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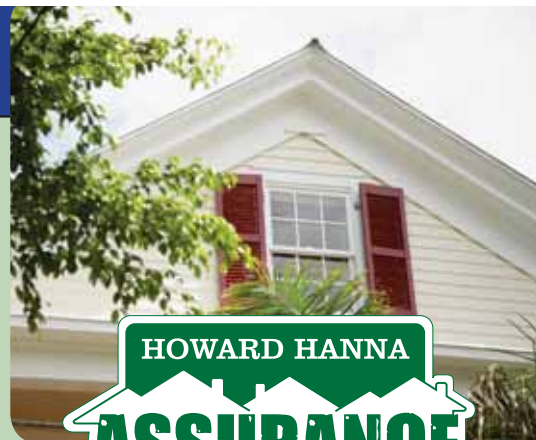
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## Judy and Bob Rawson Honored by CSU

Cleveland State University's Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs presented Judy and Bob Rawson with the 2009 "In Tribute to the Public Service Award" at a special award ceremony in May at the Hanna Theater.

"We are especially pleased to be honoring Judy and Bob as exemplary contributors to the community. Their leadership, career achievements, tireless efforts, and unselfish commitment to public service are truly unparalleled," said Edward "Ned" Hill, Ph.D., Interim Dean of the Levin College of Urban Affairs. "This award honors their singular and combined vision, professionalism, dedication, and accomplishments in public service."

Dean Hill also praised the former Shaker Heights Mayor for her leadership at the national and local levels promoting first-ring suburbs and regionalism. Says Hill, "In many ways, this award really recognizes the special relationship between the University and the City of Shaker Heights. The City has consistently been a top-notch supporter of CSU."

Rawson served the City of Shaker Heights for 21 years. She sat on City Council and served two terms as mayor.

She also served on the Commission on the Reform of Cuyahoga County Government and as Assistant Director of Law for the City of Cleveland. She drafted the Title IX legislation as a legislative assistant for Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana.

Bob Rawson was partner-in-charge of the Cleveland office of Jones Day for 15 years, until 2007. He continues as a partner with the firm. Bob served on the board of Princeton University for 20 years. He was appointed to the CSU Board of Trustees in 2007 and currently serves as vice chair. He is also interim dean of the Law School at Case Western Reserve University. He is the former chair of the National Civic League and currently on the board of the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education.

The "In Tribute to the Public Service Award" was established in 1985 by the college's Visiting Committee to honor individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership in public life and contribute significantly to the betterment of the community. Over the past 23 years, the program has honored 27 individuals who have made significant contributions to public service in Greater Cleveland. Proceeds from "In Tribute" support scholarships for students attending the Levin College who aspire to careers in public service.



## Shaker Arts Council Hosts 6th Annual 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 with music, art, and food at the Summer Solstice Festival, Saturday, June 20. The festivities take place from 4 to 10 pm at the Shaker Heights Colonnade, adjacent to the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building at 3450 Lee Road. Admission is free and open to the public. The event will be held rain or shine.

Bring the whole family – as well as blankets and lawn chairs – and enjoy "dinner out" from local food vendors. This year, beer and wine will also be available. Enjoy special activities for children early in the evening, as well as strolling artists throughout the night, including a juggler, stilt walker, and magician Richard McClendon. Local artisans will also offer their wares.

Be sure to bring your dancing shoes: scheduled musical performances include swing band Blue Lunch; the musical drums of PANic Steel; uplifting gospel selections by Prayer Warriors; show tunes by William Clarence Marshall; Noel Quintana's Latin Crew; and Brazilian drum band Samba Joia. At dusk, rhythm specialist Cindy Hill leads a traditional drum circle.

Visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) or [shakerartscouncil.org](http://shakerartscouncil.org) for up-to-date information on planned activities and entertainment.





## “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil” Benefits Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

On Saturday, June 20, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (NCSL) offers its summer benefit, “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.” Based on John Berendt’s best-selling book and the movie of the same title, the event promises “an evening guaranteed to evoke the charming aura of Savannah, Georgia, featuring Southern-Gothic style hospitality with a touch of cheeky fun.”

The theme explores the “good” of sustainable practices and green living versus the “evil” of unsound environmental choices.

NCSL will transform its outdoor parking area into a garden-swathed tented gala, complete with cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, and dinner, followed by a live auction. Guests can dance under the stars from 9 pm to midnight to live music by the Special Request Band, featuring the music of Savannah native Johnny Mercer and other selections from the movie soundtrack.

This 500-person event has historically been a sell-out, drawing revelers from across the Cleveland area. The benefit is the primary fundraiser for NCSL’s general operating costs. The NCSL has been a leader in natural history and environmental education for children and adults for over 40 years. In particular, NCSL has been instrumental in protecting the Doan Brook and its watershed, a geographic area reaching from Lake Erie through Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, and Shaker Heights.

Tickets are \$150 for members, \$175 for non-members. Cocktails at 6 pm, followed by dinner at 8 pm. Summer party attire is encouraged. To reserve tickets or for more information, call NCSL at 216-321-5935 or visit [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

## Enjoy Fireworks Responsibly

Fireworks are a wonderful part of our Independence Day celebrations, but should be left to trained professionals. The Shaker Heights Fire Department wants residents to know that there are no “safe” fireworks. Every year, over 8,000 people in the U.S. are treated for serious injuries related to fireworks. Fireworks can also cause life-threatening home fires. Children should never handle sparklers, which burn at a temperature of 1,000 degrees. Adults using sparklers should be sure to have a bucket of water nearby, and dispose of sparklers with care.

Come enjoy the dazzling display of fireworks at Shaker Middle School on the Fourth of July at dusk!

## Shakespeare Al Fresco Returns to Shaker

The Cleveland Shakespeare Festival returns to the Shaker Colonnade this summer with two exciting – and free – outdoor productions by the Bard: the troupe performs *Anthony and Cleopatra* on Saturday, July 18 and *A Winter’s Tale*, on Sunday, July 19.

Both performances begin promptly at 7 pm and are edited to allow for a family-friendly running time of about two hours each. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chair,

but leave the umbrellas at home; in case of rain, the production moves into the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, directly adjacent to the outdoor staging area.

According to Shaker resident Park Goist, president of the board of trustees for the Festival, Shaker is the longest-running and best-attended of the many outdoor venues to host the productions each summer, typically drawing about 300 people over the weekend. This summer will be the tenth year at Shaker, and the 12th year for the Festival. The troupe is comprised of professional actors, community theater veterans, and students, many of whom hail from the Heights area.



**Cleveland Shakespeare Festival** at the Community Colonnade.

Tyson Rand, Artistic Director, says, "Coming to the Colonnade is like coming home for us. Each year, the crowds get bigger, and they have always welcomed us with open arms."

## Grill Safely This Summer

With barbecue season in full swing, the Shaker Heights Fire Department provides these common sense precautions for outdoor chefs:

- Keep a fire extinguisher near the grill area when cooking out.
- Do not wear loose clothing around the grill.
- Keep children away from the grill.
- Do not use grills under any overhead structure that can catch fire, such as party tents or patio awnings.
- All grills should be kept a minimum of 15 feet from the house or wood deck.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- Keep alcoholic beverages away from the grill – they are flammable!

### For Propane Grills...

- Check for leaks every time the cylinder is replaced, and check grill hoses for cracking or holes.
- When lighting the grill, keep the top open. If the grill does not light in the first few attempts, wait five minutes to allow gas to dissipate.
- Never store a propane gas container indoors.

### For Charcoal Grills...

- Do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals; charcoal produces carbon monoxide fumes when burning.
- Never use any fluid other than charcoal lighter fluid, and follow directions carefully.
- Never add lighter fluid to an open flame.
- Never dump hot coals into a trashcan.

## Check Permit Requirements Before Work Starts

Before beginning any home improvement project, the City strongly encourages homeowners to check for permit requirements. In order to pull a permit from the City, a contractor must have proof of insurance. Jim Trivisonno, a local insurance agent, explains, "This requirement is not a way to make the process more difficult; it is truly for the homeowner's protection, as it gives the City some leverage to help ensure that the work gets done."

Jim Ziegler, director of the Building Department, concurs, and advises homeowners, "Always hire a licensed professional, and steer away from anyone who exclusively uses a P.O. Box address. Don't let a contractor talk you out of getting a permit. A good contractor will be happy to comply with the City's requirements."

Some common home improvement projects that require permits include interior remodeling, furnaces, hot water tanks, air conditioning units, porch and patio work, driveway replacement and resurfacing, and any new construction.

Many housing violations do not require permits, such as repairs to steps or siding, or minor electrical work. However, to be on the safe side, it is always best to check the City website for a comprehensive listing, at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), or call the Building Department at 216-491-1460.

## Government-Funded Immunizations Now Available

The Shaker Heights Health Department is now offering required and recommended back-to-school and day-care immunizations for children aged six weeks through 18 years. All shots are offered at City Hall, 3400 Lee Road. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, call the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

The Health Department was recently accepted into a federally funded program

that supplies vaccines to underinsured children. Children without health insurance, or whose health insurance does not cover vaccines, are eligible to receive all required and recommended vaccines at the cost of \$12 per shot. Recommended vaccines that are available include Hepatitis A and HPV. For a complete list of required immunizations, see [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

The Health Department also offers adult vaccines; fees vary according to market prices for the vaccines. Clinic dates and adult vaccine prices are also 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.

## Bantam Hockey Players Repeat as Champs

Shaker's Bantam AA Recreation League players are state champions – again. The team is comprised of the same players who won last year's state championship, when they played at the Pee Wee level. They are the first Shaker team ever to win back-to-back championships. Mike Shenk coached the team to victory at Gilmour Academy last March.

## Business News

### Childcare Provider Opens

#### Location in Shaker

Kidz Corner Child Care Center will soon open at 20300 Chagrin Boulevard. The proprietor, Daljeet Bhogal, also operates the Beachwood Child Development Center on Chagrin Boulevard. Her brother, Vijay Bhogal, purchased the building that formerly housed Charlotte's Day Spa, located between Chandler and Rudd and Bicycle Boulevard.

The Bhogals saw the need for another location to serve their customers, most of whom come from Shaker Heights. The new location will have capacity for up to

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## Arbor Day Picture Contest Winners



First Place

**Daniel Chapman-Sung**

5th grade, Woodbury Elementary



Second Place

**Emilie Gunn**

5th grade, Woodbury Elementary



Third Place

**Hannah Steiss**

5th grade, Woodbury Elementary

## Trees are Shaker's Crowning Glory

### "Tree City USA"

For the 24th time, the National Arbor Day Foundation has named Shaker Heights as a "Tree City USA." Shaker meets the criteria by having a tree advisory board, a tree care ordinance, a community forestry department, and an annual Arbor Day observance.

### Heritage Tree Award

The winner of this year's Heritage Tree Award was nominated by the Colton Road residents who planted the Red Oak in 1968.

Judith Phelps recalls, "On a snowy, cold Thanksgiving day in 1968, my husband planted a small and skinny tree in our front yard to celebrate the birth of our son. Today, 40 years later, this wonderful climbing tree is as tall and strong as our son. Passers-by remark on its unusual beauty and the formation of its lower limbs, which resemble open arms welcoming us home."

The stunning tree is 52 feet tall, with a diameter of 41 inches and a crown spread of 76 feet.

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 the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490. Nominated trees are associated with a famous person or significant event, an historical landmark, or unusual size, form or age.

## Woodbury Students Celebrate Arbor Day

In celebration of Arbor Day, a group of sixth graders from Woodbury planted the ninth magnolia tree at the "Magnolia Walkway" in Southerly Park. Woodbury students also participated in an Arbor Day poster contest. Shaker's Tree Advisory Board coordinates the annual observance activities.



## Townley Residents Revisit Bare Root Planting

Last year, Townley Road residents helped plant 18 new trees on their street, using a relatively new method known as "bare root" planting. Bare root planting differs from the traditional method of "ball and burlap" planting, in that trees are purchased and planted with the roots exposed. Bare root trees grow to maturity more quickly. They also are less expensive to purchase and require less soil and water than deep-planted trees. Due to the great success of the first round – 15 of the 18 trees are thriving – Townley residents honored Arbor Day by planting an additional 10 trees using this method.



91 children, ages six weeks to 12 years, with hours of operation from 6:30 am to midnight. The extended hours help parents working later shifts, particularly in the medical industry. The Bhogals are in the process of renovating the space, and hope to begin accepting families in the fall. Exterior improvements include a play area behind the building, which will be enclosed by a protective and ornamental aluminum fence, and resurfacing of the parking area.

#### Video Production Company Tells the "Second Story"

A Shaker-based video production company, Second Story Productions, puts the spotlight on several local companies with its new website, [www.secondstoryproductions.net](http://www.secondstoryproductions.net). Principal owner Sara Sullivan founded the company in 2005 to provide video communication tools primarily for the non-profit sector, a niche she felt was underserved.



Her husband, Brian Sullivan, is creative director and co-owner of the company. Both Sullivans are Shaker natives who returned to their hometown several years ago, opting for Northeast Ohio over New York as a better place to grow their business and their family.


"We missed the look and feel of Shaker," says Brian. "The beautiful architecture, quality schools, and a prospering business community all beckoned us home."

The name of the company is a double-entendre: the business was launched from the second story of their home, and has grown by leaps and bounds as they have focused on the mission of "telling the story behind the story," as Sara puts it. She says, "The secret to our success has been to focus not just on the organization itself, but also on the people whose lives have been touched by that organization."

Second Story draws clients from the arts, education, health care, and numerous non-profit organizations. They also serve an increasing base of for-profit companies, including manufacturing and

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real estate development. The new website highlights work they have done for the Cleveland Play House – which brought them to the attention of the Guthrie Theater in Minneapolis – and several other local organizations, including Adoption Network Cleveland, Positive Education Program, and HVHC, Inc., a conglomerate of national eyewear brands.

For more information, contact Sara Sullivan at 216-292-5946.

