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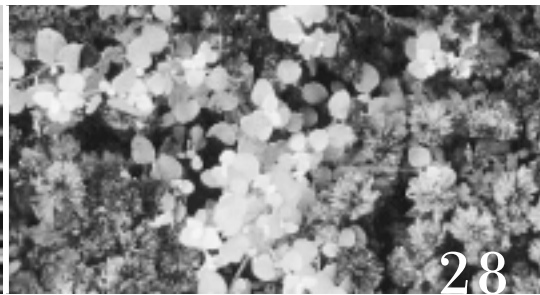
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Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2004

Shaker summer kick-off & salute to the International Children's Games coming to Cleveland in July 2004!

NEW!

☆ *Join the Parade:*

Create a float with an international theme, or bring your own national delegation - floats with other themes welcome too

Walk, dance or make music in the parade; wear traditional native dress

Awards for Best Float, Native Dress and Music or Dance group

Register to participate: call (216) 491-1354 by Tuesday, May 25

NEW!

☆ *Schedule of Events:*

Memorial Program at City Hall	9 a.m.
Parade from City Hall to Thornton Park	9:30 a.m.
Pancake Breakfast at Thornton Park	9:30-noon
Awards presentation at Thornton Park flagpole	11 a.m.

Free:	games	swimming	ice skating*
	10 a.m.-noon	10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.	noon-2:30 p.m.

Information: (216) 491-1354
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*skate rental extra, if needed



TOWN TOPICS

It's blossom time in Shaker!

Here it is again — another *Shaker Life* in your mailbox! A lot can happen in the two months between issues — seasons change — and now we can finally look forward to putting away our winter clothes and spending more time out in the garden or enjoying Shaker's parks.

Harbingers of summer are the tree blossoms and spring flowers that will soon grace our neighborhoods and, for many of us, the end of May is the time to get out the trowels, tidy up the trellis and spruce up the garden again. From a child bringing home a seedling in a cup to a colorful windowbox to a full-fledged flower garden, it's the blooming season. If, like me, you're totally lacking in green thumbs, there is plenty of help to be found. We have a gardening feature this issue in which four Shaker landscapers have given us some timely tips, or sign up for one of the many seasonal workshops offered by the Nature Center or Cleveland Botanical Garden. And don't forget the library's gardening collection!

Speaking of helping hands, we have interviews this issue with four local Girl Scouts who helped their community with their Gold Award projects and readers may also find inspiration from members of our own Police Department who, together with friends, compete in Ohio's largest bike marathon every year to raise funds for the fight against multiple sclerosis. We wish them well.

Enjoy this issue — and the season!

Felicity Hill

Parks and Recreation

Join in the 'Community Conversation' about Recreation

The City invites residents to share their ideas about Shaker's future leisure-time needs in a summer series of 'Community Conversations' about recreation. The workshops are 7 p.m. on May 18, July 13 and September 21 at the Shaker Community Building. (See story, page 5)

Pancake Breakfast and International Parade honor Memorial Day

The City's annual Memorial Day Parade is May 31 and, in the spirit of the Cleveland 2004 International Children's Games, this year's event will have an international focus. All neighborhood associations, international families clubs, Scout groups, local organizations and residents are invited to participate. The Memorial Day Parade begins with a traditional 9 a.m. ceremony at the City Hall flagpole and ends at Thornton Park with free swimming, skating, international games and music. A pancake breakfast will be served from 9:30 — noon at Thornton Park. For more information, call Sandra Blue at 491-1354 or visit shakeronline.com.

Enjoy Poolside Fun & Fireworks on July 4!

Join your friends and neighbors this Independence Day for Shaker's annual Birthday Bash & Water Carnival. Pack a picnic basket or enjoy the concessions at Thornton Park for a day of free swimming, games, family fun and prizes for kids of all ages. The pool is open until 6 p.m. The day ends with the traditional fireworks display at Shaker Middle School.

It's a splash! New waterplay equipment adds more fun at Thornton Park!



Children will have more ways to play this summer at Thornton Park: The City is adding a state-of-the-art water slide to the main swim area and a play turtle to the Kiddie Pool. The pools re-open on May 29. For further information on hours or swim passes, call 491-1295, visit shakeronline.com or purchase passes in-person at Thornton Park, 20701 Farnsleigh Road.



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Book Your Block Party!

Is it time to plan your neighborhood's party? Before sending out the invitations, contact Sandra Blue, the City's Special Events Coordinator, with the time and date and she'll arrange for the Public Works Department to drop-off orange barricades and will also inform the Mayor, City Council, Fire and Police departments about your event. Call Sandra Blue at 491-1354 or visit the City website, *shakeronline.com*.

Summer Camps

The Community Life Department is offering a variety of traditional, sports and specialty camps for youth. Brochures are available at City Hall, Thornton Park, or online. For school-age childcare, call Rhonda Myles at 491-2583.

Playground Monitoring

Playground supervisors will again be monitoring safe play at the City playgrounds. Hours are as follows:

CHELTON PARK, LOMOND & ONAWAY:

June 21 – Aug. 6, M – F, 10 a.m. - Noon; 1 – 3:30 p.m.

BOULEVARD, FERNWAY, LOMOND, LUDLOW,

ONAWAY, SUSSEX: June 14 – Aug. 5, M – Th, 4 – 8 p.m.

CHELTON & WINSLOW PARKS:

June 7 – Aug. 13, M – F, 4 – 8 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD PLAYGROUND:

May 17 – Sept. 19. Hours vary.

Note: Playgrounds are not supervised on Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day or during heavy rain.

Horseshoe Lake Picnic Reservations

Planning a picnic? Grills, picnic tables and a pavilion are available from June 1 - Sept. 5 (excluding holidays). Call 491-1295.

Lifeguards Wanted!

The Community Life Department has openings for lifeguards, camp counselors and other summer employment opportunities. For more information, visit *shakeronline.com* or call 491-1295.

Shaker Family Center

Ready, Set, Go! It's the Dads' Day Run!

Get out your jogging or walking shoes and position your strollers for Shaker Family Center's Second Annual Dads' Day Run on June 20.

Last year, more than 200 participants raised \$11,000 for the Family Center, which serves 500 children in a variety of enrichment programs.

Participants of all ages may choose to run, walk or wheel either a one or five-mile route beginning at Shaker Family Center, 19824 Sussex Rd. The courses wind through the tree-lined streets of historic Shaker, passing by six schools, then finish back at the start. Men's ties and special T-shirts will be given to all participants; there will be an awards ceremony, refreshments and a raffle after the event.

For more information, or to register, stop by the Family Center, visit hmapromotions.net or call 921-2023.



Dads' Day Run organizer Peter Nagusky with last year's 5-mile winner Karen Keaton.

Cleveland Foundation President Speaks, Library Director Honored on May 11

The Family Center has invited Ronald B. Richard, president of The Cleveland Foundation, the nation's oldest community foundation, to speak at its May 11 Annual Meeting.

The event also includes a special tribute to Edrice Ivory, who retires as Director of the Shaker Heights Public Library this July. Ivory was a founding partner in the Center's collaborative Play and Learn Station at Main Library. Ruth Kalish will be presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award.

The meeting is 6:30 p.m. at the Shaker Country Club, 3300 Courtland Blvd. Tickets are \$50 per person including dinner. For reservations, call 921-2023.

Shaker Family Center is an independent, non-profit organization providing educational, social and recreational programs for children of all ages, as well as their parents.

'Community Conversations' to Focus on Recreation and Leisure

The City is beginning a series of 'Community Conversations' on May 18, inviting residents to share their views on Shaker's future recreation needs.

The conversations, which will continue over the summer, are part of a Shaker Recreation and Leisure Assessment aimed at exploring the needs of residents and the financial viability of improvements to such areas as recreation, green space, paths, daily fitness, regional connections, arts and culture, and leisure.

The eight-month study involves multiple task force meetings and three public meetings as well as other outreach efforts. The meetings will culminate in a report enabling the City to chart the best short-, mid- and long-range strategies to enhance recreation and leisure in Shaker.

The City is working with significant input from residents and stakeholders during the process. A task force, appointed by Mayor Judy Rawson in consultation with Council, is guiding the project. The task force reflects a diverse cross section of the community, including community leaders, City, School and Library officials, and residents with particular areas of expertise including the arts, regional collaboration, and sports.

Stakeholder groups, including athletes, sports organizations, arts groups, neighborhood associations and local businesses, are serving as focus groups. Residents will be kept informed of the project's progress via a newsletter, shakeronline.com web page and updates in both *Shaker Life* and the new Recreation Brochure.

American Communities Partnership Visioning & Planning Ltd. (ACP) of New York is spearheading the project. Council authorized \$75,000 for the study, which comes from reserves created by the extraordinary, one-time 2003 estate tax revenues of \$14.6 million.

Council allocated additional funds from the reserves to finance a simultaneous study of economic development strategies for the Warrensville-Van Aken commercial district.

Website Highlights Comments on "Beloved Community"

Residents' comments and questions submitted during this year's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration have been posted to the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Community Life Director Pam Quinn said the measure is welcome. Preliminary talks of the assessment began last spring, she said, but ideas to enrich the City's recreation and leisure facilities have been exchanged for some time longer.

"Over the years many things have been suggested – indoor and outdoor pools, aerobic exercise space, basketball courts, a skate park and a new ice rink and fields," said Quinn. "While we have already begun to increase offerings through collaboration and partnerships, there is a universe of possibilities yet to explore. We can have a lot of fun with this while still being mindful of budgetary realities. This assessment is a great way to identify community priorities through public participation."

ACP's Co-Principal Gianni Longo, who is leading the assessment process, also coordinated public participation in Shaker's 2001 Strategic Investment Plan. His company led the 2002 "Imagine New York" project, which brought together more than 4,000 New Yorkers to generate ideas for the rebuilt World Trade Center, and Chattanooga, Tenn., credits his firm's "Vision 2000" initiative with stimulating more than \$1 billion in development projects in the region.

"Gianni is perfect for this project; he really knows Shaker," said Planning Director Joyce Braverman. "He recognizes the challenge of incorporating so many needs in a way that still reflects the character of our community. Another plus is his familiarity with City, School and Library facilities. When the time comes, this will be invaluable as we envision creative uses for these existing resources."

The first public meeting is 7 p.m., May 18 at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Rd. The brainstorming session will focus on short-term recreation and leisure strategies; a presentation will highlight the current leisure-time resources in Shaker and the surrounding areas. Follow-up public meetings focusing on longer-term plans will be held at 7 p.m. July 13 and Sept. 21, both at the Community Building.

For more information, contact the Planning Department at 491-1430.

NCCJ Walk-a-Thon set for May 22

Shaker is again celebrating diversity at the Greater Cleveland Walk as One – Rock as One event, sponsored by the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ).

In its second year, Walk as One – Rock as One is expected to attract 2,000 participants from neighborhoods, schools, corporations, community groups and faith organizations around the Greater Cleveland area. Representatives of Shaker, including City officials and other groups, will take part. It is a free event.

Walkers will march in a procession from downtown's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

and Museum through the lively Gateway district and back to the Rock Hall.

Participants can enjoy free admission to the Rock Hall throughout the day as well as an array of entertainment planned around the event.

Last year, more than 1,800 walkers raised \$148,000 for regional youth diversity programs. The NCCJ hopes to top that success this year, and partici-

pants with at least \$75 in preliminary fundraising will take home a NCCJ T-shirt.

Walkers may register individually or in teams. Shaker participants will converge under a City banner prior to the event and can show off their City pride by wearing our red and white colors and other Shaker gear!

Walk as One – Rock as One begins 9 a.m. at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, with day-of-event registration beginning at 7:30 a.m.

To register yourself or a team, or sign up as a volunteer or sponsor, visit nccj-north-ernohio.org or call 752-3000.



Business News

OfficeMax has closed its Highland Hills office and plans to relocate the 200 employees there to its Shaker Heights headquarters by July. The company, bought by Boise Cascade last year, will then have 800 employees in Shaker. In 2003, OfficeMax's combined income and property tax payments were approximately \$860,000 to the City and \$1.4 million to the School District.

Shaker Works, the organization promoting Shaker businesses, is now an independent, non-profit **Community Business Development Corporation** (CBDC) and separate from the Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) with whom it will still closely collaborate. The CBDC status allows Shaker Works to pursue wider funding opportunities. For more

information, or to learn how to become a Shaker Works member, contact Laurey Banker at 752-5648 or email shakerworks@aol.com.

The Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce (HRCC) is hosting **Highlights of the Heights** from 3:30 – 7:30 p.m. on Monday, June 28 at John Carroll University. Formerly Business Expo, the event “will include all the best the area has to offer, from wonderful restaurants and retailers to artists, crafts people, and service providers” and is free for residents. For more information, call Anne Blum Hach at 397-7322 or visit hrcc.org. HRCC is also offering a six-city **Shopper Discount Card** for discounts at participating businesses. Cards are available from the HRCC or online at shoptheheights.org.

Homes and Neighborhoods

New Stars of Shaker Program Rewards Curb Appeal

The City, in collaboration with several neighborhood associations, is sponsoring a new Stars of Shaker program to recognize homeowners whose properties both enhance their neighborhood's curb appeal and inspire others to enhance their homes. Awards, for a variety of housing styles by neighborhood, will be made in the following categories:

Individual Awards for outstanding landscaping, outstanding paint color scheme, and outstanding porch or entrance.

Overall Curb Appeal Award for both single- and two-family homes, and apartment buildings.

Program participants include the Fernway, Lomond, Ludlow, Malvern,

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Moreland, Onaway, and Sussex neighborhood associations. Any Shaker resident can nominate a property for the award; forms are available at City Hall, the Shaker Community Building, shakeronline.com, or your neighborhood association. The deadline for nominations is June 15, 2004.

Entries will be judged by a panel of Shaker residents and winners announced at this year's AutumnFest.

For more information, call 491-1331.

Moreland Landscape Program Renewed

The Moreland Landscape Program, which awards grants of up to \$1,000 for landscaping improvements to qualifying residents, will be used to beautify 40 front yards on Menlo, Scottsdale, Nicholas and Sudbury roads this year. The program was created to improve the curb appeal of Moreland-area homes.

Masonry, Tuckpointing & Driveways Workshop is May 5

A free workshop on masonry, tuckpointing and driveways will be held from 7 – 9 p.m., May 5 at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Rd. Learn what to look for when work is done by others or pick up tips for your own D.I.Y. project. For reservations and information, call 491-1370.

Spring Sweeps Garage Sale set for May 15

Shaker's Spring Sweeps garage sale is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 15 at the Shaker Community Building. Sell your gently used household goods, small appliances, toys and sports equipment, infant wear and baby furniture. Early birds pay \$35 for a table; tables are \$40 after May 1. (The last day to reserve a

table is May 12). Call 491-1351 for applications and info.

Spring Paint & Pesticide Roundup is May 15 & 16

On May 15 & 16, residents may bring all oil-based paints, pesticide containers and other hazardous household wastes to the Service Center at 15600 Chagrin Blvd. for safe disposal.

