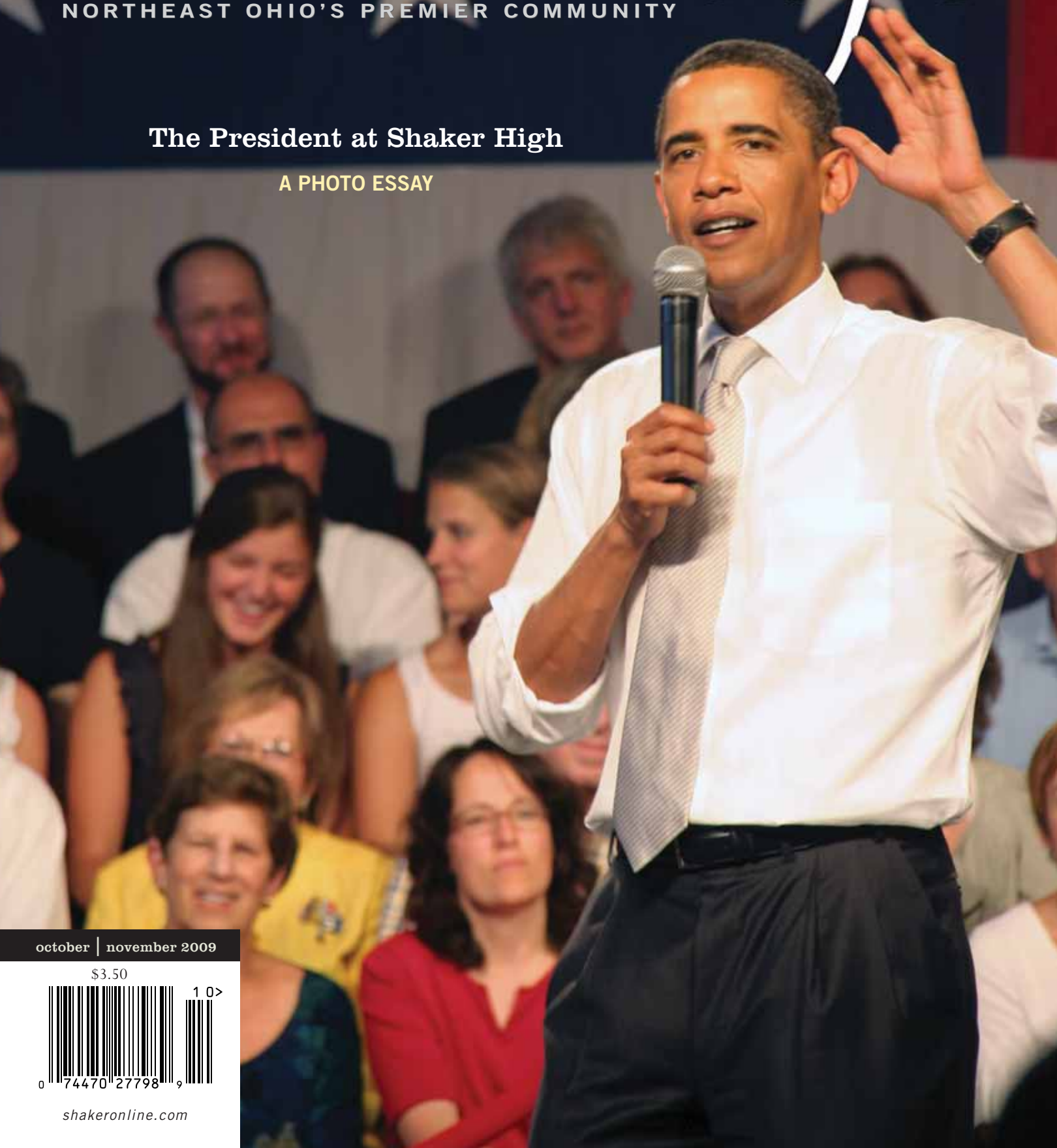


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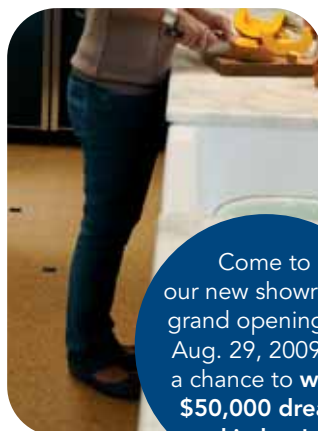
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From Our Readers

I just wanted to send you a very big THANK YOU for your wonderful article "Lee Road Blues." The article was a great boost for the Shaker Heights Police Academy and I'm sure it will result in many more people signing up for the upcoming Academy classes in the fall.

Please thank Caydie Heller for the wonderful photographs of Deputy Chief Mike Schwarber, Lt. John Danko and Ken Kovach. Your kind words for Ken are well deserved. He did a wonderful job during his tenure as president of the Shaker Heights Citizens Police Alumni. Mike and John are very big supporters of the program and I don't know what we would do without them.

Thank you again ... for the great article.

Sincerely,

Jim Norris, President

Shaker Heights Citizens Police Alumni

I enjoyed reading the article in the August-September issue, "Where The (He)Art Is," about how Shaker artists decorate their homes. I am an artist, a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, and have lived in Shaker for 30-plus years, doing my work in studios and at home; my paintings, drawings, and sculptures have traveled many places in the world. One of the sculptures from my series, "Piano Revival," resides on the ceiling in my living room! That's a must-see.

My best regards,

Bea Mitchell

www.beamitchell.com

In her excellent article on the Cavani String Quartet in the August/September issue of Shaker Life, Sue Starrett writes:

"Closer to home, Fullard and some of her CIM students visited Onaway Elementary School this spring to introduce third and fourth graders to stringed instruments and give CIM students a performance opportunity."

What is missing from this description is the role that the Cleveland Chamber Music Society (CCMS) has played in developing this program as part of its outreach mission.

For the last two years CCMS has funded this program, which consists, as of now, of four concerts each year – two in each of two schools in the area. The board of CCMS has voted to continue its sponsorship of the program in the coming year.

Now in its 60th year, CCMS has been bringing world-class chamber ensembles to the Cleveland area each year. And to fulfill its mission to "promote, foster and encourage the culture, study and playing of chamber music by means of concerts and other programs of all kinds beneficial to the educational and cultural community," it has also created an annual "Young Artists Showcase," which has gained an increasing audience each year. (For economic reasons, this year's Showcase has had to be deferred to next year.)

I think it is important for the community to know these proactive sides to this venerable and successful musical organization, which has been such an important part of our musical life in Shaker Heights and its neighboring suburbs.

Sincerely,

Eric Kisch

Member, Board of Directors CCMS

Call for Nominations for the 2010 MLK, Jr. Award for Human Relations

The Human Relations Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2010 Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Relations Award. Eligible for nomination are those individuals or groups whose actions during the past year exemplify Dr. King's values through their commitment to compassion, humility and service.

Nominees must have made a significant contribution in 2009 through volunteerism and community service, helping others and building community in Shaker Heights. Recipients must be residents of the Shaker Heights City School District, and may be of any age or any race. A posthumous award may be given. Nominees not chosen are eligible for resubmission the following year, with updated information from the nominator, as appropriate. Current members of City Council and the Human Relations Commission or their families are not eligible for the award.

Completed nomination forms must be submitted by Monday, November 30. Paper forms may be mailed to the City of Shaker Heights, Human Relations Commission, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, 44120. Completed electronic nomination forms may be emailed to communications@shakeronline.com. Nomination forms are available for download from shakeronline.com or in hard copy at City Hall and the Shaker Public Libraries. For additional information, call 216-491-1419.

RITA Partners with IRS to Ensure Compliance

The Regional Income Tax Agency (RITA) and the Internal Revenue Service have agreed to share information on tax filings. RITA plans to use the information to ensure that income claimed at the federal level is also reported to the City of Shaker Heights. Under the City's municipal tax ordinances, each resident and business must file an annual return reporting all taxable income.

The City encourages all residents and businesses to resolve any discrepancies voluntarily in order to avoid potential penalties and interest charges. If a comparison between federal and local data indicates a failure to file, or to under report, RITA will send a letter to the taxpayer requesting more information. For questions about how to file a RITA return, or how to amend a previously filed return, please contact RITA's Federal Tax Information Director, Bill Nally, at 440-922-3561.

Call Now For Seasonal Flu Shot Appointments

The Shaker Heights Health Department offers seasonal flu and pneumonia shots for persons aged 6 months and older. The inhaled flu vaccine, FluMist, is also available for children aged 2 through 18. The cost of the flu shot is \$30; FluMist is \$30; pneumonia shots are \$45. Flu shots will be given on Tuesdays in the Health Department, starting October 27 through Tuesday November 17. Morning and afternoon clinic times are available.

Residents may also obtain flu shots by attending the Shaker Heights Community Preparedness Exercise at the Middle School on Saturday, October 24. Reservations are available for three different time slots: 9–10 am, 10–11 am, or 11–noon. A drive-through option is available for those who prefer to remain in their cars. Please do not bring pets in the car if using the drive through option.

Appointments for flu shot clinics and the Middle School event are required and can be made now! Please call the Health Department, 216-491-1480.

The Latest on H1N1 is a Phone Call Away

The Shaker Heights Health Department information line is now the Shaker Heights H1N1 vaccine information line. The number is 216-491-3170, and the recording is updated any time the department has new vaccine information. There is also a detailed H1N1 section on the website, including FAQs. Go to: www.shakeronline.com/services/safety/H1N1FluInformation.asp.

“Just About Jobs” A Big Success In Shaker

More than 100 Shaker youths found gainful employment last summer through a program called “Just About Jobs,” sponsored by the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, and MyCom, a county-led initiative that connects youths with caring adults and positive activities.

The Shaker Heights Youth Center managed the program locally, in partnership with a Cuyahoga County organization called Youth Opportunities Unlimited

(Y.O.U.). Thanks to increased funding from federal stimulus money and MyCom, the program was able to link many more teens with jobs this summer. Last summer, 14 Shaker youths obtained jobs through the program, but they were placed in other communities.

Youth Center staff placed applicants with nearly 20 employers throughout the City. The Shaker School District was the largest employer, providing jobs for more than one third of the youthful employees. Bob Kreiner, Business Administrator for the School District said, “We were pleased to participate as an employer. Our students learned basic employment skills, such as the importance of attendance, punctuality, and responsibility.”

Other employers included Shaker Prevention Coalition Program (SHARP), Early Childhood Enrichment Center, the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, Shaker Police Department, Shaker Fire Department, Shaker Public Library, Family Connections at Shaker Family Center, and several area churches. Lynn Ruffner, City Council, pointed out that 87 households were affected by the youth employment and added, “When we are able to touch so many young people's lives, the job has been well done. I am very grateful to those who took the time to see these young people placed in their organizations.”



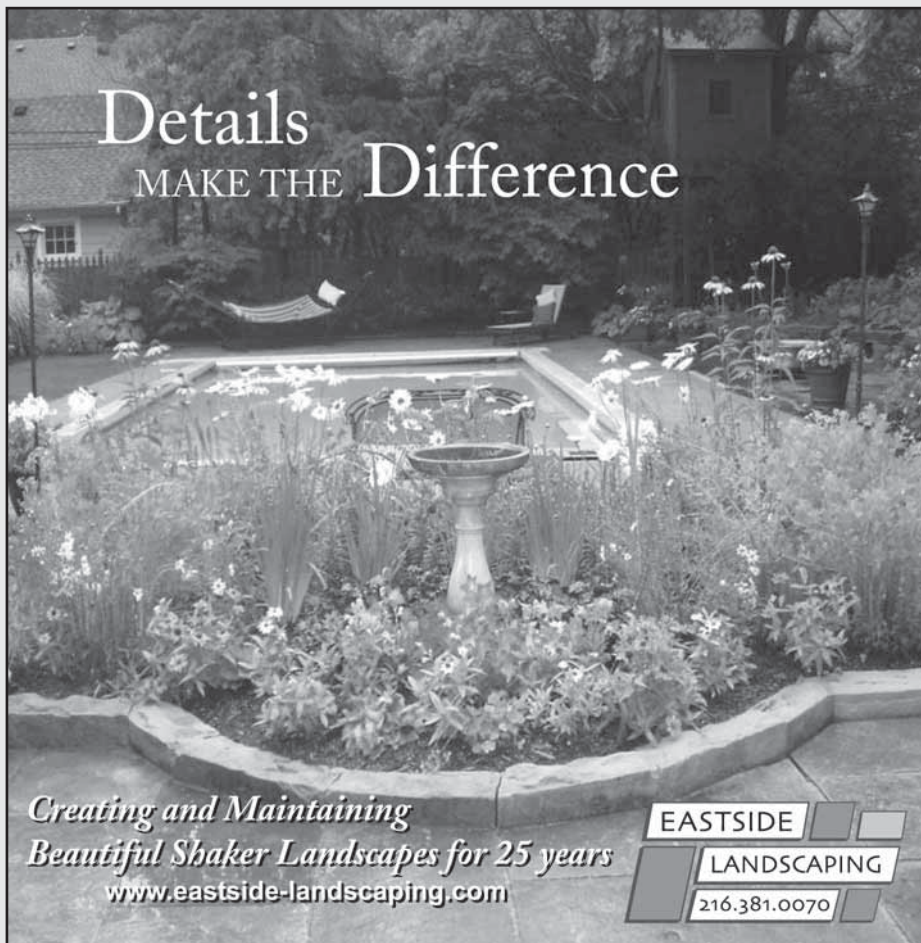
Design for the proposed new CVS Pharmacy, to be located at the Southwest corner of Chagrin Blvd. and Avalon Rd., at the gateway to the Shaker Town Center shopping district. The new building was designed to reflect the historic architecture of the neighborhood and to fit in with newer buildings nearby, such as Huntington Bank, the Fire House, and the renovated storefronts on the south side of Chagrin Blvd. The design includes a drive-through pharmacy window at the rear of the building. Construction is slated to begin this fall.

Task Force Completes Plan for Safe Routes to School

A task force of City and School District staff, as well as community residents, has completed an action plan for Safe Routes to School for four Shaker schools: Boulevard, Onaway, Woodbury, and the Middle School. Safe Routes to School is a federally funded program designed to encourage walking or biking to school. The plan has been submitted to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for approval. The City may pursue additional funding from ODOT to implement key recommendations from the plan, including:

- Install countdown pedestrian signals at heavily trafficked intersections, such as Lee Rd./South Woodland; Warrensville/Shaker Blvd.; and Warrensville/South Woodland
- Improve crosswalks with zebra striping, signage, and ADA ramps
- Create and distribute maps of SRTS for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Letter campaign to neighbors about snow removal
- “Walking School Bus” – parent led groups of walkers

As an additional measure, the Shaker School District has installed bike racks at all Shaker Schools and plans to educate students and parents district-wide about safety measures when walking or biking to school. Peggy Caldwell, Director of Communications for Shaker Schools, says, “We want to encourage all families to walk or bike to school whenever possible as a way to help students develop healthy habits to last a lifetime.”

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Students Illustrate Importance of the SHFD

Last May, a fourth grade class at Lomond Elementary School surprised the Shaker Heights Fire Department with a special gift: a colorful wall mural depicting the importance of the Fire Department. They even made an advance scouting mission to scope out the perfect placement for their artwork: a wall at the entrance to the SHFD, where the painting can be seen from the street.

The students, along with their teacher Patsy Bannon and Lomond art teacher Jill Schumacher, invited Fire Inspector Devon Paullin and a few other members of the Department to their classroom to unveil the surprise. They presented the artwork along with a poem the students had written to show their appreciation. “We wanted to thank them for keeping us safe and teaching us the “Learn Not To Burn” program,” said Olivia Proe, one of the students in the class.

Get Shovels and Snow Plows Ready for Winter

The City wishes to remind residents that they are responsible for clearing snow and ice from the sidewalks fronting their property when snow is less than six inches deep; the City plows sidewalks only if the snowfall is deep and when scheduling allows. In addition, please do not park cars

in the street when snow reaches a depth of two inches or more. The City does not plow residential driveways; snow removal contractors must be registered with the Police Department and their permit clearly displayed. Do not push snow into the street, onto sidewalks or displace it onto another person’s property.

