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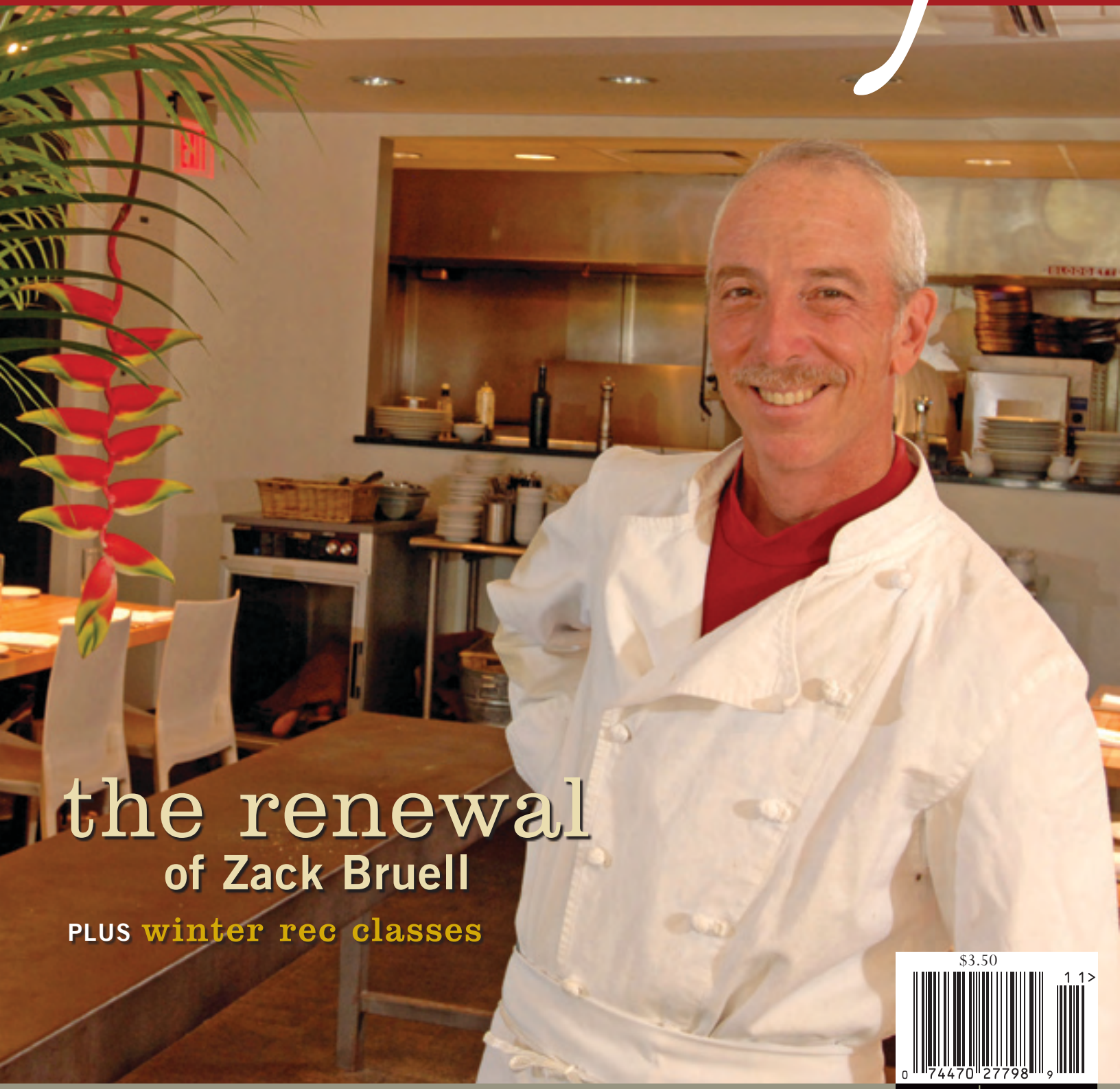

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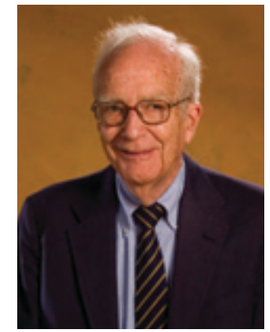

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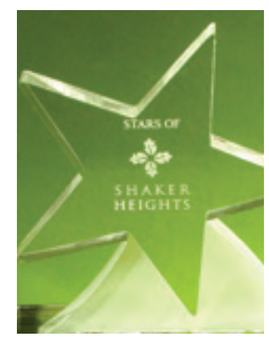

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University Hospitals Buys Former OfficeMax Building

On September 19, University Hospitals (UH) and the City of Shaker Heights announced plans to move 900+ administrative jobs to the former OfficeMax site on Warrensville Center Road.

This exciting news has a dynamic impact on Shaker's future. UH projects more than 900 new jobs at the site within a year with annual local income tax receipts of $900,000. This directly benefits the City because its operating budget is funded primarily by income tax revenues.

The Shaker City School System benefits from property taxes generated at the same rate as any other commercial structure in the City. The Schools budget is funded primarily by property tax revenues.

And finally, the purchase of the OfficeMax site is a real shot in the arm. It acts as a catalyst to new retail development nearby as well as additional office activity. It will boost current economic reinvestment in the district to more than $60M with the very real possibility of hundreds of millions more in the coming years.

As one of Northeast Ohio's largest employers, UH is investing another $1billion in Greater Cleveland. Its move to Shaker reflects the efforts begun two years ago to keep OfficeMax in Northeast Ohio. It shows what regional collaboration can achieve, and assures Shaker's place as a viable business location on Cleveland's east side.

Tips for Navigating New Traffic Signals

Shaker's new traffic signals bring new and potentially confusing situations. Here are some helpful tips to address frequently asked questions:

•There are new no left turn signals at the rapid crossings. They only illuminate if a train is coming (like railroad crossing signals that deploy as a train approaches). When the no left turn signs are illuminated, drivers must stop and wait for the train to pass before crossing the tracks. When the signs are not illuminated, proceed across the tracks, with caution, as in the past.

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Accepting Nominations for MLK, Jr. Award

The Human Relations Commission is accepting nominations for the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award for Human Relations 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, Shaker libraries, and *shakeronline.com* and must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, December 1.

Acceptable nominations include individuals or groups whose actions exemplify Dr. King's values: compassion, humility, and service. Nominees must have made a significant contribution in 2006 through volunteerism, community service, and building community in Shaker Heights. Recipients must be residents of the Shaker Heights 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.

The award will be presented at the City Council meeting on January 22 in the Shaker Community Building at 7:30 p.m. That evening also opens an exhibit of remarkable photographs, jointly presented by Shaker's Fair Housing Review Board (with HUD funding) and the City's Human Relations Commission. The rarely seen exhibit from Atlanta includes images of Martin Luther King, Jr., Coretta Scott King, Jesse Jackson, and other civil rights activists marching in support of open housing in the 1960s. The photographs also capture many of those who tried to disrupt the peaceful demonstration.

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Winnie Dietsch: 216 999-8600

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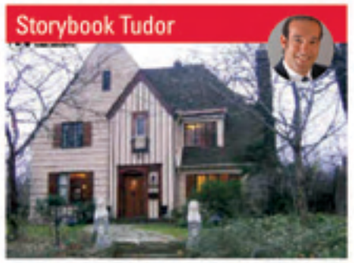
$407,000
3 bedroom, 2.2 bath town home. Neutral decor. 1st floor master & laundry. Formal dining rm, 2 story living rm w/gas fireplace.
Joanne Mumaw: 216 999-0531

Storybook Tudor



$399, 000
Best buy in Club section! Loads of charm. Kitchen with granite & stainless steel appliances. 4 bedrooms, 3.1 baths.
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$249, 900
Hardwood floors. Remodeled baths and kitchen. Cathedral ceiling. Master with fireplace. Patio off family room. Finished 3rd.
Kay Shea: 216 999-2072

Better Than New

$249,900
Chic, stylish & sensational! You'll be amazed at the space & quality renovations. 3 bedrms, 2.1 baths.
Earlene Hancock: 216 348-4772

Just Move In

$239,000
Perfection! Brick gem with den. Master suite with bath. 3 more bedrms & 2 baths. Rec rm. Porch. Breakfast room.
Liz Nuechterlein: 216 999-8292

Architectural Gem

$625,000
Gorgeous details. Large family room leads to Williamsburg garden. 5 bedrooms, 4.1 baths. Perfection!
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One-of-a-kind

$549, 000
Fabulous wide open floor plan, walls of windows, absolutely gorgeous design, private yard, very special.
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Stately Brick Beauty

$425,000
Distinctive inside and out. Updated granite kitchen, lovely formal rooms, 5 bedrooms. 3.1 baths. A/C.
Winnie Dietsch: 216 999-8600

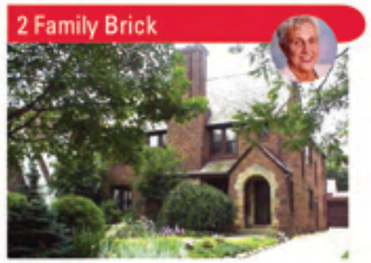
Wonderful House

$356, 000
Beautiful renovated colonial located on a spacious lot. Enclosed porch overlooks property. 3 bedrooms, 2.1 baths.
Freddy L Harris: 216 496-2156

2-Year Old Colonial

$339, 000
Spectacular! 2 story foyer. All hardwood floors on 1st floor. Fabulous kitchen with stainless appliances.
Susan Hennenberg: 216 831-7462

2 Family Brick



$269, 900
Leaded windows thruout. Sun rooms & rear porches. Room & bath lower level. Many capital improvements. Owner/agent
Marcella McCord: 216 751-4343

Beautiful Brick

$235,000
4 bedroom, 3.1 bath brick colonial. Large master bedroom. Office/study. Formal living & dining rms. Central air.
Lee Freeman: 216 701-6407

Great Location

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Peggy Garr: 216 831-7342

Condo, Condo

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• The new crosswalk WALK signals operate a bit differently. First, pedestrians will notice the white walk symbol; then a flashing red symbol; then a solid red symbol. Pedestrians may cross when the white symbol appears and complete their crossing during the time that the red flashing symbol appears. Plenty of time is programmed to get across the street before the solid red symbol appears.

• Lights at most side streets will not automatically cycle to green any longer. They will only activate to green when a car pulls up to the light. This allows traffic on the main streets to keep moving, reducing neighborhood cut-through traffic.

• The timing sequence of lights at some rapid track crossings (such as Shaker and Coventry) is reset so that cars are not stopped on the tracks when the light turns red.

Overall sequencing is synchronized across the City. The Shaker Heights Police Department and City officials thank residents for their patience and for advising them of any problem areas.

Schedule Changes

To better serve our community of readers, the publication schedule of *Shaker Life* magazine will shift slightly in 2007. The new schedule jibes more closely with Recreation offerings, School Calendars and the changing seasons. Look for the next issue in early February, followed by the April/May, June/July, August/September, October/November, and December/January issues.

Shaker News Briefs

• New! on *shakeronline.com:* Whether it's information about booster shots or bike helmets, you can find it online. Use the site's search engine by entering "Health Services." Find schedules for seasonal flu immunization clinics or year-round blood pressure screenings, updates on environmental health monitoring or directions for obtaining birth and death certificates. Find revamped Frequently Asked Questions, which cover key health concerns such as West Nile Virus, Meningitis, and Pandemic Flu. A new Emergency Preparedness section provides resources and guidelines to help you keep your family safe. Find useful tips on managing severe weather and power outages. Think we've missed something? Be sure to let us know by emailing communications@shakeronline.com.

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• The City of Shaker Heights Finance Department was formally recognized by Auditor of State Betty Montgomery for Excellent Financial Accountability. Montgomery recently presented the prestigious Auditor's Award for exemplary 2004 Annual Financial Report to the Finance staff, who earned it while under the expert guidance of former Finance Director **Frank Brichacek.** Montgomery noted that "fewer than five percent of all the agencies we audit are eligible for (this) award. That says a great deal about the city's commitment to safeguarding taxpayer dollars."

• The Board of the Housing Advocates, Inc. awarded Assistant Director of Law **Lisa Gold-Scott** the "Fair Housing Achievement Award" in recognition of her important contributions to equal housing and lending opportunities, not only for the residents of Shaker Heights but also throughout Cuyahoga County.

• The National League of Cities (NLC) and CH2M HILL named the City of Shaker Heights a Finalist for the 2006 Awards for Municipal Excellence. The Awards for Municipal Excellence recognize outstanding programs that have significantly contributed to the quality of life in their city. This year, cities and towns from 38 states and Washington, DC sent in nominations. Winners of the Awards will be announced to the public and recognized formally at NLC's Congress of Cities & Exposition in Reno, Nevada, December 5-9.

Top Seasonal Reminders

The Falling Leaves…

…and grass clippings may be placed on tree lawns, not in the street, for pickup until December 15. Brush collection is suspended during leaf collection.

When it Snows…

…crews clear streets of ice and snow as quickly and efficiently as conditions permit. Residents are responsible for clearing driveways and sidewalks.

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Rubbish pickups delayed: Collections scheduled on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day will be one day late. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed, sign up for the City's email list at *shakeronline.com.*

Bicycle Licenses: Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 11, December 9, and January 13, 2007 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is $5 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.

Lost Pets: If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 491-1499).

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 2007. Instructions can be found in the Human Resources section of the City website, *shakeronline.com.*

Parking Ban: Parking is not allowed on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 a.m.

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

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

real estate news

REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between June 1 and July 31, 2006 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2006 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
15850 ALDERSYDE DR	$375,000	$242,900 (1996)	$ 15,000 (1938)
21150 ALMAR DR	$475,000	$482,500 (2002)	$ 40,000 (1961)
3276 ARDMORE ROAD	$254,000	$206,000 (2001)	$ 11,000 (1924)
2975 ATTLEBORO ROAD	$698,000	$560,000 (2001)	$ 15,000 (1936)
2996 BRIGHTON ROAD	$402,000	$289,000 (1998)	$ 11,000 (1921)
22087 BYRON ROAD	$265,000	$230,500 (2002)	$ 30,000 (1955)
22450 BYRON ROAD	$197,000	$163,000 (2000)	$ 29,500 (1952)
22550 CALVERTON RD	$507,000	$475,000 (2004)	$ 15,000 (1934)
2780 CHESTERTON RD	$535,000	$385,000 (1998)	$ 60,000 (1958)
2925 EATON ROAD	$570,000	$649,900 (2003)	$ 35,000 (1925)
3003 EATON ROAD	$586,000	$442,900 (2001)	$ 22,000 (1926)
19981 FAIRMOUNT BL	$165,000	$144,500 (2002)	$ 5,850 (1942)
22549 FAIRMOUNT BL	$284,000	$200,000 (1997)	N/A
23820 FAIRMOUNT BL	$196,000	$136,000 (1999)	$ 36,000 (1958)
23750 HAZELMERE RD	$259,100	$238,000 (2001)	$ 28,000 (1954)
23851 HAZELMERE RD	$241,500	$160,000 (1998)	$ 30,000 (1952)
2918 HUNTINGTON RD	$293,300	$216,000 (1998)	$ 12,000 (1935)
3267 INGLESIDE RD	$268,000	$194,000 (1998)	$ 11,000 (1924)
3076 KINGSLEY ROAD	$875,000	$650,000 (2002)	$ 50,000 (1924)
3291 LEE ROAD	$169,700	$166,667 (2004)	$ 82,000 (1990)
2700 LEIGHTON ROAD	$594,000	$571,500 (2005)	$ 12,500 (1916)
18930 LOMOND BLVD	$240,500	$210,000 (2005)	$ 10,000 (1929)
19220 LOMOND BLVD	$250,000	$241,500 (2002)	$ 9,800 (1941)
3715 LUDGATE ROAD	$ 93,900	$ 80,000 (2005)	$ 3,500 (1940)
23976 LYMAN BLVD	$410,000	$300,000 (2001)	$ 30,000 (1951)
20011 MALVERN ROAD	$465,000	$445,000 (2003)	$ 27,000 (1924)
3327 MAYNARD ROAD	$320,000	$284,000 (2003)	$ 14,000 (1924)
22299 MCCAULEY RD	$673,000	$580,000 (2000)	$ 25,000 (1929)
2949 MORLEY ROAD	$495,000	$346,000 (1996)	$ 35,000 (1925)
3120 MORLEY ROAD	$450,000	$340,000 (2000)	$ 15,000 (1936)
3561 NORMANDY RD	$142,500	$ 94,500 (1998)	$ 18,000 (1950)
3535 NORWOOD ROAD	$210,000	$187,500 (2004)	$ 8,500 (1931)
2890 W PARK BLVD	$617,500	$620,000 (2002)	$ 33,000 (1925)
22226 PARNELL ROAD	$725,000	$400,000 (1996)	$ 35,000 (1929)
3711 RAWNSDALE RD	$219,000	$167,500 (1999)	$ 8,000 (1935)
17551 SHAKER BLVD	$575,000	$455,000 (2004)	$ 35,000 (1952)
3309 STOCKHOLM RD	$160,000	$210,000 (2005)	$ 7,000 (1922)
3632 SUTHERLAND RD	$217,000	$188,000 (2002)	$ 11,000 (1929)
3684 TOLLAND ROAD	$204,000	$195,000 (2003)	$ 9,800 (1941)
3666 TOWNLEY ROAD	$166,000	$187,900 (2003)	$ 10,000 (1929)
3654 TRAVER ROAD	$230,000	$199,500 (2003)	$ 9,000 (1935)
3574 WINCHELL ROAD	$207,000	$194,900 (2003)	$ 11,500 (1929)
19415 WINSLOW ROAD	$265,000	$180,000 (1999)	$ 15,000 (1929)
2674 WRENFORD ROAD	$470,000	$364,000 (2002)	$ 15,000 (1940)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Homeowner Tip

It isn't too late to consult with the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization about making those energy efficiency decisions that you forgot about last spring. Energy saving work can be performed throughout the year. Call 491-1370 to arrange a free assessment of your home and to receive information on the Go Green Rebate Program.

Heating Your Home

Before problems arise, arrange for maintenance and cleaning of your furnace. If a problem has developed, it will be easier and cheaper to have it fixed now, before the heating season has contractors tied up. Replace all filters and clear items away from the openings to help ensure adequate air flow.

