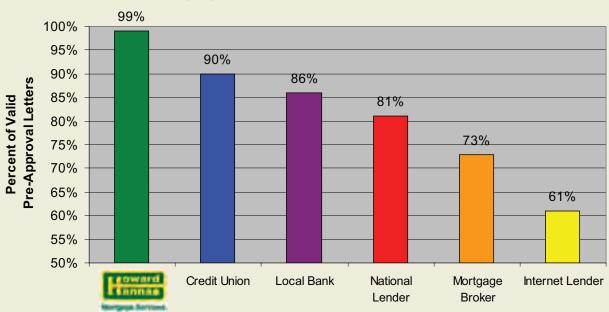


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## Percent of Valid Pre-Approval Letters by Type of Mortgage Provider



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## Shaker Summer Fun

(see Recreation section and Out & About for more information.)

- Fireworks begin at dusk on Wednesday, July 4 at the Shaker Middle School.
- Shaker Community Band on Wednesday, July 11 at the Colonnade.
- Itty Bitty Beach Party on Sunday, July 15 at Thornton Park.
- Library Story Time on Monday, July 16 at the Colonnade.
- Erie Heights Brass Ensemble on Thursday, July 19 at the Colonnade.
- Summer Thornton Fest on Sunday, August 5 at Thornton Park.
- Cleveland Shakespeare Festival on Friday & Saturday, July 27 & 28 at the Colonnade.

## 4th Annual Summer Solstice: Make it a Shaker Weekend

What's better than the longest day of the year? Celebrating it!

Once again, the Shaker Arts Council partners with the City, Cuyahoga County Commissioners and Heartland Developers to bring you Sounds Around Town, on Thursday, June 21, from noon to 11 pm and a Summer Solstice Festival on Saturday, June 23, from 5 to 10 pm.

**Sounds Around Town** brings live music to Shaker area restaurants and public venues to enjoy while shopping and dining. Summer Solstice Festival is an evening activity at Shaker Heights Colonnade, adjacent to 3450 Lee Rd. (at Van Aken Blvd.) featuring more live music, street performers, arts and crafts, food, bonfire and drum circle.

**Summer Solstice Festival** promotes the arts and culture of our community. The signature event, to celebrate the longest day of the year, is the one and only event of its kind in Cuyahoga County. Make Shaker Heights your annual destination for your solstice celebration!

Visit shakeronline.com or shakerartscouncil.org for up-to-date information about planned activities and entertainment.

### New Era at Horseshoe Lake Park

The lake may resemble a horseshoe, but the shape of things to come at Horseshoe Lake Park is getting pretty exciting.

The first phase of work is scheduled to begin soon. The following restrictions on use of the park should be kept in mind:

- Reservations for use of the pavilion will be accepted only through July 29.
   Call 491-2595 to make reservations.
- The meadow area will be closed the entire summer.
- The pavilion, restrooms, and lake access will be open until August 1.
- Beginning July 30, construction may necessitate closing all or part of the park. Please check shakeronline.com for further information.

Shaker natives recount happy childhood memories at Horseshoe Lake Park. They and the many residents who attended public meetings agree that the park is a community treasure by virtue of its beautiful natural setting, ornamental plantings and facilities, and water-related activities.

Since the park's development began in the 1930s and 1940s, it has provided residents with a mix of park facilities, including a picnic shelter and grills, a children's playground, volleyball courts, horseshoe pits, and walking paths. In numerous public meetings held over the past several years, residents enthusiastically encouraged

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'Shaker Life' is the best! One of many special things I love about Shaker Heights.

- Jeanne Rund

## New! More Plastic Items can be Recycled

Effective immediately, the City will accept plastic products numbered 1 through 7 in weekly trash and recycling pickups. Previously, the City accepted only products numbered 1 and 2.

Commingling of non-paper items – plastics, glass and aluminum – makes it easy for residents to recycle them. These items may be placed in the City's green recycling buckets or in transparent plastic bags and placed alongside trash.

# Conservation of Resources – Acting Locally

Trash collected from Shaker homes goes to a landfill. End of story? Think again. The amount of trash we dump is measured and fees are assessed on it. It's a lot of trash, as the fact that it is measured in tonnage indicates.

While landfill charges have increased by 25 percent over the past two years, Shaker's vigilance as an ecologically-minded community has kept the City's fee increases to only 12.5 percent.

With the change in acceptable plastics and the broader spectrum of acceptable paper products (see sidebar), residents can prevent even more recyclable trash from winding up in landfills. Landfill costs can be

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reduced further, and Shaker's contribution to conserving resources and protecting the environment can increase as well.

## PLASTICS #1 - 7

- #1 polyethylene terephthalate 2 liter soda bottles, cooking oil bottles, peanut butter jars – the most widely recycled plastic.
- #2 high density polyethylene Detergent bottles, milk jugs, grocery bags.
- #3 polyvinyl chloride Shrink wrap, water bottles, salad dressing containers.
- #4 low density polyethylene Dry cleaning bags, produce bags, food storage containers.
- #5 Polypropylene Aerosol caps, drinking straws.
- #6 Polystyrene Packaging pellets (sytrofoam peanuts), cups, meat trays, to-go "clam shells."
- #7 OtherCertain kinds of food containers and Tupperware. Any plastic other than the named #1-6 plastic types.

## **UNACCEPTABLE PLASTICS:**

Outside plastic furniture, drinking glasses, PVC piping, plastic toys

**PAPER:** (place in paper bags or bundle and tie with twine)

- Colored, white, office & computer paper
- Newspaper, corrugated cardboard (boxes flattened)
- Magazines, pamphlets, brochures, catalogs, phone books
- Food boxes
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Beer/soda cartons and carriers
- File folders
- Paper bags
- Books (hard/soft cover)
- Gift/toy boxes
- Greeting cards



### Horseshoe Lake

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city planners to retain the park's original qualities – a place for relaxation plus family and community activities such as walking and picnicking – and to improve its facilities and trails.

Preserving the natural character of the park while making much needed improvements required careful planning and consideration of the park's ecology. An Ecological Restoration Plan was prepared as part of the planning process. Specific recommendations were incorporated into the Horseshoe Lake Master Plan and will be part of a future phase of work on the park. These include: restoration and enhancement of the wetlands and shoreline vegetation; stream restoration and enhancement; dirt path removal and rehabilitation; water quality management; and removal of invasive species, some of which has begun already. The Phase I design implementation will closely follow the Master Plan.

City Council has appropriated \$1,004,420 to complete this phase of improvements. Imagine the following (or for help imagining, see the rendering on opposite page):

## Two new picnic pavilions.

Two new picnic pavilions are designed to hold groups of two different sizes. Together, they provide capacity for 219, slightly more than the single existing pavilion (201). The pavilions connect to each other with a beautiful stone patio that features a stone seat wall and possibly an old-fashioned council ring - a ring of stones or logs for storytelling or marshmallow roasting. Each shelter has its own outdoor grilling area. The magnificent fireplace from the existing picnic shelter has been preserved and retained as another gathering area with benches scattered around it.

## Walking paths, a boardwalk, and a multi-purpose trail.

A concrete, ADA accessible path circles the picnic shelters, restroom, and a natural play area, and connects to the entry drive. A combination of asphalt and gravel trails connects the picnic shelter area to:

- a spot where a tree house will be constructed at a later date.
- a boardwalk, which traverses a stream and wetland area near Park Drive.
- an eight-foot wide asphalt multi-purpose trail along South Park Boulevard. This trail connects to the existing concrete trail over the dam.

## Two play areas and an ideal spot for a tree house.

New play areas and a future tree house take advantage of existing natural features in the park to create diverse, open-ended playscapes that encourage imaginative play and interest in nature

Two play areas are located along the edges of the circular path, one for smaller, and one for bigger children. Play elements include natural climbing boulders, a small labyrinth, swings and rope climbing elements. The central area inside the circular concrete path remains as an open meadow for free-flowing fun.

Rain gardens, fed by patio runoff and pavilion roof downspouts, flourish and complement the landscape, providing learning environments for children. A location for the tree house, to be designed and installed at a later date, is identified in Phase 1 improvements.

To track progress of this phase of the Horseshoe Lake Park Plan, visit shakeronline. com often.



## Grandeur Earns Tree Annual Heritage Award

The winner of the 2007 Heritage Tree Award is an American elm located at 3012 Chadbourne Road. This beautiful elm, which stands on private property, is more than 100 feet tall, 52 inches in diameter, and has a 104-foot crown spread. It was nominated by neighbor Nancy Issa, because of its unusual size and robust health.

Residents interested in learning more about trees can visit the Arbor Day Foundation website, linked from shakeronline.com/cityhall/committees.

## **Arbor Day Contest Results**

Fourth grade contestants from Onaway Elementary School offered ideas and pictures to honor trees for the 2007 City of Shaker Heights Arbor Day Picture Contest. The students also participated in the City's annual observance of Arbor Day by planting a magnolia tree at Southerly Park.

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The winners are:

FIRST PLACE: Mateen Karimi

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**◆ SECOND PLACE:** Harry Steinberg National Arbor Day Foundation subscription Framed copy of his work Nature Explorer Club Packet Trees for America T-Shirt





## Wanted: Generous Souls

Meals on Wheels, which is celebrating its 25th year of service to residents in Shaker Heights, Beachwood and University Heights, has openings for area residents who would be interested in serving on its Board of Directors.

Meals on Wheels is a non profit, volunteer based organization that provides healthy, warm meals to those who are not able to shop or prepare meals themselves. For a moderate cost, a subscriber receives two meals each weekday. A weekend plan is also offered. Substitutes and new volunteers are always needed for help with the delivery process two or three times a month.

For more information and a description of duties of a board member, call Laura Rowan at 321-3387. Interested delivery volunteers may call the local Meals On Wheels director, Shirley Baldwin, at 991-6376.

## Fundraiser for **Down Payment Assistance Program**

A cocktail reception to benefit the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights is planned for Saturday, June 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Avalon Station, 16800 Van Aken Boulevard.

The Fund has collaborated with Avalon Station to offer a limited number of low-interest down payment loans for first-time home buyers at this exciting new condo and loft development. (Shaker school, city, and library employees need not be first-time buyers.) Named for the nearby rapid transit stop near Avalon Road and Van Aken Boulevard, Avalon Station units are priced to be affordable to a broad range of potential buyers.

The fundraiser also marks both the end of Phase I and the beginning of Phase II of a Winslow Road grant program. In 2006, \$169,000 was awarded to 31 homeowners whose matching investments generated more than \$450,000 worth of improvement projects. Phase II will provide \$157,000 for the same purpose.

The Fund for the Future has provided low-interest loans to home buyers who help sustain Shaker's racially diverse neighborhoods since 1985.

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## Holidays When Trash Collection is Delayed by One Day

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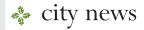
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## Someone's Knocking at the Door...

There may be an earnest young activist at your door this summer, clipboard in hand, eager to acquaint you with the goals of Ohio Citizen Action. The organization has informed the City that their staff members will be campaigning in Shaker Heights through August. This activity is permitted under Shaker law.

## Citizens **Police Academy Accepting Applications** from Residents over Age 21

The Shaker Heights Police Department is accepting applications from Shaker residents for its 2007 Citizens Police Academy. Classes are held on Mondays from 7 to 10 pm starting August 30 and ending November 29. Applications are available at shakeronline.com, at the Police Department, 3355 Lee Road, or by calling the office of Police Chief Walter Ugrinic at 491-1240. Class dates are available on the City's website calendar.

## Seasonal Reminders

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

Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm June 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and July 7, 14, 21 and 28 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$5 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.

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

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Public Works Department, 491-1490.

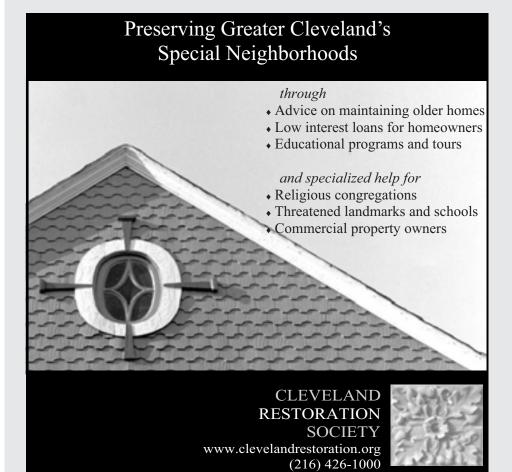
Domestic Power Tools: Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 pm and 7 am, or on Saturday or Sunday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

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

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

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

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.









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ADDRESS	2007 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3720 RIEDHAM ROAD	\$142,000	\$106,900 (1998)	\$ 9,000 (1937)
2687 ROCKLYN ROAD	\$460,000	\$378,500 (1998)	\$16,000 (1934)
24140 SHAKER BLVD	\$219,000	\$205,000 (2002)	\$28,000 (1956)
3696 SUTHERLAND RD	\$165,000	\$132,000 (2005)	\$10,500 (1930)
3710 TOLLAND ROAD	\$140,000	\$123,500 (2003)	\$ 9,000 (1929)
2832 WEYBRIDGE ROAD	\$425,000	\$382,500 (1999)	\$10,000 (1917)
23621 WIMBLEDON ROAD	\$300,000	\$254,500 (2001)	\$36,000 (1956)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

## Landlords: Should you be Thinking about Becoming Certified?

Ask yourself these questions: Do you have a vacant rental unit? Are you having trouble finding good tenants? Could your unit look better? Could your unit be worth more rent than you are currently asking? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the City's Certified Shaker program can help you accomplish your goals. It is a free and unique program that shows qualified landlords (in the Shaker Heights City School District) how to turn their rental units into the best rental properties available. Call the City's Housing Specialist today to take advantage of her expertise in preparing your unit. From curb appeal to the basement, minor enhancements can have a major impact. Housing Specialist Jacqueline Patterson Mansion is available by appointment; call 491-1370.

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## Certified Shaker **Properties**

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

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

#### **Rental Homes**

3647 Latimore Road (Norman & Ilene Sigel)

3466 Lynnfield Road (Bart & Joanne Caterino)

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## **Ludgate Road**

Year built: 1924 Square ft: 1314

Style: Typical Bungalow

Large dormer increases space in the second floor. Low and simple lines with a full front-porch. Natural color and texture brick, siding and woodwork.



