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Children, an inch taller and a pound wiser than when they left school in June, bounce back onto the familiar yellow buses with the promises – and challenges – of the new school year ahead of them.

One heart-warming example of students fulfilling their promise is the inspiring story of a group of young men, all Shaker High graduates, who are raising funds to aid in cancer research and prevention by walking across Ohio. Please visit their website, www.roadoflife.org for further information and read more about them on page 37.

We have a back-to-school theme in some of our features this issue. Our writers have gathered "news you can use" on getting organized, homework resources and a program offered at the Shaker Family Center that's a boon for the pre-school set.

Finally, as we watch the leaves turn from green to the golden hues of autumn, you may also have noticed that your community magazine has turned a new leaf itself, with a redesign and new title: *Shaker Life*. As always, we'll bring you the same quality features and news about your community you have come to expect and welcome your feedback and ideas. Please write to: *Shaker Life*, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120, email shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us or fax letters to 491-1465.

Have a fun fall!

Felicity Hill

Shaker 'AutumnFest'

October 10–13

"All Roads Lead to Fun" is the theme of Shaker's first 'AutumnFest', a mix of fun activities for all ages, to be held October 10 to 13.

The weekend kicks off Friday evening, from 8 to 10 p.m., with a teen dance, hayride and ice skating at Thornton Park. At the same time, high-schoolers may also gather at the Community Building for a poetry slam. For adults, the Shaker Heights Arts Council will be hosting a "Hard Hat Gallery" and wine and cheese reception at Shaker Towne Centre.

Dog owners (and dogless walkers too!) can enjoy a costumed 'Howl and Hike' on Saturday morning, from 9.30 to 11.30 a.m. at Horseshoe Lake Park.

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Moreland *poised for stock of new* 'green' homes

City Council's approval of green building legislation this spring opened the gate for a wave of cutting-edge residential construction, with seven new single-family homes already planned for the Moreland neighborhood.

The homes, to be built by Cleveland developer Rysar Properties, will join three already being developed here by the company and should be completed by early 2004.

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The Netherfield - front elevation



The Dunmore - front elevation



The Blackstone - front elevation



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Rental Homes

3324 Aberdeen Rd. (*Karen Miner*)
 3138 Albion Rd. (*Laura Rose*)
 3597 Avalon Rd. (*Robert Stovall*)
 3261 Braemar Rd. (*Glen Lair*)
 3362 Chalfant Rd. (*Heather Chapman*)
 17630 Chagrin Blvd. (*Stephanie Pazol*)
 17625 Chagrin Blvd. (*Connie Pinkley*)
 18330 Chagrin Blvd. (*Robert Jacops*)
 17912 Chagrin Blvd. (*Michelle Adler*)
 17910 Chagrin Blvd. (*Michelle Adler*)
 19208 Chagrin Blvd. (*Herbert Ascherman*)
 3333 Daleford Rd. (*Katie Riggs*)
 3544 Daleford Rd. (*John Schloss*)
 3300 Elsmere Rd. (*Mike Reilly*)
 3665 Glencairn Rd. (*Eric Ozan*)
 3455 Glencairn Rd. (*Margaret Walton*)
 3561 Gridley Rd. (*Terri Stone*)
 3614 Gridley Rd. (*Steve Newman*)
 3545 Gridley Rd. (*Deborah Goshien*)
 3610 Gridley Rd. (*Harold Spivack*)
 2928 Huntington Rd. (*Angela Binger*)
 3647 Latimore Rd. (*Norman Sigel*)
 3664 Latimore Rd. (*Josh Lovingier*)
 3714-16 Latimore Rd. (*Bernice Levine*)
 3673 Lynnfield Rd. (*Pam Cleverly*)
 3686 Lynnfield Rd. (*Robert McMahon*)
 3658 Lynnfield Rd. (*Liz Sargent*)
 2879 Ludlow Rd. (*David Kramer*)
 3327 Maynard Rd. (*Margaret Sharel*)
 18327 Newell Rd. (*Marc Rossen*)
 18406 Newell Rd. (*Deborah Goshien*)
 18419 Newell Rd. (*Helen Kubach*)
 3598 Palmerston Rd. (*Ellen Roberts*)
 3705 Palmerston Rd. (*Faye Santoro*)
 16500 Parkland Dr., Carriage House
 (*Rita Bryce*)
 3643 Riedham Rd. (*Robert McMahon*)
 15804 Scottsdale Blvd. (*Andrea L. Beight*)

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REAL NUMBERS

Presented below are housing transfers recorded between November 1, 2002 and February 28, 2003. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "Quit Claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosures, in which the sale price is not reflective of the value of the property.

