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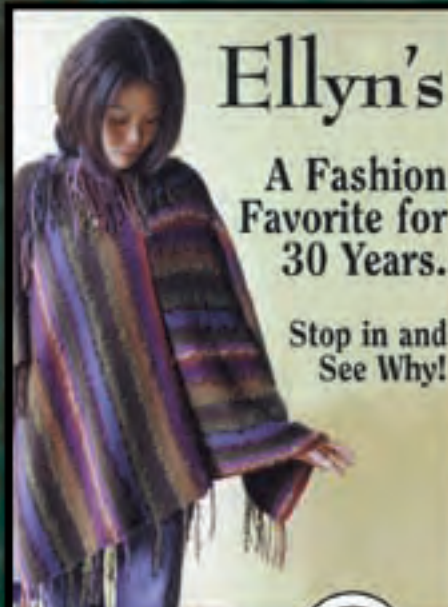
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## Walgreens

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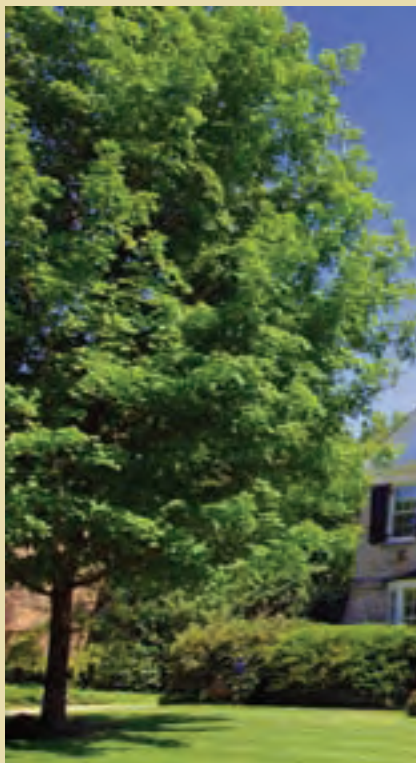
## Take Pride in Your Growing Accomplishment!

The trees of Shaker Heights – plentiful and beloved. Now residents can nominate specific trees for the Tree Advisory Board's first annual Heritage Tree awards. Awards will be part of the City's annual Arbor Day observance in April 2006.

Residents are invited to nominate trees in the following categories:

- Association with a famous person or significant event
- An historical landmark
- Unusual size, form, age or other unusual quality

Tree nomination forms are available for download from the City's website, *shakeronline.com*, from the Public Works Department, 15600 Chagrin, or by contacting the Superintendent of Forestry, Pat Neville, at 491-3285. The deadline for nominations is March 8, 2006.



## Accepting Nominations for MLK, Jr. Award

The Human Relations Commission is accepting nominations for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for Human Relations, an award established as a reminder of Shaker's continuing commitment to living the dream of Dr. King. Nomination forms are available at City Hall, Thornton Park and both Shaker libraries, as well as on the City's website, *shakeronline.com* and must be received by Monday, December 5.

Eligible for nomination are those individuals or groups whose actions during the past year exemplify Dr. King's values through their commitment to compassion, humility and service. Nominees must have made a significant contribution in 2005 through volunteerism and community service, helping others and building community in Shaker Heights. Recipients must be residents of the Shaker Heights City School District, and may be of any age or race. A posthumous award may be given. Nominees not chosen are eligible for resubmission next year, with updated information from the nominator, as appropriate. Current members of City Council and the Human Relations Commission or their families are not eligible for the award.

The award will be presented at the Monday, January 23 City Council meeting, at Shaker Heights City Hall, 3400 Lee Road, in Council Chambers at 7:30 p.m. Presentation of the award will be preceded by a reception at 7 p.m.

## At Long Last ...

First Energy has leased the former home of Zalud Olds on Lee Road for the next two years, during which time it expects to finish the upgrades to all electric lines that service groups of homes.

A customer service center will be available to answer questions and concerns from customers. A telephone number for scheduling appointments will be posted on the City website, *shakeronline.com*, as soon as it is available.

## But Just In Case ...

A valuable lesson of the recent past: Take time now to prepare for an emergency. Below are some of the Red Cross recommendations for such preparedness. Knowing that you are prepared can provide peace of mind for all family members.

- Several flashlights with extra batteries and bulbs
- Portable, battery-powered radio/tv with extra batteries
- Firewood with matches and kindling (kept in waterproof container)
- Camping stove or outdoor grill with appropriate fuel, matches or butane light wand
- Extra ice and water (1-3 gals. per person or pet per day)
- Boxed or canned food (3-4 day supply per person or pet)

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- One complete change of clothing/shoes for each person
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Sanitation/hygiene items
- Copies of medical prescriptions
- Standard medicines, such as aspirin and cold/flu remedies
- Smoke detector batteries
- A safe place for paper records

Two helpful web sites are: the Centers for Disease Control Public Health Emergency Preparedness Response Site, [www.bt.cdc.gov](http://www.bt.cdc.gov) and U.S. Health & Human Services, [www.hhs.gov](http://www.hhs.gov).

## Newcomers Welcomed

New Shaker residents are invited to join the Eastside Welcome Club, formerly known as the Shaker Welcome Wagon. Members hail from Shaker and Cleveland Heights, University Heights, Beachwood, Orange, Moreland Hills, Chagrin Falls, Twinsburg, Russell, Hudson, Richmond Heights, and Mayfield Heights. The Club provides opportunities for new residents to make friends and to participate in various charitable activities. For more information about the Eastside Welcome Club, contact Prospective Member Chairs Christine Elliott, 283-5914 or Hilary King, 832-7053.

## Business News

- The shops at Shaker Town Center are undergoing a transformation. Along the north side of Chagrin, the center has been given an impressive facelift consisting of: streetscape work and new plantings on Chagrin and along the new road; new building façade work; completion of the public art installation. All have had a dramatic impact on the center's appearance.

Behind the center, along Van Aken, preparations for the first phase of construction of the new Avalon Station loft and penthouse project are evident: soil replacement; relocation of electric, phone and cable underground; and ground-breaking of new construction.

- **Van Aken Hardware** at Van Aken Center recently moved three doors down to a store that is 50 percent larger than its former space.

- In November, **Beneficial Finance** expects to open a new office in the former Society Bank space adjacent to Subway and DO Summers, at Van Aken Center.

- **Sky Bank** has received Planning Commission approval for a new free-standing branch at the southwest corner of the Shaker Town Center parking lot at Avalon. Until the facility is completed in mid 2006, Sky Bank will occupy a space at Shaker Plaza on Van Aken next to Joseph Banks.

- **Noggins Restaurant** in Shaker Plaza has new owners. The name will remain the same; the space will be renovated in the near future, and menu changes may be planned over a period of time.

## Shaker News Briefs

- The City has renamed and restructured the former Board of Housing Code Appeals (BHCA), now known as the Board of Appeals. The new Board hears the same kinds of appeals concerning decisions issued by various City departments. The body is now more independent, comprised of five members, appointed by the Mayor, including one council member and four citizen members. The appointees are: **Pat Burgess**, Chair; **James Karlovec**, **Gloria Sturghill**, and **John Fahsbender** and council member **Earl Williams**.

The former BHCA consisted of the Mayor, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Law, or their designees, a member of Council and one citizen member appointed by the Mayor.

- For the eighth time, the City's Finance Department has been awarded the highest form of recognition for governmental accounting and financial reporting. The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting was awarded by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA), a non-profit professional association.

The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement was also presented to the department's director, **Frank J. Brichacek**. The award is a testament to the reliability of the City's financial reporting and is an indicator noted by rating agencies during the bond rating process. The City's bond rating is currently AA1, among the top 3-5% percent of all municipalities rated. This helps the City to secure the lowest possible rates when issuing debt.

- This year, as it has in the past, a team of residents and members of the City's Police Department raised more than \$10,000 participating in the MS 150 Annual "Pedal to the Point" fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. The MS 150 is a two-day, 150-mile bike trip from Berea Fair Grounds to Cedar Point.



The team is one of the top fundraisers in the area. Team members are residents **George Gelehrter**, Team Captain, **Frank Holowach**, **Kris Sinnenberg** and **Pam Williams**, and police officers **Lieutenant Jim Mariano**, **Lieutenant Mike Hutson**, and **Corporal Ken Gozelanczyk**. The residents on the team are all members of the Shaker Heights Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association.

- Residents **Peter and Rita Carfagna** were presented with the Arthritis Foundation's 2005 "Community Leaders of the Year" award in September. The couple was recognized for their service, in many capacities, to the region and their commitment to fundraising for charitable causes.

## Fall Clean-up Guidelines

☐ Reminder: Place **BRUSH AND TREE TRIMMINGS** only on tree lawns, never in the street! Large branches and limbs need to be cut into smaller pieces. Keep leaf piles separate – see below.

☐ Reminder: Place **LEAVES** only on tree lawns, never in the street! Important: Don't mix brush with leaves! It breaks the machinery used for leaf collection.

☐ Reminder: Place **GRASS CLIPPINGS** in City of Shaker Heights marked bags and leave with refuse. Be sure to display your bright yellow Grass Recycling door hanger so grass bag crews know to stop at your home.

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## Top Seasonal Reminders



### • Leaves:

Residents may place leaves loose on the tree lawn until December 15. Please do not place any debris in the street. Please place brush in a separate pile.

### • Rubbish Collection Holiday Schedules:

Collection scheduled on or after Thanksgiving will be one day late. After Christmas and New Year's Day, which fall on Sundays, collection will not be delayed. To report a missed pickup, call Public Works, 491-1490, within 24 hours of your regular pickup day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed, sign up for the City's email list at [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### • Snow:

Be a good neighbor! School children, dog walkers and seniors all rely on our miles of sidewalks. Keep sidewalks safe for everyone's use. Residents are responsible for clearing snow and ice from their sidewalks when the snow is less than 6 inches deep. The City plows sidewalks only if the snowfall is deep and when scheduling allows.

Residents are asked not to park cars in the street when snow is two or more inches deep. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks or onto another person's property. The City does not plow residential driveways.

### • Snow Plow Operators:

Snow plow operators must register with the Police Department and clearly display a permit. They may elect to have their names placed on the Public List of Snow Plow Contractors. The City does not endorse any contractor, but provides the list as a courtesy to residents. For more information, call the Police Watch Office, 491-1220.

## And Don't Forget...

### • Bicycle Licenses:

Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 12 and December 10 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's (or parent's) Social Security number, which is recorded on the application.

### • Citizens Award:

The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service – above and beyond expectations – provided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring of 2006. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

### • Electric Power Outages:

Please call CEI at 888-544-4877 to report outages and register your report. To learn what the City knows about the outage, call 491-1400.

### • Health Services:

Blood pressure screening for residents is available on Mondays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Blood pressure clinics are free and no appointment is necessary. Immunizations and screenings for glucose and cholesterol are available by appointment. Call 491-1480 for information or visit the City website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

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



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## Stars of Shaker

### Award Winners 2005

The Stars of Shaker program recognizes the owners of homes with the most eye-catching qualities in the neighborhood. The homes are a delight – and an inspiration – to neighbors, who make the nominations. Awards are given for a variety of housing styles and by neighborhood. Congratulations to the winners of this year's awards:

#### Fernway:

- Brian & Dawn Cook, 3323 Stockholm (landscaping, single family)

#### Lomond:

- Louberta & Roberta Bullock, 17608 Winslow (paint, two-family)
- Jean Calhoun, 3452 Lynnfield (overall curb appeal, two-family)
- Richard Cascarelli, 17720 Winslow (front porch/entry, two-family)
- Carl & Rosalie Massey, 3554 Glencairn (landscaping, two-family)
- Kevin & Kari Moncrieff, 18305 Sherrington (overall curb appeal, single family)
- Michael Montlack, Owner, The Greenbriar, 17100 Van Aken (apartment/condominium)

#### Ludlow:

- Reginald Blue, 14411 Onaway (front porch/entry, single family)
- Robert & Carol Miller, 3118 Keswick (overall curb appeal, single family)
- Linda Thomas-Lee, 14712 Onaway (landscaping, single family)

#### Malvern:

- Peter Rzepka, The Chelsea, 3330 Warrensville Center (apartment/condominium)

## REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between March 1 and May 15, 2005. 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	2005 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3266 Ardmore Road	\$263,000	\$234,500 (2003)	\$ 10,000 (1926)
3330 Ardmore Road	\$269,900	\$174,900 (1996)	\$ 10,500 (1926)
3565 Avalon Road	\$169,900	\$130,000 (1999)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
17626 Berwyn Road	\$332,500	\$314,000 (2001)	\$ 14,000 (1929)
18110 Chagrin Blvd	\$189,000	\$137,500 (2000)	\$ 12,000 (1925)
3270 Chalfant Road	\$258,000	\$199,000 (1999)	\$ 10,000 (1921)
3332 Chalfant Road	\$229,000	\$128,000 (1995)	\$ 6,500 (1921)
3530 Daleford Road	\$220,000	\$190,000 (2003)	\$ 12,000 (1925)
3548 Daleford Road	\$220,000	\$195,500 (2003)	\$ 10,000 (1927)
3722 Daleford Road	\$105,000	\$100,000 (2004)	\$ 16,000 (1951)
22539 Douglas Road	\$450,000	\$390,000 (2000)	\$ 11,000 (1936)
22600 Douglas Road	\$365,000	\$225,000 (2003)	\$ 12,000 (1935)
22775 Douglas Road	\$365,000	\$340,000 (2004)	\$ 14,500 (1940)
2969 Eaton Road	\$530,000	\$480,000 (2002)	\$ 25,000 (1925)
20011 Fairmount Blvd	\$250,000	\$162,500 (2003)	\$ 9,500 (1945)
22375 Fairmount Blvd	\$150,000	\$130,000 (2004)	\$ 25,000 (1959)
20820 Farnsleigh Road	\$174,900	\$150,000 (2002)	\$ 14,000 (1950)
15819 Fernway Road	\$179,000	\$102,000 (1997)	\$ 9,500 (1923)
15915 Fernway Road	\$217,500	\$146,500 (1998)	\$ 14,500 (1925)
17829 Fernway Road	\$250,500	\$230,000 (1999)	\$ 14,000 (1928)
3339 Ingleside Road	\$258,000	\$186,500 (1996)	\$ 10,000 (1924)
3561 Ingleside Road	\$145,900	\$110,000 (2000)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
3353 Lansmere Road	\$200,000	\$ 92,500 (1999)	\$ 9,500 (1920)
3311 Lee Road	\$180,000	\$167,000 (1999)	\$ 14,000 (1927)
2937 Litchfield Road	\$550,000	\$380,000 (1999)	\$ 38,000 (1923)
19201 Lomond Blvd	\$122,000	\$105,000 (2004)	\$ 27,000 (1958)
19806 Lomond Blvd	\$234,900	\$207,000 (2000)	\$ 13,000 (1939)
3722 Ludgate Road	\$160,000	\$110,000 (2004)	\$ 6,500 (1927)
3541 Lytle Road	\$155,100	\$140,000 (2004)	\$ 6,000 (1937)
3300 Maynard Road	\$399,500	\$347,500 (2002)	\$ 20,000 (1925)
3566 Pennington Road	\$ 56,900	\$ 50,000 (2003)	\$ 6,000 (1924)
3635 Rolliston Road	\$220,000	\$168,000 (2003)	\$ 11,000 (1926)

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18931 Scottsdale Blvd	\$168,500	\$155,000 (2003)	\$ 24,000 (1955)
18300 Shaker Blvd	\$690,000	\$640,000 (2000)	\$ 60,000 (1925)
3333 Stockholm Road	\$285,000	\$275,000 (2001)	\$ 11,000 (1926)
3360 Stockholm Road	\$239,900	\$207,500 (2002)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
3332 Sutton Road	\$195,000	\$142,000 (2003)	\$ 14,000 (1920)
3651 Tolland Road	\$190,000	\$172,000 (1998)	\$ 20,000 (1949)
18523 Winslow Road	\$190,000	\$115,000 (1997)	\$ 16,000 (1925)
18707 Winslow Road	\$214,000	\$200,000 (2002)	\$ 17,000 (1928)
19229 Winslow Road	\$233,900	\$196,000 (2000)	\$ 18,000 (1929)

Information source: First American Real Estate Solutions



## Stars of Shaker

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### Moreland:

- Juaneal & Marcia Ballard, 3718 Ludgate (overall curb appeal, single family)
- Geddie Hemphill, 3554 Ludgate (front porch/entry, single family)
- Debra Ike, 3580 Chelton (overall curb appeal, two-family)
- Robert Jozsa, Manager, Van Aken Towers, 16300 Van Aken (apartment/condominium)
- Luenevia Smith, 3612 Chelton (landscaping, single family)

### Onaway:

- Tom Bennett & Reva Heifetz, 3174 Onaway (paint/color scheme, single family)
- Chin-Tai & Ok-Sim Kim, 16215 Fernway (landscaping, single family)
- Lisa Klausner, 3070 Laurel, (front porch/entry, single family)
- Thomas & Carol LaMalfa, 3100 Laurel (overall curb appeal, single family)

### Sussex:

- Anita Dillen, 19407 Winslow (overall curb appeal, two-family)
- Matthew Goldman & Elizabeth Pearson, 3540 Norwood (overall curb appeal, single family)
- Mark Priemer, Sussex Courts, 19996 Chagrin (apartment/condominium)
- Charles Rush, 3674 Traver (landscaping, single family)

- Kevin & Mary Ryan, 19419 Scottsdale (front porch/entry, single family)

### Thornton Park:

- Bill & Lynne Norrie, 20430 Almar (front porch/entry, single family)
- Ted & Karen Sher, 3149 Somerset (landscaping, single family)
- Robert & Barbara Williams, 3274 Somerset (overall curb appeal, single family)

Pictures of winning properties are posted on the City website, [shakeronline.com/about/incentive/StarsofShaker2005](http://shakeronline.com/about/incentive/StarsofShaker2005).

## Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights

The Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights has been providing down payment loan assistance to new home buyers since 1986. It has played an important role in supporting Shaker's proud tradition of neighborhood diversity.

In the past year the Fund has expanded the scope and number of programs it offers. One such program is the manufacture of "Home for Rent" signs, offered to all Shaker rental property owners at no charge until December 31, 2005.

The signs are available at Shaker Hardware, 17111 Chagrin and Van Aken Hardware, 20155 Van Aken. After January 1, 2006, the signs can be purchased at a below market price.

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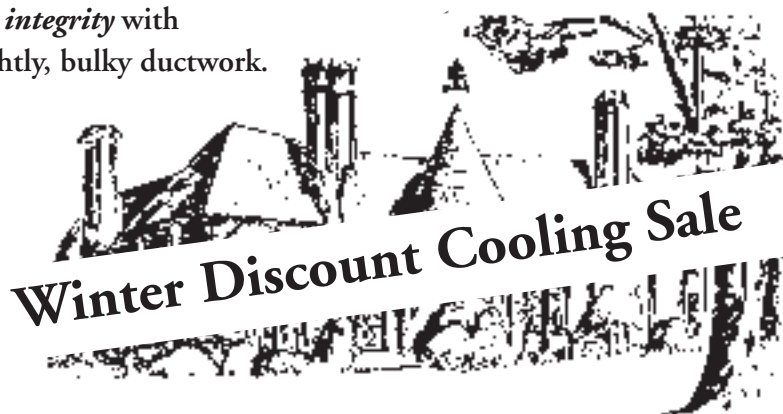
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Now also available for Fund borrowers:

- Energy-Efficient Grant – New Fund borrowers can receive an energy-efficient assessment and 25% of the energy repair costs up to a maximum of \$2000.
- Historic Preservation Grant – New Fund borrowers can receive a grant of 25% of historic preservation costs up to a maximum of \$2000 as well as technical assistance during construction.
- Visual Impact Project – Fund-sponsored home improvement grants, matched by homeowners, were used to preserve and beautify homes on Winslow Road. The project was conceived by the Winslow Preservation Organization.
- Low-interest down payment loans – Loans are available to first-time homebuyers at Shaker's new condo and loft development, Avalon Station, where units are priced to be affordable to a broad range of potential buyers, including young professionals.

For information about any of the Fund's programs, call 491-1370, or visit the City website, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).

## Renewal and Revitalization Transform Moreland Greens into Livingston Park Apartments

The Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD) unveiled an apartment revitalization project this fall. After three years and \$12.6 million, the former Moreland Greens apartments, located at 3090 Livingston in Cleveland, but part of the Shaker school district, has been renovated and transformed into a mixed-



income apartment complex, including a central commons with playground and picnic area and a substantial rehabilitation of units. It is also a Certified Shaker property (see below).

The 11 acre complex abuts Shaker's Ludlow neighborhood notes Reid Robbins, SHAD executive director and Shaker resident, who sees the relationship between the two communities strengthened by the redevelopment. The project is consistent with both cities' efforts to revitalize the Shaker Square area, already apparent in the Larchmere district just north of the Square.

The renamed Livingston Park Apartments, scaled down from 270 units in 15 buildings to 180 units in ten buildings also includes 15 deluxe suites and 20 townhouses on the way. A win-win for all concerned.

## New Housing Specialist Hired

Jacqueline Patterson Mansion joined the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Department last month. She will work with Shaker's landlords on the Certified Shaker program (see below).

Patterson Mansion, who is a licensed realtor, lives in one of Winslow Road's two-family homes. "She knows Shaker housing," said Kamla Lewis, director of the department, "and she's a customer service professional." The recipient of numerous realtor awards and recognitions, Patterson Mansion has also been a volunteer for the City's annual Landmark Tour of Homes. She can be reached at 491-1333.

## Certified Shaker Properties

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



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## Work Continues on Main Library Roof

Thanks to Shaker School District residents, who supported a joint bond issue with the schools last November, work has begun on the Main Library roof. In the early 1990s, when the Main Library building was renovated, the library reused many of the building's original slates not only to contain costs, but also to maintain the historic integrity of the building. The time had come to replace the roof, as the slates were simply not keeping the water out.

With help from Kenderson Consulting Firm, the library set bid specifications for both real and imitation slate. The low bid was from T & F Systems, who will replace the roof with real slate at a cost of \$382,000, plus \$10 per square foot to replace any water-damaged wood decking underneath. The School Board accepted the bid at a special meeting on September 8 and the library began work on the roof in October.

Work on the roof is proceeding in sections and began on the southeast side of the building (the Lee Road side). Protective scaffolding and dumpsters will

gradually make their way around the building as workers remove the slate and replace damaged wood. A self-sealing membrane will be affixed to the roof, and the flashings will be repaired before workers add the Green Vermont Slate. Depending upon weather conditions, the anticipated completion date is late December or early January.



## Reader of the Month

NOLA DRAKE

**LIVES IN:** Onaway area

**USES:** Main Library

**ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK:** "I have a yearly favorite book. This year it is *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert translated by Francis Steegmuller."

**OTHER FAVORITES:** *The Rainmaker* (John Grisham), *The Jewel in the Crown* (Frank Simon), *The Sociopath Next Door* (Martha Stout)

**LIKES TO READ:** Stories about relationships and behaviorism and books set in another country, such as India, China or Japan. "I love learning about another culture by reading their stories."

**DOESN'T LIKE TO READ:** "I am open to anything that's entertaining and informative."

**LIBRARY SERVICES:** Books, movies and reference information. As a Visiting Nurse, Drake often uses the library for medical reference information.

**INFLUENCES:** Buddhism "The book, *A Path with Heart* by Jack Kornfield changed my life."

**OTHER INTERESTS:** Gardening, reading and meditating.

**FAMILY:** Husband, Douglas now deceased, who began the *Shaker Life* series on Cablevision; and two grown daughters Diane Drake, SHHS '80, and Daniela Drake, SHHS '81, who live in California.

**VOLUNTEER WORK:** Drake volunteers with the Hospice of the Western Reserve, the Shaker Rose Garden and the Friends of the Shaker Library, where she helps with book sales and book sale sorting.

**BRIEF BIO:** Drake was born in Belize, formerly British Honduras. She met her husband on the way to London, England, where she was educated. They corresponded for six years, met again and married. They moved to the United States in the mid-sixties and lived in several places before finding Shaker Heights. Drake has lived in Ludlow, Fernway, Malvern and now Onaway. "When I think of moving near my children, this awful thought crosses my mind, 'I will be looking for a Shaker Square and a Shaker Library.' That's a sad thought, so I plan to stay right here!"



## Local Author and Book Fair is November Highlight

The Library is hosting a Local Author & Book Fair from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 20 at the Main Library. The event is designed to showcase Ohio authors and to provide an audience for them, as well as to provide a one-stop holiday shopping experience for library visitors.

Authors who write for adults, teens and children will be on hand to sell and sign books, with a portion of the proceeds designated for the Library Endowment Fund. Both libraries have flyers that provide a complete list of authors and an overview of the afternoon. Call either library for details.

## Library Sponsors 8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest

The library invites youth in grades 3-8 to enter its 8th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest. This



year's contest seeks short contributions of poetry or prose celebrating freedom and Dr. King's dream. Entries should fit on bookmarks, which will be printed and distributed to the community.

Winners in each category, grades 3 & 4; grades 5 & 6; and grades 7 & 8 will also receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Contest rules and application forms are available in the Children and Teen Departments at both libraries beginning November 12. The contest ends December 12 and winners will be notified in January.

## Knit Nights

### *Return to Woods Branch*

Just in time for the holidays! Experienced knitter Fern Braverman will host Knit Nights from 7-8:45 p.m. Thursdays, November 3, 17 and December 1 at Woods Branch.

Bring a project and a friend to get or give help. Share ideas, patterns and techniques and enjoy warm cider and good cheer. No reservations needed. For more information, call 991-2421.

## Dispelling the Myths of the College Planning Process

Overwhelmed about the college selection process? Confused over the difference between "early decision" and "early action?" Vickie Weinland and Rosanna Sprague, educational consultants with College Planning Partners, LLC, will help parents explore the myths surrounding the college selection process at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 29 at Woods Branch.

Vickie Weinland holds a B.S. in Physical Education and Health from The Ohio State University and an M.S. in Education in Guidance and Counseling

from Indiana University. She also holds a College Counseling Certificate from UCLA. Her experience with teenagers includes teaching in Indiana and Arizona and serving as a volunteer advisor to Shaker Heights High School's award-winning Student Group on Race Relations (SGORR).

Rosanna Sprague received a B.A. in Sociology from John Carroll University and a M. Ed. In Counseling from Boston University. She was Director of Admission at a local private girls' school and also worked as a probation officer at Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court.

Both women are associate members of the Independent Educational Consultants Association and graduates of its Practices and Principles Institute at Johns Hopkins University.

The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling 991-2421.



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# Kids' Corner

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## BOOK BABIES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for one-year-olds with an adult. Winter Session: January 10-March 1, 2006

**Babies 12-18 months** (must be 12 months old by January 1) 9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at **Woods Branch** or 9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at **Main Library**.

**Babies 18-24 months** (must be 18 months by January 1) 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at **Woods Branch** or 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at **Main Library**.

In-person registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 10 for Shaker School District residents, and Tuesday, December 13 for non-residents. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

## TODDLER STORYTIME

Stories, songs, movement and rhymes for 2-year-olds (must be 2 years old by January) with an adult. Winter Session: January 9-March 2, 2006

10 a.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at **Woods Branch**; 10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays at **Main Library**

In-person registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, December 10 for Shaker School District residents, and Tuesday, December 13 for non-residents. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

## PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, songs, rhymes and fun for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds. Fall Session: through November 17. 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Mondays at **Main Library**; 1:30 p.m. Tuesday or 10 a.m. Thursdays at **Woods Branch**

No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements. Winter sessions will begin the week of January 9, 2006.

## PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children 3 years and up with or without an adult. 7:15 pm Mondays, November 21 and December 19. Registration begins 2 weeks before each program.

## FAMILY PROGRAM AT MAIN LIBRARY

*Let's Visit Nippon (Japan)!*

2 P.M. SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Jakki Dukes, a teacher who lived in the Land of the Rising Sun, will talk about Shichi-Go-San, the Japanese festival celebrating children's growth. Make a Japanese craft and sample a treat. For children in grades K & up. Registration begins October 23.

## SCHOOL-AGE SPECIALS AT MAIN LIBRARY

*Through Navajo Eyes*

For students in grades K-4

4:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Storyteller Mary Jane Buckshot will use drumming and singing to tell her stories about the Navajo culture. Registration begins November 2 at the Main Library Children's Desk.

## YOUR FIRST MOVE: CHESS FOR BEGINNERS

For students in grades 1-4

10-11 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Chess Instructor Marie Finnigan Nightingale will teach the fundamentals and strategies of chess. Find out how to move your rooks, knights, kings and queens, then practice what you have learned by

playing a few games. Bring a chess set if you have one. Registration begins November 19 at the Main Library Children's Desk.



## AFTERSCHOOL AUTHORS AT WOODS BRANCH

Creative writing activities for children in grades 2-5.

Winter Session: January 11-March 1, 2006. 4:15 p.m. Wednesdays  
Registration begins December 14.



## BOOK BUGS AT MAIN LIBRARY

Poetry stories, writing and fun for children in grades K-3. Winter Session: January 12-March 2, 2006  
4:15 p.m. Thursdays  
Registration begins December 15.

## MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14 — Create a Thanksgiving craft for your holiday table. WEEKS OF DECEMBER 19 & 26 — Visit the library and make a winter craft to go.

## FAMILY WINTER LIGHT CELEBRATION AT WOODS BRANCH

Celebrate seasonal holiday traditions with stories, crafts and treats. For children ages 3 & up. 7:15 Tuesday, December 13. Registration begins November 29.

## INTERGENERATIONAL BOOK DISCUSSION AT WOODS BRANCH

Librarian led discussion for parents, grandparents, caregivers and children in grades 4-6. Read *A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck and discuss it with others. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 15. Registration and book pick up began October 18.



## Quilt Historian Offers Slide Lecture at Main Library

Quilt historian Ricky Clark will present a slide lecture at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 6 at the Main Library. Clark has a particular interest in quilts as cultural documents and is the author of *Quilts of the Ohio Western Reserve*, published by Ohio University Press.



**Ricky Clark**

Clark is an Affiliate Scholar at Oberlin College; Associate Fellow at the International Quilt Study Center, University of Nebraska, Lincoln; and

Series Editor at the Ohio University Press. Her book, *Quilts in Community: Ohio's Traditions*, which she edited and co-authored, won awards from both the Ohioana Library Association and the Ohio Association of Historical Societies and Museums.

A past member of the board of directors of the American Quilt Study Group and a founding member of the Ohio Quilt Research Project, Clark has served on several Ohio Arts Council panels and is currently a member of the Ohio Folk Arts Network. She is the author of more than 30 articles on traditional and ethnic arts in Ohio.

Following her slide lecture, books will be available for sale and signing. There is no fee for the program; however, reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.



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## the Bookshelf

### Adolescent Behavior

Understanding the minds of teens has mystified parents, teachers, and caregivers for as long as there have been adolescents. The following booklist, which includes case studies exploring the anthropology of adolescence and practical guides for

parents and others coping with behavioral issues, is a small sampling of the materials available at the library.

*Boys into Men: Raising Our African American Teenage Sons* by Nancy Boyd-Franklin and A. J. Franklin. Dutton, 2000.

A team of therapists provides advice for countering issues confronting families raising teenage African-American boys, including racism, violence, sex, and media influences.