SHFD Open House: Fun – and Safety – for the Whole Family

The Shaker Heights Fire Department will hold an Open House on Saturday, October 10 from 1-3 pm, at the Fire House at 17000 Chagrin Blvd. The Open House coincides with Fire Safety Prevention Week, and will feature the following:

- Refreshments
- Kids’ activities
- Free blood pressure checks
- Review of home escape plans
- Equipment demonstrations, including fire trucks and ambulances
- Fire safety related information, such as proper installation of smoke detectors
- Presentations by University Hospitals Safe Kids Coalition and Injury/burn Prevention Department

The Shaker CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) will also be on hand to answer questions. Bring the family and have some fun while learning to be safe!

Business News

Helping New Drivers Get “Behind the Wheel”

Shaker resident Tom Flynn has a goal: “To turn out the safest, most courteous drivers possible.” You may have seen a sporty blue Mini-Cooper advertising his new venture, Behind The Wheel (BTW) School of Driving.

The driving school is Flynn’s second career. In his first career, he logged 35,000 miles on the road each year – about three

times as many as the average driver – as a sales rep for Procter & Gamble. In his many years with P&G, he won numerous safe driver awards. A driving school seemed like a natural fit for Flynn, who also spent many years as a high school sports coach, and guided three of his own children through the process of learning to drive. He obtained his certification last August through a driving school in Chardon, and takes students primarily from Shaker, Cleveland Heights, Beachwood, and Pepper Pike.

“This provides Shaker parents with another alternative,” he says. He holds classroom instruction at the Unitarian Church, 21600 Shaker Boulevard, and schedules students for driving sessions in the Mini-Cooper. “I chose the car not only because it is fun to drive and easy to maneuver, but also because it has a Class IV safety rating,” says Flynn.

Parents who are interested in signing on with BTW can check out the website, btwschoolofdriving.com, or contact Flynn at flynn500@gmail.com.

Shaker News Briefs

• Shaker resident **Kathleen Burke**, a partner at the Jones Day law firm in Cleveland, has been named the Executive Director of the Ohio Lottery Commission. She has been a corporate litigator at Jones Day since 1973.

Announcing her appointment, Gov. Ted Strickland praised Burke as “an attorney with impeccable integrity and credentials” and as a leader in her community.

Burke served as the first woman president of the Ohio State Bar Association, from 1993 to 1994. She also served as president of the Ohio State Bar Foundation from 2000-01 and is currently a board member for the Ohio Legal Assistance Foundation.

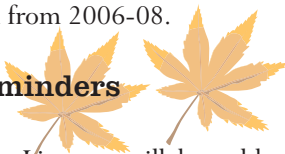
• The Estate Planning Council of Cleveland has named Shaker resident **Stephen H. Gariepy** as Distinguished Estate Planner of the Year. Gariepy is an attorney with Hahn Loeser & Parks, where he is Co-

Chair of Estate Planning, Wealth Transfer and Preservation Practice. Managing Partner Lawrence Oscar praised Gariepy as “an attorney who consistently goes above and beyond to serve both his clients and the legal community as a whole.” Gariepy has chaired the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association’s Estate Planning Institute and served as president of the Estate Planning Council of Cleveland. He has served as trustee of the Great Lakes Theater Festival and chaired the Cleveland Museum of Art’s Planned Giving Council.

- The Ohio Dietetic Association has selected Shaker resident **Tammy Randall** as its president-elect. She will become the organization’s president in the summer of 2010. Randall is Director of Education for the Diabetes Association of Greater Cleveland.

Randall is a registered, licensed dietitian and Certified Diabetes Educator. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Nutrition and a master’s degree in Public Health Nutrition, both from Case Western Reserve University. In 2003, she was the American Dietetic Association’s Young Dietitian of the Year. From 2004-05, she was president of the Cleveland Dietetic Association and served as secretary of the Ohio Dietetic Association from 2006-08.

Seasonal Reminders



Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm September 12 & 26 and October 10 & 31 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

Child Care Seats: Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call 216-491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.

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

updated regularly.

Dogs: Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curb-side, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490.

E-News Updates: Don’t miss a thing! Sign up to receive emailed news about your community. Visit the homepage of shakeronline.com and enter your email to select the information you wish to receive.

Fire Hydrants: The Fire Department will flush hydrants from October 5 through October 17. See the Calendar at shakeronline.com for streets schedule.

Fire Safety: The Fire Department offers free home safety inspections throughout the year. Using a “Home Fire Safety Checklist,” two firefighters inspect dwellings from top to bottom. Among the hazards they look for are faulty or inadequate electrical wiring, improper storage of paints, thinners, and other combustible liquids, and unsafe heating and cooking areas. To make an appointment, call 216-491-1215 between 8:30 am and 5 pm weekdays.

Lost Pets: If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 216-491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 216-491-1499).

Parking Ban: Parking is not permitted on Shaker streets between 2 and 6 am.

Household Hazardous Waste Round-up: October 3 & 4, Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Includes oil or solvent-based paint, sealers, primers, coatings (aerosols or liquids); varnishes, polyurethanes; paint thinners; pesticides; household cleaners; motor oil, car batteries;

adhesives, driveway sealer; kerosene, gasoline; mercury, fluorescent bulbs. No latex paint. Call 216-491-1490 for more information.

Power outages: Please call CEI, not City Hall: 888-544-4877.

Rubbish pickup: Collections scheduled on Thanksgiving will be one day late. Call the Public Works Department, 216-491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City’s email list at shakeronline.com.

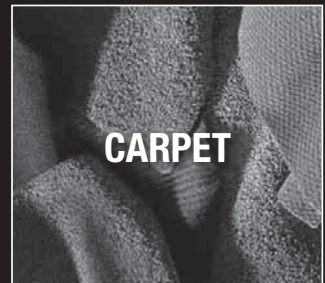
Smoke Detectors: Residents are required to have at least one smoke detector adjacent to the sleeping area in each dwelling unit and at least one smoke detector on each additional level, including the basement. Smoke detectors are provided free to low-income residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance.

Temporary Sign Ordinance: All temporary signs in residential districts, including ‘For Sale by Owner’ and political signs, must be removed or replaced after 45 days. Signs may not be located in, or obstruct, the public right of way. They must be placed at least 20 feet from the nearest sidewalk.

Yard Waste: October 15 to December 15 is Leaf Collection season. City crews are equipped to pick up leaves, grass clippings, hedge trimming and garden waste from tree lawns (*never* in the street); **brush collection is suspended temporarily** during leaf collection. When crews are busy with snow removal, brush collection is maintained as weather permits only. Landscapers should be advised to remove any brush collected during this time period.

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ADDRESS	2009 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE
3319 ABERDEEN ROAD	\$171,500	\$165,000 (2000)
3337 ABERDEEN ROAD	\$294,000	\$315,000 (2006)
2840 ATTLEBORO ROAD	\$712,000	\$889,000 (2004)
3270 AVALON ROAD	\$215,000	\$207,000 (2005)
22176 BYRON ROAD	\$253,000	\$225,000 (2002)
3165 CHADBOURNE ROAD	\$169,000	\$180,000 (2005)
3276 ELSMERE ROAD	\$171,000	\$193,500 (2001)
3386 KENMORE ROAD	\$285,800	\$300,000 (2007)
3125 LAUREL ROAD	\$410,000	\$375,000 (2001)
19406 LOMOND BLVD	\$270,000	\$ 55,000 (2008)
19620 LOMOND BLVD	\$155,000	\$215,000 (2006)
20020 LOMOND BLVD	\$195,000	\$207,500 (2001)
3693 LYNNFIELD ROAD	\$152,500	\$ 93,500 (2006)
22226 PARNELL ROAD	\$507,500	\$725,000 (2006)
3658 ROLLISTON ROAD	\$150,000	\$155,000 (2006)
17318 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$145,000	\$ 79,600 (2008)
3704 STOER ROAD	\$163,000	\$156,900 (2005)
3612 TRAYNHAM ROAD	\$199,000	\$187,000 (1999)
3008 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$233,000	\$252,000 (2001)

LIST OF HOUSING TRANSFERS WITH A PRIOR SALE WITHIN 15 YEARS:

3349 ELSMERE ROAD	\$330,000	\$216,500 (1997)
2705 ROCKLYN ROAD	\$325,000	\$260,000 (1993)
3537 WINCHELL ROAD	\$129,000	\$150,000 (1997)

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

3200 KINGSLEY ROAD	\$482,500	\$292,500 (1989)
19814 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$140,000	\$120,000 (1992)
3066 WOODBURY ROAD	\$168,000	\$121,000 (1993)

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Rental Homes:

3366 Elsmere Road, owners: Andrea & George Holt. Certified: 2008-9, 2009-10

3520 Ingleside Road, owners: Diana Merritt Khouri & Ramona Mesi. Certified 2009-10

3621 Strandhill Road, owners: Ellen & Frank Loughan. Certified 2009-10

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18730 Van Aken Boulevard, owners: Andrea & George Holt. Certified 2009-10

3629 Winchell Road, owners: Kimberly & Augustine Ponce de Leon. Certified 2003-04, 2009-10

18008 Winslow Road, owner: Kathleen Trudick. Certified 2009-10

City Incentive Draws New Residents to Winslow

Several new home buyers have taken advantage of a unique incentive the City of Shaker introduced in 2007: a \$5,000 grant to new buyers who live in their Winslow Road home for at least two years. Many have discovered that two-family homes are ideal for growing a home-based business, for multi-generational living, or for generating rental income from the second living space. Winslow Road is a dedicated historic district whose homes boast charming and graceful architectural features, each one unique in its interior and exterior design.

When Kandis Anderson and her husband, Terry Williams, decided to relocate closer to family in Northeast Ohio, they weren't initially interested in buying a home. However, when Anderson learned about the program on the City's website, she decided it would be a great fit. "We like that we can live in one space and rent out the other, and have room for our family to grow." Williams, a general contractor, has also taken advantage of a Fund for the Future matching grant program to make improvements to their home. "The idea of an incentive that entices homeowners to invest in their community really appealed to me," says Anderson, who works for a subsidiary of Neighborhood Progress, Inc., a Cleveland revitalization program.

Matthew Schorgl learned about the grant program from his mother, Shaker realtor, Liz Schorgl. He had been renting an apartment in the Tremont area, but was considering buying a house. "The

Winslow grant, combined with low interest rates and the new tax credit for first time home buyers, made it the perfect time to buy a home," says Schorgl, who works downtown at Key Bank. "I'm a huge advocate of public transportation, so it's a big plus to be located right by the rapid." Schorgl plans to rent out the other living space for additional income.

Funds are still available for new buyers to take advantage of the \$5,000 grant. To qualify, buyers must live in the house and take the City's landlord training course. To learn more about this opportunity, call the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization at 216-491-1370, or visit shakeronline.com for applications and information.

Landmark Commission Announces 2009 Preservation Awards

In 1988 the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission established its Preservation Awards program to recognize and highlight efforts by property owners who have preserved and improved their home or property in a manner that reflects the historic nature of our city. The Landmark Commission is pleased to announce the following award winners for 2009:

Shaker Commons, 16730-16834 Chagrin Blvd.

MERIT AWARD—Retention of Urban Fabric, Experience & Community Character.

Owner: Shaker Commons Property, LLC. Project Architect: Tim Mülle, Mülle + Associates.

Project included façade restoration and renovations of six commercial buildings. Renovations included new storefront/window systems, façade restoration, new paint, awnings and signage. By breathing new life into classic historic buildings, Shaker's long-time commercial service zone continues to thrive. The commercial

district continues to serve the neighborhood and yet remains affordable and accessible, highlighting its sustainable design.

Winslow Road Historic District

HONOR AWARD—Excellence in Stewardship

Recipients:

Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights; Winslow Preservation Organization

Thanks to grants from the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights, 59 residential properties on Winslow Road were able to participate in preservation projects between 2006 and 2008, contributing to the upkeep of the street's historic housing. The Winslow Preservation Organization and Cleveland Restoration Society partnered in the program. Improvements included the replacement and renovation of driveways, roofs, windows, chimneys, gutters, and exterior painting. The initiative helped residents develop a strong sense of camaraderie, with home improvement being a unifying goal. Residents feel that the renovated character of their street has increased neighborhood stability in terms of owner-occupants and new rental tenants.

Deitelbaum Residence, 2678 Eaton Rd.

Award: HONOR AWARD—Exterior Restoration

These homeowners made a series of extensive repairs to their home using original brochures and reference materials from the Shaker Historical Society. They replaced deteriorating timbers and damaged stucco around the entire exterior of the home; restored the home's original exterior colors; and replaced damaged roof tiles with new, matching materials. Custom copper work included the replacement of scupper boxes, gutters and downspouts. The owners reconstructed a bay window and replaced a copper roof in the rear of the home. They also imported a baptismal urn from England and trans-

formed it into a fountain in front of the home, and installed appropriate “English style” landscaping around the home.

**Graham Residence,
21031 Sydenham Rd.**
MERIT AWARD—Exterior Restoration

The owners of this English Tudor style home completed many repairs while staying true to the original look of the home. They replaced simple shrubbery with a more old-world style landscaping, and placed mixed brick and stone walks and terraces in front of the home. They also installed a new terrace in the back yard, replacing a railroad tie retaining wall with a stone wall. They created a small garden in place of an open-air cabana and placed a uniquely designed cedar wall where a mundane wooden fence had been. The owners cleaned and restored the sandstone trim around windows, doors, and other architectural features of the front of

the house. They also replaced windows in both the front and back of the home, including several custom-designed stained glass leaded windows. Finally, they replaced two narrow overhead garage doors with a larger overhead door, and rebuilt the collapsing slate-covered garage door hood in its original design.

Nominate a Restored Shaker Home

The Landmark Commission is now accepting nominations for the 2010 awards program. Exterior projects completed within the last two years are eligible. Those projects meeting the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation will be recognized. The Standards for Rehabilitation are basic principles created to help preserve the distinctive character of a historic building and its site, while allowing for reasonable change to meet new needs.

Nominations must be submitted by Friday, April 30, 2010 to the Shaker Heights Landmark Commission. Nomination forms and additional information are available on the Landmark Commission webpage at www.shakeronline.com/cityhall/committees/. Contact Ann Klavora at 216-291-1436 or ann.klavora@shakeronline.com for additional information.



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No Flu for You

In Shaker Heights, we pride ourselves on being ahead of the curve. But last spring, when H1N1, originally called Swine Flu, hit Ohio, our community found itself at the epicenter of the epidemic. At one point, when there were 55 confirmed cases in the entire state of Ohio, nine of those cases were in Shaker Heights.

How H1N1 arrived in Shaker is unclear. Case investigation did not reveal the exposure or travel history usually found in the onset of such epidemics.

Humans had never been exposed to this particular virus before. The way that we respond to it had to be guided by the developing science, which was based on the impact on human populations. Initial news was disconcerting. The reported rates of hospitalization and death in Mexico – ground zero for the infection – indicated a virus that was substantially worse than the seasonal influenza that we are accustomed to coping with. Fortunately, we now have the public health infrastructure to follow the real-time progress of such a disease. Never before have we been in the position that we are now, one that allows the science of the virus to guide decision making about how to respond.

It became clear as H1N1 spread in the U.S. that the consequences were no worse, perhaps even milder, than seasonal influenza. So when the H1N1 hit the Middle School, rather than close the school we issued guidelines to stay home

if you were ill, to wash your hands often and cover your cough for prevention, to see your private physician if the infection was serious, to consider taking antiviral medication, and to return to work or school only after seven days.


Already, the science has changed recommendations again, revealing that the virus is no longer contagious 24 hours after symptoms disappear. Seamless communication between the Shaker Schools and the Health Department allowed us to minimize the impact of the epidemic on the community. There were no hospitalizations or deaths in Shaker.

Stopping the spread of any influenza depends largely on the use of common sense. Intelligent, clear thinking people often continue to send their children to school or attend work themselves as if such attendance is a badge of courage, a sign of personal toughness. The reality is that such behavior puts the entire community at greater risk. This is one time when sharing is not a sign of caring.

So if H1N1 has declared itself to have consequences not substantially different from seasonal influenza, why is it still getting so much attention? The problem is that H1N1, like all other viruses, doesn't stay still. Viruses evolve, often quickly, creating a high level of uncertainty about how serious the inevitable second wave of H1N1 will be. Therefore, whatever your current attitude is about H1N1, be open to allowing it to change, because the virus almost certainly will.