#### **Chelton Road**

Year built: 1930 Square ft: 1909 Style: Bungalow

Colonial detailing at the front porch and an uncommon, turret-like dormer on the second floor.



## **Chelton Road**

Year built: 1926 Square ft: 2884

Style: Cleveland Double

Two and one-half story construction, with simple gables and a rectangular body shape. Double-tiered, full width porch with low pitch roof. Intricate brickwork and different wood shingles add character.



Moreland neighborhood home values\* range from: \$70,000 to \$165,000 Moreland home square footage ranges from: 860 to 3600 (includes two-family homes)

Looks like: Front porch heaven. First floor, second floor, with planters, with rockers, with

a cool breeze on a hot summer day. A great spot to sit back with a cool glass of lemonade and enjoy the company of family and friends.

**Feels like:** A fond recollection – of home and friends and home-cooked aromas wafting across a neighbor's lawn.

**Walk to:** Shaker Town Center shops and restaurants and \$60,000,000 of redevelopment so close that many make it a daily excursion; Chelton playground; Around-the-World playground.

**Close to:** Woodbury School, Onaway Elementary and the High School; Shaker Community Building, Main Library; Blue Line RTA stops along Van Aken.

Named for: Moreland Elementary, 16500 Van Aken Blvd, built in 1926, now Main Library

**Community Association:** Yes (check shakeronline.com for contact information).

\*based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation

A neighborhood profile of rental and condominium units will appear in the December issue.

Boulevard

## **FERNWAY**

Lomond

Ludlow

Malvern

Mercer

Moreland

Onaway

Sussex

Year built: 1929 Square ft: 1894

Elsmere Road

Notable

architect: George Burrows

Style: Tudor

Structural timbers with plastered panels in between, known as halftimbering. Lower story brick with stone accents and leaded glass windows.



## Maynard Road

1922 Year built: Square feet: 1904 Style: Colonial

Simple, flat facade with a centered entry. Wood siding, doublehung windows and shutters. Traditional detailing in the window and door trim, railings and front entrance surround.



### Norwood Road

Year built: 1927 Square feet: 2607 Style: Colonial

Details borrowed from a Pennsylvania farmhouse with fieldstone base and clapboard siding on the second story. Original slate roof. Double-hung windows and shutters.

Fernway neighborhood home values\* range from: \$173,500 to \$1,400,000 Single Family home square footage ranges from: 1400 to 9800

Looks like: An incubator for young families attracted by its centrally located elementary school

and tidy rows of streets lined with an exciting assortment of housing styles and sizes.

Feels like: A small town within a town. A sunny day brings out walkers, with and without dogs, joggers, and the sounds of children playing across the breadth of front and back yards.

Walk to: Shops and restaurants, RTA, Shaker Community Building, Main Library – all that Shaker Town Center has to offer in extraordinary proximity; Fernway Elementary School, the High School; the Duck Pond and Green Lake.

Close to: Both ends of the Chagrin corridor - Shaker Town Center on one side and Van Aken-Warrensville on the other.

Named for: Fernway Elementary, 17420 Fernway Road, built in 1927.

**Community Association:** Yes (check shakeronline.com for contact information).

\*based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation

A neighborhood profile of rental and condominium units will appear in the December issue.





#### \$639,000

A Metzger built beauty. Wonderful living spaces. 2 large bedrooms on first with adjoining office. 5 bedrooms total. 4 full baths.

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## \$140,000

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#### \$259,000

Leaded glass window accents. Bright and spacious rooms. Gleaming hardwood floors. 3 fireplaces, sunny eat-in kitchen. 4 bedrooms, 3.2 baths.

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## \$169,900

Welcoming foyer with curved staircase and open vista to living room with fireplace, coved ceiling, wood floors under carpet. Breakfast room, enclosed porch. Kay Shea/Linda Wilkshire • (440) 442-5199



## \$129,900

Spacious brick colonial with slate roof. Fresh, neutral decor, beautiful hardwood floors, 3 season room. Lots of natural light. 4 bedrooms, 1.1 baths.

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## Strategic Planning **Update**

Sixty people, including a variety of City leaders, school officials, and residents, attended a Community Meeting at Main Library in April to discuss the Library's strategic planning process. Consultant Jeanne Goodrich facilitated the discussions, which centered on library services the group felt would be most beneficial to the community. Some popular responses included making the library a more comfortable place, emphasizing literacy-related programs for preschool children, lifelong learning opportunities for adults, the availability of popular materials, helping people with technology, and serving a diverse population.

Goodrich then met with the Strategic Planning Committee, chaired by Library Board member Jeanne Shatten, to review the input. She also led a training session with library managers on how to write goals and objectives.

The Strategic Planning Committee will continue to meet to discuss the fundamental challenges faced by the Library as it seeks further input on community needs from teens, their parents, and parents of preschool children. The consultant will join the committee again on June 11 at Bertram Woods Branch and will give a progress report to the Library Board at its regular meeting that evening. It is expected that the Committee will give its recommendations for priorities at that time.

Residents are invited to share their thoughts either in writing to the Director or on the website at www.shakerlibrary.org.

## **New Trustees Appointed** to Library Board



**Allen** 



Hutt

Judith C. Allen and David M. Hutt have been appointed to the Library Board of Trustees by the Shaker Heights Board of Education. Allen will serve a two-year term, replacing Emma Bowman Benning; Hutt will serve seven years, replacing Mimi

A resident of the Lomond area, Allen has a degree in history from Wesleyan University and an MBA from the Krannert School of Management at Purdue University. She is the owner of Marketing Solutions and works as a consultant in the areas of marketing, communications, research, and training. She is also an adjunct professor for The University of Phoenix in Cleveland and Cuyahoga Community College and is a writer, book reviewer, and editor. Her work has been featured in The Plain Dealer, the Call and Post and online at www.aalbc.com. Allen is a member of the Marketing Research Association, the National Black MBA Association, and the Qualitative Research Consultants Association where she is the founder and chair of the regional chapter.

As a single woman with no children, Allen has found great satisfaction as a volunteer with Big Brothers and Big Sisters and was honored as Big Sister of the Year. She also volunteers at her church where she sings in the choir and helps with youth ministry. According to Allen, "Shaker Library is like a second home to me and I wanted to make a contribution to an organization that contributed to my well being." Allen is most interested in forging closer ties with neighboring libraries.

David Hutt, a Mercer resident, is a physician specializing in infectious diseases. He was born and raised in Denver and graduated from Harvard University where he majored in government. Hutt earned his MD from Case Western Reserve University and continued his medical studies at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, where he was a Fellow in the Division of Infectious Diseases. He is board certified in internal medicine and infectious diseases.

Hutt and his wife, Diane Bergin, also a physician, moved to Shaker in 1985. He has been in the private practice of internal medicine and she is a pediatrician. They have two girls, Rachael (SHHS '01), Anna (SHHS '04) and a son, Jacob, a sophomore at Shaker High.

Hutt has been active in the Jewish community and synagogue life and is the past president of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah. He is a supporter of Friends of the Shaker Library, Shaker Family Center, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, and the Shaker Schools' A Night for the Red and White.

An avid reader, Hutt enjoys fiction, history, short stories, and biographies. As a trustee, he believes "that it is important to keep pace with the rapidly changing technology without losing emphasis on the pleasure and importance of books and reading." As a trustee, Hutt will work to ensure that all citizens have access to a wide range of information resources and that the Library continues to offer "imaginative programming that can reach the breadth of our community."



## Reading: Sounds Good!

Shaker Library invites youth from two years old to eighth grade to join its summer reading program, *Reading: Sounds Good,* June 11–July 31. Summer readers will enjoy discovering the many lyrical sounds of words as they read and listen to books. Children not yet reading independently can join the program and participate on a read-to-me basis.

Teens can participate at their own pace in the *Sound Off!* program and win gift cards for pizza, ice cream, books, and movies.

Weather permitting, the library will kick off the summer reading program, which is funded by the Friends of the Shaker Library, with its annual Ice Cream Social from 6:30 pm to 8 pm Friday, June 15 on the lawn at Bertram Woods. Families can bring a blanket and a picnic, register for the reading program and enjoy ice cream, lemonade, popcorn, music, and a bargain book sale. Sounds like fun!

## Meet the Author: Dr. Stephen Post

Friends of the Shaker Library will host Shaker resident Stephen Post, author of Why Good Things Happen to Good People: The Exciting New Research that Proves the Link Between Doing Good and Living a Longer, Healthier, Happier Life published by Broadway Books, at 7:30 pm Tuesday, July 10 at Woods Branch.

Post is a professor in the Department of Bioethics at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine. He is also a Senior Research Scholar in the Becket Institute at St. Hughs College, Oxford University. He is President of the Institute for Research on Unlimited Love, founded in 2001, which focuses on the scientific study of altruism, compassion, and service. His research on the life-enhancing benefits



Post

of caring, compassion, kindness and altruism has been making headlines since the institute was founded in 2001. His book has the latest findings from neuro-imaging, psychological

measures, and major longitudinal studies, and demonstrates how loving interactions and acts of altruism add up to big gains in health, quality of life, and life expectancy.

Following his presentation, Dr. Post will sign books. Call 991-2421 to reserve a place.

## Hangin' With Harry

With the seventh installment of the book series *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* due on July 21 and the fifth movie, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* opening on July 13, this is the summer for hangin' with Harry.

Hang out with friends at the Main library each afternoon at 2 pm July 17— July 20 for a Harry Potter movie matinee and watch a different movie each day.

Saturday, July 21, the Main Library Teen Center and the Woods Branch Community Room will be transformed into the Hogwarts Student Lounge, where kids from 10 through 16 can hang out and read, watch a movie marathon, or make a Harry Potter-themed craft.

# Library Announces Winners of the 8th Annual Barbara Luton Art Competition

Daniel George won Best of Show for his digital work entitled 220 Stories, which was purchased for the library's public art collection. George Kocar won First Place for his acrylic painting Mad about Munch. Horace Reese won Second Place for his pastel, Warrior, and Johnine Byrne received Third Place for her acrylic, Crabapples.

Honorable mentions were awarded to Michael Allen, David Brichford, Leslie Greenberg, George Kocar, Theressa Napoli, Roy Pekoc, Barbara Stanford, Catherine Walworth, and Ted Yu. Other artists juried into this year's competition include: Geof R. Agneberg, Pat Barrington, Edward Beyer, Alexandra Brin, G. Matthew Chokreff, Michael Cole, Willa Eisele, Lynn Katz Danzig, Char D'Errico, Margaret Fischer, Jeremiah Fort, Marc Frisch, Jeanne Fuller, Jay Hoffman, Anna Hsu, Carol Johnson, Amy Lewandowski, Noah's Child, Leena Nevalainen-Smith, Elise Newman, Nijole Palubinskas, Maurice Perkins, Betty Skufca, Jane Smith, Marian Stevens, Mary Stone, Stanley Stone, Rebecca Tada, Elias Traboulsi, Kate Uhlir, Jerome White, and Helen Willis.

This year's competition was juried by Sue Koletsky, the director of The Temple Museum of Religious Art, The Temple-Tifereth Israel. The museum is the fourth oldest museum of Judaica in the United States, housing one of the most prominent and comprehensive collections of religious and Judaic art.

In her juror's statement, Koletsky wrote, "Selecting artwork for an exhibit is a daunting assignment. I truly appreciated the work that went into every piece of art



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entered in this year's competition. As a juror I considered each piece and tried to create a regional art exhibit that included a variety of subjects, interests, techniques and media. I selected works that represented technical skills, but I also tried to include a variety of artistic voices. I considered each piece from the standpoint of the artist's approach to his or her subject. Some pieces are cerebral, some precise and exact and some whimsical."

## Come Hear The News

The Library will hold its Fourth Annual Juneteenth Family Celebration marking the end of slavery in America on Saturday, June 16 at 2 pm on the main floor of Main Library.

This year's program will include a gospel-style celebration featuring the musical talents of CTA, a youth ensemble from Northeast Ohio ranging in age from seven to 17. The group is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Chisholm.

The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling the Library at 991-2030.

## The Bookshelf:

Books to Read Aloud



Clementine by Sara illustrat-Pennypacker, ed by Marla Frazee. Hyperion, 2006. Clementine

spunky, inquisitive, unforgettable third grader who speaks her mind and is having a terrible week. What she comes to realize is that there is always a way to "fix" things - even when it seems that the whole world is mad at you.

Fair Ball!:14 Great Stars from Baseball's Negro Leagues by Jonah Winter. Scholastic, 1999. This concise collection describes 14 players from the Negro Leagues, offering fascinating facts about each one. An accompanying painting of each man helps bring the players to life.

The Fairy Tales compiled and illustrated by Jan Pienkowski, translated from the French and German by David Walser.

Viking, 2005. Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Hansel and Gretel, and Cinderella have been beautifully translated and printed in large, readable hand-lettered type and exquisitely illustrated with Pienkowski's incredibly detailed silhouettes - many of them set against marbled papers. This fairy tale treasure will become a family favorite.

Lucy Rose: Busy Like You Can't Believe by Katy Kelly, illustrated by Adam Rex. Delacorte Press, 2006. This is the third book about fourth grader Lucy Rose who writes in her diary about the perils of eavesdropping and her concern that her single mother is beginning to date. The combination of Lucy's humor and her fixation on palindromes make this a winner.

Mercy Watson Goes for a Ride by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen, Candlewick, 2006. Mr. Watson's favorite pig gets her chance to drive the Cadillac convertible on their Saturday outing.

Runny Babbit, A Billy Sook written and illustrated by Shel Silverstein. HarperCollins, 2005. Silverstein's last book of poetry, published after his death, features a little rabbit's interactions with his animal friends. Written in twisted English, which adds to the humor, these 'punny' bunny rhymes tell the amusing story of Runny in true Silverstein style.

The Thing About Georgie by Lisa Graff. HarperCollins, 2006. Georgie worries about little things other kids do that he can't, like touching his right ear with his left hand or resting his head on his knee when he wants to think. Secretly, he also worries about the baby sister or brother his mother is expecting. You see, fourth grader Georgie is a dwarf, but the thing about him is that he's just fine and dandy.



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## PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

Free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years old. 10 am - noon Tuesdays, Thursdays &

6 – 8 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays No registration is required.

## PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

Saturdays

A special room filled with literacybased activities just for babies birth to 18 months and their parents or caregivers.

