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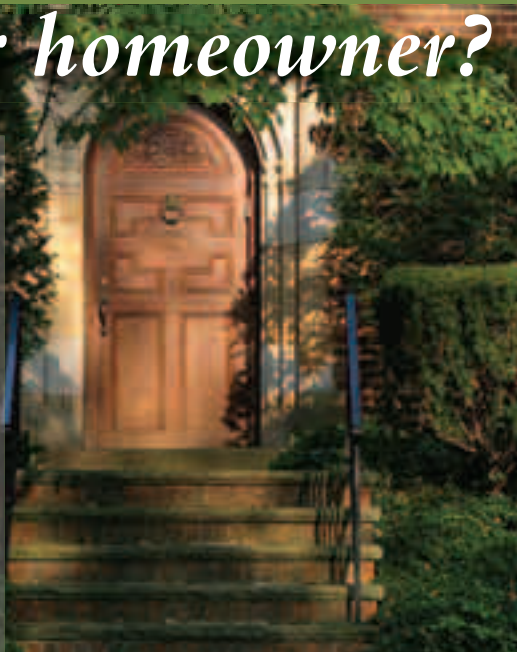
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Election Day is November 6

A new mayor, four members of City Council, and two members of the Shaker Heights Board of Education will be elected by Shaker voters on November 6. All terms are four years in length, are non-partisan and everyone is elected on an at-large basis.

The mayor is elected every fourth year. The seven members of Council and five members of the Board of Education are elected for staggered four-year terms.

Those Council members up for re-election this year include Al Foster, Nancy Moore, and Earl Williams, Jr.; Freda J. Levenson is up for re-election to the Board of Education.

Mayor Judy Rawson is not seeking re-election. Earl M. Leiken, a member of City Council, is running for mayor. He is unopposed. His council seat will be filled by a newcomer. Visit shakeronline.com for more information.

Council

James N. Brady
14506 South Park Boulevard

Patricia Snyder
3149 Warrington Road

Kenneth P. Butze, Jr.
3272 Ingleside Road

Earl Williams, Jr. (incumbent)
19701 Fairmount Boulevard

Al Foster (incumbent)
3569 Menlo Road

Nancy R. Moore (incumbent)
3697 Townley Road

Board of Education

Freda J. Levenson
21499 Shelburne Road

Peter A. Robertson
17210 Aldersyde Drive

Survey Says: Shaker Life Number One Resource

In a survey conducted in late August, Shaker residents named Shaker Life as the primary source for information about the City. Additional results of the survey, which was last conducted in 2002, are available at shakeronline.com.

Giving Life; Shaker Life, That is...

It's not too early to plan holiday giving. Start with the gift of a subscription to Shaker Life magazine! Former Shaker residents, college students and family members in other locales welcome the arrival of our newsy hometown publication with the national magazine glam. Act now to secure a 2008 six-issue subscription for only \$21. Call 216-491-1419.



Recycling: It's not just about Paper, Plastic, and Glass

Get an up-close look at recycling in our community. Attend Community Recycling Awareness Day on Saturday, October 13 at the Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Boulevard between 10 am and 2 pm. Learn about the entire recycling process from your home to reuse. See what becomes of recycled trees, commingled items such as glass, plastic and aluminum, and newspaper. Then return the following Saturday, October 20 (10 am to 2 pm) for a Community Shredding event. Shaker residents with proof of residency can bring as many as three file boxes with documents to shred. Let us do it for you! (No need to remove staples or paper clips.) For additional information, call 216-491-1490.

Flu Shots to be Administered in Point of Distribution Drill (POD)

The City's Health Department will administer flu shots again this year as part of its annual preparedness exercise held at the Shaker Middle School on Saturday, November 10. The POD enables both Health and Fire departments to practice their basic emergency plan skills.

Nurses will give flu shots to Shaker residents of all ages at a cost of \$25, or free to Medicare patients.

There will be an organized series of stations, including registration, payment, shot administration, and a very brief educational component, just as there would be in the event of an actual emergency.

The process will take approximately 15 to 30 minutes from registration through departure.

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The City will take reservations for residents to arrive from 9 to 10 am, from 10 to 11 am, and from 11 am to 12 Noon. Call 216-491-1480 to reserve your spot.

Building Strong Neighborhoods: Lomond Community Association Reorganizes, Re-energizes

For a stellar example of grass-roots civic involvement in action, look no further than the newly reorganized Lomond Community Association. Over the past ten months, new vitality has been injected into the organization from two sources: a small group of long-time Lomond residents with previous Association involvement came together with a couple of newer families to talk about ways to strengthen their neighborhood ties.

After an initial meeting in December 2006, this small group of residents decided to form a steering committee to reorganize the Association. They each promised to invite five or more residents to a public meeting in January 2007. Despite the snowy weather, more than 60 eager residents came together to learn how they could contribute.

Says one of the steering committee members, Karen Yusko, "It was unbelievable how much talent came out of the woodwork after these meetings."

That talent included a website designer, professional writers willing to produce newsletters and press releases, and a graphic designer who created a logo for the Association.

Long-time Lomond resident Emma Melton, a professional facilitator, offered to lead future meetings and help the group look beyond immediate issues to develop a practical vision for the next five years.

"We really wanted a grass-roots way of looking at things," explains Karen Nordstrom, one of the steering committee members. At the next several meetings, Melton divided participants into smaller groups to identify areas of opportunity. Next, they brainstormed specific action plans for the future.

The Association immediately assigned

street captains. Roger Freeman, a 40-year resident of Lomond, was one of the first to volunteer. As a street captain he walks door to door delivering newsletters, promoting membership, and answering questions about what is going on in the neighborhood. "The positive response keeps me committed; it's so much more than I expected," says Freeman.

The next important step was to establish a relationship with the City, explained Shane Millette, who acts as communications liaison for the Association.

"The City really wanted a meaningful relationship with a representative from the neighborhood. Now we have regular communications with them. It makes a difference to have all of our voices combined." The City has provided a link to the Association's website at shakeronline.com.

The efforts of Lomond resident Jared Limberg are also key to the success of the Association. Limberg created an informative website, lomondonline.com. The website outlines the Association's goals, community resources, solicits feedback from residents, promotes upcoming social events and meetings, and even offers to list Lomond-based businesses, including babysitters.

By late summer, more than 270 residents had expressed interest in the Association. The next step is officer elections, to be held Thursday, October 11 at Lomond School. Anyone interested in more information about the Association is encouraged to visit the website, or contact Shane Millette at 216-752-9023.

Ludlow Community Association Celebrates 50 Years of "The Experiment that Succeeded"

When the first black families moved to Shaker Heights in the late 1950s, the initial responses were fear and resistance. One family was threatened with a firebomb; some white families rushed to sell their houses. But a core group of citizens in this stable community immediately banded together with a bold agenda: to welcome these families and establish successful integration in our City. Soon after,

How to Grow a Community Association Tips from the Lomond Steering Committee

- Stop talking and set a date.
- Get the word out – door hangers, email, word of mouth.
- Use a facilitator to keep meetings focused.
- Be flexible; have a timetable, but allow for things to evolve.
- Get to know your neighbors – you will be amazed to find out what they are willing to contribute.

the Ludlow Community Association (LCA) was born, the first community organization in Shaker Heights.

Its goal was to "create a community atmosphere which encourages a racially integrated community while maintaining high physical standards of property."

When new federal laws banning housing discrimination were passed in 1968, the success of the Ludlow "experiment" was publicized in a Reader's Digest story headlined "Ludlow... A Lesson in Integration," and in William Buckley's *The National Review*, which carried a story entitled "The Ludlow Precedent." Shaker Heights had become a model of successful integration for the nation, thanks to the persistent efforts of the LCA to champion high-quality integrated education and housing.

On September 8, the LCA celebrated its 50th anniversary with a homecoming at Ludlow School, followed by a luncheon at the Cleveland Skating Club. A panel of past and current residents discussed the history of the organization as well as goals for the future.

Distinguished Ludlow residents, both past and current, were remembered, including Irwin Barnett, the first LCA president, Congressman Louis B. Stokes, well-known judges Lloyd Brown and Leo Jackson, the Rev. Earl Cunningham, and Operation Equality Director Joseph

Battle, as well as those who served on Cleveland and Shaker Heights city councils and school boards.

The event also featured a screening of "When Ludlow Stopped Running," a WKYC TV Montage production from 1966, and "The Reunion," an ABC Primetime documentary created by Paul Mason, whose parents Dr. Theodore and Beverly Mason were involved in Ludlow's desegregation efforts.

Ken Kovach, current vice president of LCA and executive director of the International Community Council, called it "an exciting time to reconnect" with current and former residents, many of whom made significant contributions to the civil rights movement and continue to be involved with fair housing organizations and other issues of social justice, locally and nationally.

Today, LCA is working to keep neighbors connected and informed — by email, newsletters, social gatherings and meetings on relevant topics. Thomas Chelimsky, co-president of the LCA, comments that one challenge Ludlow faces, along with other communities in Shaker, is the continuing need to revitalize its older homes. He believes "the LCA will need to lead the way to maintain the vibrancy of our community, and energize both young and old in their desire to move to and stay in Ludlow."

The vision for the future of the LCA

is rooted in its past. As Kovach observes, "There have been many 'first black families' in communities across the United States resulting in 'white flight' and the decline of previously vibrant neighborhoods. This never happened in Ludlow. The racial mix and diversity changes from time to time but we continue to follow the motto created by our pioneers: INTEGRATION — live it, support it. It's the Ludlow way — the way to live better."

Lights, Camera – Dial 911

Early one morning in July, an EMS unit and crew appeared outside the front door of a Stockholm Road home in Fernway. Concerned neighbors ventured outside and worried drivers slowed down to watch as the EMS crew rushed into the house.

Moments later, the crew walked out of the house, smiling and laughing, then regrouped by the front door to do it again. Quiet on the set!

Inside the home, the National Paramedic Institute (NPI) was wrapping up the filming of a new educational video on 911 calls involving an "elderly fall." Made up to look wan and weak, Shaker resident and actress Jackie Lichtig played the stricken victim.

The video and dozens like it are used to educate first responders, paramedics and emergency medical technicians about a broad spectrum of medical subjects.



Following the shoot on Stockholm, the film crew shot footage at the Firehouse on Chagrin.

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#3 Pay bills
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NPI uses real crews to demonstrate appropriate protocols and to comment on the subject.

Since 2003, the Shaker Heights Fire Department has used NPI's continuing education program for its twice-monthly sessions required of all paramedic personnel. Captain Frank Zupan, who discovered the program, was so impressed with its curriculum that he encouraged first his own department and then other area departments to participate as well. It was, as Zupan says, "a great fit."

As a result, the relationship between Shaker's department and NPI has grown close. NPI President Dr. Steve Katz chose Shaker as one of the eight cities nationwide to participate in the filming because of its stature and reputation as the first nationally accredited fire department in Ohio. With an astonishing 98 percent approval rating from those who receive Shaker's EMS services, it comes as no surprise to us that the department is a favorite choice. Katz fully expects to return to film Shaker EMS again on another medical topic.

Business News

New Faces on Chagrin Boulevard

Seven buildings on the south side of Chagrin Boulevard across from Shaker Towne Centre are being renovated, following a development agreement between the City and Crescendo Properties.

The buildings, constructed between 1930 and 1950, are structurally sound and architecturally significant, but require major electrical and mechanical upgrades as well as new façades. Already completed are the new Sherwin-Williams Design Center, Al Nola Shoes, A Touch of Italy Restaurant, and Revol Wireless. The former Ohio Savings Bank building is next up for renovation.

City Asks – Sherwin-Williams Delivers



Sherwin-Williams' new design center.

By now you will have noticed that the Sherwin-Williams store on the south side of Chagrin Boulevard has a new façade and a new address a few doors west of its original location. The biggest change by far, however, is what awaits you inside. When the City asked Sherwin-Williams for a store that better reflects Shaker's architectural heritage, Sherwin-Williams responded in a big way, not only with a revamped interior but with a whole new approach to serving the Shaker homeowner.

The interior architectural features were carefully selected for their historical tone, including a restored solid maple flooring (with character-enhancing imperfections left intact), a decorative metal ceiling which duplicates a classic pressed tin ceiling, attractive pendant lighting, and bold wall colors offset by crown moldings.

Even more exciting, the Shaker Heights store premieres the new Design Center concept, an accessible, interactive and enjoyable space where customers can feel comfortable and confident in the selection of color. In combination with Shaker's two hardware stores, which carry and repair items unique to our historic homes, the new Sherwin Williams provides resources

necessary to protect and preserve our most essential assets. It's just what we need, and it's right here.

The Design Center also has a Wall of Color arranged by color families, complemented by Idea Cards to help with color selection. Consumers also can take advantage of the Color & Light area, where they can view color selections under a light source similar to what is in their own homes, spreading out fabric swatches, carpet, tile, or pillows alongside paint swatches. The store also offers specialty finishes, Color-to-Go samples (test-size samples of color), wall covering books, and Historic Preservation colors.

The store aims to be equally accessible to the do-it-yourself crowd as well as those who prefer some assistance. A decorating specialist is available to help coordinate color selections with fabrics and furnishings. Or a customer may prefer to use the Color Visualizer, an online program that demonstrates how a particular color might look in a simulated room.

Karl Schmitt, senior vice president of marketing at Sherwin-Williams, says, "The main thrust of this store is ease and simplicity of color selection for the consumer."

At Warrensville- Van Aken, Lots More New Faces

The City has been busy welcoming the employees of University Hospitals Management Services Center, located in the former OfficeMax building on Warrensville Center Road. The City has provided the employees with more than 750 packets of information about local businesses, housing and relocation services, Shaker schools, and maps. About 500 employees are currently working at the site, with another 400-plus employees expected by the end of the year.

In July, the UHMSC employees were treated to two Welcome Days at Thornton Park to enjoy the improved pool, skating rink, and other facilities. They are eligible to join Thornton Park at the corporate rate, as are other employees of Shaker businesses. They are also welcome to attend the popular lunchtime hockey sessions at the rink.

The City used Lolly the Trolley to take the new faces on tours of the town. Tour participants visited Shaker neighborhoods, commercial areas, historic districts, and other highlights of our community. They also received refreshments and a grab bag of information and coupons from local merchants.

A Familiar Face Moves to a New Place

Scott Kim, owner of the Japanese restaurant Matsu on Chagrin Boulevard, relocated his popular eatery to Shaker Square.

"Over the years we have been invited to relocate to various shopping centers outside of the area, but I really didn't want to leave because about 80 percent of my customers are from Shaker. However, Shaker Square is really booming right now for restaurants," says Kim.

The new restaurant is called Sasa Matsu. In Japanese, "sasa" means bamboo and "matsu" means pine. Kim explains that in Japanese art, the three most common elements are bamboo, pine, and plums. And, just as he is adding a new element to the name of the restaurant,

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he also added a new element to the menu: In addition to the main dishes and sushi his customers already love, Kim offers iza-kaya, which he describes as Japanese-style tapas, or small tasting plates.