### Shaker News Briefs

- Shaker resident **Richard Bertman** has been appointed to the position of mortgage loan originator for First Federal Lending, a division of First Federal of Lakewood. He will be working out of the First Federal Lending loan production office in Solon.
- The American Cancer Society Ohio Division has chosen Shaker resident **Clark Distelhorst, M.D.** to receive its distinguished John Peter Minton, M.D., Ph.D., Hero of Hope Research Medal of Honor.

Distelhorst is a physician, scientist, and educator with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and University Hospitals Case Medical Center's Ireland Cancer Center. The Hero of Hope award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of cancer research in Ohio.

Distelhorst has been involved in cancer research for 38 years. He was chosen for the honor due to his "seminal contributions to the understanding of the mechanism of cellular death, particularly related to calcium signaling." His research findings have furthered the understanding and treatment of lymphoid cancers in particular. In addition to his work as a researcher, Distelhorst is an oncologist with a primary interest in lymphoid cancers and general hematology.

- **Dr. Arthur Lavin**, a Shaker resident with a thriving pediatric practice, recently appeared on Parents TV via Comcast Cable in a segment titled "The Meaning of Discipline."

The segment provided parenting advice regarding what age to begin providing discipline, how to handle toddler tantrums, and surviving the "terrible twos." The program was broadcast to 85 million homes, and is also available for viewing online, at [www.parents.com/parentstv](http://www.parents.com/parentstv) and at [www.youtube.com/parents](http://www.youtube.com/parents). Parents.tv is the online service of Parents Magazine.

### Recycling News

#### Phone Book Round-Up from June 6 to September 18

Look for specially marked "Phone Book Recycling" dumpsters at Main and Bertram Woods Libraries, Thornton Park, and City Hall parking lots.

Sign up for Recycling News updates delivered to your desktop at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### Seasonal Reminders

**Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 6, 13, 20 & 27 and July 18 & 25 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

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





**Block Party Requests:** Register at least two weeks in advance to close streets for block parties, races or parades at shakeronline.com.

**Contractors:** While the City cannot recommend contractors, lists of contractors registered with the City can be viewed at shakeronline.com. Lists are updated regularly.

**Go Green Rebate Program:** Income eligible residents can receive a rebate for their energy audit and up to 25% of approved costs for energy efficient improvements (up to \$1,000). Find out more by calling 216-491-1370.

**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, including ragweed, goldenrod, poison ivy, or poison oak are declared nuisances.

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

**Rubbish pickup:** Independence Day falls on a Saturday this year and so trash collection will not be delayed. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com.

**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.

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## REAL NUMBERS

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

ADDRESS	2008/09 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3266 ARDMORE ROAD	\$265,000	\$263,000 (2005)	\$10,000 (1926)
14310 ASHWOOD ROAD	\$ 35,000	\$ 28,000 (2008)	\$46,000 (1976)
3336 KENMORE ROAD	\$214,500	\$239,000 (2005)	\$ 9,000 (1923)
3612 NORWOOD ROAD	\$253,000	\$ 85,000 (2008)	\$11,000 (1940)
22126 RYE ROAD	\$164,000	\$204,000 (2001)	\$30,000 (1954)
17928 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$124,000	\$ 29,500 (2008)	\$ 9,000 (1929)
20700 UNIVERSITY BLVD	\$275,000	\$290,000 (2001)	\$40,000 (1956)
3227 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$275,000	\$298,500 (2005)	\$14,000 (1926)

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

2742 ROCKLYN ROAD	\$335,000	\$350,000 (1990)	\$13,000 (1933)
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Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

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

To learn how to qualify, call Jacqueline Patterson the Housing Specialist at 216-491-1333.

#### Apartments:

**Ashby Arms** – 15500 Van Aken Blvd, owner Brian Cook  
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**Fairhill Place** – 13660 Fairhill Road, owner Ken Montlack (Montlack Mgmt)  
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**Shaker Norwood** – 3660 Warrensville Ctr Rd – Ned & Catherine Wasserstein (Waterstone Properties) Certified 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10

**Shaker Park East** – 2540 North Moreland, owners Capital Properties  
Certified 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10

**South Shaker** – 15700 Van Aken Blvd, owner Robert Hart  
Certified 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07, 2007-08, 2008-09, 2009-10

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## Library Begins Work on Building Plan with Architect

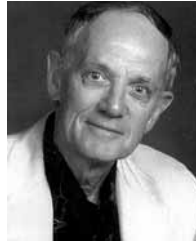
Library staff members are beginning work with architect Duane Van Dyke to develop a master plan for library buildings, which will be followed by construction. The first phase of the master plan involves the assessment of existing facilities, including documentation of existing shelving, library material, seating, and other items. The architect will meet with staff to determine needs and to review overall goals with the Library Board.

Phase two involves a space-needs analysis, and the architect will work with the Director, administrators, and public service staff to define space needs and functions, taking into account current and future growth, technology, services, and community input, especially regarding the unfinished areas of Main Library's second floor.

Strong consideration will be given to recommendations from the Strategic Plan and the Staffing Study & Organizational Assessment to reduce service desks, add self-checkout stations, implement self-service holds shelves, and to create new spaces such as a library café, a dedicated Homework Center, and expanded computer facilities.

A third phase involves preparation of a layout of the plan showing location of shelving, furniture, and review meetings with staff and Board. A key result of this part of the plan will be cost estimates and establishing priorities. Results will be shared with the public before construction begins.

## Main Library Art Wall Features Butterfly Exhibit



Hohman

The Main Library Art Wall features Larry Hohman's *Alphabetical Butterflies in Color* through June 27. The exhibit contains 26 mounted, full-color prints of pencil renderings of butterflies and their favorite flowers representing each letter of the alphabet.

Hohman is the author and artist of alphabetical books including *Alphabetical Birds in Color*, *Alphabetical Beasts in Color*, and *Alphabetical Botanicals in Color*. His newest edition, *Alphabetical Butterflies in Color*, joins the others as a favorite of adults and children.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Hohman's talent for drawing was honed by The Cleveland Institute of Art. After graduation, he went to work as an art studio designer, then as an advertising art director, and finally as the owner of a commercial art studio before retiring in 1996.

Hohman's love of nature and the outdoors is reflected in his illustrations. Residents may purchase the art either as a 12-inch by 12-inch gold-framed print for \$48, or as a 12-inch by 12-inch matted print for \$20, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Library.

## Shaker Library Receives Picturing America Award

Shaker Library has received a Picturing America Award. An exciting new initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Picturing America brings masterpieces of American art

into classrooms and libraries nationwide. The exhibit is composed of 20 double-sided images.

The Picturing America exhibit will be on display July 1 through September 1 on the Main Library Art Wall. The exhibit includes art with powerful, American themed subjects and can help today's young Americans learn about our nation's history.

## Adult Summer Reading Program Offers Renewable Energy for the Brain

This summer the Library offers adults a reading program with a science theme that runs concurrently with the Children's Summer Reading program, June 8–July 31. The program offers adults the opportunity to have fun reading and to model good reading habits for children. The program also encourages readers to try new literary genres.

As in the children's program, adults receive incentives for reading or attending a library program, movie, or book discussion. One drawing will be held each week with a grand prize drawing at the end of the program.

Participants are encouraged to report on their books by submitting brief comment cards with their reactions. In keeping with the science theme, comments can be positive, negative, or neutral. Additionally, the Library will post a "Periodic Table of Reading Elements" where readers can mark the categories of books read.

## Summer Focus: Horticultural Landscape and Urban Design

This June the library focuses on horticulture and urban design at two evening programs. Enjoy a presentation on the

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10 am-noon Thursdays & Saturdays

1-3 pm Thursdays

*No registration required.*

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

10 am-noon Wednesdays

*One time registration is required; call Shaker Family Center at 216 921-2030.*

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

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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.

Summer session: June 16–July 23

10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch

10 am Thursdays at Main Library

Class size is limited. Please register for one or more classes beginning June 1 at the library where your child will attend.

**STORIES AND MORE**

Stories, songs, and crafts for children ages 2 and 3 with an adult

Summer session: June 16–July 22

10 am or 11 am Tuesdays at Main Library or

10 am or 11 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch

*Register for one or more classes beginning June 1 at the library where your child will attend.*

**BUTTERFLY HANDS**

For children up to 5 years with an adult

Learn basic signs through songs, fingerplays, flannel boards, and interaction with Sammy, the signing puppet.

Thursdays, June 4, 11, 18 and 25

9:30-10 am –

Session one for beginners

10:15-10:45 am –

Session two for those who have attended at least one class

*Registration began May 21.*

**PRESCHOOL STORIES**

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3 through 5 years old.

Summer session: June 15–July 21

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 15.

*Registration begins June 1.*

**SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2009**

**“EXPLORE...EXPERIMENT...READ!”**

June 8–July 31

Children from 2 years to grade 8 are invited to have fun with reading and science. Visit the Children's Department at either library beginning June 8 to sign up.

***Generously funded by Friends of the Shaker Library.***

Summer Specials: June 16 – July 22  
 Stories, crafts, and special guests for children entering grades 1 – 6 in the fall.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Main Library

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Woods Branch

Registration begins 2 weeks before each program. Please call the library where you will attend.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUMMER**

**EXPLOSION AT WOODS BRANCH**

6:30-8 pm Friday, June 12

Mix and mingle with friends and neighbors and compound your enjoyment with a Friends mini book sale. Make crafts, play games and plan to bond with reading this summer as we explore, experiment and READ!

**SUMMER READING FAMILY FUN WEEK  
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Storytelling, songs and silliness for the whole family, and a cool snack, too.

7 pm Monday, July 13. Registration begins June 29.



### BIG BUBBLE BLOW-OUT AT MAIN LIBRARY

Sue Durante, "The Bubble Lady," works her magic in a show for both children and adults. See bubbles that multiply, bubbles that perform acrobatic feats, square bubbles and bubbles big enough to step inside. It's guaranteed to be good clean fun for all!

2 pm Saturday, July 18

Registration begins July 3.

history of landscape cemeteries showcasing horticulture and other elements at Lake View Cemetery at 7 pm Tuesday, June 2 at Main Library when David Gressley presents *Down the Garden Path: Lake View Cemetery's History*.



Gressley

Gressley is a graduate of The Ohio State University and serves as the horticulturist at Lake View Cemetery where he is responsible for maintaining the collection and creating educational

programming.

At 7 pm Tuesday, June 16 at Main Library Shaker resident Charles P. Graves, Jr., author of *The Genealogy of Cities*, talks about the The Study of Urban Design through Historic City Plans. His lecture covers the use of the city plan through history, how there are different identifiable historic typologies found within the city plan, and how an urban designer uses historic plans for city



Graves

designs executed today. Graves is associate professor of archi-

tecture at Kent State University He received his Master of Architecture with a focus in urban design from Cornell University. His book, *The Genealogy of Cities*, is a compilation of ancient and modern city plans, depicting both built and proposed plans. Following his talk, books will be available for sale and signing.

### First Quarter Donors to the Library

Thank you to the generous people who donated money to the Library during the first quarter. Thank you to Margaret and Bill Simon for underwriting the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest awards. Thanks to Joan Steinberg who donated funds in honor of Kate and David Burleigh; Constance Townsend who donated funds in memory of Richard Ruhlman; and thanks to Julie Baumoe, who donated funds in memory of Sheldon Baumoe. Additional thanks go to Joseph Kickel and Ethel and Fred Nathanson who gave money to the Bertram Woods Branch Fund.

Randy Kammer made many donations to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund in memory of Lelabelle Freeman, Thomas Keifer, Richard Toske, Wendy Lester, Dr. Justin MacCarthy, Gene F. Cermak, Frederick Hart, Jewell Howell, Jim Long, Hope Gallagher, and Reginald Phelps. She also donated funds to honor Mary Anderson, Kevin McCarty, Judge James Perry, and to celebrate Adele Sohyoon Aboucher's birth. Marilyn and Michael Gardner gave money to the Belman Fund and Marsha Moses gave money to honor the service of Shaker librarian, Lynda Thomas.

One of the most common ways residents can make donations to the library is to pay for memorial books purchased by the library in remembrance of a friend or loved one, to honor a friend on a special achievement, or even to memorialize a beloved family pet. Typical donations range from \$25 to \$50.

Residents seeking to make an outright gift to the library may do so as unrestricted

ed or restricted. An unrestricted gift can be an annual donation of \$100 in appreciation of services provided by the Library. The donation would be deposited in the library's general fund. Restricted gifts of \$1,000 or more may be earmarked for a specific purpose, such as the purchase of material on a specific subject.

In 2000, Friends of the Shaker Library provided the seed money for the library's Endowment Fund, established as a Fund of the Cleveland Foundation. The purpose of the Endowment Fund is "to provide a perpetual source of stable support for the Shaker Heights Public Library." Individuals and organizations may contribute to the Shaker Heights Public Library Fund of the Cleveland Foundation as a tribute to a friend, to memorialize a loved one, to honor a special occasion, or just to build the library's endowment. The Library offers a full range of planned gift opportunities that allow donors to enjoy tax savings.

For more information or to make a contribution to the Library, contact Library director Luren Dickinson at 216-991-2030.

### Shaker Library Announces Winners of the 10th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition

The Library celebrated the Tenth Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition with an awards ceremony and reception on March 30 at Main Library. Sussex-area resident Amy Lewandowski received the Best of Show for her watercolor, *A Very Good Breakfast*, which was purchased by the library for its permanent art collection.

First place went to Joseph Kaczmarek for his oil painting, *Camryn*; second place to Michael Benjamin for his oil painting, *TREYF*; and third place to David Brichford for his pinhole archival inkjet photograph, *Water Wheel*.

Honorable Mentions were awarded to Jeanne Fuller for her linocut print, *Classic Architecture*; George Kocar for his acrylic painting, *Mother Nature*; Adele

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Marihatt for her oil on linen, *Upon a Twig*; Tyrone Moore for his charcoal drawing, *Miles – Laying the Voodoo Down*; Leena Nevalainen-Smith for her woodcut, *Computer Boy*; Elise Newman for her oil pastel, *Protea Garden in South Africa*, and George Williams for his pastel, *What Do They Want Now?*

Other artists juried into this year's competition included: John Bonner, Michael Cole, Lois Davis Diane Duncan, Margaret Fischer, Betty Forchheimer, Susan Herwald, S. Anna Hsu, Joyce Logan, Dominic Minadeo, Horace Reese, Linda Richards, Mary Ryan, Patricia Schroeder, Jane Smith, and Elias Traboulsi.