Homeowners Win
Stars of Shaker 2006 Awards

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:

- Pavlos Pavlidis, 17611 Berwyn Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Single-Family)
- Roland and Patricia Arnold, 18231 Lynton Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Two-Family)

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- Felix and Pilar Martin, 3256 Stockholm Road (Front Porch/Entrance, Single-Family)
- Howard and Diana Geddes, 3380 Norwood Road (Landscaping, Single-Family)

LOMOND:

- Joseph and Anita Miller, 18311 Sherrington Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Single-Family)
- Robert Cugini, 17601 Winslow Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Two-Family)
- Robert and Valerie Bermel, 3557 Glencairn Road (Landscaping, Single-Family)

MORELAND:

- Charles and Sheila Clark, 3545 Menlo Road (Overall Curb Appeal, single-Family)
- Emma Holmes and son Bruce Holmes, 3553 Ludgate Road (Porch/Entrance, Single-Family)
- Everett Bates, 3642 Pennington Road (Landscaping, Single-Family)

ONAWAY:

- Paul Carey, 3161 Huntington Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Single-Family)
- Dr. and Mrs. Richard Cowett, 16333 Parkland Road (Landscaping, Single-Family)

SUSSEX:

- Gwen Thomas and T.J. McCallum, 3608 Norwood Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Single-Family)
- Jim and Marie Carr, 18921 Winslow Road (Overall Curb Appeal, Two-Family)
- Suzanne Beatrice, 19442 Winslow Road (Landscaping, Two-Family)

Pictures of winning properties are posted on the City website: *shakeronline.com/about/incentive/StarsofShaker2006*.

Nominate a Restored Shaker Home

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission is accepting nominations for its tenth annual Preservation Awards. Shaker's 2007 awards program is mirrored after the program established by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Shaker's coveted awards recognize individuals involved in an outstanding exterior preservation project completed in the last two years. Recipients are acknowledged for success in preserving, rehabilitating, restoring or interpreting the architectural integrity and cultural heritage of a Shaker home.

Winners are announced in May, National Preservation Month, when the National Trust and its thousands of partners across the country demonstrate the importance of the preservation movement to our nation's heritage.

Nominations are accepted from any group or individual, including property owners, architects, contractors or neighbors. Nominations can be submitted for single-family, two-family, and multiple-family houses, as well as apartment buildings, commercial structures, and religious buildings.

To nominate a property, call the Planning Department at 491-1430 for a nomination form, or download one from the City's website, *shakeronline.com* (Forms & Permits), or write a letter explaining why the property is being nominated. Include your name and telephone number as well as the nominee's name, address, and telephone number. A high-quality, color photograph of the property is required. Please note that photos become the property of the City and will not be returned. The deadline to send nominations is 5 p.m., December 15.

Certified Shaker Properties

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

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

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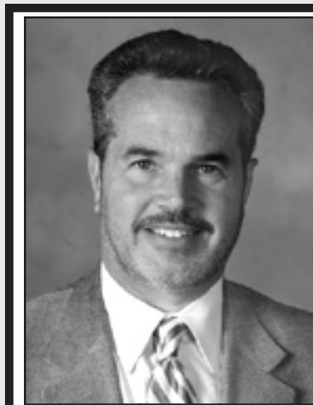

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library news

Holiday Hours

Both libraries will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, November 22, and remain closed all day Thursday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Both libraries will be closed Sunday, December 24, Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1.

Both libraries will be closed Monday, January 15 for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The Bookshelf: Civic Engagement

Are Privacy Rights Being Violated? **edited by Stuart A. Kallen.** Detroit, MI: Greenhaven Press, 2006. Part of the *At Issue* series, this book offers a variety of views on topics related to privacy rights and is useful for student research.

The Black Laws: Race and the Legal Process in Early Ohio **by Stephen Middleton.** Athens, OH: Ohio University Press, 2005. This important historical study examines racial discrimination and civil rights in Ohio.

Campaign and Election Reform **by Harry Henderson.** New York, NY: Facts on File, Inc., 2004. As part of the *Library in a Book* series, this volume is a good resource for researching reform issues and steers students to other helpful sources.

Civil Liberties vs. National Security in a Post-9/11 World **edited by M. Katherine Darmer, Robert M. Baird & Stuart E. Rosenbaum.** Amherst, NY: Prometheus Books, 2004. This work addresses important issues related to the critical balance between citizens' freedoms and national security.

Deliver the Vote: A History of Election Fraud, an American Political Tradition–1742-2004 **by Tracy Campbell.** New York, NY: Carroll & Graf Publishers, 2005. The author contends that election fraud is deeply ingrained in American political history, and controversies surrounding recent presidential elections reflect that history.

Election Reform **by Alan Marzilli.** Philadelphia, PA: Chelsea House Publishers, 2004. This point/counterpoint title examines the issues of voting rights and election laws in an easy-to-use format.

Law and Election Politics: The Rules of the Game **edited by Matthew J. Streb.** Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers, Inc., 2005. This book helps clarify the relationships between law and politics and their influence on elections.

Plain Dealing: Ohio Politics and Journalism Viewed from the Press Gallery **by Richard G. Zimmerman.** Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 2006. A longtime political reporter offers a fascinating insider's view of Ohio politics.

Right to Vote **by Deanne Durrett.** New York, N.Y. Facts on File, Inc., 2005. Written for students, this appealing volume from the *American Rights* series covers the history of voting rights from 1789 to 2000.

Steal This Vote: Dirty Elections and the Rotten History of Democracy in America **by Andrew Gumbel.** New York, NY: Nation Books, 2005. Election fraud and suppression of voters' rights have a long history in our country, and the author offers some thoughtful solutions to remedy this pervasive threat to democracy's ideals.

Reader *of the* Month

ANDREW MORRELL

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AGE: 41
LIVES IN: Sussex neighborhood
USES: Main Library and Bertram Woods Branch
ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: *Sula* by Toni Morrison
OTHER FAVORITES: *Generation X* by Douglas Coupland, *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, *Sonny's Blues* by James Baldwin
LIKES TO READ: Media blogs, The Onion, Elmore Leonard, maps
DOESN'T LIKE TO READ: Theoretical Economics abstracts, tax code, contracts
WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT THE LIBRARY: Enormous resources and friendly staff
OTHER INTERESTS: Percussion, Apple Computers, running, University of Michigan athletics, water, aviation, Frank Zappa, Formula One
FAMILY: Wife, Michelle Bolek, Senior Media Relations Manager at the Cleveland Clinic; Two spoiled American Golden Retrievers, Sammy and Alex, and 2 cats
BRIEF BIO: Andrew Morrell is an eclectic mix: a culturally literate, artistically inclined, former NPR Program Director turned professional photographer with a love of sports and large, goofy dogs. Morrell produced Music from the Hearts of Space in San Francisco, was program director of New Hampshire Public Radio, then moved to National Public Radio in Washington, D.C. where he developed NPRTalk for Sirius Satellite Radio, one of two 24/7 channels that NPR now feeds the satellite radio network. In Ann Arbor, Michigan he was program director for the University of Michigan's NPR station. He is now settled in Shaker Heights where he developed Andrew Morrell Photography (www.andrewmorrell.com) and where he volunteers as Photographer for G.R.I.N. (Golden Retrievers in Need) rescue service.

What Went Wrong in Ohio: The Conyers Report on the 2004 Presidential Election **edited by Anita Miller.** Chicago, IL: Academy Chicago Publishers, 2005. This examination of the 2004 presidential election process in Ohio was produced by the Democratic members and staff of the House Judiciary Committee.

Local Author & Book Fair

November's Local Author & Book Fair

Features Writers Workshops

The Library is hosting a Local Author & Book Fair from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, November 19 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.

As an enhancement to this year's event, local authors will present a series of panel discussions for aspiring authors. The times and topics are:

1:30 P.M. Self-Publishing: So You Want to Publish a Book?
2:15 P.M. Write in Your Own Backyard: Local History, Local Stories
3:00 P.M. Write Now: The Craft and Discipline of Writing
3:45 P.M. Writing for Young People: The Children's Book Market

The Library has confirmed more than 40 authors, including Michael Ruhlman, Sarah Willis, Loung Ung, Michael Roizen, Mia Coulton, Joan Plummer Russell, J. Everett Prewitt, Marvin McMickle, and Les Roberts. Local 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.

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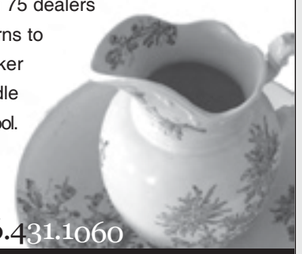

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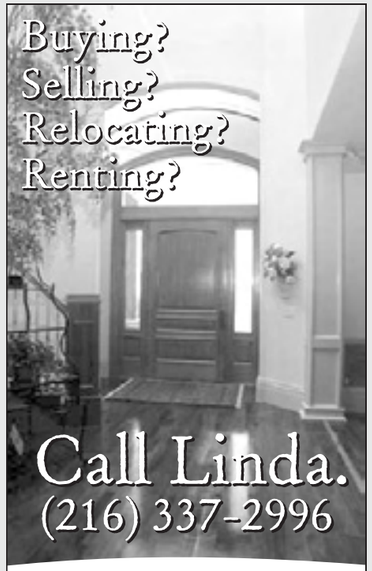

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November 12–18

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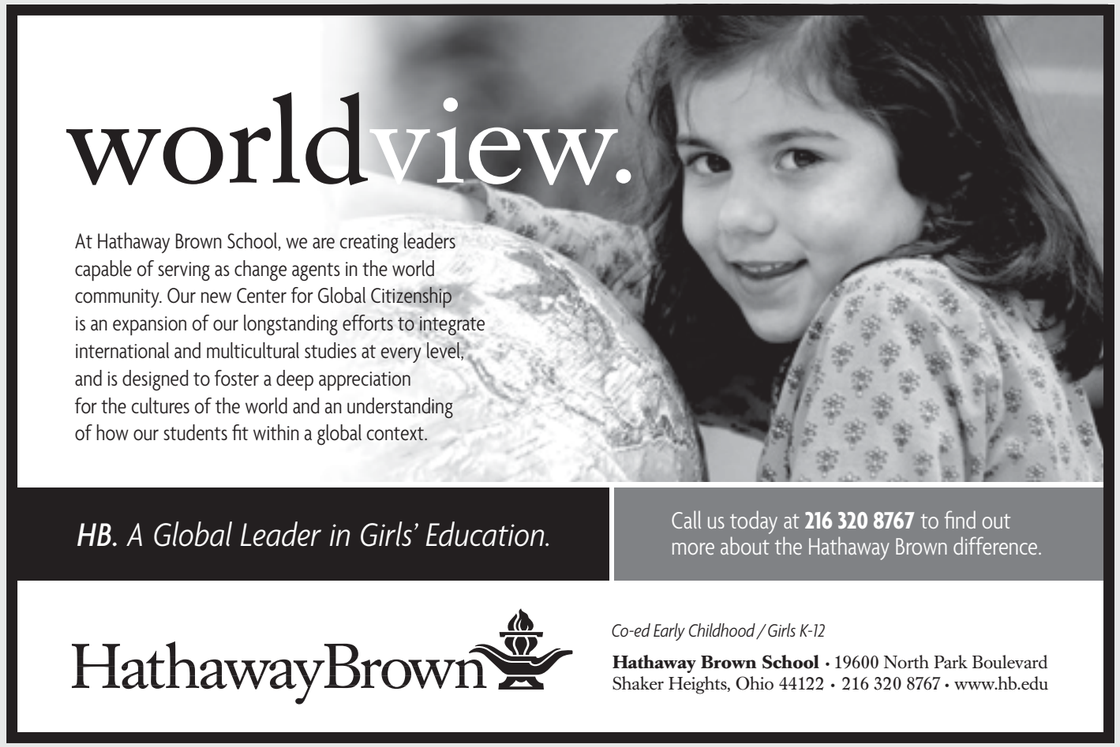
Non-perishable foods in highest demand include canned tuna, beef stew, boxed pasta, canned or boxed baby food, canned vegetables, and peanut butter.

CelebrASIAN: Passport to Japan

Families are invited to celebrate the country and culture of Japan when the library concludes its CelebrASIAN series, 2–4 p.m., Sunday, November 12, at the Main Library.

The Icho Daiko Drummers demonstrate traditional Japanese drumming, and Edythe Zimmerman discusses *Life Images: A Child's View,* part of a cultural exchange program between American and Japanese school children. Created by Japanese children, the images were originally curated by Cleveland Museum of Art, and are on display at the Main Library through December 4.

Please register for the program by calling the Main Library at 991-2030.



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Forever in Blue, the last book in the *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* quartet, is finally here! Visit the Main Library between 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, January 13, and get in on the fun.

Decorate a leg of our jeans *your* way just like Bridget, Carmen, Tibby, and Lena! Enter to win your own copy of *Forever in Blue!* Eat munchies and chat with other *Traveling Pants* fanatics. Then, we'll hang all of the decorated "traveling pants" in the Main Library for everyone to see!

Registration begins December 30. Call the Main Library Teen/Fiction Desk: 991-2030.

Teen Advisory Board to Review Books

For the first time ever the Teen Advisory Board will participate in Harper Teen Publishing's First Look Program. The publisher will provide Advanced Reader's Copies of new teen titles to the group, who will then read and write reviews of "tomorrow's books today."

The reviews will be published online at the Harper Teens website. This is an exciting opportunity for our T.A.B. members to be the first to read popular new teen books, learn the art of writing book reviews, influence peer reading tastes, and get free books.

Library Sponsors 9th Annual
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest

The library invites youth in grades 3–8 to enter its 9th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Writing Contest. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. dedicated his life to teaching the importance of peace and equality. In one of his speeches he said, "Sooner or later, all the people of the world will have to discover a way to live together."

This year's contest seeks short contributions of poetry or prose asking students What if...you could make his dream come true? In 100 words or less, in prose or poetry, they are asked to write about one thing they can do to make it happen.

All entries will be printed as bookmarks to be distributed during Black History month. Winners in each category, grades 3 and 4; grades 5 and 6; and grades 7 and 8 will also receive U.S. Savings Bonds.

Contest rules and application forms are available in the Children and Teen Departments at both libraries. The contest ends December 8 and winners will be notified in January.

The Awards Reception will be held at 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 12, 2007 at the Main Library, when the children will read their winning entries and receive their prizes.

Library Seeks
Candidates for Board of Trustees

The Shaker Heights Board of Education is looking for candidates for the Shaker Heights Public Library Board of Trustees. The appointment is for a 7-year term, to fill the term of Mimi Friedman Karon, which expires March 31, 2007. The new board member would begin duties April 1, 2007.

Shaker Library is a school district public library serving the same geographic area as the schools, but is a separate political entity with an autonomous Board. The Board of Trustees is the governing body for the library and establishes policies and approves library spending.

Current members are Emma Benning, Ken McGovern, Kurt Miller, Thomas Schorgl, Jeanne Shatten, and Donna Whyte. The board usually meets at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month from September through June at the Main Library, 16500 Van Aken Boulevard.

Shaker school district residents interested in being considered for the appointment can pick up an application at either Shaker Library and the Board of Education Administration building beginning December 1, or they can address their request to: Library Trustee Search, Shaker Heights Board of Education, 15600 Parkland Drive, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120.

Completed applications must be returned to the Board of Education by Thursday, February 1, 2007.

Books for Discussion

The Library offers a number of book discussion opportunities for residents interested in sharing their reading experience.

2 P.M. SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11
The Keepers of the House **by Shirley Grau**
Unimaginable secrets are uncovered in this southern generational saga when the family discovers an ancestor had married his black housekeeper and mistress.

10 A.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Where God Was Born **by Bruce Feiler**
Read about the geographical tour taken by a prominent biblical commentator to discover where God was born.

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Pardonable Lies **by Jacqueline Winspear**
This detailed portrait of English society finds Maisie Dobbs on two cases of missing soldiers, which pull her back to the battlefields of France.

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28
The Screwtape Letters by C. S. Lewis
This satire about sin and salvation is explained in a series of letters between a senior demon and a demon-in-training.

2 P.M. SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9
Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress
by Sijie Dai
Two boys are sent to a remote Chinese village for re-education during the Cultural Revolution and learn a timeless lesson in loyalty and friendship.

10 A.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
A Dangerous Friend **by Ward Just**
Colonialism and idealism clash in this provocative book set in 1965 Saigon when a group of young civilians sets out to reform Vietnam.

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12
Who Dunit? Discuss *December Heat*
by Luiz Alfredo Garcia-Roza
Inspector Espinosa of the Rio de Janeiro police is thrust into the heart of the city's vast crime network when a colleague's girlfriend is murdered.

7:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13
The Martha Rules: 10 Essentials for Achieving Success as You Start, Build or Manage a Business **by Martha Stewart**
Discuss the domestic diva's rules for success.

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19
Open Secrets **by Alice Munro**
This collection of short stories reveals the mysteries and self-deceptions in the ordinary lives of women living in Ontario, Canada.

10 A.M. TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2007
Never Have Your Dog Stuffed And Other Things I've Learned **by Alan Alda**
The Emmy-award winning actor writes about growing up in the wings with a father who performed on Broadway and a mother who fought a losing battle with mental illness.

Poetry Back in the Woods

At 7 p.m., Tuesday, December 19, musician Aaron Hoke will accompany poets Mary Weems and Katie Daley on the cello and guitar at Woods Branch. Hoke is a graduate of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey, where he earned a degree in voice. He is an avid instrumentalist specializing in string instruments. He currently directs the instrumental music program at Beaumont High School in Cleveland Heights.

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Mary Weems is an educational consultant, poet and playwright, who teaches in the English Department at John Carroll University. The Cleveland native has had three collections of poetry published: Blackeyed (Burning Press, 1994), Fembles (Heartlands Today, 1996) and White, a Wick Chapbook (Kent State University, 1997). Other books include: Poetry Power (Silvermoon Press, 2003), Public Education and the Imagination-Intellect: I Speak from the Wound in my Mouth (Peter Lang, 2002) and Working Hard for the Money (Bottom Dog Press, 2002), which she co-edited with Larry Smith.

Katie Daley is an Ohio Arts Council Fellowship recipient and has performed poetry in theatres, junkyards, bistros and on radio and TV. She was the producer of the sixth Writers and Their Friends Literary Gala held at the Cleveland Play House in June. Since 2001, she has performed her show, Full Blast Alive: Voices from the Ruby Side, at clubs and universities around the country. Her publications include chapbooks: Coyote at the Wheel, Red Hot Mangoes and Voodoo Juice. She has also produced a CD, Full Blast Alive: Voices from the Ruby Side.

Dr. Marvin McMickle Headlines Kwanzaa Celebration at Main Library

Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African Culture, which contribute to building and reinforcing family, community, and culture among African Americans. These vales are called the NGUZO SABA, which means the Seven Principles in Swahili.