10 am – noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6 – 8 pm. Thursdays

## PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS AT MAIN LIBRARY

Preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years old.

10 am – noon Wednesdays One-time registration is required; call Shaker Family Center, 921-2030.

#### **BABY SUMMER SAMPLER**

Explore new ways to bond with your one-year-old and promote language learning and literacy in this six-week series of 30-minute classes, including

Baby Sign, Baby Yoga, Nature Baby, Baby Rhymes, Baby Songs, and Baby Play. Registration is open to children 12 through 23 months with a parent or caregiver.

Summer session: June 19-July 26 10 am Tuesdays at Woods Branch. Registration begins June 5.

10 am Thursdays at Main Library. Registration begins June 7.

New! Register for one or more classes beginning two weeks before the start of the session. Class size is limited.

#### STORIES AND MORE

Stories, songs, and crafts for 2- and 3-year-olds with an adult. Summer session: June 19–July 25 9:30 am or 10:30 am Tuesdays at Main Library. Registration begins June 5. 9:30 am or 10:30 am Wednesdays at Woods Branch. Registration begins June 6. New! Register for one or more classes beginning two weeks before the start of the session.

## PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. Summer session: June 18–July 24 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 18 Registration begins June 4.

**SUMMER SPECIALS:** June 19–July 25 Stories, crafts, and special guests for children entering grades 1–4 in the fall. 4:15 pm Tuesdays at **Main Library**. Registration begins June 5.

4:15 pm Wednesdays at Woods **Branch.** Registration begins June 6.

(No program July 4.)

Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

## LISTEN TO THE SOUNDS OF STORYTELLING AT THE COLONNADE

7 pm Monday, July 16 Join library staff members Tricia Springstubb, Susan Scheps and Virginia Schoelch for an evening of oohs, aahs, laughs, and guffaws. Join in songs, stories, and more. Bring the family, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and get ready for a fun-filled evening complemented with a delicious ice cream treat.

Registration begins July 2; call the Main Library Children's Department, 991-2030.

Today at the Bluebird Café by Deborah Ruddell, illustrated by Joan Rankin. Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2007. Poems about birds, large and small, common and exotic – all of them humorously written and filled with ear-grabbing word sounds and phrases - highlight the uniqueness of each species. Delightful watercolor cartoon illustrations abound with smileproducing details.

The Vacation by Polly Horvath. Farrar, Straus, Giroux, 2005. When 12-year-old Henry's mom and dad decide to become Mormon missionaries in Africa for several months, the boy is sent to live with his two quarrelsome aunts, Magnolia and Pigg, who take him on a meandering vacation to Virginia Beach; the Florida Everglades; Mount Rushmore; and Oklahoma. Bickering aunts, squabbling parents, and both humorous and poignant episodes scattered throughout lead to a listening holiday.

Why? written and illustrated by Tomie DePaola. G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2007. This seventh book in DePaola's autobiographical series begins at the family's 1941 New Year's Eve party. America has just entered World War II, and Tomie writes about helping out in his grandparents' grocery store; learning penmanship at school; losing his first tooth; and seeing his cousin Blackie, a Belly Gunner in the Army Air Corps.

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## Friends Announce Earth Day Poster Contest Winners

Friends of the Shaker Library and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes held a poster contest for kids in fourth, fifth and sixth grades. Entrants were asked to think of a slogan and to illustrate it.

First place winners were: Megan Jones, fourth grade at Boulevard; Julie Hullett, fifth grade at Woodbury and Anna Faxon, sixth grade at Laurel School.

Second place winners were Emma Kagan, fourth grade at Lomond; Jasmine Mennefee, fifth grade at Patrick Henry and Danielle Weitzman, sixth grade at Laurel.

Third place winners were Abby White, fourth grade at Mercer; Dariah Martin, fourth grade at Fairfax and Rachel Komich, sixth grade at Laurel.

Posters are displayed at the Main Library and the Nature Center.

FOR TEENS AGE 12-18

## It's Summer... Time to Sound Off **About Reading!**

JUNE 11-JULY 31

Whether you read books the old-fashioned way; listen to books on CD or Playaway; or download them electronically, summer is the time to read, read, read! Visit the teen area in either library, fill out an entry form with the title and author of a book you've read or listened to this summer. Enter every week to win Gift Cards to: Blockbuster, Shaker Square Cinemas, Borders Books, Papa Johns Pizza, Barnes & Noble Bookstore and Baskin-Robbins at Shaker Town Center.

The Summer Reading Program is generously funded by Friends of the Shaker Library.

## Summer **Book Discussions**

at Main Library

### NOON, SATURDAY, JUNE 9

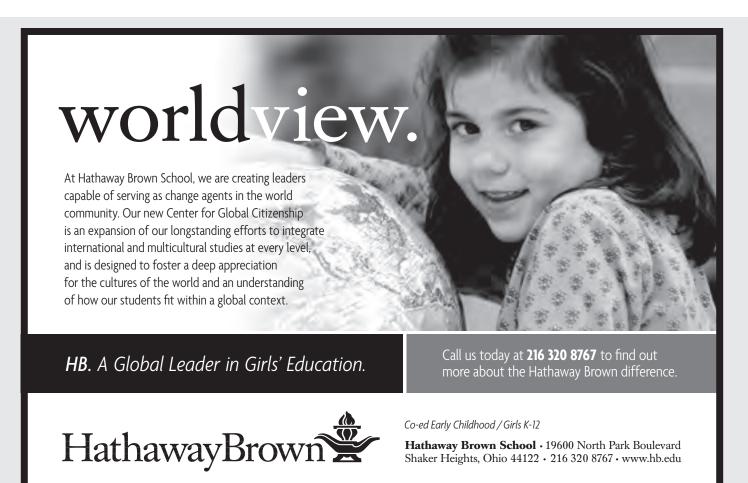
Daisy Fay and the Miracle Man by Fannie Flagg. A comic, sometimes touching, coming-of-age novel about Daisy Fay, a rambunctious 11-year-old whose insights on life are often hilarious but always heart wrenching.

#### 10 AM, TUESDAY, JUNE 12

The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls. This page-turner hooks you from the beginning when the author, dressed for a benefit, looks out her taxi window to watch her mother dumpster diving. MSNBC's Jeannette Walls' memoir goes on to describe her dysfunctional family life with nary a hint of bitterness.

#### 7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 12

Thirty-three Teeth by Colin Cotterill. The elderly, but mischievous, national coroner of 1970s Laos, Dr. Siri Paiboun,









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faces obstruction by the incompetent Communist government, as well as interference from the Laotian spirit world, in his pursuit of a bizarre serial killer.

## 7:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Be Sweet: A Conditional Love Story by Roy Blount, Jr. Blount reflects on his relationship with his mother in this memoir filled with humorous anecdotes, candid thoughts and complex emotions.

#### 10 AM TUESDAY, JULY 10

Independence Day by Richard Ford. In this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, divorced father, Frank Bascombe plans to spend the upcoming Fourth of July weekend with his teen-aged son, but nothing goes as planned.

### **NOON SATURDAY, JULY 14**

Sisterhood of Blackberry Corner by Andrea Smith. In a small Black town in South Carolina, Bonnie Wilder and her church sisters develop a unique but discreet placement service for unwanted babies.

#### 7:30 PM TUESDAY, JULY 24

The March by E.L. Doctorow. This is the chilling account of Sherman's march through Georgia and the Carolinas.

## **Business Book Discussions**

Business Book Discussions are led by Ed Rossman. The group meets at 7 pm in Main Library's Community Meeting Room G. Please register and pick up books at the Main Library Fiction Desk one month before the discussion. Some titles are also available as audiobooks or ebooks. If you need help finding them, please ask a librarian.

The first discussion is Wednesday, June 13. The book is Fish! Sticks: A Remarkable Way to Adapt to Changing Times and Keep Your Work Fresh by Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul, John Christensen, and Philip Strand. Hyperion 2003.

On Wednesday, July 11, the group will discuss another "fish" book, Fish! for Life: A Remarkable Way to Achieve Your Dreams by Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul, John Christensen, and Philip Strand. Hyperion 2004.

## **Library Offers** Computer Classes this Summer

Summer is the perfect time to learn a new computer skill or hone an old one. Sign up by calling the Main Library Computer Center at 991-2030 extension 3185 unless otherwise noted.

#### INTERNET CLASS

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 2 10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JULY 7 (Registration begins June 25.) Discover how to find and use a wide variety of online resources using Internet Explorer. Participants will learn how to "surf" the web to find sites of interest. Participants must be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight.

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 5 4-5:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 7 10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13 (Registration begins June 4.) 6:30-8 PM MONDAY, JULY 23 (Registration begins July 16.) 10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, JULY 26 (Registration begins July 16.) Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to drag and highlight.



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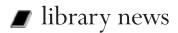
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Learn how to work with Microsoft's database program to build databases, enter information into a data table and generate simple queries and reports from the database. (Access is for those who have tried to use a spreadsheet to store data and found it to be somewhat inadequate.) Participants must be able to use the mouse.

#### INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6 6:30-8 PM MONDAY, JUNE 11 (Registration begins June 4.) 4-5:30 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 12 (Registration begins June 4.) 3-4:30 PM FRIDAY, JULY 6 (Registration begins June 25.) 10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 11 (Registration begins July 2.) Put some power in your presentations. Learn how to create a slide show with text and graphics, how to edit slides and how

### CREATING AND USING TABLES IN ACCESS

to add sound and animation. Participants

must be able to use the mouse.

10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 7 10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 10 (Registration begins July 2.) Tables are where data live in a database. A well-designed table stores the data and helps to prevent users from making mistakes while entering data. This class explores designing and using tables in an Access database. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 extension 3156.

## **WORKING WITH WINDOWS**

3-4:30 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 8 10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JUNE 12 (Registration begins June 4.) 10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20 (Registration begins June 11.) Learn how Windows works! This class is designed for those who can navigate the Internet and work with programs, but are not comfortable using multiple windows. Participants must be able to use the mouse.

#### **WEB EMAIL**

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JULY 14 (Registration begins July 2.) Learn how to access a web e-mail account and how to send and receive messages. Participants must be able to use the mouse to click, drag and highlight and be

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able to navigate websites and type URLS.

10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 14 (Registration begins June 4.) 10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 17 (Registration begins July 9.)

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 9

Forms do two things in database programs. They make data entry less risky to the database and allow users to see data from the database. This 90-minute class explores designing and using forms in an Access database. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

## **GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT** 6:30-8 PM MONDAY, JUNE 18

(Registration begins June 11.) 10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 (Registration begins July 9.) Learn how to create effective PowerPoint presentations using clip art, Word Art and digital pictures. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

## CREATING AND USING QUERIES IN ACCESS

10-11:30 AM. THURSDAY, JUNE 21

(Registration begins June 11.)

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 24 (Registration begins July 16.) Queries are questions asked of databases, the results of which can be exciting or trivial. Learn how to ask the questions correctly in this class. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

## **CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL** 4-5:30 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 21

(Registration begins June 11.) 6:30-8 PM MONDAY, JULY 30 (Registration begins July 23.) Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs, and learn the basic ways data can be charted. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

#### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JUNE 23 (Registration begins June 11.) 10-11:30 AM SATURDAY, JULY 28 (Registration begins July 16.) Learn how to format documents using Microsoft Word software. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

#### ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT

6:30-8 PM MONDAY, JUNE 25 (Registration begins June 18.) 10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 (Registration begins July 16.)

Everything in a slide, including text boxes, can be animated to some extent. Learn the important objects that can be added to a slide and the menus that control them. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

## INTERNET WITH EXPERTS: GOOGLEMANIA™

6:30-8 PM TUESDAY, JUNE 26 (Registration begins June 18.) 6:30-8PM MONDAY, JULY 16 (Registration begins July 9.) Learn advanced Internet searching strategies using the Google TM search engine, including tips and tricks for finding better information more quickly and efficiently.

## **CREATING AND USING REPORTS** IN ACCESS

10-11:30 AM THURSDAY, JUNE 28

(Registration begins June 18.) 10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, JULY 31 (Registration begins July 23.) Discover the different styles of reports available in Access and learn to manipulate the design of the report, show summaries of data, and more. Register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext 3156.

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#### **MOUSE CLASS**

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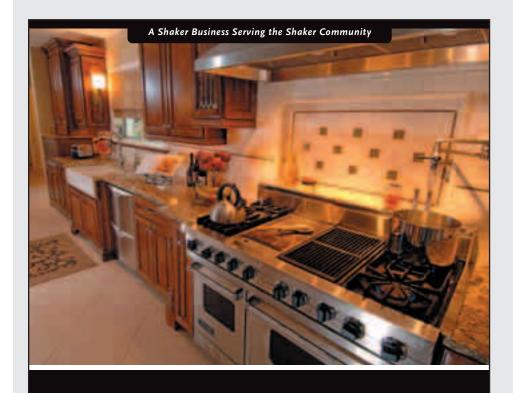
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## **Endnotes**

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 pm Monday, June 11 at Bertram Woods Branch.
- Main Library is closed Sundays through September 2.
- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library 2-7 pm Monday, June 4. For more information, call 800-448-3543 or visit their web site at www.givelife.org
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There are few places more beautiful or communities more vibrant than Shaker in the summer. The transformation begins in late spring, when, like bears coming out of hibernation, young and old steadily emerge from their homes, reclaiming their front porches and backyard swings, and tossing their baseballs till dark.

Neighbors who have exchanged mittened waves during the cold winter months now catch up as they plant their gardens and seed their lawns. Earlymorning runners and late afternoon walkers take back the streets. "Lake-effect snow" warnings fade from memory, and the list swells of things to do, places to see, and special events to enjoy.

Shaker's proximity to the city of Cleveland offers residents exciting professional sports, entertainment, and cultural options, while fishing, swimming, and boating on the warmest of the Great Lakes are just a short drive away. But truth be told, Shakerites don't have to venture far beyond their own tree lawns to enjoy many of the greatest offerings of the great outdoors. There's so much to experience within the City's own six and a half square miles that the only limitation is how much the family calendar can handle.

The pictures, people, and proprietors featured on the following pages showcase some of our outdoor treasures and treasured pastimes. Look to your Shaker Life magazine calendar, the City's website at shakeronline.com and your Neighborhood Association's newsletter for more ideas and upto-the-minute event listings. To receive email reminders about upcoming events, sign up at shakeronline.com

Photo of Horseshoe Lake on previous pages by Judy Rawson. Background photo this page by Marc Golub.