Public Works reminds residents not to discard these materials with the regular rubbish as they could create serious environmental hazards. For questions about the spring roundup and safe year-round waste disposal, please call the Public Works Department at 491-1490.

Recycle your Phone Books!

The City is collecting phone books for recycling from June 7 – July 24. Old phone books can be taken to either the Service Center on 15600 Chagrin Blvd. or to specially marked 'Phone Book Recycling' dumpsters in the City Hall parking lot, both Bertram Woods and Main libraries, and the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 S. Park Blvd.

Bag Those Grass Clippings!

As mowing the lawn becomes a regular activity, residents are reminded to place grass clippings in specially marked Shaker Heights yard bags, available from the Service Center and a number of local merchants. Funds from the sale of the bags help defray the cost of the program. The bags should be placed next to your regular trash cans.

Residents can avoid the cost of collection bags by handling grass clippings in an environmentally friendly way:

- Leave the clippings on the lawn as a natural fertilizer;
- Establish a compost pile (\$5 permit required).

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Rental Homes

3324 Aberdeen Road (Karen Miner)
3138 Albion Road (Laura Rose)
3597 Avalon Road (Robert Stovall)
3261 Braemar Road (Glen Lair)
16011 Chadbourne Road (Linda Hart)
3362 Chalfant Road (Heather Chapman)
17625 Chagrin Blvd. (Connie Pinkley)
3529 Daleford Road (John Schloss)
3300 Elsmere Road (Mike Reilly)
3455 Glencairn Road (Margaret Walton)
3665 Glencairn Road (Eric Ozan)
3561 Gridley Road (Terri Stone)
3559 Gridley Road (Bruce Altchouler)
3610 Gridley Road (Harold Spivack)
3545 Gridley Road (Deborah Goshien)
3618 Gridley Road (Cyril Weathers)
3622 Gridley Road (Constance F. Speed)
2928 Huntington Road (Angela Binger)
2565 Kendall Road
(Janet Alter & Kevin Lovas)
3266 Lansmere Road (Aisling Downey)
3647 Latimore Road (Norman Sigel)
3664 Latimore Road (Josh Lovinger)
3711 Latimore Road (Robin Grant-Hughes)
3716 Latimore Road (Bernice Levine)
3466 Lynnfield Road (Joanne Caterino)
3673 Lynnfield Road (Pam Cleverly)
3686 Lynnfield Road (Robert McMahon)
3658 Lynnfield Road (Liz Sargent)
18231 Lynton Road (Pat Arnold)
2840 Ludlow Road (Charles Richards)
2879 Ludlow Road (David Kramer)
18327 Newell Road (Marc Rossen)
18406 Newell Road (Deborah Goshien)
18419 Newell Road (Helen Kubach)
3525 Normandy Road (Robert Jacobs)
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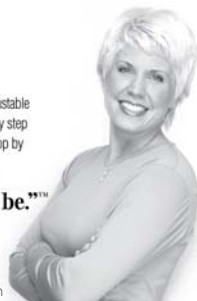
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REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between July 1 and Aug. 15, 2003, appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2003 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3322 Ardmore Road	\$256,000	\$205,000 (2002)	\$ 7,500 (1922)
17615 Berwyn Road	\$337,500	\$256,500 (2002)	\$11,500 (1931)
22499 Byron Road	\$331,000	\$261,500 (1997)	\$140,000 (1983)
3096 Chadbourne Road	\$205,000	\$165,000 (2001)	\$ 9,000 (1922)
3339 Chalfant Road	\$232,000	\$215,000 (2002)	\$15,000 (1927)
3286 Daleford Road	\$203,000	\$163,750 (1997)	\$10,000 (1925)
14300 Drexmore Road	\$350,000	\$262,500 (1995)	\$37,000 (1967)
19140 Fairmount Blvd.	\$315,000	\$286,000 (1999)	\$17,000 (1936)
3336 Glencairn Road	\$235,000	\$210,000 (2001)	\$12,000 (1925)
3388 Glencairn Road	\$257,250	\$215,000 (1999)	\$15,000 (1926)
3063 Huntington Road	\$209,000	\$195,000 (2001)	\$13,000 (1923)
3548 Ingleside Road	\$161,500	\$139,500 (2000)	\$ 8,000 (1928)
2757 Landon Road	\$375,000	\$375,000 (2002)	\$15,000 (1940)
3331 Lansmere Road	\$231,500	\$212,000 (2000)	\$ 6,000 (1920)
19620 Lomond Blvd.	\$205,000	\$148,500 (1998)	\$11,000 (1929)
3539 Lytle Road	\$176,000	\$171,000 (1998)	\$13,500 (1945)
3685 Lytle Road	\$171,200	\$127,000 (2000)	\$ 9,500 (1945)
19815 Marchmont Road	\$540,000	\$412,000 (1998)	Unavailable
2952 Montgomery Road	\$385,000	\$205,000 (1995)	\$50,000 (1957)
2940 Morley Road	\$715,000	\$399,900 (1999)	\$35,000 (1927)
3018 Morley Road	\$465,000	\$372,500 (1998)	\$25,000 (1927)
22219 Parnell Road	\$955,000	\$428,000 (1998)	\$30,000 (1928)
2724 Rocklyn Road	\$515,125	\$291,000 (1997)	\$15,000 (1937)
17418 Scottsdale Blvd.	\$159,900	\$128,000 (1999)	\$ 7,800 (1936)
2905 Sedgewick Road	\$570,000	\$300,000 (1995)	\$11,000 (1915)
2931 Sedgewick Road	\$444,000	\$275,000 (1995)	\$ 7,000 (1913)
18540 Shelburne Road	\$625,000	\$440,000 (1998)	\$17,000 (1936)
21800 Shelburne Road	\$255,000	\$224,000 (1996)	\$34,000 (1957)
3557 Storer Road	\$130,000	\$ 96,000 (1997)	\$ 7,000 (1923)
22133 S.Woodland Road	\$162,000	\$150,000 (2002)	\$25,000 (1959)
3655 Sutherland Road	\$190,000	\$155,000 (1997)	\$10,000 (1927)
3557 Townley Road	\$185,000	\$143,000 (1998)	\$ 8,500 (1935)
3666 Townley Road	\$187,900	\$172,200 (2001)	\$10,000 (1929)
21911 Westchester Road	\$249,000	\$177,000 (1996)	\$16,000 (1947)
2667 Wrenford Road	\$212,100	\$180,000 (2000)	\$31,000 (1957)

Information source: First American Real Estate Solutions

3584 Palmerston Road (*Paul Landis*)
 16500 Parkland Drive Carriage House
 (*Rita Bryce*)
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Multiple infrastructure improvement projects will test even the heartiest Shaker drivers over the next six months.

Here's why:

- Cuyahoga County's work on the Green Road Bridge, reducing traffic to only one lane in each direction, should be completed by mid-August. No left turns from Green Road onto Shaker Boulevard are allowed from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Left turns from Shaker onto Green are restricted from 7 - 9 a.m. and 4 - 7 p.m.
- RTA will spend the summer refurbishing the Green Line (Shaker Boulevard) rapid tracks. Service will continue, on one track at a time.
- Beachwood's construction on Fairmount Boulevard between Green and Richmond roads will continue through mid-June allowing only one lane of traffic in each direction. Work continues after Labor Day with one side of Fairmount closing at a time, for at least two weeks per side; traffic will be rerouted to Cedar Road.
- Shaker's Waterline Improvement Project continues. Work on Shaker and Fairmount boulevards will be completed in early May. Construction on Shelburne Road, from the City's western border (near Beaumont School) to N. Park Boulevard (near Hathaway Brown School), will then begin. Torrington Road work is scheduled to end in May; Chadbourne and Shelburne roads will be completed by October.
- Shaker's Chagrin Boulevard Storm and Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project, between Lee and Palmerston roads is scheduled for completion in late June. Both east and west bound traffic, between Avalon and Palmerston roads, will be closed through June 30. Traffic is being rerouted to Van Aken Boulevard.
- The road narrowing at Shaker Towne Centre will continue through late December. One lane of Chagrin Boulevard between Avalon and Lee roads will remain open in each direction. Left-turn lanes will be maintained whenever possible.

While improvement projects are inconvenient, our streets, sewers, bridges and train tracks will be ready to withstand the demands of future generations. Over \$6 million in grants and zero percent loans are helping to pay for a substantial portion of these projects. Thank you, Shaker drivers, for your patience and cooperation over the next few months!

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18931 Winslow Road (*Robert Humphrey*)
18920 Winslow Road (*Julie Snipes*)
18708 Winslow Road (*Susan Severy*)
18419 Winslow Road (*David Chrien*)
18428 Winslow Road (*Joe Beatrice*)
18409 Winslow Road (*Maureen Glasper*)
17928 Winslow Road
(*Mari Lynne & James Patterson*)
17601 Winslow Road
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Fairhill Place, 3660 Fairhill Road
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Kemper Manor, 2501 Kemper Rd.
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Shaker Lakes Apartments, 2590 North Moreland Blvd. (*Michael Montlack*)
Shaker Park East, 2540 North Moreland Blvd. (*David Goodman*)
Shaker Park Manor, 19220 Van Aken Blvd. (*Michael Montlack*)
Shaker Terrace, 19806 Van Aken Blvd.
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City continues lake algae control program

Green and Marshall lakes are undergoing an algae-thwarting bio-augmentation process for a second year.

The process, which calls for the bi-weekly introduction of beneficial bacteria into the lakes, will likely begin in May and continue through October, according to Technical Services Manager Martin Reese. He said the decision came as a result of an independent study by Stow, Ohio-based EnviroScience Inc., suggesting the treatment, which successfully battled algae last summer, should be repeated.

According to Reese, algae buildup is caused by excessive amounts of nitrates and phosphates in water. The bacteria outcompetes the algae for the nitrates and phosphates, essentially starving the algae. The process is safe for humans and wildlife, he said.

Currently, only Green and Marshall lakes will undergo the bio-augmentation, but additional research is slated to gauge the possible benefits of expanding treatments to other locations. "We're working on plans to look at how Shaker's lakes are affected [by both algae inundation and counter-treatments] more comprehensively," Reese said. "We will decide the best long-term treatment strategies based on those reports."

For more information, call the Public Works Department, 491-1490.

Rebates help homeowners 'Go Green'

Thanks to an innovative new program, Shaker is making it easier for residents to improve the energy efficiency of their homes.

The City launched the new 'Go Green' Rebate Program in September, which offers customized energy audits and consultations for energy-efficient improvements to any homeowner in Shaker.

Based on income, the program furnishes rebates up to the entire cost of energy audits and up to 25 percent of necessary repair costs. Homeowners can also access low-interest loans for energy-

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efficient improvements through Park View Federal Savings Bank, a corporate partner in the initiative.

The incentives have a dual objective, says City Planner Jayme Lucas: helping individual homeowners take on the challenge of upgrades and reinforcing Shaker's most marketable resource — its renowned historic homes. The City estimates that 60 percent of Shaker's housing stock is more than half a century old and in need of energy upgrades, she says.

"When you consider Shaker's homes, they were definitely built to last and built to be beautiful, but not necessarily built to be energy-efficient [by 2004's standards.]" Lucas says. "What we are seeing is that the average upgrades needed are about \$3,900."

Research suggests the expense is well worth it: A similar pilot program in Chicago reported that a 1,644-square-foot, furnace-heated home realized an \$849 annual savings after a one-time upgrade expense of \$4,575. Total energy costs were reduced to \$381 a year,

which is expected to offset the property owner's upgrade investment in less than five years.

Christine Bretz, who bought her 75-year-old Sussex home in September after a two-year stint out of state, says she was heartened upon her return to find that Shaker was among the first cities in the Midwest to adopt such an initiative. Both from a money-saving and ecological standpoint, the program promises to be beneficial, she says.

"This is a great program. I think the benefit is a no-brainer," Bretz attests.

"I went to two seminars in October and had an audit done. It confirmed much of what I already knew — issues with lacking insulation, and a need for storm and screen doors, among other things. But the audit put things in specific technical terms [like insulation ratings] which really helped clarify the savings at stake. I certainly wish I'd gotten to this earlier, given some of the energy bills I received this winter."

A fellow resident, Henry Hwang, echoes Bretz's sentiment. He anticipates

significant savings as a result of recent upgrades to his home.

"I completed an audit in January and since then have both replaced insulation and ordered new furnace components," Hwang shares. "The assessment offered no dollar figures in terms of savings, but it did help identify criteria by which improvements could be measured."

Follow-up assessments after repair work confirmed the projected benefits.

Hwang says that as a result of immediate insulation work, his most recent audit reflected a reduction of air loss by 36 to 40 percent.

Hwang and Bretz are two of a number of homeowners currently enrolled in the Go Green program. Since September, program participants have invested \$12,000 into green upgrades in Shaker. Neighborhood Revitalization's goal for 2003-2004 is to help at least 30 additional residents make their homes "high performing."

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is to improve the marketability of Shaker," says Kamla Lewis, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization. Amid the myriad of inherent ecological rewards, "we want to tap into the growing niche market of those looking specifically for green-built homes," she says.

"About 30 percent of Americans fall into a group sociologists call 'cultural creatives,'" Lewis adds, citing recent U.S. demographic research by California's Institute of Noetic Sciences and Michigan's Fetzer Institute. "Of that group [notable for its political activism and culturally progressive policies], about 75 percent consider themselves environmentalists of some sort."

Cultural creatives represent \$230 billion in buying power by themselves, Lewis says, mentioning additional research findings that 67 percent of all Americans are willing to pay 5- to 10-percent more on ecologically sound homes.

"Being one of the nation's original Garden Cities, Shaker has always been cognizant of the importance of our natural environment and the preservation of resources," Lewis says. The Go Green Rebate Program falls in line with that legacy and represents an important part of the City's overall Green Building Initiative, adopted in May 2003.

To sign up, residents may visit Shaker's Neighborhood Revitalization Department at the Shaker Community Building or call 491-1370.

Sapling Care Keeps 'Tree City' Beautiful

With a little help from residents, this spring's sapling plantings will enhance Shaker with vibrant foliage for years to come. According to Forestry Superintendent Pat Neville, simple care will help foster the healthy growth of those trees, providing decades of beauty and enjoyment. He offers these tips to residents receiving new trees:

For the first two years, be sure to provide saplings with 15-20 gallons of water weekly from late spring through early autumn. Adjust for unusually heavy or light rainfall and high temperatures.

A ring of mulch around saplings applied two inches from the base helps retain moisture, decreases soil compaction and protects trees from damage by lawn-care equipment. As mulch erodes or migrates, be sure to replace it with fresh material, avoiding a buildup of more than 2 inches, which could promote fungal growth.

Don't prune saplings. Shaker's Public Works Department schedules interval grooming at the time of planting, after 2 years, after 5 years and after 10 years. Incorrect pruning techniques could actually impede a tree's growth or severely damage it.

Following plantings, Public Works leaves door hangers with brief care pointers for each home receiving a new tree. Refer to those guidelines and report any concerns or questions regarding tree growth to the Public Works Department, 491-1490.