ADDRESS	2002/2003 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3266 Ardmore Rd.	\$234,500	\$167,000 (1997)	\$10,000 (1926)
3339 Daleford Rd.	\$262,000	\$209,900 (2000)	\$10,000 (1926)
3530 Daleford Rd.	\$190,000	\$122,000 (1999)	\$10,000 (1925)
24100 Fairmount Blvd.	\$182,000	\$146,900 (1993)	\$30,000 (1957)
2837 Lee Rd.	\$375,000	\$213,000 (1998)	Not available
2854 Litchfield Rd.	\$638,000	\$621,000 (2001)	\$19,800 (1920)
3694 Normandy Rd.	\$190,000	\$ 81,000 (1997)	\$9,000 (1939)
3528 Norwood Rd.	\$133,500	\$111,000 (1996)	\$26,000 (1953)
23299 Shaker Blvd.	\$425,000	\$427,500 (2000)	\$40,000 (1954)
3712 Townley Rd.	\$187,500	\$132,500 (1993)	\$9800 (1940)
3338 Chalfant Rd.	\$200,000	\$124,500 (2002)	\$13,000 (1924)
3140 Courtland Blvd.	\$502,500	\$399,900 (1997)	\$25,000 (1951)
22825 Fairmount Blvd.	\$170,000	\$105,000 (1997)	\$8,500 (1942)
3585 Pennington Rd.	\$ 90,000	\$ 60,000 (1996)	\$6,000 (1924)
15811 Scottsdale Blvd.	\$ 52,000	\$ 64,900 (1996)	\$3,500 (1941)
3655 Traver Rd.	\$182,000	\$169,000 (1999)	\$10,000 (1938)
18529 Van Aken Blvd.	\$210,000	\$137,000 (2002)	\$27,000 (1952)
2919 Warrington Rd.	\$215,000	\$158,000 (1993)	\$8,000 (1916)
3306 Braemar Rd.	\$205,000	\$136,500 (1997)	\$12,000 (1925)
22276 Byron Rd.	\$231,000	\$167,000 (1996)	\$22,000 (1933)
3280 Enderby Rd.	\$217,000	\$163,250 (1997)	\$11,500 (1927)
3669 Gridley Rd.	\$163,000	\$ 82,500 (2002)	\$7,500 (1928)
21375 Shaker Blvd.	\$750,000	\$573,000 (1995)	\$40,000 (1930)
3656 Sutherland Rd.	\$201,500	\$161,500 (1998)	\$10,000 (1927)
3715 Traver Rd.	\$200,000	\$ 80,000 (2001)	\$9,800 (1941)
18850 S. Woodland Rd.	\$690,000	\$250,000 (2000)	\$35,000 (1923)

Information source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Fall Finish for New Fire Station

The new firehouse on Chagrin Boulevard, opposite Shaker Towne Centre, is scheduled for completion this fall.

Fire Chief Don Barnes said there have been delays due to rain, but the exterior was on schedule for an August finish, with work on the interior of the building and landscaping set for September. The fire station should be completed by the end of October.

The \$5 million project is the first new public building to be erected in Shaker since the Police/Court building in 1973.

The two-storey firehouse will be approximately 19,200 sq. ft., double the size of the one at City Hall which it replaces. As well as being able to house larger fire engines, the new building contains a 40 ft. glass tower that firefighters will use to practice safety maneuvers.

The building is energy efficient with exterior and interior glass to allow the maximum use of daylight, and many sustainable products are used in its construction. Water-efficient landscaping, needing no irrigation, will also be utilized.



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Mayor and Four Council Seats on November Ballot

Shaker voters will choose the Mayor and four Council Members in the November elections. The mayor is elected for one four-year term and Council members serve staggered four-year terms. Officials whose terms expire on December 31, 2003 include Mayor Judith Rawson and Council Members Jan Devereaux, Earl Leiken, Brian Parker and Stephanie Turner. Candidates must have decided by August 21 whether to run.

The last day to register to vote is October 6. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained at City Hall or the Shaker Heights Public Library and must be filed by noon on November 1 with the Board of Elections.

City Gas Aggregation is Voters' Choice

If voters agree, the City, on behalf of residents, will be able to buy gas as part of a bulk buying consortium. The purpose of the plan is for communities to use their bulk buying power to lower utility bills; the program is similar to the one the City already offers for electricity through NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council). Should the measure pass, the City can sign up for NOPEC's gas aggregation program or can set up its own aggregation program to facilitate savings.

Residents who wish to "opt out" of the program, and sign up with an alternative supplier, may do so by returning a postcard declining the opportunity to join; residents who wish to join the aggregation program will be automatically included. Residents who have already contracted with an alternative supplier, who are delinquent on their gas service payments, or participate in

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the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) are not eligible for community aggregation. Residents who have taken out individual contracts with suppliers can join the aggregation once this contract expires.

If voters pass the measure, the gas aggregation program could be offered in the latter half of the 2003-2004 heating season.

For information about NOPEC, please visit www.nopecinfo.org. For information about gas aggregation, see www.puco.state.oh.us.

Roads and Railways

Work is continuing on the **Chagrin Boulevard** narrowing and streetscaping project in Sussex. As well as the narrowing and repaving of Chagrin Boulevard adjacent to the Sussex Court condominium development, residents can also expect to see new trees, landscaping, benches and decorative street lights. On street parking will be permitted on the south side.

The RTA **Community Circulator** bus service began June 30. The service, which connects Shaker Square, Coventry, Little Italy and University Circle, runs half-hourly from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday. The fare is 75 cents one-way. For more information, visit www.shakeronline.com or www.gccta.org.