Families are invited to celebrate Kwanzaa at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 28, at the Main Library. Reverend Marvin McMickle of Antioch Baptist Church presents the Seven Principles. Storytellers Kharinne Shinaul, Deborah Ike, and Ceco Selinas weave their magic with tales about the celebration, and a youth band and choir provide music.

The family program is free; however, reservations are requested, 991-2030.

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Library and Shaker Family Center Cosponsor Preschool Fair

Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center invite families to a Preschool Fair from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, January 25, on the second floor of the Main Library.

Representatives from area early childhood programs share information about their programs. Parents have the opportunity to meet directors and staff members and explore the wide variety of options for their children. INFO: Shaker Family Center 991-2023, or Main Library 991-2030.

Two Health Programs End the Library's Healthy, Wealthy & Wise Programming Year

Dyhann Rhodes, Nurse Educator with The Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland, speaks about diabetes with a particular emphasis on the African-American population and the recent increase in Type 2 diabetes found in teens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 8 at the Main Library. Rhodes emphasizes the keys to prevention and to the management of the disease.

Having lived and managed Type 1 diabetes for the past 25 years, Rhodes can speak from both a patient's and a professional's point of view. Reservations are requested by calling: 991-2030.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 7 at Woods Branch, Dr. Dennis Landis, a neurologist with University Hospitals of Cleveland, Inc. speaks about brain health and brain disorders.

Landis received his undergraduate and his medical degrees from Harvard University. He trained at University Hospital of San Diego County, Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Massachusetts General Hospital, and the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. Landis is board certified in Internal Medicine, Psychiatry and Neurology.

Reservations are requested, 991-2421.

Teen Scene

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PLAY AND LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years old.
10 a.m.–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays ; 6–8 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. *No registration is required.*

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies from birth to 18 months and their parents or caregivers.
10 a.m.–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays; 6–8 p.m. Thursdays
No registration required.

PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS ONLY AT MAIN LIBRARY

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years old.
10 a.m.–noon Wednesdays
A one-time registration is required. Please call Shaker Family Center at 921-2030.

Play and Learn programs are co-sponsored with Shaker Family Center.

BOOK BABIES

Stories, songs, games, and rhymes for one-year-olds with an adult.
Winter Session:
January 9–February 28, 2007
Babies 12-18 months old
(Must be 12 months by Jan. 1, 2007.)
9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at **Woods Branch**
Babies 18-24 months old
(Must be 18 months by Jan. 1, 2007.)
10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at **Woods Branch**
10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at **Main Library**
In-person registration begins 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9 for Shaker Heights City School District residents. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, December 12. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

TODDLERS

Stories, songs, and movement for 2-year-olds with an adult. (Must be 2 years old by Jan. 1, 2007.)

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Winter Session: January 9–March 1, 2007
10 a.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at **Woods Branch**

10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays at **Main Library**
In-person registration begins 9 a.m. Saturday, December 9 for Shaker Heights City School District residents. Non-residents may register beginning Tuesday, December 12. Please register at the library where your child will attend.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories and fun for ages 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds.
10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Mondays at **Main Library**
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7 p.m. Wednesdays, November 1, December 6 and January 3
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A series of fun creative writing workshops for children in grades 2–5.
Winter Session: January 10–February 28
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Friday, November 10 Main Library
Saturday, November 11 Main Library
Meet Josefina 2–4 p.m.
Saturday, December 2 Main Library
Saturday, January 6 Main Library
Registration begins two weeks before each program.

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Celebrate Children's Book Week by reading your favorite story to man's best friend. Meet a member of Therapy Dog International, who talks about the program and assign you to read to one of their therapy dogs.
Main Library
2–4 p.m. Saturday, November 18

WINTER LIGHT CELEBRATION

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Celebrate seasonal holiday traditions with stories, crafts and a treat.
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4:15–5 p.m. Wednesday, December 13
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library news

T.A.B. (Teen Advisory Board) Meeting for all members
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Exhibits on Display
on the Main Library
Art Wall

THROUGH DECEMBER 4:
Life Images: A Child's View

DECEMBER 8 – JANUARY 16, 2007:
Glass, Fog and Fur: Digital Photography by Andrew Morrell
Meet the photographer
7 p.m. Thursday, December 14

JANUARY 19 – MARCH 2, 2007:
Reproductions of the Harlem Renaissance Painters by Richard Howell

End Notes

• **Service Corps of Retired Executives** (SCORE) continues to offer free, 60-minute, one-to-one business counseling for residents interested in beginning or growing a small business. A pre-interview form must be completed. Call 991-2030 for details.

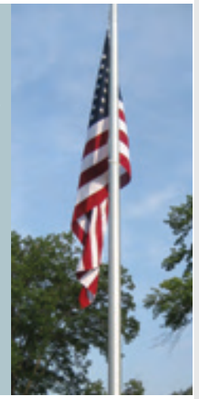
• **Knit Nights** are held from 7–8:45 p.m., Thursdays, November 2, 16, and 30 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and get or give help. 991-2421.

• The **exhibit** now on display on the Main Library Art Wall is entitled *Life Images: A Child's View.*

• Main Library **Community Rooms** E & F and the Woods Branch Community Room are not available for use on Monday, November 6 and Tuesday, November 7 as they are polling places. Main Library community rooms E & F are used as the voting site for precincts S, HH and KK. The Woods Branch community room is the voting site for precincts B and V.

library news

With a little help from our friends... On September 11, Friends of the Shaker Library dedicated a new flagpole at the Main Library. The project was funded by the Friends with assistance from the City of Shaker Heights Neighborhood Revitalization Department.



• The **Red Cross Bloodmobile** is at the Main Library from 2–7 p.m. Monday, December 11.

• The **Library Board** meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, November 13 at Woods Branch, and on December 11 and January 8 in the Main Library Boardroom.

• **Friends of the Shaker Library** meets at 7 p.m., Tuesdays, November 14 and December 19, and January 16, at the Main Library.

• Library staff offers a variety of free computer classes ranging from *How to Use A Mouse* to *Microsoft Access* classes. Brochures listing class dates and times are available at the Information Desks at both libraries and online at *www.shakerlibrary.org.*

In 2007, the library will begin a series of programs that focus on the theme "What If...?"

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the renewal of zack bruell

Shaker Heights' celebrity chef went into retreat after he shook up the foodie world – and his peace of mind – at Z Contemporary Cuisine. Older and wiser now, he still turns genius in the kitchen. Ask anyone who's been to Parallax.

by **NANCY O'CONNOR**

Zack Bruell put Cleveland on the world's dining map when he opened Z Contemporary Cuisine in Shaker Heights in 1985. A restaurant he describes as "20 years ahead of its time" in both design and California-inspired cuisine, "Z" earned chef Bruell national acclaim and drew steady crowds of discerning diners for 10 years.

Now the Shaker native is at it again with Parallax, the seafood-centered restaurant "with a considerable Asian influence" that opened in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood in 2004.

Local and national media have praised Parallax as a "chic" and "world-class" restaurant with "precise but unpretentious fare." It's been billed as "a wonderful gift to the region's serious diners"

thanks to its "delicate blend of classical French technique and Asian-influenced flavors, collected in a seafood-focused menu that sizzles with intelligence and wit."

But the Zack Bruell of Parallax is a different man than the one Z aficionados may remember. Still a creative culinary genius with high personal and professional standards, today's Bruell is no longer driven to be a celebrity chef or his restaurant's star attraction – roles he played at Z, which, in hindsight, required him to sacrifice far too much for far too long.

"People are rediscovering me, and I have reinvented myself," says the older, wiser, and more mellowed culinary artist, husband, and father of three, who now spends as much time socializing in the dining room as fussing in the kitchen…and all the time he can manage on the golf course.

After closing Z in 1995, a worn-out Bruell "exited the stage" for several years, working a day job at the prestigious Ken Stewart's Grille in Akron while he sorted things out. During the eight-year interlude, he seemingly experienced his own "parallax" (defined on a glass panel in the restaurant's vestibule as "an apparent change in the direction of an object caused by change in observational position that provides a new line of sight").

When he opened Z at Tower East in 1985, "I knew what I was doing was radically different, and I was determined to make it work. I was young, naïve, and driven. If I succeeded, Cleveland was going to go forward."

While he's the first to admit he sports a large ego, battles perfectionism, and has "an extreme independent streak," Bruell now sees things differently than when he first set out to conquer the world.

After graduating from Shaker High in 1971, he headed to the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce at the University of Pennsylvania to study business. "But I got drafted near the end of the Viet Nam War, yanked out in the middle of college. I ended up in the Coast Guard Reserve. I wasn't going to be firing a gun or have someone fire bullets at me."

He eventually resumed his studies at the University of Colorado, graduating with a degree in business. From there, he went to The Restaurant School in Pennsylvania. "I had always been intrigued by restaurants; they were so foreign to me," he says. "I wanted to know the mystery of what went on behind the kitchen wall."

While a student at The Restaurant School, he realized that for the first time in his life, he was studying something he was truly interested in. "I was enjoying school, not just going through the motions. I also realized I might have a gift for this. I ended up staying on to teach and opened a restaurant with some people in Philly."

The interior was designed by architect Ron Reed of Westlake, Reed & Leskosky. The original ceilings were removed and sound absorbing panels were hung to give the room more height. Windows that had separated the bar from the dining room were removed to give a sense of flow and energy. PHOTO BY KEVIN G. REEVES. **Parallax faves:** rainbow roll; seared tuna, with green peppercorn and Dijon mustard sauce. PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB.

During the next four years, the groundwork was laid for how he looks at dining out. "It isn't just about eating. I came to see the restaurant as a stage, each one a different type of theater. And I'm an actor on that stage."

Philadelphia was going through a renaissance at the time, he remembers. "Philly was like a smaller version of New York City. I became an urban person. I knew the restaurant world was where I wanted to be – every night was a party."

What he came to realize, however, "was that the party never ends. Worse yet, as the restaurant owner and chef, you're working the party."

In time, Bruell moved to California to work as a luncheon chef at an innovative restaurant his college friend Michael McCarty had opened in Santa Monica. Michael's was fast becoming a world-renowned destination as it broke new ground on many fronts. "Up to this point, 'fancy' had always meant formal," Bruell explains. "But not at Michael's. Servers were younger, dressed less formally, and the place was decorated with great art and great flowers. The cuisine was light, charcoal-grilled French cuisine. Michael's drew the power people of L.A. and the world."

It was the early 1980s, a time when, Bruell notes, "chefs were just beginning to become celebrities." Had negotiations moved more quickly, Cleveland might have lost Bruell to New York City, where McCarty wanted his help in opening a second location. Instead, Bruell was lured back to Cleveland in 1982 when aspiring restaurant owners offered him "an outrageous amount of money" to work for them.

Three years later, he opened his own place, Z Contemporary Cuisine, in Shaker's Tower East office building at Chagrin Boulevard and Northfield Road.

He chose the suburban location "because downtown Cleveland was just not happening then. I wanted to locate where the people were, near where the money was. I realized that if I was going to be a culinary pioneer, I didn't need to be pioneering the neighborhood, too."

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Home for the Holiday

BY THE EDITORS

Shaker resident Zack Bruell, the subject of the previous article, told writer Nancy O'Connor that his famous Tremont restaurant, Parallax, does not do anything special on New Year's Eve. It should be obvious that Bruell has always gone his own way. However, the restaurant districts nearer to home will be lit up, thanks to a wide array of dining and entertainment options – the most options the area has seen in some years.

There are some suave newcomers, such as Boulevard Blue on Larchmere and Sergio's Saravá at Shaker Square, that will put on the dog for the occasion. Saravá, for example, will feature some variations on chef Sergio Abramof's Brazilian fare, and also will have live Brazilian music. Some of the established Shaker destinations – Pearl of the Orient, Matsu, and Rudy's Pub (formerly Noggin's) – will feature special menus, tastings, or dancing – or all three. Champagne will be everywhere. Speaking of which:

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How the struggle to integrate

Shaker elementary schools

changed the community forever

BY RORY O'CONNOR

Local Legends:
Bob Ginn

It can be argued that racial integration, *successful* racial integration, has defined Shaker Heights since World War II. Integration began in 1955 in the neighborhoods south of Van Aken Boulevard – Moreland, Ludlow, Lomond, Sussex – that were built before the war for the express purpose of providing starter homes for Shaker's young (white) professionals. In the '50s these homes became affordable to black veterans and their families who were benefiting from the post-war educational and vocational opportunities that gave rise to the vast American middle class.

Nineteen fifty-five also was the year that a young Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company executive, Robert N. Ginn, and his wife, Barbara, joined Plymouth Church in Shaker so that their children, Ann, Martha, and Tim, could attend its Sunday school.

By the early 1960s Bob Ginn was advocating the safe and sane integration of Plymouth Church. "I'm a liberal Protestant," Ginn says matter-of-factly, as if that explains how he thinks.

In a way it does. Plymouth Church in 1955 was Congregationalist, a Colonial-era denomination. The church was founded by a contingent of abolitionist Presbyterians who broke away from the Old Stone Church in downtown Cleveland in 1850 because it would not take an anti-slavery stand. In fact, the name Plymouth Church was suggested by the famous New York City preacher and abolitionist Henry Beecher Ward, after his own church in Brooklyn.

But Bob Ginn is no wild-haired old Freedom Rider. Far from it. Nor is he just a mere liberal Protestant. He's an *establishment* liberal Protestant, with an unshakable belief in social justice, and an equally unshakable belief in the virtues of capitalism.

For some, those two beliefs are irreconcilable. For Ginn, they are two sides of the same coin.

On one side, Ginn's 40-year career at CEI and Centerior Energy Corporation prompted him in the name of capitalism to help orchestrate the political machinations that drove events during the Dennis Kucinich mayoral era in Cleveland, an era that defined the city for the nation.

On the other side, he was in the front lines of the long and historic movement to integrate Shaker's public elementary schools. Ginn's courageous and principled stand against racism, his energetic volunteer service, and his passion for education as everyone's right have enshrined him as one of Shaker's, and indeed one of Greater Cleveland's, most revered citizens.

Robert N. Ginn PHOTO BY GREEN STREET STUDIO. **Moreland School** students, October 1962. PHOTOS COURTESY SHAKER HEIGHTS PUBLIC LIBRARY LOCAL HISTORY COLLECTION.

For Ginn and others, the move from neighborhood integration to integration of Shaker's public elementary schools was a logical progression.

Since the 1950s and beginning with efforts by the Ludlow Community Association, residents worked diligently to establish stable and diverse neighborhoods in Shaker Heights.
By the late '60s, three of the four elementary schools south of Van Aken – Lomond, Ludlow, and Sussex – had been successfully integrated because the neighborhoods themselves were racially balanced, thanks in large part to housing programs established by the neighborhood Community Associations and the Shaker Heights Citizens Advisory Commission. That determination to address and work through similar issues marked an era – of 50 years duration – during which the City became a model for the nation. (See sidebar.)

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the achievers

An occasional feature about extraordinary high school students

BY NANCY O'CONNOR
PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Wesley Lowery

An opinionated teenager? Stop the presses!

Rewind the life of your favorite newspaper columnist to junior year of high school and he or she would probably be found in a room not unlike Shaker High's Room 231.

Here is where Shaker High's journalism classes meet and where the school's monthly student newspaper, the *Shakerite,* comes together. For Editor-in-Chief Wesley Lowery, Room 231, with its mammoth dry erase boards, sagging stacks of old newspapers, and well-worn folding tables and chairs, has been "home away from home" since he enrolled in Journalism I his freshman year.

This Friday afternoon in September, Wesley is leading the Advanced Journalism class with co-editor Allison Scharfstein, a fellow junior. Their students, who double as Shakerite section editors, staff reporters, photographers, and designers, are updating the editors on the status of their assignments, the deadlines for which are fast approaching. The following Monday marks the start of "deadline week" – the intense five days when the group will devote class time as well as early morning and late afternoon hours to finalize their first issue of the 2006-2007 school year.

Following brief discussions about the mechanics of deadline week – of key concern is who will bring what snack which day – the students get down to business. Many move to the adjoining computer lab to continue work on their stories and layout their section pages, while Wesley huddles with sophomore Colin Jackson, one of the editors of the *Shaker Speaks* opinion page.

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Annie Sivertson

Catch a Rising Star

Awe-struck. That's how she left those gathered at Severance Hall on New Year's Eve 2004 after performing the *Pippin* classic "No Time at All" with Carl Topilow and the Cleveland Pops Orchestra.

Chills. That's what she gave the audience during her solo vocal rendition of John Lennon's "Imagine" at last spring's Shaker High School Spring Ensemble show.

Both performances stand out as peak moments in the budding career of the 17-year-old singer-songwriter-actress Annie Marie Sivertson.

"Receiving a standing ovation in Severance Hall was undoubtedly the highlight in my singing/songwriting career thus far," says the soft-spoken, self-assured Annie, a senior at Shaker High. Being someone who greatly admires the lasting impact of the Beatles, performing "Imagine" was, she says, "a pleasure, a dream, and an honor."

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The Shaker Youth Soccer Association

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Zack Bruell *continued from page 27*

His determination to succeed, he acknowledges, overshadowed all other areas of his life. "I'm very driven to the point where everything else disappears around me. I knew what I was doing was radically different, and I was determined to make it work. I promised myself I would never compromise what I did artistically. I was young, naïve, and driven. I looked at myself as a barometer of what was going to happen to Cleveland – if I succeeded, Cleveland was going to go forward."

Everything about Z was different, from its cutting-edge cuisine to its minimalist decor. "We got a lot of national press because of that, and partly because I was doing it in Cleveland," Bruell says. "The question was always, 'What the hell are you doing *there?'* "

The restaurant earned glowing mentions and feature stories not only in the local press but in *Esquire* magazine, *USA Today,* and the *New York Times,* which called it "one of Cleveland's most fashionable and popular restaurants."

"It was exciting," Bruell acknowledges, "but all I did was work. Lunch and dinner, six days a week, 90 hours a week, for 10 years straight. The first meal I missed in ten years in this business was the day my daughter Frederique was born."

He felt at times "like I was in a marathon, but sprinting. Like I was on this high-speed treadmill and couldn't get off." Slowing down wasn't an option, he says, "because it all centered on me. I have a strong personality and I understood how I had to market the restaurant – it had to be all about me. I was the star, the attraction, the artist. But there's a personal toll when people expect perfection and you're a perfectionist who has to deliver it."

A move to larger quarters in nearby Eton center in 1992 doubled the restaurant's volume and gross. But within three years, it also drove Bruell to the breaking point. "One Saturday night, I was standing over a grill pumping out 350 meals and all of a sudden I sort of woke up from what felt like a 20-year dream," he recalls. "I asked myself, 'What are you doing here? You went to business school for this?' Not long after that, I had planned a Saturday night off to attend a father-daughter dance, but my replacement was a no-show. That was it, right there. I was done. I found a buyer and I got out."