This is why the medical community is aggressively seeking a vaccine for H1N1 that will in all likelihood be available by mid October. This may require that certain age groups consider three influenza vaccines this year: the usual seasonal influenza shot and two H1N1 vaccines (the original and a booster at about three weeks). Current guidelines about who should get the H1N1 vaccines place pregnant women as the top priority, followed by people in contact with infants, then emergency and health care workers, then children six months to 18 years, then 19 to 24 year olds, and finally high-risk adults. The regular flu shot for seasonal influenza should have sufficient doses available so that all who want the vaccine can get it.

A word about diagnosis: For most people, whether the influenza-like illness they are suffering is seasonal influenza or H1N1 will be irrelevant. You may never know which you have contracted. Testing is expensive and will not alter treatment for most individuals. Your doctor can guide you about whether testing is necessary in your case.

Finally, it will be more important than ever for you to get your regular flu shot this year, to prevent the simultaneous occurrence of epidemic seasonal flu and H1N1. This fall is a time of high unpredictability. Once again, we expect Shaker to be ahead of the curve, but this time in relation to prevention of the spread of H1N1. The recommendations will be familiar: get your regular seasonal flu shot, get H1N1 vaccine if you are in a high risk group, stay home if you are ill, wash your hands thoroughly and often, cover your cough, see your physician if the infection is serious, consider taking antiviral medication, and, return to work or school 24 hours after symptoms disappear. 

Questions about the flu: Call the Shaker Heights Health Department, (216) 491-1480. About H1N1, call (216) 491-3170. Consider signing up for this year's POD (Point of Distribution) exercise on **Saturday October 24**, from 9 am to noon. Your participation in these exercises enhances our ability to cope with health emergencies.



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What Your Library is Doing to Weather the Recession

For the past three years Shaker Library has focused on strategic planning. The Library began its Strategic Planning document (www.shakerlibrary.org/doc/strategicplanupdated.pdf) with a quote from Henry Ward Beecher that affirms the core belief that “A library is not a luxury, but one of the necessities of life.” The group identified the Library’s challenges as funding, youth, and staff morale.

To address funding and youth issues, the Library collaborated with other city agencies to serve the underserved. The Library received a grant from Cuyahoga County to extend the Teen Center hours and to offer innovative programs for ‘tweens and teens. In 2009, the Library expanded its outreach by joining with the MYCOM collaborative to serve the teens of south Shaker.

The Library is proud to be a community-based, community-responsive agency with a high approval rating as evidenced by the high passage rates on levies and bond issues. Population loss, property devaluation, and declining millage collection are serious concerns for the Library, and staff continues to work on contingency budgets to address future unknown but anticipated cuts. Indeed, Shaker Library is fortunate to have a community that values and uses its library – especially in these days of declining state dollars.

Like most libraries, Shaker Library offers ongoing free classes in the Main Library Computer Center to teach people how to use word processing software and more sophisticated programs such as Access, PowerPoint, and Excel. Acknowledging customers who need software, but cannot afford it, Computer

Center staff has begun teaching classes on OpenOffice.org, a free suite of software with features and functions much like the others.

Friends of the Library funds movie licensing rights so the Library can offer free family films each month, and also provides a generous budget that enables the Library to sponsor a variety of free programs for the community.

Last February, the Library held a *Have A Heart Food for Fines* week and forgave people’s library fines if they brought in non-perishable foods, which were then donated to a local hunger center. This idea was staff-driven. In February Teen Services offered a free SAT prep workshop that filled almost immediately.

In March, the Library participated in the Beethoven and Brotherhood Project with The Cavani String Quartet, who played to an appreciative audience of more than 150 people. The library was thrilled to be able to offer families an opportunity to enjoy a free classical music concert. In April, Friends of the Library held its Spring Book Sale and sold a record number of books to a record number of visitors.

In May the Library held two workshops on Medicare 101 and long-term care in collaboration with the Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program to help seniors understand the changes in Medicare.

Northeast Ohio’s longest running poetry series in a library, *Poetry Back in the Woods*, has had higher attendance in 2009 than in other years. Perhaps this is due to the fact that it is a free program or that poetry is a genre that puts into words what people can only feel.

Meet-the-author programs provide an audience and sales outlet for local authors and generate a small amount of money for the Library’s Endowment

Fund. The Library’s varied book discussions offer both a free social and cultural opportunity for residents. The Library has sponsored a series of job-searching programs and will feature the second in its series with an October 1 program with Jim Grant.

The Library collaborates with the City and the schools to produce *Shaker Life*, a bimonthly publication that is mailed to every household in the Shaker Heights City School District. This publication provides us with a forum to speak about our challenges, to explain how the public can give to the library, as well as to help advertise Library programs and services.

Thankful to be Among the Top Ten– But Tightening Our Belts!

Earlier this year, Library Journal rated Shaker Library as a “Star Library.” More recently, the Library was cited as a Top Ten Library in the Hennen rankings of America’s public libraries. Only sixteen libraries in communities the size of Shaker Heights or larger were rated higher, placing Shaker Library in the top one percent nationally!

While the library is thankful for its excellent community support, the Library and Board of Trustees have come up with a “Top Ten” list of ways to reduce spending by more than \$450,000 through the remainder of this year:

- Reduce the budget for new library materials by \$150,000
- Tighten control of part-time and substitute hours to save \$65,000
- Cancel the purchase of new computers and equipment to save \$64,000
- Freeze hiring and eliminate staff

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**PLAY AND LEARN STATION
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**PLAY AND LEARN STATION
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A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to five years
 10 am-noon Wednesdays
One-time registration is required; call Family Connections at 216-921-2030.

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

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories, rhymes, and fun for children 3 through 5 years
 Fall session:
 September 15-December 10
 1:30 pm Tuesdays &
 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch
 10 am Wednesdays at Main Library
No registration required; groups must make special arrangements.

**SATURDAY PRESCHOOL STORIES IN
THE PLAY AND LEARN STATION**

Stories and fun for preschoolers every Saturday at 11 am at Main Library beginning September 12
No registration necessary.

**BUTTERFLY HANDS
AT MAIN LIBRARY**

Learn basic signs through songs, fingerplays, flannel boards, and interaction with certified signer Nancy Barnett and her signing puppet, Sammy
 Fall session:
 October 5-November 16
 4:15-5 pm Mondays, for children in grades K-4
Registration began September 21.

**BUTTERFLY HANDS
AT WOODS BRANCH**

Fall session:
 October 8-November 19
 10:45-11:15 am Thursdays for children birth to 2 years
 1:30-2 pm Thursdays, for 3- to 5-year-olds
Registration began September 24.

**PAJAMA STORIES
AT WOODS BRANCH**

Stories for children ages 3 and up, with or without an adult
 7:15 pm Monday, November 16
Registration begins November 2.

**FAMILY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING
AT WOODS BRANCH**

Join us for stories, songs, and fun for all ages as we charm and enchant you with Halloween revelry and a spooky treat. Costumes are welcome!
 7 pm Monday, October 26
Registration begins October 12.

**MEET AMERICAN GIRL ADDY
(Grades 1-5)**

Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Addy's era.
 2-3:30 pm Saturday, October 3 at Main Library
Registration began September 19.
 2-3:30 pm Saturday, November 14 at Woods Branch
Registration begins October 31.

**NEW! AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES
(Grades 2-4)**

Looking for something to do after school? Drop by Bertram Woods Branch or the Main Library for stories, crafts, games and more. No reservations required. Fun guaranteed!
 Fall Session:
 September 15-November 5
 4:15 pm Mondays at Woods Branch
 4:15 pm Thursdays at Main Library

**NEW! "SATURDAYS AT 3" AT MAIN
LIBRARY (Ages 10-12)**

Join our Saturday program featuring exciting speakers, a magic show, comic book making, crafts, and more.
Registration begins two weeks before each program. No program on October 10.

**HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION
AT MAIN LIBRARY**

Join us for an afternoon featuring the music, the dance, the language, and the "cuentas" that are the cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans.
 2-4 pm Saturday, October 10
Registration began September 26.

**THE HOMEWORK CENTER AT
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Free homework help provided by teachers under the supervision of Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools.

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In addition to budget cuts, the Library continues to apply for grants and to seek new ways to supplement revenue. Beginning this fall and continuing into next year, the Library will add new computers to the Bertram Woods Branch through grants from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

At the end of August, the Library submitted a grant application through

the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to double the number of public computer workstations. The BTOP grant would also double Internet bandwidth and improve the accessibility of Library computers and computer training classes. Awards will be announced in mid November.

**Meet the Author November 18
at Woods Branch**



Katz

Meet Bebe Weinberg Katz, author of *Princess Claudia and the Freckles*, *A Best Friend for Claudia*, and *Sibling Wars*, at 7 pm Wednesday, November 18 at Bertram Woods Branch.

Katz has been involved in the arts as a dancer and choreographer. She currently trains future teachers at Cleveland State University to use dance, and movement activities to enhance students' learning. Most often she can be found working as the choreographer for vocal music students in Shaker and Cleveland Heights school districts, and in the summer she is the production workshop supervisor for the Fairmount Performing Arts Conservatory.

In addition to writing chapter books for children, Mrs. Katz is also the co-author of *The M.I.M.E. Set*, an elementary grade activity book and corresponding game cards.

**Library Continues
Employment Help Series**

Do you know how to network? Do you know what document in a job search is more important than a resume? Do you know how to avoid answering the question, "What are your salary requirements?"

Jim Grant, author of *Get the Job (and Compensation) You Want... It's All About the Process*, will answer these questions and more when he discusses *How to Conduct an*

Effective Job Search at the Main Library at 7 pm Thursday, October 1.

Grant is a founder and leader of the Chagrin Valley Job Seekers (CVJS), a volunteer organization that provides professionals in career transition with free resources to enhance their job searches. Since its inception seven years ago, Grant has helped more than 2,400 job seekers. Membership is open to any job seeker. All materials and services are free and members are connected through an email network, where they can participate in the CVJS Bio Program and can access over 40 electronic documents covering a variety of job search subjects. Meetings are held at the Pioneer Memorial Presbyterian Church, 35100 Solon Road, in Solon at 7:30 pm on the second and fourth of each month

Grant has written more than 35 articles on various aspects of the job search that are available free to CVJS members at the CVJS website. A regular radio talk show guest, Grant takes calls from listeners and offers job search advice. He has also given several presentations on "How to Conduct an Effective Job Search" and "Negotiating Compensation."

Grant has an undergraduate degree from Wittenberg University and a master's degree in Management Science from the University of Iowa. Now retired, Grant has worked for a small computer services firm, at a large regional bank, a billion-dollar manufacturing company, and a billion-dollar property and casualty insurance company.

Registration is requested for this presentation; call the Main Library Information desk at 216-991-2030.



Shaker Library Presents Seventh Annual Preschool Fair

This year's Preschool Fair will be held from 6:30 to 8 pm Thursday, November 5 at the Main Library to coincide with area preschools' registration periods.

Representatives from the area's early childhood programs will share information about their programs and parents and caregivers will have the opportunity to meet directors and staff members and to explore the variety of options available for their children.

For more information, call early literacy specialist Wendy Simon at 216-991-2030 ex. 3184.

Bimonthly Book Discussions

Explore different points of view from both authors and fellow book discussion participants. Join in one of the Library's many book discussion opportunities and expand your social circle. Select from a variety of fiction, mystery and business book discussions. Dates and book titles are listed below. Register and pick up books one month before the discussion.

7:30 PM TUESDAY OCTOBER 6

AT MAIN LIBRARY

What the Dead Know by Laura Lippman

A woman fleeing the scene of an accident on a Maryland highway ignites new interest in the 30-year-old mysterious disappearance of the young Bethany sisters at a shopping mall – especially when she later tells police she's one of the missing girls.

12 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Deep Dish by Mary Kay Andrews

In this romantic mystery, two aggressive, arrogant cooks compete to become the new host of the local cooking show called Vittles.

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2 PM MONDAY OCTOBER 12

AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

Crossing to Safety by **Wallace Stegner**

Stegner explores the bonds of a long friendship between two couples despite vast differences in their upbringing and social status.

10 AM TUESDAY OCTOBER 13

AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Soloist: A Lost Dream, An Unlikely Friendship and the Redemptive Power of Music

by **Steve Lopez**

The remarkable bond between a Los Angeles Times journalist and a classically trained homeless violinist is recounted in this compelling story of triumph and heartbreak.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Age of Innocence by **Edith Wharton**

The strict social rituals and etiquette of 1920s New York society set the stage for attorney Newland Archer's moral dilemma. Although engaged to May Welland, Archer is attracted to Welland's nonconformist cousin Ellen.

2 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH

Some Love, Some Pain, Sometime

by **J. California Cooper**

This uplifting collection of short stories is about women for whom life—despite its constant struggles—is always worth the journey.

10 AM TUESDAY NOVEMBER 10

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Tallgrass by **Sandra Dallas**

During World War II, a family finds life turned upside down when the government opens a Japanese internment camp in their small Colorado town.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

AT MAIN LIBRARY

The Pale Blue Eye by **Louis Bayard**

The murder of a West Point cadet in

1830 brings New York City detective Gus Landor out of retirement to conduct the investigation, with the assistance of Cadet Edgar Allan Poe.

12 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Pictures of Perfection: A Dalzie/Pascoe Mystery in Five Volumes by **Reginald Hill**

The village of Enscombe has changed very little since the days of Jane Austen; however, underneath the quiet exterior are secret love affairs gone wrong, social improprieties, and people behaving badly.

7 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Now, Discover Your Strengths by **Marcus Buckingham and Donald O. Clifton**

These Gallup researchers and authors of *First, Break All the Rules*, have written a book based on their studies of the strengths of over one million business people. They help readers focus on their own strengths, and provide case studies on how best to use them. (Participants will also review the website created for the book and use its exercises.)

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

AT MAIN LIBRARY

Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant

by **Anne Tyler**

In alternating chapters, family members look back on their childhoods and come to terms with their mother and themselves.

The Book Shelf:

Big Books for Small Business Owners

How to Make Big Money in Your Own Small Business: Unexpected Rules Every Small Business Owner Needs to Know by **Jeffrey J. Fox**. Hyperion, 2004. In this 150-page, humorous and well-organized book, a Harvard MBA and author of *How to Become a Rainmaker* covers a broad range of issues for small, home-based business owners.

The Boss of You: Everything A Woman Needs to Know to Start, Run and Maintain Her Own Business by **Lauren Bacon and Emira Mears**. Seal Press, 2008. Technically savvy women serve up common sense best practices worth reading no matter what your gender. Getting started, marketing, growing, and maintaining a business are the centerpiece strategies these women bring to the table along with a resource guide filled with helpful websites and organizations.

Launching Your First Small Business: Make the Right Decisions During Your First 90 Days – A CCH Business Owner's Toolkit Publication edited by **John L. Duoba**. CCH Inc., 2003. Learn to “look before you leap” through a series of exercises designed to help business people understand their strengths and weaknesses before they open new doors (or burn bridges). A useful checklist and website help readers follow the steps to success.

The Work-at-Home Mom's Guide to Home Business by **Cheryl Demas**. Hazen Publishing Inc., 2000. The author of the website, www.wahm.com, deals with a variety of relationship issues for work-at-home moms. Filled with money-saving tips and ideas on what types of businesses work best from home, it is interspersed with humorous descriptions such as the Home Office Food Pyramid: with coffee as the base and HoHos® at the top.

The 4-Hour Work Week: Escape 9-5, Live Anywhere, and Join the New Rich by **Timothy Ferris**. Crown Publishers, 2007. A high-energy entrepreneur and 20-something CEO offers insights on how to quit the rat race and be successful. Handling working relationships, learning how to delegate, finding great discounts, and creating multiple lines of cash flow are some of the topics in this 21st-century focused book.

The Martha Rules by **Martha Stewart**. Rodale, 2005. Inspired by her incarceration, when she gave advice to women who needed to

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go legit, the domestic diva offers 10 solid rules of business, passed on in her own inimitable style.

How to Write a Business Plan by **Mike McKeever**. NOLO 9th edition, 2008. This good review of business fundamentals is strong on legal and financial issues and has a web-based counterpart.

Before You Quit Your Job: 10 Real-life Lessons Every Entrepreneur Should Know about Building a Million-dollar Business by **Robert T. Kiyosaki with Sharon L. Lechter, C.P.A.** Warner Business Books, 2005. The author of *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* shares his successes and failures to help readers avoid them. Simple graphics and straightforward financial analyses from his co-author offer a no-nonsense look at the challenge of self-employment.