This year's competition was judged by Mary Stone, who holds a B.A. from Vassar College and an M.A. from New York University with additional work in art history, anthropology, design and painting at the University of California at Los Angeles and the University of New Mexico.

### Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors

Senior residents are invited to learn to play the new Wii games, specifically Wii Sports, a collection of video games that blends attention, memory, and physical activity into a challenging game. Summer classes are held from 1-3:30 pm Wednesdays, June 10, June 24, July 8, and July 22 on the second floor at the Main Library.

Spaces are limited to eight participants per session, and reservations are required by calling 216-991-2030 ext. 3180.

### Book Discussions at Main Library

Book a time to discuss one or all of the books listed below.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 9

*The Tenderness of Wolves* by Stef Penney

In this multi-layered debut novel, the year is 1867, and the setting is the wintry wasteland of Canada's Northern



Territory, where the murder of fur trader Laurent Jammet and the disappearance of his 17-year-old neighbor, Francis Ross, spark investigations.

10 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 9

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*

by **Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows**

Impromptu letters among a London journalist and eccentric residents of Guernsey provide a heartwarming but realistic glimpse of a German occupied British island during WWII where books and recipes became a lifeline.

NOON SATURDAY, JUNE 13

*Sophie and the Rising Sun* by **Augusta Trobaugh**

When the town spinster becomes more than friends with the older Japanese American gardener the whole town is suspicious. Then, Pearl Harbor is bombed and everyone becomes unforgiving and unwilling to accept anything out of the norm.

NOON SATURDAY, JUNE 20

*The Sister: A Novel* by **Poppy Adams**

Estranged for 50 years, two sisters reunite and decide to live together. Their reunion, however, is marred by painful memories and dark secrets.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 23

*The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by **Kim Edwards**

Snowed in with a wife in labor, a doctor is forced to deliver his twins. When he realizes that his daughter has Down syndrome, he tells his wife that the baby was stillborn. He instructs his nurse to take the baby to a home for disabled children, but instead she moves away and raises the child as her own.

10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 14

*Away* by **Amy Bloom**

When immigrant Lillian Leyb finds out her three-year-old daughter may still be alive in Siberia, she begins an epic trans-continental journey ultimately walking the

Yukon Trail toward the Bering Strait.

## **Friends' Annual Meeting features Medicine Comes to Early Clevelanders with Marjorie Wilson**

Friends of the Shaker Library believes that volunteering is good medicine – both for volunteers and the library. Continuing in that vein, the organization presents a special PowerPoint production by Marjorie Wilson entitled *Medicine Comes to Early Clevelanders* at 7:30 pm Tuesday, July 7 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Did you know that Stephen Douglas came to Cleveland for innovative throat surgery? Or that Cleveland Medical College (the precursor to CWRU Medical School) was the second medical school to admit women? Learn more about Cleveland's medical pioneers at the Friends' program, which follows a brief Business Meeting and the election of officers for the 2009–2010 term.

Marjorie Wilson has been a docent and interpretative guide at the James Garfield Memorial Monument at Lake View Cemetery for the past ten years. Her association with Lake View generated a special interest in early Clevelanders, leading to research, development, and presentation of her own programs including Clevelanders in the Civil War and *Medicine Comes to Early Cleveland*. According to Wilson, "What truly fascinates me are the recurring relationships, the interweaving of ambitions, marriages, and political competitions among the people in this relatively small professional group."

Wilson grew up in New York State and is a graduate of Cornell University with an honors degree in nutritional sciences. Her early professional life included teaching and writing in the food and nutrition field. She is on the Executive Board of the Cleveland Civil War Round Table, active in two book groups, and busy at Lake View Cemetery.

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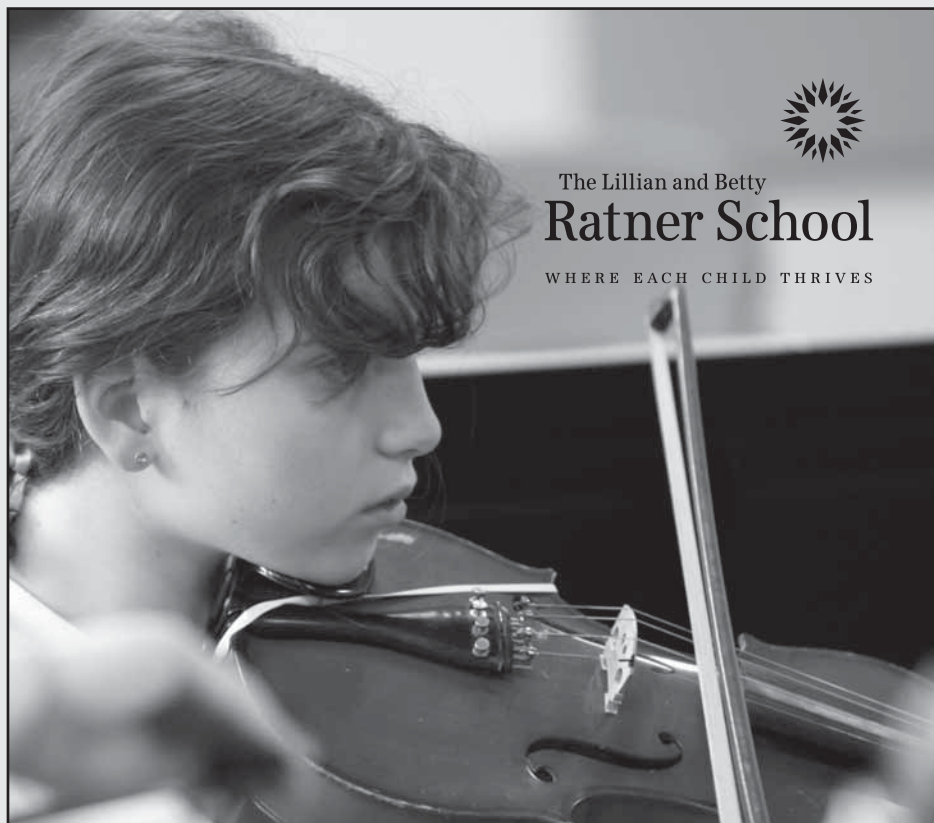
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## **Teen Center at Main Library**

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June 16: Forensic Science  
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June 23: Botany  
Grow something green. Make your own Chia pet to take home.

June 30: Zoology  
Take an Animal Quiz. Find out what kind of animal you're most like.

July 7: Chemistry  
Make your own natural products including bath potpourri or lip balm.

July 14: Behavioral Science  
Test your memory. Can mnemonics help you remember things?

July 21: Physics  
Get physical virtually with Wii Sports.

### TEEN CENTER SUMMER HOURS:

1-6 pm Monday June 15-Thursday, July 30. The Teen Center is closed the week of June 8 and reopens Monday, June 15.

### The Bookshelf: Birding

*Attracting Birds, Butterflies & Other Winged Wonders to Your Backyard* by **Kris Wetherbee**; **photographs by Rick Wetherbee**. Lark Books, 2004. Any garden can become a more beautiful and welcoming haven for winged wildlife with the extensive information and 30 projects found within these attractive pages. Supplemental charts detail the plants' key characteristic, and there are sample plans for designing lovely hummingbird, songbird, and butterfly gardens.

*Audubon North American Birdfeeder Guide* by **Robert Burton, Stephen Kreu, and Stephen Kress**. DK Publishing, 2005. Produced in association with the National Audubon Society, this book covers the best ways to attract, observe, and feed birds in your own backyard, and is the only book you'll need to master the art of bird watching.



*City Birding: True Tales of Birds and Birdwatching in Unexpected Places* by **Kenn Kaufman, Marie Winn, and Ann Zwinger**. Stackpole Books, 2003. The funny, informative, thought-provoking, true stories collected here demonstrate the amazing adaptability of birds, which thrive in almost any setting humans create: city parks, busy marinas, cemeteries, sewage lagoons.

*Field Guide to Backyard Birds of the Midwest* by **Brian E. Small**. Cool Springs Press, 2008. This handsome field guide has more than 100 entries showcasing the 60 most popular birds in the Midwest.

*Flyaway: How a Wild Bird Rehabber Sought Adventure and Found Her Wings* by **Suzie Gilbert**. Harper, 2009. This is the captivating memoir of a housewife from a Hudson River town who takes in injured wild birds to rehabilitate them, and turns her home – already filled with kids, pets, and a husband – into Flyaway, Inc., a nonprofit wild bird rehabilitation center.

*National Geographic Birding Essentials* by **Jonathan K. Alderfer and Jon L. Dunn**. National Geographic Society, 2007. This comprehensive and authoritative guide is both engaging and user-friendly while teaching readers how to begin and improve their birding.

*National Geographic Guide to Birding Hotspots of the United States* by **Mel White with Paul Lehman**. National Geographic Society, 2006. Boasting more than 220 full-color illustrations and maps, this book is the perfect practical companion to the National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America. As useful at home as it is on the road, the guide pinpoints the best places to see more than 400 species of birds from coast to coast.

*Out of the Woods: A Bird Watcher's Year* by **Ora E. Anderson**; illustrated by **Julie Zickefoose**. Ohio University Press, 2007. In 59 essays and poems, Ora E. Anderson, birder, bird carver, naturalist, and nature writer,

reveals the insights and recollections of a keen-eyed observer of nature, both human and avian. Detailed drawings and evocative sketches will delight bird watchers, artists, naturalists, backyard gardeners, and anyone who is tempted to take a rutted, overgrown, and unused path just to see where it leads.

*The Owl and the Woodpecker: Encounters with North America's Most Iconic Birds* by **Paul Bannick**. Mountaineers Books, 2008. The diversity of these two families of birds and the ways in which they define and enrich their ecosystems are the subjects of this vivid new book.

*Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America* by **Roger Tory Peterson**. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2008. To celebrate the centennial of Peterson's birth, this guidebook combines the *Peterson Field Guide to Eastern Birds* and the *Peterson Field Guide to Western Birds* into one, concise, easy-to-use volume. Directions for accessing helpful birdwatching video podcasts are included.

*The Singing Life of Birds: The Art and Science of Listening to Birdsong* by **Donald E. Kroodsma**; illustrated by **Nancy Haver**. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2005. Through highly personal stories, the author explores how and why birds sing, and how people can better understand them through their songs. The book includes an audio CD of birdsongs.

*What's That Bird?: Getting to Know the Birds Around You, Coast to Coast* by **Joseph Choiniere and Claire Mowbray Golding**; illustrated by **James Robins**. Storey Publishing, 2005. This book offers a unique combination of ID guidance along with basic information about how to become a birdwatcher, making it the perfect tool for beginning enthusiasts. Intended as a book for adults and children to share, the design and text are engaging and accessible.

*Why Don't Woodpeckers Get Headaches?: And Other Answers to Bird Questions You Know You*

*Want to Ask* by **Mike O'Connor**; illustrated by **Michael Chesworth**. Beacon Press, 2007. This beginner's guide to birding is a compilation of some of the best (and worst) questions put to the author in his beloved "Ask the Bird Folks" columns, such as, why do birds sing at 4:30 am instead of 7:00 am?

## Summer Computer Classes Offered

Can't afford the high cost of software? Register for one of four OpenOffice.org classes, and learn to use a free suite of software with features and functions much like the others. Want to collaborate on projects via the Internet? Sign up for Internet for experts: Google Docs and learn to work virtually and collaboratively. The library continues to offer Winway resume writing and Job Hunting online classes. This summer resolve to take advantage of the many free classes offered.

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### INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

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

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10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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*Registration begins June 15.*

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*Registration begins July 13.*

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

## INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

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*Registration begins June 15.*

10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, JULY 23

*Registration begins July 13.*

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

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3-4:30 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 19

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*Registration begins July 13.*

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

## BASIC WORD PROCESSING

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*Registration begins July 20.*

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software.

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*Registration begins June 29.*

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

## FACEBOOK® FOR PARENTS

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*Registration begins July 13.*

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## GRAPHICS AND CLIP ART IN WORD®

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

## Endnotes

- The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Main Library from 3-7 pm Monday, June 8 to accept blood donations.

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 pm Tuesday, June 9 at Bertram Woods Branch and is on hiatus during the months of July and August.

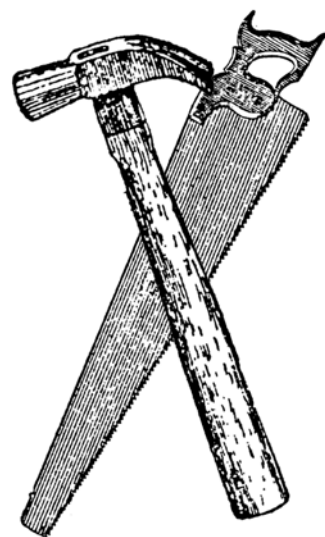
- Knit Nights are held at 7 pm Thursdays, June 11 and July 9 at Bertram Woods Branch. The programs are moderated by experienced knitter Fern Braverman. Bring a project and get or give help. For more information, call 216-991-2421.

- Free Family Flicks at Main Library continue through the summer. 2 pm Saturday, June 27 watch the PG-rated movie, *Paul Blart Mall Cop*, and at 2 pm Saturday, July 25, watch the PG-rated film, *Coraline*. Movies are free thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library, which funds the movie licensing rights.

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

- Shaker Library's Youth Services Manager, Susan Scheps, was awarded the 2009 Heights Parent Center's Carolyn Grossman Award that "honors individuals who demonstrate an extraordinary commitment to strengthening families and preparing young children for success in school and in life." Award recipients share the conviction that strong families, communities and parenting skills build strong children."