Bruell took a year off to do nothing. "I played golf, read books, spent time with my family." His wife Laurie is a teacher at Shaker Middle School, daughter Frederique is a sophomore at Elon University, and twins Julian and Remi are juniors at Shaker High.

Then, after eight years serving up lunches at Ken Stewart's Grille in Akron, Bruell knew "the time had come when I needed to do something for myself again." He found space in a century-old building in the Tremont area and enticed former Z employee David Schneider, cofounder of Chicago's Bin 36, to leave the Windy City and open Parallax with him in November of 2004. Bruell has since bought out Schneider, who now co-owns several Fatburger franchises in Ohio.

"We're way ahead of where I expected to be at the two-year mark," Bruell says of Parallax, and the second run of media attention he's enjoying "has helped Parallax to become nationally known." Like Z Contemporary Cuisine, he says, "Parallax could stand on its own in any major metropolis in the world – Paris, New York, or Tokyo."

The taste of success is surely sweet, but this time around Bruell is protecting himself from himself. Parallax's dinner-only menu, limited seat capacity, and "incredible staff" make a huge difference in helping him maintain a personal/professional balance.

"Life is all about timing," he says. "One month before closing the deal on the Parallax space, I won the golf championship at Lake Forest Country Club in Hudson. I realized the stars were aligned for me."

Again. ■

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For a complete index of classes, see page 50.

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

General Information

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. There is a $10 processing fee for refund requests, with the following exceptions:
- Adult 50+ programs, $5
- Fall/Winter Hockey (except Mighty Mites), $25; School Age Care, $25

Please allow 4-6 weeks for refunds to be processed.

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.

Snow Procedure
Classes are cancelled when the Shaker schools are closed. Refer to local radio and TV stations or online at shaker.org or cancellations.com when you have a question about inclement weather.

ADULTS

Enrichment & Leisure

Bridge: Open see page 43

Crochet Workshop
(Adult/Teen)
Paula Rosa

All levels. Bring the crocheting you've already started or let the instructor help you select something new. Beginners learn to select a project, hook, and yarn.

Thornton Park Community Room
TH 6:30-8:30 p.m.
001 January 11-25 * *3 weeks*
res$25 **nres**$30

002 February 1-22 * *4 weeks*
003 March 1-22 * *4 weeks*
res$30 **nres**$35

Flower Arranging
Chris Amos

Make a beautiful fresh flower arrangement on the first day of class. All fresh flowers will be provided. We will also discuss your silk arrangement. Students will be responsible for purchasing their own silk flowers. Bring your wire cutters for the second class. $12 materials fee payable in cash to instructor on the first day of class.

Middle School Art Room
January 16-23 * *2 weeks*
TU 7-9:30 p.m.
res$20 **nres**$25

Home Repair Series
Jim Engler
Homework Home Improvement

Choose a session.
Shaker Community Building
TU 7-9 p.m.

001 **Electrical – January 9**
Does the thought of working with electricity scare you? Overcome those fears with a simple rewire of one of your favorite lamps. Soon you'll be changing switches, installing dimmers and ceiling fans, and so much more!

002 **Plumbing – January 16**
Is that bathroom faucet still dripping? Here's your chance to learn some basic plumbing. Learn to clear a clogged drain, stop a running toilet, and stop leaks all over the house. Plus: how to keep your hot water heater in top shape.

003 **Odds and Ends, a Handyman Special – January 23**
Learn to repair broken windows, fix doors and windows that stick, install a deadbolt, and change doorknobs. Pick up tips on some small appliance repairs and discuss tools and products that make the job easy.

004 **Wall Paper and Tile Seminar – January 30**
Learn to remove old wallpaper, repair, and prep a wall for new paper; how to work in the corners and overhangs; and measuring for accurate buying. Learn about different types of tile, how to apply them, and the different surfaces to be used; discuss layout, designs, and structure prep.
res$20 **nres**$23

Homes of Shaker Heights
Ken Goldberg

Sharpen your architectural perception by learning basic design, aesthetics, and restoration principles in regard to the residential architecture of Shaker Heights. Basic overview of Shaker Heights development and unique planning history. Learn to determine the age, style, and original or appropriate paint color of Shaker homes. View slides and access a large display of related materials from the instructor's personal collection. In the second class, make an architectural evaluation of Shaker homes belonging to class volunteers.

Shaker Community Building
March 5-12 * *2 weeks*
M 6:30-9 p.m.
res$25 **nres**$30

The In's and Out's for Credit Cards *New!
Bill March

Discover the common myths about credit cards. You will learn how to shop around for the card that best fits your needs and what goes into the calculation of your credit score. Effective debt reduction methods are discussed.

Shaker Community Building
Tuesday, January 30
7-8:30 p.m.
res$30 **nres**$35

Job Search 101
Barbara Goldstein

Are you re-entering the workforce? Looking for your first job? This two-week, four workshop series can give you the advantage you need to succeed! Topics include overcoming barriers, marketing yourself, why employers hire, selective networking, resume guidelines, cover letters that work, and interviewing do's and don'ts.

Shaker Community Building
February 27-March 8 * *2 weeks*
TU/TH 9:30-11:30 a.m.
res$115 **nres**$125

Kitchen Design
John Hall

Do you want to create the kitchen of your dreams? Let Northern Ohio's leading kitchen and bath designer educate and guide you through this exciting process. The course covers layout, styles, cabinetry, counters, flooring, and lots more. INFO: *www.justeducateme.com.*

High School
February 7-21 * *3 weeks*
W 7-9 p.m.
res$25 **nres**$30

Knitting: Café
Pia Alesci

Bring your current projects for knitting guidance, refreshments, and friendship. It's a knitters' paradise!

Thornton Park Community Room
January 11-March 29
TH 10-11:30 a.m.
res/nres$8 (drop-in)

Knitting: Introduction
Pia Alesci

Learn to cast on, cast off, and knit stitch – enough skills to make a scarf!

January 9-31 * *4 weeks*
Thornton Park Community Room
001 TU 10-11:30 a.m.

Shaker Community Building
002 W 7:30-9 p.m.
res$30 **nres**$35

Knitting: Int./Adv. Beginner
Pia Alesci

Build on and review basic knitting skills. Learn purling and other basics, enough skills to make a basic garment.

Thornton Park Community Room
TU 10-11:30 a.m. * *4 weeks*
001 Adv. Beg. February 6-27
002 Int. March 6-27

Shaker Community Building
W 7:30-9 p.m. * *4 weeks*
003 Adv. Beg. February 7-28
004 Int. March 7-28

res$30 **nres**$35

Knitting: Series
Pia Alesci

Bring your own pattern or choose one of ours. Must have basic knitting skills.

Thornton Park Community Room
W 10-11:30 a.m. * *3 weeks*
001 Scarf January 10-24
002 Felted Clutch Purse March 7-21
res$25 **nres**$30

TU 7:30-9 p.m. * *4 weeks*
003 Poncho February 7-28

Shaker Community Building
TU 7:30-9 p.m. * *3 weeks*
004 Scarf January 9-23
005 Felted Clutch Purse March 6-20
res$25 **nres**$30

006 Poncho February 6-27
4 weeks
res$30 **nres**$35

Legal Series
Candace M. Pollock, Esq.
Hahn & Pollock, LLC

Middle School Room
TH 7-8 p.m.

001 **Top 10 Mistakes of Estate Planning - January 18**
Learn the 10 most common planning mistakes that put you and loved ones in jeopardy. Learn the essential core directives and how to avoid planning gaps and conflicts to maintain maximum control at minimum cost.

002 **Special People/Special Planning - January 25**
Planning for a special-needs family member can be difficult due to the complex rules regarding public benefits programs. Learn the consequences of failing to plan.

003 **Loving Without a License - February 1**
An overview of the laws that apply to an unmarried couple's life, especially during times of crisis such as disability or death.

004 **Pet Trusts - February 8**
What could happen to your pet in the event of your serious illness or death? Create a pet care plan, including caregiver selection and accountability, care standards, and financial distributions.

005 **Women in Transition - February 15**
Statistically, alimony is awarded less frequently and for shorter periods than in the past. Learn some options available to women who are suddenly left to navigate their financial futures alone.

006 **Asset Protection 101 for Small Business Owners - February 22**
Covers the key asset protection steps business owners can take to ensure smooth management and transition and maximum value during disability and at retirement or death.

007 **Top 10 Medicaid Planning Mistakes - March 1**
The top 10 mistakes families make regarding Medicaid and long-term care issues. Explains terminology, important dates, and strategies authorized under Ohio Medicaid rules, including the myths about the new Medicaid law.

008 **Caregiver Children and their Elder Parents - March 8**
Aging parents and their adult children face many challenges as they deal with the emotional, financial, and legal aspects of long-term care decisions. One correct decision may produce an unwanted outcome, such as unnecessary financial costs.

Per class: **res**$15 **nres**$20
Series: **res**$65 **nres**$70

Money for Life:
A Personal Budgeting Course
Bill March

Learn to manage spending in a whole new way. Automatically track purchases and recover 10 percent of your income from hidden spending. $10 materials fee (textbook) payable to instructor at first class.

Shaker Community Building
January 16-23 * *2 weeks*
TU 7-8:30 p.m.
res$30 **nres**$35

Myers-Briggs Type Indicator –
A Personality Assessment
Patricia Emser

The MBTI instrument is one of the most widely used personality instruments in the world today. This course provides a useful way of describing personalities by looking at preferences on four scales. Day one will give you an introduction to type dynamics. You will be taking the 93 question assessment. Day two we will clarify your best fit type. Because MBTI is used in career counseling, leadership development and team building, we will explore communication and conflict resolution. Handouts will be provided.

Shaker Community Building
January 23-30 * *2 weeks*
TU 2:30-4:30 p.m.
(Class will end at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 30)
res$85 **nres**$90

Origami
(Adult/Teens)
Keiko Biddle

Make a butterfly, a bird, flowers or ornaments just by folding a piece of paper. Origami is an ancient Japanese craft of paper folding. Learn basic folds and make a beautiful and difficult hanging floral decoration "Kusudama" in the final week. $3 materials fee payable in cash to instructor the first day of class.

Thornton Park Community Room
TH 6:30-8:30 p.m. * *4 weeks*
001 January 11-February 1
002 March 8-29
res$30 **nres**$35

Preventive Home Maintenance:
The Klutz's Guide
Jack Kleinman

Learn preventive home maintenance from someone who has been doing it for 57 years. Instructor will entertain and enlighten you with wonderfully practical tips to save you from paying him for emergency repairs! Fee includes instructor's video: *The Klutz Guide to Saving Money on Home Repairs and What to Do in Case of Emergency.*

Shaker Community Building
TU 7:30-9 p.m.
001 January 9
002 February 6
003 March 6
res$20 **nres**$25

Real Estate 101:
Basic Certification

State of Ohio approved 3 CEUs for licensed agents. Required for agents who have sold two or more houses in 2006, have not taken the class before, and who wish to be listed on the Top Selling Real Estate Agents webpage at shakeronline.com. Learn all about Shaker to provide prospects with key information they want to know about the City. Learn about resources for new residents and hear up-to-date information about new housing, commercial and retail development. Participants receive certificate and print materials. (Attendees must arrive on time to receive credit.) INFO: 491-1332.

City Hall Council Chambers
December 6
9 a.m.-12 noon
$25

Real Estate 102: Quick Refresher

This refresher class is for anyone who has already taken Real Estate 101. It is not for credit but is required for agents who have sold two or more houses in 2006 and who wish to be listed (or re-listed) on the Top Selling Real Estate Agents webpage at shakeronline.com. $75 fee payable to Relocation Specialists after house sales are confirmed. INFO: 491-1332.

City Hall Council Chambers
December 6
1-2 p.m.

Scrapbooking
Barbara Glennon

All levels. Learn how to turn your pictures into family heirlooms; new ideas and techniques. There will be a discussion the first class on layout, colors, and tools. Bring pictures to the first class. $2 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Thornton Park Community Room
TU 7-9 p.m. * *4 weeks*
001 January 9-30
002 February 6-27
003 March 6-27
res$45 **nres**$50

Spanish
Paul Blake

Certified Spanish instructor helps students of all levels learn and improve their Spanish. Explore the Spanish culture in this fun class. All welcome – *Bienvenidos!*

Middle School Room 122
February 6-March 27 * *8 weeks*
TU 7-8:30 p.m.
res$60 **nres**$65

Valentine Heart Wreath
Chris Amos

Decorate for Valentine's Day by making an attractive silk and dried flower combination wreath that will enhance your décor. Bring wire cutters and your creative talents. $15 materials fee payable in cash to instructor.

Middle School Art Room
Tuesday, January 30
6:30-8:30 p.m.
res$15 **nres**$20

Voice Overs: You're on the Air!
Dan Levine

You don't have to be an actor to get voice-over work. Dan Levine (Tony Award nominated composer of the Broadway *Anna Karenina)* will discuss the voice-over business as a whole, the numerous opportunities, the incredible income potential, the all-important "demo" and how to have it produced. You'll step up to the mic and do some practice recording, then listen to the results.

Shaker Community Building
Saturday, January 27
2-4 p.m.
res$40 **nres**$48

Your Home Your Haven
Nancy Patterson

Make your home beautiful! Learn from a former Ethan Allen designer how to start a whole decorating project or just give one room a face-lift. Learn the three levels of design. Clear the clutter before you begin; walls are not just for pictures; learn "out of the box" design. Topics covered: furniture, fabrics, budgets, functional rooms, accessories, and bold color.

Shaker Community Building
SA 1-3 p.m.
001 January 27
002 March 3
res$25 **nres**$35

Fine & Performing Arts

Ballroom Dancing
Mitzi and Ed Waring Dance Co.

Learn to dance the waltz, fox trot, salsa, tango and more like the "stars." Must have a partner. Instructors reserve the right to place couples in appropriate classes. No class April 5.

Woodbury School Cafeteria
TH January 11-March 1 * *8 weeks*
001 Basic 6:30-7:30 p.m.
002 Int. & Advanced 7:30-8:30 p.m.

TH March 8-May 3 * *8 weeks*
003 Basic 6:30-7:30 p.m.
004 Int. & Advanced 7:30-8:30 p.m.

res$95/couple **nres**$115/couple

Drawing
Beverle Krueger

Basic and intermediate drawing techniques and principles. Composition, value, design, line, and more using various media. Supply list provided. No class April 3.

Middle School Art Room
TU 7-9 p.m. * *8 weeks*
001 January 16-March 6
002 March 13-May 8
res$55 **nres**$60

Quilting
Bring your own materials or choose from assortment provided.

Shaker Community Building
M 10-11 a.m.
Ongoing * No charge

Watercolor Painting
Beverle Krueger

Composition, color theory, brushwork, and technique taught with landscape, still life, and portraits. Supply list provided. Some experience needed.

Shaker Community Building
F 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. * *8 weeks*
001 January 19-March 9
002 March 16-May 4
res$60 **nres**$65

Sports & Fitness

Aerobic Dancing with Jacki's Inc.
Jill Welsh & Hedda Dempsey

Build muscle strength and cardiovascular endurance. All ages and fitness levels. Bring mat and hand weights to class. Register and pay instructor when attending the class. INFO: (440) 338-1739. No class Jan. 15, Feb. 16, 19.

January 8-March 30
001 Shaker Community Building
M/W/F 8:30-9:30 a.m.

002 Middle School West Gym
M/W 6:15-7:15 p.m.

Basketball: Adult
(Ages 21+)

Enjoy exercise and friendly competition after a hard day's work. Players must have Thornton Park ID card (included in fee) and complete registration packet, to be presented to supervisors at first session. No phone-in registrations accepted.

Woodbury School Main Gym
January 16-March 11 * *8 weeks*
TU/TH 8:30-10 p.m.
SU 2-4 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$80

Body Sculpting / Phenomenal Abdominals

This one-hour strength training workout combines flexibility and cardiovascular conditioning using a set of 5-pound dumbbells. Accommodates beginner to advanced fitness levels. Classes are taught by a Certified Trainer. Bring a set of dumbbells, an exercise mat, a water bottle and a stretch band. Eight classes in each term. Class size is limited and advance registration must be made through Body Sculpting, Inc. at *flexcity.com* or 216-313-FLEX.

Shaker Community Building
TU/TH 6:30-7:30 p.m. or
9:30-10:30 a.m. or
SA 10:15-11:15 a.m.
Classes are ongoing.

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res$50/eight-class term or
$120 any 3 terms
nres$55/eight-class term or
$125 any 3 terms

Phenomenal Abdominals

This 30-minute exercise class works the upper, lower, and side abdominals. Bring an exercise mat, a stretch band, and a water bottle. Classes are taught by a Certified Trainer. Eight classes in each term. Class size is limited and advance registration must be made through Body Sculpting, Inc. at *flexcity.com* or 216-313-FLEX.

Shaker Community Building
TU/TH 7:30-8 p.m. or
10:30-11 a.m. or
SA 11:15-11:45 a.m.
Classes are ongoing.

res$30/eight-class term
nres$35/eight-class term

Fitness Training: Private
Sandy Caminita
Certified Fitness Training

Burn fat, strengthen and tone. Sessions are one hour. One-on-one training from one session per week at $45 to twelve sessions a month at $520. One-on-two training also available. By appointment only. Call: 496-7640 or 641-9622

Shaker Community Building

Golf: Adult Learn to Play
Mike McCon

Introductory course covers grip, stance, and posture; basic fundamentals of the swing; iron and wood play; putting and the short game; etiquette and rules.

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
January 10-February 15 * *6 weeks*
001 W 7-8 p.m.
002 TH 10:30-11:30 a.m.
February 21-March 29 * *6 weeks*
003 W 7-8 p.m.
004 TH 10:30-11:30 a.m.
res$95 **nres**$115

Golf: Simulator Winter 07 League

Forget the snow and bad weather this year and play 9 holes each week at 10 of the best courses in the world! Your rounds will be played on our new "Full Swing" golf simulators, considered to be the finest in the golf world. Courses to be played include: Pebble Beach, Firestone, Pinehurst #2, St. Andrews, Bay Hill and other world class courses!

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
January 15-March 25 * *10 weeks*
res$120 **nres**$125

Ice Skating see page 48

Innergy Fitness ®
Cynthia Jordan

A complete fitness regimen includes low impact aerobics for cardiovascular health and fat-burning potential; resistance training to increase calorie burn and to strengthen and firm muscles; and Pilates- and yoga-inspired exercises to improve muscle tone and flexibility. Bring an exercise mat and light hand weights. Register with instructor at first class.