Landmark Weekend is September 13 & 14

The City will host its 21st Annual Landmark Weekend on September 13 and 14. This year's event includes a Saturday cocktail party to benefit the Fund for the Future and, on Sunday, guests can hop on Lolly the Trolley for a guided tour of the city. The trolley tour will highlight residential restoration

projects and the Shaker Towne Centre redevelopment plans; interior viewings of historic homes will also be included. Tickets of the Sunday tour are \$15 each and tours will be offered at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m.

The Fund for the Future is a private, non-profit home loan fund created to help encourage neighborhood diversity.

For ticket information, please call 491-1430.

Fall Workshops Offered

The Neighborhood Revitalization Department is offering residents four free workshops on household topics this fall:

TAKE THE GUESS WORK OUT OF CREDIT REPORTS, a workshop offering tips and advice on how to read, interpret and analyze a credit report, will be held from 7 – 9 p.m. on Sept. 16.

\$\$\$\$ AVAILABLE TO HOMEOWNERS FOR ENERGY EFFICIENT IMPROVEMENTS will showcase incentive programs designed to help homeowners initiate energy-saving improvements to their living spaces. The workshop is from 7 – 9 p.m., Sept. 24.

WAYS TO LOWER YOUR UTILITY BILLS AND MAKE YOUR HOME HEALTHIER, highlighting techniques to determine where energy is being wasted in your home and how to remedy it, is from 7 – 9 p.m. on Oct. 15.

LET HOUSING INSPECTION HELP YOU MAINTAIN YOUR HOME, offering information about Housing Code violations, is from 7 – 9 p.m. on October 21.

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Business News

• **Ellyn's**, a clothing, cosmetics and jewelry store formerly known as Ellyn's Face Place, is moving from the Pavilion in Beachwood to Shaker Plaza. The store, which belongs to Shaker resident Ellyn Wayne, will be open for business in mid-September or early October. The **Studio J Academy of Dance** will offer classes for all ages in the Chagrin Corporate Center, 20820 Chagrin Blvd., beginning mid-September. Other businesses new to Shaker are **Trooper's Antique Garden**, also at Shaker Plaza, which opened in June; **Instyle**, a furniture store, **True Results** weight loss center and **P.J.'s Beauty Salon**, all on Chagrin Boulevard and **The Spiritual Spa** at 3530 Warrensville Center Rd. The Tower East building at 20600 Chagrin Blvd., has two new occupants: **Life Banc** and **Gem Land**. **Loganberry Books** moved into a larger space on the Shaker Heights side of Larchmere Boulevard. For more information call Rachel Perry, Economic Development Specialist, at 491-1336.

• Ohio's small business owners can now provide input and offer suggestions to the Governor's **Small Business Advisory Council** (GSBAC) through a new e-mail address. GSBAC is seeking input from small business owners on issues such as state regulations and reporting red tape, workforce development, business taxes, legal reforms and healthcare costs. GSBAC's aim is to foster small business growth. Email GSBAC@odod.state.oh.us or visit www.odod.state.oh.us.

• Did you know **home-based businesses** are now legal in Shaker Heights? For information on starting a home business, contact Rachel Perry, Economic Development Specialist, at 491-1336.

• Already have a Shaker-based business? **Shaker Works**, a committee of the Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce (HRCC), was formed by local entrepreneurs to promote Shaker businesses and is compiling a business directory. For more information, call Laurey Banker at 752-5648

Shaker Shorts

- Assistant Public Works Director **Hubert Bobo** has retired after thirty years service with the City and a fund has been created in his honor to provide landscaping and improvements at the Shaker Family Center. For more information, call 921-2023.
- Police Detective **Marvin Lamielle** has been named the Shaker Heights Rotary Club Police Officer of the Year for 2002. **Martin O'Neill** is the recipient of the Club's 2002 Firefighter of the Year award.
- Shaker resident **Pat Neville** is the City's new Superintendent of Forestry. Neville was formerly forester for the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, working in Central Park.
- The **Shaker Raiders 4 x 400 Relay Team** is ranked fifth in the nation thanks to the winning streaks of Ashleigh Blandon, Amani Floyd, Kenelle Hughley and Brittaney Mosely at a national championship in June.

- The **Hanna Perkins Center at Malvern School** has opened its doors for fall enrollment. The Center combines a pre-school, serving children from birth to seven years, with a therapeutic clinic. The Center is looking to contact **Malvern School alumni** for a reunion on October 12. Call Kathryn Mahon, 991-4472, for details.
- The City Hall grounds have a new look, thanks to the **Garden City Preservation Committee**. The Committee, created by the Landmark Commission, aims to beautify the City's green spaces and public places; the plantings outside City Hall were the group's first project. To join the Committee, or for more information, call Pamela Caldes, 283-9118.
- Shaker Heights has been named one of America's **Top 10 Enlightened Suburbs** by *Utne Magazine* for its encouragement of racial diversity.

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"We were looking to create designs that were modern and green, but also ones that fit in with the Moreland area," said Nate Phillips, Rysar's director of community relations and marketing. "The ones we came up with offer a diversity of housing styles, but all with certain touches – roof pitches, porched facades – that the area is known for." The houses will have numerous attractive amenities such as first floor master

bedroom suites, spacious kitchens, front porches and fireplaces.

"The project supports Shaker's commitment to have all new construction [foster] sustainability, easier maintenance, a healthier living space and energy efficiency," said City Planner Jayme Lucas.

