Hooting, hollering or otherwise making attention-drawing noises as graduate crosses stage* (“You guys are such dorks.”) SCORE: 5 points.

– but need to remember that graduates have their own quivers

of embarrassing arrows:

- *Supposedly hilarious decoration/slogan on top of mortar board* (“You’d think he could have at least spelled it right.”). SCORE: 5 points.

- *Completely ignoring parents in front of relatives* (“Don’t worry, I’m sure we’ll see her at the restaurant. Maybe.”). SCORE: 5 points.

- *Supposedly hilarious gesture while accepting diploma or walking across stage* (“He’s *your* son, not mine.”). SCORE: 15 points.

**Aftermath:** A stalemate ensues after commencement, as each side realizes that every move has a well-established counter. For example, while the new graduate might *Throw a wild graduation party while parents are away, seriously annoying neighbors* (SCORE: 20 points for ex-student), a parent can just as easily *Limit Junior’s driving to the boxy, rusted sedan with the “Honk if You Love Bowling” bumpersticker* (SCORE: 20 points for parent). After a month or two, both sides tire and agree to a truce, parents gleefully (sorry, *tearfully*) waving goodbye in August and September as the new graduates go off to work or school. “It’ll never be the same,” more than one mother has lamented.

“Sure it will,” more than one father has responded. “Just wait till he (she) brings home a girl- (boy-) friend. I’ll go get the graduation picture framed now!” SCORE: 10 points. ■



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*Marcia Evans, UH Patient  
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