What No One Ever Tells You about Financing Your Own Business: Real Life Financing Advice from 101 Successful Entrepreneurs by **Jan Norman**. Dearborn Trade Publishing, 2005. In 182 pages, the author offers case studies in attracting, conserving, and maintaining a good flow of capital into a business. The stories are relayed in a conversational style, and the indices at the end succinctly recap the information.

My Biggest Mistake and How I Fixed It by **Marcia Pledger**. Orange Frazer Press, 2008. This *Plain Dealer* columnist provides more than 100 first-person stories of small business owners' challenges, including the financial and operational aspects of running a business with solutions that can save many headaches. The most important message? Persistence pays off!

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Whether you're creating presentations, designing charts, or struggling to master the use of the computer mouse, the Library offers a variety of free computer training in a small class setting. For more information or to register, call 216-991-2030 ex. 3185.



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Learn to use the computer mouse in ninety minutes.

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

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10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

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INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

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10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

Registration began September 28.

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Registration begins November 2.

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

WORKING WITH WINDOWS®

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

Registration began September 28.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Registration begins October 26.

This class is designed for those who are

not comfortable using multiple windows.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

Registration begins October 5.

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Registration begins October 26.

Learn to create a slide show with text and graphics, to edit slides and to add sound and animation.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

Registration begins October 5.

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Registration begins November 2.

Learn the basics of spreadsheet construction, including formatting and design, printing options, and using basic formulas.

INTERNET

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

Registration begins October 5.

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Registration begins November 2.

Discover how to find and use a variety of online resources and learn to "surf" the web.

SOCIAL NETWORKING:

MYSPACE, FACEBOOK, LINKEDIN

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Registration begins October 5.

3-4:30 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

Registration begins October 19.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Registration begins November 9.

Watch a demo of these social networking sites. Discover why they are so popular, and learn the pleasures and perils of using them.

WINWAY RESUME WRITING

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

Registration begins October 12.

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Registration begins November 2.

Learn to create a professional looking resume with Winway Resume Deluxe 11.

GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

Registration begins October 12.

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Registration begins November 9.

Learn to create effective PowerPoint presentations using clip art, Word Art, and digital pictures.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

GOOGLE DOCUMENTS™

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

Registration begins October 12.

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Registration begins November 16.

With just a web browser, work on documents, spreadsheets, and databases over the Internet. Invite others to edit the documents and work collaboratively.

WEB EMAIL

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

Registration begins October 12.

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Registration begins November 16.

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

ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT®

10-11:30 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Registration begins October 19.

7-8:30 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Registration begins November 23.

Everything in a slide can be animated. Learn objects that can be added to a slide and the menus that control them.

CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®

7-8:30 PM WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

Registration begins October 19.

Explore the ways that Excel can display data as charts and graphs.

BASIC WORD PROCESSING

3-4:30 PM THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

Registration begins October 19.

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Registration begins October 26.

Learn to format documents using Microsoft Word software.

INTERNET WITH EXPERTS:

SCAMS AND SPAM

10-11:30 AM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Registration begins November 9.

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

Free Family Flicks at Main Library



Watch a free family film thanks to the generosity of Friends of the Shaker Library, which underwrites the movie licensing rights.

2 PM SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Monsters vs. Aliens

A crew of reluctant heroes is asked to save the earth from an evil alien in this animated comedy romp with a PG rating.

2 PM SATURDAY OCTOBER 24:

The Nightmare Before Christmas

Watch Tim Burton's quirky and charming musical that combines the artistry of stop-motion animation with state-of-the-art technology. (Rated PG)

2 PM SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21: *Earth*

James Earl Jones narrates this feature-length version of the dazzling BBC series, *Planet Earth*. (Rated G)

Teen Scene

THE ROAD TO COLLEGE FAIR

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6:30-8 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

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7:30-8:15 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

Meeting for 2009-10 Members

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You must be registered to take the test. No late arrivals will be admitted to the test. Bring two #2 pencils, a calculator, and a snack to the test.

MAKE A HOLIDAY GIFT

IN THE TEEN CENTER (Ages 12-16)

Choose from a selection of fun and easy crafts to make the perfect holiday gift for yourself or someone special!

4-5:30 pm Monday, November 16, Tuesday, November 17 and Wednesday, November 18. No registration required.

Wow, Wii! Gaming for Seniors Classes Continue at Main Library

Looking for some free afternoon fun with an elder? Consider the Library's gaming program for seniors. Not only are the games fun to play, but they are also good exercise. The Wii has been shown to improve mental and physical health in the young and young at heart. It can also bridge the generation gap between teens who grew up with home computers and seniors who are not able to play the sports they once enjoyed.

Library staff teaches seniors to play games on the Nintendo Wii from 1-3:30 pm Wednesday afternoons October 7,

21 and November 4 and 18 at the Main Library. Classes are small and library staff offers encouragement and training.

Shaker Heights 101: Deeds and Zoning: Restricting the Suburban Dream

Want to learn more about Shaker Heights? Meghan Hays and Sabine Kretzschmar formerly of the Shaker Historical Society continue their successful series, *Shaker Heights 101*, at 7 pm Tuesday, October 6 at Bertram Woods Branch. *Deeds and Zoning: Restricting the Suburban Dream* focuses on the deed restrictions. The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2421.

Library News You Can Use: NoveList®

Looking for relevant fiction — for a course or for pleasure reading? Is the book you want checked out? Looking for a new author? The Library's online database, NoveList®, can help you find your next book to read. This database of more than 155,000 fiction titles for readers of all ages lets you use your favorite author to link to other books you might enjoy.

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Recent Donors to the Library

Shaker Library is fortunate to receive contributions from generous library supporters. Recent donations have included an unrestricted gift from Barry Zucker and a contribution from Helen Graves in memory of Helen Freiberg.

Contributions honoring the marriage of Randy Kammer and Jeffery Wollitz were received from Isabel and Allen Balotin and Family and Cheryl and Mark Wright.

In addition, Randy Kammer contributed to the Marilyn Kammer Memorial Fund in memory of Roosevelt Griffin, Edwin Lee Lindstrom, Gloria Proctor, Sarah Snyder, Saul Wolfson, and Ruth Trobe. She also donated to the fund to honor Sharon Jones, Jenny Maurisak, and Macy Wadford.

For information about giving, contact Library Director Luren Dickinson at 216-991-2030.

Friends of the Shaker Library News Shaker Library Has Best Friends Group in Ohio

Ohio Library Council named Friends of the Shaker Library as the Friends Group of the Year for 2009. The Friends was cited for its 30 years of innovative programs and services to the Library. This award would normally have been presented at the October OLC Conference scheduled for Cleveland, but the conference was canceled due to the loss of state funding experienced by public libraries throughout Ohio.

OLC is planning new ways to acknowledge its honorees and plans are underway for a December celebration.



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Fall Book Sale Will Include Used Library Furniture

The Friends Fall Book sale will have more than just books, as the Library will sell remaindered equipment and supplies. Some furniture includes worn chairs, which could be upholstered, and shelving. A complete list of items and prices is available.

The Friends Book Sale Preview Sale is held from 4-8 pm Thursday, October 15. Non-members may join at the door for a small fee. The sale continues from 9 am-4 pm Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17. Sunday, October 18 from 1-3 pm, Friends presents the popular Bag Sale when all bags of hardback books cost \$5 and all bags of paperbacks cost \$3.

Friends welcome volunteers to help set up for the sale, sell books during the sale and pack up at the end of the sale. Sunday's Book Sale clean-up day is a good opportunity for students, boy scouts, or girl scouts to earn community



service hours. Volunteers should call the Main Library at 216-991-2030 to leave their names, email addresses, or phone numbers.

End Notes

- **Sunday Hours** (1-5 PM) resume at Main Library October 4.

- **Knit Nights** are held at 7 pm Thursdays, October 15 and November 12 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and get or give help. For more information call 216-991-2421.

- **Poetry Back in the Woods** features poets Maj Regain and Tim Joyce, reading their works at 7 pm Tuesday, October 27 at Woods Branch. Then, return to Woods Branch at 7 pm Thursday, November 19 for more poetry.

- **The American Red Cross** will accept blood donations from 3-7 pm Monday, November 9 on the second floor of the Main Library.

- Saturday, November 14 is **National Gaming Day**. Stop by the library and play a board game.

- **Both libraries** will close at 6 pm Wednesday, November 25 and remain closed November 26 through November 29. Both libraries will re-open at 9 am Monday, November 30.



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Year in Review — 2008

Library Use

Items Borrowed	1,365,022
Registered Library Card Holders	30,231
Library Visitors	603,529
Study Room Use	2,431
Meeting Room Bookings	953
Children's Program Attendance	15,592
Summer Reading Participants	1,739
Reference Questions Answered	230,256
Directional Questions Answered	375,580

Play and Learn Station

Sessions	352
Attendance	16,092

Library Collections

Books	215,855
Magazine Subscriptions	693
Music and Audiobooks	27,665
Movies	29,190

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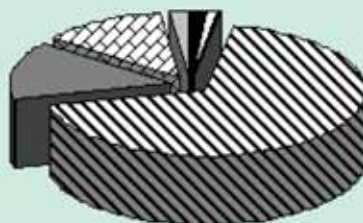
Shaker Heights Public Library provides an extraordinary range of books and other resources and activities for a lifetime of enrichment and enjoyment in an environment that exemplifies the inclusive ideals of our community.

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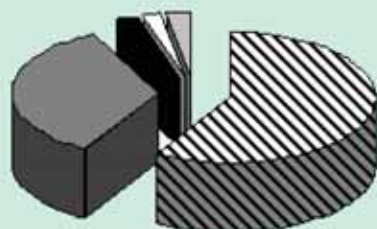


GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Salaries & Benefits (68%)	3,648,395
Library Material & Information (14%)	766,621
Purchased & Contracted Service (13%)	670,577
Supplies (2%)	93,460
Interfund Transfers (1.5%)	82,465
Capital Outlay (1%)	53,272
Other (.5%)	17,062

Total Expenditures \$5,331,852

GENERAL FUND REVENUE



Beginning Balance 1/1/08	\$634,477
Real Estate Property Tax (58%)	3,062,921
Public Library Fund (35%)	1,819,747
Patron Fines and Fees (2.5%)	132,084
Tangible Personal Property Tax (2%)	100,560
Miscellaneous Revenue (3%)	145,182

Total Revenue \$5,894,971



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there's no biz like home-based biz

A growing number of Shaker Heights entrepreneurs have discovered that a great place to live can also be a great place to work. **BY JENNIFER PROE PHOTOS BY CAYDIE HELLER**

Tucked into tidy colonials, Tudors, and two-family homes throughout Shaker Heights, a multitude of home-based businesses are quietly humming away. Entrepreneur Magazine cites this business model as a growing national trend, generating an estimated \$427 billion annually.

One reason is the low overhead. According to the Small Business Administration, about 45 percent of home-based businesses require less than \$5,000 in start-up costs, and most remain home-based permanently. Home-based business owners also enjoy savings on gasoline and time by commuting from the bedroom to the den.

The City encourages these arrangements. However, business owners must comply with a few ordinances. While entrepreneurs do not need to register their home-based business with the City, they may find it helpful to speak with a member of the Planning Department with any questions about requirements. Call 216-491-1430.

City ordinances regarding home-based businesses are designed to protect the peace and safety of neighboring residents. A complete list of ordinances is available at www.shakeronline.com, or by calling the Planning Department. Here are the basics:

- ▶ The entrepreneur must reside in the home where the business operates.
- ▶ Only one employee other than the resident may work in the home.
- ▶ Business must be conducted within the enclosed dwelling unit (not in the garage or any other structure).
- ▶ The interior floor area for the business may not exceed 20 percent of the total interior floor area of the dwelling, or 600 square feet (whichever is less).
- ▶ No exterior signage, advertising, or displays are permitted, nor any signage that would be visible from the exterior of the dwelling unit.
- ▶ No toxic, explosive, or otherwise hazardous materials can be used, sold, or stored on site.
- ▶ Only one vehicle can be used in connection with the business, and must be of a type ordinarily used for conventional private passenger transportation.
- ▶ No more than 10 cars are permitted to visit the home business per day, and no patrons are permitted to visit between the hours of 9 pm and 6 am.
- ▶ More than one home business is permitted within a home, provided that all of the above criteria are applied cumulatively.

Home-based entrepreneurs can also find help at www.business.gov/start/home-based, hosted by the federal government. The Heights-Hillcrest Regional Chamber of Commerce, which serves Shaker Heights and five neighboring communities, might also be helpful. The website is www.hrcc.org.



Garnitz: personal service



a.l. wain

For Malvern resident Amy Wain Garnitz, the idea of a home-based business is nothing new. She launched the a.l.wain company from the spare bedroom of her home in 1985, and never looked back.

Initially, she worked as a freelance marketing consultant, developing concept and copy for brochures and other printed materials. Over time, the business morphed into custom-designed stationery and invitations, which became her mainstay.

Garnitz works by appointment, consulting with customers in her home office where they can peruse samples of her work for inspiration. After assessing a client's needs and wishes, Garnitz uses her computer to create a mock-up – often on the spot – to help visualize various fonts, colors, and designs. She also relies heav-

ily on email for sending design ideas back and forth. Garnitz showcases some of her work on her website, www.alwain.com, but prefers to consult in person.

“The one thing that sets me apart is that I can really offer personal service,” she says. “My roots in Shaker go very deep, and I love my Shaker customers.”

Thanks to positive word of mouth, she also serves an increasing number of customers from Solon, Chagrin Falls, and Pepper Pike. Many have seen or heard about her unique designs, such as the party invitations that arrived as puzzle pieces, or the “concert tickets” she created for a private party at the House of Blues.

Over time, Garnitz has grown her business to include a wide range of other printed materials associated with social events, including agendas, place cards, napkins, and thank you cards, as well as personalized gifts, stationery,



Braman: saving trees

and notepads.

"I try to have something available for every budget," she says, noting that her pieces range from as little as \$3 each to as much as \$20 per item. Garnitz has enough customers to keep her busy "more than full-time," but has never considered moving the business out of her home.

"Everything I need is right here, and I love the flexibility of working from my home," she says. "When my children were younger, I could give them the attention they needed, and as they have grown I have been able to devote more time to the business."

Peace of Nature

The idea of running a business that works around school hours appealed to Jen Braman, owner of Peace of Nature Landscaping, LLC. Formerly an accountant for a private CPA firm, Braman jumped off the career track to take on the role of stay-at-home mom.

"After the kids started school, I wanted to get back into the professional world, but still have time to keep my focus on the kids," says Braman. In 2002, she decided to elevate her passion for gardening from hobby to business.

"It turned out to be a case of being in the right place at the right time," she says, "because soon after, I was asked to help implement a landscape design for Lomond School, which was my first large-scale commercial project."

After attending a three-day seminar led by Alan Siewert, an Ohio Department of Natural Resources Urban Forester, Braman discovered her true mission was to become a certified arborist. While she loves designing and implementing landscapes, she says, "It is a truly great day if I can save a tree."

In a City like Shaker, where trees are an essential component of the landscape, Braman has found plenty of need for tree TLC. In fact, arboriculture now occupies most of her time as a landscape professional. To help rescue a declining tree, she often employs an air knife, a four-foot long pole with a nozzle

at the end. Powered by an air compressor, the air knife allows much-needed oxygen into the soil surrounding a tree's root system.

Just as important as the initial treatment is the counsel she delivers about follow-up care and healthy gardening practices that allow trees and lawns to grow in harmony with one another.

"Testing and improving the soil is the basis for everything I do," says Braman. "My work is always on display, and I rely on referrals, so it's important to learn what the soil needs before I plant."

Braman advises, "Talk to everyone you can. Many other business owners and professionals were happy to help me and answer my questions. Ultimately, you have to follow your passion and believe that you can do it."

Strategic Pricing Associates

For David and Dolores Bauders, home life and work life happily co-exist within the walls of their spacious and elegant Onaway home. Their company, Strategic Pricing Associates, provides pricing analytics and strategies to help businesses improve their profit margins. Due to the nature of their work, which involves a lot of data analysis and electronic file sharing, the Bauders could be located virtually anywhere on the globe. While they work with several Cleveland based companies, like Parker Hannifin, more than 98 percent of their revenue comes from outside of the Cleveland area. Their roster of Fortune 500 clients includes GE, Rockwell Automation, and ExxonMobil, to name just a few.