An added bonus is that green-built homes are often more affordable in the long run and can mean up to 40-percent less in utility costs and upkeep.

"We in the Moreland area are very supportive of Rysar," said Al Foster, president of the Moreland on the Move Community Association. "I've watched their Cleveland-area construction, and I

know they build quality properties."

Foster holds that housing is Shaker's No. 1 industry. "This project will add good, quality homes to the Moreland area. It will upgrade the surrounding property values and make Moreland more attractive to new and relocating homeowners," he predicts.

Rysar has secured favorable mortgage terms for the properties, which will sell in the \$190,000 range. The City-owned properties are on Scottsdale, Menlo, Ashby and Lindholm. Rysar's previously owned lots are on Scottsdale and the Ludlow area's Sutton and Ashwood Roads.

— Enloe Wilson

HEALTH AND SAFETY

West Nile Virus Update

The City Health Department has continued its highly successful West Nile virus prevention program featuring extensive efforts to eliminate or larvicide standing water and the setting of mosquito traps throughout the City to monitor West Nile virus infected mosquitoes. Residents with standing water on their property that cannot be eliminated should leave a message on the *West Nile Virus Infoline* (491-3170). The water can then be checked and treated with an environmentally friendly biological larvicide if necessary. The best way for residents to protect themselves is by removing sources of standing water, keeping window screens in good repair, and using personal protection at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Recent information suggests that DEET 30% offers the greatest protection and is safe for both adults and children over the age of 2 months. Residents are reminded that September is one of the most active months for West Nile virus.

Back to School Immunizations

Back-to-school immunizations and tuberculosis screenings (Mantoux test) are still being offered by the Health Department, including measles/mumps/rubella (MMR), Hepatitis B, tetanus, DTP and polio, for ages birth – 18. The cost for required vaccines is \$10 for Shaker school district residents. Optional vaccines for Hepatitis A are also available for \$25; the meningitis vaccine is \$80.

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"AutumnFest"

Other Saturday activities for all ages on Saturday include a Harvest Fest at the Shaker Historical Museum, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., morning scavenger hunt at the Nature Center, the Homecoming Football Game at Shaker Heights High School, Homecoming Parade, and a Bertram Woods Library Open House from 1 – 5 p.m.

Sunday events include a morning pumpkin run at the Nature Center, realtor "Open House" and an afternoon musical event (a.k.a. regatta) at Thornton Park. There will also be an Open House at Main Library from 1 – 5 p.m.

Finally, Tour Your Schools Day is Monday Oct. 13, where residents are invited to tour the Shaker public schools.

For more information, call 491-1489 or visit www.shakeronline.com.

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Appointments are required for all immunization clinics. Additional immunization clinics will be added as the Health Department schedule allows.

Flu Shots Offered

The Health Department will again offer flu and pneumonia shots this fall. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 491-1480, after September 8. The flu clinics will be held on the following Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.: October 21, October 28, November 4, November 11, and November 18. Additional flu clinics, as well as an evening flu clinic, will be added as the Health Department schedule allows – please call for the details on additional clinics at other times. Flu and pneumonia shots are free to seniors with Medicare as their primary insurance. Please call the Health Department for the cost to those under 65 or those not insured by Medicare; the cost is determined by the market price of the vaccine.

Alzheimer's Study

Volunteers 55 and over are needed to study the effects of vitamins on slowing Alzheimer's Disease. The study, funded by the National Institutes of Health, is a combined program of University Hospitals of Cleveland and Case Western Reserve University. For more information, call Elaine Zioli of the University Memory and Aging Center at 844-6328.

Help for Teens Making School Transitions

Among the most anxiety provoking times for parents and teens occurs with the transitions from Woodbury School to the Middle School, and from the Middle School to the High School. The Shaker Heights Prevention Coalition has partnered with the PTO, the Shaker Youth Center and Shaker Schools to offer "Guide to the Social Transition," a program showing parents strategies for helping teens make healthy choices. The session

for parents of 6th and 7th graders is 7 p.m., Thursday Sept. 11 at the Middle School Cafeteria; the program for 8th and 9th grade parents is offered at 7 p.m., Thursday Oct. 9 in the High School Cafeteria. For more information, contact Nancy Slocumb, Project Coordinator, 491-1409.

Child Car Seat Safety Checks

How safe is your child's car seat? The Fire Department gives free safety checks of child car seats every Monday. Call Jan Hetzel at 491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.

Timely Reminders

- **Temporary Sign Ordinance:** All temporary signs in residential districts 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.
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- **Paint & Pesticide Round-Up:** October 25 & 26, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Shaker Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Includes propane tanks, gas cylinders, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries. Excludes latex paint. Info: 491-1490.
- **Fire Hydrants:** The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants from September 8th through 20th.
- **Bicycle licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. September 6 & 20 and October 11 & 25 in the Police Dept. lobby, 3355 Lee Rd. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.



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- **Dogs:** Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all feces deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Animal Warden, 491-1490.
- **Lost Pets:** If you have lost a pet or wish to adopt one, please call 378-1312.
- **Playing in the street:** Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding or riding in any type of coaster or toy vehicle in the street is prohibited unless permission has been given to close streets for block parties.
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- **Domestic Power Tools:** Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 a.m. is prohibited.