Lovely Lakes

Looking for a quiet place to read, rest, paint, or ponder? Bring a blanket or settle in on a park bench on the shores of one of Shaker's four tranquil lakes (reservoirs, to be technical): Upper Shaker Lake, aka Horseshoe Lake; Lower Shaker Lake, with its captivating waterfall; Marshall Lake; and Green Lake, aka the Duck Pond. Bring along a camera and you may catch a shot of Shaker's elusive heron.

## Abundant Blooms

Shaker shows its true colors in the exquisite gardens that grow in yards large and small, on the grounds of City Hall and public school buildings, and even on median strips. Admire them as you walk, bike, and drive through town, but for a close-up view, take part in the June 24 Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Shaker Historical Museum. The tour is from 1 to 5 pm and features beautiful gardens with fountains, pergolas, pools, sandstone patios, decks, ponds, and other charming touches.

Tickets for this self-guided tour are \$15 in advance and \$20 the day of the tour. Call the Shaker Historical Society, 921-1201, for ticket locations and other details.

If roses are your passion, bask in their beauty all summer long at the 80-year-old Community Rose Garden alongside Woodbury School. Dedicated volunteers lovingly tend to the hundreds of Damask Roses, Hybrid Tea, and other rose bushes.

## Natural Wonders

Whether hiking miles along its dirt trails or strolling the 1/3-mile All People's Trail boardwalk, there's no better way to experience nature's sights and

sounds than at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Boulevard. Bird watching and environmental photography are other popular pastimes at the idyllic spot, which has been named a National Environmental Education Landmark.

The Center offers a variety of Outdoor Adventure classes for children two to ten years, and visitors within the Center itself can enjoy interactive learning stations and shop at the Duck Pond Gift Shop. A covered Friends Picnic Pavilion is available on a first-come basis, except when reserved.

## Dig The Earth

Gardening is "healthy and therapeutic exercise" for Kent and Barbara Darragh; it's also a spiritual endeavor for the couple, who've lived on a sprawling one-acre home across from Green Lake for ten vears.

The daffodils, hyacinth, daisies, and other flowers they plant along the walkway from their front door to the sidewalk "are our gift to walkers and those visiting

the lake," says Barbara. But the rear yard, she notes, "is our sacred space. These gardens are our gifts to ourselves." Zen and fairy gardens, a reflecting pool, gazing ball, and other accents bring them peace and joy. The two do their own planting and maintenance across the expansive yard without even the convenience of a sprinkler system. "As you age," Barbara quips, "it's good to be digging in the earth!"

- Nancy O'Connor



BY JANET CENTURY



## The Little Parks

There's a greenspace aesthetic in Shaker Heights. Create a triangle of dirt where two roads meet and before you can turn around, someone has planted a bounty of bulbs and secured a bench for quiet contemplation. Created as a Garden City more than 90 years ago, Shaker Heights is still serious about its gardens, public as well as private. Above, the public greenspace at Lomond and Rawnsdale has been cultivated and lovingly tended by residents, including Mary White (left) and Darlene Leahy, in Sussex.

Plentiful Parks & Playarounds A commitment to green space was fundamental in Shaker's original

Garden City design, and it remains a priority today, one demonstrated by the City's many well-tended parks and its ongoing investment in them. This year, Horseshoe Lake Park is undergoing extensive beautification involving its picnic shelters, trails, and landscaping, and plans include adding a rain garden and play area with labyrinth, climbing rocks, cable climbers, and swings. The park's current trails, playground, and picnic pavilion remain open in the meantime. (See article in this issue's City News.)

Southerly Park is a popular destination for bikers and runners, with its paved trails that wind among the forest and are dotted with fitness stations for serious athletes. For Shaker's younger set, playground options abound! At the multi-cultural Around the World Playground beside the Shaker Heights Main Public Library, kids can climb, crawl, swing, and slide their way through African, Asian, and European villages. Shaker's six public elementary schools also offer enticing playgrounds, and the expansive playgrounds at Shaker Family Center include play structures designed for children with special needs. Play equipment can also be found at the City's Winslow and Chelton Parks.

#### For the Birds

Unique gifts for nature lovers and handy guides to help appreciate our region's wildlife and natural resources are among the items you'll find in the Duck Pond Gift Shop located in the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes.

Want to entice feathered friends into your backyard? Take home a high-quality bird feeder, including one made of recycled glass for hummingbirds. Use a handheld Bird Identifier to learn the calls of birds found in our area, and get youngsters interested in the great outdoors by picking up bird-watching binoculars or an Audubon-approved stuffed bird that produces an authentic bird call.

The Duck Pond also carries an array of nature field guides and practical books on such topics as gardening in an urban setting. Hikers will find walking sticks, and naturalists will appreciate the special kits for studying fossils, geodes, and other rocks. One of the shop's biggest sellers is the wind-up flashlight that never needs batteries.

Indulge your love for nature at the Duck Pond and feel good knowing that 100 percent of the shop's proceeds support the Nature Center's programs and exhibits.

- Nancy O'Connor



PHOTO BY JANET CENTURY

## The Duck Pond Gift Shop Vital Stats

Nature Center at Shaker Lakes 2600 South Park Boulevard Open M-Sa, 10 am-5 pm, and Su, 1 pm-5 pm



## Walking The Dog Who Walks The Family

The mature landscape, the friendly people, and the quiet streets are what John and Kendra Wood love most about their long walks through Shaker with their children Michael, Matthew, Cassandra, and Christina, and the family's newest addition, Bailey, a West Highland Terrier. The dedicated walkers have no one favorite route. "We just head in whatever direction the mood - and the dog - takes us!" says Kendra. "The scenery is always varied and interesting, and fellow dog-walkers are very friendly." The Canadian transplants moved to Shaker 13 years ago when John, an orthopedic surgeon, joined Kaiser Permanente.

- Nancy O'Connor

Spirited Sporting

City and school playing fields get a workout nearly every day of the week as kids of all ages compete in baseball, softball, soccer, and other sporting matches. If tennis is your game, Shaker offers nearly two dozen public tennis courts and league play all summer long. At the Thornton Park recreation center, a new outdoor basketball court beckons.

Shaker also boasts several organized events for runners and walkers, including the 5th Annual five-mile and one-mile DadsDay Run sponsored by Shaker Family Center (call 921-2023 for details). And, you can walk around the clock June 15 with the American Cancer Society Relay for Life® – for more info, call Sean Nassoiy at 444-9730.



BIKING PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

## **Bicycle Boulevard Vital Stats** 20132 Chagrin Blvd. 216-751-2583 www.bicycleboulevard.com Tues.-Fri. 11 am-7 pm Sat. 10 am-5 pm

## Two-Wheeler Dealer

Gaze down a Shaker street in warm weather and you'll discover all sorts of folks out for a spin, from the kid pedaling his tricycle down the sidewalk to the weekend warrior in training for her latest century ride. Residents young and old, of all fitness levels, enjoy the beauty and tranquility found in the saddle of this simple, elegant machine.

For the past 13 years, Frank Hall has enjoyed matching the right bike to the right rider at his shop, Bicycle Boulevard. A 1980 Shaker High grad, Hall offers a wide array of bikes, clothing, and gear at many price points in his bright and tidy Chagrin Boulevard store (enter through the rear parking lot). He also offers a full repair service for any brand of bicycle.

"When I work with customers, I like to hear where they plan to ride, and what they're riding for," Hall explains. The inexpensive hybrid bikes with medium-sized tires, upright handle bars, a wide seat, and 21-24 gears, are most popular for people interested in casual riding. More serious enthusiasts, who plan to cover longer distances or go touring, should choose a road bike with drop handle bars and cleated pedals.

Also popular with Hall's Shaker customers are tagalongs, an attachment to the back of an adult bicycle that allows a young child to pedal until he or she gets tired. "Parents can do a 15or 20-mile ride and their kid can come along," Hall smiles.

While most of Hall's clientele are Shakerites, he does get customers from as far away as Mentor and Akron. "It's because of our service," Hall says. "Sometimes they haven't had a good repair job somewhere else, and they find us."

While Hall says people who ride a lot want to know how to maintain and repair their bikes, "most people just want to know how to fix a flat tire, and we show them how to do that."

- Beth Friedman-Romell

## **Hard Riders**

Shaker cyclists can be found spinning around town, around the state, and even around the country. Onaway area resident Eileen Sadowsky has been taking her son, soon-to-be 8th grader Aaron Sadholz, on the Great Ohio Bicycle Adventure (GOBA), a week-long bike trip around the state, for the past six years.

"Two years ago we started taking the whole family," says Eileen, who teaches Occupational Therapy at Lomond and Woodbury. The trip includes daughter Ilana Sadholz (who will be in 5th grade in the fall) and husband, David, who teaches physics at Shaker High whenever he's not training for an upcoming triathlon.

Does this family have bike grease in their blood or something? "It's really fun," Eileen laughs. "GOBA is very intense, but everyone rises to the occasion." Eileen says they take their rides at a slow pace and train regularly to prepare for the event.

Another Shaker teacher, Pat Smith, enjoys commuting on her bicycle to her job as a preschool intervention specialist at Onaway Elementary from her home in Twinsburg – 16 miles each way, which is all in a day's work for this energetic woman who is making her way across the United States bit by bit by bike each summer.

Smith rides to work on most days when the temperature is at least 40 degrees. She rides through subdivisions to Solon, then takes Aurora Road to the Metropark, then pedals up Brainard Road to South Woodland and on westward to Onaway. In bad weather, she uses the bike racks on RTA buses. (Note: The Shaker Rapid allows bicycles on board during non-peak hours.)

- Beth Friedman-Romell





Pat Smith (above) and the Sadholz-Sadowsky family.

## **Happy Trails**

Shaker's central location and charming streets make the City the perfect starting point for bike rides of any distance. Two City initiatives will soon make bike riding even more pleasant, reports Joyce Braverman, director of Shaker's Planning Department.

The City will build an eight foot wide, all-purpose trail from Sulgrave Road to Warrensville Center Road in the Shaker Boulevard median, which should be completed by the end of the year.

"From Warrensville, you can ride west on South Park and go off road again at Horseshoe Lake," Braverman explains. At Horseshoe Lake (see this issue's City News), trails will be constructed both inside and around the park, the latter to link up with the Cleveland Heights bike trail on North Park Boulevard. The Horseshoe trails are funded by the City and through a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The Planning Department is also working on publishing a bike trail map linking Shaker to neighboring communities.

- Beth Friedman-Romell

## Run, Run, Run

Craig and Mary Martin discovered the joys of running four years ago and haven't stopped since.

"The great thing about running in Shaker is that you get to have the nature experience without having to drive somewhere first" says Mary, who moved to Shaker with her family from Columbus four years ago. "We have regular three-, four-, and six-mile loops we run that start right at our door and include Lower Lake, Horseshoe Lake, parklands, and bike trails. So we get to see wildlife all along the way, and it's not at all like running in the city with traffic. Some routes, we've probably run 1000 times, but we always marvel at the beauty of it." Two encounters with an aggressive barred owl last year failed to deter Mary from her early-morning runs.

Craig, a quality manager at the Cleveland Clinic, and Mary, the education director at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, have each run three or more marathons to date and they expect to participate in at least one more this year.

"There are a lot of avid runners in Shaker, which makes training and running much more enjoyable," notes Mary. "As any runner will tell you, jokes are always funnier when told running."

- Nancy O'Connor



PHOTO BY JANET CENTURY

Cultural Gems With a history as unique as Shaker's, it's only fitting that the City has its own historical museum. Housed in a Tudor mansion donated to the Shaker Historical Society, the Shaker Historical Museum at 16740 South Park Boulevard is home to Shaker furniture and artifacts. Outdoors, you can walk the grounds of what was once the North Union Shaker colony's apple orchard.

You can continue your walk back in time at the Warrensville West Cemetery near the intersection of Lee and Van Aken Roads, where headstones date back to the early 1800s.

On many summer evenings, the Shaker Heights Community Colonnade on Lee Road is the place to be for musical and theatrical performances under the stars. Arrive early to peruse the "Walk of Fame" with the names of prominent city figures and benefactors in brick and stone.

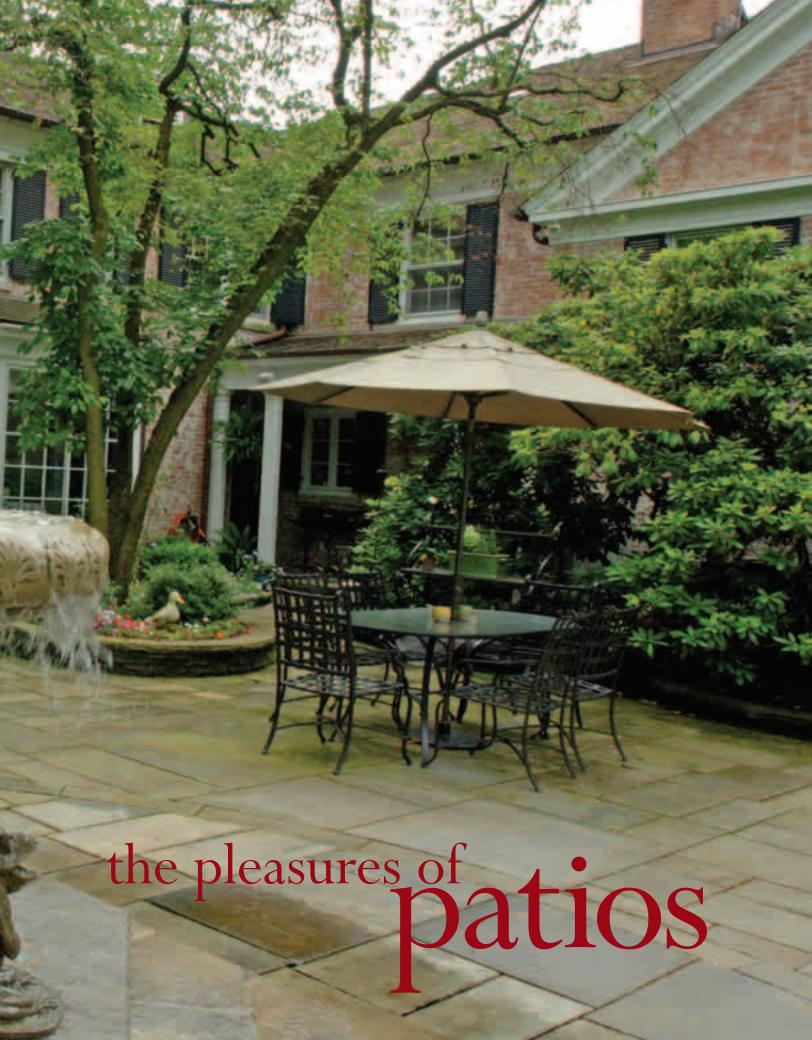
## Recreational Riches

When it comes to recreation, if you can imagine it Shaker's Community Life Department likely offers it. Lessons and/or league play are offered in baseball and basketball, golf and tennis, soccer and swimming, field hockey and football, and more.