*Character Matters: How to Help Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Values* by Thomas Lickona. Simon & Schuster, 2004.

A pioneer of the character education movement provides tips and strategies for character development, including exercises for parents and teachers.

*A Cry for Character: How a Group of Students Cleaned Up Their Rowdy High School and Spawned a Wildfire Antidote to the Columbine Effect* by Dary Matera. Prentice Hall, 2001.

Advocating for including character education in their high school curriculum, a group of Illinois students reclaim their school from vandalism and apathy.

*Get Out of My Life, but First Could You Drive Me & Cheryl to the Mall: A Parent's Guide to the New Teenager, Revised and Updated* by Anthony E. Wolf. Farrar Straus and Giroux, 2002.

A 30-year veteran of clinical practice in child psychology offers insight and advice on a variety of issues parents of teenagers face, including physical changes, peer pressure, conflict, and sex.

*Girl Wars: 12 Strategies that Will End Female Bullying* by Cheryl Dellasega and Charisse Nixon. Fireside, 2003.

Two experts provide practical advice on preventing, identifying, and mediating aggressive and bullying behaviors in girls.

*The Good Son: Shaping the Moral Development of Our Boys and Young Men* by Michael Gurian. Jeremy P. Tarcher, 1999.

A teacher, therapist, and expert on the psychology of boys offers advice on character and emotional development for those concerned with raising ethical sons.

*Not Much Just Chillin': The Hidden Lives of Middle Schoolers* by Linda Perlstein. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2003.

An education reporter follows a group of suburban middle schoolers for a year, chronicling their reactions to their changing minds, bodies, and identities.

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*Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends & Other Realities of Adolescence* by **Rosalind Wiseman**. Crown Publishers, 2003.

The vagaries of girls' friendships are explored and explained in this study of the formation and effect of cliques on girls' social lives.



*The Skin We're In: Teaching Our Teens To Be Emotionally Strong, Socially Smart, and Spiritually Connected* by **Janie Victoria Ward**. Free Press, 2000.

Educator and psychologist Ward offers parents a four-step model for countering negative societal influences and providing for the spiritual, moral, and emotional development of African-American teenagers.

*Talking to Tweens: Getting It Right Before It Gets Rocky with Your 8- to 12-Year-Old* by **Elizabeth Hartley-Brewer**. Da Capo Press, 2005.

An expert provides advice to parents of pre-adolescents on topics including health, consumerism, character, sex, friendship and school.

*The Ten Most Troublesome Teen-age Problems And How to Solve Them* by **Lawrence Bauman**. Carol Publishing Group, 1997

A psychotherapist at South Beach Psychiatric Center in Staten Island explores a range of issues faced by parents of rebellious teenagers, including anger, lying, drugs, and responsibility.

*Ten Talks Parents Must Have with their Children about Violence* by **Dominic Cappello**. Hyperion, 2000.

An expert on school violence and harassment prevention provides step-by-step conversation starters on a variety of topics ranging from bullying and peer pressure, to violence in the media, to safety at school and in the neighborhood.

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*Why Do They Act That Way?: A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen* by David Walsh. Free Press, 2005.

Explaining how brain development accounts for many teenage behavioral problems, this guide provides advice and exercises for parents.

*Wonderland: A Year in the Life of an American High School* by Michael Bamberger. Atlantic Monthly Press, 2004.

Planning for the prom provides the backdrop for exploring the inner lives of several high school students, including a couple with a young baby, a would-be Eagle Scout with cerebral palsy, and the star quarterback.

## Computer Classes in November and December

### INTERNET CLASS

10-11:30 A.M. TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1

10 A.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Discover how to find and use a wide variety of online resources using Internet Explorer. Participants will learn how to "surf" the web to find sites of interest. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to click, drag, and highlight.

### INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Put some power in your presentations. Learn how to create a slide show with text and graphics, how to edit slides and how to add sound and animation. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to click, drag, and highlight.

### WEB EMAIL

10 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10 A.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

Learn how to set-up free e-mail accounts and how to use email.

### WORKING WITH WINDOWS

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

10 A.M. TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15

3 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

10 A.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Learn how Windows works! This class is designed for those who can navigate the 'Net and work with programs, but aren't

comfortable using multiple windows. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to click, drag, and highlight.

### MOUSE CLASS

2 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

2 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

The class is limited to four persons so individual attention can be given. The one-hour session is designed simply to help the beginning mouse-user become comfortable with this important tool.

### GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Learn how to create effective PowerPoint presentations using pictures and animation – two powerful tools in the program. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

### HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

3 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

3 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

This 90-minute class will explore HTML, the language used to construct many of the web pages found on the Internet. Participants must be familiar with using a mouse and have basic keyboarding skills.

### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10 A.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10 A.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Learn how to format documents using Microsoft Word software. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse.

### USING OFFICE PROGRAMS TOGETHER

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Office is a suite of programs designed to work as a whole. See some of the ways elements of one program can be used within another in this hands-on class. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

### INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Learn how to work with Microsoft's popular database program to build databases, enter information into a data table and generate simple queries and reports from the database.

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL

10 A.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

This 2-hour session will cover the basics of spreadsheet design and construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas. Participants must be comfortable using the mouse to click, drag, and highlight.

### CHARTS AND TABLES IN EXCEL

10 A.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Explore the ways Excel can display data as charts and graphs and learn the basic ways data can be charted. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

### CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

### CREATING AND USING QUERIES IN ACCESS

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Queries are questions asked of databases. The results of a query can be exciting or trivial. Learn how to ask the questions correctly in this class. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

### CREATING AND USING REPORTS IN ACCESS

3 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

6:30 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

There are several styles of reports available in Access. In addition to reviewing them, the class will learn to manipulate the design of the report, show summaries of data, and more. Please register by calling Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156.

Registration for these classes begins on the Monday of the week before the class.

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## Teen scene

**7:30-8:15 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

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### Writing Ways for Teens at Woods Branch

4-5:30 p.m. Thursdays

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Susan Rzepka, Ph.D. leads a 6-week creative writing group for teens ages 12-16. Six supportive, stimulating and nonjudgmental workshops will inspire new confidence in developing a distinctive writing voice. The only requirement is a desire to write. The series is limited to 12 teens.

In-person or telephone registration for the series begins December 12 at Woods Branch.

### Main Library Teen Center Is Closed

Wednesday, November 23 for Thanksgiving and December 19-31 for Winter Break.

### Shakespeare On Sunday

"Speak of me as I am . . . one that loved not wisely but too well."

Read *Othello* by William Shakespeare edited and rendered into modern English by Gayle Holste, then watch the movie directed by Oliver Parker at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, December 4 at the Main Library. Audiovisual librarian Kristen Drake will moderate the discussion of the book and the movie.

### Financial Literacy Focuses on Budgets

Teresa Dixon Murray, personal finance writer for *The Plain Dealer*, will speak about The Importance of Budgets and Budgeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 16 at the Main Library.

Murray has covered business issues for 16 years for magazines and newspapers in North Carolina, Virginia and Ohio, and has helped hundreds of readers resolve financial issues with banks, stockbrokers, mortgage lenders and credit card compa-

nies. Northeast Ohio readers rely on her columns to navigate their own finances. Murray's expertise includes investments, home and auto loans, credit scores, insurance and financial privacy.

The program is free; however reservations are requested by calling 991-2030.

### Book Discussions at Main Library

**10 A.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

*The Sound of Us*\*\* by Sarah Willis

A 6-year-old child trapped in the welfare system in Cleveland and a sign-language interpreter for the deaf teach each other the language of love.

\*\* This book discussion features a visit from the author.

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

*The Killing of the Tinkers* by Ken Bruen

Private investigator Jack Taylor, formerly of the Irish police, struggles to control his alcohol-induced demons, while trying to discover who is killing Irish gypsies.

**2 P.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

*Some People, Some Other Place*

by J. California Cooper

This multigenerational saga traces the lives and struggles of the people who live on Dream Street in a town called Place.

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

*Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides

The imaginative novel of one family's encounter with 20th century America is the story of Calliope Stephanides, who discovers at age 14 that she is really a he.

**2 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**

*Life of Pi* by Yann Martel

Pi Patel finds himself adrift in the Pacific Ocean following a terrible shipwreck.

**10 A.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

*The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien

This compelling collection of stories provides a look at the men who fought in Vietnam.

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13**

*Die A Little* by Megan Abbott

In 1954 southern California, school teacher Lora King attempts to save her



brother Bill, an investigator in the DA's office, from the femme fatale he recently married.

**7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20**

*Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha* by Roddy Doyle

Set in Dublin in the late 1960s, a 10-year-old boy, drawn to pranks and boyish devilry, grows soberly aware of his parents' failing marriage and his father's descent into alcoholism.

**Family Features**

*Headline Fall Films*

Through the generosity of the Friends of the Library, which underwrites the public performance rights, the library will show a selection of newly released films this fall.

**6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3,** watch Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell in *Bewitched*, an update of the popular TV series. (Rated PG-13)

**1 P.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12,** families can watch Johnny Depp starring in the movie adaptation of Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* directed by Tim Burton. (Rated PG)

**6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17,** watch the computer-animated comedy *Madagascar*, starring the voices of Ben Stiller, Chris Rock, Jada Pinkett-Smith and David Schwimmer. (Rated PG)

**6:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1,** Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning star in *War of the Worlds*, the contemporary retelling of HG Wells' classic sci-fi adventure. (Rated PG-13)

**Friends of the Library**

**Funds Fall Poetry Not in the Woods Series**

Friends of the Library will fund the library's fall poetry series held at the Main Library. Organized by environmental activist and poet Barry Zucker, the poetry series is one of the longest running performance poetry programs in Northeast Ohio.

**7 P.M. WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30,** featured poets who will read include Katie Daley and George Bilgere. Daley is an Ohio Arts Council Fellowship recipient who has performed in theatres, junkyards, bistros and on radio and TV. George Bilgere is a professor at John Carroll University. He won the 2003 Cleveland Arts Prize for Literature and has been nominated twice for a Pushcart Prize.

**7 P.M. MONDAY, DECEMBER 12,** Nin Andrews, Neil Carpathios and Kelly Harris will perform their poetry. Andrews is the editor of *Someone Wants to Steal My Name* published by Cleveland State University Press. Her poems and stories have appeared in many literary journals and anthologies. Neil Carpathios teaches high school English in Massillon, Ohio and has taught creative writing and literature at the University of Akron, the College of Wooster and Walsh University. Kelly Harris is one of Cleveland's fresh, young voices and her poems have been published in anthologies and on RTA busses.

All programs are held in Community Room B at the Main Library and begin at 7 p.m.

**Friends Organization Grants Library \$25,000**

In their 25th anniversary year, Friends of the Shaker Library will give the Library \$25,000 for programming and equipment needs. True friends of the library, the organization has a proud history of support for the library.

Friends provided the start-up funds for the Library's Endowment Fund; purchased a van for the library to transport materials between buildings; and every year, they provide funding for the popular Summer Reading programs with reading incentives for children.

Friends President Nikki Evans noted, "The library offers something for everyone and we are proud to be able to provide money for 'the extras' for our wonderful community library."

Evans reported that in addition to providing program support, and movie

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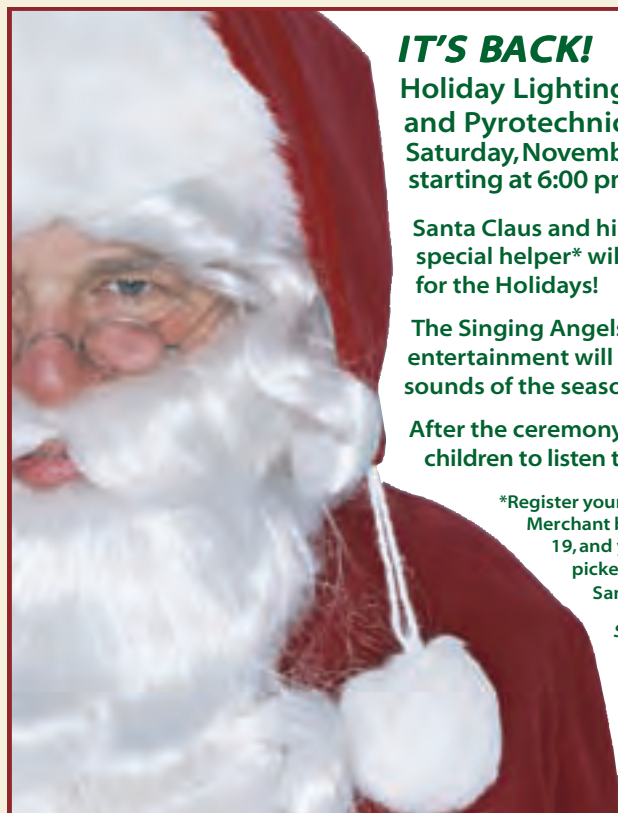
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licensing fees, part of the \$25,000 gift will be used for the construction of a display cabinet at the Main Library for Friends merchandise and the Never-ending Book Sale.

Friends raises funds through the sale of merchandise, semi-annual used book sales and membership. Residents who would like to join Friends of the Library can pick up remittance envelopes at either library.

### **Holiday Hours**

Both libraries will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 23 and be closed all day Thursday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Both libraries will be closed Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25, Monday, December 26, Sunday January 1, 2006 and Monday, January 2, 2006 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

The Library wishes readers a Happy New Year and many happy returns!

### **End Notes**

- Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) continues to offer free, one-to-one business counseling from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Main Library. While the appointments are free, reservations are required by calling the Main Library Information Desk, 991-2030 ext 3180.

- Rick Santich of MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio will present a workshop on How to Take the Best Holiday Pictures – both Film and Digital at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 22 at the Main Library.

- The exhibit now on display on the Main Library Art Wall is entitled “Scene It” and features the gouache paintings of Penni Rubin.

- Main Library Community Rooms E and F and the Bertram Woods Branch Community Room will not be available for community use on Monday, November 7 and Tuesday, November 8 as they are polling places. Main Library

community rooms E and F are used as the voting site for precincts S, HH and KK. Bertram Woods Branch community room is the voting site for precincts B and V.

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library 2-7 p.m. Monday, December 12.

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, November 14 at Woods Branch and December 12 in the Main Library Boardroom.

- Friends of the Shaker Library meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, November 15 and December 20 at the Main Library.

- During Hurricane Katrina Relief Week – September 18-24 – the library collected \$4,105 in overdue fines, which was donated to the Louisiana Library Disaster Relief Fund.



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## LESSONS

BY MEAGAN STEINER  
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Coach Mike Bartley has molded Shaker High's hockey program into one of the most successful high school hockey programs in Ohio. As he enters his 30th season with the Raiders, the program's impact can be felt throughout the entire community.

From 1971 until his retirement in 1993, Jerry Graham was the faculty manager of Shaker Heights High School's celebrated hockey team. He says the scene in the team's locker room between periods has been the same every game since head coach Mike Bartley's arrival 30 years ago — a study in contrasts: While the passionate shouts of the opposing coach next door

rattle the walls, Shaker's locker room is like an attentive classroom. You'd never know it's a mid-game war council of one of the top teams in the state as Bartley explains the game plan and addresses players' concerns in his trademark unruffled, instructive manner.

This stark departure from the typical hockey coaching style isn't the only thing that sets Shaker apart from the competition. Mike Bartley has built his highly respected team from the ground up, through his coaching in the Shaker Youth Hockey Association (SYHA). Bartley relishes teaching five-year-old Mighty Mites the finer points of skating knowing that many of them will one day play on his Shaker High varsity team. The youth hockey program and the high school program feed off each other's successes.

Coaching, for Bartley, is teaching. After three decades teaching in Shaker schools, he views hockey not merely as a game, but as an opportunity to educate and improve students, and teach

**Bartley was the first** high school hockey coach in Ohio to amass 500 career wins, when the Raiders beat University School last season.