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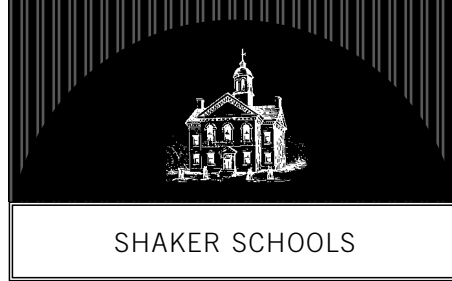
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Homework Helpers

Shaker Schools offer resources to make homework easier

BY DALE CALLENDER AGGOR

Photos by Kevin Reeves

Whether touted as a character-building endeavor or dismissed and disregarded as stress-generating busywork, homework remains a central topic in education. Homework has been banned for freedom's sake, increased in the name of national security, decreased due to health threats posed by the lack of fresh air and sunshine, reworked and increased again for fear that children cannot learn without it.

Shaker's official home-work policy has been set by its Board of Education: "Homework plays an important role in the educational program. It should be properly designed, carefully planned, and geared to the development of individual students." The Board expects homework to be assigned to "help the student become more self-reliant, learn to work independently, reinforce or improve the skills that have been taught and complete certain projects." The policy goes on to outline that homework should not be assigned for disciplinary purposes.

In the long run, comments James J. Paces, Executive Director of Curriculum Studies for Shaker Schools, studies show that the academic benefits of homework increase, particularly as the students move into upper grades.

Yet the value-of-homework debate has been fueled recently by the publication of Etta Kralovec and John Buell's "The End of Homework" and "Getting our Kids Back on track: Educating Children for the Future" by Janine Bempechat. Kralovec and Buell argue that homework disrupts family time, overburdens children and favors kids who have ideal



home environments with personal computers, highly educated parents and home libraries. Contrary to Kralovec and Buell, Bempechat argues that homework provides children with non-academic benefits such as learning responsibility,

organization, diligence and the ability to delay gratification and tolerate boredom.

In Shaker Heights, opinion varies as to the perceived benefits of homework.

Shaker Middle School Principal Randall Yates says homework's prime purposes are to practice the skills learned in class and allow teachers to give feedback before tests to aid them see where their students need help. An added benefit is that classroom dynamics are better when students do their homework and come to class prepared.

Emmanuella Groves, a parent of two Shaker schoolchildren, views homework as a fact of the educational system and the only way to deal with it is to do it well. "You have to do the work to get the grades."

Paces likens homework to the practice one does to master a musical instrument. "No one would expect progress with the lessons alone."

Doing it Right

Students should have an established location with good lighting to do their homework, Yates advises. The family needs to decide how much and when is the best time for homework. Some children do better immediately after school.

Resources

Public Libraries

Know-It-Now: An on-line library reference for homework questions.

Visit www.knowitnow24x7.net.

Teen Center at Main Library: 3 – 7 p.m., Monday –Thursday.

Offers all textbooks for reference, computers with Internet access, tables and relaxed atmosphere for group projects.

Minority Achievement Program

Mentoring and peer support programs available for students at Woodbury, the Middle School and High School.

Shaker Middle School

Homework Hotline – a member of each instructional team leaves the week's homework on an answering machine. Parents or students simply dial the phone number 295-7180 and then put in the team number at the prompt.

Conference Period: 3 – 3:45 p.m. Monday – Friday.

Study Circles

Available for students at Woodbury, Middle School and High School.

Tutoring Centers open to all students in public and private schools who reside in the Shaker Heights City School District.

Woodbury: 4:30 – 7 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

The Tutoring Center at the Middle School: 4 - 5:30 Tuesday through Thursday.

There are 2 –3 certified academic coaches available. Tutoring Centers open in late September. Detailed schedules will be available on www.shaker.org

High School Library: 4 –7 p.m. Monday –Thursday.

Others need a break or rest period.

Most like a snack first. If a child claims there is no homework assigned, Yates suggests parents should give a newspaper or magazine to older children and have them summarize what they've read, or let them read ahead for class during the designated study time. Doing more than is expected at the beginning of the year when the workload is low prevents being overwhelmed later. The key, he says, is for parents to be proactive.

As for the amount of time students should spend on homework, Paces admires the ten-minute method suggested by the National Education Association (NEA): Beginning with first grade, the family should expect ten minutes of homework for each grade level. A first grader would expect 10 minutes and a third grader 30 minutes.

Parents should expect homework that challenges students to think and integrate work, has variety and matches the skills, interests and need of the students. Teachers should make assign-

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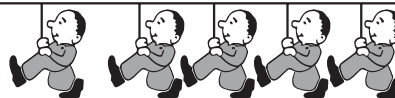


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ments focused and clear and ensure the students understand the work before they leave class.

Problem: Overload

What if, despite all the above, homework has become a family burden?

Lindsay Florence, Shaker Heights Middle School assistant principal, urges parents to contact the teacher immediately if the child is “spending an enormous amount of time on homework.” Florence has found that parents often hold back their opinion about the amount of homework because they fear how their child will be viewed once they speak up. Florence suggests that if parents are reluctant to talk to the teacher they should approach their child’s counselor or an administrator.