You can also take classes in everything from Water Aerobics to Boating Basics. And now, the newly renovated Thornton Park recreation center offers not only a 50-meter swimming pool, playground, snack bar, and year-round indoor ice arena, but a host of new activities as well, thanks to the addition of a current channel, a tot pool featuring a water playground, a 3,600 square foot skateboard park, a climbing wall, and an outdoor basketball court. continued on page 51









The experts say that for a growing number of Shaker Heights families, the outdoor patio is a warm-weather living room that's an extension of the house itself. And, by the way, wooden decks are totally out.

#### BY RITA KUEBER

Ah, the delights of vacation living: an inviting outdoor place to put your feet up and your drink down, where the family frolics nearby and snacks sizzle on the grill. The real world is light-years away, and all you had to do to achieve this tranquility was...step into your own back yard.

For a growing number of Shaker Heights families, the outdoor patio is morphing into an idyllic retreat, a warm-weather living room that's an extension of the house itself as well as a vacationquality space for relaxing and entertaining.



"We're seeing that people aren't taking big vacations because of their commitments. So they're creating a vacation spot at their homes," says Ty Pilarczyk of BP Builders.

"The standard patio is a thing of the past," he says. "The patios we're creating are outdoor rooms. We start with the design — see how the family uses the space and how they'd like to use it. Then we create an outdoor environment to suit their needs."

Pilarczyk does much of the designing himself. Elements include furniture, decorative planters, a grill, an entertainment area, often a fireplace or fire pit, sometimes a television and refrigerator as well a "frame" for the view.





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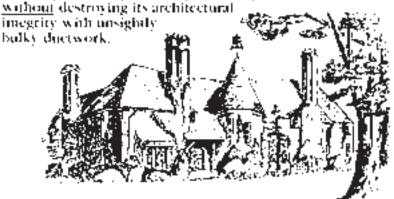
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"We tailor things to fit the space, and because many times the houses in Shaker Heights are close together, the design process looks at screening and blocking views," he says.

With views both to and from the patio so important to the finished product, Tom Costello of Costello Landscaping shares his 35 years of expertise on the mix of house and patio to plants and landscaping.

"So many Shaker Heights houses were built in the 1930s and 1940s," he says. "A lot of that old landscaping is still in place. But you need to update your landscaping just like you need to update your kitchen."

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## In a Very Special

# Class

Q&A

Marcia Fudge – Shaker High class of '71 and now the high-energy mayor of Warrensville Heights – talks about growing up in Shaker Heights during the civil rights movement and her own responsibilities as a role model for women in public service around the world.

BY SUE STARRETT
PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Marcia Fudge has participated in three remarkable firsts: the election of the first African American mayor of a major U.S. city, the election of the first African American woman to the U.S. Congress from Ohio, and the election of the first African American woman as mayor of Warrensville Heights, Shaker's next-door neighbor.

Her family lived on Chelton Road when she was growing up, attending Moreland Elementary School. With her mother, she participated in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. Later, as a student at Shaker Heights High School, she found time to work on Carl Stokes's 1967 Cleveland mayoral campaign. This year is the 40th anniversary of that historic election.

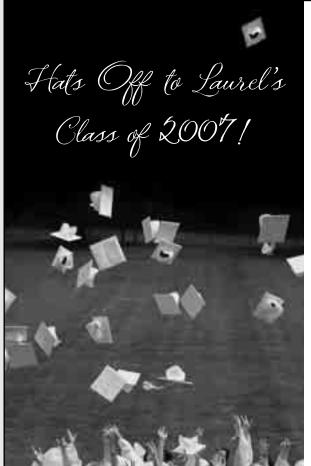
Fudge graduated from Shaker High in 1971, and then from The Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in business and administration. While a student at Cleveland Marshall College of Law, she clerked in Cleveland Municipal Court and Common Pleas Court.

In 1991 she became Director of Budget and Finance in the office of then-County Prosecutor Stephanie Tubbs Jones. When the 11th District of Ohio elected Tubbs Jones to the U.S. House of Representatives, Fudge moved to Washington D.C., as chief of staff for the new Congresswoman.

However, her own call to public service came at that time. Thanks to a grass-roots effort among long-time residents of Warrensville Heights, her family's counsel, and the support of Tubbs Jones, Marcia was persuaded to run for mayor. She faced four other candidates in 1999 — plus a run-off — and won; she ran unopposed in 2003.



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As the mayor of another first-ring suburb, what is your relationship with your hometown of Shaker Heights?

It is wonderful. Judy Rawson is one of my closest friends among the mayors in Cuyahoga County. She and I began our terms at the same time, our cities are contiguous, Warrensville Center Road is our common thoroughfare, and we face many of the same challenges. We also share similar ideas about the need for regionalism.

How did you decide to move to Warrensville Heights? Were you thinking about running for office at that time?

I had never thought about serving in public office in Warrensville Heights. I was working in downtown Cleveland when I moved to Warrensville Heights in 1989. I needed access to the interstate. I liked the neighborhoods, houses were in good shape and affordable, and many of my friends were there. I'm ten minutes from my mother's house.

Ten years later, our mayor was ending a 31-year tenure. A group of residents decided that they wanted me to consider running for office because they believed I had strong credentials. They finally convinced me. We ran a good, positive campaign.

Your most influential role model is your mother, Marian Saffold.

I had a very interesting childhood. My mother was a labor organizer. She worked for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees. I heard about important human issues all the time. Sometimes I went with her to civil rights marches, and at other times she let me go with friends. She encouraged me to work on Carl Stokes's campaign for mayor of Cleveland, so I became involved in "Young Folks for Stokes" during high school.

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# let's ride the rapid

by Michelle McCafferty & Amanda Richards



## kickin' it with Cleveland's weirdest

Late one recent evening we felt the need to break the routine of our monotonous schedules with some groovy tunes, so we hopped on the Shaker Rapid with one destination in mind: The House of Blues in downtown Cleveland. The guest of honor? G. Love & Special Sauce, a rootsy blues-rock band hailing from fabulous Philadelphia.

But first a quick dinner at Flannery's Irish Pub, located on East 4th Street almost directly behind the House of Blues. Though other dining options include Vivo, The 4th Street Bar and Grille, Lola, and even the House of Blues restaurant, we chose Flannery's because of their top-notch bar food and affordable prices. As we finished our meal, we realized that the time had come, so we ventured over to the House of Blues to take in a night of sweet, sweet music. The place was packed, and we were ready to rock.

Unfortunately, we found ourselves in some odd company. We were kickin' it with Cleveland's weirdest. It seemed that every loser on this side of the Mississippi had the same plan in mind, and we were soon immersed in a sea of awkward dancers, drunken agitators, and middle-aged geeks.

The music was soulful and invigorating, but we had a hard time focusing on anything but the crowd. One inebriated concertgoer couldn't muster the strength to stand up straight, preferring to place his hands on his knees and sway to the beat of his own mental music. His friends desperately tried to explain his actions to the surrounding crowd, which was becoming quite agitated with his shenanigans.

Luckily, the man was soon removed from the floor while the rest of us continued to groove to smooth blues. The saucy man's friends soon made up for his absence by growing increasingly more awkward as the night progressed. One flounced his long blonde locks while screaming the words of every song into his buddy's face. The other giggled like a schoolgirl while jumping up and down with no apparent rhyme or reason.

Though it might seem as if the presence of questionable characters can put a damper on an evening downtown, we found that not only did these oddballs fill our night with laughs and personality, they also provided us with memories we will cherish for years to come. You'd be hard-pressed to find a wide-array of folks like this in more pretentious metropolitan areas. Cleveland's unique ambiance never fails to provide aspiring writers like us with priceless fodder. We might even feel a bit out of place in a city with more straight-laced citizens. Thanks to each and every one of you, and the Shaker Heights Rapid Transit, for providing us with memorable adventures.



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#### Summer 2007 Colonnade Series

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#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

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#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

Shaker Community Band

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#### Summer Playground Information

Supervisors are at playgrounds to promote safe play, monitor the safety of playground equipment and serve as liaisons with community police. They do not serve as day care providers! Please stay with your children. If you need all day child care, call 491-2583, Rhonda Miller. Your support in keeping playgrounds a fun place to play is greatly appreciated.

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#### **Around the World Playground**

June 2-16

M-F 3:30-8 pm SA 12:30-6 pm

June 18-September 1 M-F 12:30-8 pm SA 12:30-6 pm

NOTE: Playground equipment is appropriate for children age 12 and under. No supervision on Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and in the event of heavy and/or steady rain.

#### Thornton Park **Facility Schedules**

#### Swimming Pool

(Shaker ID required)

Public Swimming Schedule Early Season: May 28-June 13 Regular Season: June 14-Aug. 12 Late Season: Aug. 13-Labor Day (Pool closes at 6 pm on July 4)

#### **Swimming Pool Season Passes**

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

Reg. Season 4/17-9/3 Individual \$110 Each Additional \$30 Family Max. \$260 Ind. (50+) \$65

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Husb./Wife (50+)\$90 Corporate\* \$120

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

Partial Swim Pass\$60 \$60 15 swims (Transferable/Non-refundable)

#### **Pool Daily Admissions**

(ID required)	res	guest
Preschool		
(ages 2-4)	\$1.50	\$2.00
Youth (5-18)	\$4.50	\$7.00
Adult (19-49)	\$5.50	\$7.50
Adult 50+	\$4.50	\$7.00
Spectator*	\$4.50	\$7.00
ID Card	\$5	N/A
Replacement Pass	\$10	N/A

\*NOTE: spectator fee is charged when the guest is not swimming.

#### Programs / Activities

#### Jeff Ellis Learn to Swim

Jeff Ellis swimming classes are creatively designed to enhance student learning in a challenging and fun environment. Residents only. All classes are held at the Thornton Park Pool. INFO: 491-2594, Pam Quinn.

Registration and Session Dates:

**REGISTRATION: MAY 29-JUNE 9** 

Session II: July 9-20

REGISTRATION: JUNE 26-JULY 7 Session III: July 23-Aug. 3

M-F classes

passholder\$35 non-passholder\$50

SA classes

passholder\$30 non-passholder\$45

Starfish - Beginner (Level I) (Ages 5-6)

Rainbow Fish – Intermediate (Level II) (Ages 6-10)

Sun Fish – Advanced (Level III) (Ages 8-12)

Beginner (Ages 13+)

Diving (Ages 5-12)

Call 491-1295 for information on times, check the April/May 2007 issue of Shaker Life, or shakeronline.com.

#### **Lifeguard Nannies**

(Ages 5-7)

Parents, enjoy a few hours while our certified lifeguards keep a watchful eye on your child. Participants must have beginner swimming skills. Activities will include games and swimming in the Splash Zone, Current Channel and 3-foot section of the main pool. Dress accordingly, bring towel, sweat shirt, etc. A light snack will be provided. Lifeguard to student ratio: 1 to 5.

June 19-Aug. 14 1-4 pm Limit: 10 participants \$15/child/passholders only

#### **End of Year Party**

(Grades 7-8)

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

June 14

TH Noon-4 pm

#### **Water Aerobics**

(Adults)

This popular class incorporates warmups, leg exercises, stretching and water aerobics to tone and exercise all parts of the body. An opportunity to exercise while your child(ren) is in the Learn-to-Swim program. Registration is required.

001 Pool - Current Channel June 19-July 26 TU/TH 6:30-7:30 pm passholder free/non-passholder\$30

002 Pool - 5-ft area June 23-Aug. 4 10:30-11 am passholder free/non-passholder\$15

#### **Water Jogging**

(Adults)

Deep water swimming skills needed such as treading and being comfortable in the water. Flotation belts will be provided.

Thornton Park Pool 12-ft area June 19-July 26 TU/TH 6:30-7:30 am passholder free/non-passholder\$30

#### **Water Polo**

(Ages 13+)

Non-instructional, supervised, drop-in water polo. All participants must possess excellent swimming skills. Held in the 12-foot section of the main pool when a lifeguard is on duty. Passholders receive priority.

June 17-Aug. 12 SU 6:30 pm Limit: 20 participants passholder\$5 non-passholder\$7

#### A Wave of Exercise \*New!

(Ages 55+) Instruction provided by a Licensed Physical Therapist

Improve your physical health including strength, flexibility, balance and endurance in this aquatic exercise class. Instruction provided in partnership with Homewood Residence of Cleveland Heights. Note: Individualized aquatic physical therapy also available for those under the direction of a physician and billable to Medicare.

Thornton Park Pool TU/TH 9-10 am 001 June 19-July 12 002 July 17-Aug. 9 passholder\$55 non-passholder\$65

#### **Itty Bitty Beach Party**

Sunday, July 15 Noon-2 pm

Children 5 years and younger are invited to spend an afternoon at Thornton Park's Tot Pool and Splash Pad enjoying games, party favors and ice cream. Parents and/or grandparents are welcome to accompany our party guests. It's going to be a wet and wild beach party!

#### **Summer Thornton Fest**

Sunday, August 5 1-4 pm

Enjoy an afternoon at the newly renovated park. We will have skate-board demonstrations, mini basketball tournaments for children as well as for parent/child teams; activities at the climbing wall, games at the pool area, face painting, Flower the Clown arts and crafts, and a stroller derby along the new walking path. Prizes for kids of

all ages. Free ice cream and cake for all to enjoy!

Regular Admission fees

#### **Doggie Dip**

The wildly popular Doggie Dip returns Saturday, September 8 from 10 am to noon. Owners are welcome to swim with dogs. The pool will be unheated and un-chlorinated. A lifeguard will be on duty. Dogs must be on a leash when coming into the pool area. Muzzles needed for behavior problems. A doggie buffet is available!

res\$2/dog nres\$4/dog

#### Registration for camps

has begun. Find camp offerings in the January Shaker Life magazine or download the brochure at shakeronline.com/arts/.