**"When you step on the ice** in the Raider uniform, you feel like you're playing for the team, for Bartley, and the city."  
 – David Goldsmith, Raider senior

skills, strategy, and sportsmanship. If the hockey season is less than successful but an athlete improves his behavior or his grades, then Bartley is satisfied.

Bartley teaches these lessons on the ice in the same soft-spoken, self-confident manner he uses in the classroom. His athletes are rewarded with ice time and punished with bench time rather than with critical tirades. Andrew McFarlane, the team captain last year, says, "We see coaches on the opposing teams who just scream at their players, and I think they might have a little more talent on their teams than ours. But coach Bartley can reach each player on our team with his coaching style, and we can compete with everyone else."

Bartley explains that yelling is not necessary when a coach shares respect and understanding with his team. The

unfair play and violence common in the sport are often fomented by coaches, to Bartley's dismay.

"It hurts the game. It makes it barbaric," he says. "People might be surprised that I might hold these opinions, but then there are those who know I don't like the violent side of the game. I know that hockey can be played in a disciplined way, in a way that makes people proud."

## A No-brainer

Bartley began skating at age three when his father built a rink in their backyard in Sarnia, Ontario. He entered youth hockey at seven and played the game through high school, winning the Ontario Championship his first year of junior hockey. He realized his goal of playing college hockey through a scholarship to Bowling Green State University, where he played center for four years.

He was drafted by the Cleveland Crusaders of the World Hockey Association during his junior year in 1973. The Crusaders were followed around by a young reporter, Mark Ferfolia, who was awed by Bartley's skills as a player. When Ferfolia became head coach of the Trinity High School hockey program a few years later – where he remains today – he wondered how to compete against Bartley as a hockey teacher.

"It's really just a pleasure to coach against him, because when you play his team you know it's going to be a good game of hockey, not a bloodbath."

During spring break of his senior year, 1974, Bartley finished the season with the Jacksonville Barons of the American Hockey League. That summer he attended camp with the Cleveland Crusaders, then played the 1974-75 season with the Toledo Goaldiggers of the International Hockey League and the Maine Nordiques

of the North American Hockey League.

But he became disenchanted by the violence and obsession with winning. Moreover, he had married, and living on a bus was not the family-friendly lifestyle he wanted. So he turned to a career in coaching and education.

With a graduate degree in health and physical education from Bowling Green, Bartley applied for a job that opened at SHHS: a head hockey coach who also could teach health education.

Bowling Green Athletic Director Samuel Cooper described Bartley as "pure gold" in his recommendation letter – a letter he says was more complimentary than any he has ever written. Cooper's letter also correctly predicted that, "In due time, the kids will be devoted to him but he will not be the 'buddy-buddy' type. They will hold him in respect and affection, however."

Jerry Graham says hiring Bartley was "a no-brainer."

The Shaker High hockey team had been formed only five years before, in 1971, and the players were undisciplined. Graham remembers that when Bartley blew his whistle at his first practice, the players stopped haphazardly shooting pucks and meandered over to their new coach. Bartley commanded them to get down on one knee for his talk.

Graham thought, "Ohmygod, we're gonna have a rebellion on the first day."

Fortunately, everyone on the team gradually descended to one knee.

Bartley nevertheless was disappointed. He actually planned to leave Shaker after that first season because of the team's lack of discipline. Doug Grossman-McKee, the father of five Shaker hockey players, was a goalie on that team, and today says that the new coach in fact had a calming effect on his wilder teammates, even if Bartley might not have been aware of it.

"As a psychologist," Grossman-McKee says today, "I can certainly appreciate that Bartley's style builds confidence and character in the boys."

Eventually, Bartley built a team that met his standards. Bench-clearing brawls, once commonplace at Thornton Park, the team's home, became things of the past. A Shaker player has not been suspended for a malicious act for more than 20 years. Athletes joining the team



— most of whom played youth hockey for him — know that Bartley won't tolerate unruly behavior.

The Bartley Style has been firmly imbedded in the program, philosophically and otherwise. His son, Matt, an '01 Shaker grad, is one of Bartley's assistant coaches. A physical education major at Kent State University, Matt has observed his father's classroom style and has noted the similarities between his coaching and teaching methods.

Joe Simon, the head hockey coach at Heights High School in Cleveland Heights, is also a Bartley protégé — a '99 alumnus and former hockey team captain. As a coach and former player, Simon makes an astute observation about Bartley that others miss: He encourages creativity and suggestions from his players. In other words, he helps the boys find their own identity as a team.

"He prides himself on being a laid-back Canadian, and I think we can all learn a lesson from him," says Simon. "The lesson is that hockey is a game that can be enjoyed. I don't think we do that enough."

## Hockey Ascendant

When Shaker entered the Greater Cleveland High School Hockey League in 1971, the league had only 13 teams. Public schools such as Cleveland Heights, Bay Village, and Lakewood tended to excel. Jerry Graham says this changed over the year partly because private schools can draw athletes from all over the region. He is of the opinion that if all Shaker athletes remained in the Shaker school system, the Raiders would be "awfully hard to beat."

The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) officially recognized hockey as a varsity sport in the 1973-74 season, and held the first sanctioned state tournament in 1976, the same year Bartley arrived in Shaker Heights.

Soon Shaker hockey rivaled basketball as the high school's most popular winter sport. Shaker hockey's popularity was infectious; during the 1978-79 season, at least three local television news broadcasts included action of Shaker games, according to the February 14, 1979 *Shakerite*, the school newspaper.

## It's a Girl Thing

Girls ice hockey is a fast-growing sport with great potential to expand. Though the Shaker Youth Hockey Association is open to girls, only a handful choose to join. The new City-sponsored Sugar and Spice Girls Hockey League, which held its second season in 2005, is an increasingly popular alternative and runs from March to May for 5- to 15-year-olds. (SYHA is not involved in the program.) Parents and athletes interested in joining can contact Hockey Coordinator Caleb Wyse at 491-2581.

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**Pass the Bengay:** Shaker High hockey alums praise coach Bartley and share memories. From left, David Grossman-McKee, Ken Butze, Shannon Blackwell, Andrew Weiss.

## The Ongoing Influence of Mike Bartley and Shaker Hockey

The Shaker high school hockey program, personified by Mike Bartley and his values as a teacher, continues to inspire many of its alumni in their adult lives.

Ken Butze, an '84 grad, says the integrity he learned from Bartley comes in handy as the owner of the aptly-named investment advisory and financial planning business, Integrity First Planners, a Shaker-based business. As a former Shaker Youth Hockey Association and Raider softball coach, Butze also taught the lessons in integrity he gained from Bartley.

"Nobody would ever question Bartley's integrity or his morals," Butze says. "That's the way I try to run my business – it has been carried over from Shaker hockey."

1978 alumnus Doug Grossman-McKee, a psychologist for Progressive Insurance who also has a private practice, says Bartley inspires athletes to stay active in youth hockey, regardless of skill level. Grossman-McKee himself has served as an SYHA coach, board member, and vice president.

The SYHA's current vice president, Shannon Blackwell, was the high school's team captain as a senior in 1987 and is now an SYHA coach – and president and chief operating officer of Zeisler Morgan Properties Ltd. Blackwell says he appreciates the sense of sportsmanship and pride of accomplishment he gained from Bartley and Shaker hockey.

Andrew Weiss skated for Shaker in 1973 and '74. He now owns the furniture chain Rooms Today Outlet. Though he played at Shaker before Bartley arrived in 1976, he played a large role in the SYHA as a coach for 15 years, board member, treasurer, and general "hockey guy."

Weiss also organized summer Tuesday and Thursday night games with current and former Raiders. Weiss says he takes pride in teaching life lessons, such as discipline, confidence, and leadership to youth hockey players and then seeing them thrive on the high school team.

Ben Simon's years in Shaker hockey under Bartley led to a career as a professional, playing for the Orlando Solar Bears, Atlanta Thrashers, Chicago Wolves, and, this season, for the Columbus Blue Jackets of the National Hockey League.

Simon says he admires Bartley's selfishness in encouraging him to leave the Raiders and join the Cleveland Junior Barons as a high school senior in 1994. He says giving his former coach tickets to see him play in the NHL – and a signed stick – have been some of his best perks.

"Just for him to be a part of it and come to a game and see that he had an influence on a young man who was able to get to the pros...it was pretty special for me, and I hope it was special for him too."

– Meagan Steiner

Duane Warns, an assistant OHSAA commissioner responsible for ice hockey rules and regulations, says Shaker and Bowling Green High School are the most victorious public school teams in Ohio. (Bartley adds an asterisk, observing that Bowling Green is isolated from other schools and has no competition for athletes.)

While Warns attributes the Raiders' success primarily to Bartley's coaching, Bartley modestly credits the Shaker Youth Hockey Association, which keeps hockey kids dreaming of donning a Raiders red jersey rather than departing for private schools. Bartley knows of a couple of families who moved to the community in the last few years just so that the kids could play Shaker hockey. Shaker alumnus Dan Koletsky ('03), who tends goal for Penn State, says, "These kids grow up idolizing the high school players. This helps them recognize their own position as role models when they reach the high school."

Hockey is most successful in communities with well-established rinks. Thornton Park offers a significant advantage to the Raiders; not only has the team been playing there since the early 1970s, the athletes have been skating there since kindergarten, hitting the ice together for more than a dozen years, sharing learning experiences and team loyalties.

The vast majority of Bartley's high school athletes start out in the youth hockey program. He personally works with the youngest of these, the five-year-old Mighty Mites. The enrollment of more than 200 kids in the SYHA lures yet more families to the rink for the Raiders' games.

It would be hard to overstate the prominence of high school hockey in Shaker as a spectator sport and social activity. Friday night games provide entertainment for the whole community, from SYHA families to returning alumni. A huge contingent of fans, including students, their faces painted Raider red, cheer the team at every state tournament.

The team is fully aware that they represent both the school and the community.



“When you step on the ice in the Raider uniform, you feel like you’re playing for the team, for Bartley, for the city,” says David Goldsmith, a senior.

Bartley agrees that putting a winning team on the ice has been good for the City. Shaker hockey’s exciting tradition of winning through fair play and team discipline – Mike Bartley’s legacy – has instilled a sense of pride for the program in the bones of the community. Even Shaker residents who have no ties to hockey frequently slap Bartley on the back for a job well done when they meet him.

## Still Passionate

Bartley became the first Ohio high school hockey coach to amass 500 career wins last season with the Raiders’ 2-1 victory over University School on January 29 – the game that clinched the Red North Division title for the team. St. Edward High School’s hockey coach, Bob Whidden, hit the 500 mark later in the season.

Though Bartley knew he was approaching the milestone, he was so focused on preparing his team for the post-season that he wasn’t aware he had reached the mark until informed by a reporter. His players, however, knew of Bartley’s achievement – and of his need for a new team video camera. They offered him individual congratulations, and a replacement camera.

Bartley’s response to the team – “I hope this camera will be able to capture some special moments” – was realized as the Raiders defeated Toledo’s St. Francis DeSales High School 6-2 in the state semifinal on March 5.

St. Edward High School won the state final 2-0 the next day in a fast-paced and competitive game that both coaches say showcased the high quality of Ohio high school hockey. Bartley left the tournament pleased that his team had made it to the state championship for the seventh time, and he helped the athletes view the loss in a similar perspective.

“Obviously the players were upset. They got some tears,” he says. “To invest so much time in the season, to get so close to winning a state championship...



**Jerry Graham**, faculty manager of the hockey team when Bartley arrived in 1976, recalled Bartley’s first team meeting: “I thought there was going to be a rebellion.”

it’s an emotional event, but I think the team handled it well.”

There was no shame in losing to St. Ed. Before retiring this year, Bob Whidden guided his team to 16 state semifinals and a record 10 state championships during a remarkable 21-year career.

In addition to their outstanding records, Whidden and Bartley are often compared (and contrasted) because of their distinctly dissimilar coaching styles. Whidden is loud and intimidating. While

his methods work for him, he respects Bartley’s approach. He attributes the Raiders’ success to the strength of the Shaker Youth Hockey Association, the loyalty of players and coaches to the youth program, and Bartley’s ability to maximize the talent available to him.

“All the boys come up in Shaker youth hockey with a goal to play at Shaker Heights High School. I don’t think it’s any secret for the boys what they can expect from Mr. Bartley as a coach,”

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# perfect holiday *f*easts

## shaker-style

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO



Somewhere between the Martha Stewarts and the Sharon Osbournes of the world are those who truly mean to prepare a holiday feast that in its abundance and beauty communicates joy and love and all things wonderful to the friends and family gathered 'round the table.

But then the mashed potatoes turn to paste and the water-logged greens grow cold waiting on the uncooperative bird or beast. And once again, the meal loses out to football as the highlight of the holiday.

But this year can be different. Whether you're a frustrated flop in the kitchen, a marvelous cook looking to accessorize, or an ambitious entertainer who's invited three times more guests than your kitchen can handle, you need look no further than Shaker for the solution.

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**Sue Sherwin** (upper right) of Fairmount Circle Gourmet makes Amish free-range turkey the star of her Thanksgiving dinner.



## Thanksgiving Dinner Made Easy, Thanks to Fairmount Circle Gourmet & Catering

It's been five years since she opened her gourmet shop in the Fairmount Circle Shopping Center, but Malvern resident Sue Sherwin is still surprised "by how many people don't cook anymore." Not that she's complaining, as she specializes in serving those who love good food but don't have the time or talent to make it themselves.

Fairmount Circle Gourmet & Catering provides beautifully prepared foods "for family consumption, home entertaining, and catered events" with help from award-winning chef Ned Greig and Director of Sales and Marketing John Saile, founder of Heck's Café, the popular Ohio City restaurant that Sherwin was managing by the time she turned 21.

Enticing foods-to-go beckon from crystal-clear cases, refrigerators, and freezers, while a massive chalk board spells out the array of sandwiches and soups of the day. Customers can also pick up imported cheeses, boutique wines, gift baskets, and the shop's own private-label salad dressings, croutons, meat and fish sauces, chutneys, and even potato chips.

Sherwin has always offered delivery, and now, in response to customer demand, full-service catering is also available for

dinner parties and other special events with 200 or fewer guests.

Holiday business has always been brisk, she reports, "because our customers want to enjoy their company." She finds "traditional fare" sells best at the holidays. "Generally speaking, this is not the time of year when people experiment with new recipes. They want the things they grew up with, like cranberry sauce and stuffing. What we offer are all their favorites, but with a fresh twist."

One of the season's biggest sellers is turkey gravy. "Making good gravy is a challenge for even the most seasoned chef," explains Sherwin, who sold 35 quarts of gravy last Thanksgiving. Customers also bought 23 quarts of butternut squash soup, 74 pounds of herbed stuffing, 39 dozen mini popovers, and 42 pies.

Last year was also the first time whole seasoned turkeys were offered in addition to turkey breasts, and both are back again by popular demand. The complete Thanksgiving Menu 2005 is available at the store or online.

Sherwin has fond memories of her childhood Thanksgiving dinners in the Flynn family home in Lakewood. "I was one of eleven children, so we always

celebrated Thanksgiving at home. Who's going to invite a family of 13 to dinner? Needless to say, every one of us had a chore, even if it meant watching the little ones so that my mom could get dinner on the table. We had a very traditional meal and my mom's stuffing was the best."

Nowadays, it's often just her immediate family that gathers around the Thanksgiving dinner table with Sherwin - husband George and adult children Kelly and Jim. But the Thursday quiet doesn't last long. Fairmount Circle Gourmet reopens first thing Friday morning.