Susan received the award along with a cast glass sculptural figure depicting parent and child, designed by Carolyn's daughter, Susan Grossman, at a dinner at the Great Lakes Science Center on May 29. ■



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# taking shaker in stride

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

From Crabapple Grove to Shaker Town Center, the spiritual, physical, and aesthetic pleasures of walking are to be had in abundance in Shaker Heights.

Some of the best things in life are free, and walking ranks high among them. Add the health benefits and for those fortunate enough to live in Shaker Heights, the beautiful scenery, and there's no excuse to stay put. Sun up to sundown, strolling through Shaker's neighborhoods, around its lakes, and within its wooded parks offers a captivating mix of living history, architectural delights, and natural wonders.

If exercise is your aim, a long walk can take you from the hustle and bustle of the Larchmere shopping district at the City's far-west end to the edge of the residential Mercer neighborhood, some six miles east. Or, walk the Shaker Median Trail, 1.5 miles each way between Warrensville Center Road and Sulgrave. The trail continues through Beachwood to Brainard Road in Pepper Pike — an additional 1.25 miles each way. The trail is ADA accessible.

The outdoor tracks at Shaker High, Woodbury Elementary, and Shaker Middle School make keeping a brisk pace easy, and following the trails through Southerly Park and Horseshoe Lake Park is a peaceful way to get reacquainted with the great outdoors.

Living in Shaker also makes walking a viable alternative to getting behind the wheel. A short walk can get you from home to school, to the shopping center, or to the Rapid for a ride downtown to the office, an Indians game, or a lakefront museum.

Shaker's "walkability" is no accident. Inspired by the rural beauty of the land they'd purchased in the late 1800s, brothers O.P. and M.J. Van Sweringen developed one of the first planned communities.

"Shaker was carefully designed to integrate the natural landscape with the built environment, reflecting principles of the Garden City Movement that was just beginning in England at that time," explains Director of Planning Joyce Braverman. "That's why we have tree-lined, curvilinear streets, homes with large front lawns, and schools and institutions surrounded by lush green open spaces."

Shaker's design also includes sidewalks on every street — some 200 miles of sidewalk in all — plus several well-maintained walking paths and bike trails.

"Whether you're interested in award-winning architecture, natural habitats, or exceptional gardens and trees, you can experience it all as you walk through our City," promises Mayor Earl Leiken.

Among those clocking sidewalk miles are Rod and Sara Schiavoni Rezaee and their infant son, Grayson. "Both Rod and I grew up in Shaker and have fond memories of walking the neighborhoods with our grandparents," says Sara.

Today, Sara, who teaches political science at John Carroll University, and Rod, Director of Microvascular Head and Neck Reconstructive Surgery at University Hospitals, enjoy walking from their Malvern area home to the J. Pistone Market, to Fresh Market, and, on Saturday mornings, to the Rapid for a ride to the North Union Farmers Market.

"Before Grayson was born, we often walked together with our dog Derby in the evenings and on weekends," says Sara. "Our typical route was around our neighborhood, covering the blocks around Hanna Perkins Center. These streets are so beautiful in the spring and summer. The homes are all so different architecturally, and we like to get landscaping ideas from our neighbors. Now that Grayson is here, we'll be including the playgrounds at Hanna Perkins and Hathaway Brown in our walking routes, as well as the Bertram Woods library for story hours."

Walking lets you experience nature and the change of seasons. You notice the buds on the trees, the return of the birds, the koi below the bridge on Lower Lake.

## The Woodbury Walking Women

For Jani McWilliams and her fellow "Woodbury Walking Women," hour-long walks each weekday morning after the kids have left for school are part exercise, part social hour, and very therapeutic.

"Four years ago, my neighbors and I would socialize outside Onaway School after our children had gone in to class," Jani says. "We started having coffee together, then coffee and coffeecake. Then we realized we liked the socialization but needed to be exercising, not eating."

So began daily, three-mile walks for Jani and friends Myriam Neil, Linna Lippke, Allison Ting, and Sabrina Spangler.

"We start at Woodbury School, walk past the Nature Center, around Lower Lake, and up West Park to end back on our street," says Jani, a marriage and family counselor who finds the benefits of a regular walking routine immeasurable.

"We do it for our mental as well as physical health. We're always talking away, about our lives, our children, and we've helped each other through difficult things over the years."

Jani's love of walking springs from a tremendous feat she accomplished in 1986, when she and her husband walked from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C. in the Great Peace March for Global Nuclear Disarmament, a journey of about 3,700 miles that took over nine months.

What she loves most about walking in Shaker, she says, "is how walking lets you experience nature and the change of seasons. You notice the buds on the trees, the return of this or that bird, the number of koi below the bridge on Lower Lake. Last year, we witnessed Canadian geese nesting under the bridge, and on subsequent walks, saw four goslings, then just three, then only two. We guessed that snappers had gotten to them. We also spotted a woodpecker drilling through a tree, and several days later we saw eggs and, eventually, baby woodpeckers."

If you'd like to add purpose to your own foot travel via an interesting destination or opportunity for education, sign up for a guided architectural walking tour through Shaker Recreation (see story), or take a self-guided trail walk at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes (see story). Or try one of the worthy routes suggested here by those in the know.







## Walking The Nature Center

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes features two walking trails. Following either one of the two lets you experience six natural habitats: lake, stream, marsh, field, ravine, and forest.

The one-third-mile All People's Trail (APT) is a barrier-free, elevated boardwalk that makes it possible for people of all physical abilities to experience nature's wonders. A boardwalk deck that crosses over the north branch of Doan Brook and a marsh access ramp allow you to experience the stream and marsh habitats up close.

The trail also features a bird blind overlooking the marsh and stream, a lattice-sided tree house with benches, a geology observation deck, and a waterfall overlook area.

The mile-long Stearns Trail begins at the Nature Center's Wildflower Garden then winds through the grounds and along the south branch of Doan Brook. Features along the trail include a marsh observation deck, a brook observation deck, and a brook-side trail.

While visiting the Nature Center, keep your eyes open for all kinds of wildlife, such as red-tailed hawks and barred owls, red foxes and white-tailed deer, chipmunks and mink, box turtles and garter snakes.

— Nancy O'Connor

**Opposite page:** the Woodbury Walking Women. From left: Sabrina Spangler, Allison Ting, Jani McWilliams, Linna Lippke, and Myriam Neil. **PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO**

## Pat's Picks: Glorious Trees

Pat Neville,  
Shaker Heights Superintendent of Forestry

- Lower Shaker Lake, South Park Boulevard

"You'll see so many beautiful, mature trees here. My favorite is the tupelo. Look for the stand of black trees with glossy, dark green foliage. The white oaks there are also beautiful and huge — they are probably among Shaker's oldest trees."

- Magnolia Grove, West Side of Southerly Park

"This area is becoming my favorite. Look for the magnolia grove that was started 10 years ago as part of the City's annual Arbor Day celebration. We decided to get the schools involved, and every year in late April students join us for a tree-planting service at which they read poems or conduct other special events before planting a tree. Plaques designate what year each tree was planted, what type of magnolia it is, and which school dedicated it."

- Crabapple Grove, South Park Boulevard
- "Across from the Shaker Historical Museum, on the south side of Horseshoe Lake, you'll find a beautiful group of crabapple trees planted by the Shaker Lakes Garden Club."

- Red Oaks on Attleboro Road
- "It's quite an experience to walk beneath the red oaks that tower from the tree lawns along Attleboro Road, between South Woodland Road and Shaker Boulevard."

- Dawn Redwood at Shaker Family Center
- "I love this tree. It looks like a bean pole and stands near the tennis courts — see if it doesn't remind you of Florida."

- Twin American Elms at Courtland Oval
- "These side-by-side trees on the ball field green are stunning."

— Nancy O'Connor



## Homes & Architecture

For 25 years, Ken Goldberg has offered "Homes of Shaker Heights" architectural walking tours and workshops through the Shaker Heights Recreation Department.

A self-taught expert on local architecture and design, Goldberg enjoys sharing his love for older homes and communities.

"I've been interested in house design since I was young," says the Northeast Ohio Area-wide Coordinating Agency (NOACA) librarian, who holds a master's in Art History.

A current member of the Historic Resources Committee of the Cleveland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, Goldberg has also written regularly about and edited several works dealing with local history and architecture.

Through his walking tours and workshops, he helps participants appreciate what makes Shaker Heights architecturally significant and teaches them how to discern a home's age, style, most appropriate paint colors, and more.

The Sussex neighborhood is the focus of this year's walking tour, scheduled for Saturday, June 13, from 1:30 to 4 pm.

"We'll be looking at various examples of homes with distinctive architecture," says Goldberg. "As we walk, I also share some history of the neighborhood and how it reflects the Van Sweringen guidelines, and we talk about principles of historic preservation."

He also points out the work of well-known architects as well as home features that are likely not original. "I'm very opinionated," he admits, "but I try to be tactful where we see shutters that should not have been added, or doors that don't complement the home's design."

To register for the June 13 walking tour, held rain or shine, call 491-1295. Goldberg's workshop will be offered October 20 and 27.

— Nancy O'Connor



Ken Goldberg, Shaker architecture expert.

PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO



# Planning's Picks: Architecture Appreciation Paths

The staff of the City's Planning Department recommends these four routes to get an idea of Shaker's diverse home architecture.

## 1. Winslow Road Historic District *Ann Klavora, Senior Planner*

Approximately a mile long, Winslow Road is one of the oldest streets in the City. It runs between Farnsleigh Road and Avalon Road, and has 170 homes, three churches, and a community park.

Seventy-three percent of Winslow's homes were constructed by 1929. The oldest house, at 17707 Winslow, was built in 1924. Winslow is the only street in Shaker Heights that consists entirely of two-family houses, designed to look like single-family homes. Many feature leaded-glass windows and two-story bay windows on the front elevation.

Architect George Burrows designed 43 of the houses, more than any other architect. The noted architectural firm of Fox, Duthie and Foose designed 14 Winslow homes. Charles Schneider, who designed Plymouth Church, Fernway School, and Shaker Heights City Hall, designed the house at 18509 Winslow.

## 2. Scottsdale Master Model Homes *Joyce Braverman, Director*

The construction of eight Master Model Homes was sponsored by the Cleveland Plain Dealer and the Homeowners Service Institute of New York in 1928 to demonstrate how a high-quality design and quality materials could make a moderate-sized home truly elegant. The houses were designed by the firm of Fox, Duthie, and Foose in primarily French Eclectic and English styles. In addition to aesthetics, the Master Model Homes featured the latest construction methods and materials, such as asbestos roof shingles and steel lath.

Seven of the eight Master Model Homes were designated local landmarks in 1984. Look for them at these street numbers on Scottsdale: 17732, 18108, 18302, 18305, 18320, 18421, and 18716.

## 3. Fernway Neighborhood *Dan Feinstein, Senior Planner*

The Fernway neighborhood features a wide variety of architectural styles from English to Tudor Revival and French Eclectic. Fernway School, built in 1927, is an example of the Georgian Revival style. Its architect, Charles Schneider, also designed Shaker Heights City Hall.

A large addition to the school was constructed in 1957. The project architect was Charles Rowley, who helped design Shaker Square.

Over 100 homes in Shaker Heights were designed by Munroe Copper, Jr., and many of them are in Fernway at these addresses:

16628 Aldersyde	16608 Aldersyde
16617 Fernway	16817 Fernway
3299 Elsmere	3355 Elsmere
3336 Grenway	3315 Grenway
3356 Lansmere	3326 Lansmere
17725 Fernway	17403 Fernway



#### 4. Malvern Neighborhood

*Kelly Beck, Sr Administrative Assistant*

Malvern is characterized by curvilinear streets, which provide wonderful vistas. As with churches and other community amenities, the Van Sweringens often recruited established organizations to relocate in Shaker Heights. Hathaway Brown School, at 19600 North Park Boulevard, was one of the first private schools to be established in Shaker Heights, moving from downtown Cleveland in 1927.

Look for homes in the Tudor Revival, Georgian Revival, and French Eclectic styles throughout the Malvern neighborhood.

*Examples of the Tudor Revival style:*

17400 S. Park	2936 Glengary
2910 Fontenay	2927 Kingsley
2799 Courtland	2678 Eaton
18901 N. Park	19212 Shelburne
2721 Sherbrooke	20000 Marchmont
18040 S. Woodland	
18710 S. Woodland	

*Examples of the Georgian Revival style:*

3119 Courtland	3139 Courtland
2994 Courtland	2961 Manchester
19100 S. Park	19200 S. Park
19300 S. Park	19601 N. Park
2680 Chesterton	

*Examples of the French Eclectic style:*

2947 Brighton	2885 Carlton
2856 Glengary	2907 Glengary
2925 Eaton	2917 Falmouth
2951 Falmouth	2886 Kingsley
2917 Kingsley	3120 Kingsley
3140 Falmouth	2963 Montgomery
2986 Montgomery	3175 Montgomery
18803 N. Park	19605 Shaker
20100 Shaker	19111 Shelburne

— Nancy O'Connor







# walking to school

## a timeless pleasure

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO



When I went to Malvern Elementary School in Shaker Heights, students like me were known as “bussers.” Four times a day I trudged aboard Big Yellow (yes, Virginia, we went home for lunch back then), and gazed wistfully down upon that other, more exalted group, the “walkers,” skipping merrily along the sandstone sidewalks to their much closer homes and mommies.

Oh, how I longed to be a walker. I imagined an elaborate walker lifestyle, fed by my girlish fascination with fairy tales, luxury, and Gothic romance. My walker friends lived in stately homes of window-seats, back staircases, hardwood floors, and attics. Their spacious gardens sported climbable, fruit-bearing trees. In a walker’s home, it was easy to pretend you were a brilliant heiress, a put-upon serving maid, or even a ghost. I believed walking home from school had the power to transport me to earlier, more elegant times, far from the 1970s clutter of 8-tracks and shag carpeting.

Since I couldn’t convince my parents to buy a house near Malvern School, I often achieved temporary walker status by securing an invitation to eat lunch or play after school with walkers. I marveled at the joy of racing my friends down to the corner, of collecting lovely leaves and interesting rocks, of crossing the street by ourselves, of getting home in time to see re-runs of Speed Racer.