### Ice Arena Ice Skating: Summer Passes

Season passholders receive admission to public skating sessions, Friday Night Skate and Adult Skating sessions and a discount for Learn-to-Skate classes. Proof of residency is required. Please provide a current utility bill or any currently dated mail. Season pass refunds are not available. Summer season passes are on sale and are valid June 13-Aug.14.

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Individual	\$35	\$50
Family	\$90	\$105
Adult (50+)	\$25	\$40
Huch (Mife (5)	01)\$40	<b>\$55</b>

#### **Recreation Class Registration Form**

ADULT NAME (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):						
Last	I	First		MI		
Address						
City, State, Zip						
Day Phone ( )	-	Night Phone (	) -			
Email address:						
PARTICIPANT NAME(S)	BIRTH DATE G	GRADE	ACTIVITY	SECTION	FEES	
FORM OF PAYMENT:	☐ Cash (in person only)	☐ Check	☐ Credit Card	TOTAL FEES:		
CREDIT CARD INFORMATIO	N: Credit Card type:	■ MasterCard	☐ Visa			
ACCOUNT NUMBER:			Exp. date: /			
SIGNATURE						

#### Ice Skating Daily Admission

(ID required) guest

Student or

Adult (50+) \$3.00 \$4.75 \$3.75 \$4.75 Adult \$2.50 \$2.50 Skate rental Skate rental discount pass (10) \$20

Group Rates \$3.50 \$4.00

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

#### **Summer Public Skating Sessions** Weekly Schedule

Monday, June 11-Sunday, Aug.12 Monday 6:15-7:45 pm Tuesday 6:15-7:45 pm Friday 6-7:30 pm Saturday 12:15-2:30 pm Sunday 1-3 pm Schedule is subject to change

#### Rink Rental

The ice rink may be reserved by private groups when not in use for programs. Rental rates begin at \$165/hour. For ice time availability, please call Thornton Park: 491-1295.

#### **Programs/Activities**

Ice Hockey: 2007-08 Fall/Winter Youth Registration begins in April and space is limited. INFO: 491-2581.



#### ICE TEE TIME

Love mini-golf? Join us at Thornton Park ice arena for Ice Tee Time.

Play nine holes of mini-golf on the ice. A chillingly great

Friday, June 22, July 13, August 3 6:30-9 pm

Adult: res\$4 nres\$6

Child (6-12 years): res\$2 nres\$4 Child (under 6 years): res\$1 nres\$2

#### Skateboard Park

(Photo ID required at all times)

Skateboard Park opens in May. Skate at your own risk. Only skateboards and in-line skates are permitted.

#### Schedule

001 May 28-June 14

M-F: 4-7 pm or dusk if earlier

SA/SU & Holidays: 10 am-7 pm or dusk if earlier

002 June 15-Aug. 27

9 am-8 pm or dusk if earlier M-F:

SA/SU & Holidays: 10 am-8 pm or dusk if earlier

Trespassing will result in forfeiture of season pass privileges.

Season Pass fee: \$5/res

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

Daily Admission: \$7/non-resident guest

Only one guest per passholder. Residents always have

priority.



#### Basketball Court

(Photo ID required at all times)

Basketball court will open in June.

Schedule

June 15-Aug. 27

M-F: 9 am-8 pm or dusk if earlier

SA/SU & Holidays: 10 am-8 pm or dusk if earlier

Trespassing will result in forfeiture of season pass privileges

Season Pass fees: \$5/res

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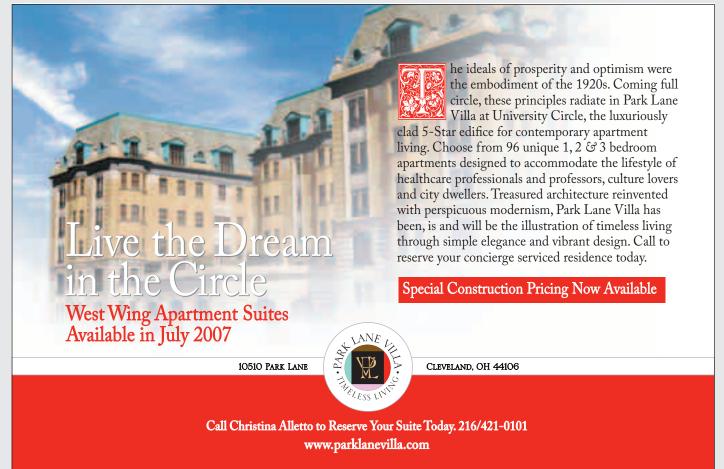
#### Outdoor Treasures

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#### Banner Block Parties

Traditions run strong in Shaker; so does friendliness among neighbors. The two are never more apparent than in the lively, inclusive block parties that take place each summer from one end of town to the other. Roads are cordoned off with the City's blessing to allow young and old to take their parties to the street. Styles run the gamut from informal cookouts to clam bakes, but each one gives everyone one more terrific reason to mingle with the neighbors. Call the City's Events & Projects Coordinator at 491-1354 for information.





#### Planning a Picnic?

Tables are generally available on a first-come basis at the picnic pavilions at Horseshoe Lake Park and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Or, you can reserve tables in advance at either location. To reserve at Horseshoe Lake Park at no charge, stop by the Shaker Community Building or call 491-1351; to rent the Nature Center's Friends Pavilion for a fee. contact the Nature Center at 321-5935.

Grand Gatherings Historic Shaker Square is the place to head Saturday mornings for the North Union Farmers Market. Browsing is as fun as buying from the local farmers, bakers, artists, and craftsmen who sell their goods every Saturday from April through December.

Don't miss the fun June 21 when Sounds Around Town accompany you at area restaurants, and June 23 when the Shaker Summer Solstice Festival of Music offers live performances, strolling musicians, craft sales, food, and a bonfire and drum circle at the Shaker Colonnade. (See article in this issue's City News.)

The skies come alive during the City's annual July 4th Fireworks display which draws hundreds to the Shaker Middle School fields.





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Everyone's favorite year-round stop for delicious prepared foods also offers iust what casual summer picnickers. outdoor concert-goers, and patio partiers need: box lunches and picnic dinners to go.

Order up a "Little Box" and you get your choice of sandwich accompanied by Asian noodle salad and jumbo cookie for dessert; make it a "Big Box," and you get fresh fruit, too. Opt for the "Salad Box," and you can select from among a half dozen entrée salads, a sourdough roll, fresh fruit, and jumbo cookie round out your meal.

J. Pistone's gourmet Picnic Dinners, meanwhile, put ordinary picnic staples like peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to shame. Picnic Dinner entrées include grilled salmon with roasted tomato tapenade, chipotle bbg chicken breast, and other mouth-watering options, including vegetarian dishes.

When picking up your Picnic Dinner, owners John and Joan Pistone suggest you also check out their fine selection of wine and cheeses from around the world.

- Nancy O'Connor

J. Pistone Market and **Gathering Place Vital Stats** 3245 Warrensville Center Road (216) 283-3663

#### Larchmere Tavern: Value and Quality for the Neighborhood

Assigning a piece on outdoor dining in Shaker Heights, due in mid-April, demonstrates either a warped sense of humor or unbridled optimism. Accepting the assignment, when the restaurant in question is the Larchmere Tavern, is a no-brainer.

Laurie and Fred Vrabel bought the venerable establishment in 1992 and have turned it into a cheery, first-class neighborhood restaurant. The sidewalk patio, which is open when weather permits, is a perennial favorite among Shaker diners.

"People love to eat outside in our short season," Laurie Vrabel affirms. "I wish I had even more room outside."

She emphasizes value and quality when she plans her seasonal menus.

"I'd call it American comfort upscale tavern food," she says. "We try not to be over-the-top expensive or fancy. We want to keep it familyfriendly, a neighborhood kind of place. You can come in just for a sandwich or wings, or a nice entree." She is also adding a children's menu.

The Vrabels grew up in the Cleveland's eastern suburbs and are proud to work with all local suppliers for their meats, fish, produce, and groceries. "It's important for us to offer value.

We may be more expensive than some taverns, but we're using good quality ingredients," Laurie says.

Among the most popular items on the menu are the Larchmere Steak Sandwich, an eight-ounce New York strip steak served on toast points with fries; chicken paprikash (a true comfort food for many Clevelanders); a full pound of mussels; and Louisiana shrimp gumbo. For the slightly more adventurous, Vrabel recommends their signature dish, a coulibiac of salmon wrapped in dill pastry dough.

Value was apparent on my lunch visit to Larchmere Tavern, which offered dinner-sized portions at lunchtime prices. Both the white-tablecloth dining room and the informal tavern side of the restaurant feature the same appetizers, soups, salads, and pasta. My wild mushroom enchilladas were rich and delicious, with a peppery zing. My sister's Pacific Rim grilled pork tenderloin salad was prepared to perfection. We split the most decadent dessert on the menu, double-chocolate mousse mud pie, featuring an oreo-cookie and cashew nut crust, two layers of chocolate mousse, and warm chocolate sauce - unbelievably tasty, and more than enough for two. Other tempting desserts include peach pie, carrot cake, and chocolate ganache.

The restaurant is a haven for regulars who meet for lunch and conversation. Afterwards, a stroll through the neighborhood antique shops was a pleasant diversion.

Vrabel knows and cherishes her regulars. "You have to understand who you are and who your customers are, and don't try to be something you're not. This is not a trendy place, it's more traditional."

- Beth Friedman-Romell

#### **Larchmere Tavern Vital Stats:**

13051 Larchmere Blvd. 216-721-1111 M-Thurs. 11:30 am-10 pm F-Sat. 11:30 am-11 pm Reservations accepted. Available Sundays for private parties. Catering service is also available.



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#### **Patios**

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Costello sometimes removes old landscaping and sometimes blends it into the new design.

"In Shaker, people have gorgeous homes with leaded glass windows and beautiful stone work around the coping and windowsills. Craftsmen and stone smiths created these houses - these were hammer and chisel people – but half the time you can't even see this work because of the overgrown plants," Costello says. "The landscaping should showcase and enhance these elements, not cover it up."

#### The patio's material should be attractive and should complement the home's material.

Moreover, the patio material itself should be attractive and complement the house. "Years ago people were pouring concrete patios and they're ugly," Costello remarks. "Even older brick patios were either red brick or brown. But now people have so many more choices. Stone and brick don't lose their value and there's no maintenance, unlike a wood deck."

Costello says that decks have seen their time come and go. Other contractors agree.

"Those wooden decks are being replaced with patios," says Jim Freireich of East Side Landscaping. "The illusion was that the deck would last forever because the lumber was treated. After the sun and moisture damage happened, people would try to clean and preserve the decks. But they are already beyond repair by that point. So a patio is a good solution. People want a material that needs lower maintenance and has a much longer life."

With more than 20 years of experience and a full-time crew of 16, East Side Landscaping has seen its share of updating and renovation of outdoor spaces in Shaker Heights. Freireich says that the ubiquitous sandstone patios behind many Shaker homes are unique to Shaker Heights in terms of the material, but underused.

"Underused because the patio has cracks or isn't level," he says. "We can design and build a new patio using the existing sandstone and add reclaimed sandstone to match if we have to."

Freireich also comments on the trends he sees: "We're seeing outdoor bar/entertainment areas as an extension of the living or dining room. And we're seeing new types of furniture with durable outdoor fabrics. These add a lot of function."

He also notes the use of sound systems and low-voltage lighting to create ambiance. "Landscape lighting, especially along edges or paths, extends the hours the area can be used. It also enhances the yard and creates an atmosphere that's really attractive," he says.

Paths, or walks, are one of the elements Laurie Artz uses to pull her patio designs together. As owner of Laurie Artz Landscapes, she looks at patio design holistically.

"The view from the house is important because here in Cleveland we look out from the house into the yard for much of the year," she says. "No matter what elements you use - evergreens, paths, screens, you still need structure. All the elements have to be considered. What's used, say, during the summer, such as a flower garden. What's used during the whole year - maybe a fire pit or maybe a hot tub. Most important, how is the family going to use this outdoor room? The design starts with that."

The design for trees, plants, shrubs, and flowers continues with a careful look at shade, soil, and 'growability.'

"You can make the yard quite beautiful using low maintenance plants appropriate to our climate," she says. Small trees that are pyramidal or columned are good bets. Artz's favorite plants include non-









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fruiting apple trees, viburnums that vary in height and color, and airy late-blooming magnolias.

Residents should bear in mind that the City might require a permit for any outdoor construction. "Anything over two feet high causes the building codes to take effect," says Joyce Braverman, director of the Planning Department. While a patio per se doesn't need a permit, if a railing, steps, or other structure goes along with the patio, then a permit is needed.

"And it's best if homeowners share their plans with the City to be sure the design is in keeping with the overall architecture," Braverman says. "Decks, for example, don't really match the building materials used decades ago. With the greater variety of decorative concrete and pavers available for patios, we're seeing people doing a good job of using appropriate building materials. We're also seeing people upgrading older porches and enclosed rooms to add a three-season room to the house."

"The more amenities, the more expensive it gets," Ty Pilarczyk says. "A new room can look beautiful for \$10,000 or \$50,000. It can go up from there, but we tend to be practical people here. Most importantly you need a plan. You're going to live with the changes for quite some time. You have to take into account what it will look like in 20 or 30 years."

Jim Freireich agrees. "Start with a good plan. Take into consideration placement of the patio, how it's a continuation of the house, and how the family's going to use it so it's beautiful and functional."

Tom Costello says, "Our winters are so lousy and long, people need to sit outside when they can. We do gorgeous brick and stone patios, creating a family atmosphere just made for outdoor living space. Add an arbor, some terra cotta pots, a little ironwork, and a space for a cookout. Makes you want to get one now, doesn't it?" ■

#### Marcia Fudge

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You were associated with Stephanie Tubbs Jones during a formative time in both of your careers. How has this experience shaped you?

I started working with Stephanie in 1991 and, thanks to her, had the opportunity to participate in local, state, and national elections, which has given me a broad perspective. I learned about fundraising, strategy, and setting an agenda that people can grasp.