All Thanksgiving dinner orders must be placed by 4 p.m. Monday, November 21 and picked up on Wednesday, the 23rd. Fairmount Circle Gourmet is closed Thanksgiving Day.  
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Cranberry Orange Relish

### **Breads**

Mini popovers  
Cornbread Madeleines  
Baguette

### **Desserts**

Traditional Pumpkin pie  
Apple Streusel Pie  
Flourless Chocolate Torte  
Caramel Apple Cake  
Sticky Toffee Pudding  
Gelato and Sorbets





## Holiday Wines, the Heinen's Way

BY ED THOMPKINS, *as told to Nancy O'Connor*

### For Your Thanksgiving Feast

Because there are so many flavors at the Thanksgiving table to consider – it's not just all about the turkey – you need a wine that is versatile enough to match well with everything. That means the wine needs to have a strong, but not dominant personality.

What fits the bill for me is the red wine that everybody is just beginning to discover, Pinot Noir. Pinot Noir is full of flavor, but has a smooth, easy-going personality. It complements food rather than overwhelming it. I found two excellent examples on a trip to the West Coast earlier this year:

Carneros Creek – Grail Pinot Noir is one of the best California Pinot Noirs that I've ever tasted. It's big, complex, and utterly delicious. Worth every penny at \$39.99.

Cloudline Pinot Noir is from Oregon and really shows why Oregon is becoming a major player in the Pinot Noir arena. It's round and silky, with great balance. Another great value at \$17.99.

After Thanksgiving dinner, a sweet, dessert-style wine is the perfect choice to serve with sweet treats. A local favorite is the Ferrante Vidal Blanc Ice Wine, made in Geneva. It's not just a great Ohio wine, but a great wine that happens to be made in Ohio. Price: \$26.99.

### For Your New Year's Eve Celebration

You don't have to wait until 11:59 pm to enjoy the bubbles. Fact is, sparklers are some of the best wines to serve with food because they cleanse the palate while highlighting the food's flavors.

A couple of great domestic sparklers are the Argyle Brut from Oregon that

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## A Tasteful New Year's Eve, J. Pistone Style

"On the conservative side of adventuresome" – that's how John Pistone describes the culinary tastes of his prepared-foods and catering customers at J. Pistone Market and Gathering Place, the combination gourmet market, eat-in café, and catering company on Warrensville Center Road that he opened with his sister Joan five years ago.

"Especially at the holidays, we don't get many requests for wild Amazon fish," he jokes. "Instead, customers want the things they know and like – tenderloin, salmon, chicken." All that and much more, prepared in dozens of tantalizing ways, are offered on his nine-page Catering Menu. "People have traditions they like to maintain, so we create whatever they want. Some customers will even bring in and have us prepare their family recipes."

While his own family leans toward prime rib or pork loin for the New Year's Eve dinner, Pistone avoids dictating specific holiday menus for his customers. "We approach it a little differently than most caterers. We let the customer guide

the process. We've found it works better to find out what they like to serve, then we can make recommendations."

The J. Pistone team, which includes Catering Director William Sherman and a half-dozen kitchen chefs and pastry chefs, can prepare an entire meal or just pieces and parts.

"Our customers 'fill in' a lot," Pistone says. "Often we provide components for the meal, not the whole meal. Just the entrée, or everything but the entrée. Other caterers have missed this market. They want the event, the big wedding. But the wedding only happens in the summer and on Saturdays. It's the incremental business that sets us apart."

If your New Year's Eve guest list totals six or less, it's possible to drop in and carry out everything you need right from the J. Pistone case, from appetizers and entrees to sensational side dishes and specialty desserts. For larger groups, you'll enjoy more options and more favorable pricing by ordering from the catering menu.

J. Pistone is not the first food service

venture for John and his sister Joan. In 1985, they bought out their father's partners in the Lincoln Inn restaurant at Public Square and the trio ran it as a family business until 1999. These days, the elder John and Julie Pistone can be found making sandwiches behind the counter and helping behind the scenes. Another of the Pistone siblings, a sister, Julie, also has ties to the business – the attorney-turned-farmer provides the "Farm Country Gardens" eggs sold in the dairy case.

All New Year's Eve orders should be placed two to three weeks in advance and picked up December 30. J. Pistone is closed New Year's Day.

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The **J. Pistone crew** and some of their popular desserts (below, left) including petites fours, fruit tartlets, cheesecake, carrot cake, and chocolate torte. *Mmm.* Special holiday desserts are listed below.

## **J. Pistone New Year's Eve Feast**

### **Hors d'oeuvres and Starters**

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Baked Boneless Canadian  
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### **Vegetables and Sides**

Chive Corn Pudding  
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Sweet Potato-Pear Puree  
Roasted Fingerling Potatoes  
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Thyme  
Saffron Basmati Rice with  
Apricots and Almonds

### **Dessert**

Boule de Neige  
Pear and Sour Cherry Galette  
Panna Cotta with Raspberry-  
Vin Santo Sauce  
Hazelnut Terrine





# Shaker Alum is a Big Cheese at Food Network



BY NANCY O'CONNOR

## What did you do after graduating from Shaker High?

*I went to Princeton, where I majored in Public and International Affairs. In 1980, I moved to New York City to take a summer program in Film Production at New York University, and I've lived here ever since.*

## How did you manage to cross paths with the supreme Ms. Ross?

*In the early 1980s, after being fired as a production assistant — the lowest of the low jobs — on commercials, I landed a job on a small development team Diana Ross was putting together to produce a feature film on the life of Josephine Baker. Because I spoke fairly fluent French — thanks to starting my study of it in the fourth grade at Lomond — I was hired as a researcher. A year later, Diana asked me to be her personal assistant, which was a blast. Despite all the legends about her diva-ish personality, she was always warm, fun, and generous to me. Unfortunately, she never did make the Baker film.*

## How did you land at Food Network?

*In 1987, I was offered a job at Good Morning America as a researcher. I loved morning television — the mix of entertainment and information — and worked my way up to producer. I produced, wrote, and directed taped stories from around the world. To this day I can't believe they paid me while I got to tootle around for a month covering the Tour de France. After six years at ABC-TV, I left to work freelance as a producer, and produced documentaries for American Movie Classics, HBO, and pilots for ABC News. Then, in 1998, I was hired to executive produce a show for Food Network. I've always loved food and cooking, and it felt like a natural place for me. After a year, I was promoted to vice president, programming and production, and about two years ago I added senior to the title.*

## What exactly does a “SVP, Programming and Production” do?

*I'm ultimately responsible for overseeing all daytime programming on Food Network. It's my job to create program concepts, find talent and producers, and then develop the editorial, budget, and style of the program as it comes into life. Along with a staff of programming executives, I then oversee the editorial, scripting, shooting, and editing of every episode. I'm also responsible for making sure the programs are scheduled and marketed to their fullest effect. I have, without a doubt, the best job in television.*

## Did your parents see this television production thing coming?

*They used to joke that when I was little they'd find me sitting two feet away from the TV for hours at a time, my eyes glued to every image. I knew the lyrics to every TV jingle, the name of every cast member, and could quote lines from every show I'd ever watched. I also loved to act, write, and direct, so becoming a TV producer seemed natural. I always knew I'd end up in television.*

## What do you tell your Big Apple friends about Shaker?

*I'm sure I'm biased but I think Shaker was an absolutely perfect place to grow up: culturally diverse, a terrific public school system, and a proud sense of community. I'm still close friends with many of my Shaker classmates and they remain some of my favorite people on the planet — bright, funny, and warm. I've lived in New York 25 years, but Shaker Heights will always be home.*

Food Network's website at [www.foodnetwork.com](http://www.foodnetwork.com) offers the TV schedule, cooking videos, recipes by the hundreds, and much more. Click on “Party Ideas,” then “Holidays,” “Thanksgiving,” and “Leftovers Central” for innovative ways to prepare leftover Thanksgiving turkey.

If your mealtime mentors include Emeril, Rachel Ray, and Michael Chiarello, you may want to say thanks to Bob Tuschman the next time he's in town.

The 1975 Shaker Heights High School grad is Senior Vice President, Programming and Production, at Food Network, the popular cable channel that reaches 85 million US households and viewers in more than 10 countries and territories worldwide.

Tuschman joined Food Network in 1998 as executive producer to revamp *In Food Today*, one of the network's original signature series. Since then, he has played a key role in creating the highly rated *In the Kitchen* programming block, he's developed and produced several Emmy-award winning series, including *30 Minute Meals* and *Barefoot Contessa*, and he continues to oversee Food Network's in-house production unit and studio, producing more than 250 hours of programming per year.

All of which is impressive, but it doesn't explain how he came to be Diana Ross' personal assistant. So *Shaker Life* chased Tuschman down to get the scoop.

## Party-Pleasing Platters *from Eddie Sand's Blueline Café*

What are round and colorful, feed a hungry mob, and can make the day after just as memorable as the holiday itself? Casual party trays from Sand's, the popular diner-deli restaurant in the Van Aken Shopping Center.

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Let the New Year's Eve guests who are still hanging around New Year's Day wake up to miniature muffins, tea biscuits, bagels, pecan rolls, and Danish pastries artfully arranged on the "Breakfast Tray."

Delight TV-tied football fans with a "Chicken Wing" platter dressed up with julienne vegetables and Sand's own garlic dressing, or let them build their own sandwiches from the "Meat Tray" featuring five meats, two cheeses, and a side salad.

Lisa Gillombardo, long-time general manager, and Justin Frank, son of Dr. Howard Messing, a local dentist who bought Sand's in 2003, need just 48 hours notice to prepare your platter.

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"We do lots of business luncheons, funeral parties, tailgating parties, and holiday events," says Gillombardo. "But the Jewish holidays and New Year's rank among our busiest days." Check out the complete assortment of party trays available on the catering menu that's available at the restaurant and online.

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Lisa Gillombardo, general manager of the venerable Eddie Sand's Blueline Café.





*Motor City Native*

# shifts career gears

By BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

Like most African-American girls growing up in Detroit in the 1970s, Greer Jordan didn't dream of becoming a mechanical engineer. Nor did she secretly aspire to a career in academia. The words "diversity consultant" were neither on her spelling test nor her radar.

But now that she's been there and done all that, Jordan is working to show employers in fields traditionally dominated by white men how to better recruit, train, retain, and promote women and minorities. She is vice president of operations for D.L. Plummer and Associates, a Cleveland Heights diversity and change management consulting firm. In her "spare" time, she teaches in the diversity management program at Cleveland State University.

As an adolescent she had dreams of becoming a lawyer. But a deep vein of practicality, combined with a city of Detroit initiative to interest young women in engineering careers, lured Jordan to become one of three women out of 100 students who studied electronics in high school.







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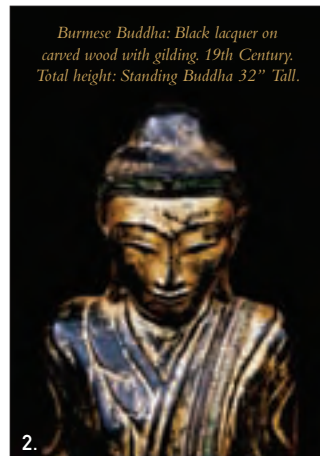
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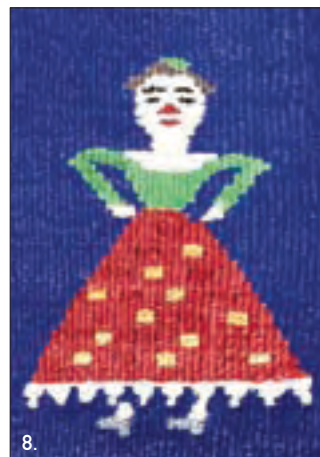
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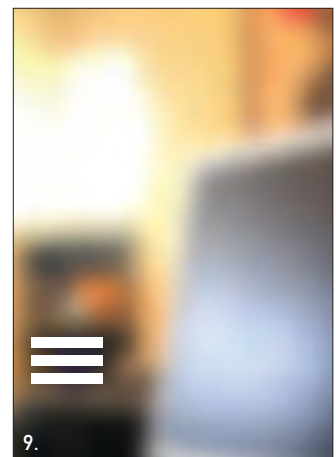
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At the time, she went by the name given her by her parents – Cheryl Greer. Her father, Al Greer, played football for the Detroit Lions. But all the guys in vo tech called her by her last name, and it stuck. The only person in Cleveland who calls her Cheryl is her husband, Ted Jordan, and it confuses the heck out of people when he does.

It makes sense in a way that she would be called by her last name at vo tech. After all, she says, “My role model was Mr. Spock.”

As in the *Star Trek* Mr. Spock with the unknown first name.

“I admired his pure logic, his absence of emotion.” It’s a surprising confession from this warm and caring Onaway resident. But, she says, this attitude served her well growing up and afterwards, into her ten-year career in engineering management at Ford Motor Company. Being black and female was both an advantage and disadvantage at Ford.

“Corporate policy was to be more inclusive of women and minorities, but the day-to-day workforce was not that supportive; there was no mentoring. I was pretty well on my own. People were surprised when I succeeded, as opposed to expecting success like my male peers.”

After years of trying to figure out how to get people to work together more effectively, Jordan made a bold move which might have raised the eyebrow of her erstwhile idol. She gave up a good job to become a thirtysomething graduate student in a new city, with her husband and two kids – son Theo and daughter Aria – in tow. While she works part time at D.L. Plummer, she is pursuing a Ph.D. in organizational behavior in the Weatherhead School of Business at Case

Western Reserve University.

She and her dissertation director, Dr. Diana Bilimoria, have obtained a National Science Foundation grant to find ways to encourage more women to enter academic careers in science and engineering. Their recent case study of a midwest university science department suggests that a successful work environment for women scientists emphasizes mentoring, collaboration, and substantive science over “flash.” Moreover, this atmosphere is productive for both women and men.

“I wanted to develop approaches to get people to work together more effectively. We should be able to accomplish the organization’s purpose and make it a place where people can enjoy their work, grow, and still have time for their families.”

While she says she knew Shaker was a diverse community, the suburb’s welcoming nature came as a pleasant surprise.

“This is the most ethnically, professionally, and economically diverse community I’ve ever lived in – and the friendliest,” Jordan gushes. Ted also

has found the area a fertile base for his computer consulting business. In Detroit the Jordans endured a two-hour daily drive just to put the kids in a good school.

As she talks, the family’s black Labrador retriever, Buddy, eagerly awaits a walk. Jordan says she’s starting to appreciate the value of recreation and rest. “I realized recently that the most productive people in my department are the ones who take a day off every week,” she reflects.

She’s working on taking her own advice.

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# *The Sustainable Approach*

**Energy Efficiency Upgrades Have Shaker Property Owners Seeing Green**



**BY MALISSA BODMANN**

When Robert Jacops purchased the 14-unit Norwood Apartments on Norwood Road last year, he discovered the previous owner paid \$2,400 a month to heat the building in the dead of winter. That's when Jacops enlisted the help of the City of Shaker Heights' Neighborhood Revitalization Department.

The City's Go Green Rebate Program assists homeowners and landlords with evaluating the energy efficiency of their homes or rental properties. By providing reduced prices for assessments and rebates for the testing based on income, participants receive a professional evaluation of their home's energy consumption and an action plan on how to reduce it. Households at or below the City median household income of \$63,983 also receive a 25 percent rebate, or a maximum of \$1,000, on improvements they make that cost \$1,000 or more.

The program's goal is three-fold:

- Increase the marketability of Shaker's homes based on housing trends, which include energy efficiency.
- Reduce the operating costs of owning a home here by encouraging energy efficiency upgrades.
- Tap into the growing niche market of buyers interested specifically in energy efficiency and sustainability.

Shaker is believed to be the first city in the Midwest to offer such a program.

"As we looked at market trends in housing, it was clear that energy efficiency

**Kevin Moncrieff** of Sherrington Road loves his insulation.

was going to become a basic requirement,” says Kamla Lewis, director of the City’s Neighborhood Revitalization Department. “It was imperative that we educate Shaker property owners about the short- and long-term benefits of investing in these types of improvements.”