Middle School West Gym
January 9-March 29
TU/TH 6:30-7:30 p.m.
res/nres$42 or walk-in: $5

Swim Conditioning
Improve stroke, endurance, and cardiovascular fitness. Swim and diving teams may share pool from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.

Middle School Pool
January 8-March 30 * *14 weeks*
M-F 6-7 a.m.
res$3 (drop-in; exact change only)

Swimming: Adult Lessons

Adults of any ability level learn to feel more comfortable in the water. Classes are combined if enrollment is low.

Woodbury School Pool
M 7:30-8:30 p.m. * *6 weeks*

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001 January 8-February 12
002 February 26-April 2
res$75 **nres**$95

Swimming: Lap

Lap swimming is limited during open swim hours. Residents only. Pool pass for all open and lap swims available for $35.

Woodbury School Pool
January 16-March 30
TU/TH 8:30-9:30 p.m.
SU 9:30-11 a.m.
res$3/drop-in (exact change only)

Water Aerobics
Hilary Byrne

Class incorporates warm-ups, leg exercises, stretching, and water aerobics.

Woodbury School Pool
5 weeks
001 January 17-February 14
002 February 28-March 28
W 7:30-8:15 p.m.
res$50 **nres**$60

Yoga: Beginner/Intermediate
Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Learn basic yoga postures to improve breathing, body structure, and to strengthen and lengthen muscles.

Shaker Community Building
M W 7-8 p.m.
001 January 22-February 14 * *4 weeks*
res/nres$28 – 1 day
res/nres$53 – 2 days

002 February 26-March 28 * *5 weeks*
res/nres$35 – 1 day
res/nres$67 – 2 days

Yoga: Lunch Time
Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Learn yoga postures and breathing techniques to relieve workday stress and increase energy.

Thornton Park Community Room
W Noon-1 p.m.
001 Jan. 24-Feb. 14 * *4 weeks*
res/nres$28

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002 Feb. 28-Mar, 28 * *5 weeks*
res/nres$35

ADULTS 50+

Enrichment & Leisure

AARP Shaker Chapter 5108
Shaker Community Building
Every 3rd Friday 1:30 p.m.
No charge

Bridge: Open
Shaker Community Building
TH 1-4 p.m.
Donation: $1

Coffee, Cookies & Conversation

Enjoy socialization, a speaker, entertainment, and coffee with pastry. Just drop in and see what's happening. All welcome! Info or a schedule of programs: 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building
W 10-11 a.m. * Ongoing
Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday/month

Grief Support Group
Hospice & Palliative Care
Partners of Ohio

Facilitated by trained professionals. Receive encouragement and help in coping with your loss within a safe environment. INFO: Carol Steiner, 931-1327, prior to attending.

Shaker Community Building
January 31-March 7 * *6 weeks*
W 1-2:30 p.m.
No charge

Low Vision Support Group
Marie Prendergast

Ongoing free service for Shaker residents. 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. INFO: 491-1347.

11 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Podiatry Care
Laurence Spivack, DPM

Simple foot care services provided on a first-come basis.

Shaker Community Building
2nd Thursday of each month
TH Please arrive at 9 a.m.
$15

Taste of Shaker
Marie Prendergast

Participants enjoy a different restaurant every second Tuesday of the month. Restaurants TBD. Reservations must be made 7 days prior to the trip. Cost of lunch not included. Call 491-1360 for more information.

TU 1-3 p.m.

Tax Assistance
Cosponsored by AARP

Once again the AARP foundation will sponsor a free federal and state tax return preparation service at the Shaker Heights Community Building. The service is available by appointment for middle- and low-income taxpayers with priority given to those 60 and over. By appointment only: call 491-1360.

Please bring all pertinent tax documents, including W2's, 1099's (including those for social security), and brokers' end of the year statements for stocks and mutual funds to your free, electronic tax preparation appointment. You must also bring a copy of your 2005 tax return regardless of where or how you filed it. The service does not include preparation of returns that include income from rental property.

Shaker Community Building
February 2-April 13
TU 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
F 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
No charge

Transportation Services

Transportation Consortium Coordinating Committee (TC3)

TC3 multi-passenger vehicles drive individuals throughout the east side Cleveland suburbs for medical appointments, social activities, shopping, and personal business. Must meet minimum age requirement to qualify for this service. Fill out a registration form and pay a yearly, non-refundable fee of $5. A suggested donation of $2 is requested for a one way ride and $4 for a round trip. INFO: 491-1351.

Fine & Performing Arts

Painting:
Beginning Acrylic Painting
Penni Rubin

Have fun with a paint medium that is both easy to learn and forgiving. Bring your liquid bottles or tube acrylic paints, a canvas and brushes to first class. You may call 491-1360 for a supply list.

Shaker Community Building
February 1-March 8 * *6 weeks*
TH 1:30-4 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$70

Painting: Masters of Mixed Media
Penni Rubin

Expand your horizons in art by exploring different media from pastels to inks and collage to watercolors. A variety of paints are used in projects such as making your own prints for cards. Bring a sketch pad and paint brushes to first class. $10 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Shaker Community Building
January 30-March 6 * *6 weeks*
TU 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$70

Sports & Fitness

Aquatic Exercise
Arthritis Foundation in cooperation with
Judson Wellness Department

Emphasizes range-of-motion and endurance exercises effective for the body's joints. Includes access to pool, use of strength training equipment (with doctor's permission), and hot tub. Towels provided. Ongoing. To register: 791-2393.

Judson Park
2181 Ambleside Drive
TU/TH 11-11:45 a.m.
$55* monthly membership
**Fee subject to change without notice*

Arthritis Exercise
In cooperation with
Judson Wellness Department

Ongoing recreational exercise program taught by Arthritis Foundation certified instructors. Includes range-of-motion, strength, endurance, weight bearing, relaxation, practical tips, and activities to promote self-care. Hand weights, bands, and participant manual included.

Shaker Community Building
M/W/F 11:15 a.m.-Noon
$2/class

Fun with Fitness
Beth Parnin

Low impact exercise requiring no floor work. Wear comfortable tennis shoes.

Shaker Community Building
Room 018
MWF 9-10 a.m. * *6 weeks*
001 January 3-February 14
002 February 21-April 4
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)

Don't let your favorite class get cancelled by waiting until the last minute to register. At some point a decision is made whether to cancel a program due to low enrollment. Registering late may mean you missed your chance and the class has already been cancelled. ***Register today!***

SilverSneakers® Fitness Program

SilverSneakers® is the nation's leading exercise program exclusively designed for older adults and available at no additional cost to eligible members of Anthem's Medicare Preferred and Medicare Senior Advantage plans and Humana plans.

Classes taught by certified SilverSneakers® fitness instructors are available at the Shaker Community Building. NOTE: Members of the identified health care plans are welcome to register for classes. Non-members are welcome on a space available basis. INFO: 491-1360.

Swimming: Open Swim

Private lessons by appointment: 229-4025.

Judson Retirement Community
2181 Ambleside Dr.
MWF 7-8 a.m.
9-10:45 a.m.
1:45-3:30 p.m.
4:15-6 p.m.
TU/TH 7-8 a.m.
9:45-11 a.m.
11:45-6 p.m.
SA 8 a.m.-Noon
$55* monthly membership
**Fee subject to change without notice.*

Table Tennis
(All Ages)
Valeriy Elnatano
USA/Russian Olympic Coach

Intermediate to advanced players can sharpen skills for a new challenge. Call instructor to set up a session: 691-1767. No session on Jan. 14, Feb. 18.

Shaker Community Building
W 6:30-9:30 p.m.
SU 12:30-3:30 p.m.
Ongoing * Drop-in: $2

Special Events

Volunteer Opportunities

The City of Shaker Heights invites individuals to share their time and talents with some of our older residents. Their needs include transportation to and from weekday programs and assistance with program planning throughout the year, including the Annual Senior Holiday Dinner. INFO: KEVIN CROWE, 491-2595.

Tax aide volunteers are needed for the AARP free tax assistance program at the Shaker Heights Community Building during the February to April tax return preparation season.

Volunteer positions include receptionists and tax assistance counselors. Counselors become certified by successfully completing an IRS designed tax course and exam given at a number of local sites during January. If you are interested, please call the Community Building at 491-1360.

Second Annual
Senior Holiday Dinner

Save the date for this special holiday treat. Call 491-1360 after November 6 for more information and to make a reservation. Shaker residents only.

Shaker Community Building
Wednesday, December 20
12:30 p.m.
res$5

Trip

Guy & Ralna of
"The Lawrence Welk Show"

Take a trip down memory lane and enjoy a wonderful lunch. Energetic, dynamic, and always entertaining, Guy and Ralna have been performing on television and concert stages for more than 40 years. This performance includes a live orchestra. Cost includes lunch, show, and transportation for Shaker residents. Non-residents must provide their own transportation. Call 491-1360 for more information and to make transportation arrangements.

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Monday, April 2
Lunch 11:30 a.m.
Show: 1 p.m.
Landerhaven, Mayfield Heights
res$60 **nres**$62

YOUTH

Enrichment & Leisure

Driver Education
(Grades 10+)
National Driver Training School

Covers all subject areas required by the State of Ohio. Class includes eight hours of behind-the-wheel training scheduled through the school and 24 hours of classroom instruction. Students must be 15 years, 5 months old to begin classroom training. A temporary permit is not required.

High School Room 154
M-TH 4-7 p.m.
December 4-14 * 2 weeks
res$299 **nres**$319

It's A Party!
INFO: 491-2595, Kevin Crowe. Ice skating parties: 491-2590, Dawn Clark.

School Age Care
(Grades K-6)

Before/after school program provides enrichment activities to children in their schools; safe, supervised places to spend time with friends, learn new skills, and develop resourcefulness. Onaway site offers school age care for children with special needs.

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:	AFTER SCHOOL:
$131/month	$152/month
$98/Dec.	$114/Dec.
$98/January	$114/January
$98/April	$114/April
$8/day	$13/day

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Fundaze
(Grades K-8)
7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
December 27-29, January 2-5, 15, February 16, 19, March 2, 16
Early registration:
res$32/day **nres**$42/day
Late registration:
res$42/day **nres**$52/day

Fine & Performing Arts

Ballet Basics
(Ages 5-6)
Pia Alesci

Fundamentals of classical ballet. No experience necessary. Plain leotards, tights and ballet shoes required.

Thornton Park Community Room
January 23-March 13 * *8 weeks*
TU 4:15-5:15 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$85

Ballet: Fairy Tales
(Ages 3-4)
Jennifer Martino

Fairy tales brought to life through the magic of movement, dance and storytelling. No prior experience necessary. Leotards, tights and ballet shoes required. Participants must be toilet-trained. No class February 19.

Thornton Park Community Room
M 2:30-3:05 p.m.
January 22-March 5 * *6 weeks*
res$50 **nres**$65

Ballet for Preschoolers
(Ages 3-4)
Pia Alesci

Play-based introduction to basic ballet positions and movement. Body awareness and coordination skills are primary focus. Children also develop social skills as they prepare to enter kindergarten. Plain leotards, tights and ballet shoes are required. Participants must be toilet-trained.

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Thornton Park Community Room
January 25-March 15 * *8 weeks*
TH Level I 1-1:45 p.m.
TH Level II 2-2:45 p.m.
(Prerequisite: Level I completed)
res$60 **nres**$80

Chess/Checkers
(Grades 1-6)
Eric Newberry

Game tactics covered. Checkers may be played at any time, but class is devoted to chess. If possible, please bring a chess and/or checker set and board to class. Participants should know names of pieces and how they move. No class on February 18.

Woodbury School Room 114
January 28-March 11 * *6 weeks*
SU 4:15-5:15 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$80

Drawing: Young Rembrandts® Pre-School Drawing
(Ages 31/2-5)

Instruction is provided within a positive and nurturing environment. Skill development concentrates on drawing, coloring, listening, spatial organization, and patience. Discussion surrounding the age-appropriate topic of the week will be encouraged. Fee covers all materials.

Shaker Community Building
January 31-March 7 * *6 weeks*
W 1:30-2:15 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$75

Drawing: Young Rembrandts® Elementary Drawing
(Ages 6-12)

An innovative, step-by-step drawing method that teaches fundamental drawing techniques through self-expression. A new subject matter will be presented each week ranging from animals, landscapes, and still life to art history. Fee covers all materials. No class on February 18.

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Woodbury School Room 114
January 28-March 11* *6 weeks*
SU 2-3 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$75

Magic Club
(Grades 1-4)
Brad Schreiber

Professional children's magician teaches tricks, history, and development of magic.

Onaway School Multi-purpose Room
January 30-March 6 * *6 weeks*
TU 4:30-5:30 p.m.
res$55 **nres**$70

Stage Struck *New!
(Grades 5-8)

Principles of acting, improvisation, stage movement, character development, and audition preparation are covered. A showcase of accomplishments is presented at the last class. No class February 18.

Woodbury School Auditorium
January 28-March 25 * *8 weeks*
SU 1:30-3 p.m.
res$75 **nres**$85

Theatre Workshop for Youth
(Grades 1-4)
Brad Schreiber

Principles of acting, singing, and dance are taught by performer and educator. Half-hour performance at last class. No class February 19.

January 29-March 12 * *6 weeks*
001 Boulevard School Gym
M 3:45*-4:30 p.m.

002 Onaway School
Multi-purpose Room
TU 3:45*-4:30 p.m.

003 Fernway School
Music Room
W 4:15-5:15 p.m.
res$55 **nres**$70
*Report at 3:30 p.m.

Sports & Fitness

Art of Self-Defense
(Ages 7+ with adult)
Master Mark Siwinski
Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu/
Hopkido Karate

Instruction for both participants. Belt advancement available but not mandatory. Uniforms not required. One fee covers both adult and child.

Middle School East Gym
January 11-March 8 * *9 weeks*
TH 7:45-9:15 p.m.
res$90 **nres**$110

Baseball Series
(Ages 8-10)
Max Briggs

Prepare for the coming season by working on hitting and pitching techniques. Instructor is former Cleveland Heights MVP, LEL player, and recent graduate of CWRU where he was a player on the baseball team. Players should bring own gloves and bats.

Middle School West Gym
SA 3-4 p.m. * *3 weeks*
001 Hitting January 13-27
002 Pitching February 10-24
003 Hitting March 10-24

Basketball: Bitty Basketball
(Co-ed, 4 years old)

Learn fundamental basketball skills in this introductory class.

Woodbury School Upper Gym
SA 12:15-12:45 p.m. * *4 weeks*
001 January 20-February 10
002 February 24-March 17
res$45 **nres**$55

Basketball: Fundamentals of Passing, Dribbling, & Shooting
(Ages 7-12)
Carlton Mitchell

Learn basics then apply them on the court.

Woodbury School Upper Gym
SU 12:45-1:45 p.m. * *5 weeks*
001 January 7-February 4
002 February 25-March 25
res$45 **nres**$60

Basketball: Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Pee Wee Instructional
(Co-ed; Ages 5-9)
Denise Duncan & Dave Oliver

Basics taught through drills and activities. Introduction to fundamental skills. Youth size basketballs used. Children must be at least 5 years old to register. Schedule is subject to change. Limited enrollment. No team request. All players must complete registration form.

Woodbury School Main Gym
7 weeks
SA January 13-February 24
001 Girls 6-8 yrs 9-10 a.m.
002 Boys 5-6 yrs report 10 a.m. on Jan. 13
003 Boys 7-8 yrs report 11 a.m. on Jan. 13
res$90 **nres**$110

Basketball: Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Youth Basketball League
(Boys & Girls, Grades 7-8)

Skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and rules of the game. Volunteer coaches needed. Teams selected via draft; no team request. Practices arranged by coaches. Players receive NBA-replica jerseys; give (adult) size at registration. All players must complete registration form. Time/location subject to change.

Woodbury School Main Gym
SA January 20 all players meet for organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m.
8 weeks
001 Boys Gr. 7 & 8
002 Girls Gr. 7 & 8
res$60 **nres**$75

Fencing
(Ages 6-14)
William Reith

Learn fundamentals and build confidence. No class February 19.

High School Fencing Room
January 22-March 19 * *8 weeks*
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
(Ages 6-14)
William Reith

Footwork, tactics and weapon technique for the beginner. No class Feb. 17.

High School Fencing Room
January 20-March 17 * *8 weeks*
SA Noon-1 p.m.
res$90 **nres**$105

Fencing: Parent & Child
(Ages 6-14)
William Reith

Fee covers parent and one child. No class Feb. 17.

High School Fencing Room
January 20-March 17 * *8 weeks*
SA 1-2 p.m.
res$100 **nres**$120

Field Hockey: Intro Girls
(Grades 3-6)

Fundamentals for beginners. Sticks provided. Registration form required.

Middle School West Gym
January 13-February 17 * *6 weeks*
SA
Gr. 3-4 Noon-1:15 p.m.
Gr. 5-6 1:15-2:30 p.m.
res$45 **nres**$55

Golf: Junior Intermediate
Mike McCon

Review fundamentals, preshot routine, consistency and placement and specialty shots including bunker play. Open to players with prior golf experience.

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
TH 4:30-5:30 p.m. * 6 weeks
001 January 11-February 15
002 February 22-March 29
res$95 **nres**$115

Golf: Junior Learn to Play
(Ages 8-12)
Mike McCon

Learn the game of a lifetime at an early age. Sessions cover grip, stance, posture; fundamentals of the swing; iron and wood play; short game-chipping and putting. Enjoy Fun Day with long drive and putting contests.

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
January 9-February 17 * *6 weeks*
001 TU 5:30-6:30 p.m.
002 SA 10:30-11:30 a.m.

February 20-March 31 * *6 weeks*
003 TU 5:30-6:30 p.m.
004 SA 10:30-11:30 a.m.
res$95 **nres**$115

Golf: Tiger Cubs
(Ages 4-7)
Mike Mc Con

Introduction to fundamentals with emphasis on hand-eye coordination and having fun!

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washington St., Chagrin Falls
TU 4-4:30 p.m. * *6 weeks*
001 January 9-February 13
002 February 20-March 27
res$56 nres$66

Ice Skating:
Learn-to-Skate Classes
Classes may be combined or cancelled due to low enrollment. Info: 295-3461, Erin M. Schopf, Learn-to-Skate Coordinator.