"We want to make the transition as smooth as possible and support our loyal customers. If they have favorite dishes that they do not find on the new menu, we will be more than happy to make them on request," says Kim.

Shaker News Briefs

- Resident **Dennis Lieberman** has been inducted into the Tiffany & Co. Business Sales Hall of Fame. Lieberman, a Tiffany & Co. corporate sales executive, was recognized for his consistently outstanding performance throughout his 12-year career with the company.

- Two Shaker Heights High School alumni, **Abigail Cahill**, a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, and

Jonathan Strassfeld, a Princeton University student, recently completed an intensive internship program known as Summer on the Cuyahoga (SOTC). The program pairs eligible students from select universities with a wide range of employers in Northeast Ohio. The goal is to attract talented graduates for permanent positions in the region.

SOTC is one of only two multi-school internship programs in the nation. In its fifth year, applicants from 45 states and 26 foreign countries submitted over 2,000 applications for 75 positions. The paid interns are housed at Case Western Reserve University for the summer and are matched with employers whose interests fit their field of study.

This summer, Cahill (SHHS '03) worked at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History surveying aquatic plants in glacial lakes in Portage, Summit, and Geauga counties, as well as other field

work related to marine plant life. She intends to pursue a Master's degree in marine biology.

Strassfeld (SHHS '05) worked as a legal intern for Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan and Aronoff. He is a junior at Princeton.

Northeast Ohio employers interested in hiring either a summer intern or a graduate for a permanent position should contact Marianne Crosley at 440-247-4247.

- **Chris Wynn** was appointed to the Shaker Heights Architectural Board of Review to fill the vacancy of an unexpired three-year term.

- Council member **Nancy Moore** was named as an alternate member of the Board of Appeals. One more alternate member can be appointed this year and one more next year; both will be citizen members.

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The Cleveland Institute of Music sounds a **Fanfare for a New Era** with the dedication of its expanded campus and the opening of Mixon Hall. Thanks to 1000+ donors, this project has become a reality and an elegant enhancement to University Circle and the northeast Ohio region.

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The celebration continues with two very special events:

PICTURES AT AN EXHIBITION

November 16 at 8:00 p.m.

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FROM THE TOP

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Go Green Rebate Program: Income eligible residents can receive a rebate for their energy audit and up to 25 percent of approved costs for energy efficient improvements (up to \$1000). Find out more by calling 216-491-1370.

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.

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

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

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 income-eligible residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance.

Yard Waste: From October 15 to December 15, City crews are equipped to pick up leaves, grass clippings, hedge trimming and garden waste from tree lawns (never in the street).

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ADDRESS	2007 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
16303 ALDERSYDE DR	\$ 345,000	\$ 390,000 (2003)	\$ 15,000 (1920)
3015 E BELVOIR OVAL	\$ 295,000	\$ 173,000 (2006)	\$ 38,000 (1960)
3275 BRAEMAR ROAD	\$ 190,000	\$ 127,000 (1997)	\$ 12,000 (1924)
2900 BROXTON ROAD	\$ 590,000	\$ 475,000 (2001)	\$ 25,000 (1927)
20611 BYRON ROAD	\$ 237,000	\$ 174,900 (1999)	\$ 31,000 (1954)
21301 COLBY ROAD	\$ 425,000	\$ 345,000 (1999)	\$ 22,000 (1940)
3376 DALEFORD ROAD	\$ 291,000	\$ 170,000 (2006)	\$ 10,000 (1934)
3280 ELSMERE ROAD	\$ 180,000	\$ 171,000 (1998)	\$ 12,000 (1924)
3329 ELSMERE ROAD	\$ 297,500	\$ 325,000 (2003)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
22160 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$ 186,500	\$ 175,000 (1998)	\$ 10,000 (1941)
16205 FERNWAY ROAD	\$ 160,000	\$ 137,500 (1998)	\$ 11,000 (1924)
17601 FERNWAY ROAD	\$ 325,000	\$ 187,000 (1997)	\$ 25,000 (1921)
3530 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 138,000	\$ 165,000 (2004)	\$ 10,000 (1940)
2856 GLENGARY ROAD	\$ 850,000	\$1,025,000 (2005)	\$ 30,000 (1929)
3674 GRIDLEY ROAD	\$ 175,000	\$ 165,500 (2002)	\$ 9,500 (1941)
2920 HUNTINGTON ROAD	\$ 200,000	\$ 220,000 (2002)	\$ 11,000 (1924)
3140 HUNTINGTON ROAD	\$ 210,000	\$ 260,000 (2003)	\$ 15,000 (1925)
2730 LONDON ROAD	\$ 673,000	\$ 730,000 (2005)	\$ 55,000 (1952)
3683 LATIMORE ROAD	\$ 104,600	\$ 172,500 (1998)	\$ 18,000 (1936)
2684 LEIGHTON ROAD	\$ 425,000	\$ 415,000 (2001)	\$ 10,000 (1917)
17626 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 148,500	\$ 100,000 (2006)	\$ 8,000 (1941)
18424 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 199,000	\$ 158,000 (2000)	\$ 11,000 (1938)
18501 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 166,000	\$ 169,500 (2001)	\$ 9,500 (1936)
18911 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 230,000	\$ 135,000 (2006)	\$ 7,500 (1936)
19806 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 229,000	\$ 234,900 (2005)	\$ 13,000 (1939)
3561 LYTLE ROAD	\$ 232,000	\$ 150,900 (1999)	\$ 11,000 (1930)
2847 MANCHESTER ROAD	\$ 392,000	\$ 385,000 (2004)	\$ 13,000 (1922)
19909 MARCHMONT ROAD	\$ 571,000	\$ 515,000 (2005)	\$ 24,000 (1923)
18423 NEWELL ROAD	\$ 165,000	\$ 117,000 (2000)	\$ 7,500 (1926)
3352 NORWOOD ROAD	\$ 362,000	\$ 266,000 (1998)	\$ 10,000 (1927)
18915 OXFORD ROAD	\$ 318,000	\$ 300,000 (2001)	\$ 10,000 (1922)
16800 PARKLAND DR	\$1,060,000	\$ 840,000 (2005)	\$ 50,000 (1926)
17100 PARKLAND DR	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000 (2006)	\$ 75,000 (1923)
17418 SCOTTSDALE BLVD	\$ 159,000	\$ 159,900 (2003)	\$ 7,800 (1936)
18400 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$ 800,000	\$ 640,000 (2000)	\$ 35,000 (1927)
22925 SHELBURNE ROAD	\$ 485,000	\$ 430,000 (2000)	\$100,000 (1977)
23475 STANFORD ROAD	\$ 500,000	\$ 605,000 (1999)	\$ 31,000 (1930)
3530 STOER ROAD	\$ 150,000	\$ 155,000 (2004)	\$ 7,500 (1941)
3013 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$ 280,000	\$ 231,500 (2004)	\$ 14,000 (1925)
3223 WARRINGTON ROAD	\$ 200,000	\$ 185,000 (2000)	\$ 14,000 (1924)
22376 WESTCHESTER RD	\$ 161,000	\$ 155,000 (2007)	\$ 31,000 (1953)
18016 WINSLOW ROAD	\$ 215,000	\$ 210,000 (2004)	\$ 15,000 (1930)
2891 WINTHROP ROAD	\$ 560,000	\$ 541,000 (2004)	\$ 21,000 (1934)
2918 WINTHROP ROAD	\$ 668,500	\$ 387,500 (2000)	\$ 25,000 (1923)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Winterize Your Home to Save

To avoid costly repairs caused by winter weather damage, take these easy steps:

- Clean gutters of fallen debris to prevent backups.
- Check to see that gutters and downspouts are securely attached.
- If weather permits (dry ground) and the temperature is above 50 degrees, sealcoat asphalt driveways to prevent splitting and separating.
- Install or check that the chimney screen is securely attached and close fireplace flue to prevent animal intrusion.
- If the property is vacant:
 - Turn off the main water connection.
 - Drain the water lines. Leave faucets slightly open.
 - Drain the hot water tank.
 - Add anti-freeze to toilets.

In addition, to prevent interruption of service, be sure you are current with your utility bills. For information about budget billing, which may reduce the amount you pay during winter months, contact your utility company. You may also be eligible for the Home Energy Assistance Program or Percentage of Income Payment Plan. To learn more, contact the Ohio Consumers Counsel at 877-742-5622 toll free or www.pickocc.org. You may also call the Ohio Department of Development at 800-282-0880 or visit www.odod.state.oh.us.

Certified Shaker

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

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shaker neighborhoods

Boulevard

Fernway

Lomond

Ludlow

MALVERN

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Sussex



Attleboro Road

Year built: 1915
Square ft: 3854
Style: Colonial

Georgian feel with faux fanlights over first floor windows and dentil molding at the roof line. Ornamentation at front entry and over first floor windows.



Attleboro Road

Year built: 1952
Square ft: 4066
Notable architect: George Burrows
Style: Colonial – PA Farmhouse

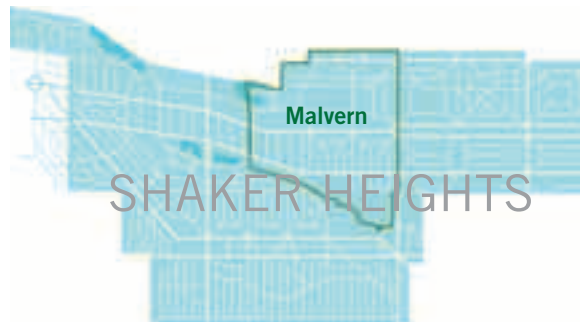
Pennsylvania farmhouse design brought to US from German and Dutch immigrants in the 18th century. Recognized for its rough texture of the undressed fieldstone walls. Clay tile roof.



Sherbrooke Road

Year built: 1935
Square ft: 4877
Style: English Revival – Tudor Revival & Jacobethan

Jacobethan influences: stone walls, narrow, rectangular grouped windows surrounded and separated by stone, bay windows, and tall chimneys with multiple shafts. Tudor Revival features: Half-timbering in the front gable, and oriel window over the driveway pass-through.



Malvern neighborhood home values*

range from: \$375,000 to \$1.5 million
Malvern home square footage ranges from: 2,400 to 12,000

Looks like: A striking collection of homes marked by an array of charming front doorways. A predominantly residential neighborhood nestled among mature trees.

Feels like: A peaceful district that surrounds the wonderfully restored Hanna Perkins School building and grounds, complete with public green space and butterfly garden.

Walk to: The facilities and soon-to-be-completed nature paths at Horseshoe Lake Park, Hathaway Brown school, shops at Almar's small mall, Shaker Middle School.

Close to: Fairmount Circle's shops and eateries, Van Aken shops and eateries; Shaker library's Bertram branch, the RTA Green Line and Thornton Park's recently renovated recreational facilities.

Named for: Malvern Elementary (now Hanna Perkins Center), 19910 Malvern Road, built in 1922.

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

*based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation

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



Enderby Road

Year built: 1927
Square ft: 1857
Notable architect: Drescher
Style: Colonial

French details on the first floor, with stucco exterior and large vertical casement windows. Second story is traditional Colonial design with cedar lap siding, double hung windows and wood shutters.



Warrington Road

Year built: 1922
Square ft: 1904
Notable architect: Ockert
Style: Colonial - Georgian

Central part of front facade is crowned with a triangular pediment. Double hung windows. Side porch adds some country flair.



Laurel Road

Year built: 1927
Square ft: 2607
Notable architect: Monroe E. Deane
Style: French - Country Chateau

Slate roof, leaded glass windows, stone trim, steeply pitched hip roof, low-set dormers that break the roofline, lofty chimney stacks.

Boulevard

Fernway

Lomond

Ludlow

Malvern

Mercer

Moreland

ONAWAY

Sussex

Onaway neighborhood home values*

range from: \$175,000 to \$450,000

Single Family home square footage ranges from: 1,800 to 4,000

Looks like: Parklands - because of the many ample lawns and large green spaces located on tri-school area properties. A community that blends architecturally significant public school buildings with a wide range of traditional homes.

Feels like: A comfortable and friendly neighborhood where sidewalks are well used by school kids, dog walkers and the stroller set. Bikers enjoy the long stretches of shady roadways.

Walk to: Three schools: Onaway and Woodbury Elementary schools and the High School or the stadium for a football game on a crisp, autumn day or jog along the high school track in the early morning.

Close to: The Nature Center, the RTA Blue Line, the Shaker Town Center area shops, Shaker Main Library, the Shaker Colonnade and Community Building.

Named for: Onaway Elementary, 3125 Woodbury Road, built in 1922.

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

*based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation



Congratulations to the new Certified Shaker property owners, listed below. These listings represent some of the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 216-491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com. To learn more about becoming certified, call 216-491-1370.

Rental Homes:

19611 Winslow Road
(Joseph & Mary Bordonaro)
3331 Lansmere Road
(Octavian & Adriana Ioachimescu)
3544 Daleford Road (Ferole Parmalee)
18406 Newell Road (Deborah Purcell)
19407 Winslow Road (Anita Dillen)

Apartment Buildings:

2800 Van Aken Blvd – The Carlton
Apartments (Charles & Betty Pinkney)
2626 North Moreland Blvd –
The North Moreland Garden Apartments
(Sylvia Kugelman)

3090 Livingston Road – Livingston Park
Apartment Complex (Shaker Square Area
Development)

15515 Van Aken Blvd – The Oxford House
(Edward Mehler & Branislov Ugrinov)

17100 Van Aken Blvd – The Greenbriar
(Montlack Realty-Kirt Montlack)

2920 Van Aken Blvd – Van Aken Courts
(Ron Kertesz)

15700 Van Aken Blvd – South Shaker
(Robert Hart)

3680 Norwood Road – Norwood Apts
(Robert Jacops)

2910 Warrensville Center Road
(Marty Handfinger)

3618 Gridley Road (Cyril Weathers)

Second Round of Home Improvement Grants Offered

The Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights, a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, has announced its second round of grants for exterior and interior home improvements.

The first grant was made in 2006 to the Winslow Preservation Organization,

which extended the grants to owners of two-family properties on Winslow Road. Homeowners were eligible to receive \$7,500, which they were required to match from their own funds. The approved projects included driveways, roofs, window replacement, exterior painting, exterior lighting, tuckpointing, and heating/air conditioning units. Thirty-one matching grants were made, for a total of \$175,099 and projects totaling \$436,238.

In February of 2007, the Fund approved a second round of grants totaling \$157,500 to the Winslow Preservation Organization for similar projects; 27 owners have applied for the funding for projects to be carried out in 2007-2008.