Lewis says the City’s proactive stance regarding environmental issues has created a buzz among the market niche that cares about these matters.

“These individuals are far more likely to take a look at Shaker Heights when they are looking at renting or buying as a result. Part of the goal of the program is to create just such a reputation.”

### The Results Speak For Themselves

Robert Jacops worked with the City’s Rehab Specialists to assess the energy efficiency of his building at 3680 Norwood Road and devise an action plan to save money – and energy. The assessment, at a reduced \$300 fee, recommended that the landlord re-insulate his building and replace the roof.

His first course of action was to blow insulation in the pitched part of his roof. He completed that in December 2004, and the next month he cut a thousand dollars from the heating bill – simply by re-insulating half of the building. In other words, Jacops recouped the cost of the first phase of the project in one month’s time.

“And that savings doesn’t take into consideration that the cost to heat increased in price,” Jacops says. “Re-insulating is the smartest, best thing you can do.”

The improvements in the building’s energy consumption are evident not only in Jacops’ energy bills, but in his tenants’ comfort. One tenant remarked that her noisy furnace would click on every 15 minutes before he re-insulated; afterward, it ran only every few hours, he says.

For the second phase of his project, which he completed in May, Jacops replaced the flat portion of the roof and reinsulated the roof, the cost of which he will recuperate in 10 to 12 years. Three-and-a-half tons of insulation later, Jacops expects not only to have less energy consumption, a longer roof life, and greater



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"If you expect to have a good tenant, no one is going to pay \$400 a month for heat. They won't be there the next year," Jacops says. "When people hear rent includes heat, they're excited. I know that now I've insulated my place, my heat bill is going to be dramatically different."

That's exactly what the City wants to hear. If people see meaningful savings in their energy bills, it will significantly offset the impact of Shaker property taxes.

For Kevin Moncrieff, a Sherrington Road resident, and his family, the energy savings they've realized through their Go Green Rebate Program action plan have enabled them to stay in Shaker Heights. Their highest gas bill in 2003 was \$592 for their 1,700-square foot home.

"I don't know how much longer we would have stayed with the gas prices," Moncrieff says.

Following his January 2004 assessment, Moncrieff was surprised to learn the quickest ways to remedy his energy inefficiency were not eliminating his steam heat boiler, older windows, or older doors as many people speculated. Instead, the solutions were air sealing around the older doors and windows, tuning up the steam heat boiler, and better insulating his house.

Moncrieff enlisted the help of the City's experts to advise him on how to fix those problems, but he did the work, and about 250 hours of research, himself. He spent 60 hours over four days blowing insulation into his house, applying new weather stripping to doors, and air sealing around windows and other spots.

All told, he spent about \$1,500 on the project. Last year, his family saved \$600 in gas. This year, with increasing gas prices, he expects to save \$800 to \$850. He has reduced the air loss in his house by 47 percent, and his house is far less drafty and noisy.

"It was a cost issue as well as a comfort issue," Moncrieff says. He recommends other homeowners take advantage of the program. "They would be more comfortable in their homes. They would, over the long term, save a lot of money. So initially they would spend some money, like in my case, but I will pay for it in two years. Everything after that is gravy."



## Big Savings

Jacobs and Moncrieff are not alone in their pursuit of greener homes. Since it began in 2003, the program has done 150 preliminary assessments, and completed 28 energy audits across the City. Homeowners have invested \$37,614 in energy efficient improvements, which the City has matched with \$8,382.

Potential savings depend not on the size of the home, rather on how much work is done. Robert Jacobs, for example, cut \$1,000 a month from his \$2,400 monthly winter heating bill by reinsulating just half of his apartment building. Now that the other half is done, "I'm expecting to have savings of 60 percent of that original bill," he says. In short, big homes with big heating bills can save big dollars.

The City reports that participants average a 40 percent savings in energy costs and up to a 59 percent decrease in their use of natural gas, which is ultimately better for Shaker's housing stock, and the environment. As a result, Shaker is a leader in sustainability among America's first-ring suburbs, and is becoming attractive to environmentally minded homeowners, Lewis says.

"I don't know if anyone has moved here specifically because of this, but we do have new homeowners building a house in Shaker who are excited about the City's sustainable approach and are working to design as 'green' a house as they can," Lewis says.

"I met a couple where the husband came up to me and said that he felt happy and proud to be a Shaker resident. His wife had made him move to Shaker, but until he became aware of what the City was doing with regard to sustainability, he hadn't felt any real connection with the City. Now he's proud to be a resident of such a forward-thinking community."

To apply for the Go Green Rebate Program, or for more information, visit [shakeronline.com/about/incentive/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.asp](http://shakeronline.com/about/incentive/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.asp) or call 491-1370.



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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Registration

Many classes fill quickly. Early registration is encouraged. Registration ends and classes close two business days prior to the first day of class.

First day to register IN-PERSON is **TUESDAY, JANUARY 3.**

Registration hours:

Thornton Park

M 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

TU-F 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

S 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shaker Community Building

M-F 8:30 am-5:00 pm

Call 491-1295 or 491-1360 and have credit card ready. Mastercard and Visa accepted.

MAIL-IN, FAX and ONLINE registration also accepted. Checks are payable to: City of Shaker Heights. \$15 charge for all returned checks.

Mail to: City of Shaker Heights  
20701 Farnsleigh Road  
Shaker Heights 44122

Fax #: 991-4219 (24 hrs/day)

Online: [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) (24 hrs/day)

Classes with fewer than the required number of participants at the first class may be cancelled. A full refund or credit will be granted for classes cancelled by the City.

Refunds for withdrawal from a class or program will be granted before the second session except for injury or illness. (A doctor's letter will be required.) In the case of trips, money is refunded only if the space can be filled and if the cancellation is received at least 24 hours in advance.

Refund claim forms must be presented within 30 days of withdrawal. Special programs such as childcare, camps, and one-nighters are handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no refunds for materials

purchased. Program locations and/or personnel are subject to change.

### Non-Endorsement Policy

The City does not necessarily endorse the opinions or business affiliations of the individuals who teach its classes and programs.

### Disability Policy

The City is committed to providing access to recreational programming for all residents. If you or a member of your family has a special need, please call 491-1295 to be connected to the appropriate Program Coordinator.

## ADULTS

### Enrichment & Leisure

#### French: Beginning

January 30-March 27

M 6-8 p.m.

res\$75 nres\$80

#### Knitting: Beginning

January 26-March 16

TH 10-11:30 a.m.

res\$30 nres\$35

#### Knitting: Workshop

January 25-March 15

W 7-8:30 p.m.

res\$30 nres\$35

#### Spanish: Beginner/Conversational

January 24-March 14

TU 7-8:30 p.m.

res\$60 nres\$65

### Fine & Performing Arts

#### Ballroom Dancing

January 12-March 2

TH 001 Basic 6:15-7:15 p.m.

002 Advanced 7:15-8:15 p.m.

003 Intermediate 8:15-9:15 p.m.

res\$95/couple nres\$115/couple

#### Drawing

January 23-March 17

(No class Feb. 20)

M 7-9 p.m.

res\$55 nres\$60

#### Holiday Centerpiece

Registration now open

Tuesday, December 13

6:30-9:00 p.m.

res\$12 nres\$15

#### Watercolor Painting

January 27-March 17

F 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

res\$60 nres\$65

### Sports & Fitness

#### Aerobic Dancing with Jacki's Inc.

Register with instructor at first class.

Information: 440-338-1739.

January 4-April 7

M/W/F 8:30-9:30 a.m. or

M/W 6:15-7:15 p.m.

#### Basketball: Adult

January 17-March 12

TU/TH 8:30-10 p.m.

SU 2-4 p.m.

res\$65 nres\$80

#### Bodysculpting/

#### Phenomenal Abdominals

To register: 313-FLEX or [flexcity.com](http://flexcity.com).

### BODYSULPTING

TU/TH 6:30-7:30 p.m. or

TU/TH 9:30-10:30 a.m.

001 December 13-January 5

002 January 10-February 2

003 February 7-March 2

004 March 7-30

SA 10:15-11:15 a.m.

005 January 7-March 11

(No class Dec. 24, 31, Jan. 14, Feb. 18)

res\$50 nres\$55 (8 weeks)

continued

## PHENOMENAL ABDOMINALS

TU/TH 7:30-8:00 p.m. or  
TU/TH 10:30-11:00 a.m.  
001 December 13-January 5  
002 January 10-February 2  
003 February 7-March 2  
004 March 7-30

January 7-March 11  
(No class Jan. 14, Feb. 18)  
SA 11:15-11:45 a.m.  
res\$30 nres\$35 (8 weeks)

## Chi Gong

January 17-February 25  
TU/TH 6:30-7:40 p.m.  
SA 8:30-9:40 a.m.  
res\$60 nres\$70 – 2 days/week  
res\$75 nres\$85 – 3 days/week

## Fitness Training: Private

Call: 496-7640 or 641-9622

**Ice Skating:** see page 50

## Jazzercise

Ongoing  
T 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Shaker Community Building  
To register or for more info: 701-3538,  
Lea Hanczaryk.

## Power Water Walking

January 16-February 13  
M 7:30-8:15 p.m.  
res\$50 nres\$60

## Swim Conditioning

January 9-March 31  
001 M-F 6-7 a.m.  
res\$3 (drop-in; exact change only)

## Swimming: Lap

January 17-March 31  
TU/TH 8:30-9:30 p.m.  
SU 9:30-11 a.m.  
res\$3/drop-in (exact change only)

## Tai Chi

Register with instructor first day of  
class. INFO: 932-7629.  
001 December 6-22  
res\$20 nres\$25 – 1 day/week  
res\$30 nres\$35 – 2 days/week  
002 January 3-February 9  
003 February 14-March 23  
TU/TH 9:30-11 a.m.  
res\$40 nres\$45 – 1 day/week  
res\$60 nres\$65 – 2 days/week

## Tai Chi Chuan

January 17-February 25  
TU/TH 7:45-9 p.m.  
SA 9:45-11 a.m.  
res\$60 nres\$70 – 2 days/week  
res\$75 nres\$85 – 3 days/week

## Yoga: Beginner/Intermediate

001 January 9-February 15  
002 February 27-March 29  
MW 7:00-8:00 p.m.  
res/nres\$35 – 1 day  
res/nres\$70 – 2 days

## Yoga: Lunch Time

001 January 11-February 15  
002 February 22-March 29  
W Noon-1 p.m.  
res/nres\$40  
drop-in: \$7 (payable at Thornton Park  
registration office)

## Yoga: Prenatal

001 January 11-February 15  
002 February 22-March 29  
W 6-7 p.m.  
res/nres\$40

## Water Aerobics

001 January 18-February 15  
002 March 1-29  
W 7:30-8:15 p.m.  
res\$50 nres\$60

**FOR ADDITIONAL CLASS OFFER-  
INGS AND DETAILS VISIT THE CITY  
WEBSITE, [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com).**

# SENIOR ADULTS

## Enrichment & Leisure

### Benefits CheckUp

Call for an appointment: 491-1351.  
TU/W 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

### Computer: Microsoft Word

Registration now open  
December 1-8  
TH 10 a.m.-Noon  
res\$45 nres\$50

### Computer: Microsoft Excel

Registration now open  
December 15-22  
TH 10 a.m.-Noon  
res\$45 nres\$50

## Medicare 2006 OSCHIP

Medicare & You 2006 - the program is  
explained and your questions answered  
at this informative session.

Shaker Community Building  
Tuesday, December 13  
1:30-3:30 p.m.

## Tax Assistance

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IRS-trained tax consultants available  
on Tuesdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Fridays  
10 a.m.-4 p.m., February 3 to April  
14. Not for businesses, self-employed  
or income-producing property owners.  
For middle or low income taxpayers,  
age 60+. Bring last year's State and  
Federal tax returns, W-2s, stock bro-  
ker's statements and all 1099 forms.  
Returns will be filed electronically. By  
appointment only: 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building

## Sports & Fitness

### Aquatic Exercise

Ongoing. Register: 791-2393.  
Judson Park, 2181 Ambleside Drive  
TU/TH 11-11:45 a.m.  
Monthly membership: \$50

### Fun with Fitness

MWF 9-10 a.m.  
001 January 4-February 15  
002 February 22-April 3  
2 days/week  
res\$30 nres\$35 (individual)  
res\$50 nres\$55 (husband/wife)  
3 days/week  
res\$35 nres\$40 (individual)  
res\$55 nres\$60 (husband/wife)

### People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE)

M/W/F 11:15 am.-Noon  
res/nres \$2

### Strength Training for Women \*New!

Ongoing  
M/W 12:15-1:15 p.m.  
res/nres \$2



## Table Tennis

Call instructor to set up a session at 691-1767.

Ongoing

W 6:30-9:30 p.m.

SU 12:30-3:30 p.m.

res/nres\$20/private lesson

drop-in: \$2

## YOUTH

### Enrichment & Leisure

#### Driver Education

M-TH 4-7 p.m.

November 28-December 8

res\$295 nres\$315

#### Fundaze

Grades K-8

7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

December 19-21, 27-30,

January 16, February 20,

March 3, 17, April 10-14

\$32/day early registration

\$42/day late registration

## School Age Care

Before school: 7-9:15 a.m.

After school: 3:20-6:30 p.m.

### FEES:

(10% discount for each additional full-time child)

#### BEFORE SCHOOL:

\$131/month

\$68/Dec.

\$89/April

\$8/day

#### AFTER SCHOOL:

\$152/month

\$79/Dec.

\$100/April

\$13/day

#### It's A Party!

Information: 491-2595, Kevin Crowe.

Ice skating parties: 491-2590, Dawn Clark.

### Fine & Performing Arts

#### Ballet Basics

January 18-March 8

W 4:15-5:15 p.m.

res\$65 nres\$85

## Ballet: Fairy Tales

M 2:30-3:05 p.m.

January 23-March 6

(No class Feb. 20)

res\$50 nres\$65

#### Ballet for Figure Skaters

January 27-March 3

F 6:15-7 p.m.

res\$60 nres\$75

#### Ballet for Preschoolers

January 19-March 9

TH Level I 1-1:45 p.m.

TH Level II 2-2:45 p.m.

(Prerequisite: Level I completed)

res\$60 nres\$80

### Sports & Fitness

#### Art of Self-Defense

January 12-March 9

TH 7:45-9:15 p.m.

res\$90 nres\$110

#### Basketball: Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA

##### Pee Wee Instructional

SA November 5-December 17

004 Girls Gr. 1-2 9-10 a.m.

005 Boys 5-6 yrs report at 10 a.m.  
on Nov. 5

006 Boys 7-8 yrs report at 11 a.m.  
on Nov. 5

res\$70 nres\$90

SA January 14-February 25

001 Girls Gr. 1-2 9-10 a.m.

002 Boys 5-6 yrs report 10 a.m.  
Jan. 14

003 Boys 7-8 yrs report 11 a.m.  
Jan. 14

res\$90 nres\$110

#### Basketball: Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League

SA November 5-February 25

Boys

001 Gr. 3-4 Noon-3 p.m.

002 Gr. 5-6 3-6 p.m.

Girls

003 Gr. 3-4 1-4 p.m.

004 Gr. 5-6 1-4 p.m.

005 Gr. 7-8 1-4 p.m.

res\$95 nres\$115

March Madness Tournament:

res\$30 nres\$40

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### Basketball: Travel Teams

Pre-registration and tryout information:  
491-2599.