Shaker Schools' Night for the Red & White reaps record attendance

Shaker Schools' twelfth annual *A Night for the Red & White* gala on March 6 attracted a record crowd: Over 950 tickets were sold for the event held at Cleveland's Intercontinental Hotel. To celebrate this year's theme "Many Cultures, One Community," organizers festooned the ballroom with international flags, arranged an array of international dishes from American (a carvery and mashed potato bar) and Spanish cuisine to Chinese dim sum and Far Eastern fare, and encouraged participants to wear national dress. A total of \$130,000 was raised for district-wide enrichment programs.



Shaker Shorts

Shaker Heights is the first suburb to join **OneCleveland**, the Case-led consortium of area organizations planning to provide broadband access to each other and the Internet. Shaker Heights will pay OneCleveland a one-time fee of \$5,000 and annual fees of approximately \$12,500 to participate. The goal is to connect higher and secondary educational institutions, cultural organizations and governments on a shared high-speed data network.

The City is conducting a **study on lending practices**, especially predatory lending, to ascertain their effects on fair housing. The City will use the results to implement a 2005 action plan for counteracting negative practices. The study is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Shaker residents' **lottery winnings** are now taxable. The City has amended its

ordinance on taxable income to include: "winnings from any lottery, gaming, or schemes of chance (whether inside or outside the City), and the winnings of non-residents from activities in the City, are taxable as income if they total \$600 or more in any tax year."

The City has appropriated \$500,000 for its 2004 **street resurfacing** program. Streets to be resurfaced will be determined by inspection.

The Finance Department was awarded the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for the seventh time. The Certificate was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), a non-profit professional association.

Shaker Schools' website, *shaker.org*, has a new look. The **redesigned website** has up-to-the-minute information and is easier to update. To find out how to make a tax-deductible contribution to Woodbury Elementary School's new

playgrounds, click on the Parent-Teacher Organization link, scroll to Woodbury and click on LOLA (Landscape and Outdoor Learning Area Committee).

The Landmark Commission's 22nd annual **Landmark Tour** is Sunday, September 12, preceded by an evening party on Friday, September 11. Save the date now for your opportunity to tour Shaker's notable homes. Tickets go on sale early this summer. For more information, call 491-1430.

Shaker Heights is one of the **"Ten Most Playful Towns in America,"** according to *Nick Jr. Family Magazine*. Criteria included having top performing schools, safe neighborhoods, extensive library programs, and ample outdoor recreation.

The **Parent-Child Resource Center** at Hanna Perkins School is offering a range of new classes this summer. Classes include 'Books by Me' writing programs for children ages 4 - 7, a Community Gardening Program for ages 2 - 10, and

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other musical, art and cultural offerings. For more information, call 929-0201.

The City's **stormwater plan** for reducing the amount of pollutants discharged into groundwater and streams, may be reviewed on the City's website, *shakeronline.com*. The plan, which includes a public information campaign targeting residents and businesses, will be implemented in cooperation with the Doan Brook Watershed, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

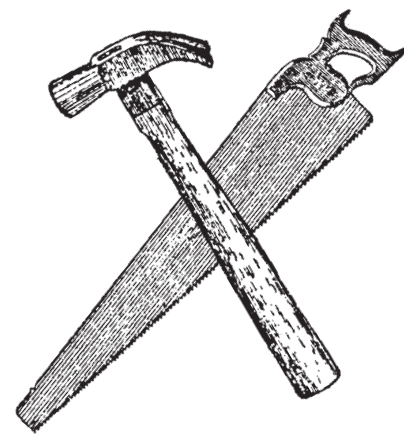
Road of Life, the organization founded by Shaker High graduates to raise funds for cancer research and prevention, is on the march across Ohio again; on May 15, local residents can join them in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. For more information, visit *roadoflife.org*.

Shaker has been named a **Tree City USA** for the 19th time by the National Arbor Day Foundation. To qualify, a City must have a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance.

Reminders

- **TEMPORARY SIGN ORDINANCE:** All temporary signs in residential districts, including 'For Sale by Owner' and political signs, must be removed or replaced after 45 days. Signs may not be located in, or obstruct, the public right of way. They must be placed at least 20 feet from the nearest sidewalk.
- **BICYCLE LICENSING:** Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. May 1, 8, 15 & 22 and June 5, 12, 19 & 26 in the Police Dept. lobby, 3355 Lee Rd. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.
- **CHILD CAR SEATS:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call Jan Hetzel at 491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.
- **LOST PETS:** If you have lost a pet or wish to adopt one, please call or visit the Animal Shelter, located within the Service Department at 15800 Chagrin Blvd. or visit *shakeronline.com*. Shelter hours are Monday - Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Public Works Department, 491-1490 (after-hours or emergencies, call 491-1499) or to speak with a volunteer, call 378-1312. Adoption fees are \$35 for cats, \$45 for dogs. (Note: The Shelter does not accept donations of unwanted animals).
- **WOOD CHIPS:** Wood chips are available spring through fall every Saturday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the visitor's parking lot at the Service Center, free of charge and in any amount. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels. Wood chips are also available year round at the Canoe Club on South Park Blvd.
- **NOISE:** The playing of radios, television sets, musical instruments and similar devices is prohibited between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays and 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays if they create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.
- **DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS:** Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 a.m. is prohibited.
- **SAFE CITY HOTLINE:** To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 295-3434.
- **POWER OUTAGES:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 1-888-544-4877.
- **WEST NILE VIRUS:** For up-to-date information and tips on prevention, check *shakeronline.com* or call the Health Department's Infoline, 491-3170.

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



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Shaker SWAT Team, Citizens Police Academy Alumni use pedal power to help conquer multiple sclerosis

Eight years ago, four cyclists led by Team Captain George Gelehrter, a gerontologist and Citizen Police Academy alumnus, biked 50 miles in sun and rain to raise money for multiple sclerosis (MS) victims. As a fledgling team representing the Police Department, they raised \$3,000, winning a Bronze Award for their efforts. Last year, ten cyclists upped the team's ante to 150 miles and raised \$10,000, bringing their team total to over \$50,000 since the first event.

"It's a great cause," said Commander Mike Schwarber, who cycles with his wife Patty. "The disease is so prevalent that everyone is touched by it somehow. We've had great support from the Citizens Police Academy, the Shaker 100, the police union and Police Department members. The whole SWAT team helps with donations and fundraising; we were one of the highest fundraising teams last year."

Multiple sclerosis, which afflicts more than 250,000 Americans of all ages, is a chronic, unpredictable neurological disease that attacks



The SHPD SWAT Bike Team has raised \$50,000 for multiple sclerosis research. Last year's team included: (Top, left to right) Commander Mike Schwarber, Patty Schwarber, Frank Holowach, George Gelehrter, Kyle Hamilton and David Gelehrter; (Front) Cpl. Ken Gozelanczyk and Lt. Jim Mariano. (Not pictured: Ptl. Brian Paul and Pam Williams).

the central nervous system.

The MS Bike Tour, that has so far raised over \$45 million for research and treatment, is the largest organized cycling event in the country. Last year, nearly 80,000 cyclists participated. In its 18th year, Ohio's Bike Tour, which winds a pastoral route from Berea Fairgrounds to the Sandusky fin-

ishing point, is the largest in the state; this year's event is on August 21 and 22. To sponsor the team, call Lt. Mariano at 491-2535.

- Felicity Hill



Going for

BY LINDA SASLOW



Lydia Watts's Gold Award project, helping families afflicted with cancer, inspired her career plans. Now a pre-med student at Duke, she plans to become an oncologist.

Think Girl Scouts, think campfire camaraderie, fire-lit singalongs and busy bees earning activity badges. But Girl Scouting isn't just bond-forming fun; it can also mean performing at the top of your game. And four Shaker High graduates were recently honored by the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council with the organization's highest achievement: the Girl Scout Gold Award. Awarded to only three percent of senior Girl Scouts nationwide, the Award, roughly equivalent to the Eagle Scout award in Boy Scouting, demonstrates commitment to community and the opportunity for girls to learn leadership skills that will last them a lifetime.

Local teens Lydia Watts, Elissa Courtright, and twins Amy and Jennifer Broadbent created individual projects designed to benefit their community for years to come. And along the way, each experienced the challenges that come with implementing programs which serve a diverse population.

The standards are tough. According to the Lake Erie Girl Scout Council, the Gold Award requires vision, hard work, setting timely goals and commitment. Girls who opt to create a Gold Award project must be both self-starters and strong team players. Their projects requires ingenuity, creativity and networking skills; verbal, written and budgeting skills are also a must. All in all, participants selected to vie for the Gold Award must be well-rounded and exceptional young people.

*Four Shaker graduates
earn Girl Scouts' top award*

Gold

Nineteen-year-old Lydia Watts' project, "Storytime at The Gathering Place," involved working with staff at the Beachwood center — a wellness community for those touched by cancer — to create a felt storyboard for use by children in cancer-afflicted families. The colorful board, decorated with appealing popular children's characters, is used by families and counselors to help shape two-dimensional tales that help explain the challenges faced by children in crisis. Lydia spent some sixty hours over the course of five months cutting and decorating felt pieces to recreate characters from popular books such as *Are You My Mother?*, *Goodnight Moon*, and *Corduroy* among other classics.

"The storyboard is a therapeutic way for children to express their emotions — it helps them explain and understand their feelings. The children make up their own stories with the felt pieces from familiar stories to show what is occurring in their family," said Lydia. Her storyboards have been used by tens of children at The Gathering Place to help them relate to their family's experience with cancer.

Lydia's carefully made creations have also been used in the ancillary Kidshop and Parachute children's programs, according to Betsy Kohn, Director of Volunteers at The Gathering Place.

Kidshop, a three-hour workshop designed for families with an adult touched by cancer, teaches essential family coping skills such as developing social support systems and fostering better communication. At



Elissa Courtwright researched a municipal flag-burning pit, to dispose of discarded flags, and taught flag etiquette to young Scouts. Now at Albion College, she plans a career in music education.



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Kidshop, parents and children engage in creative projects together that help them meet their goals.

Parachutes is a similar program designed for children who have a parent or caregiver with advanced cancer.

Kohn said following a move to a new, larger location on Commerce Park in Beachwood, The Gathering Place's use of Watt's story boards in programs such as Kidshop and Parachutes will be expanded and much appreciated.

"What Lydia did really touched the hearts of young children affected by cancer," said her project advisor, Paula Conrad, a member of the Board of Directors of Lake Erie Girl Scout Council.

Now a sophomore at Duke University majoring in pre-med chemistry, Lydia moved to Shaker at the tender age of four and her parents, Stacy and Sam Watts, still make their home in Lomond. Inspired by her experience working with the children at The Gathering Place, Lydia is considering a career in pediatric oncology and spends her spare time volunteering at Duke Medical Center's Oncology Department.

For her project, entitled "It's a Grand Ole Flag," third-generation Shaker resident Elissa Courtright wanted to give residents a respectful way to dispose of old flags. To meet the award criteria, Elissa researched the creation of a municipal fire burning pit and taught a flag etiquette class to her fellow scouts. Elissa and her parents, Fernway residents Cindy and Michael Courtright, hoped she would be able to build a flag burning pit (used for the proper destruction of damaged flags) within city limits. She spent more than two and a half years working on the project logging nearly 120 hours conducting research and attending city council meetings.

"My proudest moment in the project was when I stood up as a 16-year-old at a city council meeting and was backed by George Qua," said Elissa.

Elissa had persuaded Qua, 73, the founder of Qua Buick and a scouting enthusiast, to pledge financial support for the proposed flag burning pit portion of the project, pending approval. In the meantime, Elissa's time to complete the project was running out. When the

project did not come to fruition, Qua helped to convince Elissa that her project was a good experience in learning how government works and how completing the award would improve her favor in college admissions.

"As a former admissions counselor, I know the Eagle Scout and Gold awards are very well regarded," said Qua.

Resident Allen Crowley, also a Boy and Girl Scout dad and one of Alissa's mentors, agreed he was "extremely proud of all the meetings that Elissa arranged with various people such as the planning and zoning commission, the fire marshal and an architect.

"I am most proud of the fact that she got herself on the City Council agenda. When Elissa spoke to council, it was like she was an orator in front of the senate doing a filibuster. She spoke eloquently and calmly. This award really does teach the youth of our day how to interact in the public sphere."

The final step of Elissa's project was teaching a class on proper flag etiquette to a group of fifty Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing Scouts. "This is a significant part of our nation," said Elissa. "Often, people do not display the flag properly or they let it fall on the ground. My project aimed to show others how to respect it."

Now a freshman majoring in music and art at Albion College, Elissa hopes to transfer her experiences leading young people to a career in music education: Her future plans, she said, include either teaching a high school band or directing a youth orchestra.

For the nineteen-year-old Broadbent twins, Jennifer and Amy, who grew up in Mercer, it was their individual Girl Scouting experiences that fuelled ideas for their Gold Award projects.

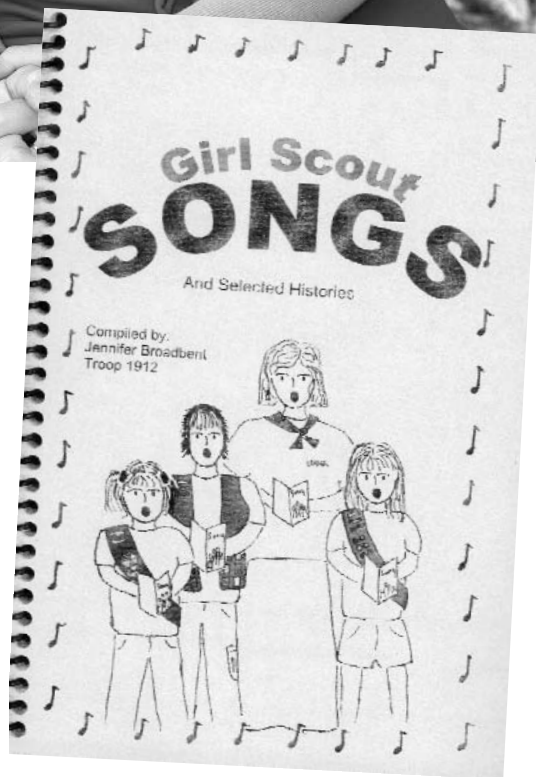
Jennifer, a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton Business School, was inspired by many fondly remembered evenings of campfire songs for her project, "Everybody Start to Sing." For this, she compiled, illustrated and published a 41-page Girl Scout Song Book which, not only includes 77 songs, but incorporates some selected song histories as well.

"The greatest part of my Gold Award project is that it has helped to keep oral



Jennifer Broadbent borrowed \$500 to publish a Girl Scout songbook, complete with historical references; she sold enough copies to fully repay the loan. Broadbent is now a University of Pennsylvania business major.

Jennifer Broadbent's songbook was a cooperative effort: The cover was illustrated by fellow Scout Elissa Courtwright.