The Fund for the Future is seeking neighborhood partners for a third round of grants, to be made in 2008. Qualifying streets will include a large percentage of two-family homes, and a neighborhood resident willing to serve as the point person for the grant program. For further information, please call Gail Gibson, executive director of the Fund for the Future, at 216-491-1457. ■



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Connie Schultz and Jason Jaffery Headline Banned Books Week Celebration

Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist Connie Schultz and American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio's Development Director Jason Jaffery will be the featured speakers at the Library's capstone Banned Books Week program at 7 pm October 11 at the Main Library. They will speak about the importance of reading freely.



Schultz

Banned Books Week is celebrated each year to recognize everyone's basic right of Freedom to Read. This fall, the Library invites the community to help create paper flags that proclaim, *Shaker Reads Freely*.



Jaffery

Squares of red and white paper are available at the Library service desks. Residents of all ages can decorate them to recognize a favorite book that has been banned or challenged at one time or another.

(Sample squares are on display at each Library.) The squares should be returned to either library by October 5 when they will be incorporated in a library Freedom-to-Read flag.

The flags will be unveiled at the October 11 program. For more information or to reserve your place, call 216-991-2030.

Main Library Is Home to a New Homework Center

Since September, the Library has offered a weekly homework help program at Main Library for students in grades 3 through 6, along with a Homework Center where students in these grades can complete their assignments in quiet surroundings.

The Homework Center is supervised by Mrs. Cheryl Darden, Supervisor/Manager of the Special Education Department of the Cleveland City School District, who, in addition to classroom teaching, has had significant experience mentoring and evaluating new teachers in the Cleveland schools. The Center is staffed by third- and fourth-year education students from area universities, who provide one-to-one tutoring (and group tutoring, as needed) to registered students at no cost. Students who wish to study independently will find reference material, study aids, several computers, and some supplies at the Center, as well.

The Homework Center has been made possible by generous funding from Friends of the Shaker Library, along with a grant from the Shaker Heights High School graduating class of 1973. It is located in a large meeting room on the library's second floor from 4:00 pm until 6:30 pm Monday and Wednesday afternoons. The fall session continues through November 7.

Parents of students who would like to use the Center may visit the Main Library Children's Department to fill out a registration form. Once registered, students may sign up for tutoring times during Center hours or for study space, as needed. For more information, please call the Main Library Children's Department at 216-991-2030.

Reading Groups Rumble at Main Library

Think your reading group has the most entertaining discussion leaders, the best chefs, or the most fun? Prove it! Better than a bake-off, it's a "reading group rumble." For its second annual celebration of Reading Group Month, the Library invites all book discussion groups to share their success stories, talk about their favorite books, bring their favorite book group snacks, and swap recipes.

The Rumble begins at 2 pm Sunday, October 14 at Main Library with fun contests, book giveaways and samples of "novel" foods. The program will end with the raffle of a gift basket of items generously donated by Fresh Market that one lucky winner can share with his or her book group. For more information, call 216-991-2030.

Library Book Discussions

New in town? Interested in joining a book discussion group? The Library offers a variety of opportunities to discuss books with others. Whether you are a new or long-time resident, take advantage of one of the many opportunities to share the love of reading.

2 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 8 at Bertram Woods Branch. Read and discuss *Ragtime*, E.L. Doctorow's story of three families in turn-of-the-century New York.

10 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 at Main Library. Read and discuss *The Camel Bookmobile*, Masha Hamilton's story of an unorthodox traveling library in Kenya.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9 at Main Library. Read *St. Albans Fire* by Archer Moore and discuss whodunit.

NOON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 at Main Library. Read and discuss *Mona in the Promised Land*, Gish Jen's novel about race, religion, status and the American Dream.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 at

Kids' Corner

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PLAY AND LEARN AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6–8 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

No registration required.

PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

10 am–noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6–8 pm Thursdays

PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

10 am–noon Wednesdays

One-time registration required; please call Shaker Family Center, 216-921-2030.

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

PRESCHOOL STORIES

Stories and fun for 3-, 4-, & 5-year-olds. Fall Session ends Nov. 15.

10 am or 1:30 pm Mondays at **Main Library**

1:30 pm Tuesdays or 10 am Thursdays at **Woods Branch**

No registration is required; groups please make special arrangements.

EVENING AUTUMN

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Stories, songs, and crafts about autumn for 3-, 4-, and 5-year-olds
 7 pm Tuesdays October 9, 16, 23

Register for one or more classes.

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. Costumes welcome!

7 pm Monday, October 29

Registration begins October 15.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 pm Monday, November 19.

Registration begins November 5.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEK AT WOODS BRANCH

Oct. 15–20: Make a paper bag ghost.

Nov. 12–17: Create a Thankful Tree

PAWS FOR READING

Grades 1–4

Practice your reading skills with man's best friend. Dogs from Buckeye Therapaws will be at the library for four sessions. Sign up

for a specific time on one date or all four.

2–4 pm Saturdays, October 6 and October 20 at Woods Branch

Registration began September 22

2–4 pm Saturdays, November 3 and November 17 at Main Library

Registration begins October 20

AMERICAN GIRL® DOLLS THROUGH HISTORY

Explore the world of one of the American Girl® Dolls. Meet monthly to hear a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from that doll's time period. (For grades 1–4)

MEET AMERICAN GIRL® DOLL: SAMANTHA

2–4 pm Friday, October 12 at Main Library

Registration began September 28.

2–4 pm Saturday, October 13 at Woods Branch

Registration began September 29.

MEET AMERICAN GIRL® DOLL: KIT

2–4 pm Friday, November 9 at Main Library

Registration begins October 28.

2–4 pm Saturday, November 10 at Woods Branch

Registration begins October 29.

Main Library. Read and discuss Alexandre Dumas' classic, *The Count of Monte Cristo*.

2 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12 at Bertram Woods Branch. Read and discuss *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*, Kim Edwards' plaintive novel about a family tragedy.

NOON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10 at Main Library. Read *Charming Billy*, Alice McDermott's story about the life of a charismatic Irishman.

10 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at Main Library. Read and discuss *The Space*

Between Us, Thrity Umrigar's story of a middle class Parsi housewife and her domestic servant.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 at Main Library. Read *Withering Heights* by Dorothy Cannell and discuss whodunit.

7:30 PM WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 at Main Library. Read and discuss *The Greatest Salesman in the World*, Og Mandino's easy-to-read book on salesmanship.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 at Main Library. Read and discuss *First They Killed my Father: A Daughter of Cambodia*

Remembers. Shaker author Loung Ung's story of her fight for survival during the reign of the Khmer Rouge.

Teen Scene

Banned Books Week: Sept. 29-Oct. 6

Take a quick quiz and enter our Banned Books drawing for a Barnes & Noble gift card! Exercise your right to read!

Reader *of the* Month

MARTHA SIVERTSON



AGE: 51

LIVES IN: Lomond area

OCCUPATION: Director of Volunteers & Visitors Services at the Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage

USES: Main Library

LIKES TO READ: Short stories, poetry, medical mysteries, old New Yorker magazines; trade publications pertaining to management issues.

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Brontë

OTHER FAVORITES: *The Princess Bride* (S. Morgenstern), and all fairy tales in general.

DOESN'T LIKE TO READ: Anything financial. No numbers, please!

WHAT I LIKE BEST ABOUT THE LIBRARY: "I love coming in and seeing parents with children sitting on the floor, reading or picking out some gems to take home. It renews my faith in a reading generation."

OTHER INTERESTS: "Living vicariously through my daughters," gardening and all levels of nonprofit management

FAMILY: Husband, Tam Sivertson, music teacher at the Ratner School; daughters Julia (SHHS '05) a student at The Ohio State University, and Annie (SHHS '07) a freshman at Emerson College in Boston.

BRIEF BIO: Sivertson grew up in northeast New Jersey and moved to San Francisco, Boston, Georgia and Maine before coming to Cleveland to live "happily ever after."

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Teen Read Week Main Library and Woods Branch

October 14–20: Vote for the Top Ten Teen Books for 2007!

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You Don't Know Hip-Hop!

Teen Center

3:30-8 pm October 15-26

This is a two-week introduction to the origins of the now 30-year-old popular styles of music, dance and art known as Hip-Hop. The program incorporates film on Fridays October 19 and October 26; a music CD lending library; book display; and, research scavenger-hunt with prize drawings for iTunes gift cards. Teen Center participants must be between the ages of 12 and 16.

Anime Club at Woods Branch

3:30-4:30 pm Thursday, October 18

3:30-4:30 pm Thursday, November 15

Anime fans get together to watch films, and learn about Japanese culture from special guests. Japanese snacks will be served.

T.A.B. Meeting at Main Library

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, October 23

7:30-8:15 pm Tuesday, November 13

Regular meeting for 2007-2008 Teen Advisory Board members.

Have an After-School Snack Attack! at Woods Branch

4-5 pm Thursday, November 8

Look who's cooking! It's you! Learn basic kitchen skills and how to make healthy and delicious snacks without a stove. Then, eat the yummy food you've made! Sorry, we cannot accommodate individual food allergies. Registration begins October 25; call 216-991-2421.

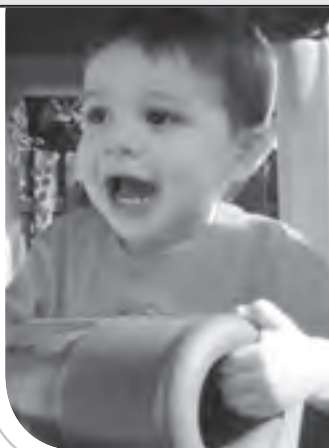
Abraham Solon Programs Continue at Main Library

The second in Shaker Library's three-part discussion group exploring the common traditions of three great religions will be held at 7 pm Wednesday, October 24. *What if Jewish, Christian, and*

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Muslim People Shared Their Food Traditions? focuses on the ritual and celebratory foods of these three faiths, particularly the meanings of items served at a Passover Seder, an Easter meal, and at Eid al-Fitr, the Muslim festival breaking the fast of Ramadan. Special guests include Joan Kekst, Reverend Valentino Lassiter and members of the Cleveland Chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR).

Joan Kekst is a food writer for The Cleveland Jewish News and author of *Jewish Cookery, In the Kitchen with Joan Kekst*. She has given many lecture/demonstrations on Kosher cooking and has taught Jewish holiday cooking at University Hospitals' Synergy Culinary School in Cleveland and at the Chautauqua Institute.

Reverend Lassiter has been the pastor of East View United Church of Christ for the past 25 years. He has taught at Cleveland State University and is a pastor in residence and a lecturer in the Religious Studies Department at John Carroll University.



Shearson

at 7 pm Wednesday, November 14. The book documents the experiences of three mothers, whose attempt to write a children's book about the commonalities among their religions became complicated by their differences. The discussion will be lead by Julia Shearson, Sandra Schwartz and Sister Pat Horvat.

Julia A. Shearson is the Executive Director of the Cleveland Chapter of CAIR-Ohio. She received her Bachelor of Arts in East Asian Languages and Cultures from Columbia University in New York

Wrapping up the three-part discussion group on Christianity, Islam, and Judaism, the Library will host a discussion of the book, *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew – Three Women Search for Understanding*



Schwartz

in Boston, and at Harvard University. She has spent many years working in the cross-cultural arena and has traveled extensively in Europe, East Asia, and the Middle East.

Sandra Schwartz served as Executive Director of The National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) for twenty years, where she initiated a number of interfaith programs. She was instrumental in convening an interfaith clergy group in Northern Ohio that eventually joined the statewide organization, We Believe Ohio. Sandra Schwartz has a Bachelor of Arts

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appointed by the Supreme Court of Ohio and she was the recipient of the Ohio Civil Rights Commission Leadership Award in 2000.

Pat Horvat serves in the Hispanic Ministry Office for the Diocese of Cleveland. She entered the Dominican Sisters of Adrian in 1967 and has been in ministry since 1970. Fourteen of those years were in ministry outside of the United States. Upon her return to the U.S. in 1989, Sister Pat taught theology and was campus minister at a Detroit

high school and served for six years as Formation Director for her congregation. She also spent two months in the Philippines with the Dominican Sisters of the Remedies.

For more information or to register for the programs, call the Main Library, 216-2030.

Library Hosts Third Annual Local Author & Book Fair and Writers Workshops

The Library presents its Third Annual Local Author & Book Fair from 1 to 5 pm. Sunday, November 18 at the Main Library. The event is designed to showcase Ohio authors and to provide a one-stop holiday shopping experience for library visitors.

Local authors who write for adults, teens and children will be on hand to sell and sign books, with a portion of the proceeds designated for the Library Endowment Fund. The Library will again present a series of free panel discussions for aspiring authors. Both libraries will

have flyers that provide a list of authors and an overview of the afternoon. Call either library for details.

The Dangerous Book Club for 5th and 6th Graders Debuts at Main Library

This October, the Library begins The Dangerous Book Club, a new series of programs inspired by *The Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn and Hal Iggulden open to 5th and 6th graders only.

The first program, *The World's Greatest Paper Airplane* begins on October 10. The program on October 24 features the *Five Knots Every Kid Should Know*. *Make a Battery* on November 7 and learn how to make *Secret Inks* on November 21. The final program on November 28 will be a behind-the-scenes tour of the library's boiler room and secret passageways.

All programs begin at 4 pm and last approximately 45 minutes. Space is limited; register at the Youth Services desk at the Main Library.



Be prepared! Schedule a heating system tune-up and safety inspection to keep your equipment clean and efficient. Don't wait until it is too late. Regular maintenance can reduce costly breakdowns. Schedule prior to 11/30/07 and receive \$15 off (normally \$105).

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Watch Max and Ruby at Playhouse Square and Benefit the Library

Playhouse Square is offering discounted tickets to its October 27 matinee performance of Max and Ruby, a delightful musical based on Rosemary Wells' funny

bunny siblings, Max and Ruby. In addition to the discount, a portion of every ticket sold will be donated to the Library for children's programming. Ticket forms are available at the Youth Services desks at both libraries.

Want to learn more about the adventures of Max and Ruby? The Library offers special Max and Ruby Preschool Story Times at 10 am and 1:30 pm Monday, October 15 at Main Library and at 1:30 pm Tuesday, October 16 and 10 am Thursday, October 18 at Woods Branch. No registration is required.

Meet the Artists at Main Library

Meet Shaker resident and artist Amy Lewandowski from 2–4 pm Sunday, October 7 at Main Library. The artist's watercolor paintings are on display through November 9 on the second floor of the Main Library.

Artist George Kocar will be at the Main Library from 6:30–8:30 pm Thursday,

November 15. His colorful and whimsical art will be on display from November 15 through December 31.

All artwork is available for sale and a portion of the proceeds benefits the library.

Bond Funds Put to Practical Use

The successful November 2004 bond issue with the Shaker Schools provided the Library with \$1.5 million in capital improvement funds, which have been put to good use over the past few years.