Another place to check if you are drowning in homework is your calendar. Dr. Janet Benish at Suburban Pediatrics believes too much homework is usually reflective of the child or the family taking on too many activities.

Over-scheduling has become an issue, Dr. Benish notes. She finds that many students today are very competitive and

allows the student who works efficiently to still have time for one or two extracurricular activities, time to think and get enough sleep. Adolescents actually require more sleep because of the physical changes occurring in their bodies. There are many attractive, good activities so pick one or two activities per child, Benish recommends. The danger in over-scheduling, she says, is that the best things gets sacrificed: “Hanging out with the family without an agenda – that’s where all the chat... and good times come.”

It’s also crucial to stay organized. As a teacher of health science concerned about wellness, Hubert McIntyre finds that he can’t talk to the kids enough about the importance of organization and time management. “It’s a life skill,” he insists.

“If the organizational skills aren’t there it generates stress. Organization is half the battle.”

James Paces likens homework to the practice one does to master a musical instrument. “No one would expect progress with the lessons alone.”

Battling with the Books

Getting into combative situations over homework is a common family complaint. Shaura Shands has one child at the Middle School and a 4th grader at Mercer. She found that by the fifth grade her involvement with homework was having a negative impact on the relationship with her son. “We were having power struggles,” she says.

Shands then turned to a friend who suggested that she “get out of the homework business.” A solution was found in hiring a college grad student as a tutor for half an hour twice a week. “The tutor went over the homework, and if it something wasn’t done “I didn’t have to be the one to force him to do it.” The Shands also made use of the tutoring center facility at the Middle School.

Study circles are another way to remove parents from the background. Study circles are based on the observations of a mathematics professor at the

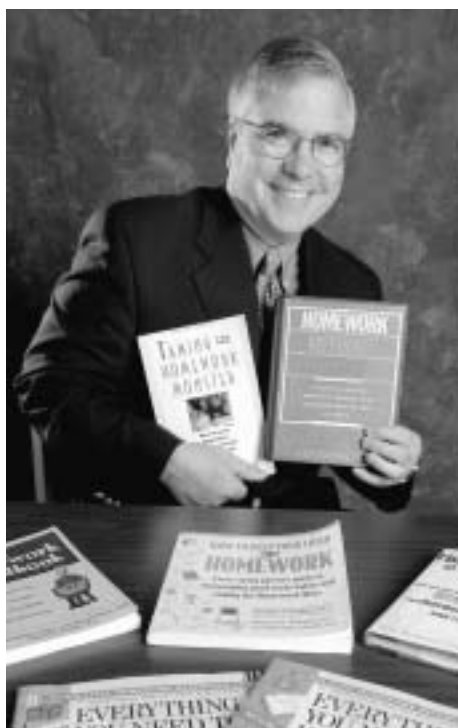


Hubert McIntyre, health sciences teacher and manager of the High School Tutoring Center.

University of California, Berkeley, who found a high drop-out rate among the handful of African-American students in his classes. He discovered that they felt isolated in class and his solution was to create collective study circles for them.

The Shaker district has been funding study circles for five years thanks to grants from Cleveland and Gund Foundation. Terry Pollock, one of the grant writers, says the goal was to create a social atmosphere in which it would be “cool to be with other kids who want to do the work.” Study groups are open to everyone starting in Woodbury. Pollock likes to emphasize the “marvelous role-modeling” that takes place when kids get together with other kids who want to learn. “It makes homework a positive experience.”

“The goal of education,” McIntyre remarked succinctly, “is learning how to learn.” And that is precisely what we parents, teachers, and students all are doing, when it comes to evaluating homework and its place in our lives.



James J. Paces, executive director of curriculum for the district.

want to reap the rewards of long resumes. Overloading advanced placement courses may also lead to too much homework.

The right amount of homework



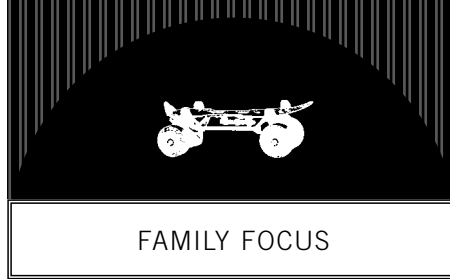


Nancy Zimmerman, with twins Micah and Noah, uses the Family Playroom as a stress-free zone for freetime.

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Ioana Missits and son Alexander, 2, find fun at the Family Playroom.





Playschool

Family Playroom is fun for the younger set

BY KATHERINE CARTER

For many parents, staying at home with small children can be the most rewarding time of their lives. That said, it can also be the most trying. A series of rainy or snowy days, with toddlers spilling snacks and spreading toys all over the house, can wear on even the most patient of caregivers. Nor is it ideal for the child, who yearns to roam free and explore new things.

Some Shaker parents have already found “the best kept secret” in the city: the Family Playroom at the Shaker Family Center. Joanne Federman, director of the Shaker Family Center, hopes the playroom will become more well-known so that “people who need us know we are here.” The program has been an opportune place for parents and caregivers to meet, she says, with some forming their own neighborhood play groups or organizing outings as they get to know each other, forging friendships that last for years.