The charm of being a walker, of course, was lost on those privileged individuals. They took their ambulatory freedom for

granted, even casting envious glances at the cozy warmth of the bus on cold or rainy days.

Back then, I had a fair amount of freedom to roam in my own neighborhood (Fairmount Boulevard west of Warrensville Center Road). My friends and I would walk or bike to Campus Drug, Thornton pool, and each others’ houses, and I loved to visit various doting aunties living in nearby University Heights.

So I could see no earthly reason why I couldn’t walk home from school myself, Safety Town grad that I was. One fine spring afternoon, I chose not to be aware that I was a busser. I asked two sisters from down the street to come along – safety in numbers, and besides, one was two years older, and really athletic. I figured if I got too tired to finish, she could go on ahead and ask my mother to come get me.

I have a vivid sense-memory of that walk, of the cool, damp verdancy of Courtland Road, of the tangy-fresh smell of cut grass, of passing over what might have been a troll bridge spanning Doan Brook, of dappled patterns of shade and sunlight on the sandstone, of feeling a little tired but not admitting it to my friends, of relief at the familiar sight of our bus stop bordering Courtland Oval. I did it!

I burst through the kitchen door. “Mommy, guess what? I walked all the way home with Shari and Laura! Are you surprised? Aren’t you proud?” (Best to put a positive spin on things.)

Her reaction was something along the lines of, “Why would you want to walk so far, when there’s a bus?” Nature Girl Mom wasn’t. But she couldn’t have been too upset, because I was allowed to walk that mile home from school on many nice afternoons after that.

Until we moved. To a cul-de-sac of charmless “contemporary” homes, in a suburb with no sidewalks, and no “walkers,” at all. In fact, walking home from school was expressly



**Beth Friedman-Romell** with Onaway students Zakir Daughtery-Thomas, Harlan Friedman-Romell, and Alan Gibson. **Opposite page:** Shaker crossing guard Wallace Evans. **PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO**

forbidden, because the school was located on a busy state route.

By middle school, I had decided that stupid rules need not be followed. I only lived about half a mile from school. I defiantly stomped through weeds and mud under the beating sun, veering as far from the speeding cars and trucks as possible. Along the way, I rehearsed brilliant and passionate arguments should some school official dare to challenge my right to walk. But between the noise, the fumes, the glare, and the biting bugs, it wasn't much fun. Maybe it was my own awkward age as well as the setting, but I couldn't help mourning the close of my imaginary portal back to yesteryear.

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It took me over two decades on my life's path to get back to the sidewalks of Shaker Heights. And although we live in a "busser" zone, I walk my kids to or from school whenever I can. Sometimes other kids from our bus stop come along with us.

I think of walking as a free gym you don't have to drive to. To my delight, my boys would rather walk than ride the bus, for reasons of their own. My young teen prefers the solitude of a hassle-free walk, and my seven-year-old and his friends enjoy the "superpower" game I invented to keep little legs moving forward. This game is quite simple: Whenever you step on a round manhole cover (located on tree lawns), you are imbued with some magical ability, such as control of the weather, the ability to fly, speaking in tongues, or the power to seal your sibling's lips shut. Try it yourself sometime, and watch a dawdling youngster race toward the next manhole (and the school) at top speed.

These days, I daydream more about the neatly tended yards we walk by than the ill-used heroines who may have dwelled within the homes in days of yore, but a walk through the neighborhood always soothes my soul. Walking with our children grants us the gifts of time, attention, fitness, and appreciation for nature. I am so grateful to be back in a community that supports this simple pleasure.



# Safe Routes to School

The City of Shaker Heights and the Shaker Schools recently received a \$4,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation to prepare a Safe Routes to School Travel Plan.

“Safe Routes to School is a national program designed to get kids biking and walking to school,” explains Ann Klavora, senior planner for the City. A task force representing the City, the School District, and the community is evaluating conditions around four target schools – Boulevard, Onaway, Woodbury, and Shaker Middle School – to determine how to encourage more students to walk or bike to school.

The task force will then identify potential solutions and apply for additional grant funding to implement needed changes.

Improvements fall under two basic categories, says Klavora. “Infrastructure improvements include such items as sidewalks, bike paths and lanes, crosswalks, and signals. Non-infrastructure improvements could include items such as safety programs for students and bike racks.” she says.

One innovative, low-cost approach that has proven successful in other communities is the “walking school bus,” whereby one or more adult “drivers” agree to walk with a group of children who might normally ride the bus. (Note: the District has no plans to reduce current bus service.)

Following classroom and parent surveys in the targeted schools, the task force plans to hold a community-wide meeting this summer, and submit a School Travel Plan to ODOT by the end of August. Upon receiving ODOT approval, the City and Schools will be eligible to apply for up to \$250,000 in infrastructure improvements, and

\$50,000 per funding cycle for non-infrastructure improvements.

Klavora observes that Shaker “is light years ahead of many communities in terms of walkability, even among those who have sidewalks. We’re really fine-tuning what we already have.”

– Beth Friedman-Romell



## Because It's Good For You

Shaker's health director, Dr. Scott Frank, is himself a walker. Herein, his tips for getting started.

BY JENNIFER PROE

Shaker offers an infinite variety of walking paths, including more than 200 miles of sidewalks that wind through every nook and cranny of our tree-lined community. The health benefits of walking are undisputed: Walking improves pulmonary and cardiovascular health, alleviates depression, helps control weight, bolsters the immune system, and lowers the risks of heart attack, stroke, and diabetes. It can also ease back and arthritis pain, two common complaints that keep many on the sidelines.

Dr. Scott Frank, director of the Shaker Heights Health Department, says, “Many people don’t realize that walking has the same health benefits as running. Thirty minutes a day of brisk walking – which can include normal daily activities – is ideal. Just about anyone can do it.”

Frank, who also is Director of the Master of Public Health Program at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, says the benefits of walking extend beyond personal health.

“Walking helps the environment by decreasing the use of fossil fuels. And it also increases what is known as social capital – walkers are more likely to engage with their neighbors and friends, giving them a greater sense of belonging to the community.”

## Getting Started

Unlike a running program, which may require a physician’s approval, a walking regimen is a safe and easy way to get moving. Dr. Frank recommends following these guidelines:

- Choose a safe, paved area.
- Wear comfortable, good shoes with plenty of support.
- Wear a hat and use sunscreen. The longer the walk, the higher the SPF in the sunscreen.
- Bring water to stay hydrated.
- Enlist a walking partner. Studies show that people with a walking partner stick with their regimen more faithfully.
- Consider using a step counter. The average person walks just 3,000 steps per day. Challenge yourself to double – or even triple – that number.

Last summer, Frank challenged his medical students at CWRU to meet or exceed 10,000 steps per day, a feat he accomplished easily in and around his neighborhood.



**Dr. Scott Frank** at the Library Loop Path. PHOTO BY CAYDIE HELLER

“Shaker really is the definition of a walkable community,” he says. “What I love about walking in Shaker is the canopy of trees, and getting to see my neighbors.”

If you are walking specifically for health and fitness, the City offers a number of options in the paved trails and marked loop paths it maintains.

**Southerly Park** offers a one-mile loop around the park, as well as a fitness trail with 17 stations, commonly called a Vita Trail, with 17 exercise stations.

**Shaker Median Trail** is a 1.5 mile paved path that runs along the south side of the Shaker Boulevard median between Warrensville Center Road and Sulgrave Oval, and connects with paved trails in Beachwood and Pepper Pike. The trail is wide enough to accommodate walkers, bikers, and joggers. It has several benches and mile markers, and provides access to the soccer field across from the Middle School. A Frisbee golf course is coming soon.

**Horseshoe Lake Park Trail** features a combination of paved, gravel, and boardwalk trails totaling 1.3 miles. A paved trail leads from the center of the park and winds around the lake along South Park Boulevard. It also connects with a trail in Cleveland Heights along North Park Boulevard.

**Library Loop Path** at Shaker Town Center travels half a mile around the Main Library, community building, and Sunrise Assisted Living facility, and links up to the Around the World Playground.

**Thornton Park Loop Path** is a quarter-mile packed gravel trail that loops around the swimming pool and playground area.

— Jennifer Proe



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# *In Your Own Backyard*

## Q&A

Kay Carlson, the new executive director of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, talks to Shaker Life about the Center's expanded mission, its new hiking programs, and its community collaborations.

BY JULIE MCGOVERN VOYZEY PHOTOS BY CAYDIE HELLER

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, an oasis of walkability in the middle of Shaker Heights, is a beacon to anyone passionate about nature and the environment, where the best practices in sustainability, environmental education, and preservation of the natural environment all come together in a one-stop shop. The Center's new executive director, Kathryn A. Carlson, has been involved in the Nature Center "pretty much all my life." A native of Cleveland Heights, she has a Master's degree in Environmental Management from Duke University and a Bachelor's degree in Human Ecology from Connecticut College.

The Center was founded in 1966 in response to a proposal to put a freeway through the Shaker Lakes area to connect I-271 to downtown.

"A group of women, whom we fondly call the little old ladies in tennis shoes, rallied 35 garden clubs and six civic organizations and successfully lobbied against the highway," Kay says. "In 1969, instead of a highway, a small building for nature programs and classes was built."

In 1971, the National Park Service designated the Center a National Environmental Education Landmark and a National Environmental Study Area. Ten thousand children participate annually in more than 30,000 hours of programs, including an early childhood program. Additionally, thousands of walkers, runners, and bird-watchers use the trails and grounds.

A reinvigorated national conversation about energy and the environment means that the Nature Center is again on the move, reaching out beyond its Heights borders, and more relevant than ever.

***Congratulations on being named executive director. Tell us about yourself and the path that led you to the Nature Center.***

I grew up in the neighborhood, walked around the trails a lot, played in the splash pool at Horseshoe Lake Park, came here for field trips with school, and interned here when I was in high school.

We also have a nice family connection here. My father served on the board of trustees for several years and when he stepped down, I took his place. My great aunt donated







funds for the All People's Trail. I feel a real connection and passion for this place. Last spring, I accepted the role as interim director for six months and then became official in January this year.

***What are your priorities?***

Financial stability is our first priority. A common misconception is that we are supported by tax dollars like the Me-

troparks. We are not part of the park system. Our operations rely solely on memberships, foundation grants, program fees, and individual contributions. Fundraising is a constant thing. Our annual benefit this year is called Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil. It is on June 20 and is always a sell-out.

We also want people to use us as a resource for all things environmental. We have a lot of expertise on staff and we'd

like to be a model to the community for sustainable practices.

***The mission statement reads, "The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes conserves a natural area, connects people with nature and inspires environmental stewardship." Has your mission evolved since its inception?***

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# FIT FOR

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The counselors at Shaker High guide students and parents through a rigorous and comprehensive multi-year process for college admission.

BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON PHOTOS BY KEVIN G. REEVES

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# COLLEGE

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At lunchtime, Shaker Heights High School juniors and seniors can often be found hustling and bustling to seek out their guidance counselors in the warren of offices the counselors call home. On one winter Wednesday, Guidance Department Chair Eileen Blattner has been meeting with a number of students, but is finally taking a break. Then an excited young man knocks on her door and pops his head inside to tell her the news.

“I got accepted to Loyola Chicago!” he exclaims. Blattner jumps up from her desk to give him a big hug and her congratulations.

He’s one of hundreds of students Blattner and the high school’s seven other counselors help navigate along the complex process of preparing for and applying to college. Proof of their success? Some 85 to 90 percent of the students in any given Shaker High graduating class go on to college. The range of schools is wide, reflecting the counselors’ dedication to finding the right “fit” for each student, and regularly includes some of the most selective schools in the nation. For the Class of 2009, for example, the list includes Brown, Ohio State, Stanford, Tulane, Princeton, Kenyon, Michigan, Duke, Juilliard, Miami of Ohio, Spelman, Harvard, North Carolina and dozens more. “It’s the best year I can remember,” says counselor Gerimae Kleinman. “And the financial packages have been incredible.”

Each of the eight counselors – four of whom are Shaker graduates – works with a broad range of students, helping them get college-ready and, when the time comes, helping them find a good fit. Often, they work with families for years.

This year, for example, parent Patty Clair is going through the process for her fourth time, as her daughter Mary, a junior, begins looking for a college that’s right for her. Over the years, all of the Clair children have enjoyed working with Blattner, Patty says, and she’s enjoyed the consistency of having the same counselor.



**SHHS guidance counselors** from left, Chair Eileen Blattner, Susan Isler, Mary Bourisseau, Elizabeth Vokes, David Peterjohn, Gerimae Kleinman, Jeff Lewis, and Renee Manuel.

“As parents, you get anxious for every one of your kids, and Eileen never pushes the panic button,” Clair says. “She’s always very methodical, but honest with you in a good way. She’s not offensive when she tells you, ‘Oh, that school’s a reach.’ So I appreciate that.”

Essentially, the guidance counselors take Shaker’s high school students through a multi-staged process throughout their four years. When students arrive at Shaker High for ninth grade, their assigned counselors meet with them to discuss the various academic and co-curricular activities available at the high school, without ever using the word “college,” but putting them on the preparatory track.

The official college journey begins their sophomore year with a number of activities, starting with the PLAN test, a tool created by the American College Testing program that includes both an academic assessment and an interest inventory.

When the results come back, the counselors meet with small groups of their students to interpret the test results for them. In the spring, the tenth graders complete an exercise to identify a career that interests them and match it to a college that would have the appropriate major for that field.

“We continually emphasize that students, once they reach college, change their majors as often as they change their socks,” Blattner says. “So, what they’re telling us at that point is not anything they have to stick to. But it gets them started in thinking about it.”



The counselors host another important activity in the spring for sophomores and juniors and their parents. Known as "Anxiety 102," the program features several college representatives who discuss the primary components of the application process students will need to address during their final two years of high school.

Designed to relieve some of the stress that arises from unfamiliarity with the process, the program also helps prepare students for the most active year in the entire college admissions endeavor, the eleventh grade.