The largest portion, approximately \$400,000, went toward the roofing restoration project at the Main Library. The 80-year old slate from the original Moreland School building was completely replaced with new slate, gutters were re-lined, and new copper flashing and ridge caps were added throughout. Work began in September 2005, and was completed in April 2006. (Note: Main Library had a recent leak unrelated to the roofing res-

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toration project. The problem was with the flat "Carlisle" part of the roof, which was installed by Willham Roofing in 1993 and is under warranty. The Library worked with that company to make repairs.)

The next expenditure was for a new Checkpoint security system to prevent the theft of DVDs and other audiovisual material. The security gates were installed at both Woods Branch and Main Library and put into service last May. These devices provide secure, open shelf access to DVD material and help to speed up the checkout process for all movies and music.

Perhaps the most noticeable improvement is the addition of automatic doors at the Main Library entrance. These include a double set of doors and a third set for handicap ramp access. All doors are a bi-fold design and offer a much wider entrance space to accommodate wheelchairs and strollers. Work was completed in February 2007, for a total cost of \$40,000, including architectural fees.

Another improvement due to be completed this fall, is the renovation of the public restrooms on the main floor of the Main Library. Projected cost for this improvement will be under \$30,000 as the work will be completed by library maintenance staff.

Future projects that may require the assistance of an architect, include the extension of the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system to the entire second floor of the Main Library and to make other interior changes on the second floor; expansion and finishing of the crawl space at the ground level of the Main Library to provide 5,400 sq. ft. of additional storage space, and improvement of technological capacity through the upgrading of servers, switches, and wireless equipment. Estimated costs for these projects are \$510,000, \$142,000, and \$52,000, respectively.

Library Offers Free Computer Classes

The Library offers a variety of computer classes, ranging from basic word processing to more sophisticated instruction in how to work with PowerPoint presenta-

tions and Access Database programs. All classes are free, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Computer brochures, which list class descriptions, dates and times, are available at the service desks at both libraries and online at www.shakerlibrary.org.

Friends Fall Book Sale

Friends of the Library have been busy sorting books for their Fall Book Sale to be held Thursday, October 18 through Sunday, October 21 on the second floor of the Main Library.

The fall sale features an unusual collection of Civil War books donated by an area resident. In addition there will be a huge assortment of books in a variety of categories at prices as low as 50¢, as well as movies and music in a variety of formats.

Friends' members get first pick of the books from 4-8 pm Thursday, October 18. Residents who are not members may join at the door. The sale continues from 9-4 pm Friday, October 19 and Saturday, October 20 and from 1-3 pm Sunday, October 21. All bags of books will cost only \$5.

Volunteers are always welcome to help set up for the book sale and to work during the sale. Residents who wish to volunteer should call 216-991-2030 and leave their names and phone numbers.

Endnotes

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 3-7 pm Monday, October 8. For more info, visit www.givelife.org or call 800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543).

Knits Nights at Woods Branch are held from 7-8:45 pm Thursday evenings, October 11 and November 15. Residents can bring a project and get or give help. Info: 216-991-2421.

Poetry Back in the Woods begins its tenth season with poetry readings by local poets at 7 pm Thursday, October 25 and Tuesday, November 27 at Woods Branch.

The Library is OPEN on Columbus Day, October 8 & Veterans Day, November 12. It will be CLOSED 6 pm Wednesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 22 for Thanksgiving.

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Shaker Heights is full of beans...of the coffee variety. Go ahead, indulge.

BY GAY EYERMAN
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Life can be tough. Whether you work, go to school, or raise a family, sometimes you struggle to get through the day and need some comfort. Many of us find it in coffee – or tea, hot chocolate, or even a mango smoothie. Maybe it's the caffeine that soothes us, or the routine, or the taste. Whatever, it's best at a real coffee shop (with a side of free Wi-Fi, of course).

The coffee shops serving Shaker residents sell the same core commodity. Maybe the beans come from Costa Rica, or Columbia, or Kenya. You may get them brewed as espresso, latte, or cappuccino. Maybe you even understand the intricate subtleties of roasting. Most of us have our own “taste profile” that tells us what's good. After you decide what tastes good, you probably choose a shop for its service, location, and, not least, atmosphere.

Here's a look at our local coffee shop culture. Whether you prefer a chain or the independents, you're sure to find a shop in the Shaker Heights/Shaker Square area that feels right. And just like everything else “Shaker,” there's something for everyone. The coffee culture here is rich, so take a tour yourself and find out what tastes best.

Dewey's at Shaker Square.



Dewey's Coffee

13201 Shaker Square

Shaker Square (which hugs Shaker's west border but actually is in Cleveland) is evolving yet again, this time into a restaurant destination. It received a pretty good jolt when Dewey's Coffee House arrived in 2005.

After the Arabica franchise and Joseph Beth coffee shops closed at the Square, local entrepreneur Dewey Forward (founder of the legendary Peabody's pop music venue and owner of the Popcorn Shop Factory in Chagrin Falls) seized the opportunity.

Dewey grew up in Shaker Heights, where his family operated Brown-Forward Funeral Home. He opened his first business at age seven, selling hot dogs to neighbors on Daleford Road, and is thrilled to own a coffee shop in his old stomping grounds.

"People love living here," he says. "They love the mix of people and the physical beauty. The Shaker area rivals any neighborhood in Boston or Washington or any other old-line city."

At Dewey's, there's the typical morning rush with folks grabbing a coffee and The New York Times and out the door. But on warm evenings the patio is packed. You can even bring your own wine. Despite its suburban setting, Dewey's feels like a hip urban meeting place.

Customers of all ages, interests, backgrounds, and cultures come through Dewey's doors, from soccer moms and their kids, business folks on their way to and from work, to the group of "chess guys" who are devoted regulars. The friendly baristas behind the counter have real brewing expertise and are genuinely devoted to this independent shop. Think of Dewey's as the "anti-chain." All the coffee comes from a local roaster, Phoenix Coffee. Custom orders are delivered on a day's notice for a freshness the national chains can't rival.

"We get a very strong response to our Fair Trade coffee," Dewey says. "There's a good deal of sensitivity to that in the Heights. It's very cool that way. Our customers think about the products they buy."

Dewey has even made "Fair Trade" part of his logo. "It's not just about the products we sell, but the way we treat our own employees," he says.

The food at Dewey's also gets raves. Chef and co-owner Diane Armstrong is the genius behind Dewey's kitchen.

"We eat with our eyes first, so we make a display that really looks good," says Diane. Signature breakfast items include scones with ginger and hot pecans, and fresh bagels from Bialy's in University Heights, *the* Heights place for bagels and bialys for generations.

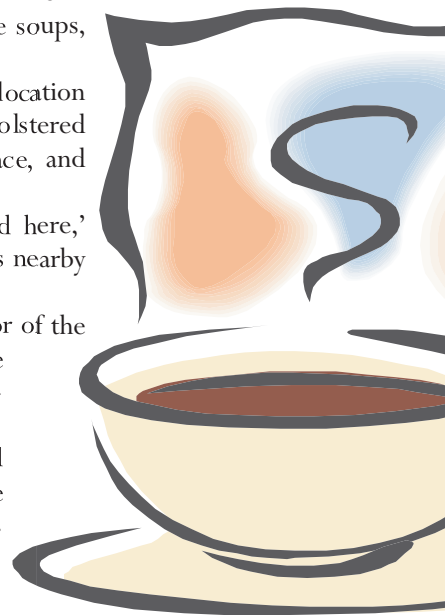
For the lunch crowd, the menu includes cranberry almond chicken salad or ham & Swiss cheese, and homemade soups, including a popular gazpacho.

Diane also created the shop's interior. The corner location has a warm and welcoming feel with its leather upholstered chairs, fresh flowers, rich earth tones, a stone fireplace, and stamped patterns on the wood floor.

"You should come into a space and say 'I feel good here,'" Diane says. "A lot of our regulars live in the apartments nearby and come to Dewey's to entertain friends."

One of those regulars, Donita Anderson, the director of the North Union Farmer's Market, which dominates the Square with thousands of customers on Saturday mornings in season, stops in regularly for meetings and tea.

"Dewey's baristas are the best in town, and the food is excellent," she says. "They use local products. The eggs come from one of the organic farms in the area. It's just a wonderful bistro."



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North Park Brew 'n Bistro

20630 North Park Blvd.

Like Shaker Square, Fairmount Circle is evolving. This former long-time Arabica franchise has a new name and offers some new selections, but remains basically the same beloved neighborhood coffeehouse. Located in northeast Shaker, the shop straddles city borders. The main address is Shaker Heights while the front patio is in University Heights.

Proprietor Mark Reich recently decided to go independent, with a new name and menu. But the coffee remains essentially the same, still roasted locally by Caruso Coffee.

These days, coffee shops are offering more than coffee and pastries. North Park Brew 'n Bistro offers a wide selection of sandwiches, salads, specialty breads, and pastries from Pincus Bakery, plus limited beer and wine selections.

"Now we can offer more desserts along with liqueur coffee drinks, or fresh sandwiches made to order, or a glass of wine with your salad," says Mark. North Park Brew 'n Bistro also offers some of the more expensive micro-brewed beers. He estimates that John Carroll students and staff represent about 20 percent of his custom-

ers, which hasn't changed in 25 years. He looks to serve the entire Heights community.

North Park Brew 'n Bistro feels big. Large windows look out onto the sidewalk patio. The crowd changes with the clock. Business people and professionals sometimes dominate in the morning. Retirees come by throughout the day to read or meet friends. Freelance writers bring in laptops. But there always seems to be room, with large round tables in the front and smaller tables for two in the back.

Service is personal but speedy. John Carroll students make up most of the serving staff. Many of them stay the four years they are in college, so there's a family feeling. Reich strives to serve great coffee, getting "local traction" over national chains, so staff training is important, especially when it comes to brewing espresso.

"Café latte traditionally is just steamed milk and espresso. But today it's become a pre-sweetened drink," he says. "You see it everywhere. 'Come and get your pumpkin lattel!' That's what Americans have become used to. With flavored coffee drinks mixed with cream, milk, and flavoring, they don't need to start with great coffee because the real taste is covered up."

Regular customer Paul Allen moved to Shaker Heights from San Francisco and loves this coffee shop. As partner in a consulting group, he uses it as an office away from home. "I like the quality of the food and the quick service and affordability. There's a nice eclectic mix of people here – it feels like San Francisco. You never know who's coming through the door. You might even see the head of a \$500 million corporation come in and grab a tuna sandwich."



Kokopelli Coffee & Tea

3427 Lee Road

Wrapped around the corner of Lee and Van Aken, Kokopelli is a cozy shop in the historic Kingsbury building across from the Main Library and the Lee Road Rapid. New owners Brian and Lafrieda Smith hope to energize a shop that nearly closed when recent road construction blocked traffic access. Parking is easy to find now, on the street or behind the building.

Customers are grateful for that. As a graduate student at Case Western Reserve University, Kent business professor Velvet Landingham spent many hours working on her dissertation in Kokopelli.

"I went for the atmosphere," she says. "I like a coffeehouse that's quaint, not sterile. The pricing is lower than the others and it's near my home. I like living where people are out walking."

While coffee prices continue to rise everywhere, you won't find overpriced pumpkin lattes at Kokopelli. Your basic coffee and doughnut special is only \$2. The coffee features beans roasted locally by the original owner, Rick Sheehan.

The fare is simple but adequate, including espresso, cappuccino, latte, and café mocha. A packaged sausage, egg, and cheese croissant is just \$1.99. Lunch or dinner options include subs, wings, and sandwiches. For the morning crowd, a TV gives local news and weather. Jazz plays in the afternoons and evenings, and there's live folk guitar once a month.

Local students like Shaker High sophomore Lindsey Gänder like to stop by after a trip to the library or to work on a project with friends.

"I'm not a big coffee fan but they have great cookies and hot chocolate. It's very nice and comfortable. I can walk or ride my bike – and one time I stayed three hours and they never kicked me out!"

The Smiths also plan special senior discounts, and hope to attract Van Aken residents living next door at the new, upscale Avalon Station condos.

"Customers in Shaker are extremely nice, polite, and patient. I hope they'll support us as we grow," says Smith.



Starbucks

3470 Warrensville Center Road

There has been an anti-chain store movement for years in Shaker, which is sometimes loud and at other times not so. It barely made a peep when this corporate giant took the space at the busy intersection of Warrensville Center and Van Aken a few years ago, perhaps because of the high quality of the Starbucks product.

Starbucks has more than 6,000 shops in the U.S. alone, so it's safe to say it defines the term "brand leader." The Shaker Starbucks is a hot spot on weekday mornings, offering – like all Starbucks – 87,000 possible beverage combinations, if you include all the syrups, milks, and condiments. (Starbucks rarely if ever consents to interviews and, accordingly, would not talk to Shaker Life.)

As at any international chain, you know what you'll get on any given day, and that day's coffee at Starbucks is the same whether served in Seattle, Pittsburgh, or Parma. The Starbucks taste is distinctive, and most customers are passionate fans.

Starbucks is the driving force behind the specialty drink trend. Their signature drink combines coffee, milk, and a flavoring. They also sell a variety of juices, smoothies, and non-homemade cakes, muffins, brownies, and other sweets.

Befitting what some anti-chain critics call the "McDonald's of coffee," production line efficiency reigns at Starbucks. One employee takes your money, another prepares your drink and you move to the side to wait for it. You're sure to get an awesome café mocha, but because the espresso machines are automated, the baristas might not have the expertise you find at locally owned shops.

The Shaker Starbucks is clean and elegant, with burgundy walls, ceramic tile floors, maple furniture, photo art, and lots of Starbucks merchandise for sale. A separate room with tables, lamps and a fireplace in the back is a big plus.

Meeting space is a big draw at the Shaker Starbucks. One local businessman says, "People have zero objections to meeting at Starbucks. I've had 30 or 40 meetings there. I order orange juice for myself – and buy coffee for the person I'm meeting with."

Other Options

◀ **Panera Bread** (left), 20060 Van Aken Blvd. Part of the ubiquitous national chain that specializes in baked goods, the Shaker Panera is owned and operated by Sam Covelli out of Warren, who is the largest Panera franchisee in the U.S. Panera is crowded in the mornings with newspaper-reading coffee drinkers, many of them retirees from the apartments and condos along Van Aken and Chagrin boulevards. The coffee is self-service, tapped from piping hot urns, and customers tend to help themselves to several cups. Try a Panera-made cherry Danish on the side. Or maybe a croissant. Or sourdough French toast with strawberry rhubarb jam. Or Eggs Benedict with crab on ciabatta bread. Or....

Sands Blue Line Café, 20255 Van Aken Blvd. This traditional deli has been part of the Shaker scene for more years than most people have memory capacity for. It was pretty dark and old-school (think Corky and Lenny's) until it was spiffed up in the 1990s and turned into a '50s nostalgia trip. Good old rock and roll spills onto the sidewalk in front; customers come in on Sunday mornings, many of them fresh from Mass at St. Dominic, bobbing their heads and singing "Runaround Sue" under their breath. The coffee is inconsistent but that's okay because the lox and bagels are, uh, divine, and the salmon scramble is the best in town.