So why is Shaker their home base? "The architecture, the schools, the proximity to the arts, the great restaurants, and access to culture," says David. "We travel frequently for business and for pleasure, so having a major airport nearby is also important."

Dolores adds to the list of benefits, "Our kids go to school right across the

Bauders: mining the fortune 500





Bartholomew and Whitlatch: healthy fare



street, which is so convenient. And the lack of a commute means we have more time to spend together as a family.”

The Bauders also appreciate the fact that the arrangement is tax and rent efficient. “In the world of the Blackberry and the Internet, your work can be anywhere,” says David. “The work world is shifting – the idea of a traditional office is shrinking in importance.”

Both David and Dolores have MBAs and solid experience in the corporate world. David worked for IBM and Booz Allen Hamilton before launching the business in 1993, and Dolores worked for 12 years in industrial marketing and pricing. Despite the sluggish economy, the Bauders have steadily grown their business through referrals from clients who are impressed with SPA’s ability to help them increase margins within a short time frame. They also promote their services on their website, www.strategicpricing.com.

For the most part, the fact that they work from home is transparent to their clients. They hold virtual meetings with clients and business associates from their home’s former servants quarters via web casts and conference calls.

“The only possible intrusion might be some occasional barking when the FedEx delivery comes,” says David, with a sideways glance at the family dog slumbering innocently at his feet.

Lunch Matters for Kids

A sense of mission was important for Mary Beth Bartholomew and Carol Whitlatch when they launched their business, Lunch Matters for Kids, LLC. Whitlatch is assistant director of research for the Benjamin Rose Institute, and teaches at Case Western Reserve University. Bartholomew is a former high school teacher who worked for a Cleveland Schools organization called Youth

Opportunities Unlimited.

Says Bartholomew, "I wanted to do something that would offer me more flexibility while raising our two young sons, but was also meaningful." Ultimately, the idea that emerged was to prepare and deliver healthy lunches for school-age children.

"The idea for this business really started when our youngest son was in daycare," says Bartholomew. "Carol prepared delicious, completely organic lunches for him, and the daycare provider always said they were so good we could sell them to other families." Whitlatch and Bartholomew read about companies in Seattle and Chicago providing that very service, and decided the idea was worth exploring.

The couple surveyed families at the Early Childhood Enrichment Center, where their boys were enrolled, to gauge the level of interest. The response was encouraging, so they took the next step: locating a commercial kitchen.

Fortunately, they didn't have to look far; ECEC and Family Connections were happy to allow them access to the kitchen space at the Shaker Family Center. Bartholomew and Whitlatch worked closely with the Shaker Heights Health Department to ensure compliance, and obtained a license to operate the kitchen.

In 2008, they rolled out the program to ECEC parents, providing a monthly menu of healthy lunches they could deliver on-site, using as much organic and locally grown produce as possible. They currently serve about 20 families per month, some of whom order lunch every day and some who order a la carte.

"Our families like the organic component, but I think what really sells them is the convenience," says Whitlatch. The couple plans to build on their initial success by offering the program to other schools in the near future. They have also catered some of Family Connections programs, and have been asked to serve their healthy fare at the Family Fall Fun Fest in October.



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Shaker elementary schools score top marks
in the new three R's

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL PHOTOS BY COLLEEN MCCREARY

"Look at my Tupperware!"

"I recycle aluminum!"

"I'm bringing my leftovers home!"

These were some of the proud shouts of Onaway Elementary School students participating last spring in the Zero Waste Challenge, a county-wide contest designed to reduce lunchroom waste, sponsored by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Their conservation savvy reflects months of education and planning led by the Onaway PTO's environmental committee (including myself), and supported by the staff, parents, and students.

After implementation of a successful paper recycling program, institution of a weekly environmental tips column in the school newsletter, and movement away from selling bottled water at PTO events, Onaway's committee turned its attention to lunchroom waste. We found a willing ally in District Operations Manager Fred Shalhoup, who suggested that Onaway develop a pilot program for the District. Shalhoup explained that Shaker had previously paid a premium to have recyclable materials – Styrofoam, plastic, aluminum and paper – sorted by trash hauler Waste Management, Inc. However, Shalhoup told us it would be more effective and possibly cost the district less money if recyclables were pre-sorted in the lunchrooms.

We agreed that a comprehensive program must address reducing and reusing as well as recycling. Through classroom visits and a weekly newsletter, we encouraged parents to pack lunches in reusable containers and not send more food than the students would actually eat. Kathleen Rocco, the Waste District's education specialist, presented a program to the students, and was on hand with encouragement and prizes on the day of the great weigh-in. Committee member Linda Luciani created a poster for the lunchroom to clarify which materials are recyclable.

Without a doubt, the Onaway staff and students themselves made the program work. Head Lunchroom Aide Kevin Dixon worked with students, lunchroom aides, and custodians to streamline the sorting process, and is compiling a classroom handbook – and web page – to be used across the School District. Dixon also served as the human counterweight to our trash, bringing in the school nurse's scale, gamely weighing himself with and without garbage, and tracking the difference on a weekly chart posted in the lunchroom.

Lomond art teacher Jill Schumacher, wearing an apron made from juice pouches, with student Jahleel Johnson. **Opposite page:** Kevin Dixon (top), who oversees the lunch program at Onaway, tracks lunchtime waste. Nolan Juaire (bottom), an Onaway pupil, displays his reusable lunch containers.

“In the beginning, it was a little rough,” Dixon reflects. “We weren’t sure about the guidelines, or how to do this efficiently. But it’s definitely been worth the effort.”

These days, most students at Onaway who pack lunches use recyclable containers. “The biggest change I see is kids bringing in reusable drinking bottles, instead of pre-bottled water,” says committee chair Todd Corbin. (Rumor has it that art teacher Tim Kalan used the same brown lunch bag all year.)

“When we kicked off the program in January, we generated 120-130 pounds of lunchroom waste per day,” Corbin





says. On Zero Waste Day, only 61 pounds went into the trash.

“If we duplicate a 50-percent reduction across the District, we will reduce the amount going to the landfill by hundreds of pounds a day,” says Corbin. He envisions composting as the next step to lower this total even further.

Onaway is not alone in its commitment to the “three R’s.” All Shaker schools recycle paper through the Abitibi Paper Retriever fundraising program; several already report some recycling of plastic and cans. Many Shaker first-graders learn about composting from classroom worm-bins and other activities. This year, Fernway Elementary School held a spring community recycling day, when students collected trash from the neighborhood, then sorted and recycled it.

But perhaps the most creative reusers to date have been Steve Smith’s 2008-09 third grade “Recycling Heroes” at Lomond Elementary School. With the help of Smith and art teacher Jill Schumacher, these enterprising students created and sold hundreds of tote bags, pencil cases, aprons, belts, ties, and other accessories, all made from empty juice pouches collected from students at lunchtime. When I visited their class this spring, they were proud and eager to tell me of their accomplishment, all excitedly talking at once:

“Ms. Schumacher knew our class was really into recycling, so she chose us to do it. We had to write a business proposal to the principal [Susan Alig] to borrow \$200 for a sewing machine and thread. Then we divided into different groups for sales, production, and advertising. We went to different classes and sold our stuff for \$2.50 for kids, and \$10 for grownups.”

“We sew in the morning before school, at lunch, sometimes in aftercare. We have to collect the bags from people and wash them out at home by hand or in the dishwasher. Some people come up with the designs. We have to sew the bags into strips of three in a row, then we sew them together and attach the straps.”

“At first it went really slowly, but then we figured out how to make the bags in an assembly line, and now it goes much faster.”

“We called our company the Recycling Heroes, and we designed a recycling tag with our name that goes on every bag.” (Parent Lisa Hamilton created the tags.)



Lomond teacher Stephen Smith (top) sports a tie made from juice pouches. Lomond student Joy Holmes (bottom), with help from classmate Anaya Douglas, sews juice pouches together to make a tote bag.



“We paid back the loan plus made over \$400 already for charity. We’re going to teach next year’s third graders to sew, to keep up the tradition.”

Colorful and sturdy, the merchandise has been an instant success in the Lomond community. One teacher was spotted carrying her bag in a local store, where employees placed several orders for themselves.


Jill Schumacher has been thrilled with the cross-curricular project.

“This cuts across so many disciplines,” she says. “The students learn about pop art, recycling, pattern repetition, color theory, design, and how to sew.” Only six of the students knew how to sew before the project began; now they all do.

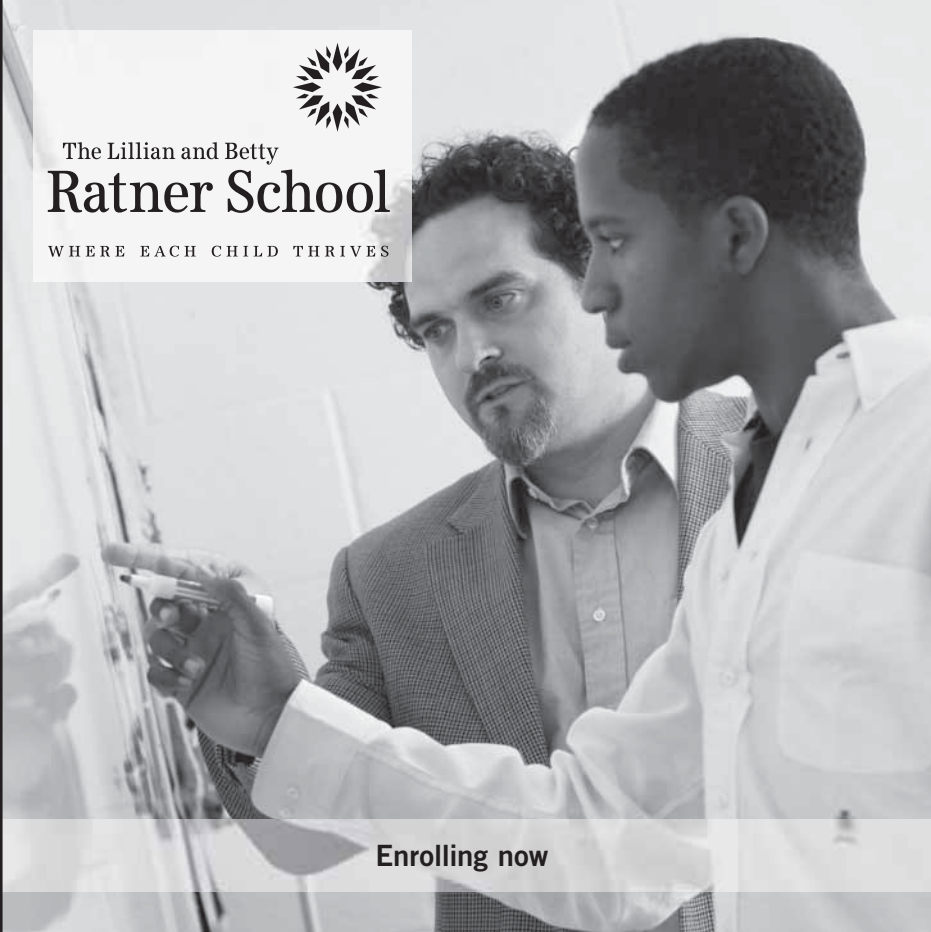
“Pressing that sewing machine pedal gives them a sense of power and ownership,” continues Schumacher. “The rhythm of the machine helps the kids settle down and focus. They’ve been involved in decision-making, and when we had some quality-control issues at the beginning, they had to address those, too.”

Steve Smith guided his students through proposal writing, budgeting, marketing, and advertising. Some also wrote press releases to local media. Each student had to fill out a Recycling Heroes job application for his or her position on one of the teams.

Schumacher notes that Smith’s classes have provided recycling services to the school for several years. “I’ve learned so much from these kids. They’re always telling me, ‘you can’t throw this or that away, you can make something with it.’ They’re really learning about waste, and care for the environment.”



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— William Shakespeare

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

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Digging. Planting. Watering. Weeding. Harvesting. Anyone who has planted even the most modest kitchen garden knows that hours of toil go into each forkful of home-grown salad. But for a group of Malvern families involved in the community garden at The Hanna Perkins School, such “work” means fun and friendship for kids and grownups alike.

The garden is the brainchild of Karen Goulondris, director of the Reinberger Parent-Child Resource Center of the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development (HPC). She firmly believes in gardening’s educational, social, and therapeutic benefits.

“Our families learn at an early age good eating habits, where food comes from, how to tell weeds from food, how to take care of the environment, what plants attract butterflies and beneficial insects.”

Since its founding in 1951, HPC has always incorporated gardening into its curriculum. Karen has added her green thumb and passion for gardening to the school’s curriculum for over 26 years, first as a preschool teacher, and more recently as the director of the Resource Center.

Karen got the school involved in community gardening in 1999, when they leased land for a garden from the Dunham Tavern Museum near downtown Cleveland. The school also grew food and flowers in a small garden at its former Cornell Road location in University Circle. When HPC moved to Shaker Heights in 2003, Karen expanded her efforts to include both a weekday school component and a popular Saturday program which was open to the community. A substantial portion of the school’s east lawn was made over into garden plots; in addition, a perennial butterfly garden (with a few veggies thrown in) was started behind the school.

However, when Karen became director of the Parent-Child Resource Center, time constraints forced her to let go of the Tuesday-Thursday school program. But parents kept asking for a community garden.



So in 2007, Hanna Perkins added a summer garden camp for children ages 4-9. In the summer of 2008, a new community garden was established in the former perennial garden.

The program has since grown from seven to 16 families; there is a waiting list. Participants may lease two four-by-six plots for \$50 per season. Their efforts have been supported by the Ohio State University Extension Service's "Summer Sprouts" Community Garden Program. OSU provides free seeds, plants, and technical support; the school supplies coordination, irrigation, organic soil and leaf humus, and basic tools, plus plenty of advice and encouragement from Karen. Participants utilize a large compost bin – "kids can see how things break down, and carry out bug investigations" – and Karen promotes organic gardening practices, "though it's not a hard and fast rule."

Tucked into a rear corner behind the parking lot of the former Malvern Elementary School are the lush and charming family garden plots. The growing season begins with a communal planting kick-off, is celebrated mid-season with a potluck dinner, and is capped with a fall harvest party, which the Malvern Garden Club will co-sponsor this year.

The July potluck dinner I visited presented a joyful gathering of neighbors who had become friends:

The garden plots are as individual and creative as the families involved. Borders are marked by material including pine cones, flowers, herbs, and driftwood. Some are laid out in neat rows; others are more enthusiastically informal. Many plots sport colorful hand-painted signs, stepping stones, and cute rock "animals" that were made by the children on planting day. The common denominator is the quantity and variety of produce that thrives in such a small space.



Top photo: Amanda Block of OSU Extension Service's Summer Sprouts Community Garden Program, with Ben, Todd, and Will Corbin. **Bottom:** Kathryn Teng, Cheryl and Peter Scacheri.

"We never bought tomatoes or lettuce last summer. We leave baskets of food outside our house, and people who walk by know they can come and pick up what we can't eat," says Lillian Hanna Bowling, whose children Alexandra (7) and Max (5) love to grow and cook their own food. While Lillian also grows some food at home, she appreciates that the fencing at Hanna Perkins keeps the rabbits and skunks at bay.

For other Malvern community gardeners, lack of space, too much shade and/or poor, compacted soil at home prompted their involvement. And many, who are novice gardeners, appreciate the camaraderie

and free advice.

"The help is the best part," Ellen Siebensschuh says. "I never gardened before, so I'm always asking, How do you plant this? What time do you put this in the ground?" Ellen hopes that planting their own vegetables will inspire her children, Claire (8) and Kevin (4) Burchmore, to eat more of them. "So far, not so much," she laughs.

At this moment, Kathryn Teng, mother of Annabelle (7) and Nate (4) Abbott, wonders if her new raspberry bush will produce more than the single berry she got last year. OSU program assistant Amanda Block and summer intern (and Shaker resident) Bryn Adams assure her that in a year

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or two, the bushes will spread and produce more fruit than she can possibly imagine.