WINTER SESSION: JANUARY 8-MARCH 3
REGISTRATION
Shaker Resident – November 14
Non-Resident – December 4

WINTER LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES
res$45/with pass; $55/without pass
nres$65/with pass; $75/without pass

Class Schedule
MONDAYS, Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
5-5:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Freestyle
5:30-6 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4

TUESDAYS, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27
1:15-1:45 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
2-2:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic

THURSDAYS, Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1
2-2:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
2:30-3 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic
4:30-5 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Basic 5, 6; Power Hockey
5-5:30 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4
5:30-6 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Freestyle
6-6:30 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3; Adults

FRIDAYS, Jan. 12, 19, 26, Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23, Mar. 2
10-10:30 a.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
10:30-11 a.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic
1:15-1:45 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic

Saturdays, Jan. 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24, Mar. 3
1:15-1:45 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Basic 6, 7; Freestyle
1:45-2:15 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Adults

SPRING SESSION: MARCH 5-APRIL 28
REGISTRATION:
Residents: January 16
Non-Residents: February 6

SPRING LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES:
res$40/with pass; $50/without pass
nres$60/with pass; $70/without pass

MONDAYS, Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26, Apr. 9, 16, 23
5-5:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Freestyle
5:30-6 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4

TUESDAYS, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27, Apr. 10, 17, 24
1:15-1:45 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
2 -2:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic

THURSDAYS, Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr. 12, 19, 26
2-2:30 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
2:30-3 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic
4:30-5 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Freestyle
5-5:30 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
5:30-6 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Freestyle
6-6:30 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3; Adults

FRIDAYS, Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30, Apr. 13, 20, 27
10-10:30 a.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3
10:30-11 a.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic
1:15-1:45 a.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Tot Basic

SATURDAYS, Mar. 10, 17, 22, 31, Apr. 14, 21, 28
1:15-1:45 p.m. Snowplow 1, 2, 3; Basic 6, 7; Freestyle
1:45-2:15 p.m. Basic 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; Adults

Karate Intro
(Ages 7+)
Master Mark Siwinski
Tai Shin Doh/Tai Shin Jitsu/
Hopkido Karate

Co-ed introduction to self-defense using Karate, Ju Jitsu and Akido. Belt promotions available, but not mandatory. No class on February 17.

Middle School East Gym
January 13-March 10 * *8 weeks*
SA 9:15-10:45 a.m.
res$70 **nres**$85

Lacrosse: Skills & Drills Intro
(Grades 4-6)

Basic lacrosse skills and drills fundamentals class. No team play. Players provide their own sticks. Registration form required. No class February 17.

Middle School West Gym
January 20-March 3 * *6 weeks*
SA 5:30-6:30 p.m.
res$45 **nres**$60

Soccer: Intro Skills Games
(Grades K-2)

Basic soccer instruction including ball handling, concepts, and rules. Registration form required. No class February 17.

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Middle School West Gym
SA January 13-February 24 * *6 weeks*
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

Games are scheduled for one hour. All players report at 2 p.m. for organizational meeting.

January 14-February 25 * *7 weeks*
SU 2-6 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$85

Superb Swimmers
(Ages 9 mos.-3 years)

Introduce a young child to the water. Adult must join child in pool.

Woodbury School Pool
SA 10:30-11 a.m. * *6 weeks*
001 January 13-February 17
002 February 24-March 31
res$60 **nres**$75

Swimming Lessons
(Grades K-6)

Participants must be 48" tall or have certification from previous water instruction. Bring suit and towel.

Woodbury School Pool
January 13-February 17 * *6 weeks*
February 24-March 31 * *6 weeks*
Beg./Adv.Beg.
001 SA 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
002 SA 1-1:45 p.m.
res$65 **nres**$85

Swimming: Open/Family Swim

Children age 14 and younger must be accompanied by adult. Residents only.

Woodbury School Pool
January 16-March 25
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

Table Tennis: Lessons
(Ages 7 and up)
Valeriy Elnatano, USA National Coach, International Umpire, Olympian Coach

Beginner to advanced players welcome. Skills are introduced and sharpened. No class February 19.

Shaker Community Building
January 22-March 19 * *8 weeks*
M 6:30-7:30 p.m.
res$35 **nres**$40

Tae Kwon Do see ad on page 39

Tennis: Youth Lessons
(Grades 4-6)
Dan Caplin

Instruction in strokes, serves, and scorekeeping. Participants provide their own racquets.

Woodbury School Main Gym
SU 5-6 p.m. * *6 weeks*
001 January 14-February 18
002 February 25-April 1
res$65 **nres**$80

THORNTON PARK

Ice Arena

Public Skating/Arena Schedule

Schedules are available at the arena, online at *shakeronline.com* or by calling 491-1295.

Ice Skating: Fall/Winter Passes

Season passholders receive admission to public skating sessions, Friday Night Skate and Adult Skating sessions, as well as a discount for Learn-to-Skate classes. Proof of residency is required. Provide a current utility bill or dated mail. Refunds not available. Discounted partial season passes on sale Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

	res	nres
Individual	$35	$50
Family	$90	$105
Adult 50+	*$25*	*$40*
Husband/Wife	*$40*	*$55*

Resident ID Cards
New $5
New (w/own photo) $3
Replacement pass $10
NOTE: Residents will be required to show resident ID card to receive Shaker daily rates for pool or ice arena.

Ice Skating: Daily Admission
Student or Adult 50+ w/valid resident ID card $3
Adult w/valid resident ID $3.75
Guest without ID card $4.75
Skate rental $2.50
Skate rental discount pass (10) $20
Group Rates (min. 10 skaters, incl. skate rental):
Resident $4 Non-resident $5

Arena Contacts
YOUTH HOCKEY: Caleb Wise 491-2581
LEARN-TO-SKATE/FIGURE SKATING:
Erin Schopf 295-3461

Rink Rental
The ice rink may be reserved by private groups when the rink is not in use for programs. Rental rates begin at $185/hour. For ice time availability, please call Thornton Park: 491-1295.

Public Freestyle Schedule
Monday, August 21–Thursday, April 26

M-F 7:30-8:30 a.m.
M-F 8:30-9:15 a.m.

Walk-in freestyle fee: **res**$5 **nres**$6
(photo ID required)

THORNTON PARK FACILITY INFORMATION: 491-1295

Construction Entry/Exit (until December 1): 20701 Farnsleigh Rd.

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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

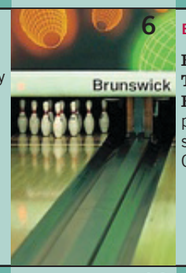
FORM OF PAYMENT: ❑ Cash (in person only) ❑ Check ❑ Credit Card **TOTAL FEES:** _____

CREDIT CARD INFORMATION: Credit Card type: ❑ MasterCard ❑ Visa

ACCOUNT NUMBER: _____ Exp. date: / _____

SIGNATURE _____

november *highlights*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 **Music in the Mornings** children (birth to 3) experience the joy of music **(pg. 56)**	**2** **Fall Orchestra concert** Shaker High School **(pg. 57)** 	**3** **A Voice of my Own 11/2–4** at Laurel School **(pg. 57)**	**4** **Squirrel's Nest Boutique** Nature Center **(pg. 57)**
5 **Bowl for Kids' Sake** Solon Freeway Lanes **(pg. 63)** **Writers & Readers Series** Cleveland Public Library **(pg. 63)**	**6** 	ELECTION DAY **7** **Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series** photographer & social activist Steve Cagan **(pg. 58)**	**8** **Cleveland Institute of Music Opera Theatre 11/8–11 (pg. 64)**	**9** **Photography Club** Nature Center **(pg. 58)** **Fall Band Concert** Shaker Middle School **(pg. 59)**	**10** **"Annie" 11/3 & 11/10** Wiley Middle School **(pg. 57)**	VETERANS DAY **11** **"Hamlet" 11/9–11** John Carroll University **(pg. 59)**
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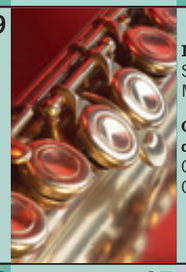
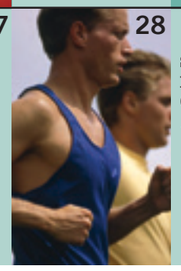
19 **Artisan Bazaar 11/18–19** Laurel School **(pg. 59)** **Local Author & Book Fair** Main Library **(pg. 60)** **University Circle Wind Ensemble (pg. 65)**		**21** **Holiday Exhibit** Shaker Historical Museum **(pg. 60)** **Computer Fundamentals** Fairhill Computer Learning Center **(pg. 60)**	**22** **Shaker schools closed** thru 11/24	THANKSGIVING **23** **City buildings closed** thru 11/24 	**24**	**25** **Dunham Tavern Antique Show** Shaker Middle School **(pg. 60)**
26 **Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express 11/18–12/17** Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad **(pg. 65)**	**27**	**28** 	**29** **Shaker Lakes Runners Group** Ongoing. **(pg. 55)**	**30**		

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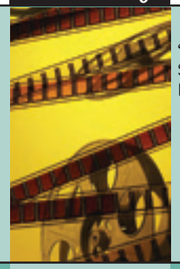
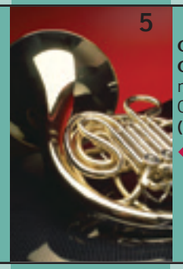
					**1** **"Love Actually"** Shaker Community Building **(pg. 61)**	**2** **Holiday Jewelry Sale** Artist Lois Becker **(pg. 61)**
3	**4** **Drop-in Play Sessions** Shaker Family Center. Ongoing. **(pg. 54)**	**5** 	**6** **CityMusic Cleveland** Fairmount Presbyterian Church. Free! **(pg. 61)**	**7** **Parent University Series** Shaker Family Center. Free! **(pg. 61)**	**8** **Holiday Concert in Dance** Shaker High School **(pg. 61)**	**9** **Celebration of Lights** Nature Center **(pg. 62)**
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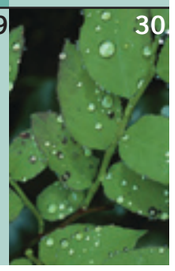
24 **31** *Happy New Year!*	CHRISTMAS **25** **Shaker Schools closed** thru Jan. 8	**26**	**27**	**28**	**29**	**30** 

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MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family, 6:45 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Family literacy session for non-English speaking families includes weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. INFO: 921-2023.

MONDAY & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions, 9:30 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to three years can play, make friends, and network. Additional hours are 4-6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age five. FEES AND INFO: 921-2023.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop In Sessions, 9-11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight and parent or caregiver. FEE 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 five co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Heights Public Library. Evening hours 6-8 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

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991-2421

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard
991-2030

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

SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMUNITY COLONNADE
3450 Lee Road
491-1360

SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
19824 Sussex Road
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SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive
295-4200

SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM
16740 South Park Boulevard
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SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 Shaker Boulevard
295-4100

THORNTON PARK
20701 Farnsleigh Road
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TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: Drop In Sessions, 2-3:30 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age eight and parent or caregiver. FEE INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn for Home Day Care Providers, 10 A.M.–NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Drop-in literacy play sessions for home daycare providers and their children from birth to age five co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Heights Public Library. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

SATURDAYS: Open Gym, 10 A.M.–NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Children ages birth to five, accompanied by an adult can run and play during the winter months in two well-equipped rooms under the supervision of two teachers. No sessions 11/25, 12/23, & 12/30). Drop-in rates are $7/family with one child and $10/family maximum. Discount family passes, available at Shaker Family Center, are $55/10 visits and $30/5 visits. INFO: 921-2023.

Art About Town

THRU NOV. 30: Wings, Tails, Hooves & Scales. Call for artists 18 years and older. Juried, regional art exhibition celebrating animals sponsored by the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association. Entry forms are available at both Shaker Libraries or at *www.mvcinfo.org*. Deadline is Nov. 30. Non-refundable entry fee is $25 for up to four digital images. Winners will be notified January 5, 2007. INFO: 800-662-6862 OR 614-486-7253.

THROUGH DECEMBER 4: Life Images: A Child's View, MAIN LIBRARY

DECEMBER 8–JANUARY 16, 2007: Glass, Fog and Fur: Digital Photography of Andrew Morrell, MAIN LIBRARY.

Ongoing Activities for Adults

WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS: Shaker Lakes Runners Group Runs, 6 A.M. & 5:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front doors of the Nature Center for weekly 2- to 5-mile group runs through the Shaker Lakes Parklands. All levels of running experience are welcome. Saturday runs begin at 8 a.m. INFO: 321-5935.

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 A.M.–NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Meet your neighbors at the market. Bundle up and buy fresh and local produce.

SATURDAYS: Stewardship Saturdays at the Nature Center, 10 A.M.-NOON, NATURE CENTER. Contribute to the Nature Center's mission by helping with outdoor projects and meet others. Be prepared to get your hands dirty and make new friends! INFO: Sara Thorne-Briechle at thorne@shakerlakes.org or 321-5935 x 237.

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Blue Christmas - A Christmas service for those who find the season difficult. ***Dec. 18, 7:00 p.m.***

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Events *for* November

November 1: **Music in the Mornings, 9:30 A.M. OR 10:30 A.M.,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to three) and their parents can experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. $60/7-week session (Nov. 1–Dec. 20). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Nov. 1: **Kids Cooking, 4:15 P.M.,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Young children (ages 3-8) enjoy cooking real food with a parent's help and will prepare simple, wholesome recipes. $40/4-week session (Nov. 1–29). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Nov. 2: **Roller Skating, 4 P.M.,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn how to roller skate safely. Beginning skills include learning how to get up from the floor, rolling forward, and picking up one foot at a time. We will use music for simple rhythm and movement activities that coincide with skating skills. $60/7-week session (Nov. 2–Dec. 21). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Nov. 2: **Maternity & Children's Clothing Resale, 4-6 P.M.** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Get great prices on maternity and children's clothing (up to 5T). All items $1. Tax-deductible donations of gently worn maternity and clothing also accepted. INFO: 921-2023.

Nov. 2: **Parent University Series, 7–8:30 P.M.,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Early Childhood Consultant Joan Spoerl and Michael Ziegenhagen, owner of Playmatters, present *Good Gift Choices for the Young Child in Your Life.* Free. INFO: 921-2023.

Nov. 2: **Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30 P.M.,** SHAKER HIGH.

Nov. 2, 3, 4: **A Voice of My Own, 7:30 p.m.,** LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Laurel School students perform. TICKETS AND INFO: 464-1441.

Nov. 3: **Hathaway Brown School Admissions Visitation Day, 8:30 A.M.–1:30 P.M.** Visit the school for a look at the HB experience.

Nov. 3: **Meet the Fockers, 1:30 P.M.,** SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. This PG-13, pre-marital comedy stars Ben Stiller, Robert DeNiro, Dustin Hoffman, and Barbra Streisand. INFO: 491-1360.

Nov. 3: **Organ Concert, 7:30 P.M.,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Organist James P. Riggs, plays music by Alain, Bach, Mendelssohn, Widor and others. Program repeats Nov. 8 at 11 a.m. INFO: 921-3510.

Nov. 3 & 10: **Annie, 7:30 P.M.** WILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, 2181 MIRAMAR BLVD. Matinees at 2 p.m. on Nov. 4, 11, 18 & 19. TICKETS AND INFO: 556-0235 or *www.heightsyouththeatre.com.*

Nov. 3: **The Legend of Sleepy Hollow, 7:30 P.M.,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Saturday, Nov. 4 matinee at 2 p.m.

Nov. 4: **Squirrel's Nest Boutique, 10 A.M.-4 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. One-stop shopping from a variety of gift stores from local, non-profit organizations. INFO: 321-5935.

Nov. 4, 11, 18: **Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area each Saturday for a free, naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

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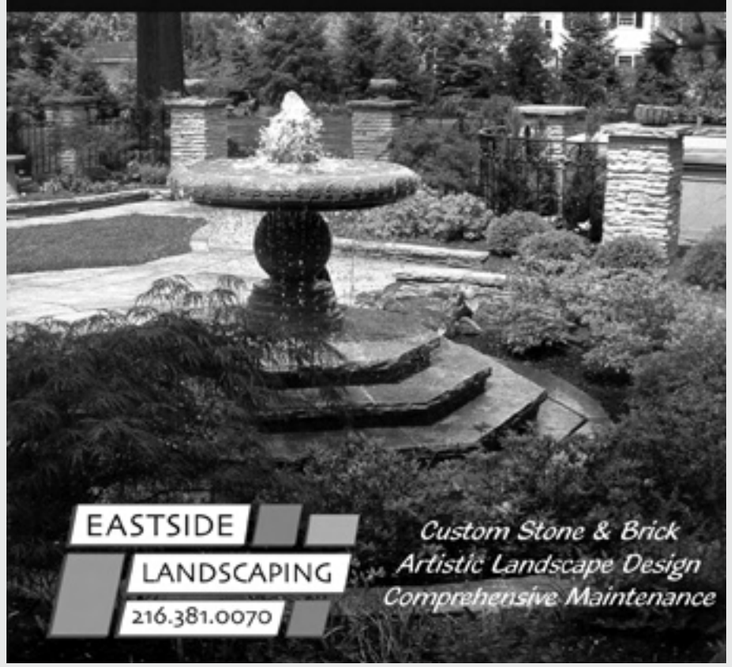

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Nov. 6: **Wood Working for Kids, 4 P.M.,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 4–8) and parents have fun learning to use tools safely for wood-working projects, including assembling pre-cut wood kits as well as constructing projects from scrap wood. $40/4-week session (Nov. 6–27). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Nov. 6: **Art, 10:30 A.M. OR 11:30 A.M.,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) and a parent use different art media to explore and learn about colors, design, and textures. Each week children create a new page to compile their own portfolio. $35/5-week session (Nov. 6–Dec. 4). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Nov. 6: **Workshop for Parents & Children Using Family Childcare, 6:30-8:30 P.M.,** PLAY AND LEARN STATION, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn to help your child develop important early learning skills when Yolanda Knight presents *Literacy, Cooking and Science in the Kitchen.* A light snack and refreshments are served. INFO: YOLANDA KNIGHT, 295-3576.

Nov. 7: **Election Day.** Make your voice heard: vote!

Nov. 7: **Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Award-winning photographer and social activist Steve Cagan presents *El Chocó, Colombia—A National Treasure Under Threat,* and speaks about the rainforest area that has become increasingly threatened by war, gold-mining, lumbering, and industrial agricultural projects. INFO: 321-5935.

Nov. 9: **Nature Center Photography Club, 6-8 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. View and review members' October photos. For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, visit *www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.* INFO: Volunteer Manager Sara Thorne-Briechle at thorne@shakerlakes.org or 321-5935 x 237.

Nov. 9, 10 & 11: **Hamlet, 7:30 P.M.,** KULAS AUDITORIUM, JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, 20700 NORTH PARK BLVD. Actors from the London Stage (AFTLS) perform Shakespeare's Hamlet. Tickets: $10-$12/person.