Federman says the Playroom is aimed at children ages four and under, although some older children also come. It has everything a toddler could hope to play with, and then some. A doll house, books, trucks, craft tables, a play house, a sand table, blocks, a kitchen and a puppet theater are a sampling of what is available, with more toys being added on a regular basis. The number of activities suits the short attentions spans toddlers are known

for, as they cruise from one thing to the next. It is common to see children flock to a toy once they see another child playing with it, Federman says. “They follow the leader,” she says. Wendy Simon, who oversees the Family Playroom, says she has never had to intervene when children haggle over a toy. “The parents are here, and usually they handle it,” she says.

Simon, who has masters degrees in education and social work, is on hand most of the hours the center is open to “serve as a resource and to answer any questions parents have.” She splits her time with Bright Beginnings, a program that follows babies from birth until four years old.

Simon has invigorated the drop-in program, Federman says, adding new activities and setting up projects for members. Simon, for example, showed parents in the Baby Talk group how to make a metal ball for babies to play with from materials found around the house. She also sets up simple crafts for children to do when they visit the center, such as gluing dots on ladybugs. The center received a grant last summer from the Help Me Grow Collaborative, and is in the process of spending money from a similar grant it won this summer. The most recent grant focused on adding multicultural elements to the program, so toys purchased included multicultural dolls, play foods and books. Simon says her work

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has made her “a toy expert.” “Kids love shape sorters, stacking and nesting toys ... they don’t play very long with electronic toys,” she says. “The simplest things are the most interesting to children.”

Caregiver Linda Adamson agrees. She brings 21-month-old Frances Haywood to the center about two times per week and says that it is the highlight of their day. “She loves to read, and there are a great variety of books here.” Frances has a routine – first to the trains, then to the dollhouse, and then to the slide. “She enjoys it so much, and I enjoy doing things for her,” Adamson says. “This time is such an exciting time for their learning.”

Frances used to cling to Adamson when they visited the center, but now feels confident roaming around by herself. The laid-back, non-structured atmosphere means that the children can explore at their own pace. “When they’re young, they need to make choices for themselves,” Adamson says.

Visiting the Family Playroom also means children can interact with their peers. Frances often finds herself being pursued by 21-month-old Alexander Missits, an active boy who comes to the center about three times a week with his mother, Ioana. “Here, he gets to see other kids and be with other kids, and I get to see other parents,” she says. “At home, it is more one-on-one play.” The variety of toys, playthings and activities makes things much easier for parents, she says. “I like the fact that he plays constantly when he is here,” she says. “He is never bored during this hour-and-a-half.” Alexander makes his mother’s point as he moves hurriedly from one activity to the next, taking in as much as possible during the time he is there.

The Playroom also provides a welcome respite for Nancy Zimmerman, who has found classes difficult to manage with her two-year-old twin boys, Micah and Noah. “There are very few places for us to go in the wintertime,” she says. “We can’t take classes because one of them is always running in another direction. Here, I don’t have to watch them 100 percent of the time.” Zimmerman says her boys especially enjoy gym time, which is a chance for the children to play on mats and use



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Wendy Simon, coordinator of the Shaker Family Center's Family Playroom.

riding toys in the Shaker Family Center gym. "They learned how to ride tricycles here," she says. "So our parents bought them tricycles for their birthdays." The toy try-out factor is big for many parents, who find it difficult to predict what their little ones will be interested in. "My parents wanted to buy them a train set, which would have cost \$500," she says. "I told them not to. The boys can come here and play with it. If it was at home, they would lose interest in it within a couple months." Since they cannot take classes, the room affords the Zimmermans a chance to meet other families. "I like that they can interact with other kids," she says. "We are working on the sharing thing. They watch other kids and imitate them."

Zimmerman says being in the room can be "strange," since it was known as the "little theater" when she was a student at Sussex School. The playroom, which began in 1993 at the Heights Christian Church, moved to the Shaker Family Center in 1997. Federman says the room, which resembles a family room-school room mixture, was recently painted by volunteers and re-carpeted with donations. A couch and rocking chair make things very comfortable for users of the space. "I nearly fell asleep on that couch last winter," Zimmerman says. Simon plans to make the room even more unique, adding murals and

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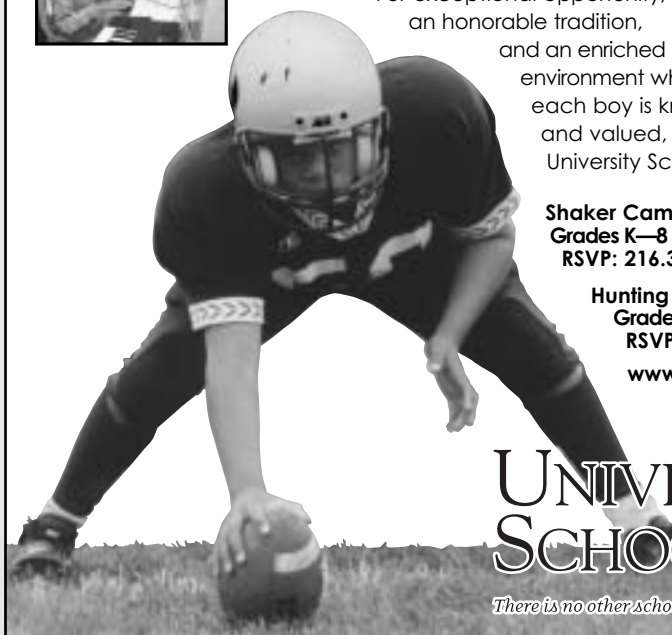


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suspending crafts from the ceiling.