Everyone on hand agrees that it's much more fun to garden in company. The kids seem to be the best planters. Sheila McCarthy's sons Ray (9) and Evan (7) Muzilla have been part of the Hanna Perkins garden "from the ground up," she says. Sheila has charted the growth of her children in a garden journal. She's kept recipes, planting records, photos, and hand-made drawings, as the boys nurtured their potatoes, turnips, and beans. From his perch on his pogo stick, Evan says he likes "to dig the soil and plant beans and watch them grow." Surprisingly, seven-year-old Ben Corbin digs pulling weeds, although he warns me, "it's kind of hard work."

Of course, the garden path sometimes takes an unexpected turn, like the time when a well-meaning participant "weed-wacked" the tall native perennials Karen had planted to attract butterflies. She patiently explained that the likes of Joe Pyeweed, goldenrod, and milkweed are desirable plants, not noxious weeds.

I learned from Karen that gentle correction is an effective teacher. When I remarked that a tall, spiky thistle plant would have no place in my own yard (I am allergic), she calmly pointed out that this is the only host plant for the Painted Lady butterfly. I'm rethinking my no-thistle policy.

When they need a break from their labors, the adults schmooze. The kids run around, bike, or climb the ancient jungle gym Karen had the custodians haul into the center of the garden. (A relic from the Stone Age, when I attended the school.)

"It's vital for the kids to know they are allowed to be in here, they are welcomed," Karen explains. "I want to let kids get in and do and learn for themselves."



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Save Your Energy

How the City helped resident and architect David Thal revitalize his family home through the Go Green program. **BY NANCY O'CONNOR**

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David Thal is one Shaker resident who's looking forward to the first heating bill of the season. That's because he expects to see significant savings over last year, due to the energy-efficient home improvements he's made to his Lomond- area home.

Based on the recommendations of an energy audit secured at a discount through the City's Go Green program, Thal recently added cellulose insulation to the attic over his house and garage, insulated knee walls, added weather stripping and door sweeps, installed an insulated garage door, added a storm door with weather stripping, insulated his hot water tank and plumbing lines, and had his furnace cleaned and tuned.



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David Thal is appreciative of Shaker's Go Green Program.

"The work was completed in mid-winter 2009, so I should notice some of the benefits of energy savings in the upcoming season," says Thal, an architect with Weber Murphy Fox Architects and an adjunct professor at Kent State University within the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. "Blower testing has indicated that air leakage has

been reduced, and the furnace doesn't kick on as often now." Several of the upgrades are also likely to earn him federal tax credits next April. (See sidebar.)

According to the City's Director of Neighborhood Revitalization, Kamla Lewis, Thal and others implementing energy-efficient improvements can expect savings of up to 40 percent in

energy costs. (That comes to approximately \$1,300 in annual savings for a 1,300-square-foot home.) In addition, she says, "Energy efficiency upgrades can also potentially increase the value of the home, which strengthens the homeowner's investment."

For Thal, financial, environmental, and sentimental factors all play a part in his home improvement efforts. The fact that his grandparents built the home in 1945 makes its upkeep even more meaningful for him. "The property was near a school with a strong sense of neighborhood and that appealed to my grandparents, as my dad and his brother would attend Lombard Elementary School directly across the street. Their parents saved up for a down payment, built the home, and lived there their entire lives."

Thal purchased the home from his grandmother in 2002. "I had the opportunity to carry on the legacy. I moved in and began my rejuvenation project. It is important to

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me to lower my energy costs, reduce environmental impact, and make improvements to my property utilizing sustainable and green initiatives.”

While there was a tremendous amount of work ahead for him, “the advantage was there had been only one owner, with minimal cosmetic changes.” The home, he says, “has good bones. While modest in size, it was built with respect to the guidelines and standards established by the Van Sweringen brothers: Colonial styling, slate roof, brick materials, Shaker Village colors, and an attached garage not visible from the street.”

Upon moving in, Thal immediately undertook several energy improvement projects. He installed a programmable thermostat, and replaced older appliances with Energy Star ones. (These are household products that meet strict energy-efficiency guidelines set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy.) He also replaced

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Shaker's Go Green Program

A key goal of the City's Go Green initiative, launched in 2004, is to expand the number of energy efficient homes in Shaker Heights in order to:

- Increase marketability of Shaker homes based on future housing trends.
- Reduce the operating costs of owning a Shaker home by encouraging energy efficient upgrades.
- Tap into the growing niche market of younger buyers interested specifically in energy efficiency and sustainability.
- Contribute to the Housing Preservation Plan goals of enhancing the City's housing stock and strengthening market demand for the City's housing and neighborhoods.
- Complement the City's efforts to support sustainable and green initiatives.

The City has an agreement with Ground Level Solutions to offer residents comprehensive energy audits at discounted rates that range from \$250 for condos to \$400-475 for single-family and two-family houses, depending

on the number of heating systems.

The energy audit is a thorough assessment of a home, including the safety and efficiency of gas appliances, heating system, air leakage, ventilation, and insulation. The homeowner receives a complete report outlining measures he or she can take to make the home more energy efficient and safe.

The Go Green program also offers technical assistance from the City's Rehab Specialist Lynn Nearon, who can help a resident prioritize actions recommended by the energy audit.

To learn more, call the Neighborhood Revitalization Department at 216-491-1370 or visit www.shakeronline.com/about/incentive/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.asp

NOTE: All exterior home improvements (such as windows, doors, and roofs) must comply with the City's Architectural Board of Review (ABR) and/or Landmark Commission regulations. Residents should also see if a building permit is required.

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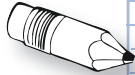
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1. Why was a vault installed in Boulevard Elementary School?
2. What Shaker street was formerly known as Coventry Road?
3. Which American President taught school in a one-room schoolhouse at the corner of Warrensville Center Road and Chagrin Boulevard?
4. Where can you learn more about your Shaker Heights home?



If you can answer these questions, go to the head of the class! If you did not, you may need to enroll in a night school session taught by the Shaker Heights history dream team: Local History Librarian Meghan Hays, and the former executive director of the Shaker Historical Society, Sabine Kretzschmar.

Twice a year these keepers of the City's history host a lively and informative talk called "Shaker Heights 101." The free sessions are geared toward helping Shaker residents learn more about the Garden City in which we live.

The first half of each session is an overview of the history of Shaker, which includes fun facts like the ones above (see answers at the end of this article.) The balance is devoted to what Kretzschmar calls "house genealogy," a discussion of the resources available to homeowners interested in researching their Shaker Heights home.

There are some facts that every Shaker homeowner can learn about their pride and joy. The Historical Society and the Shaker Main Library own the original plat books that record all of the prior owners of a home. The Building Department can provide the name of the architect, the year the home was built, and the estimated cost of construction. Deeds are searchable online at the County Recorder's office.

However, homeowners seeking blue-

prints of their homes are often dismayed to learn they are only available for homes built after 1945.

"We don't know what happened to the ones prior to that time," says Hays. "They may have been destroyed by flood or fire, or just were not valued enough to be kept. It's a mystery. Homeowners lucky enough to have their original blueprints should take good care of them."

Residents with homes built in 1945 or later who would like to see their blueprints should contact the Building Department to obtain a Plan File Number, which corresponds to a microfilm collection at the Main Library. From here, Hays is your guide: Upon scheduling an appointment, she helps patrons locate and view the blueprints, which can be digitized for a small fee.

"When in doubt, I always recommend people call me first," she says. "I can help the homeowner determine what type of information we have, to avoid confusion. Sometimes I may be able to offer alternative information on their house if the plans are not available."

Regardless of how much residents can learn about their homes, all attendees of 101 sessions are guaranteed to come away with improved knowledge of Shaker's history. At the first 101, in October 2007, attendees were regaled with the rags to riches story of the Van Sweringen brothers, Oris and Mantis, who founded Shaker



Meghan Hays (top) and **Sabine Kretzschmar** teach the Shaker Heights 101 class at the Main Library.

Shaker 101 attendees. Right: Mark Lewine of Shaker Heights. Bottom from left: Jeff Moyer and Donna Lipson of Cleveland Heights, Miriam Greene of Shaker Heights, Brian and Lisa Attenbaugh of Shaker Heights.



Village. Beginning with nothing more than an eighth grade education and an ambitious vision, the brothers developed a hugely successful land company, only to lose it in the crash of 1929. Fortunately, their legacy – the City of Shaker Heights – continued to thrive, retaining the unique character its founders envisioned.

The most recent 101 session featured Shaker's Country Estates, located east of Warrensville Center Road. Hays and Kretzschmar provided the historical context for these newer-looking homes, given the difference in available building materials after World War II, as well as the changing preferences of homeowners in the 1950s and later decades.

"Suddenly, the plans had to include ductwork for central air conditioning, as opposed to where to locate the coal bin," Kretzschmar cited as one example.

The next session of 101, slated for early October, will include a discussion of architectural restrictions, some of which are still in place, and deed restrictions, which of course are not.

"I think people will be amazed to learn about some of the limits to property ownership that were common in the early 20th century, not just in Shaker but throughout the country," says Kretzschmar.

After each session, the professors linger awhile to answer questions and provide attendees with some hands-on time

with resource materials.

Says Hays, "Quite often we end up learning something interesting from residents that we did not know before. And we always love to see old photographs and drawings they might have."

So sharpen your pencil, grab a notebook, and get ready for class. To learn more about the next Shaker Heights 101, call the Shaker Historical Society, 216-921-1201.

Answers to the Quiz

1. Boulevard School, built in 1914, was the first major public building in Shaker Heights Village. The vault was built to hold important City records.

2. Shaker Boulevard was originally named Coventry Road.

3. James Garfield taught at the one-room schoolhouse before he was elected President of the United States.

4. Call or visit the Main Library and the Shaker Historical Society, and enroll in the next "Shaker Heights 101." Community groups are also welcome to request a session tailored to a specific area of interest.

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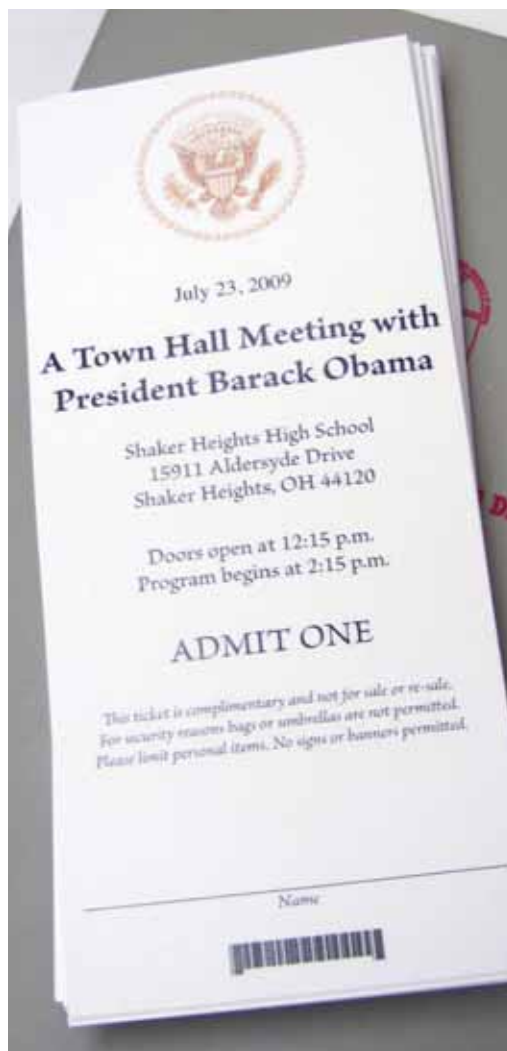
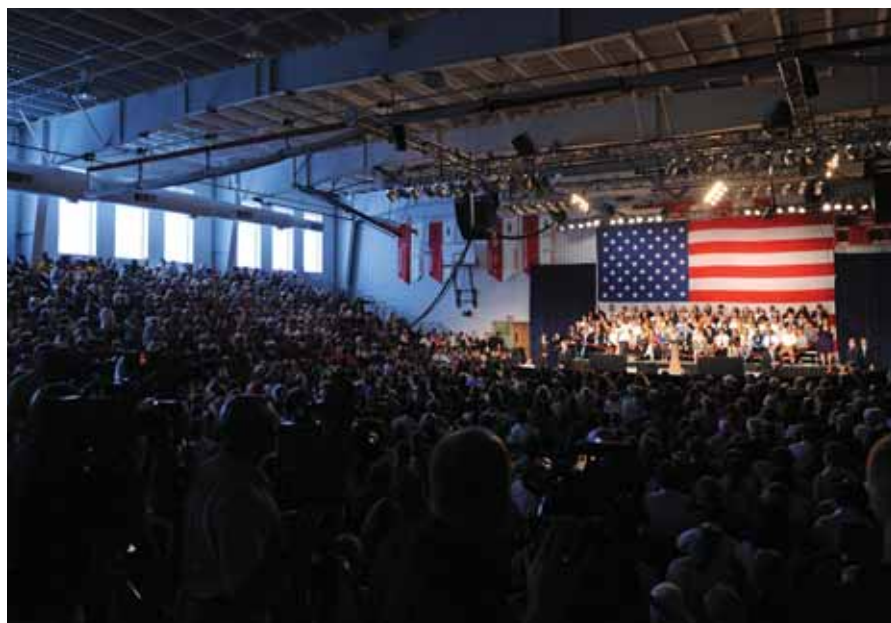
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a quintessential shaker moment

On July 23, President Barack Obama held a town hall meeting on health care reform at Shaker Heights High School. Mayor Earl Leiken called it “a terrific experience.” The school’s north gym was packed with about 1,600 people for the event. There was not a heckler among them.

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“Hello, Shaker Heights! ... It is good to be back in the great state of Ohio. Now I know there are those who like to report on the back-and-forth in Washington. But my only concern is the people who sent us to Washington – the families feeling the pain of this recession; the folks I’ve met across this country who have lost jobs and savings and health insurance but haven’t lost hope; the citizens who defied the cynics and the skeptics – who went to the polls to demand real and lasting change. Change was the cause of my campaign; it is the cause of my presidency. — *President Barack Obama*”

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Q&A BY SUE STARRETT

David Pogue, SHHS class of 1981, is a person of prodigious talent, boundless energy, many words, and a great sense of humor...a real Shaker Renaissance man: columnist, speaker, writer, and news correspondent. His subject is personal technology – by way of music, theater, and magic. And the way he tells his story, it all makes sense.

He attended Boulevard Elementary School and Woodbury Junior High. He studied English, music, and computer science at Yale University, graduating summa cum laude in 1985, with a distinction in music. He moved from New Haven to New York and spent a decade conducting and arranging musicals. At the same time, he began his association, as a writer, with all things Mac and tech.

Currently, Pogue is the personal technology columnist for the New York Times. As such he writes a weekly print column, State of the Art, an online column, an online video, and a daily blog, Pogue's Posts.

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He also serves as tech correspondent for CBS News Sunday Morning and CNBC's Power Lunch and On the Money.

He speaks at corporate events, education conferences, and trade shows up to 50 times a year. Thanks to his association with the For Dummies® series, his own Missing Manuals, and his techno-thriller novel, *Hard Drive* (1993), he has more than three million books in print.

He grew up in an achievement-oriented family. His father, Richard W. Pogue, joined the Cleveland law firm Jones Day in 1957, and served as the firm's national managing partner from 1984 to 1993. His mother, Patricia, has greeted many hundreds of newcomers to Shaker Heights as a Welcome Wagon volunteer. The youngest of the Pogues' three accomplished children, David was the 1977 Ohio Spelling Bee champion. He won a Business Emmy in 2004, and in 2007, received an honorary doctorate in music from Shenandoah Conservatory.

He lives in Connecticut with his wife Jennifer and their three children.

You describe yourself as having starred in, composed, conducted, or played piano for musicals and choirs, from elementary through high school. What are some highlights of that time?

I was a musical theater kid. At Boulevard Elementary, my fourth grade class worked with the music teacher to write a musical, and it was pretty good. A really big moment happened in seventh grade at Woodbury. Our French teacher, Edna Duffy, asked me to transcribe, learn to play, and teach *Le Révolution Française*, a rock opera by the same team who wrote *Les Misérables*. The opera had neither been translated nor

performed outside of Paris. Not only did our French class present the opera for the other kids at Woodbury and our parents, we were selected to perform it at a national teaching conference in Chicago.

I played piano for the High School choir, and one of the music teachers, John Everson, also was very influential in my life. He encouraged me to write songs for the choir, which he then taught and we performed. It was a heady and meaningful experience. My senior project involved writing and performing a musical. Looking back, I realize that all these opportunities and chances to perform, and these teachers fostering talents – this is what they're talking about when people say that Shaker schools offer an outstanding education.