Nov. 9: **Fall Band Concert, 7 P.M.,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Nov. 10: **Conference Day.** No school for grades K–12.

Nov. 11: **Veterans Day.** City buildings and libraries open.

Nov. 13: **Conference Day.** No school for grades K–8.

Nov. 14: **Babes in Nature, 10-10:45 A.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Explore a variety of sensory experiences to introduce babies, age two months through two years, and their caregivers, to the natural world. $7/non-member strollers; $5/member strollers. INFO: 321-5935.

Nov. 14: **Admission Open House,** UNIVERSITY SCHOOL, 20701 BRANTLEY RD. INFO: 321-8260.

Nov. 16: **Fall Choral Concert, 7:30 P.M.,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Nov. 16: **Shaker Series: What Might Have Been, 7:30 P.M.** NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center and the Shaker Historical Society present a panel discussion on what might have occurred if the Clark and Lee freeway plans had been successful. INFO: 321-5935.

Nov. 18 & 19: **Artisan Bazaar, 11 A.M.-5 P.M.,** LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Shop early for beautiful handmade items including jewelry, glass, ceramics, and other fine art work. Sunday hours: noon–4 p.m. INFO: 464-1441.

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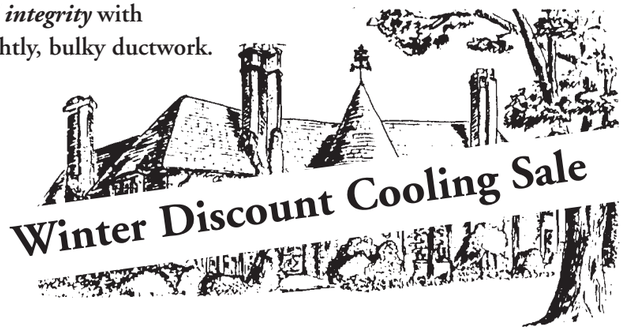

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Nov. 19: **Local Author & Book Fair, 1–4:30 P.M.,** MAIN LIBRARY. Meet the authors, buy books, and have them autographed. Attend a variety of writing and how-to-get-published workshops. Free admission. INFO: 991-2030.

Nov. 20: **Choosing & Using Your Digital Camera, 9:30–11:30 A.M.,** FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn which camera suits your needs and how to use it during this 4-week class. $40/person. INFO: 421-1350. EXT.125.

Nov. 21: **Holiday Exhibit,** SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Decorated trees enhance the Museum's exhibits at this festive time of year. Tuesday-Friday, 2-5 p.m. and Sunday, 2-5 p.m. FEES AND INFO: 921-1201.

Nov. 22–24: **Shaker Schools closed** for Thanksgiving Recess.

Nov. 23: **Thanksgiving.** City offices, schools, and libraries closed.

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

Nov. 25–26: **Dunham Tavern Antiques Show, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Browse and buy some rare and quality antiques. $7 for two-day admission. Saturday preview breakfast for $25. Sunday hours: 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Nov. 27: **Photoshop Elements, 9:30–11:30 A.M.,** FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Develop your abilities to enhance, publish, and print your digital photos during this 4-week class. $40/person. INFO: 421-1350 EXT.125.

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Nov. 29: **Flyers, Brochures & Newsletters, 9:30–11:30 A.M.,** FAIRHILL COMPUTER LEARNING CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn to create attractive, attention-getting flyers, brochures, and newsletters using MS Word. Mouse skills and basic Word skills required. $30/person. INFO: 421-1350 EXT.125.

Nov. 30: **Fall Strings Concert, 7:30 P.M.,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

Nov. 30, Dec. 1 & 2: **Into the Woods, 8 P.M.,** SHAKER HIGH. Shaker students perform Stephen Sondheim's Tony award-winning musical about fairy tales, real life, consequences, and community. Preview at 7 p.m. November 29. TICKETS AND INFO: 295-4200.

for December

December 1: **Love Actually, 1:30 P.M.,** SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. This R-rated romantic comedy is set in London the month before Christmas and stars Hugh Grant, Liam Neeson, Colin Firth, Laura Linney, Emma Thompson, Alan Rickman, Keira Knightley, and Rowan Atkinson. INFO: 491-1360.

Dec. 1, 2 & 3: **Holiday Jewelry Sale, 11 A.M.-4:30 P.M.,** 2951 DRUMMOND RD. (CORNER OF S. WOODLAND, 3 BLOCKS WEST OF LEE RD.) Artist Lois Becker debuts a new line of holiday jewelry featuring necklaces, earrings, pins, and bracelets, plus inexpensive bead kits for kids who want to make their own jewelry. INFO: 921-3083.

Dec. 2: **Sugarplum Workshop, 9-11:30 A.M.,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Help your children experience the joy of holiday giving by making gifts for family and friends. Crafts range from .25 to $2.75 with most under $1. INFO: 921-3510.

Dec. 2, 9, 16 & 30: **Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area for free, naturalist-led, themed walks around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

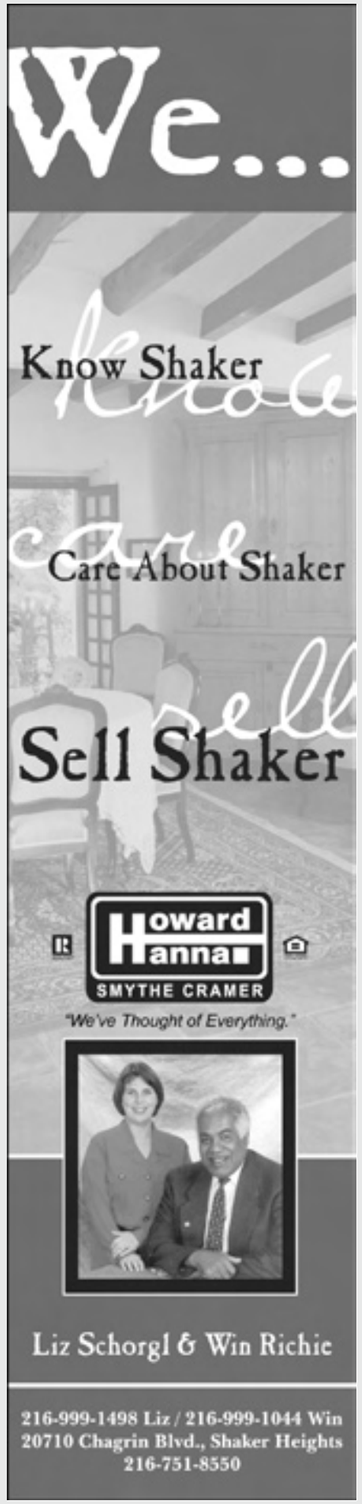
Dec. 2: **Cleveland Boy Choir, 1 P.M.,** PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Forty-voice choir performs a holiday concert under the direction of Dr. William and Carol Foley, sponsored by the Women's Association of Plymouth Church. INFO: 921-3510.

Dec. 6: **CityMusic Cleveland, 7:30 P.M.,** FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Mezzo-Soprano Jaime Van Eyck, violinist Liana Gourdjia, and bassoonist George Sakakeeny, and music by Fauré, Delius, Bartók, Ravel, Sibelius, Blechinger, and Berlioz. Free.

Dec. 7: **Parent University Series, 7–8:30 P.M.,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Learn positive discipline techniques when Amy Speidel, Family Coach with Peaceful Parenting, a division of Dr. Shelley Senders and Associates, presents *Leaving the House Without Losing Your Mind.* This free event is sponsored by Carol Nursery School. INFO: 921-2023.

Dec. 8: **Holiday Concert in Dance, 7 P.M.,** SHAKER HIGH.

Dec. 8: **Shaker High Hockey, 6 P.M.,** THORNTON PARK. Shaker faces off against University School in a neighborhood rivalry that'll heat up the ice. INFO: 491-1295.



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Dec. 9: **Celebration of Lights, 6-8 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Holiday traditions come to light as guides lead 40-minute walks along the Stearns Trail and stop at stations to illustrate how people from around the world use lights in cultural and religious traditions during the darkest days of the year. Cider and cookies are served after each tour. $5/members; $10/non-members; children 2 years & under are free. INFO: 321-5935.

Dec. 10: **Holiday Open House, 2-5 P.M.,** SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Enjoy free admission to the museum, exhibits, refreshments, music, and shopping in the Spirit Tree Gift Shop. INFO: 921-1201.

Dec. 10: **Workshop for Parents & Children Using Family Childcare, 6:30-8:30 P.M.,** PLAY AND LEARN STATION, MAIN LIBRARY. Learn to help your child develop important early learning skills when Yolanda Knight presents *Rhythms, Rhymes and Reading.* A light snack and refreshments are served. INFO: YOLANDA KNIGHT, 295-3576.

Dec. 11: **Winter Choral Concert, 7:30 P.M.,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL. Upper school students perform.

Dec. 12: **Babes in Nature, 10-10:45 A.M.,** NATURE CENTER. You're never too young to start learning about nature. Explore a variety of sensory experiences to introduce babies, age two months through two years, and their caregivers to the natural world. $7/non-member strollers; $5/member strollers. INFO: 321-5935.

Dec. 13–17: **Thornton Park High School Hockey Tournament,** THORNTON PARK. Breakaway from your holiday shopping! Don't get shutout of the excitement when area high school teams face off on center ice.

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Dec. 14: **Nature Center Photography Club, 6-8 P.M.,** NATURE CENTER. Bring your favorite photos and an appetizer or beverage to *Best of 2006 Soirée,* when Photography Club members present the year's highlights. For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, visit www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub. INFO: Volunteer Manager Sara Thorne-Briechle at thorne@shakerlakes.org or 321-5935 x 237.

Dec. 16: **Hanukkah.**

Dec. 25–Jan. 8: **Shaker Schools closed** for Winter Recess.

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Jan. 1: **New Year's Day.** City offices, schools, and libraries closed.

In the Circle & Beyond

Nov. 2–9: **Nite Club Confidential, Kalliope State,** 2134 LEE RD. Cabaret by Dennis Deal and Albert Evans Gurgol. Tickets: $23-$32/person. INFO: 321-0870.

Nov. 5: **Bowl for Kids' Sake, 9 A.M.–3:30 P.M.,** Freeway Lanes of Solon, 33185 Bainbridge Rd. Bowling benefit for the Jewish Big Brothers & Big Sisters. Pizza, Pepsi/Diet Pepsi, Flower Clown, characters, exciting prizes, and the satisfaction of knowing you put a smile in every frame! Children under 10 can bowl free on a team of 4 or 5 adults. Bumper lanes are available upon request. INFO: 320-8311.

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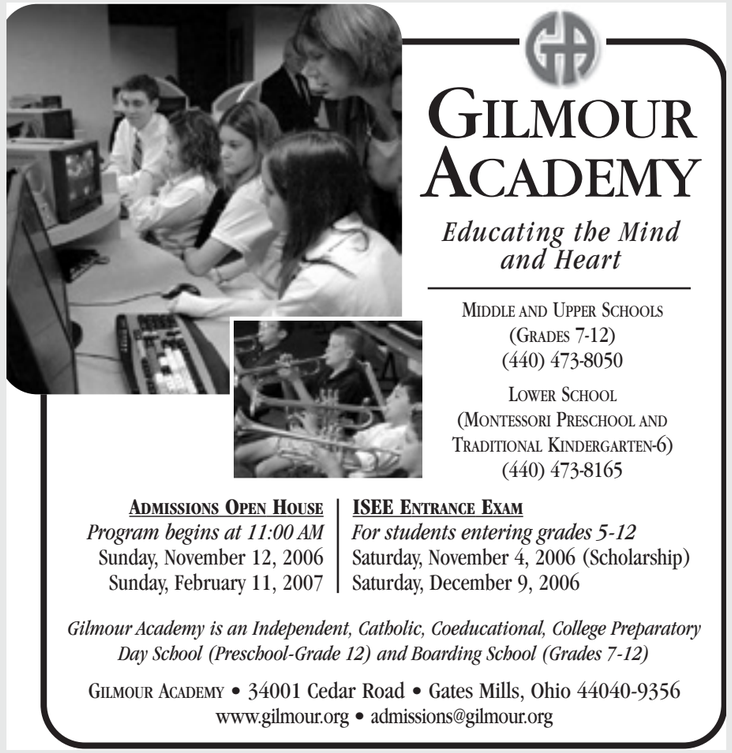

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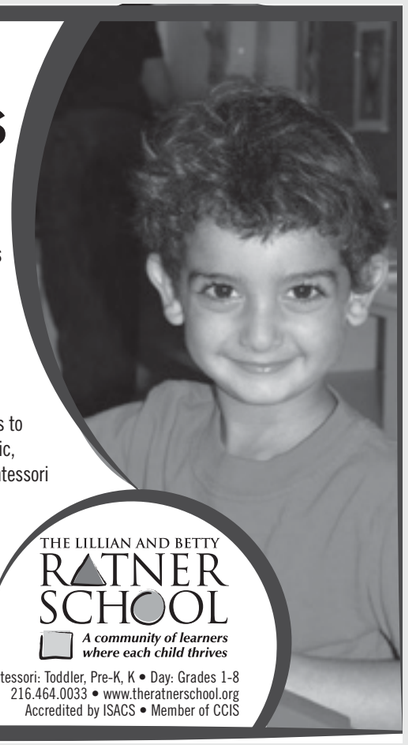

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Nov. 10, 11, 16, 17 & 18: **A Bright Room Called Day, 8 P.M.,** ELDRED THEATRE, 2070 ADELBERT RD. Tony Kushner's powerful morality play is set in Germany during the end of the Weimer Republic. 2:30 p.m. matinees Nov. 12 & 19. $36/person. INFO: 368-6262.

Nov. 11 & 12: **Be Dazzled by Design Decorating Showcase, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.,** OHIO DESIGN CENTRE, 23533 MERCANTILE RD. Thirty top interior designers design and showcase room vignettes and tablescapes to benefit the Cleveland Orchestra. Sunday hours: noon–5 p.m. Tickets: $15. INFO: 231-7557.

Nov. 12: **Honor Those Who Serve, 1–4 P.M.,** MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Meet Americans who served in WWII, Korea, Iraq, and other conflicts and hear their stories of courage. Learn about Jewish-American veterans and the role they played to preserve our country's freedom. Make your own flag and write a letter to a soldier serving in the U.S. Armed Forces today. FEES AND INFO: 593-0575.

out & about

Nov. 13: **CSU Town Hall Series, 6 P.M.,** OHIO THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Scott Cowen, President of Tulane University speaks. Tickets: $45/person.

Nov. 18–Dec. 17: **Mr. Jingeling's Holiday Express, 10:15 A.M. OR 1 P.M.,** ROCKSIDE STATION., 7900 OLD ROCKSIDE RD., INDEPENDENCE. All aboard the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad for a jingling good time. Reservation required. $20/adults; $18/seniors & $13/children. INFO: 800-468-4070.

Nov. 19: **University Circle Wind Ensemble, 2:30 P.M.,** HARKNESS CHAPEL, 11200 BELLFLOWER RD. Gary Ciepluch conducts.

Dec. 3: **Holiday Circlefest, 1–5:30 P.M.,** UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Museums and cultural institutions offer holiday activities, including music, dance, and more.

Dec. 4: **Cleveland Youth Wind Symphonies I & II,** 7:30 p.m., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Gary Ciepluch directs. Tickets $5-$15. INFO: 231-1111.

Dec. 10: **Celebrate the Season, 1–4 P.M.,** MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Celebrate the diversity of winter holidays with crafts from many traditions. Make Hanukkah candles, Kwanzaa kinaras, and Christmas ornaments. Enjoy special holiday foods, spin the dreidel and play other holiday-themed games. FEES AND INFO: 593-0575. ■

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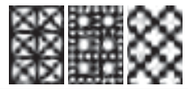

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Staying Young In His Thinking

Bob Ginn's enormous impact on education and racial equality in Shaker Heights will last a long time. He was instrumental in helping launch the Shaker Schools Foundation and the Fund for the Future. Both programs have brought distinction to the City, its public schools, and its neighborhoods.

The Shaker Schools Foundation was unique in Ohio when it started in 1981, in that it provides private support to a public school district. Money raised by the foundation funds such things as student awards, instructional technology, and teachers' special projects. The Night for the Red and White, the foundation's annual benefit, has brought in nearly $1 million since it began in 1992.

"Twenty-five years ago, the concept of a foundation raising private money to support public schools was novel and even controversial," says schools superintendent Mark Freeman. "Bob embraced the idea, and contributed great vision and foresight to helping the foundation get off the ground. He saw the potential, anticipated some of the issues we would face, and helped come up with practical solutions. Bob has the ability to stay young in his thinking. He is open to fresh ideas."

The Fund for the Future, launched in 1985, provides low-interest loans for first-time home buyers to help sustain racially-balanced neighborhoods in Shaker. Ginn was a charter member of the Fund's board, as was Winston Richie, a former Shaker councilman.

"Bob and I go way back to when he ran for the school board and I was first elected to council," says Richie. "He's a great guy, his heart's in the right place, and he has always worked for equality and diversity in Shaker Heights."

Integration of Moreland elementary was to be a challenge. It was predominately African American because the Moreland neighborhood itself was predominately African American, and the school board did not hold any hope that the neighborhood would become racially balanced anytime soon.

The board had known for a long time what needed to be done: White children from elementary schools north of Van Aken would have to be bused to Moreland, and black children from Moreland would be bused north of the line.

It was the first time in the City's history that the school board had to adopt such a drastic, controversial policy. Eventually some 4,000 residents appealed in writing to the board to put the matter to a popular vote, but, as then-board president Robert H. Rawson (Shaker Heights Mayor Judy Rawson's late father-in-law) repeatedly told anyone who would listen, the school board is elected for no other reason than to make education policy; popular voting on one particular matter was not an option.

To adopt this particularly divisive integration policy, the board needed members with stiff spines. Real community leaders had to step up.

Bob Ginn's involvement began in 1967 when he got a phone call from the late Allen C. Holmes, managing partner of Jones, Day, Cockley & Reavis, as it was called then. Jones Day now is an international law firm, but in 1967 it was still a Cleveland law firm, and whoever was managing partner was expected to provide leadership in Greater Cleveland.

Holmes had been on the Shaker Heights school board through 1965, serving two four-year terms, the legal limit. He remained an influential member of the Shaker Citizens Committee, which recruited candidates for the school board.

Ginn recollects, "So Holmes called up and told me to run for a seat on the school board. He didn't ask me. He *told* me."