One of the most important activities during junior year occurs every October, when students take the Preliminary SAT. (Tenth graders may also take the test at that time.)

In addition to preparing them for the SAT, which represents one of the cornerstones of college admissions (along with their grade point average), the results of their PSAT will also indicate whether students become Semifinalists or Commended Students in the prestigious National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholarship Programs.

Counselors also review the results of these tests with students, and they can review their own test booklet to see where they made mistakes. At this point, Shaker's counselors begin to help students and parents take a realistic view of college options. In other words, while having a 3.5 GPA is a wonderful achievement, it does not necessarily mean that the student can get accepted to the college of his or her dreams.

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Ohio University 31  
Miami University, Oxford 24  
Kent State University 18  
Case Western Reserve University 12  
Bowling Green State University 12  
University of Cincinnati 12  
Indiana University at Bloomington 11  
College of Wooster 10  
University of Vermont 9  
University of Toledo 8  
University of Michigan 8  
Tulane University 7  
Wilmington College 7  
University of Pittsburgh 6  
Youngstown State University 6  
John Carroll University 6  
Allegheny College 6  
Washington University St. Louis 6  
Cleveland State University 6  
University of North Carolina 5  
University of Akron 5  
Tufts University 4  
Cornell University 4  
Eastern Michigan University 4

University of Rochester 4  
Ohio Wesleyan University 4  
DePaul University 4  
University of Maryland 4  
University of Dayton 4  
Duke University 4  
Drexel University 4  
Otterbein College 3  
Clark Atlanta University 3  
American University 3  
Columbia College 3  
Hampton University 3  
Oberlin College 3  
Purdue University 3  
Hiram College 3  
College of Charleston 3  
University of Virginia 3  
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St. John's University Queens Campus 3  
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University of South Carolina 3

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Colgate University 2  
Tiffin University 2  
Swarthmore College 2  
University of Wisconsin 2  
Smith College 2  
Ohio Northern University 2  
Central State University 2  
University of North Carolina Greensboro 2  
Pennsylvania State University 2  
Howard University 2  
University of Richmond 2  
Cuyahoga Community College 2  
Colorado State University 2  
George Washington University 2  
Baldwin-Wallace College 2  
University of Pennsylvania 2  
Washington and Jefferson College 2  
Alfred University 2  
Ithaca College 2  
Elmira College 2  
Northwestern University 2  
Bowdoin College 2  
Clemson University 2  
Boston University 2  
Loyola University Chicago 2  
Guilford College 2  
Fordham University 2



**Carolyn Garvin**, center, discusses financial aid options with students Simone Duval, Kristen Sinicariello, and Jefferson Ajayi.



“With more than 2,000 four-year colleges in this country, there is a school for everybody,” Blattner says. “So it’s very important that we make them understand what’s realistic and what’s not realistic.”

Early on, counselors give students a copy of What Next?, a comprehensive “Post High School Planning Guide” created by the Guidance Department, which leads students through the entire admissions process, detailing what resources are available to research the wide open world of collegiate study. In fact, counselors put numerous resources at students’ fingertips, from the acclaimed Fiske Guide to Colleges to the latest online college admissions tool, Naviance. [See sidebar.]

The counselors also encourage juniors to think about the type of environment they would find most comfortable. Initially, they recommend that the student visit local colleges, simply to get a gut reaction to a small or large setting and an urban or rural location, for example. They then discuss what the student liked and didn’t like about each campus.

The next step is to make sure that students don’t just lock into one or two schools because their favorite basketball team plays there or they’ve seen it in a film; instead, they are encouraged to consider a variety of colleges that might not be on their radar.

“It’s our job to make sure that they are considering other schools that are very fine academic institutions,” Blattner explains. The department has developed expertise and contacts in dozens of colleges of all sorts, sizes, and locations. They can identify options for students with, say, a learning disability, or a strong interest in the outdoors, or a passion for musical theater, or an entrepreneurial streak. And once the application process begins, they shepherd students through completion of applications, meeting deadlines, submission of essays, and requesting transcripts. (This occasionally involves a certain amount of good-natured nagging.) And they write dozens of letters of recommendation for their students, taking care to make each letter reflect the unique character, academic record, teachers’ observations, and interests of the student.

Of course, a key focus today for counselors is assisting families through the challenges resulting from the current financial crisis. Those who were depending on investments or home equity loans may have to explore ways to pay for college. The counselors strongly advise them to perform a detailed search into what each school offers and to be honest with their children as to what they can afford.

“Parents who had put away a lot of money so that their child could go to any school may now have significantly diminished funds,” Blattner says. “So they will want to look at what schools are doing with grants based on income that could be more than

## Clicking Your Way Through The Admissions Process

If you want to get kids’ attention, put your information where they live – that is, put it online. Naviance.com packs a voluminous library of college guidebook and admissions information into one powerful website.

Students and parents can point and click their way through the entire admissions process, as well as surf through information about individual colleges – including how many students have applied that year – a list of other colleges similar to the ones a student may be interested in, a scholarship database added by Shaker’s guidance team, and a career planner.

Naviance also enables guidance counselors to track students’ progress through the various application deadlines for each college to which they apply. And it simplifies the once-time-consuming process of maintaining records and generating reports.

The Guidance Department at Shaker Heights High School subscribed to the site in 2008, so the school pays for and benefits from this comprehensive service, not the students. Counselors introduce the program to juniors in their first group guidance meeting, and then sit down with each student individually, assign a password, and teach the basics. After that, most students are happy to dive into their cyber college search in the comfort of their homes.

“I can’t say enough good things about this wonderful tool,” declares Eileen Blattner, Shaker High’s guidance department chairperson.

She also recommends other websites, including collegeboard.com, which contains detailed college search information, and act.org, which features a financial estimator to help families determine what they would have to pay a particular institution.





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# Lee Road Blues

The success of the Citizens Police Academy, in its 18th year, has far exceeded the City's expectations. **BY JENNIFER PROE** **PHOTOS BY CAYDIE HELLER**

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It started with an innocent question from my husband when he learned I was writing this piece: "What is the Shaker Heights Citizens Police Academy, anyway?"

I informed him that it's a 12-week course designed to give citizens an inside view of the operations of our police department. "Maybe you'd like to attend the class?" I suggested.

Steve gave me a doubtful look. Skimming the course outline, I read aloud a few choice items. "Meet the chief. Tour the jail. Try your hand at a radar gun. Experience field sobriety tests and the blood alcohol monitor." This piqued his interest, so I continued.

"K-9 demonstration. Six-hour ride-along with an on-duty officer. Weapons range class. Tour of the fire department...would you like to hear more?"

"You had me at ride-along," he said.

Lt. John Danko, a 23-year veteran of the SHPD, created the Citizens Police Academy in 1991. The idea for such a thing originated in England, as a way for Bobbies to establish warmer relationships with their fellow villagers, and eventually caught on in the U.S.

Danko attended a seminar in Florida in 1990 at the request of then-Chief Walt Ugrinic. Danko persuaded the department to give it a try in Shaker.

All Shaker residents and full-time employees of the City are eligible to attend the class, provided they pass a background check. After filling out an application with the SHPD, Steve learned he would be enrolled in the 17th annual class of the Shaker Heights CPA.

"I think at this point, it has far exceeded any expectations we had for it," Danko says. "Without this kind of program, there is not much opportunity for officers and citizens to get to know each other on a friendly basis. The CPA invites citizens to see how things work and ask all the questions they like. And the only rule we have is this: complete honesty. That's the only way it works."

**Deputy Chief** Mike Schwarber oversees the Citizens Police Academy.

The Shaker Heights Police Department is accepting applications for the 2009 class of the Citizens Police Academy, which begins August 27. Classes are held Thursdays from 7 to 10 pm ending November 12, with a tentative graduation date of Monday, November 16. Residents can apply at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com), at the Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, or by calling the office of Chief of Police D. Scott Lee at 491-1240.



**Lt. John Danko**

At Steve's first class, the CPA's then-president, Ken Kovach, greeted the new participants and outlined what to expect from the course. Kovach took the course in 2003, when he served on City Council, to get a better understanding of the workings of the police department.

"I was so impressed with everything I learned during the class," he says. "I developed lasting relationships with these officers, and really came to understand what a tough job they have. And by learning how I could partner with them as a citizen, I knew I was helping to make my community safer, which is a really good feeling."

Steve's class included men and women of all ages and backgrounds: a young mother of two, a banker, a photographer, a few lawyers, a postal worker, several retirees – in short, a representative sampling of Shaker's citizenry.

Chief of Police D. Scott Lee set the tone by welcoming the participants and encouraging them to ask questions. Deputy Chief Mike Schwarber, who oversees the program, handed out materials and discussed expectations. In order to graduate from the CPA, participants are permitted no more than two excused absences, and must complete a six-hour ride-along with an officer. He started the group off with a tour of the station, and encouraged them to keep the lines of communication open throughout their experience.

"I honestly think we learn as much from the people who take our class as we impart to them," says Schwarber. "The exchange with these citizens helps us carry out



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our mission to provide the highest level of professional services in partnership with the community”.

After the orientation, Laurie Kruczynski commented, “I expected it to be much more book learning, but in fact it was really very interactive.” Kruczynski learned just how interactive the class could be when she and another participant volunteered to assist with the DUI class. Officers arranged to drive them to and from the police station, and even provided a meal ahead of time for the “field testers,” who then sampled drinks of their choice throughout the class. Officers periodically conducted sobriety tests to demonstrate the increasing effects of alcohol consumption, culminating with a Breathalyzer test.

Another hands-on opportunity involved a session on the weapons range. After a safety demonstration by Lt. Danko, participants were given the option to handle and fire a variety of weapons used by SHPD officers. Sylvia DeFranco, who had fired a gun only once before, was surprised by her skills. “I found out that I’m actually a pretty good shot,” she says. She took her paper targets home as proof.

The K-9 demonstration was another class favorite. Sgt. Rick Mastnardo, in charge of the K-9 unit, showed the class how the dogs are trained to sniff out drugs. Then, Mastnardo played the role of bad guy, with the help of a protective bite sleeve, while K-9 Carlos was given the command to apprehend him by handler Cpl. John Pizon.”

The class quickly observed, as Sgt. Mastnardo put it succinctly, that “the dog always wins.” As Officer Carlos happily trotted off to chew on the “arm,” Mastnardo explained that the dogs “are not at all mean. When we select dogs, we make sure they love to play. All their training is treated as if it’s a game, and we reward them for the work they do by letting them play afterward.”

The highlight for many in the class was the chance to ride along with an on-duty officer. During Steve’s shift, he and Officer David Keller chatted amiably between bursts of action on a Friday night, which included a call for a suspected break-in on one side of town



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(false alarm) followed by an altercation on the other side of town. Steve marveled at Keller's ability to quickly defuse the dispute.

"It was pretty remarkable to watch him operate," says Steve. "Things can go from quiet to crazy in a matter of seconds, and he switched gears without ever losing his cool."

Most participants found the best take-away from the class was a better understanding of the rigors and requirements of the officers' jobs. Says participant Tom Vanderhoof, "You don't realize how much is going on behind the scenes. The class gives you an appreciation for all the work they do." A class in which students played the role of an officer who needs to decide whether or not to use a weapon made a lasting impression on Joyce Shaw, who commented, "This really changed my perception of the police. You need to hear the whole story to understand how they might have to make split-second decisions."

The graduates also felt better able to protect themselves and their neighbors thanks to crime prevention and fire safety tips learned in the class. Graduates also are encouraged to become active as a member of the CPA Alumni, who receive ongoing training to at community events such as the Memorial Day Parade, Summer Solstice, July 4 fireworks, and the annual bike auction. At the graduation ceremony, class members elected Chip Minshall, a lawyer and former police officer, to speak on their behalf. Minshall praised the department for its professionalism and for the transparency it offers to citizens.

"It's a great way to learn about the Department and the City, and I hope our class will give back by volunteering as alumni," he said.

Alumni also provide extra "eyes and ears" to the SHPD by volunteering for weekend patrols in unmarked squad cars.

Says Deputy Chief Schwarber, "It's impossible to overestimate the tremendous support we receive from the CPA Alumni. We could never be as effective as we are without their help." ■

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## In Your Own Backyard

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Nature education has always been, and still is, our primary mission. We've always had a particular focus on children. The belief is that if you educate kids about the environment and help them have a connection with it, then they will always care for it. Our naturalists are specially trained for that.

But today, everyone is trying to go green, so our challenge is to be relevant and offer programming for all age levels, children through adults.

Our focus hasn't really changed, but expanded. We want to engage more adults and more teenagers. For example, we're offering not just summer camps, but also Eco Adventure tours for teens and workshops for adults as well.

This spring we offered a native plant workshop in conjunction with our plant sale. Participants learned how to deal with

invasive plants in their yards and what native plants work well. In the summer and fall, we'll offer a sustainable film fest in our outdoor Stewardship Center to show films about sustainability and environmental issues.