You also became a magician.

I always wanted to be magic. I loved the television shows *Bewitched* and *I Dream of Jeannie*. My mother found library books about magic for me, and then I'd rehearse the best tricks. By the age of 11, I was doing magic shows for money. I probably performed for more than 450 birthday parties and block parties, every weekend and sometimes several times a week. That's where I learned to be comfortable in front of a crowd and to be funny. What I do for TV and on my web videos is part of the same schtick. Later on, I founded and taught beginning magic courses at the New School for Social Research and New York's Learning Annex.

What else happened while you were living in New York City?

After graduating from Yale, I moved to New York and enrolled in the BMI Musical Theater Workshop [for composers, lyri-

cists, and librettists], on the advice of one of my professors, Maury Yeston. At the same time, I was playing piano for voice lessons, doing vocal coaching, and working for \$10 an hour running an office. All told, I spent about ten years conducting and arranging musicals, but my aspiration was to compose. I worked as conductor, synthesizer programmer, arranger, or assistant on several Broadway shows, including *Carrie*, *Welcome to the Club*, and *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, *Anything Goes* at Lincoln Center, and a few Off-Broadway productions such as *Pajama Game*, *Godspell*, and *Flora, the Red Menace*, which I also orchestrated.

How did you get interested in personal technology?

I ran the office of the New York Mac Users Group. I'd bought a half-price Mac during my senior year at Yale for the purpose of furthering my creative goals. I was especially interested in the sheet music software, Finale, which notates music as it is played on a keyboard; it cost \$1,000 at the time. The editor of the Mac Street Journal, published by our office, suggested that I review Finale for our publication – and then keep it. A light went on, and it's never gone out! I've been reviewing ever since.

Eventually, the Mac Street Journal editor advised me to submit some of my clips to Macworld magazine, so I could actually get paid for my work. I ended up writing for Macworld from 1988 to 2000. That's when the New York Times called.

It seems that your transition from writing music to writing about technology evolved over time. How did you balance everything?

When you are young, all possibilities seem

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open. I kept taking on new interests and jobs. I never said “no.” By the time I was 25, I was teaching Finale to Broadway composers and teaching celebrities how to use their Macs. By the next year, I had become such a Finale nerd that the company hired me to write the handbook for the 2.0 and 3.0 versions; it turns out that this was my first “how-to” project. The Dummies books were published by one of Macworld’s sister companies, and they asked me to write Mac for Dummies. It appeared in 1992 and is now available in 17 languages.

I ended up writing seven more books, on magic, opera, classical music, and other Mac products, before launching my own series of Missing Manuals – the book that should have been included in the box with the computer stuff but wasn’t. Now there are more than 100 titles, covering a variety of personal computer operating systems and applications.

In 1995, I got married and moved out of the city. That ended my days on Broadway.

Tell us about the royalty checks you get these days.

When I was with the Cleveland Play House Youtheatre [sic], I got hooked up with a fellow named Bob Noll. He wanted to write plays, and I collaborated with him – I was 14 or so – writing music and lyrics for two or three shows that were performed at the Youtheatre and local colleges. Last year Bob resurfaced. One of our plays, *Circus Time*, was published. Now I receive \$25 royalty checks.

As a writer, you have an amazing output. How do you manage it all?

A huge part is my wife, Jennifer, who has relieved me of so much by managing the day-to-day operations of our business. I’m structured and organized, but I do my best work at the last minute. I run from deadline to deadline. This past July I trashed myself, putting three books to bed concurrently over a ten-day period. I pulled one all-nighter and five nights with four-hour naps. I was working on a Missing Manual

for iPhone 3.0, a children’s novel, and a funny book about Twitter.

What about your family? Who else is musical – or magical?

I am the youngest of my parents’ three children, so I fought for attention as a kid. I was the class clown and a show-off. My parents like music, and I remember going to lots of musical theater with them. Now Jennifer and I have three fantastic kids. Our son, Kelly, is 12 and very musical. He plays piano with the middle school jazz band, plays guitar, knows Finale, is a math whiz, and is very funny. My ten-year-old daughter, Tia, attends dance school five days a week, sings, and plays violin and recorder. She is strong and funny and a huge reader. Jeffrey is four and cut from different cloth. He is full of life and a show-off. He’s the one doing magic tricks.

How many tech gadgets do you own? Do you have a high electricity bill?

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my health or my family. Since then I've put guardrails in place and most of this year, I've achieved better balance.

Final thoughts?

It's pretty amazing how many prongs in the fork of my life can be traced back to Shaker, to the teachers who instilled a joy of performance in me and who taught me the ways music can be used. I play the piano at the end of every speaking engagement, singing songs with tech-related lyrics that I've rewritten. Music can be part of whatever you're doing. I'm always grateful for my Shaker upbringing; so much is directly attributable to the teachers, the institutions, and the other adults who helped me.

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lights, and our power strips are programmed to shut off. I don't keep stuff any more, but I get to try everything before buying it, so I have the best of everything. Jennifer and I have "his and hers" MacBook Airs, fantastic notebook computers.

What's next?

I'm moving more into TV. PBS is produc-

ing a NOVA mini-series about material science, called *Stuff*. It will be an experimental show, and we'll go all over the world looking for topics. I'll host, conduct interviews, and be somewhat involved in writing the scripts. Another big thing is balance. I crashed in 2007, having written 32,000 pages of books and two weekly columns, produced weekly videos, and fulfilled 50 speaking engagements. It wasn't good for



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the basement's drafty single-pane steel casement windows with glass block windows with ventilation. He sealed air leaks by repairing broken and missing roof slate and by repairing and tuckpointing brickwork.

He then turned his focus to the home's other drafty windows. "After attending a workshop sponsored by the Neighborhood Revitalization Department, instead of replacing windows I tackled the restoration of all of my original hardwood windows and storms throughout the first and second floors." He did much of the work himself, which included patching and caulking around all frames, glazing the exteriors, and painting.

After his energy audit in 2006, Thal began plotting his next improvements and investigating financing options. Because he had borrowed from the Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights to purchase the home, he was eligible to apply for an energy-efficiency grant from the same non-profit organization. Says Fund Administrator Gail Gibson, "A current Fund borrower, someone still in the repayment stage, can apply for an Energy-efficient Grant that pays for the energy audit and for half of any energy-related repairs up to \$4,000."

Thal says he isn't finished with his home improvements; future projects include installing a high-efficiency furnace and additional Energy Star appliances. As temperatures drop and thermostats rise over the next few months, don't be surprised to see Thal celebrating at the mailbox over his latest utility bill.

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TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop-in Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON, 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 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5. co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Family Connections. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

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

SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Seasonal produce from local farmers. INFO: 216-751-7656.

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Exhibits

THRU OCTOBER 16: Images of a Blue-Green Planet, MAIN LIBRARY ART GALLERY. Contemporary Cloth Artists display their unique fiber art that reflects their views of the world. INFO: 216-991-2030.

THRU NOVEMBER 8: Farm to Table: Tools of the Trade, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. View a selection of "vintage" farming implements and cooking utensils. With the passage of time and the advent of modern technology, do these objects still have practical applications in today's gardens and kitchens? INFO: 216-921-1201.

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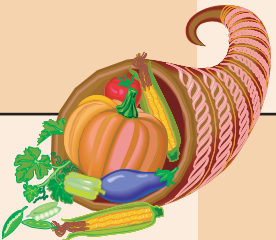
October

highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Walk-to-School Day Rain date October 2. ◀◀ How to Conduct an Effective Job Search 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 59)	2 Murray Hill Art Walk 10/2-4 Little Italy. (pg. 65)	3 Annual Community Shredding Day 9 am, Public Works. (pg. 59) Fall Festival 1 pm, Fernway School.
4 6th Annual Family Fall Funfest Noon, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 59)	5 Dance Together 10 am, Hanna Perkins School. (pg. 60)	6 Shaker Heights 101 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 60) Writers Center Stage Garry Trudeau 7:30 pm, Playhouse Square. (pg. 65)	7 Exhibit: Images of a Blue-Green Planet Thru 10/16 Main Library. (pg. 55) 	8 Photo Club 7 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 61)	9 6th Annual Cleveland Wine Opener 6 pm, 1301 E. 9th. (pg. 65)	10 Pumpkinfest 11 am, Onaway School. Homecoming 2 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 61) Hispanic Heritage Celebration 2 pm, Main Library. (pg. 61)
11 Ladies Cleveland Open 10/11-18 9 am, Cleveland Skating Club. (pg. 61)	12 Tour Your Schools Day (pg. 61) 	13	14 Farms and Foods of Ohio 7 pm, Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 61) New Insights into Fort Ancient Social Structure and Settlement Patterning 7:30 pm, Natural History Museum. (pg. 65)	15 PTO "Coffee Conversations"/ Special Education 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 61)	16 Book Sale 10/16-18 (Preview sale for Friends' members 10/15, 4 pm) 9 am, Main Library. (pg. 61) 	17 Fall Festival 8 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 61) Pumpkin Affair 11 am, Lomond School.
18 Writers and Readers Ann Patchett 2 pm, Cleveland Public Library. (pg. 65)	19	20 The Road to College Fair 6:30 pm, Main Library. (pg. 61) Candidates Night Forum 7 pm, Middle School. (pg. 62)	21	22	23 Juried Arts & Crafts Show 2 pm, Heights Christian Church. (pg. 62) Enchanted Forest: A Walk on the Wild Side 6 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 58)	24 Community Preparedness Exercise 9 am, Middle School. (pg. 62)
25 Cuyahoga County Reform: Which Plan is Best? 9:30, First Unitarian Church. (pg. 62)	26 Family Halloween Stories 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 58)	27	28 Pipescreams VII 7 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 62)	29	30 Halloween Parades 2:30 pm, Shaker elementary schools. 	31 Halloween 6-7:30 pm, Shaker streets Bones, Bugs and Dead Animals 8 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (pg. 66)

November

highlights

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Health Care Reform: What's the Rx? 9:30 am, First Unitarian Church. (pg. 63)	2 Kids Cooking 4:15 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63)	3 ELECTION DAY Writers Center Stage Christopher Buckley 7 pm, Playhouse Square. (pg. 66)	4 Exhibit: Farm to Table: Tools of the Trade Thru 11/8 Shaker Historical Society. (pg. 55)	5 Roller Skating 4 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 63) Preschool Fair 6:30 pm, Main Library. (pg. 63)		7 Buckeye Book Fair 9:30 am, Wooster. (pg. 66) North Union Farmers Market Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 55)
8 VIVA! & Gala Series 7:30 pm, Plymouth Church. (pg. 64)	9 Children's Dance Class 11 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 64)	10 Photo Club 7 pm, Nature Center. (pg. 64)	11 Parent & Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)	12 Men's Fall Athletic Awards 7 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 64)		14 Free ACT Practice Test & Strategy Session 9:15 am, Main Library. (pg. 64) 
15 Writers and Readers Loung Ung 2 pm, Cleveland Public Library. (pg. 66) 	16 Kids Cooking 4:15 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 64)	17 Drop-in Sessions Ongoing. 9:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 55)	18 Meet the Author Bebe Katz 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 64)	19 PTO "Coffee Conversations"/ Special Education 6:30 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 65)	20 Parent & Child Play Sessions Ongoing. Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)	21 Celebration of the Vino Novello 2 pm, Geneva-on-the-Lake. (pg. 66) Natural History of Onions 6:30 pm, Cleveland Museum of Natural History. (pg. 66)
	23 Play and Learn Station Ongoing. 10 am, Main Library. (pg. 55)	24	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY City offices, schools, and libraries closed. 	27 	28
29	30 Learning English as a Family (LEAF) Ongoing. 6:45 pm, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 55)					



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OCTOBER 26: Family Halloween Stories, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Costumes welcome at this story time that includes a treat! INFO: 216-991-2421.

OCTOBER 30: Halloween Parades, 2:30 PM, SHAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

OCTOBER 31: Halloween, 6-7:30 PM. Trick or treat up & down Shaker streets

Events for October

October 1: Walk-to-School Day. There's something *afoot* in Shaker when students put their best feet forward. Rain Date: October 2.

October 1: Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 2½-8 learn how to skate safe-

ly. Beginning skills include learning how to get up from the floor, rolling forward and picking up one foot at a time. We use music for simple rhythm and movement activities that coincide with skating skills. \$58/5 weeks (Oct. 1-29). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

October 1: **How to Conduct an Effective Job Search, 7 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Do you know how to network? Do you know what document in your job search that is more important than a resume? Do you know how to avoid answering the question, "What are your salary requirements?" Jim Grant of Chagrin Valley Job Seekers and author of *How to Get the Job (and Compensation) You Want*, answers these questions and more. INFO: 216-991-2030.

October 3: **Annual Community Shredding Day, 9 AM-1 PM,** PUBLIC WORKS SERVICE CENTER, 15600 CHAGRIN BLVD. Bring up to 4 large bankers' boxes, proof of residency, and shred!

October 3: **Blue Heron Hike & Hustle, 8-11 AM,** NATURE CENTER. Hike and 5K Trail Race for Nature to benefit the Jenny Goldman Fund, which is dedicated to providing education and experiences in nature to underserved urban youth in Cleveland. 1-mile Family Scavenger Hike, 2-mile Brisk Hike, 12-mile Hike to the Dike and a 5K Trail Race. Pre-registration: \$17/person; event-day registration: \$23/person. INFO: 216-321-5935.

October 4: **6th Annual Family Fall Funfest, NOON-5 PM,** SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Enjoy the atmosphere of an old-time carnival with games, arts and crafts, pony rides and petting zoo, Flower the Clown, Euclid Beach Rocket Car, bouncers & puppet shows. The Children's Museum

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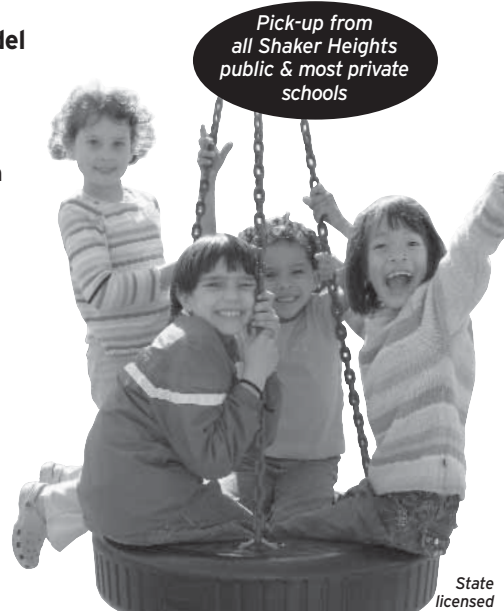
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October 5: Voter Registration Deadline. Remember the words of George Jean Nathan, "*Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote,*" and be sure to register to vote!

October 5: Dance Together, 10 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Dancing with a parent or caregiver, children learn basic dance skills, rhythm, balance, and coordination. Music and props are used to encourage move-

ment discovery. Ages 18 mos.-3 yrs. \$60/5 weeks (Oct. 5-Nov. 2) INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

October 5: Children's Dance Class, 11 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-4 learn simple dances and explore creative movement. Using music and props, children explore rhythm, balance, and coordination (parent stays but does not participate) \$60/5 weeks (Oct. 5-Nov. 2). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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2, 16). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

October 6: Cleveland Adoption & Foster Care Information Meeting, 6:30-8 PM, BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Learn about Bellefaire JCB and the Adoption and Foster Care Program. RSVP REQUIRED: 216-320-8589 OR 800-205-8534.

October 6: Shaker Heights 101: Deeds and Zoning: Restricting the Suburban Dream, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Learn more about Shaker Heights. Shaker Library's local history librarian continues the Library and Historical Society's series that explores the history of the suburb. Learn about resources to research your home, street and neighborhood. INFO: 216-991-2421 OR 216-921-1201.

October 6: Child Development 101: Unlocking the Mysteries of Why Your Children Do What They Do, 7:30 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. An evening of exploration and discussion about the journey of child development, featuring guest speakers Susan Glaser, educational psychologist and early childhood educator; and pediatrician Dr. Arthur Lavin, co-authors of the book *Who's the Boss? Moving Families from Conflict to Collaboration and Baby and Toddler Sleep Solutions for Dummies*. INFO: 216-921-2023.