Two seats were up for grabs for the all-important 1968-'71 term. Ginn was elected to the one vacated by Alan S. Geismer. Rawson ran successfully for his second term. He had been president of the board since 1966. The board now included Rawson, Ginn, Hansell, Sally Griswold (*nee* Sally Kenny, a Hathaway Brown teacher), and Oliver F. Emerson, owner of The Emerson Press and chairman of Cleveland Magazine. They immediately authorized superintendent John H. "Jack" Lawson and his staff to develop a plan to integrate Moreland school.

Lawson put forward a voluntary busing program, the Shaker Schools Plan, essentially a student-for-student swap approved by the children's parents and the schools. A white child from any elementary school north of Van Aken Boulevard (Onaway, Boulevard, Fernway, Malvern, and Mercer) would volunteer to go to Moreland. In turn a black Moreland student would take that white student's place.

Two years in the making, the plan was adopted for the 1970-'71 school year. A public meeting held at the middle school was especially contentious and way too crowded for the school's small auditorium. The people who couldn't find seats in the auditorium were herded into classrooms where the intercom picked up the meeting in the auditorium. Amidst the noise, Bob Rawson steadfastly reiterated the board's position declaring, "This is what we were elected to do!"

Bob Rawson Jr., a university student at the time, now the partner-in-chief of Jones Day's Cleveland office, remembers, "Dad received some pretty ugly phone calls, some of them anonymous."

It was a tense, unpleasant time for the board, but it was a glorious time as well, for the board could claim the legal, ethical, and moral high ground, as residents came to accept the plan as realistic, practical, and the right thing to do.

Still, when the 1972 school board election came around, a vocal contingent of residents vowed to run people for the board who would nullify the plan.

Ginn was called on to run again. Unfortunately, Bob Rawson no longer was eligible to run. By now Sally Griswold and Ollie Emerson had been rotated off and replaced by Jean Gaede and Dr. Drue King Jr., both solid pro-integrationists.

Ginn: "So I had to run a second time – and this time it was a very heated election. A man named Charlie Landefeld ran for Rawson's seat. We knew we would win, but we wanted to clobber the anti-integrationists. Only an overwhelming victory would finally shut these people up."

Ginn and Landefeld indeed were overwhelmingly elected, but it was anticlimactic because, as Ginn says, the victory was a foregone conclusion.

Winston Richie, who was in the forefront of the efforts to keep Shaker neighborhoods racially balanced (and who was elected to city council in 1972 with Ginn's help) reflects, "By 1972, the die was cast as to what kind of community the residents wanted. The busing plan worked. If you couldn't do such a thing in Shaker Heights, where could you do it?"

That was then. Moreland Elementary School long ago was converted into the Main Library, and other elementary schools of those years have closed in the ebb and flow of Shaker's changing demographics. Lately, the importance of other matters to Shaker Heights and other first-ring suburbs – economic development, alternative housing for an aging population, attracting young people, infrastructure – only underscores the fact that school integration was a challenge that belonged to another era.

But that does not keep Bob Ginn from staying involved. Mark Freeman, superintendent of Shaker schools and a long-time friend of the Ginn family, says that Bob and Barbara "come to our periodic breakfast briefings to keep informed and involved, and always have insightful comments that reflect an understanding of, and a commitment to, today's students." He is also the namesake of the Robert N. Ginn Institute for Corporate Responsibility at John Carroll University's Boler School of Business.

Ginn's contribution to today's Shaker Heights is consistent with the long-standing legacy of the community. The 2006 history of Shaker Heights, written by Shaker resident, Bruce Marshall, puts it into this historical context:

"Beginning with the North Union settlement, residents of this community have sought to build an ideal society…The Van Sweringens' Shaker Heights continued utopian themes…The vision of what an ideal community should be has changed from generation to generation, but the methods of achieving it are similar. Central to the Shaker and the Shaker Heights method is intense planning aimed at creating an environment that will bring out the best in its residents. As the Van Sweringen Company put it, 'Most communities just happen; the best are planned.' " ■

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The Achievers: Annie Sivertson

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Annie has amassed an impressive list of credits in her short career, including memorable performances as the lovesick Viola in Shaker High's production of *Twelfth Night* and the spunky granny Berthe in *Pippin.* She has also played starring and support roles in numerous Junior and Senior Ensemble performances and student-written and -directed plays.

Her love for musical performance runs deep, as does her involvement in Shaker High's for-credit music and theater programs, which, as she puts it, "collide every other year in a musical production," enabling her to join her two loves.

As a freshman, she enrolled in Junior Ensemble and played "Dead Woman #1" in *Our Town.* Since then, she has continually studied dance, movement, song, and production in her Senior Ensemble courses, performed in every major theatrical production at the high school, and been a member of the A Cappella women's choir.

This year, she serves as co-president of the Chanticleers, a voice ensemble that performs Madrigals, chamber music, and Broadway show tunes, and she is conducting an independent study program in musical composition.

"I think the only way that I could have gotten more from music and theater at a high school is if I had gone to a performing arts school," she says. "I feel like I've been very well prepared, and I've been able to create a strong resume for myself because of the things that Shaker High offers.

"There is so much that you can do as far as music and theater," she points out. "You can like theater but not like musicals, so you don't do the musicals – you do New Stages.

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Or you can like theater but want to be a playwright, so you take the Playwrighting course and get involved in Shakescenes. Or, if you want to do stage management, there is the Theater Production Seminar. On and off the stage, there's a place for you in the theater department."

The same holds true in the musical arena, she says. "No matter what type of music you like, there really is a place for you among the many bands, ensembles, and choirs. I think Shaker High is as good as it gets if you take advantage of what's offered."

Annie keeps busy perfecting her talents outside of school as well. She takes weekly piano and voice lessons, and in August used some of her hard-earned college savings to attend a songwriting camp at the Berklee College of Music in Boston.

"Berklee was huge," she says. "I found a whole new comfort level playing in front of people there. Now I want to get myself out there like I didn't want to before. I was so concerned before and now I realize you can't be concerned. You just have to throw it out there. Some people are going to like it, some people are going to hate it. You only need one person to like it to get a record deal."

She also recorded a demo CD last summer featuring five of her original songs. She plans to use the CD, tentatively titled "Next to You in White," to promote herself to colleges and talent agents.

Meanwhile, Annie is learning that like music and theater, ambitions can also collide, making charting next steps difficult. In one dream, Annie sees herself as a singer-songwriter, seated at the piano on a stage, sharing who she is through her own songs. In another dream, she's performing on Broadway, singing her heart out as someone else altogether.

But whether she lands at a music conservatory, at a liberal arts college, or on another road altogether, Anne is confident that music will play a starring role in her life.

"It's something I've known since I was really young. I'd already made up a stage name for myself by the time I was five – I wanted to be 'Billie Boxen.' Where does the name come from? Nowhere, absolutely nowhere. I was just a crazy little kid. But I do think that I will ultimately have a life in music, even if I have to have another job on the side. Even if I am just playing in little clubs or whatever, I will keep music in my life."

Proud. That's what Annie, her family, and those of us lucky enough to catch her on the rise will be one day when this young Shakerite makes her mark. ■

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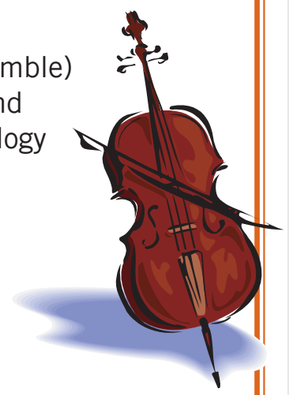

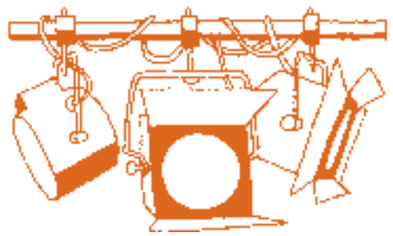

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The award was the second distinction for The Shakerite last school year; the newspaper earned fifth place in the National Scholastic Press Association Best of Show competition in November 2005 in Chicago.

The Shakerite, October 2006.

The Achievers: Wesley Lowery

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Colin has asked Wesley to read the column he is writing in response to the school's new "no hat" policy. Wesley suggests a better transition here, another choice of words here. He talks through Colin's beef with the rule so that he can better advise him on how to most effectively organize his column. "This is written very well and your thoughts are excellent," says the seasoned editor to the relative newcomer.

"It just needs a little polishing. Another round or two, and it will be excellent."

Opinion pieces are Wesley's passion. "I love writing columns. That's one of my aspirations – to be a syndicated newspaper columnist." Thomas L. Friedman of the *New York Times,* Rick Reilly of *Sports Illustrated* and *The Plain Dealer's* Sam Fulwood are among the columnists he admires, but it is his own father Mark, a journalist, who has inspired him most.

Column writing comes easily to him, he admits, "because I'm extremely opinionated. I'm also involved in so many hot topic issues. I enjoy debates, I enjoy discussion. I like being able to research my view on something and then express it."

Issues involving race, religion, and politics are of particular interest to Wesley, and he is comfortable sharing his opinions even when others are unlikely to agree with him.

"There's nothing more gratifying than writing something that you know the majority of your audience won't agree with, but then getting compliments on it because you presented your points well."

He has used his writing talents to challenge fellow students, school administrators, and even *Sun Press* newspaper editors to do better.

Last spring, he penned "an extremely critical" column about a Shaker High performance he had attended. "The Modern Dance Club pulled off a performance that seemed more like an $8 burlesque show than a high school production," he wrote. He strongly criticized the show's content and quality because, he says, "this is my school and I want to see us do the best we can. If we're going to put the name 'Shaker' on something, including a production, then it must be top quality. For me, it's an ownership issue."

In another column, "Fight racism of all kinds," Wesley accused the school district of "continuing to neglect one of its biggest problems by hiding behind its poster children: the Student Group on Race Relations (SGORR) and the Minority Achievement Committees. While these organizations work to improve race relations and to bridge the achievement gap, they cannot comprise the schools' only attempts to nurture a truly integrated community."

Last summer, he chided *Sun Press* editor Mary Jane Skala on a follow-up column she'd written on the state of civility at Shaker High. "She essentially said that no progress has been made. I wasn't very happy about that, being someone who works so extensively with the SGORR program, who covered the civility issue so extensively in *The Shakerite,* and who has worked on the student advisory committee with Mr. Griffith to produce real change. So I wrote her a pretty lengthy letter, which she ran."

Wesley says he'll know he's done his job well as *Shakerite* editor "if we continue to put out a quality paper, one that I can be proud to put my name on."

Fast-forward 10-15 years, and we'll all know Wesley has done his job well when we hear people asking, "Did you read Lowery's column today?" ■

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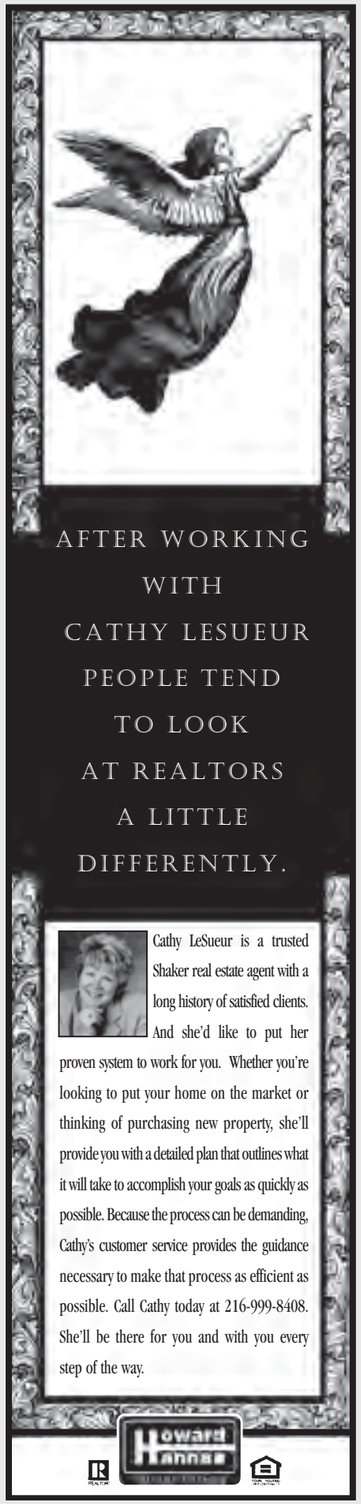

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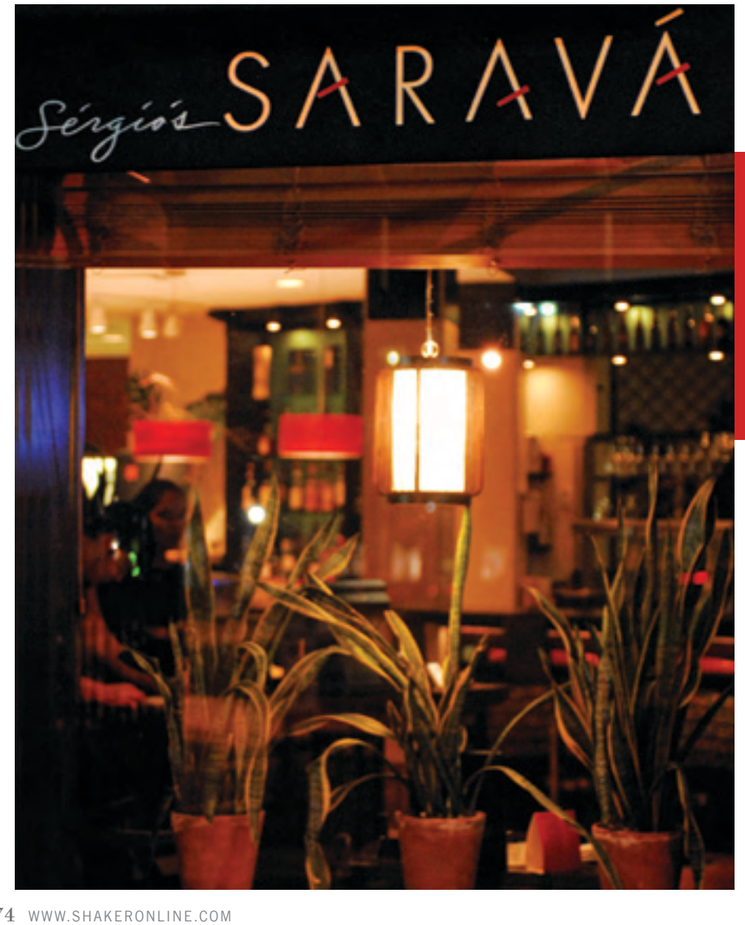

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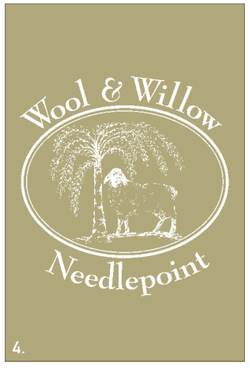

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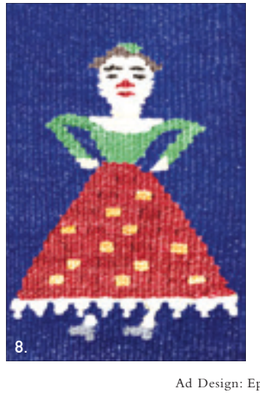
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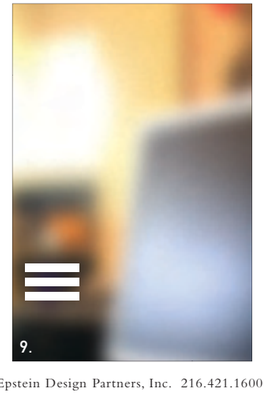
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(B)ah, Winter

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

There is nothing quite like winterizing a Shaker Home, unless, of course, you count suiting up your crazy, 83-year-old Aunt Edna for a game of full contact ice hockey without pads. As a public service, then, Shaker Observer offers the following guide to snow and ice survival for the Shaker Homeowner:

Heat: Your home, like Shaker Man's, may have been built before the invention of modern conveniences such as windows that seal out drafts and furnaces that actually warm entire houses. Instead, you might have "steam heat," which, although clean, also requires:

- A bulky contraption called a "boiler," which uses hundreds of dollars worth of natural gas to turn water into the aforementioned steam. It requires daily attention and praise during the winter in the form of feeding (adding clean water), bleeding (removing sludgy water), and pleading *(Please don't break down).* This makes it nearly as much trouble as a dog, but without the affectionate bits.
- A bizarre maze of pipes across your basement ceiling that can only be serviced by experts. Don't touch them.
- A collection of radiators that emit not just heat but also loud knocks, pings, and whistles that would make the Three Stooges proud. Anything you do – feeding, bleeding, twisting so-called "control" knobs – will just make the noises louder and, even worse, require a visit from a laughing HVAC guy. Take Shaker Man's advice and remind yourself daily: *If Moe, Larry and Curly could take it, so can I*

Fireplace: No Shaker home with old-fashioned heating is complete without an old-fashioned fireplace. Not only must you call a chimney sweep (who will show up hours late and then grumble incessantly about *20 #!$*! years of soot),* you must also find firewood, whether from your neighbor's trees (not recommended), the local park *(really* not recommended) or via Acme A-1 Wood Delivery. For a price that will make you think you bought furniture instead of kindling, Acme will gladly leave tire marks across your lawn after piling just-cut logs at a 45-degree angle next to your garbage cans (a pile which will, inevitably, collapse after the first snowfall). And while it's true that wet, green wood won't burn properly (or at all) without gasoline and a propane torch, you'll be plenty warm anyway after re-stacking three cords of it.

Water: The enemy of every Shaker homeowner in whatever form (ice, snow, liquid, steam) it takes. Particularly dangerous in pipes connected to (or even near) outside spigots, as it will freeze, expand, and then burst said plumbing, creating an unfortunate basement waterfall that, while impressive, will ruin both the kids' computer and their entire shelf of Lemony Snicket books. Savvy homeowners will drain all such pipes well in advance of the first hard freeze; a forgetful Shaker Man will continue to contribute generously to his plumber's annual Hawaii vacation.

Lawn: Back when Shaker Man was young, fall yard care consisted of raking up a few leaves and throwing the odd, flattened beer can into the garbage. However, the competitive homeowner will feel the pressure of next year's lawn already creeping upon him in November: Turf must be aerated (Shaker Man's advice: *Chain-gang work at best; pay whatever it takes to get someone else to do it),* hostas must be tied *(Phooey. Haven't seen one run away to Florida yet),* and mulch must be unmulched *(Shoveling out 2,000 pounds of smelly wood chips now, just so you can shovel in 2,000 pounds of even smellier wood chips next spring? Forget it!).* In gardening, Shaker Man says, as in life, all things come to he who waits; never do today what you can still complain about tomorrow.

Unless, of course, your wife tells you to. ■

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