– Rory O'Connor





Dan Amato and Jen Skirball Amato
at home on Winslow Road.



Double Duty

Shaker's two-family homes on Winslow Road offer buyers various lifestyle options in a historic landmark district.

BY RITA KUEBER
PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB



The Amatos' kitchen and dining room.

Just what does its historic landmark designation mean to the Winslow Road homeowner? It means preservation of a unique neighborhood and the opportunity for innovative living for anyone wanting to take advantage of all Shaker Heights has to offer. The nearly mile-long district offers tree-lined sidewalks, proximity to shopping, and the friendliest neighbors in town.

As Shaker Heights expanded under the watchful eyes of the Van Sweringen brothers in the 1920s, the Vans were inspired to experiment, creating the two-family house with a modern twist: They set aside an entire street and challenged their architects to create spaces that were self-contained, full-sized homes, fitting two units onto one lot.

More than 70 years later, Winslow Road homeowners reap the benefits of this keen vision. While the cost of a two-family on Winslow is comparable to the cost of a single-family home, owners can turn their roomy interiors into sources of additional income or peace of mind, or both.

Three of the most common uses for these double-duty homes — as home offices, as a multi-generation homes, and as a sound real estate investments — are helping Winslow Road retain its character and vitality.

A Home-based Business

Color, light, and space

Despite the number of accomplished professionals in Shaker Heights, it's fair to say most probably don't have their graduate thesis displayed on their dining room wall. Jen Skirball Amato, a graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, might be the exception. Her series of deconstructed glass shapes arrayed along the wine-colored wall is a strong focal point in the beautifully decorated space.

With dramatic colors and a lot of elbow grease, Jen and her husband Dan, a fellow CIA grad, are in the process of transforming their 1926 two-family house into both an artist's studio and a welcoming home.

The couple looked "everywhere" for housing that would allow living space and studio space under the same roof, from downtown Cleveland live/work spaces to industrial buildings. It wasn't until a family friend mentioned they were selling their two-family on Winslow that the artists' plan fell into place.

Although the house was at the top of their price point, its excellent condition, appeal, and suitability convinced them to buy. "I grew up in Shaker Heights and wanted to stay," Jen says.

The couple lives on the second and third floors. (The second floor, with living and dining rooms, kitchen, bath, and den, is the "main" floor.) In warm weather, open windows allow the breeze to flow freely throughout the rooms and the front yard is dominated by rows of lilies in rainbow hues.

Jen's compact third-floor studio is filled with a kaleidoscopic array of art materials illuminated by soft, natural light pouring in through a sizeable window. The view from her workspace skims the tops of the neighborhood's hardwood trees. The rest of the upper floor includes another bathroom and a large, loft-like master suite that's part sitting room, part storage, and part sleeping alcove.

Jen and Dan have made modest changes to the upper bathroom, main floor kitchen and back bedroom, now a TV room/den. The main floor's full bath was completely renovated from the studs up, with the couple doing all the work themselves. As an artist, Jen expresses both disappointment and pride in the room's renovation.

"Someone glued a plastic shower backing onto the original tiles with big glops of the wrong product," she says. "When we pulled it off the wall, these beautiful, chiseled tiles came too. We tried to save them, but the glaze was ruined."





Jen and Dan found that digging deeper into the bathroom walls was the best way to go and now the bathroom is a beautiful light-filled oasis that glows with whites and blues.

The remainder of the main floor layout shows additional evidence of the couple's eye for color and attention to planes of light and space. Visitors seem to float from living room to kitchen to back hall and den. In the back hallway the couple removed unneeded doors and unified the hall and the sitting room/den with a soothing beige and blue combination, adding charm while avoiding the "cut up" feeling sometimes found in older homes.

Other completed projects include a new driveway and the addition of air conditioning for the third floor. Downstairs rooms (those on the true ground floor) received fresh paint and new carpeting. They rent the first floor to Jen's brother, a medical student, and his fiancé. "We rent at family rates," Jen smiles, "but then we have built-in cat sitters when we need to leave for a show. It's allowed us a lot of flexibility."

The Carrs (above) live in a two-family previously occupied by the Woodle family (left, circa 1930). One of the home's two living rooms, 2007 (opposite page).

Certified Shaker

Membership has its rewards

Certified Shaker is the only rental property improvement program of its kind in the U.S. Its multi-faceted approach aims to preserve some of the City's most historic and in-demand properties, while it encourages an engaged neighborhood, one filled with life and activity.

Its successes are not lost on the rest of the country. This September, Kamla Lewis, Director of Neighborhood Revitalization, spoke to a national audience about the benefits and challenges of the program.

Certified Shaker is more than just an improvement program. It's really an ongoing process. Landlords call the neighborhood revitalization office every day. Some want instruction on what renters are seeking and assistance with being a better landlord. Some want help pricing their rental units. Still others want advice on how to screen tenants or how to rehab their property. The program provides all this information and more.

Kamla Lewis describes a recent example: "One owner had the same tenant for 20 years. He never needed to look for another tenant, then suddenly, he does. Well, renter demands have changed in that time. Through our process he became certified, and afterwards, got a new tenant right away."

Currently there are 1,248 units in the City that have earned the Certified Shaker designation. That's 29 percent of Shaker's rental housing stock.

"We did not anticipate this kind of success," Kamla says. "The certification is for an exclusive club, and we're very pleased with the demand for the service."

Realtors were one market that had not been considered at the start of the program, but who are now big fans. "Salespeople who promote a two-family will seek to get it certified," Lewis says. "That way, the investor can narrow down the options." Certified Shaker properties are marketed by the City at no cost via Shaker Life and the City's website.

In partnership with Certified Shaker, the City offers the Home Repair Grant for homeowners along the Winslow Road two-family corridor. The grant program offers compensation to homeowners who are income eligible, current with property taxes (or have an approved payment plan with the Cuyahoga County Treasurer's Office), and have no violations. Working with the City and the Certified Shaker program helped Jerry Morgan as well as the Skirball Amato family to replace their driveways.

"The average time it takes to get a Certified Shaker property to find a tenant (in the average price range of \$750–\$1,000/monthly) is four weeks, compared to the standard of several months for properties without the designation," Kamla Lewis says. "It just makes good sense for landlords to use these services."

– Rita Kueber





Multi-Generational Living Music and family

“We wanted a ‘wow’ house,” Marie Carr says. “It took us over a year to find it, but we have what we wanted.”

Jim and Marie Carr and their children, Brendan 13, Laura 12, and Owen 10, live on the second and third floors of a two-family Winslow Road house. Ron and Jane Carr, Jim’s parents, live below on the first floor.

The L-shaped house was designed for maximum privacy for both families by architect Louis Meyer (who lived there for eight years).

“We leave the interior doors open when we’re home,” Marie explains. “And the kids are very respectful of their grandparents’ space.”

The children’s rooms are on the third floor because they enjoy the space, but also so that Jim and Marie can entertain and enjoy their own floor, like a separate wing. The only truly shared area of the house is the basement, where two sets of washers and driers sit by two separate water heaters.

“I’ll run into Jane while we’re doing laundry in the basement. Otherwise, the house is built so we don’t have to see each other unless we want to,” Marie says, joking.

The Carr’s decision to live together as two families was not made quickly. The process took about 18 months, including one failed bid for another Winslow Road house. Ron and Jane moved in first, from their ranch home in Highland Heights. They took the ground floor suite.

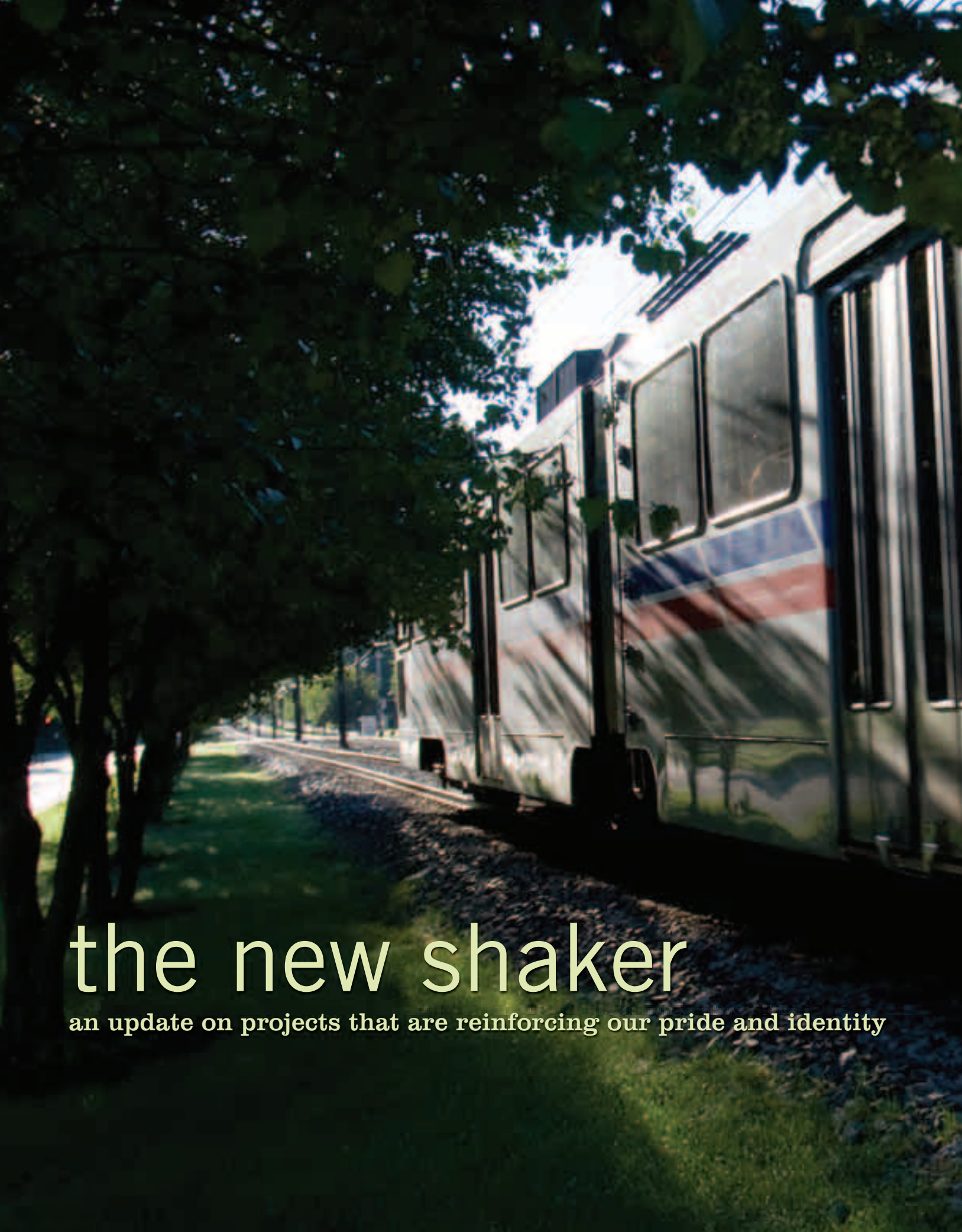
At purchase, the house was in good shape with copper pipes and ‘good bones.’ The exterior needed routine cleaning and maintenance, and the interior needed only cosmetic updates.

The ground-floor kitchen got a new floor and a new wall to accommodate a larger stove. A craftsman was hired to repair and enhance various details throughout the house: the woodwork surrounding the downstairs fireplace and the wooden railing on the upstairs sun porch, with special attention given to matching the original remaining pieces. Jim and Marie refurbished the hardwood floors upstairs themselves.



The Carr family home (left). Teacher Jerry Morgan and his high school son, Jerrick.

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the new shaker

an update on projects that are reinforcing our pride and identity



Sussex Courts: **Check.**

Shaker Town Center: **Check.**

South Park Row: **Finished.**

Thornton Park: **Done.**

Avalon Station: **Ready to launch.**

Horseshoe Lake: **Almost done.**

Shaker Multi-purpose Trail: **In progress.**



sussex courts



town center

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

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Shaker is steadily working its way down the “shopping list” of initiatives that grew from the initial 2000 Strategic Investment Plan. Each new housing, commercial revitalization, and recreational project completed moves the City a step closer to “enhancing its role as an extremely desirable and highly prized residential community.”

Now, all eyes are on the next item on the “to-do” list, which is a monumental one: redevelopment of the 60-acre Warrensville-Van Aken commercial district where the RTA Blue Line ends.

The wheels were set in motion for the large-scale redevelopment project in May 2006 when Stark Enterprises was asked to partner with the City on the formulation of a master development plan for the Warrensville-Van Aken district. Stark Enterprises is the local company behind Eton Chagrin Boulevard in Woodmere, Crocker Park in Westlake, and other high-profile, mixed-used, and lifestyle centers throughout Northeast Ohio.

In late August, City Council hired The Planning Partnership from Toronto (with URS Cleveland and Basile Baumann Prost Associates) to conduct a comprehensive traffic study and lead residents in a process to create a transit-oriented development (TOD) plan for the area.

The first public discussions will be held in October. The exact dates and times are posted on the City’s website. Residents are invited to share their preferences for the future of the area. At a second public meeting in November, residents will provide feedback on fixing the traffic, and on the preliminary TOD recommendations. If all goes as scheduled, a TOD plan will be adopted in late January 2008.

The mission isn’t just to fix the congested, accident-ridden, six-way intersection. Instead, ambitious City leaders hope to partner with private developers and other public bodies in order to retool the entire commercial district into an exciting, urbane, transit-oriented, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use district equal to any in the United States. They envision a “destination” where people from Shaker and beyond will be eager to work, shop, dine, reside, and have fun.



south park row

thornton park

avalon station

The redevelopment study area extends from the City’s parking lot at Farnsleigh Road on the north to the former Office Max headquarters on the south and from the former Qua Buick building on the east to the intersection of Van Aken and Farnsleigh on the west. This area is being studied because many of the properties within this district are functionally obsolete, economically underutilized and lacking in design quality. In fact, as is noted in the City’s Strategic Investment Plan, “The image and character of these commercial areas are not of the same quality as Shaker Heights’ residential neighborhoods, and fail to serve as a shared focus of community pride and identity.”

As compelling as the grand vision for the area ultimately may be, all parties agree that the project must begin humbly with a traffic analysis and plan. “It’s the fundamental starting point for the redevelopment of the entire area,” explains Joyce Braverman, Shaker’s Director of Planning.

With 65,000 cars working their way through it each day, the Warrensville Center Road-Van Aken Boulevard-Chagrin Boulevard intersection ranks as the fifth busiest in Cuyahoga County, and the site of more traffic accidents than any other location in Shaker.