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histories alive. My project helps preserve the history and traditions of Scouting while providing an easy way to teach the songs to younger girls," said Jennifer. She had fun teaching the songs to Girl Scouts, ages six through thirteen, at a couple of workshops she led one summer. "My happiest moment during the project was during the second workshop when the girls just loved a song called "Glink Glunk" which was about a frog. We shared a lot of laughter."

One hundred copies of the song book were published, funded by a \$500 loan from the Shaker Heights Girl Scout Service Unit. The loan was paid back in full when nearly all of the copies of the book were sold to local troops for \$5.

"I loved doing Girl Scouts because it taught me to be more independent. It was not what the typical middle or high school student was doing," said Jennifer who completed eleven years in Troop 1912 with leader Cindy Courtwright. "Also, when we got older, we had so much fun camping and canoeing."

Ele Richardson, a member of the Girl Scout History Committee and mentor, helped Jennifer with her song selections and provided some of the historical information. "I'm very pleased with the songs she chose. She included both old favorites and added some new songs into the mix. She did a very nice job."

Twin sister Amy, a freshman at Yale University introduced a sixth-grade Girl Scout troop from Woodbury School to a "Junior Outdoor Challenge Weekend" of outdoor camping, something none of the young scouts had experienced. The excited troop of four Shaker Heights eleven-year-old girls went camping for two chilly days in early spring.

"The outdoor skills portion was the most important because these girls had very little experience in the outdoors before the campout," Amy remembers. "I taught them Girl Scout games and songs in addition to the outdoor activities. Andrew Persons, another Shaker Heights High School student, who is experienced in orienteering taught them those new skills."

Prior to the trip, Amy worked with the girls in Troop 1099 for eighteen months to prepare for their outdoor adventure. "Because the group was so



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small, we all really got to know each other well. I worked with them for such a long time and they were able to get a lot out of the experience," said Amy. "My proudest moment was at the end when we had a ceremony with candles and passed out their patches. It was encouraging to see how much the girls had matured and how much more knowledgeable they were."

"I think it was great for the girls to see a senior Girl Scout go that far and still be cool. She was a great role model," said Dawn Sullivan, co-leader of Troop 1099, the troop participating in Amy's project. "Amy planned fun activities; she organized a great total weekend. The girls had to cook the dinner, start the fire and do all the preparation. It was really quite a lot of work for them all."

Jennifer's twin sister Amy, a Yale freshman, initiated a troop of young Girl Scouts into the world of outdoor camping.

"Earning this award requires the girls to set and plan goals, gather and recruit resources and provide excellent follow through to the project's completion," said Joyce Ely, Chair of the Gold Award Volunteer Committee of Lake Erie Girl Scout Council. "The Gold Award tells us they are exceptional young women with a commitment to excellence in their community. It will carry them a long way."



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The Dinner Party

Shaker Man dishes on entertaining

“What could be more fun,” asks Shaker Man one bright Saturday morning, “than a formal dinner party?”

Ms. Shaker Man ponders.

“A root canal?” she says at last. “Is that the right answer?”

“Funny.”

“An IRS audit, then.”

“I’m serious—”

“That’s what worries me.”

“Just a few friends, some steaks, a bottle of wine—”

“—appetizers, salad, vegetable, starches, desserts, a cheese plate, coffee—”

“—Some conversation, a few laughs—”

“—Cleaning up the kids’ toys, getting a sitter, polishing the silver—”

“You worry too much.”

“You think the dinner fairy waves a wand and manages all of this.”

“I’ll handle it,” he says.

“You say that now—”

“Cross it off your list,” he says.

“Shaker Man is on the case.”

Planning: Alas, Shaker Man runs into a snag before the first guest is selected, much less invited.

“OK,” he says. “I think we’ll invite the Smiths, the Joneses, the Johnsons, and the Jacksons.”

“Can’t,” his wife says.

“Why not?”

“The Smiths aren’t speaking to the Joneses.”

“Why?”

“Because of the last dinner party. Remember? She said—

“Oh, yeah. She was right, but... Anyway, what about the Richards?”

“Instead of who?”

“The Johnsons?”

“Can’t.”

“Why not?”

“Politics. With the Joneses ...

“Right. The Hoovers—”

“They moved.”

“When?”

“Two years ago.”

“Oh. Right. The Sheldons—”

“Separated.”

“Adams?”

“Not with the Jacksons.”

“Doesn’t anybody we know want to talk to anybody else that we know?”

“It’s harder than it looks, isn’t it?”

Two hours later, Shaker Man emerges from his office with a chart of potential dinner guests drawn in seven colors of magic marker, with more Xs, Os and crossing patterns than a football playbook. Unfortunately, his proposed lineup—though socially compatible—proves gastronomically impossible, thanks to creeping middle age: One couple is now vegan, another is on a strict Atkins diet (meat and cheese only), while still another has developed allergies to dairy and shellfish, respectively.

“So what you’re basically telling me,” he says in exasperation, “is that I can serve dry toast.”

“As long as it’s whole grain.”

“I liked it better before we knew what was killing us.”

Preparation: Even more surprising to Shaker Man than the politics of dinner are the preparations beforehand, including:

Cleaning: Dusting a few end tables is one thing; readying the entire house for

inspection is quite another. Not only must 1,612,837 Lego pieces be found under sofa cushions, on bookshelves and within every single vase and knick-knack in the living room, they must all be put into storage containers while their seven-year-old owner looks on in tears, repeating again and again: “But [insert name of Lego figure currently being stored away] is my favorite.” And not only must 797 lip glosses be removed from stairs and back counters and the top of the microwave, but their 11-year-old owner must be consoled as she asks again and again: “But what if my lips get dry in the [insert name of room currently being cleared of lip gloss]?”

Shopping: Much to our hero’s dismay, the list of foodstuffs required for making a fabulous dinner is only slightly longer than the litany of stores at which they must be obtained. Even worse, no one will explain to him why, for example, the camembert has to be bought from The Cheese Shoppe, the wine from The Crazy Grape, and the bread from a Swiss bakery, when the local grocery store has everything in one convenient aisle labeled “Elegant Style @ Home.”

“Besides,” he says, “What do the Swiss know about baking, anyway?”

“About as much as you do about Elegant Style,” replies Ms. Shaker Man. “Why don’t you pick up some CheezWhiz while you’re at the grocery? We’ll spray it on Ritz crackers and call it Fondue in a Can.”

“This is sarcasm, isn’t it?”

“Say hello to the Swiss for me.”

Table-setting: Perhaps most startling of all to Shaker Man is the discovery that

after 15 years of marriage he is now the proud owner of not one, not two, not three—but FOUR complete, 12-setting collections of formal china, including butter dishes, soup tureens and matching colanders.

"When did we buy all this?" he says, calculating in his head how many sets of golf clubs a single place setting might fund.

"Here and there," his wife replies.

"And how much did it cost?"

"That depends on how you look at it."

"Meaning?"

"A short-sighted man might look at it as 300 very expensive plates, cups and saucers. But a wise man would probably view it as a very cost-effective investment in his wife's continued good humor. Which are you?"

Execution: As for Shaker Man's performance as host, cook and chief bottle washer, it can best be described as an evening of *Be Right Back*, as in:

Ms. Shaker Man: "Let's run down everything you were supposed to get."

"I got it all. I really don't think you need to—"

"Wine?"

"This is insulting. If I did this to you—"

"Ice—"

"I'll Be Right Back."

Or during the appetizer course in the living room, when Seven—thrilled beyond measure to have an audience that doesn't already know the names of every single type of Star Wars clone trooper, gunship and weapon—forgets himself and, mid-lecture, puts his bare toes onto the coffee table and into the pate.

Says Shaker Man, dragging Seven under one arm like a recalcitrant surfboard: "*Be Right Back*."

Or in the kitchen, when the main course—a gourmet recipe for Chilean Sea Bass in a truffle- and garlic-enhanced *buerre blanc*—bursts into flame in the oven in full view of the assembled guests.

Says Shaker Man, forcing a smile before racing toward the living room fireplace to retrieve the downstairs fire extinguisher: "*Be Right Back*."

Fortunately, Ms. Shaker Man—anticipating a disaster of some sort—has hidden away in the corner of the refrigerator the ingredients for an emergency pasta with fresh basil, plum tomatoes and mozzarella (purchased, unaware of its purpose, by Shaker Man himself at *The Cheese Shoppe*). Twenty minutes

after the fish-fire has been extinguished, the guests are complimenting Ms. Shaker Man on her wizardry in the kitchen and Shaker Man himself on a night they'll never forget (though perhaps not in the way he had hoped).

Later, as Mr. and Ms. Shaker Man dissect the evening over a steaming sink of half-washed dishes, he admits—grudgingly, at some cost to his male pride—that perhaps there is, in fact, more to successful entertaining than he had originally thought. And that, perhaps, the evening might have been a total disaster if not for Ms. Shaker Man's sublime intervention.

"Thank you," she says. "But look at it this way: It could have been worse."

"I can't imagine how."

"Four words."

"Which are?"

"Fondue in a can."

John R. Brandt lives an entertaining life in the Boulevard area with wife Lana, daughter Emma and son Aidan.



In the Garden



Ann Cicarella updated her new home's landscaping and soon had neighbors asking her for advice. She now runs her own landscaping business.

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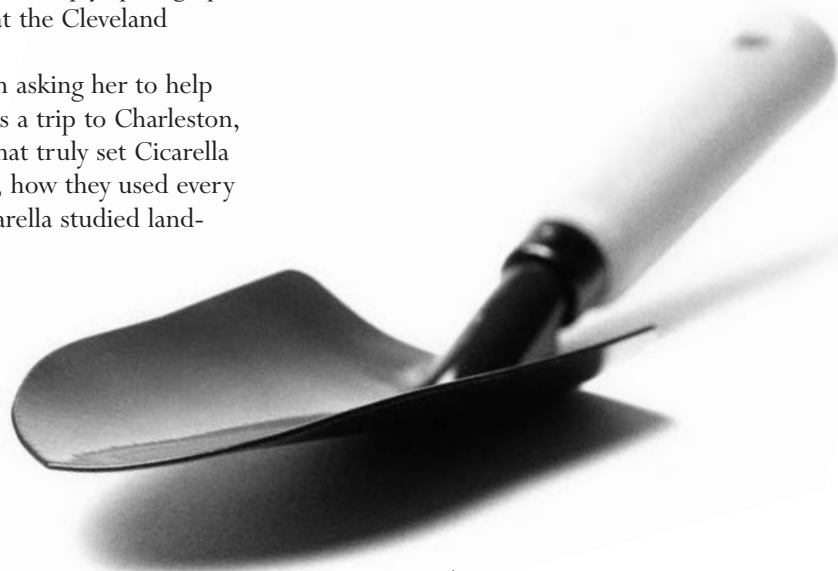
You don't wear the same clothes for forty years; no matter how good they looked when you got them. The colors fade and the fabric wears out. And the afro that looked so fine in high school should be gone by now, whether it fell out on its own or your hairstylist gently moved you in a new direction. So why, wonder several Shaker Heights landscape designers, do people think they should keep the same shrubs, trees and lawns that were planted when their beautiful home was built seventy or more years ago?

Lawns, trees and shrubs all have life cycles. Even if an almost-ancient rhododendron isn't dead, it's probably a whole lot larger than it was supposed to be. That means it could be concealing the fine architectural features of your home. If the landscape in front of your house contains plants that were there when the Van Sweringens walked the earth, you are very likely long overdue for a landscape makeover.

There's no shortage of good advice about landscaping in Shaker Heights. Our city is home to several talented landscape designers who have probably already driven past your house and thought what they would do if that was *their* yard. Ann Cicarella, Geoff LaMalfa, Bobbie Schwartz and Judith Siegel, share the same goal—they want to use landscape elements to make your house look its best and make your yard fit your lifestyle. And they want you to enjoy your yard.

Ann Cicarella, of Ann Cicarella Landscape Design, started digging around in her own yard at her first Shaker home when the family budget was too tight to hire someone to do the job. When the family moved to its current Malvern-area home 24 years ago, she was faced with the same thing many Shaker homeowners are. "The issue of old homes is simply that they have old landscaping and it really needs editing. We had overgrown shrubbery with leaves covered in mildew. There was a patch that was so overgrown we just called it a bramble patch. Things had simply sprung up throughout the yard." Cicarella took a design course at the Cleveland Botanical Garden and set to work on her yard.

Friends and neighbors admired her work and began asking her to help them make the right choices for their yards. But it was a trip to Charleston, South Carolina, and the visions of the gardens there that truly set Cicarella on her path. "I was just entranced with these gardens, how they used every bit of space they had," she says. Upon her return Cicarella studied land-



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Judith Siegel, whose back yard was featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine, exchanged the business world for a new career creating gardens for clients.

scape horticulture at Cleveland State University and hung out her landscape design shingle.

One of Cicarella's claims to fame is her collection of unusual pots, both antique and modern, and statuary for the yard. "I love containers with an aged patina," she says. "There are so many different styles available. It's nice to use stone and iron and small fountains and garden statuary to enhance your property." Cicarella usually hosts a fun three-day potting shed sale each year to showcase her items and the artwork of others. Unable to hold it this year, she welcomes customers to come and browse when they have the time.

"I find that people are very attached to whatever they have growing in their

Tips to help your garden grow . . .

Why should you hire a landscape designer? One very good reason is that they can stop you from making some very expensive mistakes. A tree planted in the wrong spot could eventually interfere with sewer lines or the integrity of your house. Plants and trees placed in an area where the conditions aren't right means not only will they fail to thrive, they may die. And the garden variety plants and shrubs you can pick up at an ordinary garden center may be susceptible to insect infestation or disease. Landscape designers are well informed about what plants work best where and what new cultivars are available.

All of the landscape designers we interviewed agree that you don't have to break the budget to re-do your yard. A master plan can be completed over a number of years. And if you're willing to put in some of the work, then you'll save yourself a bit of green.

Some other tips they offer:

- Proper soil preparation is the key to successful planting.
- Consider renovating or replacing your in-ground sprinkler system before you go too far.
- Be aware of the microclimates in your yard when selecting plants. Driveway areas are usually hot and dry. A shady place might be either wet or dry.
- Native plants that thrive in our climate are low-maintenance and hardy.
- Never, ever, ever throw out sandstone sidewalks. Material that is the same age as the house is the absolute best to use in hardscaping. Old sidewalks can be recycled into curving garden paths or walls.
- Don't consider just the flowers of a plant, but the leaves and changes that occur over the season. It is possible to have four-season interest in your gardens.
- Install the bones of a landscape first: trees, major shrubs, paths, patios and fencing. Add plants over several seasons.
- There is always a way to get some sun into a shady yard. Trees can be canopied to let in light.
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yards," Cicarella says. "I learned to make a huge attempt to not go on about how awful something is and that it's got to go. People don't like to hear you talking about taking a chainsaw to anything that's green and growing, but a house's architecture needs to be considered. I take my cue from that when I'm designing a front yard. I like to pick up on the architectural details. The houses should speak for themselves and the landscape is just the narrative. Once you get into the back yard, well, then, that's where you can get more adventuresome."