### Fencing

January 23-March 20  
(No class Feb. 20)  
001 M 4-5:30 p.m.  
002 TU 4-5:30 p.m.  
003 TH 4-5:30 p.m.  
**res\$90 nres\$105**

### Fencing: First Time

January 21-March 18  
(No class Feb. 18)  
SA Noon-1 p.m.  
**res\$90 nres\$105**

### Fencing: Parent & Child

January 21-March 18  
(No class Feb. 18)  
SA 1-2 p.m.  
**res\$100 nres\$120**

### Fencing: Training Camp

Registration now open  
December 19-22  
M-TH 9 a.m.-3 p.m.  
**res\$185 nres\$220**

### Karate Intro

January 14-March 11  
SA 9:15-10:45 p.m.  
**res\$70 nres\$85**

### Lacrosse: Skills & Drills Intro

January 21-March 4  
SA 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
**res\$45 nres\$60**

### Soccer: Intro Skills Games

SA January 14-February 25  
001 Gr. K 10-10:45 a.m.  
002 Gr. 1-2 11-11:45 a.m.  
**res\$65 nres\$85**

### Soccer: Micro Indoor League

January 15-February 26  
(No class Feb. 19)  
SU 4-7 p.m.  
**res\$65 nres\$85**

### Swimming Lessons

January 14-March 4  
Beg./Adv.Beg.  
001 SA 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
002 SA 1-1:45 p.m.  
003 SA 1:45-2:30 p.m.  
**res\$65 nres\$85**

### Swimming: Open/Family Swim

January 17-March 26  
TU/TH 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
SU 2-4 p.m.  
**res\$3/person/session**  
**res\$5/family maximum (3+)**  
Pool pass available for all open and lap swims: \$35

**Tae Kwon Do** see ad on page 49

## ICE ARENA

### Ice Skating: Learn-to-Skate Classes

Classes may be combined or cancelled due to low enrollment. Note: There is a \$10 late fee after the registration deadline. INFO: 295-3461, Erin M. Schopf, Learn-to-Skate Coordinator.

### HOLIDAY MINI SESSION: Dec. 20-30

(No class Dec. 26)

#### REGISTRATION

Shaker Resident - November 14  
Non-Resident - November 21

### WINTER SESSION: Jan. 2-Feb. 25

#### REGISTRATION

Shaker Resident - December 5  
Non-Resident - December 12

### SPRING SESSION: March 6-April 29

#### REGISTRATION

Shaker Resident - Feb. 6  
Non-Resident - Feb. 13

### LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES

**res\$40/with pass; \$50/without pass**  
**nres\$60/with pass; \$70/without pass**

### Class Schedule

#### MONDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-2
1:45-2:15 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2
5-5:30 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3, Tot Basic 2 Basic 6-7 Power Hockey
5:30-6 p.m.	Basic 1-5 Freestyle, Adults

#### TUESDAYS

9:30-10 a.m.	Tot SPS 1-2
10-10:30 a.m.	Tot SPS 3 Tot Basic 2, Adults
1:15-1:45 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-2
1:45-2:15 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3 Tot Basic 2, Adults

#### THURSDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-2
2-2:30 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3 Tot Basic 2, Adults
4:30-5 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3 Tot Basic 2 Power Hockey Basic 6-7
5-5:30 p.m.	Basic 1-5, Freestyle

#### FRIDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3 Tot Basic 2
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#### SATURDAYS

1:15-1:45 p.m.	Tot SPS 1-3 Tot Basic 2 Basic 6-7, Freestyle
1:45-2:15 p.m.	Basic 1-5, Adults

## SPECIAL EVENT

### ICE FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 14  
Thornton Park

Ice sculpture demonstrations, snow and ice games, face painting, raffles, Flower the Clown. Watch a special performance by the Shaker Figure Skating Club!



Learn to Skate and Open Skate will be held as scheduled.



## Recreation Class Registration Form

### ADULT NAME (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):

Last \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone (     )     -     Night Phone (     )     -    

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICIPANT NAME(S)	BIRTH DATE	GRADE	ACTIVITY	SECTION	FEES
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**FORM OF PAYMENT:**     ☐ Cash (in person only)     ☐ Check     ☐ Credit Card     **TOTAL FEES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD INFORMATION:** Credit Card type:     ☐ MasterCard     ☐ Visa

**ACCOUNT NUMBER:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Exp. date:**     /    

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Whidden says. "He's a teacher – and that's what he does very well."

Whidden recalls a time when Bartley spoke to him in his placid Ontarian drawl after a St. Edward senior had been taunting Shaker freshman Ben Simon about his small size. Whidden responded that in his opinion, that little kid would one day play in the National Hockey League, and that Whidden's players one day would be grateful for this opportunity to tease him.

Both coaches chuckled at the truth hidden in the humor. Ben Simon in fact was so talented that Bartley made a great sacrifice and advised the boy to play for the Cleveland Junior Barons his senior year, 1993-94, rather than stay with the Raiders.

And, true to Whidden's prediction, Simon, a center, was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. Simon, who this year signed a one-year contract with the Columbus Blue Jackets of the

National Hockey League, admires Mike Bartley not just as a teacher and mentor, but also as a player, saying it was "a treat" to watch Bartley play with the team in pre-season practices.

"He's so well-adapted to hockey that you wanted to go out there and impress him. I came to the rink every day looking to impress the coach," says Simon.

A large part of being "well-adapted" to hockey is having respect for the officials. Doug Fleming, president of the Cleveland Ice Hockey Officials Association, says Bartley's sportsmanship, knowledge of the rules, and civility make the official's job much easier. When Fleming refereed his first game at Thornton about 10 years ago, he penalized Bartley for questioning a call. He was stunned when he later learned that it was the first penalty Bartley had received in his long career at Shaker. So strong is Bartley's commitment to fair play that he considers his 2001 OHSAA Sportsmanship, Ethics and Integrity Award

a career highlight. His fellow coaches selected him for this recognition.

"To be recognized for that facet of coaching is a special treat for me. Ya know, when you look at all the titles you've won, to be recognized for your integrity, that's a special thing.

"Hockey's been a part of my life and it's a part of my identity," he goes on. "I still have a passion for it. I want to make a contribution to the sport. And I want to see Shaker continue to be a program that's well-respected."

Doug Grossman-McKee says he and other SYHA members often tell Bartley, "We've got these Mighty Mites coming up in 15 years, so you've got to stick around for them." So far, so good.

*Meagan Steiner is a 2005 graduate of Shaker Heights High School, where she was the sports editor of The Shakerite. This article was her senior project. She is a freshman at the University of Pennsylvania.*



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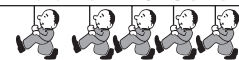
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## Events *for* November

**NOVEMBER 1: Environmental Town Hall**  
**Brown Bag Lunch, NOON-1 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. What does “smart growth” mean for natural areas like Shaker Lakes, older suburbs like the Heights and urban and rural suburbs? Learn what the new Greater Ohio campaign is doing in Columbus and around the state to change the way we think about, plan and use one of our least recognized natural resources: the land beneath our feet. INFO: 321-5935.

**2: Meet Michael Bradley, 7 P.M.,** WULIGER CENTER, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Meet Michael Bradley, author of *Yes, Your Teen Is Crazy* and *Yes, Your Parents Are Crazy*, who will speak about his helpful books and offer insights to parents and teens. INFO: 932-2800.

**3: Professional Workshop with Michael Bradley, 8:30 A.M.-NOON.** Social workers and psychologists can earn CEUs. INFO: 932-2800.

**3: Movie@Main, 6:30 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Nicole Kidman and Will Ferrell star in *Bewitched*, a PG-13 remake of the TV sitcom. Movie rights generously underwritten by Friends of the Shaker Library. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**3, 4, 5: On the Verge, 7:30 P.M.,** LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Three Victorian-era women explore unknown landscapes together and trek through time until they reach 1955, in Eric Overmeyer’s clever comedy of allusions and illusions. TICKETS & INFO: 464-1441 EXT. 136.

### Thornton Park High School Hockey Tournament

**December 15-19**

School’s out. Go to the head of the clash.  
Watch your favorite hockey team compete.

INFO: 491-1295.



**5: Holiday Medley, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Get a jump on your holiday shopping while supporting area museums and cultural centers. INFO: HEATHER, 421-8671.

**5, 12, 19 & 26: Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Amble the grounds with a naturalist and learn about the habitat. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

**6: Open House, 1:30-3:30 P.M.,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Tour the school, meet faculty and hear a presentation by Bill Christ, Head of School, at 3:00 p.m. INFO: 320-8767.

## Destinations...

**BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY**  
20600 Fayette Road

**MAIN LIBRARY**  
16500 Van Aken Boulevard

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

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

**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**  
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## Ongoing Family Activities

**MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family**, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Program includes weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. INFO: 921-2023.

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-In Play Sessions**, 2-3:30 p.m. HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play sessions for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver. FEES AND INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions**, 9:30 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM, 19824 SUSSEX ROAD. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to 3 years can play and make friends. **MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: 4-6 P.M.** parents and caregivers with children from birth to 5. FEES AND INFO: 921-2023.

**TUESDAYS: Art**, NOON, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 2-4 years use different art media to explore and learn about colors, designs and textures. Each week children will create a new page to compile their own art portfolio. \$30/4-week session beginning November 1. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station**, 10 A.M.-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 cosponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. Evening sessions on **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS 6-8 PM.** INFO: 991-2030 OR 921-2023.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS: Drop-In Play Sessions**, 9-11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play sessions for infants to age 8 and par-

ent or caregiver. FEES AND INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Literacy Play Sessions for Home Daycare Providers**, 10 A.M. - NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in times for home daycare providers and their children from birth to age 5 cosponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

**WEDNESDAYS: Music in the Morning**, 10:15 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT - PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Parents and children (infants-4 years) can share the joy of music through group singing, fingerplays, and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$50/6-week session beginning November 2. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**THURSDAYS: Books, Babies & Babbling**, 9:30 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER-PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Join us for fun activities with your baby (birth to 18 months). Free with funding from the *Help Me Grow Community Literacy Grant*. INFO: 921-2023.

**FRIDAYS: Pretend, Play and Discover**, 9:30 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER-PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Explore the world of dramatic play with your child (birth to age five). Free with funding from the *Help Me Grow Community Literacy Grant*. INFO: 921-2023

**SATURDAYS: Skating**, 10:15 A.M. OR 11 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD. Beginning skating skills for children 2½-4 years of age. Music is used for movement activities that coincide with skating skills. Skates provided by the Resource Center. \$35/5-week session beginning November 5. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**SATURDAYS: Drop-in Gym**, 10 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Parents, grandparents, caregivers and kids from birth to age 5 can run

and play (No sessions Nov. 26, Dec. 24 & 31). Discount family passes available. FEES & INFO: 921-2023.

## Ongoing Activities for Adults

**TUESDAYS: English In Action**, 7-9 PM., MAIN LIBRARY. Brondy Shanker leads classes in English. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market**, 8 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. You never know what'll *turnip* when you shop for fresh food from local farmers. INFO: DONITA ANDERSON, 751-3712.

**SUNDAYS: Recovery, Inc.**, 2 P.M., SOMERSET POINT, 3550 NORTHFIELD RD. Self-help groups train adults 18 and older how to cope with panic attacks, anxiety, depression and nervous fears and how to manage symptoms. INFO: NATALIE SILVERBERG, 595-9276.

## Artistic Opportunities in Shaker

**THRU NOVEMBER 11: Art Around Town.** Established and emerging artists display their art all around the town. INFO: [www.shakerartscouncil.org](http://www.shakerartscouncil.org)

**THRU NOV. 20: Shaker Heights: Before and After the Van Sweringens.** SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. View an exhibit of our town before and after the Vans' grand plan. INFO: 921-1201.

**THRU DECEMBER 31: Malcolm Brown: Caribbean Journey-Recent Paintings**, MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD. Can't get to the Caribbean this year? This is the next best thing. 25th Anniversary Celebration features recent paintings by Malcolm Brown. INFO: 751-2955.

**THROUGH NOVEMBER 7: Scene It**, MAIN LIBRARY 2ND FLOOR. View the vibrant gouache and acrylic paintings by Penni Rubin. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**NOVEMBER 6: Meet the Author, 2 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Ricky Clark, quilt historian and author of *Quilts of the Ohio Western Reserve*, presents a slide lecture. Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**8: Election Day.** Vote for City Council and School Board representatives.

**8: Book Discussion with the Author, 10 A.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read *The Sound of Us* by Sarah Willis and join in a discussion with the author. INFO: 991-2030.

**8: Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read *The Killing of the Tinkers* by Ken Bruen and discuss whodunit with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**8: Chamber Music Society, 7 P.M.,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Andrew Manze, Baroque violin and the English Concert in the sanctuary of Plymouth Church. Tickets are required & available at [www.clevelandchambermusic.org](http://www.clevelandchambermusic.org). INFO: 921-3510.

**9: Women's Fall Sports Athletic Awards, 6:30 P.M.** SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.

**10: Eastside Welcome Club, 11:30 A.M.,** CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Valentina Sgro, author of *Solutions for Getting Really Organized* will discuss her book and inspire attendees to get their houses in order. Longtime and new residents are welcome FEES & INFO: MIMI TESTEN, 751-8624.

**10: Fall Band Concert, 7 P.M.** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.



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**10: Nature Center Photography Club, 6-8 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Phil Hart presents *Street Art: The Art of Turning Cracks in Asphalt Pavement into Works of Art*, and shows how to use layers to merge photographs and drawings. Michael Kerek will present a short overview of the Zone System for Back & White Photography, including some examples of his work. INFO: 321-5935 X 237. (The Nature Center's Nature Photography Club meets on the second Thursday of every month. For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, visit their website at [www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm](http://www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm))

**11: Conference Day.** No school.

**12: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, 1 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Johnny Depp stars in this new release based on Roald Dahl's magical story. Movie rights generously underwritten by Friends of the Shaker Library. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**12: Book Discussion, 2 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Some People, Some Other Place* by J. California Cooper and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

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**NOVEMBER 13: Past and Future of Shaker Wildflower Gardens, 2 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Anna Ryan from the University of Massachusetts speaks about gardens and gardening. Co-sponsored with the Shaker Historical Society. FEES & INFO: 321-5935 OR 921-1201.

**14: Conference Day.** No school for Shaker students in grades K-8.

**14: Choosing and Using Your Digital Camera, 10 A.M.-NOON, FAIRHILL, 12200 FAIRHILL RD.** Are megapixels and memory cards geek to you? This 4-week class designed for the 50+ set features hands-on experience at a computer workstation. INFO: 421-1350 EXT. 125.

**14: Men's Fall Sports Awards, 6:30 P.M.** Shaker High School.

**16: Financial Literacy, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Teresa Dixon Murray, personal finance writer for *The Plain Dealer*, speaks on The Importance of Budgets and Budgeting. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**17: Local Author Book Fair, 5-8 P.M., LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Meet your favorite author at this gathering of authors of all genres working in Northeast Ohio. Books will be available for signing and purchase. INFO: 795-9800.

**17: Movie@Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Watch *Madagascar*, a fun-filled animal story about native New York Zoo animals who find themselves in the jungles of Madagascar. Movie rights generously

underwritten by Friends of the Shaker Library. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**18: AARP Shaker Chapter, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BLDG., 3450 LEE RD.**

**18: Laurel Live!, 8:30-11:00 A.M., LAUREL SCHOOL.** Tour Laurel School during school hours. INFO: 464-1441.

**19 & 20: Artisan Bazaar, 11 A.M.-5 P.M. LAUREL SCHOOL.** Shop for one-of-a-kind handcrafted items. Sunday hours 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**20: Local Author & Book Fair, 1:30-4:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Meet local authors, browse and buy their books at this one-stop holiday book look. INFO: 991-2030.

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**22: Winter Wonderland,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. View a display of old skates, sleds, woolen mittens, hats. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

**22: Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**22: Taking the Best Holiday Photos, 7 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Just in time for the holidays! Rick Santich of MotoPhoto and Portrait Studio returns to offer another informative workshop for photographers using film and digital cameras. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**23-25: Thanksgiving Vacation.** Shaker Schools closed.