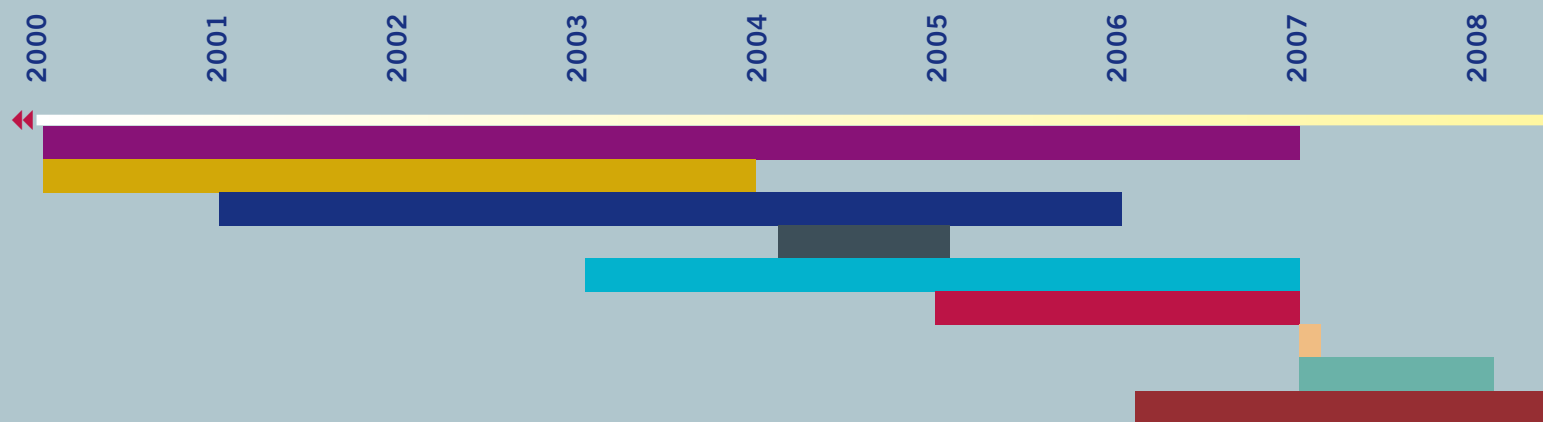
“We had to start with the traffic study in order to answer this fundamental question: How can we tame the traffic and the intersection?” says Braverman. “Everyone knows that the intersection does not work well and needs to be fixed. So how do we fix it? Do we do something with the light timing? Do we reorient the roads to make traffic flow better? And how might existing traffic be impacted by the area’s redevelopment?”

As part of the initial Strategic Investment Plan vision, a traffic circle was proposed as a possible way to improve the intersection. “The idea had a lot of aesthetic appeal and support,” Braverman says. “But further study showed that a traffic circle would not improve the flow of traffic through the intersection. Now, we’re seeking solutions that can both improve traffic flow and create significant redevelopment parcels. If we can achieve that, we will be on our way to redeveloping a mixed-use district that has vitality and life.”

“There is both traffic congestion and confusion at the Warrensville Center intersection, where too many lanes of traffic come together from too many different directions. The transit stop and bus transfer zone are lost in a sea of asphalt and are not connected to the nearby retail activity.”

– Strategic Investment Plan, 2000

major project timeline



Shaker Town Center / Avalon Station 2000-07

\$63m redevelopment, including \$38m Avalon Station condominiums, \$3m shopping center improvements to façade, \$5m firehouse, \$13m public improvements, \$2.5m rehab of historic storefronts on south side



Sussex Courts 2000-04

46 units with a project value of \$20m, \$2.5m in public investment and \$17.6m in private investment



South Park Row 2001-06

16 units with a \$7m value, no public investment

Recreation & Leisure Plan 2004-05

Prioritized recreation initiatives.
Several improvements resulted from the plan.

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Horseshoe Lake Improvements 2003-07

60-acre park. Phase I improvements include: 2 new picnic shelters, natural children's playground, trails. Totals \$750k in improvements

Thornton Park Improvements 2005-07

13-acre park, improvements include renovation of competition pool, current channel, new tot pool, sprayground, basketball, skateboard park, new parking area and landscaping. Totals \$3.5m in improvements

Shaker Boulevard Median Trail 2007

1.5 mile multi-purpose trail from Warrensville Center Road to Sulgrave Road, links to Beachwood trail. Cost of \$500k

Shaker Median Soccer Field 2007-08

One soccer field across from Shaker Middle School. Cost of \$340k

Warrensville – Van Aken 2006-17 (est.)

Redevelopment of the 60-acre Warrensville-Van Aken commercial district, where the RTA Blue Line ends.



Transit-oriented Development – The New Frontier

Because of its light rail lines, Shaker has the opportunity to participate in what is being deemed, “the new frontier in urban development.” In June, the *Wall Street Journal* noted that, “In cities across the country, mass-transit lines are the new frontier in urban development. In dozens of cities – from Charlotte, N.C., to Houston, Denver, and Portland, Ore. – some of the hottest redevelopment projects are happening next to new local train stations. Aging transit hubs and stops along new and expanded train lines are being transformed into multi-use developments that offer housing, retailing, restaurants and offices.”

Transit-oriented developments, or TODs, mix residential, retail, office, open space, and public uses in a walkable environment, making it convenient for residents and employees to travel by transit, bicycle, foot, or car.

Cities like Shaker Heights look to TOD as a way to:

- Attract and retain residents with a rich mix of housing, shopping, and transportation choices
- Generate revenue for the public and private sectors
- Create a sense of place and community
- Boost transit ridership and minimize traffic

Shaker’s Planning and Economic Development teams have visited several examples of TOD across the country. Planning Director Braverman points to Englewood, in Denver, CO, Bethesda Row in Maryland, and Ballston Station in Arlington, VA as prime examples of successful TOD.



Examples of successful TOD: Portland (above), Washington, DC (top right), and Boulder, CO.



Patrick Campbell, Director of Economic Development, sees the creation of appealing redevelopment parcels as crucial. “In order to pursue redevelopment projects that will truly transform Shaker’s tax base, changing the geometry of the intersection to create new parcels that are attractive to developers is essential. The shopping centers that are there now sit on odd-shaped pieces of land, which have very little redevelopment potential.”

Fixing the traffic pattern and creating desirable land parcels for redevelopment are two pieces of the puzzle; the third piece, Braverman says, involves transit. “The goal of the City and RTA is to create an efficient and attractive ‘intermodal hub’, where many different modes of transport interconnect,” she says. “This new facility at end of the Blue Line Rapid will have areas where bus-to-train interconnections are pleasant and easy as well as facilities for users who come by car, bicycle, or on foot.”

Braverman says this state-of-the-art transit station will provide users with connections to destinations served by the Rapid such as Shaker Square, downtown Cleveland and its waterfront attractions, as well as new and expanded bus service to destinations throughout the Heights and eastern suburbs including the new University Hospital facilities at Chagrin Highlands.

New transit-oriented development and an intermodal hub would not be possible without the City’s existing light rail transit lines. “Already having the rail lines is a huge advantage,” Braverman says. “If we had to start from scratch today, creating this public transit infrastructure would be prohibitively expensive. Shaker’s planners had great foresight.”



Warrensville-Van Aken redevelopment district.

Nevertheless, she advises, full-scale redevelopment is still several years away. “It can take years to get the funding needed to make major transportation improvements. Realistically, we’re probably looking at groundbreaking for new mixed-use development in five to six years, following the initial changes to the street design and the rail station.”

Campbell agrees. “It’s no coincidence that the Warrensville-Van Aken redevelopment project follows the City’s other strategic investment initiatives,” he says. “It is by far the largest, most complex, and most significant of all.” Each Strategic Investment Plan project, he notes, “has been a building block for the next, in terms of attracting investors and tenants, securing project funding, and building our experience and expertise in increasingly large and complex project management.”

Campbell stresses that all of the work must be carefully phased because it is not possible to do whole-scale redevelopment at one time. “The public-private partners will have to formulate complex temporary access and relocation plans working within the constraints of an older, established suburb which demands top-quality products,” he says. “Shaker and all of our public and private partners are committed to extraordinarily attentive project planning and management. We are committed to delivering new development that achieves the highest level of design and construction.” ■



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HAPPY HOMECOMING

The Grammy-nominated SHHS grad is still true to his school.

BY MARY ELIZABETH HURN

As a composer and pianist, Jim Brickman knows the importance of performance space. Just before heading out on a national tour behind his 16th album, *Homecoming*, Jim is returning to Shaker on October 5 to perform a benefit, sponsored by the Shaker Schools Foundation, for the renovation of Shaker High's large performance auditorium. Jim himself performed in the auditorium while a student at Shaker High in the 1970s.

When he was four years old, Jim begged his parents to buy him a piano. Settling for a piece of green felt with keys drawn on it, he had found his calling. (An actual piano soon followed.) At 15, long before Jim was collaborating with the likes of Olivia Newton-John and Kenny Loggins, he worked as a rehearsal pianist at Heights Youth Theater in Cleveland. Jim graduated from SHHS in 1979 and attended the Cleveland Institute of Music and Case Western Reserve University. He lives in Los Angeles.

His original instrumental pop has landed him four number-one singles on the Adult Contemporary music charts, six gold and platinum-certified albums, and a 2003 Grammy nomination for Best Pop Instrumental Album, *Peace*. He is also the recipient of the Gospel Music Association's Dove Award.

On top of his musical career, Jim is the author of two books: *Simple Things* and *Love Notes: 101 Lessons from the Heart*. He is also the host of the nationally-syndicated weekly radio show, *Your Weekend with Jim Brickman*.

Over the years, Jim's music has transitioned from solo piano pieces to incorporating guest vocals. *Homecoming* features a collaboration with Lonestar frontman Richie McDonald, one of the biggest stars in country music. On his previous album, *Escape*, Jim joined up with the late R&B singer Gerald Levert, also a SHHS alum. He has also worked with Carly Simon, Michael Bolton, and Donny Osmond.

Joining Jim at the benefit will be long-time friend, colleague – and yet another SHHS graduate – singer Anne Cochran, class of 1977. Jim took some time to speak with Shaker Life about his new album, the process of collaboration, and why he misses Shaker Heights.

HAPPY HOMECOMING

While at Shaker High, did you ever perform in the large auditorium that is being renovated? I was the pianist with the school's orchestra, the Shaker Orchestra. All of our concerts were at the auditorium. I also played for one of the talent shows we did during my sophomore year.

Why do you think restoring the auditorium is so important?

The auditorium embodies culture, the arts, community, life. It's important to have a place for students to speak and be heard, to perform and to enjoy, where they can take part in those activities that make us a civilized people.

Tell us a bit about your transition from Shaker High to the Cleveland Institute of Music. I was actually attending classes at the Institute while still going to Shaker, so the transition was really pretty seamless.



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What is your favorite memory about growing up in Shaker?

The natural beauty of Shaker Heights is what I remember most. The green-ness and, of course, the Shaker Lakes. I even wrote a song called "Shaker Lakes" on my first CD, *No Words*. Living in Los Angeles, I miss the lush trees and the change of seasons, especially autumn.

You were the rehearsal pianist at the Heights Youth Theatre – which, by the way, is more than 50 years old now.

My high school friend Meg Tippet was acting in plays there. She told me they needed a pianist. So I got the job and was the accompanist for all the shows. I also was the musical director for four years. Many of my friends from the theatre are still my closest friends today.

Your 16th album, *Homecoming*, is coming out in October. An appropriate title. You collaborated as a writer with Lonestar lead singer Richie McDonald. Richie is a wonderful songwriter – very forthcoming with ideas, sounds, and lyrics. Collaborating is an incredible creative process. Every time I write with someone new, I learn from them. We each bring our thoughts

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and ideas to the piano. There's a lot of give and take. In the end we meld it all together into a song.

Anne Cochran, with whom you overlapped at Shaker High, will be joining you at the auditorium renovation benefit. How did you meet? Anne and I met at her locker at Shaker High after I heard her sing in an original school production of a musical called LISTEN! I just went up to her and asked her if she'd sing in my band – which at the time was just me at the piano. For some reason, she agreed. We went on to win the You Light Up My Life Talent Competition, sponsored by a local radio station called G98.

She's also joining you on your upcoming tour.

I'm happy that Anne will be performing with me on the 2007 Holiday Homecoming Tour. It's a happy homecoming for both of us.

What can the audience at the benefit expect to hear?

You'll hear songs from my CD *Escape*, and a sneak preview of *Homecoming*. And of course I'll be playing the hits because audiences love hearing the hits, and we love playing them...and a bit of a musical trip down memory lane.

Musician, coast-to-coast radio host, and successful author: What can we expect from you in years to come?

I hope to continue writing and performing, but I also want to help other artists reach out to their fan bases. I have a company called Brickhouse Direct that works with artists to develop their websites and utilize the Internet to market themselves and their music to their fullest potential. Oh, and maybe someday I'd like to write for movies or a Broadway show.

Double Duty

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Jim and Marie's half is distinctly Tudor in character, with timbers and "white-washed" walls. The gallery/staircase is a cozy workspace that Marie has claimed for her calligraphy work.

"I sit here when I'm working," Marie says of the alcove, "and Jim sits below in the living room to rehearse." Jim is the music director at St. Dominic Church, and also plans music for the religious services at Beaumont School and John Car-

The Morgan family home.



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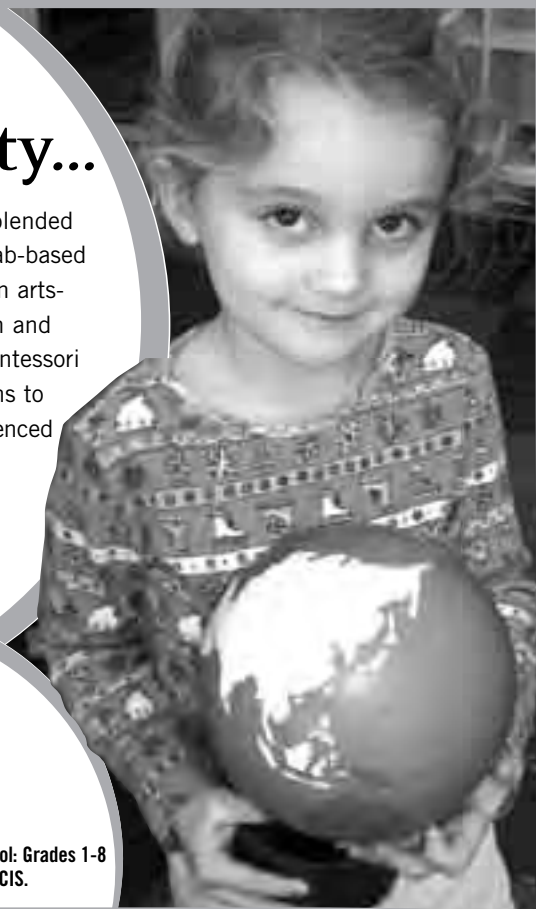
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roll University. Additionally he performs as a singer and guitarist at venues that include nearby Rudy's Pub in the Van Aken Shopping Center.