October 7: Music in the Morning, 9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (birth to three) and parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$65/6 weeks (Oct. 7-Nov. 11). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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October 8: **Photo Club, 7-9 PM,** NATURE CENTER. INFO: 216-321-5935.

October 10: **Homecoming, 2 PM,** SHAKER HIGH. Shaker Raiders take to the Russell H. Rupp field versus Mentor High. Homecoming Dance takes place at 8 pm. INFO: 216-295-4200.

October 10: **Hispanic Heritage Celebration, 2-4 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Celebrate the music, dance, language, and 'cuentas' that are the cultural heritage of Hispanic Americans. INFO: 216-991-2030.

October 11-18: **Ladies Cleveland Open, 9 AM,** CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER ROAD. The ladies hold court and participate in a \$10,000 purse event that is a feeder to the national ranks! For opportunities to get involved as a spectator, sponsor, ambassador, participant, kids clinic participant and more, contact Sebastien Glinzler, at sglinzler@clevelandskatingclub.org.

October 12: **Tour Your Schools Day.** Shaker Schools open their doors to visitors. INFO: 216-295-4200.

October 14: **Farms and Foods of Ohio, 7 PM,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. Marilou Suszko, food writer, author of *Farms & Foods of Ohio: From Garden Gate to Dinner Plate*, and culinary instructor speaks about Ohio's farmers, growers, and producers who deliver the freshest food to our tables and shares recipes in step with the local harvest. Following her talk, books are available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-921-1201.

October 15: **PTO "Coffee Conversations"/Special Education, 6:30 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Informal discussions between par-

ents and the Shaker Schools' parent mentor to learn more about programs and support for families with children with special educational needs. INFO: 216-295-4200.

October 15-18: **Book Sale Preview Sale, 4-8 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Friends' members get first dibs on a great selection of books at bargain prices. Plus the Library sells discontinued furniture and items to the public. Sale opens to the public from 9 am to 4 pm Friday, October 16 and Saturday, October 17 and the Friends sells bags of books for \$5 from 1-3 pm on Sunday, October 18. INFO: 216-991-2030.

October 17: **Fall Festival, 8 AM-2 PM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN ROAD. Event sponsored by the Malvern Garden Club in collaboration with the HPC Community Gardeners. Free Admission. Details at www.malvern gardenclub.com.

October 19: **Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children prepare simple recipes. Have fun cooking with your child! Ages 3-8. \$20/class. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

October 20: **The Road to College Fair, 6:30-8 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Thinking about college? Not sure how it all works? Get your questions answered in one place! Learn how to plan for college, choose a college, apply, what tests to take and when, how to get financial aid, the application process and more. Representatives from area colleges tell you the real deal about their schools, too. Drop in. No registration required. Parents welcome. INFO: 216-991-2030.



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October 20: Candidates Night Forum, 7-9 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights presents a forum for candidates for seats on City Council and the Board of Education, who will introduce themselves and answer questions posed by the League, neighborhood association leaders and members of the audience. Free. INFO: LINDA LALLEY, ldlalley@aol.com OR ANNE WILLIAMS, annewill@aol.com.

October 23: Juried Arts & Crafts Show, 2-8 PM, HEIGHTS CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 17330 VAN AKEN BLVD. Over 70 artisans offer their wares for sale. Enter at rear of church. \$2 admission fee with free return entry. Show continues from 10 am-2 pm Saturday. INFO: SUSAN GOLDSTEIN, 216-297-9988.

October 24: Community Preparedness Exercise, 9 AM-NOON, MIDDLE SCHOOL. Flu and pneumonia shots to Shaker residents of all ages. \$30/seasonal flu shots; \$45/pneumonia shots; free to Medicare patients. Nasal seasonal flu vaccine, FluMist, available for children age 2-18 years. A series of stations includes registration, payment, injections, and a brief educational component. Drive-thru for those who prefer to stay in their cars. Reservations required. INFO: SANDI HURLEY, 216-491-1480.

October 25: Cuyahoga County Reform: Which Plan is Best?, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Judy Rawson, former Shaker Heights mayor and active participant in county government reform, discusses ballot proposals. INFO: 216-751-2320.

October 28: Pipescreams VII, 7 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. An annual tradition where children and adults come dressed in Halloween costumes, sing pumpkin carols, and meet

the King of Instruments: the organ. Informal suppers available from 5:45-6:45 p.m. for a small fee. INFO: 216-921-3510 EXT. 34, OR www.plymouthchurchucc.org.

Events for *November*

November 1: **Health Care Reform: What's the Rx?**, 9:30-10:45 AM, FIRST UNITARIAN CHURCH, 21600 SHAKER BLVD. Judith Maloni of CWRU's Bolton School of Nursing, moderates a panel that includes Rachael DeGolia, Director of Universal Health Care Action Network, Metro General's Ken Frisof, and a representative from the insurance industry. INFO: 216-751-2320.

November 2: **Kids Cooking**, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-8 prepare simple recipes. Have fun cooking with your child! \$20/class. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

November 3: **Election Day**. Shaker Schools closed for professional day.

November 5: **Roller Skating**, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2½-8) learn how to skate safely. Beginning skills include learning how to get up from the floor, rolling forward and picking up one foot at a time. Music is used for simple rhythm and movement activities that coincide with skating skills. \$58/5 weeks (Nov. 5-Dec. 10). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

November 5: **Preschool Fair**, 6:30-8 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet representatives from area preschools and get the scoop on early childhood

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out & about

education. INFO: 216-991-2030.

November 8: VIVA! & Gala Series, 7:30 PM, PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY. The Cleveland Museum of Art's series continues with the Cleveland debut of Garth Knox, Irish-born, Scottish-raised string player. Enjoy a mix of 17th & 18th century music, traditional Celtic reels and jigs, and new works, including Knox's arrangements with cello. Tickets: \$29. INFO: 216-421-7350 OR www.clevelandart.org

November 9: Dance Together, 10 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Dancing with a parent or caregiver, children ages 18 months to 3 years learn basic dance skills and explore rhythm, balance, and coordination. \$60/5 weeks (Nov. 9-Dec. 7). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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November 10: Photo Club, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Calling all shutterbugs. Join a group of nature and photography buffs and share tips on nature photography. INFO: 216-321-5935.

November 12: Men's Fall Athletic Awards, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH. Accolades for athletes. Celebrate the fall sporting season.

November 13: Shaker Schools Conference Day. No school for grades K-12.

November 14: Free ACT Practice Test & Strategy Session, 9:15 AM-2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. For students in grades 10-12. Princeton Review offers a full-length ACT practice test that will be professionally scored. Come back November 21 from 9:15-11 am to learn insider strategies and tips to help raise your score. REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 216-991-2030.

November 16: Shaker Schools Conference Day. No school for grades K-8.

November 16: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-8 prepare simple recipes. Have fun cooking with your child! INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

November 18: Art, 10 AM OR 11 AM, 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. \$40/4 weeks (Nov. 18-Dec. 16). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

November 18: Meet the Author, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bebe Katz, author of *A Best Friend for Claudia* and *Princess Claudia and the Freckles*, will speak about her books and the writing process. Following her talk, books will be available for sale and signing. INFO: 216-991-2421.

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November 26: Thanksgiving. City offices, schools, libraries are closed.

In the Circle and Beyond

OCTOBER 2-4: Murray Hill Art Walk, LITTLE ITALY, MAYFIELD AND MURRAY HILL. Visit the many art galleries and enjoy Italian eateries. INFO: www.littleitaly.cleveland.com.

OCTOBER 3: The Irish Cultural Garden Rededication, 11 AM, ROCKEFELLER PARK, 690 EAST 88TH ST. INFO: JACK COYNE AT 216-781-1980.

OCTOBER 6: Writers Center Stage: Garry Trudeau, 7:30 PM, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE, 1501 EUCLID AVE. Cuyahoga County Library Foundation presents the creator of the Pulitzer Prize-winning comic strip, *Doonesbury*. \$30/person. TICKETS: 216-771-4444.

OCTOBER 7: Teachers' Open House, 3-7 PM, MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART (MOCA), 8501 CARNEGIE AVE. Tour University Circle to learn about opportunities available for students, get resource guides, tour the fall exhibit and enjoy refreshments.

OCTOBER 9: 6th Annual Cleveland Wine Opener, 7-10 PM, 1301 EAST 9TH ST. National wine tasting series to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation. Wine novices to enthusiasts sip great wines sponsored by Western Reserve Wines along with savory cuisine at festive tasting stations. Pre-event VIP reception includes high-end wines sponsored by California Family Wineries and catered by Dish Deli, plus auctions and entertainment. \$60/general; \$110/VIP. INFO: 216-292-4437.

OCTOBER 14: New Insights into Fort Ancient Social Structure and Settlement Patterning, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Cleveland Archaeology Society presents a lecture by Professor Robert Cook of The Ohio State University, Newark. Reception follows to meet the speaker. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600.

OCTOBER 18: Writers and Readers: Ann Patchett, 2 PM, CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 325 SUPERIOR AVE. The author

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OCTOBER 31: Bones, Bugs and Dead Animals, 8 PM-MIDNIGHT, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Live music from "Abby Normal," delicious food, dessert buffet, and a \$3 bar. Participate in the best costume contests and win

prizes. \$25/Nature League members; \$30/non-members; \$35 at the door. INFO: 216-231-4600.

NOVEMBER 1: 20th Annual Bowl for Kids Sake, 9 AM-2:45 PM, FREEWAY LANES OF SOLON, 33185 BAINBRIDGE RD. Benefit. Enjoy a day of bowling with free pizza, refreshments, Petals the Clown, and prizes. Children under 10 can bowl for free on a team of 4 or 5 adults and bumper lanes can be requested.

NOVEMBER 3: Writers Center Stage, 7 PM, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE, 1501 EUCLID AVE. Christopher Buckley, political satirist and author of the memoir *Losing Mum and Pup* speaks. \$30/person. Tickets: 216-771-4444.

NOVEMBER 7: Buckeye Book Fair, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM, FISCHER AUDITORIUM, 256 WEST LIBERTY ST., WOOSTER. Meet

100 notable Ohio writers, illustrators, and photographers, and purchase autographed copies of their books. INFO: 330-262-3244 OR www.buckeyebookfair.com

NOVEMBER 11: Uncorking the Past: The Quest for Wine, Beer and Extreme Fermented Beverages, 7:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Cleveland Archaeology Society presents a lecture by Professor Patrick McGovern from the University of Pennsylvania museum. Reception follows to meet the speaker. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600.

NOVEMBER 15: Writers and Readers: Loung Ung, 2 PM, CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY. Shaker resident, human-rights activist, and author of *First They Killed My Father* and *Lucky Child* speaks. Free. INFO: 216-623-2800.

NOVEMBER 15: Hadassah's SimchaPalooza, 11 AM-3PM, CLEVELAND MARRIOTT EAST, 26300 HARVARD RD. One-stop shopping for vendors and services needed to make your celebration (simcha) spectacular. Free. INFO: DAVIDA HOWARD, 216-225-3620.

NOVEMBER 21: Celebration of the Vino Novello, 2-6 PM, THE LAKEHOUSE INN & WINERY, 5653 LAKE RD E, GENEVA-ON-THE-LAKE. Sample some of the 2009 vintage wines at this progressive wine and Italian food pairings from Laurello Vineyards and Lakehouse Inn Winery. \$50/person Reservations must be made by November 18. INFO: 440-466-8668 OR 440-415-0661.

NOVEMBER 21: Natural History of Onions, 6:30 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Guest chef Ben Bebenroth of Spice of Life Catering Co. prepares a seven-course gourmet dinner showcasing the onion. Each course will be paired with complementary wines. \$150/person. INFO: 216-231-4600.



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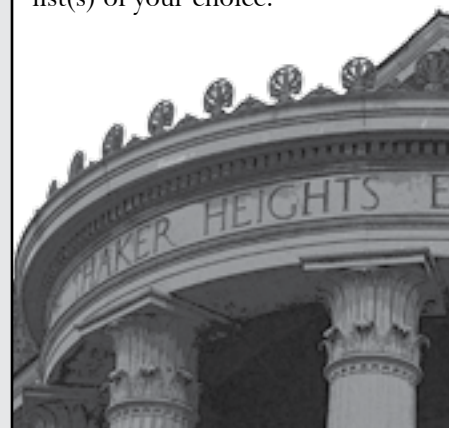
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Of Gray Hair and Reading Glasses

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Shaker Man is... gulp... 50. But what, he cries into the blue skies over this forested city, does it all mean? Along with the usual Depends jokes, black balloons saying “Over the Hill” and the occasional bad-taste gift of a cane or walker, it means trying to appreciate the gifts that a half-century of survival can bring, including:

Acceptance of limitations: Hard as it is for Shaker man to admit, not even the woeful Cleveland Indians will be calling him anytime soon for a tryout (surprisingly, a 32-mph fastball isn’t attractive to even the worst bullpen in baseball, except as an oddity of physics: *Hey, look it’s still in the air even though it’s not moving!*). A series of similar sports realizations quickly follow: Late-blooming careers in the NFL (*I could kick, couldn’t I?*), PGA Tour (*Shooting your age for nine holes, sir, is not the same as “shooting your age.”*) or even as competitive eater (*I have to eat the hot dogs AND the buns? But I have heartburn!*) are also no longer possibilities. Depression begins to set in over a glass of very old Scotch (still 33 years younger than Shaker Man), as he works on a very long list of other things that he will never do, including climbing Mount Everest, writing the Great American Novel, losing the 20 pounds of ice cream glued to his navel, and cleaning out the files in the unfinished part of the basement. By the end of the evening, he’s glad that there isn’t a pistol (or a five-gallon tub of Häagen-Dazs) in the house with which to kill himself.

Respect: Shaker Man had hoped that gray hair and reading glasses might at least suggest that he actually knows a thing or two at this point in his career. This is sadly untrue; in fact, his younger colleagues seem mainly concerned about whether he is senile, and when he might free up the cushy leather chair in which he has firmly seated himself. The day before his birthday, in fact, a newly hired associate — who seems, like all newly hired associates these days, to be about 13 years old — comes into his office, hands over a sheaf of papers, and says: “THIS IS THE FANDICKY REPORT. DID YOU GET A CHANCE TO READ IT?”

Shaker Man nearly falls out of his chair. “Why are you yelling at me?”

“THEY TOLD ME THAT YOU’RE THE SENIOR ASSOCIATE, AND THAT YOU’RE PARTIALLY DEAF,” the young man continues. “BUT THAT YOU WON’T WEAR A HEARING AID.”

Shaker Man can hear muffled giggling outside his door. “I think somebody played a giant joke on you.”

“YOU WANT A DIET COKE?”

“Ok, very funny. But the gag is getting tired.”

“YOU’RE GOING TO RETIRE?”

“YOU’RE ALL FIRED!”

Wisdom: Shaker Man was promised wisdom by age 50, though, as is typical of the age, he can no longer remember by whom. Worse, when he tries to impart some of his hard-earned experience to his children, they seem immune. Each time he tries to give his 12-year-old son Good Advice About Persistence, for example, 12 responds

with, “Is this the story about the time you didn’t make golf team because you shot a 14 on one hole, but you came back the next day blah blah blah?” His 16-year-old daughter doesn’t even let him get that far anymore, having developed a Fatherly Wisdom Radar System that allows her to say, even before the first word emerges: “No. Just don’t. OK?”

New Beginnings: Desperate to prove *something*, Shaker Man starts a new exercise program — and so, on his birthday, succeeds (barely) in completing a near-10k run, about which he promptly posts to Facebook (*First time in 25 years!*), much to his children’s digital embarrassment. “Aw, chill out,” he says to 16. “Nothing shuts ’em up like a six-mile run on your 50th birthday.” Unfortunately, a 50-year-old body is much like a 50-year-old car: The fact that the engine starts one morning is no guarantee that it will turn over the next day. In fact, when Shaker Man wakes the next morning, thinking that he’ll leap from bed for Day Two of the Next Fabulous Half-Century, he instead crashes to the floor, learning too late that his lower body no longer works. “Help,” he says, using his hands to uncross one stiff leg from the other while his spasming back keeps time with the still-buzzing alarm clock. A bottle of Advil, two heating pads, and a muscle relaxant later, our hero is finally able to descend the stairs, where 16 awaits.

“Like you said, Dad,” she offers, “Nothing shuts ’em up like a six-mile run on their 50th birthday.”

*“If you don’t stop...
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