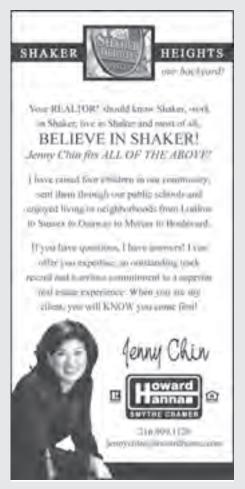
My time in Washington helped me define the issues that government should be addressing - and how to communicate them so that citizens can get their hands around them. Stephanie has been very supportive.

66 Public speaking is an opportunity to share my experiences - and to motivate other women."

What about your membership in, and leadership of, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.? It can be no coincidence that this is the largest public service sorority of African American women in the world, and that you served as its president from 1996 to 1998.

Delta Sigma Theta is a huge part of my life. I joined in college, in 1972, and this group has shaped what I've done over the course of many years. People all over this country and throughout the world are so involved, and from them I have developed a different view of what one person can do.

When I was president, "a leader of leaders," I was able to associate with the President of the United States and with many prominent women and men. Delta makes the community stronger through the personal touch. As the voice of the voiceless, we focus on people, not laws











and policy. Those experiences are really what helped push me into seeking office in Warrensville Heights.

Now you are chair of Delta's Social Action Committee.

Every year we participate in an international women's conference at the United Nations, and this year's topic was Violence Against the Girl Child. I had a chance to interact with women from all over the world.

We also sponsor an annual Delta Days at the capital. We provide an agenda for 800 of our members, who then meet with their state legislators to discuss education, health, family issues, and international development.

Recently we worked to re-enact the Voting Rights Act, and we continue to fo-

cus on registering voters at college campuses and on get-out-the-vote initiatives. It's been a fascinating experience and an honor to work with so many committed women.

You are generous with your time, often spending every weekend from late January through March in a different city as a guest speaker or featured speaker on women's causes and public service.

Speaking is an opportunity to share my experiences – and to motivate other women. There are so many things we can do, and oftentimes we underestimate our ability.

Another reason I travel is to encourage the people who are working to improve society and to assure them that their efforts are appreciated and not in vain. It's a learning opportunity for me; working with women from varying backgrounds in varying fields broadens my understanding.

Moreover, I have an obligation to be a role model for other women in public life. It's part of my giving back. But I always look forward to getting off the road and into my garden and my yard. That's my therapy.

You attended Shaker Heights High School at a time when the city was newly integrated. What was it like?

It was tough in a lot of ways, but I think the racial tensions were handled quite well. There were enough people on both sides who wanted to get along, so we could ignore the ones who didn't. People were afraid to put themselves in a position to discuss race, but when we had those conversations, we found that we could say what was on our minds. We had a heightened



awareness of what was going on around us, though our backgrounds were different. I met so many people from so many socio-economic groups, and these experiences prepared me for life. My strong faith and my Shaker upbringing have helped me navigate many obstacles.

Shaker High was like a four-year liberal arts college. We learned to think outside the box and to experience life without fear. It was not just the books, but also the education I received. I learned that I could do just about anything if I put my mind to it.

How is it that your class has such an impressive number of graduates who went on to elected office?

There are six of us – including Jane Campbell and Peter Lawson Jones - and four of us are women. It was the times. We were

always discussing the issues. It was a very special class, 1971.

You're in Shaker High's Alumni Association Hall of Fame. Do you stay in touch with high school friends?

I do, and I attend reunions when I'm in town. One of my classmates, Debbie Parker, works with me as a member of the Warrensville Heights police department's detective bureau.

You were the Outstanding Female Athlete of the Shaker Heights High School Class of 1971.

When I was in high school I enjoyed playing basketball, volleyball, and field hockey, and I was a fencing champion and a gym leader. My first year at Ohio State, I was a point guard on the basketball team. Since

then I've had less time for sports. I work a lot, but I do try to balance out my professional life with family and friends, and I'm getting better at it.

What's next?

I'm not term-limited, but I can't see myself in this office in 30 years. Ultimately, I would like to teach at the college level. I would like to encourage a new generation to look at public service as a way to care about people. More of us need to be committed to public service. Otherwise, the people who need our help will never really have it.

Sue Starrett, the director of development of the Shaker Schools Foundation, is a contributing writer to the magazine.



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MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family (LEAF), 6:45-8 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Literacy for non-English-speaking families. Weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. INFO: 921-2023.

Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON. Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom at Shaker Family Center. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 3 can play, make friends, and network. Mondays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays: 4-6 pm and Fridays 3:30-5:30 pm for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5. FEES AND INFO:

921-2023.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Parent and

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 Shaker Family Center. Evening hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6–8 pm. INFO: 921-2023 OR 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 Shaker Family Center. INFO: 921-2023 OR 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: 751-7656.

SATURDAYS: Stewardship Saturdays, 10 AM-NOON, NATURE CENTER. Are you motivated, dedicated to the environment and ready to have fun? Be prepared to get your hands dirty and make new friends as you dig in and help contribute to the Nature Center's mission by helping with outdoor projects. Free, INFO: 321-5935.

SATURDAYS: Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Folks from all walks of life can meet at the front door of the exhibit area for a free, one-hour, naturalist-led trek around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.



#### **Exhibits**

THRU JUNE 22: Elise Newman's 85th Birthday Exhibit, MAIN LIBRARY. View the varied work of Shaker artist and arts advocate, Elise Newman, INFO: 991-2030.

THRU JULY 29: Inspired by Faith: Art about the Shakers, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Exhibit includes selected paintings, drawings, and illustrated books by artists Glenn Shaw, Ray Kowalski, Constantine Kermes and others that depict aspects of Shaker life. \$2/adults, \$1/children ages 6-18. Members and children under 6 are free. INFO: 921-1201.

#### Destinations...

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY** 20600 Fayette Road 991-2421

MAIN LIBRARY

16500 Van Aken Boulevard

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES 2600 South Park Boulevard 321-5935

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

491-1360

SHAKER FAMILY CENTER 19824 Sussex Road 921-2023

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL 15911 Aldersyde Drive 295-4200

SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM 16740 South Park Boulevard 921-1201

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL 20600 Shaker Boulevard 295-4100

THORNTON PARK 3301 Warrensville Center Road 491-1295



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			0000		Free Flick "Freedom Writers" 1:30 pm, Community Building (pg. 66)	6th Bob Hart Marathon Ride, 5:30 am. 300 mile ride from Kokopelli's to Chautauqua and back. (pg. 66)
	Parent & Child Play Sessions 9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 63)	Google and Beyond 10 am- noon, Fairhill Center. Learn the many facets of searching the web. (pg. 66)	6	Senior Project Showcase 7-9 pm, Shaker High. SHHS seniors display the results of their independent study projects. (pg. 66)	Zippity ZooDoo 6 pm-midnight, Cleveland Me- troparks Zoo. Wild animal masquerade ball. (pg. 75)	Parade the Circle Celebration 11 am-7 pm, University Circle. (pg. 75)  The Future is Now 5:30-7:30 pm, Avalon Station. Reception to benefit Fund for the Future. (pg. 66)
Sunbeam Run 9 am, Horseshoe Lake Park. (pg. 67)	Golf Outing noon, Canterbury Golf Club. Golf to benefit Diabetes Association. (pg. 67)	Play & Learn Station 10 am, Main Library (pg. 63)			Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Kick-off Woods Branch. (pg. 68) Relay for Life 6/15-6/16 6 pm, Shaker Middle School. (pg. 68)	Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown 5/15-5/16 (pg. 68) Stewardship Saturdays 10 am, Nature Center. (pg. 63)
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DadsDay Run 9 am, Shaker Family Center. A race for all guaranteed to end in a tie. (pg. 68)		Basic Digital Photography 9:30 am, Fairhill Center. (pg. 69)	Elise Newman 85th Birthday Exhibit thru 6/22 Main Library (pg. 63)	Family Fun in the Forest 5-8 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 69)  Sounds Around Town noon-11 pm. Shaker Heights Arts Council. (pg. 70)	Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit 6-9:30 pm. (pg. 70)	
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Moon Benefit 6:30 pm, Nature Center (pg. 71)





## Events for June

*Jume 1:* Free Flick, 1:30 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch Hilary Swank and Patrick Dempsey in Freedom Writers.

June 2 & 3: 6th Bob Hart Marathon Ride, 5:30 AM, KOKOPELLI'S, 3427 LEE RD. Join senior rider Bob Hart on this 300-mile ride from Kokopelli's to Chautauqua and back on flat to rolling terrain. Sag support provided. \$40/rider; proceeds benefit the Cleveland Arthritis Foundation. INFO: 921-0199. www.BobHartMarathonRide.com



June 5: Google and Beyond, 10 AM-NOON, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn the many facets of searching the web. \$5/person. INFO: 421-1350, EXT 125.

June 5: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series: Are You Ready to Plant a Rain Garden?, NOON-1 PM, NATURE CENTER. Meiring Borcherds of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners will speak about the benefits of rain gardens. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

June 7: Senior Project Showcase, 7-9 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. SHHS seniors display the results of their independent study projects.

High School Graduations -Promotion Commotion

JUNE 3: Hawken School, 2:00 PM. JUNE 7: Laurel School, 10:30 AM, SEVERANCE HALL.

JUNE 8: Hathaway Brown School,

JUNE 8: University School, 10:30 AM. JUNE 14: Shaker Heights High School, 6 PM, PALACE THEATRE.

June 9: The Future Is Now, 5:30-7:30 PM, AVALON STATION, 16800 VAN AKEN BLVD. Cocktail reception benefits Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights, which provides low-interest loans to home buyers who help sustain Shaker's racially diverse neighborhoods. \$150/patrons; \$75/friends; \$35/35 and younger.





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#### *June 9 & 10:* MotoPhoto

Portraits, 10 AM-3 PM, NATURE CENTER. Professional photographers hold two portrait sessions on the Nature Center's grounds and donate a portion of the sales to the Nature Center. For fees, info, and appointments, call MotoPhoto: 991-6686.

June 10: Sunbeam Run, 9 AM, HORSESHOE LAKE PARK. Registration for 4-mile and 1-mile runs to raise awareness of Vocational Guidance Services begins at 8 am. \$15/runner. Top Male & Female overall and in age groups: 14 & Under, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60+ and T-shirts to first 250 participants. INFO: 623-9933.

#### June 10: 3rd Annual Ride for

Kids, 10 AM, ROCKY RIVER HIGH SCHOOL, 20951 DETROIT RD. The Honda-sponsored ride that benefits the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation is open to all brands of motorcycles. Register 8-9:45 am. \$35/ bike donation includes ride pin, coffee, doughnuts and a light lunch. INFO: 800-253-6530 or www.rideforkids.org.

June 11: Golf Outing, NOON,

CANTERBURY GOLF CLUB. S. WOODLAND RD. Golf to benefit the Diabetes Association. Shotgun start. \$1,600/foursome or \$400/player, includes contests and dinner; \$75/dinner only. Register a foursome by May 21 and receive a free tee sign. Call 591-0800.

June 14: Nature Photography Club: Critique and Presentation of May Photo Shoot, 7-9 PM, Nature Center. Club members present photos from May photo shoots. Members are invited to bring 2 to 4 photos taken during each of the May opportunities. Photos should be 8"x 10", mounted on 11"x 14" white matter, INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHL, 321-5935 EXT 237 or www.ShakerLakes.org.







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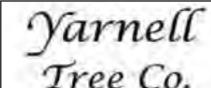


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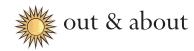


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June 15: Ice Cream Social and Summer Reading Kick-off, 6:30-8 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Friends of the Shaker Library helps the library celebrate another summer of reading

fun with activities, music, popcorn, soft drinks, ice cream, and a mini book sale. Stroll by, join in the fun and sign up for the reading program. INFO: 991-2421.

June 15-16: Relay for Life, 6 PM-NOON, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. All night relay to benefit the American Cancer Society. INFO: SEAN NASSOIY, 444-9730.

*June 15 & 16:* 22nd Annual Craftfair at Hathaway Brown, 10 AM-8 PM, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD., Saturday, 10 am-6 pm. Garden party craft fair featuring fine jewelry, clothing, and art of more than 150 artists. \$7/per-

son with return admission; children 12

and under free. INFO: www.ohiocraft.org.

June 16: Juneteenth Celebration, 2-4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Come hear the news – gospel-style – at the library's 3rd annual celebration. INFO: 991-2030.

June 16: Book Signing, 1-3 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Perry Peskin discusses and signs The Search for Lost Habitats, an easy-toread, humorous narrative with appeal for home gardeners, professional botanists, naturalists, and all who enjoy reading about adventures in the natural world. A retired English teacher, Peskin has written for Explorer Magazine, Wildflower Magazine and The Plain Dealer. INFO: 795-9800.

June 17: DadsDay Run, 9 AM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. A race for all guaranteed to end in a tie. (In honor of Father's Day, all participants in this 5-mile & 1-mile community run/walk/ stroll receive a man's tie as they cross the finish line.) 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 Shaker Family Center or online at www. active.com/search. INFO: 921-2023.

June 19: Basic Digital Photography, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn the basics of digital photography, how to transfer photos from the camera to the computer, how to edit, store, print and email photos. The class uses the free software program Picasa. This 4-week class for those 50 and better is taught by peers. \$40/person. INFO: 421-1350. EXT 125.

*June 19:* How to Sell on eBay, 10 AM-NOON, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn how to sell virtually everything. Clean out and clean up. \$5/person. INFO: 421-1350, EXT 125.

*Jume 21:* Family Fun in the Forest, 5-8 PM, NATURE CENTER. Food in the forest! Enjoy hot dogs, veggie dogs and marshmallows by the fire, plus a variety of games and activities for kids. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

June 21: Really Basic Computer Skills, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Designed for the beginner, this 4-week class for folks age 50 and better is taught by peers and features an introduction to hardware and software, Windows operating system basics and use of the mouse and keyboard. \$40/ person. INFO: 421-1350, EXT 125.

June 21: N.O.B.S. Forums Show and Tell, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Bring your gems from the attic and garage sale curios to the Northern Ohio Bibliophilic Society's quarterly Show and Tell and share your biblio stories with book collectors, librarians, aficionados, dealers, bookbinders, and historians. INFO: 795-9800.

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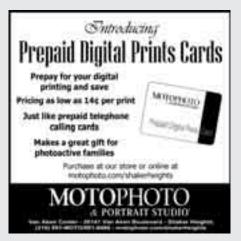
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JUME 21: Sounds Around Town, NOON-11 PM. Shaker Heights Arts Council orchestrates a day featuring musical performances at restaurants and venues in and around the city.