Back yard space often needs to include a spot for outdoor entertaining, a place for the kids to play, and maybe even a vegetable or herb garden. "That is where you are looking at creating garden 'rooms'," Cicarella says. "You might make a grade change between spaces, build a terrace, or use an arbor to divide a space. Or you can use a walkway made from materials compatible with those on the house. A low stone wall or a grassy path can lead you around or to something in the yard."

It was creating a new garden that turned Judith Siegel on to the possibilities of landscape design. The former nursing home administrator had someone else redesign her narrow, open back yard and the results amazed her. In fact, her backyard garden was featured in *Better Homes and Gardens* magazine. Always an avid gardener, Siegel found herself unwinding after work by putting with her plants under lights she had installed to allow her work into the night. "That did teach me something important," she says. "Never prune at night." Because she found working with gardens so incredibly therapeutic, Siegel said good-bye to business administration and is now known as The Plant Manager.

"I've been doing this for ten years now and love it; no heels, no hose and no professional suits," she says. After earning degrees in art history, health-care, and business, Siegel studied horticulture at Ohio State University's extension service and the Holden Arboretum. Her first horticulture posi-



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Garden designer and horticultural writer Bobbie Schwartz penned *The Design Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together*. Schwartz says even experts make mistakes and it's important not to get discouraged.

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tion was as a \$6 an hour intern at the Cleveland Botanical Garden. Like her colleagues, Siegel believes in respecting the age and history of a home when designing its landscape. But she also likes to "break the boundaries" just a little. One of Siegel's favorite stories concerns her early home gardening efforts. As she was discussing her plans for the front yard with the company who maintained the yard, the manager said, "We don't put flowers in the front yard in Shaker Heights." Her reaction? "Just watch me!"

The front yard of Siegel's contemporary Mercer home is a testament to plants that thrive in our Native Prairie climate. "Native plants are resistant to bugs, deep-rooted, hardy, easy-care and colorful—all the things you would want in a garden." What they sometimes are *not* is something that we are accustomed to. Yet even the more traditional plants have new cultivars, she explained, that make them more disease and infestation resistant. A good landscape designer is always up to date on what new, hardier cultivars are available.

Bugs and disease aren't necessarily the first things typical homeowners think of when they consider what to plant in their yards. Because insect infestations and plant diseases may require chemical treatments, ignorance is not bliss. Public spaces, too, should consider the hardiness of plantings. "One of the issues facing mature, beautiful suburbs such as ours is that we need to use a diverse number of plants," Siegel says. "Look at our monoculture of elm trees which suffered from disease. That wouldn't have happened if different varieties had been planted. Street trees need to be able to survive high pH levels and they need to be properly planted, not mulched so high that the trunk is covered. Properly



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Like Siegel and Cicarella, Bobbie Schwartz first developed an interest in gardening when she moved into a Shaker Heights home. Today she not only consults about and designs landscapes, but also lectures nationally and writes for various publications. She's also written a book, *The Design Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together*.



More garden resources:

Both The Cleveland Botanical Garden and The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes offer various classes and workshops on landscaping, planting and lawn care. For more information, call The Cleveland Botanical Garden (cbgarden.org) on 721-1600 or the Nature Center (shaker-lakes.org), 321-5935.

"When we bought our first house I mistakenly assumed it would be cheaper to grow my own flowers than to go to the florists each week," she says. "I did not envision I would be obsessed by gardening." The obsession spawned years of reading, buying and experimenting. "Like any good gardener, I have killed hundreds of plants," Schwartz continues. "It's sad that people get discouraged because they kill plants. Even the best of us do. Sometimes the soil isn't right, sometimes it's not the right plant for northern Ohio. There are all kinds of things that can go wrong. I have a philosophy: Three strikes and you're out. I'll try a plant in a different place with different moisture, different type of soil or different light exposure. If it still dies, I'm

sorry, it'll just have to live in somebody else's garden."

When it comes to trees, however, Schwartz has a different approach. "A landscape designer can help prevent people from making some very expensive mistakes. One of the most common is when they buy trees that are relatively small; they might plant them too close to the house, not taking into account what the mature size will be. The branches may brush against the house or the roof and have to be pruned, which adds an unnecessary expense. The roots might interfere with sewer lines.

"A properly planted tree, however, can cut down on heating and air conditioning bills. The right tree can buffer winter winds. A tree in the wrong place will not allow the winter sun to heat the house. A tree in the right place can shade the house from the summer sun."

Once a year Schwartz holds a "yard sale" for her clients where she sells unusual annuals and perennials to those who seek something different for their gardens. This year she'll include some tools and containers. An active certified member and president-elect of the Association of Landscape Designers, Schwartz sees the landscape designer's role as both designer and "psychologist." She says, "Some people who do their own landscape designs are doing well. Others are meeting with mixed success. I would say the best of all possible worlds is for a client who cares to work with a landscape designer. With most clients you make a design to turn their dreams into a reality. But some people have trouble expressing themselves. That's where you have to be a psychologist, too.

"Another problem is that a lot of people expect that you give them a design and arrange for installation and they're finished. That's actually just a beginning. You're working with animate objects. Nature is not static. The garden or landscape evolves. Unless you have a client who's willing to let you come back and assess what's happening, there could be problems. The light changes, the trees grow up and shade portions of the landscape where you had planted for sun. Plants may not do well. Drainage problems may arise. The clients I love the most are those who work with me:



Landscape Geoff LaMalfa, a recent graduate of Ohio State University's horticulture program, uses brickwork, flagstone paths, walls and lighting to enhance outdoor spaces.

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The new guy on the block, Geoff LaMalfa, is fresh out of Ohio State University's (OSU) horticulture program. Unlike "the ladies," LaMalfa provides the labor behind his designs. (The others have contractors they rely on.) The 1996 Shaker grad started working with a landscape company when he was just a youngster. "I think I was thirteen and hanging around the house too much one summer," he says. "My mother told me to go across the street and ask the people working there if they'd give me a job and I've been at it ever since. I like the hard physical work and the hours outdoors. And I knew I wanted to work for myself so this is a natural for me." Landscaping by LaMalfa has a total of two employees at the moment: LaMalfa and a buddy of his from OSU.

Although anyone can buy a truck and offer lawn and landscape service, LaMalfa feels his college studies were helpful. "Being a Shaker Heights High School grad, college was the logical next step," he says. "I found the OSU program to be very helpful. I learned formulas I might not have learned otherwise, I can make accurate calculations for pesticides and I studied entomology. I've saved all of my textbooks," he says. "They really come in handy. Just because I have a picture of something in my head doesn't mean that a customer has it in theirs. I can bring my books over and show them exactly

what I mean." LaMalfa also studied business management.

LaMalfa offers landscape design, lawn maintenance, fertilization programs and brickwork and outdoor lighting. He particularly enjoys designing and installing brick and flagstone walks, walls and patios. Thanks to his horticulture background, he can design gardens that enhance those additions, too.

Before his business has even really officially started, LaMalfa has already replaced several local lawns. "People will call me and have one big dead spot in the yard and want me to fix that," he says. "But that's hard, because the grass isn't necessarily going to match; you'll end up with a patchy look. Plus, how old is the lawn? Many times people really need to start with a whole new lawn. The most important part of that is amending the soil. I put in a nice thick base of top soil and give it all a nice grade. You get a much healthier lawn that way."

The hardest part of a landscaping job, according to LaMalfa, is getting original plantings out of the ground.

"They've been there eighty or ninety years and it is *tough* getting them out. But even if they've been well kept up, every plant has its day."

Sprucing up your landscape (no pun intended) is a great pick-me-up for the curb appeal of your home. It can turn your backyard from an eyesore to a showpiece. Don't know where to begin? Now you know whom to call to help your garden grow.

Amy Garvey is a regular contributor to Shaker Life.

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Behind the Lens

Photographer Caydie Heller captures Cleveland couples for a new book

BY KATHERINE CARTER



When Shaker wedding photographer Caroline “Caydie” Heller was offered the opportunity to take photographs for “Cleveland Couples,” a book about “inspiring stories of love and commitment,” she jumped at the chance. The book, authored by Cleveland Heights writer Kathy Dawson, is a collection of portraits of married love. And Heller, who captured pictures of all 40 couples profiled in the book, knows a thing or two about ironic romantic relationships. “When I do weddings, my husband comes with me,” she says. “He used to arrange people for the poses, and now he’s a second photographer. And, by the way,” she chuckles. “Roger’s a divorce attorney. So this gives him a chance to see the better side of marriage.”

A wedding photographer and a divorce attorney. It sounds like a perfect chapter for the book, which was released in early February by Cleveland publishers Gray and Company. Dawson compiled the relationship success stories of well-known and not so well-known local couples, ranging from news personalities Stephanie Schaefer and Wilma Smith to Cleveland Mayor Jane Campbell. She also interviewed Shaker couples Nikki and Harold Babbitt, Marvin and Peggy McMickle, and Mary Reynolds Powell and Doug Powell. Heller says her involvement in the book was the result of serendipity.

“Kathy and I had a mutual friend, who introduced us at a lunch a few years ago,” Heller recalls. “She called me last year, saying that she had decided to write a book and needed a photographer.”

Dawson and Heller began visiting area couples last February. “We would drive together to the person’s house, and I would listen to the interview to kind of feel people out. It was important for me to have a relationship with the people I photographed, to get them to relax and not be nervous.” Personality and camera-readiness do not always go hand in hand, Heller says. “Some of the nicest, friendliest people may become very stiff when they have their photos taken,” she says. “Some

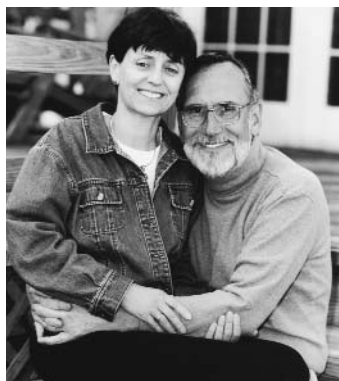
people would just fall together and hug. One dramatic couple knew exactly how to touch and get close for the camera.” Another couple was unable to touch because of their religion. “I took a photo of him affectionately looking toward her,” Heller says.



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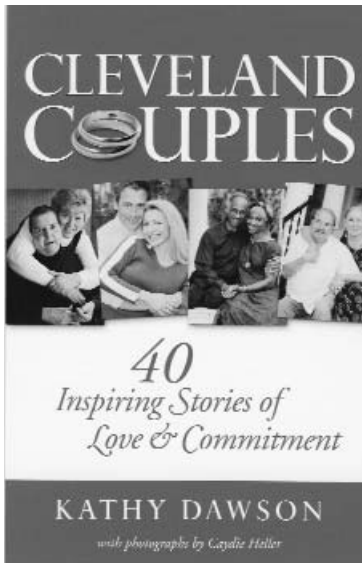
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One of her favorite photos was of Campbell and her husband, Hunter Morrison. "In all of her other pictures, she looks so mayoral," Heller says. "This one was hard, because we were really rushed. We only had a few minutes, because the mayor had to run off to be somewhere. They sat on an old picnic table, and we were laughing and joking." After developing the picture, Heller says she was disappointed it was not in perfect focus. "But then I decided it was better that way. It is moving to see them so natural and laughing together, and the love expressed between them. It shows a different side of her personality."

It took eight interesting and fun months to visit with all forty couples. Whether the book would be a success in the marketplace became secondary, Heller says. "We had so much fun doing it, that we almost didn't care," she says. "Kathy is the most sincere person, and this was such a good, honest, clean project in times of such deception, unhappiness and insecurity in the world. We got so into it that we weren't thinking of the end result. Each individual journey was so much fun."

Heller says she especially enjoys doing portraits, making it the focus of her business, Heller Photography. She began her career as an English teacher, "because I had a young child to support on my own and teaching has good hours for a single parent." After marrying Roger and adding children Jon, 21, Cassidy, 18, and Tessa, 14, to the family, Heller decided to make her hobby a part-time job. She shot some weddings, but tried to limit them in order to spend time with her children. Shaker provides a perfect backdrop for her portraits. "Sometimes I use my back yard or the Shaker Lakes," she says. "Most of my clients are from the Heights so it works out well."



Cleveland Couples is on sale at local bookshops, including Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Shaker Square.

Heller grew up in the Mercer neighborhood, graduating from Shaker High in 1967. After spending about 10 years on the west coast, she now resides in Malvern with Roger, who grew up in Beachwood. It is an ideal place for her business, with many of her customers becoming regulars, she says. "I really feel like I connect to people in my pictures," she says. "I am not jokey, but I try to make a connection to make them more comfortable with me. I am earnest about taking my pictures — I am not pursuing this as a moneymaking endeavor. I have many repeat customers and maintain relationships with people after I have taken pictures of them."

Heller has participated in some local shows and is now working on learning the intricacies of digital photography. Her career is also a hobby she will continue to share with her husband, especially when they have more time to work together. But he does have a place where he draws the line. "I go out and shoot pictures of the trees on my own," she says. "He won't come with me for that."

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Frances Saltzman: *Entrepreneurial Artist*

Shaker Heights artist Frances Saltzman is earning a reputation as a street artist of sorts. She isn't out selling her paintings on the street. She isn't even out on the street capturing images of street life. She is literally decorating the streets of Cleveland with her talent.

Last summer, Saltzman was one of 24 Cleveland-area artists selected to paint fire hydrants for a downtown public art exhibit. Titled "Fire Works Plug," her hydrant features colorful fireworks, profiles of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the Terminal Tower, and marquees of Playhouse Square theaters. Theater-goers in the 14th Street area can enjoy its bright colors and graphics en route to the shows.

A friend alerted Saltzman when the call for artists went out for the project. "They sent the applicants a two-dimensional fire hydrant made of Masonite and we painted our entries on that," she says. "Then they mounted them in pots and displayed them in the Artcade. I was so fortunate to get selected. We had one afternoon to paint our hydrant, it was warm and sunny, a lovely afternoon. I bought one of those garden scooter things and moved my supplies around the hydrant. It was a lot of fun."

Saltzman also completed one giant, painted guitar for the 2002 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame/United Way project and is preparing to do another one soon. Created for Pierre's Ice Cream, her design included a Pierre's container dribbling Neapolitan ice cream over the instrument accompanied by Beatles lyrics. An ice cream cone's multiple scoops climb up the back of the guitar's neck. Aptly entitled "Get Your Licks In," her creation now graces the lobby of the Pierre's building. Saltzman is keeping her plans for the next Pierre's guitar a secret for the moment.

"I just love the whole process of doing this sort of thing," she says. "The guitar project benefits the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, the United Way and the City of Cleveland. It's just a lot of fun and I'm flattered to be included."

Saltzman, a Cleveland area native, has lived in the Fernway area for most of her adult life. She attended the Kansas City Art Institute, knocked around at Ohio State University for awhile, came home and attended the Cleveland Institute of Art and polished off her Fine Arts degree with a Bachelor of Arts in Education from Lake Erie College. "I knew I'd need something besides art to fall back on, so I thought I'd want to teach," she says. "I subbed for awhile, but when a position was finally offered to me, I decided against it. I paid my way through school by being a picture framer and I decided that actually offered enough of a creative release for me and I would enjoy it more than teaching."