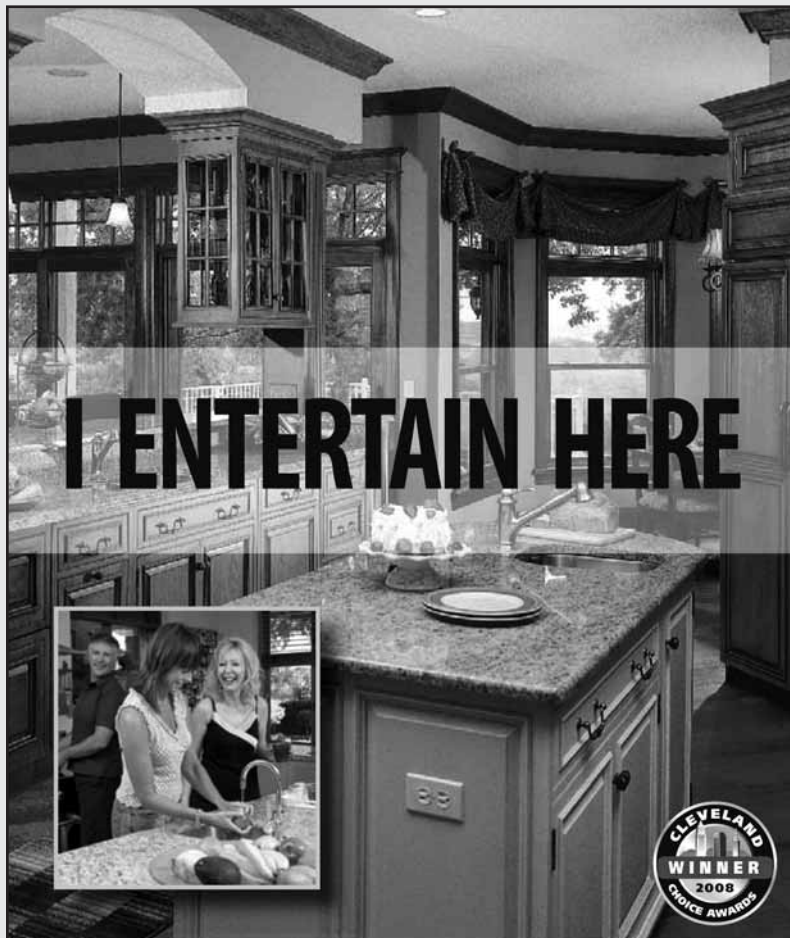
We have expanded hike offerings to include the whole Doan Brook watershed, which starts a little bit east of Warrensville Center Road, flows through the Heights and University Circle, down to Rockefeller Park and out to Lake Erie. We're offering hikes in different locations throughout the watershed at different times of the day and different times during the week to open up our offerings beyond just weekends. We're trying to offer entry points for all levels of interest.

### *Is there one program that is particularly unusual?*

Well, we had our fourth annual "Festival" in May. One of the most common invasive plant species is garlic mustard. It is everywhere. Our volunteers spend a lot of time pulling garlic mustard. We collected it and this year turned it over to chefs Dante Boccuzzi of Dante and Sergio Abramof of Sergio's and Sarava to turn into pesto sauce, which we served at the Festival.

### *What other institutions or organizations in the area do you collaborate with?*

We have an interesting relationship with the Cleveland schools – John Hay and Michael R. White – as part of our urban outreach education program. David Wright, a staff person, works with those two schools. The funding comes from the Jenny Goldman Fund, which supports urban outreach. We go to the schools and we also bring students here to the Center. It is great because a lot of urban kids don't get exposure to green space.



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The Cleveland Botanical Garden is another partner. We recently collaborated on the Sustainability Forum, which focused on sustainable landscaping in your own backyard, including vegetable gardening.

We're trying to create a broader image. We have an impact that reaches all over Lake Erie because of our connection with Doan Brook. We really want to help promote the image of being a Green City on a Blue Lake, so we work with the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and their Green City/Blue Lake Institute.

*How is the Nature Center unique?*

We provide a free public resource to the whole community. Greenspaces are a big reason why people like to live here and move here. Some complain that it takes so long to get anywhere from Shaker Heights, but that's why it is such a great

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place to live. We should all be grateful that we don't have to take the freeway downtown. There is only one other nature center in the area, the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center in Bay Village. We cater to two totally different parts of Greater Cleveland. We are a defining feature of the East Side.

*Speaking of unique, I noticed a new and unusually shaped building near the Friends Pavilion.*

That is the Nancy King Smith Stewardship Center, named for our former executive director, who had the vision to build it. It started out as a tool shed, but it has grown into something much more than that.

In addition to providing storage for equipment, it is also a nice gathering place for our volunteers. We'll be able to operate outdoor classes from there and hope to incorporate artwork on the outside, with murals depicting Doan Brook. We are hoping to do a geology wall to show the geology of Doan Brook, and are thinking about having school groups explore the gorge area to collect rocks for it.

We hope to hold sustainable practices workshops there, and also get funding for solar panels. We'll hook up rain barrels and

use the water to maintain the landscape and plantings around the center.

It is built of all natural materials such as straw bale and cob – a mix of straw, clay, and sand. We hired a contractor to oversee the project and teach the volunteers natural construction methods. Over 100 volunteers then helped to build it. It has been a great learning opportunity for people interested in natural construction.

#### *What do you dream of for the Nature Center?*

I would like more people to be aware of us and use us. We get a lot of comments like "I've heard of it, but I've never been there." They don't know that it's tucked back here in the woods. Many people don't realize how much we have to offer. We need to make ourselves better known throughout the broader region and reach more people beyond the Heights.

The Nature Center is a great example of how something can start with grass roots activism and evolve into something that is prominent and relevant to today's environmental issues. It is a great place to work and a great place to visit and I hope people will take advantage of us. ■

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### Fit for College

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\$100,000 annually, and then they pay a percentage of the tuition.”

While some students receive scholarships large enough to make college affordable, many have to put the funds together from several sources. That’s where Carolyn Garvin, the department’s resident expert on financial aid, comes in. Garvin is an expert on walking families through the arduous process of completing federal financial aid forms and cobbling together enough money from off-the-beaten-track sources to bring college within reach.

“We have the best staff you could ever want,” Blattner concludes. “The best part about our department is we collaborate all of the time, so we can ensure that we think of everything possible to help each student.”

The “Shaker way” – attention to detail and to the fit between student and college – has earned the department a national reputation among college admissions professionals. Two of the counselors were invited to be on the advisory board for the Fiske Guide and others have been asked to advise colleges including Northwestern, Ohio State, and Michigan on ways to improve the admissions process.

The driving mission for counselors is to match every student to the college that will offer the best fit for a productive and engaging educational experience.

“It could be a really hectic process,” says Sophia Bellin-Warren, a senior who was accepted to Columbia University through early decision. “But the counselors are very organized and know what has to get done, and they are on top of every single student.” ■



## Ongoing Activities for Families

**MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family (LEAF), 6:45-8 PM, FAMILY CONNECTIONS.** FREE literacy program for non-English speaking families with children ages 2½-5. Weekly sessions offer adult ESL class, while children play in the Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom with LEAF early childhood educators. Bi-weekly home visits with early childhood educators also offered. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, & FRIDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON, FAMILY CONNECTIONS MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM.** Parents and caregivers with children ages birth to 5 years old can come to play, make friends, and network. Afternoon hours: 4-6 pm Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays. Membership includes use of gym and muscle room during specific hours. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.** Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. Afternoon hours: 1-3 pm Thursdays. Evening hours: 6-8 pm Tuesdays. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Day Care Providers, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY.** Free, drop-in literacy play sessions just for home day care providers and their children birth to age 5, co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE.** *Bumper crops!* For a square meal, buy local. Meet friends, get recipes and buy fresh and local seasonal produce at the outdoor market. INFO: 216-751-7656.

**Family Support Project** is a FREE program designed to offer sup-

port, information and encouragement to families raising preschool aged children with special needs. INFO: 216-921-2023. Visit [www.familyconnections1.org](http://www.familyconnections1.org) for more info.

## Exhibits

**THRU JUNE 22: Alphabetical Butterflies, MAIN LIBRARY.** Larry Holman exhibits his colorful butterfly book pages. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**JUNE 2-JULY 31: Bee Skeps to Gnomes: Antique Garden Artifacts, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY,** What has adorned gardens in the past other than plants? This exhibit looks at a wide variety of antique and vintage European and American outdoor ornaments, garden-inspired objects, tools, ephemera and more. \$2/adults, \$1/children ages 6-18. Members and children under 6 are free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**JULY 1 AUGUST 31: Picturing America, MAIN LIBRARY.** Exhibit of significant American art. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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# June

## highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	Alphabetical Butterflies Exhibit Thru 6/22 Main Library. (pg. 55) 	Down the Garden Path: Lake View Cemetery's Horticulture 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 58)	Senior Project Showcase 6:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 58)		Little Italy Art Walk 6/5-6 Noon. (pg. 66)	North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)  Mercer Neighborhood Yard Sale 9 am, Mercer School. (pg. 58)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	American Red Cross Bloodmobile 3 pm, Main Library. (pg. 58)		Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 58)	End of Year Pool Party 1 pm, Thornton Park. (pg. 59)  Knit Night 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 59)	Ice Cream Social & Summer Reading Kickoff 6:30, Bertram Woods. (pg. 59)  Tremont Art Walk 6 pm. (pg. 66)	Race for Hope 9 am. (pg. 65)  Parade the Circle 11 am, University Circle. (pg. 66)
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
TourdeCure 7 am, Blossom Music Center. (pg. 65)  Dog-Day Afternoon: Police Dog Demonstration 1 pm, Maltz Museum. (pg. 66)	Learning English as a Family 6:45 pm, Family Connections. (pg. 55)	The Study of Urban Design through Historic City Plans 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 60)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Family Connections. (pg. 55)		24th Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown 6/19-20 10 am. (pg. 60)  Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit 6 pm. (pg. 60)	Summer Solstice Music Festival 4 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 60)  Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil 6 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 61)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
7th Annual DadsDay Run 9 am, Family Connections. (pg. 61)  Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour 1 pm. (pg. 61)	Parent and Child Play Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Family Connections. (pg. 55)	Bee Skeps to Gnomes: Antique Garden Artifacts Exhibit Thru 7/31 Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 55)	Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 58)	Play and Learn Station 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	Cleveland Wine Festival 6/26-27 (pg. 67) 	Larchmere Flea Market & Festival 11 am, Larchmere Boulevard. (pg. 62)  Free Family Flick "Paul Blart Mall Cop," 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 63)
28	29	30				
A Most Excellent Race 9 am, Beaumont School. (pg. 65)		The Well Decorated Garden 7:30 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 63)				



# July highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <b>Picturing America Exhibit Thru 8/31</b> Main Library. (pg. 55)	2 <b>Bee Skeps to Gnomes: Antique Garden Artifacts Exhibit Thru 7/31</b> Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 55)	3 <b>Boston Mills II Artfest</b> 10 am. (pg. 67)	4 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <b>Fireworks</b> Dusk, Shaker Middle School. 
5 <b>Parent and Child Play Sessions</b> Ongoing. 9:30 am, Family Connections. (pg. 55)	6 <b>Friends Annual Meeting and Lecture</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64)	7 <b>Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors</b> 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)	8 <b>Play and Learn Station</b> 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)  <b>Knit Night</b> 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64) 	9 	10 <b>Ingenuity Fest 7/10-12</b> Playhouse Square. (pg. 67)	11 <b>North Union Farmers Market</b> Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55) 
12 <b>Stories at the Colonnade</b> 7 pm. (pg. 64) 	13 <b>Play and Learn Station</b> 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	14	15	16	17 <b>Parent and Child Play Sessions</b> Ongoing. 9:30 am, Family Connections. (pg. 55)	18 <b>Cleveland Shakespeare Festival</b> 7 pm, Community Colonnade. (pg. 64)  <b>Big Bubble Blow-Out</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)
19 <b>Parent and Child Play Sessions</b> Ongoing. 9:30 am, Family Connections. (pg. 55)	20	21	22 <b>Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors</b> 1 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)	23 <b>Play and Learn Station</b> 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	24 	25 <b>North Union Farmers Market</b> Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)  <b>Free Family Flick "Coraline,"</b> 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 64)
26 <b>Free Family Fun Day</b> 4 pm, Evans Amphitheater, Cain Park. (pg. 67)	27	28 	29 <b>Shaker Heights Community Band</b> 10 am, Community Colonnade. (pg. 64) 	30	31	

# Events for *June*

*June 2:* **Down the Garden Path:** Lake View Cemetery's Horticulture, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Dave Gressley speaks about the history of landscape cemeteries. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*June 3:* **Senior Project Showcase,** 6:30-8 PM, SHAKER HIGH. SHHS seniors display the results of their independent study projects.


*June 6:* **Mercer Neighborhood Yard Sale,** 9 AM- NOON, MERCER SCHOOL PARKING LOT. Children's toys, baby & toddler items, household items, furniture, sporting equipment and much more! In the event of rain, the sale will be held in the school gym.

*June 8:* **American Red Cross Bloodmobile,** 3-7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Sit back, relax and save a life. Give the gift of life.

*June 8-July 31:* **Explore... Experiment...READ!,** MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Youth ages 2-18 are invited to have fun with reading and science this summer. Visit either library to register. Adults can join in a fun summer reading program and win prizes, too! The summer reading programs are generously funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*June 10 & 24:* **Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors,** 1-3:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Don't let the kids have all the fun. Learn to play Wii video games and beat them at their own games. INFO: 216-991-2030.

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*June 11:* **Knit Night**, 7 PM,  
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*June 11:* **End-of-the-Year Pool  
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artist, try the Dunk Tank, hear a  
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*June 12:* **Ice Cream Social and  
Summer Reading Kick-off**, 6:30-8  
PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Friends  
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*June 16:* **The Study of Urban Design through Historic City Plans, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Shaker resident Charles P. Graves, Jr., author of *The Genealogy of Cities*, speaks about city plans through history. INFO: 216-991-2030.

*June 19 & 20:* **24th Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown, 10 AM-8 PM,** 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. The Hathaway Brown campus is the site for this garden party style craft fair of ceramics, metal, jewelry, photography, painting, glass and more. 150 exhibiting artists are selected from a field of approximately 600 applicants from across the country. Special attractions include refreshments and live music. \$6/person with return admission; children 12 and under free. INFO: [www.ohio-craft.org](http://www.ohio-craft.org).

*June 19:* **Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit, 6-10 PM.** Enjoy an evening in a beautiful home with an amazing social and architectural history. Dinner catered by Marigold Catering, music by a Brazilian Jazz Duo, complimentary valet parking, silent, live and Chinese auctions with an assortment of items from gift certificates to area restaurants to all-inclusive vacation packages. Proceeds benefit the educational and historic projects of The Shaker Historical Society. Tickets: \$150/person. INFO: 216-921-1201.

*June 20:* **Summer Solstice Music Festival, 4-10 PM,** SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE. 6th annual celebration of the longest day of the year. Bring blankets and lawn chairs; enjoy art activities for children, street performers, handcraft-



ed art from local artisans, and delicious, reasonably priced food. INFO: QUATA ZEHE TUCKER, 216-780-5138.