June 22: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Twilight Benefit, 6-9:30 PM. Enjoy hearty hors d'oeuvres, beverages, music, a silent auction and raffle in a landmark Shaker Heights home to benefit the Shaker Historical Museum. Valet parking available. Tickets: \$150/person. INFO: 921-1201.

June 23: Summer Solstice, 5–10 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE. The sun never sets on Shaker's art and music. Free musical performances, children's activities, drumming circle, bonfire, food and arts and crafts sponsored by Shaker Heights Arts Council. INFO: SUZANNE COOPER, 464-8109.

June 24: Gracious Gardens of Shaker Heights Garden Tour, 1-5 PM. Tour some of Shaker's well loved gardens. Tickets and maps available at the Shaker Historical Museum, Gali's Florist and Garden Center, J. Pistone Market, Shaker Hardware, Mulholland and Sachs at The Eaton Collection, and some West Side locations. Tickets: \$15/persale; \$20/day of event. Info: 921-1201.

1000 24: A Most Excellent Race, 7:30 AM, BEAUMONT SCHOOL, 3301 NORTH PARK BLVD. 10K, 5K, 10K Wheelchair Race & 5K Fun Walk to benefit the Achievement Centers for Children's Camp Cheerful begin at 8:30 a.m. Preregistration for this all-inclusive event is \$18 by Wednesday, June 20. Make checks payable to Achievement Centers and mail to: Achievement Centers for Children, 4255 Northfield Rd. Highland Hills, OH 44128.

June 25: Really Basic Computer Skills, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUT-ER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Designed for the beginner, this 4-week class for folks age 50 and better is taught by peers and features an introduction to hardware and software, Windows operating system basics and use of the mouse and keyboard. \$40/person. INFO: 216-421-1350, EXT. 125.

June 27: File Management, 9:30-11:30 AM, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn how to manage files using folders, how to download files & documents without losing them, and how to organize email files during this 3-week class for folks age 50 or better taught by peers. \$30/person. INFO: 216-421-1350, EXT. 125.

1000 27: Flyers, Brochures and Newsletters, 9:30-11:30AM, FAIRHILL COM-PUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn how to add pictures, borders and shading to create attractive, attention-getting flyers during this 3-week class for those age 50 or better taught by peers. \$30/person. INFO: 216-421-1350, EXT. 125.

JUME 29: Clevelanders Bike to Work Day. Roll to work a new way. ClevelandBikes is a nonprofit organization that promotes bicycling as economical and healthful recreation and transportation. Celebrate biking on the last Friday of the month. INFO: www.ClevelandBikes.org.

June 30: Larchmere Flea Market and Festival, 11 AM-5 PM, LARCHMERE BOULEVARD. From junk to jewels and kitsch to collectible, this street festival is a bargain hunter's paradise with music, food and entertainment. INFO: 795-9800.

Jume 30: Once in a Blue Moon Benefit, 6:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Join the Nature Center under the full moon for an enchanting evening of cocktails, dinner, and dancing to Redline plus live and silent auctions that will make you want to Raise the Paddle. Tickets: \$150/member; \$175/non-member. INFO: 321-5935 BY JUNE 18 or www.ShakerLakes.org.

## Events for July

July 1: Free Flick, 1:30 PM, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch Will Smith and his son, Jaden Smith, in *The Pursuit of Happyness*.

July 3: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 PM, NATURE CENTER. Forum on topical environmental issues with a presentation and discussion. INFO: 321-5935.

July 4: Independence Day. City offices and libraries closed. Fireworks begin at dusk at Shaker Middle School.

July 7: Rachael Sage in Concert, 8 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCH-MERE BLVD. Now touring with her seventh album, The Blistering Sun, Sage is a folk musician with an edge and winner of many music awards, including the Independent Music Award, Billboard and John Lennon Songwriting Contests. \$15/person. INFO: 795-9800.

July 9–12: Wood Working Camp for Boy & Girls, 9:30 AM–NOON. HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children, ages 7–9, will learn about different tools and how to use them safely. Mini projects are planned as well as a more comprehensive project, which include working with a variety of tools. \$125/4 days. INFO: KAREN GOULAND-RIS, 929-0201.

July 9: Choosing a Computer and its Peripherals, 10 AM-NOON, FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Having trouble deciding laptop or desktop, Mac or PC, to replace or to upgrade? Get the scoop at this workshop. \$5/person. INFO: 216-421-1350, EXT. 125.

July 10: Why Good Things Happen to Good People, 7:30 PM, WOODS BRANCH. The secret's out! Learn why doing good feels good when Friends of the Shaker Library host author and ethicist Stephen Post who will speak and sign his book, Why Good Things Happen to Good People. INFO: 991-2421.

July 12: Nature Photography Club, 6–8 PM, NATURE CENTER. Explore environmental photography, learn about the camera and apply a variety of photographic techniques. INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHLE, 321-5935 X 237 or www.ShakerLakes. org.

July 12: What If... I Could Make a Nutritious Meal Without Turning on the Stove?, 7 PM, WOODS BRANCH. Meet the chef who will dish out the info on cool eating when John Pistone of J. Pistone Market provides tips on good eating without the heat. INFO: 991-2421.



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July 16-19: Gardening Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RE-SOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children, ages 6–8, can join in a variety of garden projects, including planting, harvesting, cooking simple recipes, and craft making. \$100/4 days. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

July 16-19: Creative Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children, ages 4 – 5, will explore the five senses through creative activities in cooking, art, music, and movement. \$100/4 days. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

102 Mixer on the Marsh, 5:30–8:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and entertainment while mingling on the boardwalk overlooking the marsh. One good tern deserves another: first-time members receive a complimentary membership with registration. Registration required. \$10/members; \$20/ non-members. INFO: 321-5935.

July 19: N.O.B.S. Forums: Collectible Magazines of Judy Eskin, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Eskin shares her magazine collection ranging from early Life, Saturday Evening Post, House and Garden and other famous (and not-sofamous) magazines with artists ranging from Margaret Bourke-White, Norman Rockwell, Jessie Willcox Smith, and others. INFO: 795-9800.

July 21: Hangin' with Harry, 9-5 PM, MAIN LIBRARY & WOODS BRANCH. The seventh and final book has hit the streets and library shelves. Borrow or bring your book and hang out in the library's Hogwarts Student Lounge, watch a movie marathon, or make a Harry Potter-themed craft.



July 23-26: Gardening Camp, 9:30 AM-NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVEL-OPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children, ages 4-5, can join in a variety of garden projects, including planting, harvesting, cooking simple recipes, and craft making. \$100/4 days. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

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July 28 & 29: Cleveland Shakespeare Festival, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE. And thereby hangs a tale... Enjoy the bard's King Richard III and The Taming of the Shrew. Free.

July 31: Best of Ohio Writers 2007 Writing Contest Deadline.

Ohio Writer Magazine and the Poets' and Writers' League of Greater Cleveland sponsor contest in categories of Fiction, Poetry, Creative Non-Fiction, Writers on Writing.

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JUNE 8: Zippity ZooDoo, 6 PM-MID-NIGHT, CLEVELAND METROPARKS ZOO, 3900 WILDLIFE WAY. Wild Animal Masquerade Ball features cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing under the stars with Tony Camarato. Plus a Silent Auction of unique Zoo treasures and other wild items! Tickets: \$200-\$1,000/ person. INFO: 661-6500.

JUNE 8, 30 AND JULY 13 & 28: 12th Night Rides on the Towpath Trail, 8 PM, PENINSULA. Free fun 12- to 15-mile ride for cyclists on the Cuyahoga Valley National Park Towpath Trail. Helmet and bike lights required. Century Cycles. INFO: DOUG, 800-201-7433. www.CenturyCycles.com

JUNE 9: Parade the Circle, 11 AM-7 PM. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Arts and culture celebration includes activities, entertainment and food. The Cleveland Museum of Art's inimitable parade begins at noon.

JUNE 13-AUGUST 29: WOW! Wade Oval Wednesdays, 5:30-9 PM, UNI-VERSITY CIRCLE. Free concert series, plus museums have extended hours.

JUNE 21-24, 28-30 & JULY 1, 5-8: Oliver, 8 PM, EVANS AMPHITHEATRE, CAIN PARK. Consider yourself well in... and bring the family for this enjoyable, Tony Award-winning musical. Tickets: www. ticketmaster.com/venue/40966.

JUNE 23, 24 & 25: Grand Prix Cleveland, BURKE LAKEFRONT AIRPORT. Join in the Celebration of Acceleration. Tickets: 888-817-7223.

JUNE 23: Cinematheque, 5:15 PM, 11141 EAST BLVD. Watch It Runs In The Family aka My Summer Story USA, the Shotin-Cleveland Sequel to A Christmas Story! Bob Clark's little-known sequel to his holiday classic A Christmas Story was also shot in Cleveland and is based on the writings of Jean Shepherd. The film is set in the 1940s and follows the Parker family during a different season of the year. Tickets: \$8/adults; \$5/kids 12 & under. INFO: 421-7450.

JUNE 23: Five Star Sensation. 7 PM-MIDNIGHT, AHUJA MEDICAL CENTER AT CHAGRIN HIGHLANDS. Wolfgang Puck is honorary chair of this food and wine celebration to benefit University Hospitals Ireland Cancer Center. Tickets: \$300-\$1,000/person. INFO: 440-446-0713.

JULY 13: 3rd Annual Golf Outing, Fowler's Mill Golf Course. Golf to benefit Shaker Youth Hockey. Moms and Dads with clubs always trump kids with sticks. INFO: MATT MCNULTY AT m.mcnulty@core.com, TODD RUSSELL AT drtanne@ameritech.net, OR LEE PASSELL AT lpassell@northcoastgroup.org.

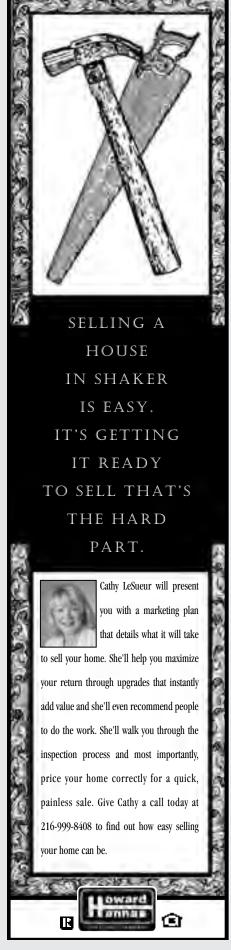
JULY 13-15: Cain Park Arts Festival. **3–8 PM.** Rain or shine there is art in the park by more than 150 artists. Stroll and shop. INFO: www.cainpark.com/ arts\_festival.asp. Saturday: 10 am-8 pm and Sunday: noon-5 pm.

JULY 20: Summer Fling, 5-9 PM, CLEVELAND METROPARKS POLO FIELD, ROUTE 87 AND CHAGRIN RIVER RD. Cocktail party benefit for Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Farm in conjunction with the Hunter Jumper Classic Horse Show. INFO: 440-708-0013.

JULY 21: Arlo Guthrie, 8 PM, CAIN PARK. Hear the Woodstock wonder perform. Tickets: www.ticketmaster.com/ venue/40966.

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# Try To Remember September

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

No time in Shaker is scarier that the first days of June. How, you ask, can a season so easy, in a city so leafy and green, be terrifying? Because with each Shaker summer comes the question that devoted, loving parents dread more than any other: What will we do with the kids until September?

As a public service, Shaker Observer offers this guide to managing the sudden reappearance of small people in your home:

Relaxing at Home: Recommended primarily by parents nostalgic for their own childhoods (e.g., Shaker Man) who've never spent the summer at home with antsy grade-schoolers who only want to talk about Star Wars or American Girl dolls. Often justified with the phrase: "Just think of the memories they're making." Pros: Inexpensive, old-fashioned, and kids can do chores (in theory). Cons: Kids will be stone bored by middle of second day, reminding parents of this fact every 10 minutes for the remaining 85 days of summer break. Projected cost savings will evaporate through straitjacket purchase or on therapist's couch. Shaker Man will end up doing chores to avoid whining about "fairness."

**Sports:** Shaker offers a wide variety of junior sporting opportunities, including soccer, baseball, swimming, etc. Pros: Healthy outdoor activity that promotes teamwork, blah, blah, blah. Coaches (as opposed to Shaker Man) may actually know something and children may actually learn technique and sportsmanship. Cons: Requires enormous amount of driving at odd times of the day for practices and games; even worse, no two children will have the same schedule. Parents will be expected to watch even 39-0 losses with unflagging enthusiasm and without resort to books, newspapers, cell phones or BlackBerries. Other parents on team may be insane, knowing as little as Shaker Man does but taking it much more seriously.

Camp: Outstanding option that comes in two flavors, sleep-away or day camp. Pros: Kids are not in house for long stretches of time, and parents can convince themselves that offspring are getting fresh air or learning how to whittle or whatever. At any rate, they won't be wrestling each other in the basement over computer time. Parents can break out margarita glasses without hearing snide comments of 14-year-old daughter. Cons: Kids may despise camp, and may even figure out that name of Camp Ubeegoneallsummeree is not Native American in origin. High likelihood of poison ivy and sunburn, as well as a homesickness episode requiring eight-hour drive

by Shaker Man in the middle of a rainy night. Child will be fine, of course, saying, "Thanks, Dad. I'll see you next week."

Grandma and Grandpa's House: Pros: All the advantages of sending them to sleep-away camp with none of the expense. Cons: Grandma and Grandpa will teach kids all the bad habits they taught parents, and then some. They'll also tell embarrassing stories and display photos thought to have been burned. "Hey, Dad," Shaker Man's 10-year-old son will say after seeing him in platform shoes and a blue corduroy suit, "You looked like a real dork in your prom photo. Not that you don't now."

Travel: Excellent way to spend vast amounts of money while confining family in small spaces for long periods of time. Pros: Parents may enjoy sight-seeing, and kids may learn something. Cons: Hostage-like togetherness in car and cramped hotel rooms likely to breed snappishness, contempt, and outright hostility; kids may experience this, too. By the third day of stunningly pricy trip, 10-year-old son will say to Shaker Man: "You know, Dad, this is kind of like one big field trip."

Adds Ms. Shaker Man: "Now there's a memory for you!"



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