Saltzman, a.k.a. Frannie the Framer, now owns her own framing shop on Euclid Avenue across from Cleveland State University. Her entry into the field wasn't very glamorous, she recalls. "I had participated in some art shows during college and was doing my own matting, just sitting down on my dorm floor cutting them out. One professor said that I had the most unprofessional matting he had ever seen and I had better have my work professionally framed. So I used a professional framer and eventually, when I was



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Neal Hamilton: *Photographer About Town*

Some people have mid-life crises, buy a motorcycle, follow their favorite rock and roll artists around the country, and try starting a rock and roll band of their own. And some lucky people skip the crisis part, buy the motorcycle anyway and get paid to meet and mingle with rock and roll stars right here at home. That's Neal Hamilton's version of mid-life. The lucky Shaker artist and businessman fell into the job of official photographer for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland.

Although he's a photographer, Hamilton, 48, considers himself first and foremost an artist. Since he was a kid, he showed an unusual talent for art and his canny parents sent him to the Cleveland Museum of Art for lessons when he was just eight years old. Following high school, Hamilton studied technical illustration and commercial art at Cuyahoga Community College. His first job was as an engineer at General Electric where he designed lighting for commercial applications. From there he leapfrogged into commercial art and worked for a company in downtown Cleveland.

"Then one day I said to my friends at the firm: Let's start our own business! And the next thing you know, we started Livewire Studios, a commercial art studio. We made a big splash, and made a lot of noise fast," Hamilton recalls. "It was a very dynamic group of people. We had a great space downtown that we decorated with glass block and had pinball machines around. We were very flamboyant."

The buddies lived high and fast for a number of years until a variety of factors brought them back down to earth. Livewire Studios closed and Hamilton took a year off to rejuvenate himself. That was the year the Rock Hall opened. Hamilton attended the opening ceremonies with his camera. Then a friend of his, who worked for the Gateway Corporation, contacted him and asked if he had any photos of the event. Hamilton did, and now they proudly hang in the Gateway's corporate offices. The company then asked Hamilton to bid for the photographer position. "I had always considered myself an artist and a designer," he says. "I thought I was good at photography, but it wasn't necessarily my strong point. I knew there were lots of people with better credentials out there. Still, I decided I'd give it a try." Hamilton won the bid and entered rock and roll history.

"It's great fun. I get to photograph all of the celebrities who visit the Hall and go to all of the concerts and shows that are in Cleveland. I've met Little Richard, the guy is hilarious, and all sorts of celebrities, even Johnny Cochran. I've photographed a lot of greats and I've gotten their autographs. My favorite one was Bob Hope. There's a memory. I've often thought what a great book I could put together."

Hamilton's photographs have appeared in numerous publications, but rock and roll wouldn't keep Hamilton's family fed. He's also a photographer for the National Football League and does illustrations for the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Closer to home, Hamilton is the official photographer for the Shaker Heights School District where his daughters, Andrea, 14, and Erica, 16,



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between jobs, I offered to work for him free for several months if he would teach me the profession."

Although he refused to let her work for free, he did hire Saltzman, telling her to show up for work early Monday morning. When she did show up, the employee in the back who did the actual work left and she was alone, untrained and in charge of the store. "There I am and I don't know anything! I don't even know what to say when I answer the phone!" Saltzman laughs. "The only thing I had going for me was a certain level of taste. Luckily, a customer came in, felt sorry for me, and spent the day with me teaching me what to do."

Saltzman ended up spending several years there before moving to Morse Graphics in the very building Frannie the Frammer is in today. In fact, that's where she got her nickname. "They would call over the loudspeaker: Frannie to framing, Frannie to framing," she says. "That eventually became Frannie the Frammer."

The framing business allows Saltzman time to be an artist minus the starving part. Saltzman has also made jewelry, dabbled in print making and is now fasci-

nated with watercolor painting. "One of the benefits of being a framer is that I get the leftover pieces of frame and I can put some pretty elegant frames on tiny pieces," she says. "I also do a lot of what is kind of cartooning, like visual puns." You can view Saltzman's work at Pannello Gallery in Little Italy and her own vanity gallery at her Euclid Avenue shop, as well as Shaker Square's art shows. She also does commissioned work to match someone's need for art in a certain color scheme and size.

"I never get to see my commission work when it's in its place," she muses. "Actually, I don't really see my frame work when it's hanging, either. It's a little bit like sending children out into the world and never seeing them again." If she gets lonely for her "babies," though, Saltzman can drive to the Theater District and visit Fire Works Plug. And sometime this summer she'll be able to "get her licks in" when her second Pierre's guitar adds colorful highlights to Cleveland's streetscape.



Hamilton

are students. His wife, Stephanie, is an educator, and two adult children, Jeannette, 22, and Joel, 25, round out the family. "I never would have thought that this is where my life would have gone," he muses. "I've just been rolling with it and it's working."

Hamilton's roll hit a bit of a rock this winter when much of his personal collection of art, photographs and autographs was lost in a fire in his Onaway home. No one was hurt in the fire, though the house is now undergoing extensive repair. In the meantime, Hamilton has started a new project. "I'm always looking around," he says. "It just so happened that a few days before the fire I had moved my arts supplies to another house I'd bought. Afterwards, I thought, this is someone's way of saying to me: Why aren't you doing this? So I've started painting a series of people I've photographed. There are few artists who can

do well just doing their art, so I've got all bases covered now. I'm experimenting with this. I'm creating the pieces using non-traditional media. I visit the hardware store instead of the art store. I use house paint and ceiling textures and metal and wood and some photographic items. It's a lot of fun and I'll see what happens with this. I've been blessed, I've fallen on a bed of roses many times and I feel I've got an angel watching over me. We'll see where this part of my life takes me."

That angel that watches over Hamilton has to be on extra alert. He did buy a Harley Davidson and is enjoying taking road trips on the weekends. He's also playing guitar in a band. Who knows? The way his life goes maybe someday someone else will be photographing Hamilton for a slot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.





Library Completes Upgrade to Automation System

Shaker Library's automation system has been upgraded to the Unicorn system, a product of SIRSI Corporation, creator of the industry's most advanced library management systems. While library staff has been busy learning the new system, library customers will hardly notice a difference!

The upgrade included all 31 libraries in the CLEVNET consortium and involved changes to more than 2.7 million bibliographic records, 11 million item records and updates to 1.2 million library customer records. During the migration to the new system, Main Library's Computer Center was closed to the public for seven weeks so it could be used as a training facility for almost 3,000 library staff members from eight northeast Ohio counties.

The library's new automation system will enable CLEVNET libraries to provide customers with easy online access to their unique resources.

Shaker Library Director Edrice Ivory to Retire

Shaker Library Director Edrice Ivory tendered her letter of resignation to the Library Board at the February Meeting; Ivory will retire July 2 and move to Maryland to rejoin her husband, who owns Atlantic Food Ingredients. The Library Board has hired The Oldani Group executive search firm to look for her successor.

During Ivory's tenure, the Shaker Library saw a steady increase in circulation. As director for six years, Ivory's significant contributions included the completion of the renovation to Main Library's second floor and the installation of programs there including the Play and Learn Station (created in partnership with the Shaker Family Center), the Teen Center and Art Gallery. She oversaw the renovation of Woods Branch, implemented the

Local History Collection and digitalizing project and began the popular Dr. Martin Luther King student writing contest.

Ivory served the greater Ohio Library community as a member of the CAMLS Board, and was a board member and president of the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN). She also served on the boards of the Lawrence School, Young Audiences of Greater Cleveland and the Plymouth Church Council.

Ivory's retirement plans include travel, golf, growing orchids and reading. Friends of the Shaker Library are planning a retirement party for Ivory, which will benefit the Play and Learn Station.

Board Appoints New Trustee

The Board of Education has appointed Kenneth W. McGovern to the Library Board of Trustees. He replaces Nina Freedlander Gibans who retired after seven years on the Board.

A University of Pennsylvania architecture graduate, McGovern earned his Masters in City Planning from Harvard University. For the past twenty-five years he has worked in senior management for Cleveland's public and private sectors, serving as vice president of University Circle and president of Doan Center.



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Semi-retired, he now works as an independent planning and development consultant.

McGovern has volunteered extensively in the City and Schools, including serv-



ice with the Shaker Heights' Recreation Board, the Planning Commission and many task forces and levy campaigns.

According to McGovern, "with a long history in planning and development, what fascinates me is the role the library can play in Shaker Towne Centre in both physical and programmatic areas." He looks forward to working with library development issues and to nurturing the library's long-term relationship with the City and Schools.

A 36-year resident of Shaker Heights, McGovern and his wife Mary Lynne, an academic advisor at Shaker High, have three adult children who went through the Shaker Schools: William, SHHS '83; Julia, SHHS '85 and Kristin SHHS '89.

McGovern is impressed by both the breadth of library offerings and the community's high usage rate, which he attributes to Shaker's educated residents and a responsive library system. His own reading tastes lean toward nonfiction and political intrigue.

Meet the Author at Woods Branch

Meet Meg Ostrum, author of *The Surgeon and the Shepherd: Two Resistance Heroes in Vichy France*, at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 10 at Bertram Woods Branch. She wrote the story of Dr. Charles Schepens, a Belgian eye surgeon who joined the French Resistance.

Ostrum is a Shaker High graduate (Class of 1968) and won the French Prize her senior year. She graduated from Washington University and

received a National Endowment of the Humanities fellowship to study museology at the University of Minnesota.

A resident of Vermont since 1978, Ostrum has enjoyed a multi-faceted career including work as curator, editor and administrator for the Vermont Council on the Arts and the Vermont Folklife Center. *The Surgeon and the Shepherd* is Ostrum's first book; it will be available for sale and signing following the program. For more information, please call Woods Branch at 991-2421.

Friends of the Shaker Library Sponsor Da Vinci Code Program

Friends of the Shaker Library will host Dr. Joseph Kelly speaking about Dan Brown's controversial thriller, *The Da Vinci Code*, at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 23 at Main Library.

Joseph F. Kelly is Professor of Religious Studies at John Carroll University. A graduate of Boston College, he earned his doctorate from Fordham University. His ninth book, *The Origins of Christmas*, will be published this fall. He has written eight previous books, some fifty scholarly articles, 200 encyclopedia articles and 300 reviews of books published in four languages.

Because of the popularity of the program, reservations are required. Registration begins May 1 by calling 991-2030.

Library Offers New Summer Sampler for Babies

The library will offer a new program for parents and caregivers of babies 12 to 23 months old. Entitled Baby Summer Sampler, the 6-week series is designed to help parents and caregivers explore new ways to bond with babies and promote language learning and literacy. The series includes introducing babies to sign language, rhyme, yoga, song, touch and play.

The 30-minute classes are 10 a.m. Monday mornings at Woods Branch from June 14 through July 26. Class size is limited and registration begins two weeks before each session. There will be no class on Monday July 5.

Kids' Corner

MAIN LIBRARY 16500 VAN AKEN BOULEVARD 991-2030
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10 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch

June 14 – July 27

No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

STORIES & MORE FOR 2'S & 3'S

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

10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays at Main Library

June 15 – July 27

In-person or telephone registration is required for each week's program.

Registration is limited and begins two weeks before each program.

Due to limited space, groups may not register for these programs.

SUMMER STORIES AT WOODS

Stories, songs & activities for 2-year-olds with an adult.

10 a.m. Wednesdays June 16 - July 21

Register two weeks prior to program.

CREEPY-CRAWLY CRAFTS

Stories & related crafts for children entering grades 1 – 4 in Fall, 2004.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch

4:15 p.m.– 5 p.m. Wednesdays at Main Library

June 15 – July 28

Registration is limited and begins 2 weeks before each program. Groups are asked to make special arrangements.

BABY SUMMER SAMPLER AT WOODS BRANCH

A six-week series designed to help babies (12 – 23 months) and parents or caregivers bond and learn language

10 a.m. Mondays, June 14 - July 26 at Woods

Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before each class. There will be no program July 5.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 p.m. Mondays May 17 & June 14.

Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before the program.

MAKE IT TAKE IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

Visit the library and make a craft to take home.

MAY 3 – 8: Make a Mothers' Day Flower.

MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:30 Tuesday, July 18

Read and discuss *Number the Stars* by Lois Lowry.

Registration and Book Pick up begin June 22.

CHRYSALIS KIDS AT WOODS BRANCH

A 4-week reading program for children entering grades 1-3 that focuses on reading skills.

4 p.m. Thursdays, June 17, 24, July 1 and 8.

Registration for the entire session begins June 3.

POETRY AMONG THE FIREFLIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Children in grades 1 and up will read and write summertime poetry.

7:30 Thursdays, June 17, July 8 & July 22.

Registration is required and begins 2 weeks before each program.

Endnotes

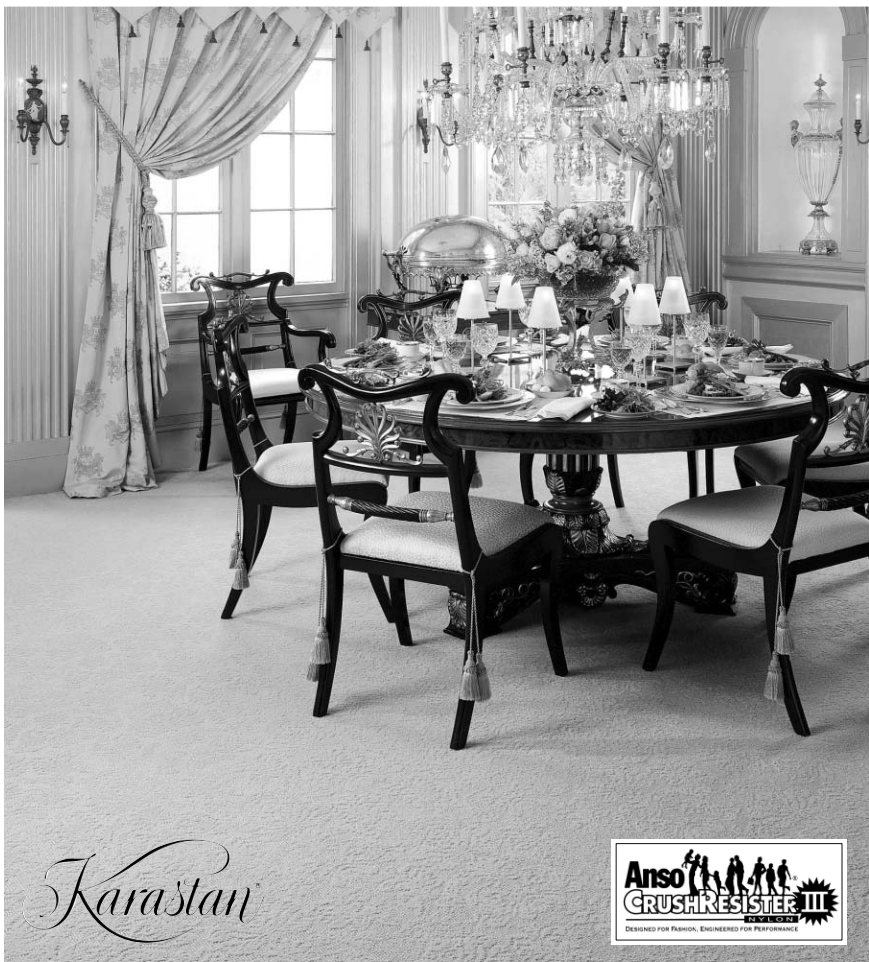
The Library Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 10 at Main Library and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 14 at Woods Branch.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 2 – 7 p.m. Monday, May 10 in Community Rooms E & F for residents who wish to donate blood.

In celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month, the Library has published an annotated booklist of selected reading by and about Asian authors.



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Be Informed this November!

The Library is sponsoring an issues-oriented round table discussion series leading up to November's General Election to help residents become informed before voting. Representatives from several political parties in Cuyahoga County will speak at the Main Library and field questions from the audience.

The first session, *Health Care: What Should the Federal Government's Role Be?*, meets 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 17 at the Main Library. The second session, *Civil Unions, Same Sex Marriage, and the Defense of Marriage Act*, will be held at

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7:30 p.m. Monday, June 21 at Main Library.

A six-month calendar of discussion dates and topics is available at both libraries' Information Desks. Registration is requested by calling 991-2030.

Lights, Camera, Action! It's the Actors Studio at Main Library

Teens, adults and aspiring thespians are invited to learn everything they ever wanted to know about the life of a working actor. Actors currently performing in Playhouse Square Foundation's *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* at the Hanna Theatre will speak about their craft at 7 p.m. Monday, May 3 at Main Library.

Participants can meet the actors and ask them anything about their craft — from missed cues to stage kisses! Register in person at the Main Library Fiction/Teen Desk or by calling 991-2030.

Library Gears Up for Another Exciting Summer Reading Program

Bee A Reader, the library's mascot, invites children ages two through 12 to participate in the summer reading program, *Bee A Reader Goes Buggy for Books*, from June 7 through July 31. Children who register can earn prizes as they read, enter weekly drawings, learn amazing facts about bugs and help the library's Creepy Crawly Critter grow by saving and exchanging their checkout receipts to add to the critter's body. Be the first in your neighborhood to go buggy for books!

Teen Services has its own plans for summer reading. Their program, entitled, *Bug Off! I'm Reading!* will include drawings for free food and free stuff. Teens can read whatever they wish or choose from a bug-inspired booklist for extra chances to win prizes! Contests and games throughout the summer offer more chances for teens to take home a prize.

Visit the Children's or Teen Departments at either library to register — then read, all summer long!

Babysitting Basics Workshop Offered for Teens

Teen Services is offering a five-hour Babysitting Basics Workshop for teens ages 12 to 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at Woods Branch. Library staff, early childhood experts and local safety forces will teach the basics of childcare and child safety.

Teens can learn how to be a reliable, responsible sitter and ways to keep children in their care safe and happy. Certificates of Participation will be awarded upon completion of the five-hour workshop. Snacks are optional and each participant must provide his or her own lunch and beverage. Registration is limited to 20 teens and begins May 6 at Woods Branch or by calling 991-2421.

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Poetry Program To Be Held at Horseshoe Lake Park Pavilion

The Library's 2004 Poetry Not in the Woods series ends *really* in the woods on June 10 at Horseshoe Lake Park. Participants are invited to bring a dish to pass at the Poetry Potluck, which begins at 5:30 p.m. Readings begin at 7 p.m. with Grace Butcher and friends performing their poetry.

Grace Butcher is a retired English professor from Kent State University. She has performed readings and workshops throughout the United States since the early 1960s. Editor of *The Listening Eye*, her work has been published in *Best American Poetry 2000* and *The Poetry Anthology 1919 - 2002*.

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Book Discussion Opportunities at the Library

MAY

- 2 P.M. SATURDAY, MAY 8 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *Trust Fund* by Stephen Frey
- 10 A.M. TUESDAY, MAY 11 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *A Gesture Life* by Chang-Rae Lee
- 7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 11 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *Death Du Jour* by Kathy Reichs
- 7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MAY 19 AT
MAIN LIBRARY:** *The Monsoon Diary: A
Memoir with Recipes* by Shoba Narayan
- 7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, MAY 25 at Main
Library:** *Balzac and the Little Chinese
Seamstress* by Sijie Die

JUNE

- 10 A.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 8 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *The Rich Part of Life* by Jim Kokoris

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 8 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *Breakout* by Richard Stark

**3 P.M. THURSDAY, JUNE 10 AT WOODS
BRANCH:** *Ferris Beach* by Jill McCorkle

**2 P.M. SATURDAY, JUNE 12 AT MAIN
LIBRARY:** *The Known World* by Edward Jones

**7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 AT
MAIN LIBRARY:** *Portrait of a Killer: Jack
the Ripper - Case Closed* by Patricia Cornwell

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, JUNE 22: *A Confed-
eracy of Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole

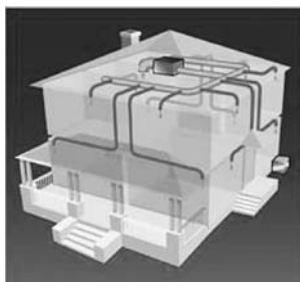
In addition to book discussions, the library offers two *Recent & Recommended* book talks at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 and at 3 p.m. Thursday May 13 at Woods Branch, when librarians offer reading suggestions of new or over-looked fiction. All programs are free; however, registration is requested at the library where you will attend.

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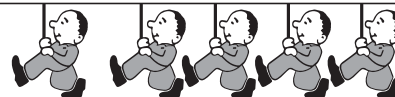
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1 Spring Ensemble Show, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH AUDITORIUM. Ensemble production that features movement, theater, dance and music. TICKETS & INFO: 295-4200 OR EMAIL BEVERLY.SIMMONS@CWRU.EDU

1 Children Discover Italy, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER, 19910 MALVERN ROAD. Children ages 5 – 7 and parents or caregivers can explore the culture of Italy. 3-week course costs \$25. Space is limited. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

1 & 2 Nature Hike: Vernal Pool Exploration, 3:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Learn how seasonal pools support amphibians, insects and other wildlife. INFO: 321-5935.

2 The Real Senior Prom, 2 – 4 P.M., SOMERSET POINTE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, 3550 NORTHFIELD RD. Enjoy the memories of yesterday including pink carnations! Wear a sport coat or prom dress and put on your dancing shoes. Entertainment and food provided. TICKETS & INFO: 752-5600.

3 School Tour, 9 A.M., ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Tour the faith-based elementary school for grades K – 8. INFO: 561-4400.

3 Shaker High Band Boosters Meeting, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. An ensemble group of parents drum up support for the band. INFO: MAE MORRICAL, 751-9035 OR CAROLYN GILBERT, 752-0048.

3 The Actor's Studio, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Learn everything you ever wanted to know about the life of a real working actor from actors currently performing in Playhouse Square Foundation's *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* playing at the Hanna Theatre. Ask the actors anything about their craft from missed cues to stage kisses! INFO: 991-2030.

Ongoing *Activities*

Mondays: French Conversation Group, 3 – 4:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. French native leads conversational class. Price varies with number in the group. Homework. Intermediate skills needed. INFO: HOBIE CLEMINSHAW, 440-247-7151.

Wednesdays: Coffee & Conversation, 10 – 11.15 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Enjoy a speaker, entertainment or activity. INFO: 491-1360.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, & Board Games, 1 – 4 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Play bridge, Monopoly, checkers or chess. Snacks available for \$1 donation. INFO: 491-1360.

Saturdays: Farmers Market at Shaker Square, 8 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Make a farmer your friend! Buy fresh and local produce from the open air at the square. INFO: DONITA ANDERSON, 751-7656

Saturdays: Hanna Perkins Community Gardening Project, 10 – 11.30 A.M. HANNA PERKINS CENTER, 19910 MALVERN ROAD. A child's garden of opportunity! Help design a garden, grow plants and attract butterflies. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

4 A Taste of Shaker at CiCi's Pizza, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Make a reservation by the Friday of the week before the trip. Transportation is available for \$5. INFO: 491-1360

4 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON – 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Crown Point

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SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
19824 Sussex Road

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive

SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM
16740 South Park Boulevard

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 Shaker Boulevard

THORNTON PARK
20701 Farnsleigh Road

Ecology Center Education Coordinator Heather McClure presents *Eating Locally*, a talk on the importance of eating locally grown produce and why this is a prime environmental issue. INFO: 321-5935.

4 Sports Boosters Meeting, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH TEACHERS' CAFETERIA. Sporting parents help boost Shaker athletes. INFO: JOANNE WEISS, 283-0772/JANE GLADDEN, 378-0613.

5 Spring Choir Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

6 Podiatry Care, 8:30 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Beat feet* to the Community Building for simple foot care services that are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. \$10. INFO: 491-1360.

6 Wildflower Walk with Barb Morgan, 10 – 11 A.M. NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area and tiptoe through the tulips. INFO: 321-5935.

6 Movies at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch *Big Fish*, the quirky story of a son's attempt to recreate his dying father's remarkable life.

6 Orchestra Concert, 7:30 P.M. SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Shaker High School and middle school students play together.

7 First Friday Films, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Race to the library to watch the free flick *Sea Biscuit*. INFO: 991-2030.

8 Wiffle Ball Tournament, 9 A.M., SHAKER HIGH. Round robin and championship tournament with teams of all ages. Teams consist of two or more players. \$40/team. Please include roster with ages and captain contact information. Registration forms available from the Shaker High Athletic Office, Shaker Community Building, Thornton Park and both Shaker libraries. Registration deadline is May 1. INFO: VERNON ANDERSON, 991-2631.

8 & 9 Nature Hike: Up Close & Personal, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Bring a magnifying glass and experience nature on a small scale – from spider webs to leaf veins. INFO: 321-5935.

8 Book Discussion, 2 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Trust Fund*, Stephen Frey's political thriller. INFO: 991-2030.

10 & 24 Low Vision Support Services, 11 A.M. – 12:15 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Coping with vision loss. Transportation available. INFO: 491-1360.

10 Meet the Author, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Meet Meg Ostrum, Shaker High Class of 1968 and author of *The Surgeon and the Shepherd*. Ostrum has worked as a curator, editor and administrator at the Vermont Council of the Arts and the Vermont Folklife Center. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Ice Cream Social & Band Concert, 6:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH LAWN.

11 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *A Gesture Life*, Chang-Rae Lee's story of a man caught between two cultures. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *Death Du Jour* Kathy Reich's whodunit. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Shaker Family Center Annual Meeting & Dinner, 6:30 P.M., SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB, 3300 COURTLAND BLVD. Keynote speaker is Shaker resident Ronald B. Richard, President and CEO of The Cleveland Foundation. The evening includes a tribute to Shaker Heights Public Library Director Edrice Ivory, founding partner in the collaborative Play and Learn Station at the Main Library. The annual volunteer of the year award will be presented to Ruth Kalish for her work with the Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom. RESERVATIONS AT \$50 PER PERSON, INCLUDING DINNER CAN BE MADE BY CALLING 921-2023.

12 Book Talk, 7 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Shaker librarian offers recent and recommended reading suggestions. Program repeats May 13 at 3 p.m. INFO: 991-2421.

13 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6 - 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center's Nature Photography Club welcomes all adults to their meetings the second Thursday of every month. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL MADELINE PODNAR, 321-5935 EXT. 232 OR EMAIL PODNAR@SHAKERLAKES.ORG.

14 Geranium Sale Pick-Up, 5 – 8 P.M. SHAKER HIGH. Blooms benefit the Shaker High School PTO. Pick Up continues from 8 a.m. – noon. May 15. INFO: DEBBIE WHITE, 752-9130.

15 Shaker Spring Sweeps, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M., SHAKER

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May 1: Breakfast with the Birds, 7.30 – 11.30 A.M., NATURE CENTER. Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day - rain or shine! Take a bird walk, followed by a live program on birds of prey from Lake Metroparks with displays and activities. Early birds can enjoy a pancake breakfast for \$5/person. Reservations required for breakfast only. INFO: 321-5935.

May 2, 9, 16 & 25: Audubon Bird Walk, 7:30 A.M.

May 5, 12 & 19: Cleveland Hiking Club Bird Walk with Leo Deininger & John Nelson, 8 – 11 A.M.

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15 Friends' Plant Sale, 11 A.M. TO 3 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Purchase annuals, perennials and herbs at the Friends' Annual Plant Sale. Order forms are available for early orders. Proceeds benefit the Nature Center. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 221.

15 Shaker High School Senior Prom, 8 P.M. - MIDNIGHT. The party continues all night long with afterprom from 1 - 5 a.m. at the Jewish Community Center.

15 & 16 Nature Hike: Wild about Flowers 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. NATURE CENTER. Hike the trails in search of nature's wildflowers. INFO: 321-5935.


15 Road of Life: Ohio 2004 Ride & Hike at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Join Shaker High grads and Road of Life founders on the local leg of their 312-mile walk across Ohio as they raise funds and awareness for cancer in kids. Catch a train from Brecksville Station to Independence and ride, run, or walk the 6 1/2 miles back. INFO: VISIT ROADOFLIFE.ORG OR CALL (800) 850-9082 OR (614) 221-1235.

16 Afternoon for Writers & Readers, 2 P.M., CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 325 SUPERIOR AVE. Meet Alice Hoffman, author of Oprah Book Club selection *Here on Earth*. FREE. INFO: 623-2800.

16 Shakespeare Scenes, 4 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Students perform works by the bard.

17 Pajama Stories, 7:15 P.M. WOODS BRANCH. Take the kids (ages 3 & up) to the library for stories then tuck 'em in at home. INFO: 991-2421.

17 Informed Decision 2004: Health Care: What Should the



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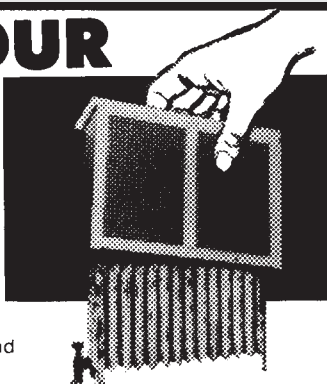
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THROUGH May 15

DOWNEAST: Paintings of Coastal Maine, KELLY RANDALL GALLERY, 2678 W. 14TH STREET, TREMONT, CLEVELAND. Shaker resident David Moskovitz exhibits his art. Gallery hours: Wed. - Fri. 12 - 5 p.m., Sat. 12 - 6 p.m. or by appointment, 771-7724.

THRU June 30

SENENKUNA: Many Voices, One Family. CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL IN UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Learn about Africa through text, stories, maps, videos and a sub-Saharan village setting. TICKETS & INFO: 800-317-9155.

MAY 2 Jazz on the Circle: Jazz Across the Americas, REINBERGER CHAMBER HALL, SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. The Cleveland Orchestra celebrates the rich heritage of jazz. \$27/person. INFO: 231-1111.