Ron and Jane's half has a completely different layout, with a bigger kitchen and breakfast nook.

The property has been used as a multi-generational home for some 70 years. Soon after the senior Carrs moved in, members of the Woodle family, in town for a funeral, stopped to ask permission to tour the house. The visitors had grown up in the house. They recalled their beloved aunt who lived downstairs. Jane Carr continues to correspond with the family, who gave her a photo of the Woodle family sitting on the stoop circa 1930.

Live & Earn The benefits of Shaker real estate

While most of the homes on Winslow were built by 1929, there are several newcomers built in the 1950s. Jerry Morgan, a teacher and wrestling coach at Shaw High School in East Cleveland, owns and lives in one. He takes advantage of the home's double duty by renting out the second unit. With income from the rental, Morgan is able to keep his investment in top condition.

Three years ago, Jerry and his 16-year-old son, Jerrick, moved to Shaker Heights so that Jerrick could attend Shaker public schools. As both a parent and educator, Jerry knew that his son would benefit immensely from the amenities offered by the Shaker system.

One day, while exploring the new neighborhood, Jerry made a wrong turn and found himself on Winslow Road. There he spotted "his" house, which was for sale. Jerry characterizes himself as a saver and investor in stocks. This was something new.

"I had never tried real estate, but this house was an investment in something I could actually see," he says. "You'd nev-

Ron and Jane's spacious kitchen (right).

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er know that it's a two-family home just looking at it," he says. "It looks like a single home."

Around that time he was noticing that a number of his associates who had left teaching to retire were returning to work out of financial necessity.

"I didn't want that to be me in a couple of years," he says. "I knew a house in Shaker Heights would be a good investment. With my own retirement approaching, I thought I could swing it."

After checking myriad details, including tax benefits, Jerry decided the house was an excellent opportunity. The family living in the other half of the two-family home also has school-age children. The two families share the house, blending busy high school students, busy parents and everyone's complicated schedules.

Jerry and his son enjoy plenty of space – living room, dining room, and kitchen, two bedrooms and two full baths. "We split the basement with our tenants," Jerry says. "We have two furnaces, two air conditioners, two water heaters, and our own washers and dryers. There's separate storage space. It works out."

The house was in good repair when purchased, but Jerry found himself learning how to handle the regular maintenance and cosmetic repairs.

"Last year I looked like a painter," he laughs, "but I think I've really improved the curb appeal of the house." Jerry has repaired minor leaks, painted the exterior and garage door, restored the lawn, trimmed trees, and added a new front door. He's also repainted most of the interior rooms.

New bay windows were installed with help from the City's "Go Green" Rebate Program (see shakeronline.com for more information). "On a teacher's salary that extra money really helped," he says. And the rental income was invaluable.

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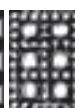


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MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 3 can play, make friends, and network. Monday, Wednesday, & Thursday 4-6 pm and Friday 3:30-5:30 pm for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5. FEES AND INFO: 216-921-2023.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center. 6-8 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. 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 for home

daycare providers and their children birth to age 5, co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

FRIDAYS beginning Nov. 2: Baby Talk, 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, PATRICIA S. MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. An informal discussion group led by Play and Learn Station Coordinator Ellen Barcus. Opportunity for parents and care-givers to meet others raising infants. The focus of the program is to encourage sharing personal experiences. \$25/5-session passes; \$7/person per session. INFO: 216-991-2023.



Ongoing Activities for Adults

SATURDAYS: Stewardship Saturday, 10 AM-NOON, NATURE CENTER. Contribute to the Nature Center's mission by helping with outdoor projects. Be prepared to get your hands dirty while making new friends! Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

SATURDAYS: Nature Walks, 3:30-4:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door of the exhibit area for a one-hour, naturalist-led trek around the trails. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

WEEKENDS THRU OCT. 28: Stewardship Center Construction Weekends, NATURE CENTER. Build the Nature Center's new Stewardship Center. Volunteers help with a variety of construction jobs. Upon completion, the stewardship center will serve as a home for land steward volunteers, a visitor gathering spot, and an outdoor sustainability exhibit. INFO: 216-321-5935 OR VISIT www.ShakerLakes.org for a construction timeline and hours when volunteers are needed.

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Events for *October*

Oct. 2: **Environmental Town Hall**
Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 PM, NATURE CENTER. Richard Hyams, Nature Center volunteer, presents *Go Wild with Native Plants in Your Backyard*, and shares his expertise on the region's native plants. Free. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Oct. 3: **Shaker Heights 101: The Story Behind the "Garden City" Suburb, 7 PM,** SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM. Delve into the history of Shaker Heights and discover little-known facts with Sabine Kretzschmar, Executive Director of The Shaker Historical Society. Meghan Hayes, Local History Librarian at the Shaker Heights Public Library, discusses some resources that may be helpful when researching your Shaker Heights home. Free. INFO: 216-921-1201.

Oct. 4: **International Education Symposium, 7 PM,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Key-note speaker Lisa Ling. \$30 for Thursday, October 4 only. \$200 October 4 and October 5 events. INFO: BITTY DORR AT bdorr@hb.edu, 216-320-8095 OR www.hb.edu/globaled.

Oct. 5: **International Education Symposium, 8 AM-4 PM,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Keynote speaker Elizabeth Kolbert, afternoon sessions and much more. Registration required. \$175 for October 5 events only. \$200 for October 4 and October 5 events. INFO: BITTY DORR AT bdorr@hb.edu, 216-320-8095, OR www.hb.edu/globaled.

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Oct. 5: Free Friday Flick, 1:30 PM, COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch *The Queen* starring Helen Mirren, Michael Sheen, and James Cromwell. Free.

Oct. 5: After All These Years, 7:30 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Shaker Schools Foundation benefit concert featuring Jim Brickman (SHHS 1979) and Anne Cochran (SHHS 1977). Come back to school and benefit the renovation of the Shaker Heights High School Large Auditorium. Tickets: \$50, \$75 and \$125. INFO: 216-295-4329 OR www.shaker.org/foundation.

Oct. 6: Shaker Schools Foundation Tailgate Party, NOON, SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL. Relive the glory days then watch the Raiders tackle Mentor High School. Homecoming Dance 8-11 pm.

Oct. 7: Hike or Bike for Nature/ Jenny Goldman Fund Benefit, 8 AM-1 PM, NATURE CENTER. Make your own trail mix, grab a cup of coffee before your hike, and enjoy music, games for the children, and a balloon artist! Enjoy a bike ride and a variety of hikes. Pre-registration fee for Hike for Nature is \$18/adults; \$10/ages 3 to 12; and \$12/13 & up. Create teams and collect pledges to win prizes. Proceeds benefit the Jenny Goldman Memorial Nature Outreach Fund, which is dedicated to providing education and experiences in nature to underserved urban youth in Cleveland. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Oct. 7: 4th Annual Family Fall Funfest, 2-6 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Games, arts & crafts, pony rides, petting zoo, the Flower Clown balloon artist, Euclid Beach Rocket, bouncers,

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Oct. 8: Tour Your Schools Day, 9:30 AM-3 PM. See education in action. Tour one or more of your Shaker Schools. INFO: 216-295-4000.

Oct 8: Wood Working for Boys and Girls, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 4-8) have fun learning to use tools safely for wood-working projects, including assembling pre-cut wood kits as well as constructing projects from scrap wood with a parent/guardian. \$58/4-week session (Oct. 8-29). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Oct. 9: Voter Registration Deadline. “Bad officials are elected by good citizens who do not vote.”
— George Jean Nathan.

Oct. 9: Parent University, 7:30-9 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Educational psychologist and early childhood educator, Susan Glaser and pediatrician Arthur Lavin, present *Waking up to Knowing Sleep: Understanding and Managing Your Young Child's Sleep Issues*. The speakers are co-authors of the books *Baby and Toddler Sleep Solutions for Dummies* and *Who's the Boss? Moving Families from Conflict to Collaboration*. \$5/person; registration required. INFO: 216-921-2023.

Oct. 10: Dangerous Book Club for Kids, 4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. 5th & 6th graders only. Make the world's greatest paper airplane. INFO: 991-2030.

Oct. 11: Nature Photography Club, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Photo Club member Lori Molesky shows and talks about her work with nature. Free. INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHLE, 216-321-5935 EXT. 237.

Oct. 11, 12, 13 & 14: Fall Trunk Show, 5-8:30 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Browse and buy from jewelry designer Lois Becker's latest creations, necklaces, earrings, pins, and bracelets. Oct. 12-14: 12:30-5 pm. INFO: 216-921-3083.



Oct. 11: Banned Books Week Celebration, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Connie Schultz and Jason Jaffery, Development Director of the ACLU, speak about the freedom of speech and the library unveils its freedom-to-read flag that proclaims *Shaker Reads Freely*, which was created by children and adults. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Oct. 12: Professional Day. Shaker Schools closed.

Oct. 12: Fall Visitation Day, 8:15 AM-1:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Girls interested in applying for grades 3-12 are invited to meet HB students, faculty, and administrators, attend classes, tour the School, visit the new aquatic center, and find out why HB is like no other! Reservations required: 216-320-8767.



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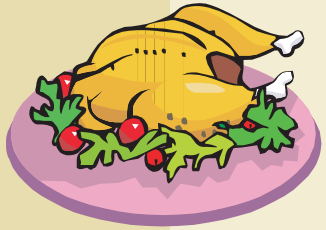

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Oct. 13, 14, 20 & 21:

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Oct. 14: **Reading Group Rumble, 2-4 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Celebrate Reading Group Month! Bring your book group for an afternoon of sharing complete with treats and prizes. Win a gift basket for your book group. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Oct 15: **Art, 10:30 AM OR 11:30 AM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) 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 with parent/guardian. \$45/ 5-week session (Oct 15-Nov. 12). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Oct. 17: **Art II, 4:15 PM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children have fun learning how to paint like Picasso, build like Rodin, and print like Warhol. Children (ages 4-6) work with a variety of media including paint, clay, pastels and watercolors with parent/guardian. \$40/4-week session (Oct. 17-Nov. 14). Info Karen Goulandris, 216-929-0201.

Oct. 18: **Local Candidates Forum, 7 PM**, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. The League of Women Voters offers an opportunity to meet the candidates running for office in town.

Oct. 18-21: **Friends Fall Book Sale**, MAIN LIBRARY.
(See Library News for hours.)



Oct. 18: **Shaker Rocks: Where Geology & History Collide, Part I, 7:30-9 PM**, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Learn about the region's rocks with David Saja, Curator and Head of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Mineralogy Department. Shaker Historical Society Director Sabine Kretzschmar speaks about how the Shakers and others used this rich natural resource. \$2/members of either organization; \$5/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Oct. 20: **Shaker Rocks: Where Geology & History Collide, Part II, 1-3 PM**, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Join David Saja, Curator and Head of the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Mineralogy Department for a walk along the Doan Brook Gorge to explore the visible geological history of the region. Look for tool marks and other traces of the past. Free. Meet at Lover's Lane located at the corner of Coventry Rd. and North Park Blvd. Co-sponsored by the Nature Center and Shaker Historical Society.



Oct. 21: All-School Open House, 1:30-3:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Prospective students (Early Childhood, ages 2-5 years, and Girls K-12) and parents can tour the HB facilities and meet teachers. INFO: 216-320-8767.

Oct. 22-26: Scholastic Book Fair, 9 AM-3 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Buy books to benefit St. Dominic School. INFO: 216-561-4400.

Oct. 24: Dangerous Book Club for Kids, 4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. 5th & 6th graders only. Learn to tie the five knots every kid should know. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Oct. 24: Abraham Salon: What if Jewish, Christian, and Muslim People Shared Their Food Traditions?, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. The second in Shaker Library's three-part salon exploring the common traditions of three great religions focuses on the ritual and celebratory foods of these three faiths, particularly the meanings of items served at a Passover Seder, an Easter meal, and at Eid ul-Fitr, the Muslim festival breaking the fast of Ramadan. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Oct 31: Music in the Mornings, 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 their parents experience the joy of music through group singing, finger plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$69/7-week session (Oct 31-Dec. 19). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

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Oct. 13: Pumpkin Fest, 11 AM, ONAWAY SCHOOL.

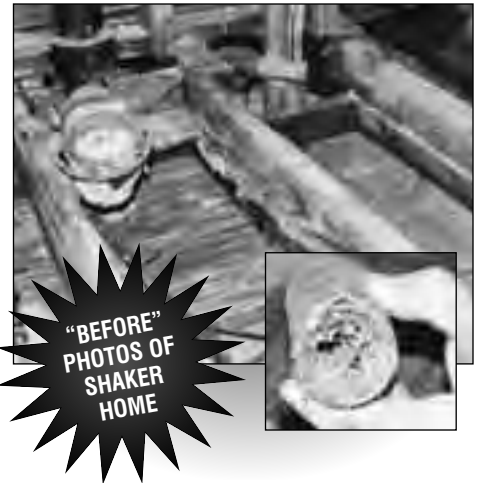
Oct. 20: Pumpkin Affair, 2-4 PM, LOMOND SCHOOL.

Oct. 26: Pumpkin & Cider Sale, 3-7 PM, BOULEVARD SCHOOL. Treats! no tricks. Seasonal sales of apples, cider, pumpkins and baked goods.

Oct. 26 & 27: Enchanted Forest, 5:30-8:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. A non-scary alternative to Halloween. Hike the trails, learn about creepy crawlies and nocturnal animals, and end at the fire pit for cider and marshmallows. \$5/members; \$10/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Oct. 26 & 27: Wicked Woods, 9:30-10:30 PM, NATURE CENTER. Enjoy a somewhat scary, self-guided tour of the pumpkin-lined Stearns Trail followed by spooky stories, toasted marshmallows, and cider by the fire pit. This event is suggested for children ages 10-13; adults are welcome. \$10/person. INFO: 216-321-5935.

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Oct. 27: Boo Bazaar, 2-4 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Children through grade 3 are invited for some howling fun. INFO: 216-561-4400.

Oct. 27: Halloween Trek, 2-4:30 PM, THORNTON PARK. Enjoy a candy scavenger hunt, stroller derby and pumpkin painting. Wear your favorite costume and take a peek at the pumpkin people along the path. FEES & INFO: 216-491-1295.

Oct. 29: Halloween Storytelling, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Come in costume and join in the fun. INFO: 216-991-2421.

Oct. 31: Halloween Parades, 2:30 PM, SHAKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS. Watch the little *ghouls* and boys in Halloween Parades at Shaker elementary schools.