**24: Thanksgiving.** Schools, city offices and libraries closed.

**NOV. 26-DEC. 31: Holiday Collectibles,** MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, CHAGRIN BLVD. Browse and buy from a showcase of affordable art treasures designed to make gift-giving distinctively different and memorable. INFO: 751-2955.

**28: Nature Night: A Special Program for Volunteers, 6-8 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Join an informal pot-luck followed by an opportunity to focus on a natural history topic. Bring your

curiosity, knowledge and a dish to share with others who delight in learning more about the world of nature. Dress for the weather. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 X 226.

**NOVEMBER 30: Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Poetry will be performed by Katie Daley and George Bilgere. This program is funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 991-2030.

## for December

**December 1: Movie@Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Watch Tom Cruise and Dakota Fanning in *War of the Worlds*. Movie rights generously underwritten by Friends of the Shaker Library. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**1: Christmas Benefit Concert, 7:30 P.M., ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, 3450 NORWOOD RD.** Benefit Concert for the church and International Partners features Peter Mayer and his band. Nationally known guitarist and songwriter, Mayer tours with Jimmy Buffet. Tickets: \$15/person. INFO: 991-1444.

**1, 2 & 3: Twelfth Night, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.** If music be the food of love, play on! Shaker students perform Shakespeare's comedy of mistaken identity. TICKETS & INFO: 295-4258.

**3: Open Admission Office, 9 A.M.-NOON, LAUREL SCHOOL.** Visit with Laurel School's Admission Office staff about enrolling your child in this award-winning school. INFO: 464-1441.

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**Children's Christmas Pageant Worship** - Experience the wonder of the Christmas story through the eyes of children. **December 24, 5:00 p.m.**

**Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols** - Reflect on the true meaning of Christmas with the Plymouth Choir, handbells, organ and guest instrumentalists. **December 24, 10:00 p.m.**

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**December 3: Cleveland Boy Choir, 1 P.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH.** The Women's Association of Plymouth Church presents music for the holidays with the 40-voice boys' choir under the direction of Dr. William & Carol Foley. INFO: 921-3510.

**4: Book & Movie Discussion, 1:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Read William Shakespeare's tragedy *Othello*, watch the movie and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**6: Environ-mental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON TO 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** Bring a brown bag lunch and digest the latest environmental info followed by a discussion, naturally! Free. INFO: 321-5935.

**8: Eastside Welcome Club, 11:30 A.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT LEGACY VILLAGE.** New and longtime residents are invited to mix and mingle while learning *novel* ideas for holiday gift giving. FEES & INFO: MIMI TESTEN, 751-8624.

**8: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER.** The Best of 2005. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your favorite images from 2005. All shuttbugs welcome. Free. INFO: 321-5935 X 237.

**9: Story-time, 10:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER 19910 MALVERN RD.** Shaker Library's Early Learning Specialist Wendy Simon tells stories. Free with Drop-In pass purchase. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

**December 8, 9, 10, 11: Holiday Jewelry Sale,** 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Jewelry artist Lois S. Becker opens her home for her holiday sale of hand crafted necklaces, earrings and pins with 30% of the Thursday Night sales going to Adoption Network Cleveland. Browse and buy from a huge variety of one-of-a-kind items priced for gift giving. December 8: 4:30 to 8:00 pm. December 9 & 10: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday: 12:30-4:30 p.m. INFO: 921-3083.

**9: Holiday Concert in Dance,** 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.

**10 & 17: Nature Walks,** 3:30-4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. *S'no* place like the Nature Center for a walk in the wild with the naturalist. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

**10: Celebration of Lights,** 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Take part in an enlightening evening as holiday traditions come to life! Walk the Stearns Trail and stop at various stations to see how people from around the world use lights in their cultural and religious traditions (Christian, Jewish, Buddhist, German, Thai, Croatian and more) during the darkest days of the year. Group tours leave every 10 minutes and last 40 minutes. Cider and cookies are served after each tour. Tickets: \$5/members; \$10/non-members and free for children 2 years old and younger and advance registration is required, 321-5935.

**10: Book Discussion,** 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.



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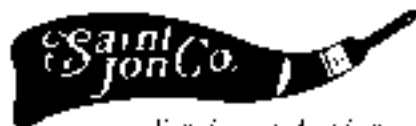
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**12: Bloodmobile, 2-7 P.M.**, MAIN LIBRARY. Give the gift of life this season.

**12: Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M.**, MAIN LIBRARY. Enjoy the poetry of Nin Andrews, Neil Carpathios and Kelly Harris. This program is funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

**13: Book Discussion, 10 A.M.**, MAIN LIBRARY. Read *The Things They Carried* by Tim O'Brien and discuss it with others. A play based on the book begins on Veterans' Day at Playhouse Square. INFO: 991-2030.

**13: Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.**, MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Die A Little* by Megan Abbott and discuss whodunit with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**14: Choir Concert, 7:30 P.M.**, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL.

**14: Business Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.**, MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Winning* by former GE CEO Jack Welch and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**15: Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 P.M.**, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High School students perform.



**December 15: Winter Choral Concert, 8 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL.** Students lift up their voices in song for the season.

**15-19: Thornton Park Hockey Tournament.** School's out. Go to the head of the clash. Watch your favorite hockey team compete. INFO: 491-1290.



**16: AARP Shaker Chapter, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BLDG., 3450 LEE RD.** Information, advocacy and service to the 50+ set.

**Dec. 19-Jan. 2: Shaker Schools closed** for winter break.

**20: Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Read *Paddy Clark Ha Ha Ha* by Roddy Doyle and discuss it with others. INFO: 991-2030.

**20: Blue Christmas, 7:30 P.M., HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 17300 VAN AKEN BLVD.** Not in the jolly-holly spirit? Relax and reflect to the accompaniment of poetry and piano jazz by the fireside in the church parlor. INFO: 561-4800.

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**NOVEMBER 1:** **William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage,** 7:30 P.M., OHIO THEATRE. The benefit for Cuyahoga County Public Library Foundation features Alexander McCall Smith, author of the *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series. TICKETS & INFO: 749-9486.

**NOVEMBER 3, 10 & 17:** **Batik Open Studio,** 5:30-8:30 P.M., CENTER ART, LEE RD. Learn the art of batik. Light table, melted wax and brushes are supplied. Participants must supply material and dyes. \$5/hour. INFO: 320-1459.

**NOVEMBER 4:** **Gianmaria Testa,** 7:30 P.M., PILGRIM CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 2592 W 14TH ST. CLEVELAND. European singer-songwriter offers timeless, bittersweet songs. \$34/person. INFO: 707-2265.

**NOVEMBER 6:** **A Little Night Music,** 5 p.m., THE COUNTRY CLUB, 2825 LANDER RD. Cleveland Institute of Music Women's Committee benefit features Paul Schenly, head of the CIM piano department, who will offer insightful commentary for a lively evening of performances by his students from around the world. Dinner and a wine raffle complete the benefit evening. Tickets \$80/person; \$125/patron. INFO: 791-5000, EXT 360.

**NOVEMBER 9, 10, 11 & 12: The Orient Expressly, 8 P.M.,** CIM, 11021 EAST BLVD. The CIM Opera Theater presents a condensed version of *The Mikado*, Gilbert and Sullivan's comedy set in Japan. Stravinsky's *The Nightingale* is the charming setting of a Hans Christian Andersen tale. Tickets: \$15/adults; \$10/students & seniors. INFO: 791-5000 EXT. 411.

**NOVEMBER 11: Annual CIM Library Sale, 9 A.M.-2 P.M.,** CIM. Musical treasures, old sheet music, recordings and other bargains abound. This year's proceeds will be sent to the Gulf Coast Orchestra Relief Fund to help musicians caught in hurricane Katrina. This year's sale will be held at CIM's main building in University Circle. Sale continues Saturday, November 12: 9 a.m.-noon. INFO: 791-5000.

**NOVEMBER 11, 12, 13 & 15: The Things They Carried,** THE IDEA CENTER AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Playhouse Square Center's Arts Education Department presents a play based on Tim O'Brien's novel about Vietnam. Show times vary. INFO: 241-6000.

**NOVEMBER 12: Writing for Money Conference,** CSU CONFERENCE CENTER, 2121 EUCLID AVE. The Poets' & Writers' League of Cleveland, with partial funding from the Cuyahoga County Commissioners' Arts & Culture Economic Development Program, presents an all-day workshop designed to help writers with the business aspect of writing. \$110/person. INFO: 421-0403 or [www.pwlyc.com](http://www.pwlyc.com).

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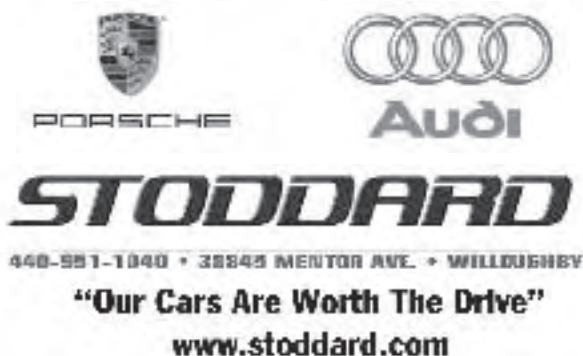
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**NOV. 12: Korean Dance: Tradition and Creation, 7:30 P.M.,** MASONIC AUDITORIUM, 3615 EUCLID AVE. The Seoul Performing Arts Company presents superb music, stunning choreography and gorgeous costumes. \$34/person. INFO: 707-2265.

**NOV. 13: University Circle Wind Ensemble, 2:30 P.M.,** HARKNESS CHAPEL, Gary Ciepluch conducts. INFO: 791-5000.

**NOV. 25-DEC. 18: A Christmas Story, THE CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE, 8500 EUCLID AVE.** Enjoy the play based on the movie filmed in Cleveland. Will Ralphie get his air rifle this season and will he shoot his eye out? TICKETS & INFO: 795-7000.

**NOV. 27: Writers and Readers, 2 P.M., CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, EAST 6TH ST. & SUPERIOR AVE.** Susan Orlean (SHHS '73), author of *The Orchid Thief* speaks. INFO: 623-2800.

**DEC. 4: Celtic Christmas Concert, 2 P.M. EUCLID HIGH SCHOOL.** Concert will showcase the Murphy Irish Arts Center's Senior Team, which will represent Ohio in the Irish Dancing World Championships in Belfast next year. The Team includes Shaker resident **Aaron Fallon**, a junior at SHHS, who has studied Irish dance for 12 years and has qualified as a soloist for the World Championships three times. Tickets are \$12, with a discount for students and seniors. INFO: DAVID FALLON, 832-7236.

**DEC. 4: Holiday Circlefest, 1-5 P.M. UNIVERSITY CIRCLE.** Music, exhibits, hands-on activities, festive performances, shopping, food and holiday cheer. INFO: [www.universitycircle.org](http://www.universitycircle.org)

**december 5:** **Cleveland Youth Wind Symphonies I & II**, 7:30 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Music director Gary M. Ciepluch. Tickets; \$10/person; \$15/box seats. INFO: 321-1111.

**december 14:** **CityMusic Cleveland**, 7:30 P.M., FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Italian Holiday Concert with soprano Kathleen Lee Taylor plus art exhibit. Free. INFO: [www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org)

**december 18:** **CityMusic Cleveland**, 2 P.M., EAST CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 14101 EUCLID AVE. Italian Holiday Concert with soprano Kathleen Lee Taylor plus art exhibit. Free for all. INFO: [www.citymusiccleveland.org](http://www.citymusiccleveland.org)



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# Slush in the Shoes

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Doctors in the fair city are warning residents of a new epidemic sweeping through stately homes and once-leafy streets: Like its better-known cousin, seasonal affective disorder (SAD), this mood-altering syndrome causes victims to become depressive or morose as the days shorten and the temperatures drop. Yet Shaker Affective Disorder carries very specific, Shaker-related symptoms, including:

- **Petulant, Non-Stop Complaining**

**About the Weather:** Perhaps the clearest sign of emergent Shaker Affective Disorder is Shaker Man's sudden urge to curse the city's pewter November (or December, or January, or February, or March) sky and to shake a fist at the city's now-barren trees, as if he hadn't lived here all his life, and as if some evil force had stripped the city of warmth and greenery specifically to blight his days. Even worse for the Shaker Affective Disorder sufferer is listening to a winter-long litany of Northeast Ohio homilies such as, "Well, if you don't like the weather in Cleveland, just wait a day," or, in Shaker Man's personal favorite, "It's so nice to have a change of seasons."

"That's like saying 'It's so nice to lose again, after winning for so long,'" he tells Ms. Shaker Man after hearing the phrase over and over again at a party. "Or, 'It's so nice to have a change of circumstances, and to be poor again after so many boring years of prosperity.' What's wrong with these people?"

"I love the Fall," says Ms. Shaker Man. "And the Winter. I'd miss the variety if we lived somewhere warmer."

"I wouldn't miss shoveling the variety."

"You'd miss it, all right," says Ms. Shaker Man. "Besides, shoveling the variety is good for you."

"How's that?"

"It's a nice change from your usual shoveling."

- **Extreme Avoidance of Winterizing**

**Chores:** Denial is a key indicator of Shaker Affective Disorder, usually manifesting itself in long bouts of lying on the couch, eating Doritos and watching reruns of various Law & Order and CSI spinoffs (e.g., Law & Order: Especially Bad Criminals or CSI: Duluth) instead of preparing the homestead for Jack Frost's impending assault.

"This might be the last warm day to clean out your side of the garage," calls Ms. Shaker into her husband's lair, lit only by the flickering blue of the television.

"Huh."

"They're predicting snow next week."

"Huh."

"You know how you hate scraping your windshield in the morning."

"Huh."

"Could you at least turn off the outside water spigots and cover the grill?"

"Uh-huh."

"Today?"

Alas, today slips by in a haze of clever DNA samples, dramatic courtroom speeches, and crinkled snack bags on the floor. And when the predicted snow shows up two days earlier than expected – falling soft, wet and thick for hours – Shaker Man finds himself not only shoveling snow and scraping ice off his van and grill, but racing throughout the house removing air conditioners, switching storm windows for screens, and (seven months late) draining, refilling, and reigniting the boiler. He is just beginning to congratulate himself – and his family is just beginning to speak to him again, as the steam from the radiators begins to dispel the steam from their breath – when his wife asks him two fateful questions:

1: "Did you turn off the outside spigots?"

2: "What's that shower-like noise in the basement?"

• **Holiday Grumpiness:** Shaker Affective Disorder sufferers do not experience the holiday season in the same way as the rest of us; already annoyed by the disappearance of sun and warmth, Shaker Man and his fellow Shaker Affective Disorders are appalled by two realizations: a) Another year is almost over, and b) The community expects them to be happy and thankful about it. Shaker Affective Disorder victims are especially challenged because the holiday season in Shaker Heights – one that incorporates Ramadan, Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Kwanza, Diwali, Christmas, New Year's, and Chinese New Year's, among others – lasts approximately 120 days and requires cheerfulness in multiple languages.

"I love the holiday season," says Ms. Shaker Man, staring at a Norman Rockwell snowfall in the backyard.

"Ho-ho-ho," says Shaker Man, without much enthusiasm. "Mazeltov."

"Isn't it nice to live in a place where it's so beautiful during this time of year?"

"Magical. I love the feel of holiday slush in my shoes."

"Don't be such a cynic. We have a lot to be thankful for."

"I'd be thankful if I could play golf in December," says Shaker Man. "Or if I could sit on my porch in January without a parka. And I'd be really thankful if I hadn't just put another tank of gas in the snowblower."

"It could be worse."

"How?"

"You could be out there shoveling," she says with a smile, then adds, "Instead of in here."





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