MAY 8 Celebrity Art Auction Gala, 6:30 P.M., HYATT REGENCY CLEVELAND AT THE ARCADE. Enjoy dinner, dancing and silent and live art auctions to benefit the American Diabetes Association. Bid on one-of-a-kind collaborative artwork by Cleveland celebrities. TICKETS & INFO: 328-9989 EXT.6761 OR EMAIL:GDALESSANDRO@DIABETES.ORG

MAY 10 Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony I, 7:30 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Dr. Gary M. Ciepluch, Music Director. TICKETS: \$15/PERSON. INFO 231-1111.

MAY 11 Cleveland Youth Wind Symphony II, 7.30 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Dr. Gary M. Ciepluch, Music Director. TICKETS: \$15/PERSON. INFO 231-1111.

MAY 21 Broadway School of the Arts Benefit Concert & Reception, 7 P.M., CATHEDRAL HALL, TRINITY COMMONS, 2230 EUCLID AVE. Benefit concert features Shaker resident and international pianist Emanuela Friscioni and string players from The Cleveland Orchestra. TICKETS & INFO: 641-0630.

MAY 25 Rock the Orchestra: Symphonic Song Cycle, 7.30 P.M., CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY WAETJEN AUDITORIUM, E. 23RD ROAD AND EUCLID AVENUE. Jon Anderson, co-founder and lead singer of the legendary rock group YES will join Contemporary Youth Orchestra for a two-hour concert of his music, with songs including *State of Independence*, *Long Distance Runaround*, *And You and I*, *Your Move*, *Soon* and *Give Love Each Day*. Progressive Arts Alliance will run an educational workshop portion of the festival. Classes will be held on May 24 & 25 at CSU. INFO: 321-3525, OR EMAIL INFO@CYORCHESTRA.ORG.

MAY 28 Friday Forum with Andy Borowitz, NOON, THE CITY CLUB OF CLEVELAND, 850 EUCLID AVE., CLEVELAND. Shaker native Borowitz, creator of the Borowitz Report and author of *Governor Arnold* and *Who Moved my Soap?* *The CEO's Guide to Prison* speaks to lunch guests. Tickets are \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members. INFO: 621-0082.

June 2 - 4 Ikebana and Bonsai Shows, CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. Enjoy this centuries-old Japanese art by Cleveland Chapter of Ikebana International (June 2 - 4) and exhibits, demonstrations, and sales by Cleveland Bonsai Club (June 5 & 6). \$7/person. INFO: 721-1600.

June 12 Parade the Circle Celebration, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. The annual daylong celebration of the creative spirit that begins with a parade has been presented annually since 1990 by the Cleveland Museum of Art and University Circle Incorporated.

June 16, 19 & 24 Little Women, 7 P.M., DRURY THEATRE AT THE CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE, EAST 85TH & EUCLID. Enjoy Lyric Opera Cleveland's production of *Little Women* composed and directed by Mark Adamo. 2 p.m. matinee June 20. TICKETS & INFO: 685-5976

Federal Government's Role Be? 7:30 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Residents are invited to hear both sides of an issue and join in a discussion. Monthly topics leading up to the November election will focus on current issues. RESERVATIONS & INFO: 991-2030.

18 Recreation and Leisure Study Public Meeting #1, 7 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Field of dreams!* Join in a community-wide conversation

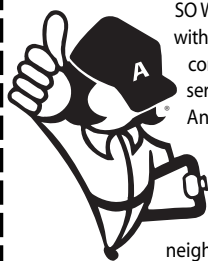
about recreation, including facilities and programs. Help design your future! INFO: 491-1430.

19 Backyard Composting with Barbara McGinty, 7 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Lakewood's Director of Recycling and Litter Prevention will familiarize folks with the practice and benefits of backyard composting — a simple, yet important way to improve backyards and communities. INFO: 321-5935.

19 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *The Monsoon Diary: A Memoir with Recipes*, Shoba Narayan's personal narrative. INFO: 991-2030.

20 Friends Program, 9:30 - 11 A.M., NATURE CENTER. Former Chief of Natural Area Preserve Ralph Ramey presents *Ohio Prairies*, a slide lecture about prairies and how they came to be.

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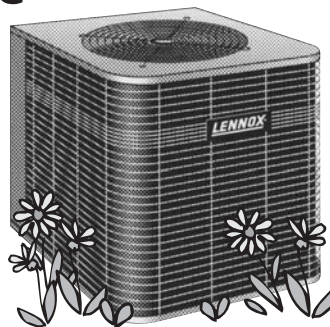
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20 Senior Health Roundtable with City Nurse Sandi Hurley,
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22 & 23 Nature Hike:
Patterns in Nature, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Family field hike to find nature's designs. INFO: 321-5935.

23 Snowy Collections: Nature Center Photography Club Field Trip, 1- 3:30 P.M., HOLDEN ARBORETUM. Bring a brown bag lunch and meet at the Holden Arboretum. Tour the grounds and capture it on film. \$5/person. INFO: MADELINE PODNAR, 321-5935 EXT. 232. TO SEE NATURE PHOTOS, VIEW SHAKERLAKES.ORG/PHOTOGRAPHY.HTM.

23 The Da Vinci Code: An Historian Looks at the Facts Behind the Fiction, 2 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. John Carroll University's Dr. Joseph Kelly gives an encore presentation of his insightful look at Dan Brown's controversial thriller, *The Da Vinci Code*. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Shaker Library. RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED BY CALLING 991-2030 BEGINNING MAY 1.

25 & 26 Float-Decorating Workshops, 4:15 P.M., WOODS BRANCH ON 25; MAIN ON 26. Help decorate the library's Memorial Day Parade float and join the parade on Memorial Day. INFO: 991-2421.

25 Nature Reads, 6 - 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER PAVILION. Mac's Backs Paperbacks and the Sierra Club join with the Nature Center in a special celebration of Rachel Carson's birthday and accomplishments. Bring your own tableware and a dish to share along with your favorite Rachel Carson reading. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 321-5935 EXT. 221.

25 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *Balzac* and the *Little Chinese Seamstress*, Sijie Die's story of friendship. INFO: 991-2030.

26 Spring Choral Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

27 Shaker Teachers' Association District Recognition Reception, 3:45 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

27 Men's & Women's Spring Sports Awards, 6:30 P.M. SHAKER HIGH AUDITORIUM. Fetes for feats!

27 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Kent State University professor Maggie Anderson and Steve Abbott read original poetry. INFO: 991-2030.

28 Senior Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 – 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join a former Case audiologist for discussions, presentations and exercises to help the hearing impaired or those in their early stages of hearing loss. Learn about the latest digital technology and other hearing devices. Free. INFO: 491-1360.

29 & 30 Nature Hikes: Medicinal Plants, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. NATURE CENTER. Hike the trail and find some of nature's prescriptions. INFO: 321-5935.

31 Memorial Day Parade & Thornton Park Pancake Breakfast, CEREMONY BEGINS AT 9 A.M., CITY HALL FLAGPOLE. PANCAKES AT THORNTON PARK, 9:30 A.M. - NOON. Enjoy pancakes and join in the Memorial Day march up Van Aken Boulevard. Ends with free swimming at Thornton Park. INFO: 491-1295

for June

1 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON – 1 P.M. NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center presents a free environmental forum followed by a discussion. INFO: 321-5935.

3 Podiatry Care, 8:30 A.M. SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Simple foot care services are provided on a first-come-first-served basis. \$10. INFO: 491-1360.

3 Friends Program, 11 A.M. – 3:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Explore Cleveland Cultural Gardens with Wendy Weirich and Nancy Desmond of the Cleveland MetroParks. Pack a lunch and meet at the Nature Center. At 12:30 the group tours the Gardens. RSVP BY JUNE 1: 321-5935.

4 Music and Fun, 10:15 - 11 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER. Children from birth to age 4 are invited to share music with parents or caregivers in a 7-week class. \$25. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

4 St. Dominic School Golf Outing, 1 P.M. ASTORHURST COUNTRY CLUB. Shotgun start. REGISTRATION & INFO: 561-4400.

4 First Friday Films, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY *Bruce Almighty*.

5 Babysitting Basics Workshop 10 A.M. -3 P.M. WOODS BRANCH. Library staff, early childhood experts and local safety forces teach a five-hour workshop on childcare and child safety basics for teens ages 12 – 16. Each participant must provide his/her own lunch and beverage (snacks are optional). Workshop is limited to 20 teens and registration begins May 6 by calling 991-2421.

5 & 6 Nature Hike: Birds of Prey, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Hike and seek hawks and herons. INFO: 321-5935.

7 Bee A Reader Goes Buggy for Books. *Kids (ages 2 – 12) antsy for things to do this summer? Put a bug in their ears and tell them to sign up for summer reading.* Visit the Children's Services Department at Main Library or Woods Branch to register. Then read, read, read during the summer reading program through July 31.

7 Art for Kids, 10 – 11 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3 - 5 and parents or caregivers can create artworks with paint, plaster of Paris and clay. \$5/class. Space is limited. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

7 A Taste of Shaker Picnic at Thornton Park, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Make a reservation by the Friday of the week before the trip. Transportation is available for \$5. INFO: 491-1360.

8 Book Discussion, 10 A.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *The Rich Part of Life* by Jim Kokoris. INFO: 991-2030.

8 Friends of the Nature Center Planning Meeting, 10 – 11:30-A.M., NATURE CENTER. *Got a natural flair for programming?* Help the Friends plan programs to educate visitors and grow support for the Nature Center. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

8 & 22 Low Vision Support Services, 11 A.M. – 12:15 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Coping with vision loss. Transportation available. INFO: 491-1360

8 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *Breakout*, Richard Stark's whodunit about a heist gone bad. INFO: 991-2030.

10 Book Discussion, 3 P.M., WOODS. Discuss *Ferris Beach*, Jill McCorkle's coming-of-age novel. INFO: 991-2421.

10 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting 6 TO 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center's Nature Photography Club welcomes all adults to their meetings held the second Thursday of every month. INFO: MADELINE PODNAR, 321-5935 EXT. 232 OR EMAIL PODNAR@SHAKERLAKES.ORG.

10 Shaker High School Commencement, 6:30 P.M., PALACE THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE.

10 Poetry Really in the Woods, 5:30 P.M., HORSESHOE LAKE PARK PAVILION. Poetry potluck begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by poetry reading at 7 p.m. with retired emerita Kent State University Prof Grace Butcher and friends. Bring a dish to share. INFO: 991-2030.

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11 Urban Threads: Music and Synergy, 6 – 8 P.M., MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD.

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11 Family Ice Cream Social & Summer Reading Kick Off, 6:30 – 8 P.M. WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY, 20600 FAYETTE RD. School's out and summer fun is in! Join in the festivities that signal the beginning of a summer full of reading. Popcorn, games and ice cream! INFO: 991-2421.

11 - 13 Summer Jewelry Show and Sale, 11:30 A.M. – 5 P.M., 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Designer Lois S. Becker offers hand-crafted necklaces, earrings, pins, bracelets, jewelry-making kits for kids and hand-painted vests. Sale continues on Sunday, June 13 from 1 – 4:30 p.m. INFO: 921-3083.

12 Children Discover Italy, 12:30 – 1:30 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 5 – 7 and parents or caregivers can explore the culture of Italy. Seven-week course costs \$35. Space is limited. INFO: KELLY SCOVIL, 929-0201.

12 & 13 Nature Hike: Identifying Trees, Shrubs and Herbaceous Plants, 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. NATURE CENTER. Hike! What grows there? Learn what grows in the Shaker Parklands. INFO: 321-5935.

12 Book Discussion, 2 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *The Known World* by Edward Jones. INFO: 991-2030.

12 Fiber Art Lecture by Carolyn Mazloomi, 2 P.M., MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY. Meet the founder of the Women of Color Quilters Network, an international organization with a membership of 1,700, which has been a major force in fostering African-American fiber art. INFO: 751-2955.

14 Pajama Stories, 7:15 P.M.

WOODS BRANCH. Stories for children ages 3 & up before bedtime. INFO: 991-2421.

16 Books by Me, 4 P.M. HANNA

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16 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.

MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss *Portrait of a Killer:*

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17 Author in the Garden, 3 P.M.,

WOODS BRANCH. Meet Cleveland author Sarah Willis. Free. INFO: 991-2421.

18 - 20 CraftFair at Hath-

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19 & 20 Nature Hike: Who

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21 Informed Decision 2004: Civil Unions, Same Sex Marriage, and the Defense of Marriage Act, 7:30 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Residents are invited to hear both sides of an issue and join in a discussion. Monthly topics leading up to the November election will focus on current issues. RESERVATIONS & INFO: 991-2030.

22 Nature Reads, 6 - 7:30 P.M. NATURE CENTER. Join nature and book lovers for a discussion of *Red: Passion and Patience in the Desert* by Terry Tempest Williams. Bring a brown bag supper, if you wish. Free and open to the public. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

22 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss John Kennedy Toole's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, *A Confederacy of Dunces*. INFO: 991-2030.

23 Senior Wellness Fair, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Meet local health care professionals; participate in exercise demonstrations, raffles and more. Bring a friend! INFO: 491-1360.

24 Senior Health Roundtable with City Nurse Sandi Hurley, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Bring a brown bag lunch or snack and chat with our city nurse. Free. INFO: 491-1360.

25 Senior Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 - 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Former Case audiologist offers suggestions for dealing with hearing loss. Free. INFO: 491-1360.

25 St. Dominic Day at the Captains. St. Dominic Church hits a home run on this day with the boys of summer! INFO: 991-1444.

26 & 27 Nature Hike: Did You Hear That? 3:30 - 4:30 P.M.,

NATURE CENTER. Hike and hear the sounds of nature, INFO: 321-5935.

28 Shaker Football Boosters 1st Annual Golf Outing & Fund-Raiser, 8 A.M., HIGHLAND HILLS GOLF COURSE. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:15 a.m. Not a golfer? Join former football greats for a Casual Evening at 7 p.m. Sunday, June 27 at Academy Tavern on Larchmere. FOR INFORMATION ABOUT SPONSORSHIPS OR TO DONATE ITEMS TO THE AUCTION, CALL DAVE SEDMAK AT THE SHAKER HIGH ATHLETIC OFFICE, 295-4263.

30 Hot Jazz 7, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Enjoy an outdoor evening of jazz in the great tradition of Jelly Roll Morton and Louis Armstrong. This traditional Dixieland Band in the New Orleans style with two cornets and an ensemble approach will have you dancing! INFO: 491-1360.

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Closer to home, as Shaker's mayor, Kelley encouraged integration by founding the Fund for the Future, which became a national model; oversaw the \$100 million rebuilding of Shaker's portion of the RTA; and established the area's first joint fire dispatching service.

Kelley, who was a partner in his own law firm, graduated from Dartmouth and Yale and served in the U.S. Navy Reserve from 1941-45. He and his wife, Patricia, lived on Ashford Road. Their five children attended Shaker Schools.

WALTER C. KELLEY (LEFT) IS SWORN IN AS MAYOR, FEBRUARY 1973.

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