Events for November

Nov. 1: Planning for Care in the Home, Now and in the Future, 7-8:30 PM, COMMUNITY BUILDING. INFO: 216-491-1360.

Nov. 2: School Days Open House, 8:30-10 AM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Visit classes in session. INFO: 216-464-0946.

Nov. 2: Free Friday Flick, 1:30 PM, COMMUNITY BUILDING. Watch *The Holiday* starring Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet, and Jude Law. Free.

Nov. 4: All School Open House, 12:30-3 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Fairmount Campus Open House: 1-3 pm. INFO: 216-464-0946.

Nov. 5: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Young Children (ages 3-8) enjoy cooking real foods with a parent's help and prepare simple, wholesome recipes. \$58/4-week session (Nov. 5-26). INFO KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Nov. 6: Election Day. Polls are open from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm.

Nov. 6: Election Day Bake Sale, 8 AM-1 PM, ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL, 3455 NORWOOD RD. Cast your ballot and please your palate.

Nov. 6: Brown Bag Luncheon Series, NOON-1 PM, NATURE CENTER. Free monthly forum on topical environmental issues followed by a Q & A session. INFO: 216-321-5935.



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Nov. 7: Dangerous Book Club for Kids, 4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. 5th & 6th graders only. Make a battery. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Nov. 7: Parent Lecture Series, 7 PM, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Hear Joe Kelly, national leader on girls' issues and parenting and author of *Dads and Daughters: How to Inspire, Understand, and Support Your Daughter* and JoAnn Deak, educator, psychologist and author of *How Girls Thrive*. INFO: 216-464-1441.

Nov. 8: EastSide Welcome Club Luncheon, 11:30 AM, SHAKER COUNTRY CLUB, COURTLAND BLVD. Steve Presser, founder and Owner of Big Fun talks about special gift ideas, especially for the Holidays, and fun decorations in a way only Steve can provide! All are welcome – especially if you are new to the Shaker Heights area. \$23/person. Babysitting is provided for a fee, and reservations must be made before November 2. INFO: MIMI TESTEN, 216-751-8624; RESERVATIONS: JULIE OLACK, 216-752-3557.

Nov. 8: Nature Photography Club, 7-9 PM, NATURE CENTER. Judith McMillian shows and talks about her work with x-ray photography. Free. INFO: SARA THORNE-BRIECHLE, 216-321-5935 X 237.

Nov. 9: Shaker Schools Conference Day. No classes.

Nov. 9: Fall Visitation Day, 8:15 AM-1:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Girls interested in applying for grades 3-12 are invited to meet HB students, faculty and administrators; attend classes; tour the School, and visit the new aquatic center. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED: 216-320-8767.

Nov. 11: Parent/Child Roller Skating, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Parents and children (ages 2½- 8) enroll in this class together. *In order to sign up for this class your child must have attended a previous Hanna Perkins Center Skating Class.* Music is used for simple rhythm and movement activities that coincide with skating skills. \$69/child and \$15/parent (Total \$84)/6-week session (Nov.1-Dec.13). INFO: KAREN GOULAND-RIS, 216-929-0201.

Nov. 11: Euclid Creek: Source of Community, 4 PM, SHAKER HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MUSEUM. Euclid Landmark Commission Chair and author Roy Larick speaks about his book, *Euclid Creek*, which explores the unique history of the Euclid Tributary stream and the development of the surrounding communities. A boxed light supper is available for purchase with reservations. INFO: 216-921-1201.

Nov. 13: Babes in Nature, 10-10:45 AM, NATURE CENTER. Introduce babies (2 months-2 years) to the natural world. Baby, if it's cold outside, we bring the natural outdoor fun indoors. Stroller fee: \$5/members; \$7/non-members. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Nov. 13: Parent University, 7:30-9 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Q & A with the experts on family topics. INFO: 216-921-2023.

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Nov. 15: Shaker Schools Foundation Lecture, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Dr. Ellen Rome speaks on children's health issues.

Nov. 17: Squirrel's Nest Holiday Boutique, 10 AM-4 PM, NATURE CENTER. Shop from an assortment of non-profit gift stores and artists in one location. INFO: 216-321-5935.

Nov. 17: Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shaker Square, 5:30 PM, SHAKER SQUARE. Join Santa and his elves as they light the tree at 7 pm. Enjoy musical performances, visits with Santa and surprises for children of all ages.

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Nov. 18: Local Author & Book Fair, 1-5 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. Meet local authors and have them autograph your gift books. Aspiring writers can attend an assortment of author-led workshops. Info: 216-991-2030.

Nov. 19: Art, 10:30 AM OR 11:30 AM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) 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 with a parent /guardian. \$45/ 5-week session (Nov 19-Dec. 17). INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

Nov. 21, 22 & 23: Shaker Schools Closed. Thanks-giving vacation.

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Nov. 28: Dangerous Book Club for Kids, 4 PM, MAIN LIBRARY. 5th & 6th graders only. Take a super secret, behind-the-scenes tour of the library's boiler room and crawl space. INFO: 216-991-2030.

Nov. 29, 30 & Dec. 1 & 2: Trunk Show, 5-8:30 PM, 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Browse and buy from jewelry designer Lois Becker's latest creations, necklaces, earrings, pins and bracelets. Nov. 30-Dec. 2: 12:30-5 pm. INFO: 216-921-3083.





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OCT. 7: Memory Walk, TOWER CITY. Take steps to end Alzheimer's disease. 1.3 mile walk. INFO: ELEANOR ABRAM, 216-231-1481.

OCT. 27: Halloween Bench-Bar Run for Justice, 7:30 AM, GALLERIA AT ERIEVIEW. 5 mile, 5K & 1 mile to benefit homeless programs and other Justice for All initiatives. \$16/person preregistration; \$20/person race day. INFO: 216-623-9933.

NOV. 22: Turkey Trot, 8 AM, CLEVELAND CONVENTION CENTER, 500 LAKE-SIDE AVE. 1-mile and 5-mile hike for hunger. \$28/person race day; \$18/person pre-registered. INFO: 216-348-2211.

In the Circle and Beyond

OCT. 6: Love Letters, 7 PM, BROOKS THEATRE, CLEVELAND PLAY HOUSE, 8500 EUCLID AVE. Seth Gordon directs Sue Johnson and TV news anchor Leon Bibb in A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters*, a benefit for Wake Up and Live's artistic programs. 3 pm matinee on Oct. 7. Tickets: \$25/person; \$20/students & seniors. INFO: 216-561-8608 OR www.wakeupandlives.org.

In Nearby Neighborhoods

OCT. 3: Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet, 7:30 PM, TRINITY CATHEDRAL, 2230 EUCLID AVE. Critically acclaimed quintet appears as part of the Cleveland Museum of Art's Viva! And Gala Around Town. Tickets: \$30/person; \$28/CMA members. INFO: 216-421-7350.

OCT. 6: Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Fest, 6 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Enjoy food and drink from 6-7 pm followed by award-winning environmental films presented by Patagonia to benefit the museum. Tickets: \$15/person in advance; \$18/person at the door. INFO: 216-232-4600.

OCT. 12-13: Fall for the Circle, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. University Circle institutions celebrate autumn with Halloween activities, food, and fun.



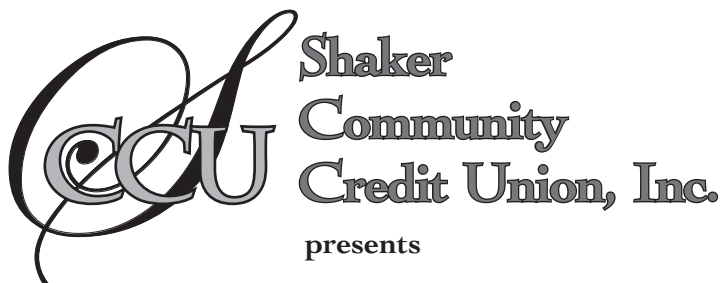
OCT. 13: Archeology Day, 10 AM-4 PM, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL. Bring in artifacts to be identified, watch outdoor demos, and learn the art of chipping tools from stone. Free with museum admission. INFO: 216-231-4600.

OCT. 13: L'amor E La Vita!, 6 PM, OAK-WOOD CLUB, 1516 WARRENSVILLE CENTER RD. The CIM Women's Committee presents a special night to honor CIM President David and Linda Cerone for their many dedicated years of exceptional leadership at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Enjoy an enchanting evening in Italy with Trevi Fountain ambience, cocktails, glorious music, dinner, and a silent auction. TICKETS & INFO: 216-791-5000 EXT. 360.

OCT. 14: Case Symphonic Winds, University Circle Wind Ensemble, 4 PM, Severance Hall. Gary M. Ciepluch conducts the Medina Community Band. Tickets: \$15; \$25 reserved box seats; \$5/ CIM/CWRU students with ID. Info: 216-231-1111.

OCT. 27: Max & Ruby, 2 PM, PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. Take the tykes to see Rosemary Wells' classic characters and a portion of every ticket benefits Shaker Library. Tickets \$12.50-\$18. INFO: MOIRA BEALE, 216-664-6044.

OCT. 27: 125th Anniversary Gala, 7 PM, THE HYATT REGENCY HOTEL IN THE ARCADE. The Cleveland Institute of Art celebrates its 125th anniversary. TICKETS & INFO: 216-421-7415.



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NOV. 2: The Lark, 5:30-8:30 PM,
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NOV. 9: Gallery Opening & Talk,
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NOV. 9: G-Clef Ball Honoring David Cerone, 6 PM, EXECUTIVE CATERERS AT LANDERHAVEN, 6111 LANDERHAVEN DR. Enjoy an elegant evening of cocktails, auction, dinner, dancing, entertainment, and surprises presented by the Cleveland POPS Orchestra featuring Maestro Carl Topilow and this year's honoree, CIM President David Cerone. Tickets: \$250/person. INFO: 216-765-7677.


NOV. 11: Fanfare for a New Era, 1:30-5 PM, CIM. Dedication of CIM's Campus Expansion and Grand Opening of Mixon Hall. Enjoy recitals in Mixon Hall, panel discussions with the architect and acoustician, tours the new additions, and refreshments. INFO: 216-791-5000 EXT. 4110R VISIT cim.edu.

NOV. 16: Pictures at an Exhibition, 8 PM, CIM. An Ohio orchestral premiere. Surrealist artist Natasha Turovsky has created a set of paintings that have been animated into a short film, which is shown as the CIM Orchestra performs under the direction of Yuli Turovsky. The original art is on view at CIM and throughout Cleveland and Akron all week. Tickets: \$25; \$50/patron reception to meet the artists. INFO: 216-791-5000 EXT. 4110R visit cim.edu.

NOV. 18: University Circle Wind Ensemble, 2:30 PM, HARKNESS CHAPEL, 11200 BELLFLOWER RD. Gary M. Ciepluch conducts.

NOV. 24 & 25: Christmas Tree Adventure, 10:15 AM, CUYAHOGA VALLEY SCENIC RAILROAD, ROCKSIDE STATION, 7900 OLD ROCKSIDE RD. Take the train to Heritage Farms to pick out your Christmas Tree. Pick out a tree and have it bagged and tagged and loaded on the train while you have lunch at a local restaurant. Fee: \$25/adults, \$20/seniors (65+), \$12/children ages 3-12. INFO: 330-657-2000. ■




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The Noble Cause

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Social awareness means, in part, a willingness to participate in volunteer and charitable organizations, of which we have many. For the as-yet-uninvolved, Shaker Observer offers a guide to local opportunities:

School: Many parents start their volunteer careers close to home at an institution that offers two distinct flavors of involvement:

In the classroom: Many parents, including Shaker Man, are smitten by the notion of how wonderful it will be to watch Junior interact with his peers. Shaker Man – Sonorous Lord of the Read-Aloud Book, Master of All Character Voices – volunteers to read to Junior’s group humorous yet tasteful stories that illuminate the finer points of learning and life. Unfortunately, Junior and his peers have a different view of what constitutes great literature – “We want ‘Captain Underpants!’” – along with group dynamics that would embarrass a troop of baboons. Teachers, however, love in-class assistance, not only for the help itself but for the reminder it provides us that educators are underpaid.

Behind-the-scenes: After retreating from the classroom, many parents still feel the urge to help, which is what the school-parent association is for. This organization allows otherwise successful grown-ups to spend enormous amounts of time doing jobs they would normally refuse on principle, such as stuffing thousands of envelopes with flyers or, even worse, licking and sealing them. NOTE: *Per Shaker Man’s experience, there is no established*

medical diagnostic code or treatment for “Tongue with paper cuts affixed to roof of mouth with envelope glue.”

Church: The landscape of Shaker is dotted with buildings of worship for almost every faith, and all of them need volunteers. Most important is committee work, in which people from all walks of life can come together and argue about whether the Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa/Ramadan/Diwali raffle money should be spent on new pipes for the old organ or new shingles for the old roof. Other volunteer opportunities include outreach (knocking on doors to hand out pamphlets while residents hide behind curtains), youth mentorship (cooking vast pots of spaghetti for teens who roll eyes at your every joke) and, of course, fundraising telethons, from which Shaker Man is excused after confusing the church hall with a scene from “Glengarry Glen Ross” (“What do you mean you can’t contribute, you Two-Sunday-A-Year Loser?”).

Walk/Run/Race/Ping Pong for a Cure: Excellent opportunity to raise money for a noble cause while engaging in a repetitive task next to thousands of others dressed in the same T-shirt as you are. Extremely effective, primarily because when you approach friends with a brochure for a 20-mile walk, they will fearfully assume that you want them to accompany you. Upon learning that you only want their sponsorship, they will be consumed with relief and gratefully over-contribute per mile. NOTE: *Per Shaker*

Man’s experience, remember that you are trying to cure one medical condition, not create another; plan for blisters and make sure to follow directions, as sponsors are not obligated to pay for extra miles walked after getting lost.

Other Organizations: At some point, you may be asked to attend A Gala Event, including:

The Charity Dinner: Opportunity to sit in formalwear with strangers, while a local celebrity auditions for a role as host of American Idol. Between courses of chicken in mystery gravy, limp vegetables and thrice-boiled potatoes, the after-dinner speaker will inspire you to offer to give even more money if only he’d stop talking.

The Hall of Fame Induction: Same as above, but with people you’ve never heard of.

Casino or Vegas Night: Fake gambling in uncomfortable (Casino) or cheesy (Vegas) clothing. Over-served guy next to you with gold chain necklace and silk shirt open to navel will insist on explaining his foolproof system for blackjack, especially after all his chips are gone.

Silent Auction: In this popular fund-raiser, well-dressed people with pens elbow each other and scribble bids for baskets of beach toys and sports tickets in row 867-Z as if they were the lost treasures of the Sierra Madre. NOTE: *Yelling “Yeah, Baby!” as you knock Grandma over to secure your favorite item as the auction closes is not considered “charitable” behavior.*

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