**June 20: Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil**, 6 PM-MIDNIGHT, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Sensational summer bash draped in Southern moss and sprinkled with the southern charm of Savannah. Come dressed in your summer best and enjoy cocktails, a fabulous dinner and dancing to the sounds of Special Request. Bid on items in the silent auction or join in a live auction filled with unique offerings. Tickets: \$150/members; \$175/non-members; \$250/VIP tickets. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**June 21: 7th Annual DadsDay Run**, 9 AM, FAMILY CONNECTIONS. Father's Day fun for all in this 5-mile & 1-mile community run/walk/stroll. Trophies and awards for the top finishers. Runners, walkers, and strollers are encouraged. FREE KidSprint with ribbons awarded to all participants. Same day registration and pre-registered check-in begins at 7:30 am. \$20/adults (\$15 before June 14) and \$12/ages 12 and under. Entry form available at Family Connections or online at [www.active.com/search](http://www.active.com/search). INFO: 216-921-2023.

**June 21: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour**, 1-5 PM. Annual Garden Tour features seven creatively designed and carefully maintained Shaker Heights gardens. Peek into the private gardens that feature unusual plantings, lush vegetation, stunning fountains, elegant pools, and picturesque patios. Proceeds benefit The Shaker Historical Society. Tickets: \$15/pre-sale; \$20/day of event. INFO: 216-921-1201.



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**June 23-August 19: Summer Outdoor Adventure Camp**, NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES. Enroll the kids in nature camps from Nature Nursery, Chipmunk Patrol, Nature's Lifeguards, Nature's Explorers, Eco-Rangers to two, 2-week Adventure Ohio and New River Gorge, West Virginia camps. Fees vary. INFO: 216-321-5935 EX. 235 OR [www.shakerlakes.org](http://www.shakerlakes.org).

**June 26, 27 & 28: Lois Becker's Summer Jewelry and Craft Show, 11:30 AM-4:30 PM**, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Accessorize with original creations. INFO: 216-921-3083.

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**June 29-July 2: Creative Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Arts, crafts and games indoors and out for children ages 4-5 and another session for children 6-8 years. \$175. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**June 30: The Well Decorated Garden, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY.** Join Landscape Designer Ann Cicarella as she explores European and American historic garden styles and artifacts including weathervanes, dovecots, fountains, statuary and furniture. Free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

## Events for *July*

**July 4: Independence Day.** City offices and libraries closed. Red, white and...boom! Fireworks begin at dusk at Shaker Middle School.

**July 6-9: Coed Cooking Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Boys and girls ages 6-10 years. Cook and enjoy fun, nutritious recipes and make and take home a cookbook filled with child friendly recipes. \$175. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



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**July 8 & 22: Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors, 1-3:30 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Seniors, learn to play the latest Wii video games and surprise your grandchildren this summer. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**July 9: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Bring a project and get or give help at this creative program moderated by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**July 13-16: Wood Working Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Campers ages 7-10 learn to use real tools safely and make several practical projects. Fee: \$175. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**July 13: Stories at the Colonnade, 7 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Listen to stories on a warm night and enjoy a cool treat. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**July 18: Big Bubble Blow-Out, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Families are invited to join The Bubble Lady for an afternoon of fun. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**July 18: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, 7 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** Free.

**July 20-23: Gardening Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Campers ages 6-9 participate in a variety of garden related projects including planting, harvesting, cooking simple recipes, and craft making. Fee: \$175. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



**July 25: Free Family Flick, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Bring the kids and the treats and watch the PG-rated movie, *Coraline*, thanks to Friends of the Shaker Library, which funds the movie licensing rights. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**July 27-30: Robotics Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Using LEGO® WEDO™ robotics, campers ages 7-9 participate in a variety of hands-on, problem solving activities that sets a foundation for education in technology and basic engineering. Fee: \$175. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**July 29: Shaker Heights Community Band, 10 AM, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE.** INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 216-491-2595.





## Summer Runs & Fun

**JUNE 13: Race for Hope, 9 AM**, STRONG STYLE MARTIAL ARTS AND FITNESS CENTER, 6900 GRANGER RD. Registration for the 10K, 5K and 1 Mile Walk begins at 8 am. \$22 includes t-shirt, post-race fruit, drinks and goodie bag! Trophies for 1st place winners of each age group (14 & under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65+) and medallions for 2nd & 3rd places. INFO: 216-623-9933.

**JUNE 14: TourdeCure, 7 AM**, BLOSSOM MUSIC CENTER. Recreational and avid cyclists ride the scenic roads of Northeast Ohio to benefit the diabetes association. Rides range from 2 to 62 miles. INFO: 866-868-7934 OR [www.diabetes.org/tour](http://www.diabetes.org/tour).

**JUNE 28: A Most Excellent Race, 9 AM**, BEAUMONT SCHOOL, 3301 NORTH PARK BLVD. Registration for the 10K, 5K Run/Walk to benefit Achievement Centers for Children's Camp Cheerful begins at 8 am. \$20/person includes t-shirt and after-race refreshments. INFO: 216-292-9700 EX. 226 OR EMAIL: [Maggie.Musnuff@achievementctrs.org](mailto:Maggie.Musnuff@achievementctrs.org).

## In the Circle and Beyond

**THRU JUNE 4: 11th Annual May Members Show, 10 AM-4 PM**, ARTISTS ARCHIVES OF THE WESTERN RESERVE, 1834 EAST 123 ST. Exhibit features artwork created by 36 members of the Artists Archives, including paintings, sculptures, drawings, photographs and much more. INFO: 216-721-9020.

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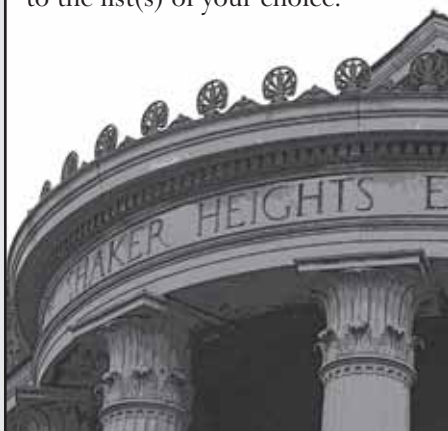
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**JUNE 5 & 6: Little Italy Art Walk, NOON-10 PM**, MURRAY HILL AND MAYFIELD RDS. Little Italy's galleries and artists' studios open their doors for viewing and sales. Sunday hours from noon-6 pm.

**JUNE 6: De-Lightful, De-Lovely, Dee Hoty!, 6:30 PM**, CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE, 8500 EUCLID AVE. Mebby Brown and Maura Kehoe chair this benefit that begins at 6:30 pm with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, and entertainment by Dee Hoty, then continues on to a late-night After-Party with dancing on the Drury Stage, featuring local musical acts "Afterthought & the NuSoul Band" and singer Rhys Miller. INFO: 216-795-7000 EX. 226, OR EMAIL [rmartinson@clevelandplayhouse.com](mailto:rmartinson@clevelandplayhouse.com).

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**JUNE 12: Tremont Art Walk, 6-10 PM**, Tour the Tremont neighborhood at this event.

**JUNE 13: Parade the Circle, 11 AM-4 PM**, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Enjoy hands-on activities at the many institutions around the circle, plus music and

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**JUNE 13 & 14: Art by the Falls, 10 AM-7 PM**, RIVERSIDE PARK CHAGRIN FALLS. Juried art show, activities for kids, music, food, and fun. Sunday hours 11 am-5 pm.

**JUNE 14: Dog-Day Afternoon: Police Dog Demonstration, 1 PM**, MALTZ MUSEUM, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Watch a demonstration by police K-9 dogs from Buckeye Area Regional K-9 and learn how these amazing animals keep our community safe. Free. INFO: 216-593-0575.

**JUNE 19: Nature League's 12th Annual Unnatural Affair Summer Solstice Party, 6-10 PM**, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Annual party on the Museum's Observation Deck. Enjoy tours of Mueller Observatory, food, cocktails, a raffle drawing and entertainment. Must be age 21 and over. Tickets: Nature League members: \$15; general admission: \$20. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR 800-317-9155, EX. 3279.

**JUNE 20: The Natural History of Peppers, 6:30 PM**, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Enjoy an evening of dining extraordinaire themed around peppers. Explore the natural history and cultural influences of peppers during a reception with Mexican food expert, Bea Delpapa, and then enjoy a seven-course gourmet dinner prepared by Sergio Abramof of Sergio's and Sarava. Wine purveyor Mary Lampham comments on complementary wine pairings. Tickets: \$150/person. INFO: 216-231-1177 OR [www.cmnh.org](http://www.cmnh.org).





**JUNE 24: The Oklahoma City Bombing: Reflections of a Prosecutor, 7 PM,** MALTZ MUSEUM, 2929 RICHMOND RD. CSU Law School Dean Geoffrey Mearns, one of the federal prosecutors who participated in the successful prosecution of Terry Nichols for his role in the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, discusses why Terry Nichols and Timothy McVeigh planned and executed the most deadly domestic terrorism attack in our country's history. Mearns also discusses lessons learned from the response to domestic terrorism in combating international terrorism. Fees: \$8/members; \$10/non-members. INFO: 216-593-0575.

**JUNE 27 & 28: Boston Mills I Art Festival, 10 AM-6 PM,** BOSTON MILLS SKI RESORT, PENINSULA. Fine art, jewelry, music and food. Sunday hours: 10 am- 5 pm. Fees: \$7.50/adults; \$6/seniors & kids ages 13-21; kids under 13 free.

**JUNE 26-27: Cleveland Wine Festival, 4-10 PM,** VOINOVICH BICENTENNIAL PARK, 800 E. 9TH ST. Veni, vedi, vino! I came, I saw, I drank wine! Sample wines from Ohio winemakers while listening to live music. The festival provides an opportunity to sample from more than 220 wines from around the world. Learn about new and exciting varieties from the experts in a relaxed festival setting. \$25/person \$10/designated driver tickets. Saturday hours 1-8 pm. INFO: 888-210-0074.

**JULY 3-5: Boston Mills II Artfest, 10 AM-6 PM,** BOSTON MILLS SKI RESORT, PENINSULA. Fine art, jewelry, music and food. Sunday hours: 10 am-5 pm. Fees: \$7.50/adults; \$6/seniors & kids ages 13-21; kids under 13 free. July 10-12: Cain Park Arts Festival,

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# The Family College Adventure

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

One of the benefits of living in Shaker Heights is not just the quality of the primary and high schools in the city itself, but also the wealth of fine institutions of higher learning in the surrounding region. Alas, these fine colleges and universities share one unfortunate trait that sometimes disqualifies them from consideration by Shaker juniors and seniors: GPPU (Geographic Proximity to Parental Units).

Since the only cure for a student's GPPU is 100 miles or more of distance — and since Mom and Dad are unlikely to invest their life savings in a school they've never seen in a different time zone — both sides agree to an exploratory mission known as The College Trip. Tips include:

**Planning:** Nothing is more important than knowing where you're going — which Shaker Man and his wife find out from their 16-year-old daughter fewer than five days before they are to leave on a week-long, 1,600-mile trek to see Snooty Northeast Liberal Arts Colleges (SNELACs). Even this requires weeks of prodding and, the day before the admissions department appointments are finally made, dire threats:

"OK, then," says Shaker Man. "We're not going."

"Fine," says 16.

Shaker Man stares at her. "Well, I mean, we're *really* not going."

"*Really* fine."

"Go talk to your mother!"

**The Drive:** God is never more mischievous than when he grants parents

a smart child. Not just the one with the brains to aim for a SNELAC, but also her 12-year-old brother, clever enough to highlight a mistake merely by repeating his father's own words.

"Hey, *guys*," says 12 some 380 miles into the first day's driving, and a mere 372 miles after discovering that his Xbox doesn't work with the van's DVD system, "This College Road Trip will be *fun*. It'll be like a family *college adventure*."

"Very funny," says Shaker Man.

"Hey, and we'll buy some games for the back seat. *Sure*, the Xbox will work there. Why wouldn't it?"

"I'm going to sleep," says Shaker Man, and he would, were it not for the sounds of Ms. Shaker Man and 16 giggling.

**The Visit:** Visiting a college or university — or at least a SNELAC — has two major components:

*The Tour:* All of the SNELACs, remarkably enough, are located in *quaint yet accessible* cities, are institutions *focused on the whole student* and not just academics (even though their academics are top-notch, *wink wink, Mom and Dad*), and, most importantly, they are *not for everyone*, though they make an effort *to accommodate anyone with the right talent*.

"What the hell does that mean?" asks Shaker Man.

All of the SNELACs are so annoyingly perfect, in fact, that by the fourth visit, the entire family is grading them by how nice the Admissions receptionists are ("Friendly." "What a witch!") and how tasty the snacks

are during the obligatory recent-alum admissions counselor speech on how Whatsamatta U made him or her into the 24-year-old he or she is today.

By Visit Eight — exhausted by switching cheap hotels nightly and really, *really* tired of each others' company — the entire family is making bets on which tour guide will trip while doing the backward This-Is-Schneebilger-Hall walk. "I've got \$2 on the library steps." "You're on!"

*The Financial Aid Meeting:* Also known as the middle-age cardiac stress test, conducted by 20-something admissions counselors who pronounce the words "50 Kajillion Dollars in tuition and fees" to a roomful of parents, waiting to see who's left and alert after the gasping and fainting. As far as Shaker Man can make out, the SNELACs have worked out a four-point payment plan:

1. Shaker Man sends all his money to chosen SNELAC.
2. Shaker Man then thanks SNELAC for non-negotiable tuition assistance (pittance) offered by SNELAC.
3. Shaker Man borrows the rest.
4. Shaker Man works till age 95 to pay off loans, all the while receiving invitations to donate to SNELAC Parents Fund.

"How are we going to do this?" Shaker Man asks his wife.

"Oh, buck up," says Ms. Shaker Man. "It's a family college adventure, right?" ■



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