Federman says the Playroom is trying to earn more grants, but she has found that “there is so much focus on literacy and education. There is not much focus on the need for parents to network with other parents. Having the support of other parents is crucial,” she says. For now, the Family Playroom works with donations, grant money and fees, and benefits from sharing the Shaker Family Center with the Cuyahoga County Board of Mental Retardation, day care centers and nursery schools. “We pool equipment,” Federman says. The program also has volunteers from John Carroll University, who come in monthly to help clean toys. The goal is to keep membership fees down, so that money is not a barrier to joining, she adds. For most parents and caregivers, the cost of coming to the center is well worth it. “We have some real frequent visitors,” Federman says. “I think there are some people who come every day.”

That’s not surprising, as for both parents and their pre-schoolers, the Family Playroom is a great place to find fun and friendship.

Currently, some 60 residents are signed up for the program, which costs \$85 per year for Shaker residents, and \$95 for non-residents. Three-month memberships are also available at \$35 for Shaker residents or \$45 for non-residents. Membership entitles participants use of the Family Playroom 9:30 a.m.–noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 4 - 6 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. “Baby Talk sessions” are also offered: Parents of birth to 12-month-old meet 10 a.m.–noon Thursdays; Parents of 12- to 24- month-olds meet 4 p.m.–6 p.m. Thursdays.

For more information on the Family Center, call Joanne Federman or Wendy Simon at 921-2023.



Frances Haywood, 2, enjoys a creative craft with her caregiver **Linda Adamson**.

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Valentina Sgro demonstrates the before and after of clutter: A desk tray loaded with redundant items is whittled to a handful of essentials.

Hopeless hoarder or *chaotic clutterer*? A Shaker resident has some advice!

BY DALE CALLENDER AGGOR

Can't find your wallet? Kids late again because they're hunting for the math homework that was due yesterday? Summer has ended, school is back in session and what can be done about the pockets of chaos many of us find ourselves facing in our own homes? To get some answers, *Shaker Life* sat down with professional organizer, Valentina Sgro, owner of Solutions for Getting Really Organized, a Shaker home-based business.

Sgro has been a professional organizer for six and a half years but the road to becoming one was littered with its own obstacles. "I am not a naturally organized person," she admits, thinking back to when she once worked 60–80 hours a week as a high-powered attorney. Her lifestyle kept her away from home and it soon became, in Sgro's words "a place you ate and dropped things off." When her son was born, Sgro decided to stay at home and that was when the reality of her living situation hit. "I realized that if I was going to be [at home], something had to be done," she says with a smile.

Sgro tried utilizing standard filing systems, "a place for everything and everything in its place" and other traditional strategies for getting organized. She found that the effects lasted a few weeks and then chaos crept back in. It wasn't until she came upon a few books that offered a non-linear, holistic approach to organizing that she was able to strike a blend of ideas that began to work for her.

The idea of making it a business came as she saw radical improvement in her life and the scarcity of organizational approaches that took holistic thinking into consideration. Sgro is among the first five people in the country to be certified as a Chronic Disorganization Specialist by the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization. (Yes, one really does exist!)

So, what does a typical session with a professional organizer look like? Sgro begins by booking an hour, free of charge, at a client's home or workspace for an intake assessment. There is always the temptation, on the clients' part, to make some "adjustments" before the first meeting.

"I try very hard to tell people not to neaten up before I come," Sgro comments. "It takes me even longer to assess the situation so they are doing themselves a disservice."

Sgro spends time giving the potential client a broad idea of what she can do and seeing if her services match their needs. In some cases, the individual has so much going on in their lives: a change in marital status, a new job or other life-altering event, that it is too soon to

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talk about getting organized. Others may
be unrealistic about their situation in
terms of how much time and money it
will take to become organized.

The ultimate goal behind any session
with Solutions For Getting Really
Organized is adjusting one's mental atti-
tude toward organization. On her web-
site, Sgro rarely writes articles that focus
on tips because she finds that they pro-
vide a quick fix to a situation that needs
to be tackled comprehensively. To Sgro,
organization is not just about clutter and
the physical aspects of a living space.
When she approaches any organizational
challenge she has five aspects in mind.

The first aspect, is **goal-setting** or
creating a vision which requires asking
yourself what are the true desires and
needs that need to be met? Do you
want a place for everything? Or perhaps
you want *not* to have to clean a particu-
lar area before starting a project. Once
the objectives are well defined, the sec-
ond step (the most difficult in Sgro's
opinion) is **working out a schedule** that
creates time to perform the steps that
meet the goal. Not only are there good
and bad times during the day for certain
tasks, Sgro points out, there are also
ideal times during the week or year; a
plan to clean out the attic in August is
less likely to be accomplished because of
the dissuading heat. The individual's
responsibilities, energy level and the size
of the steps required to meet goals all
need to be balanced.

Clutter is what most often comes to
mind when we feel the need to get
organized and **de-cluttering** is the third
procedure in Sgro's practice. De-clut-
tering, surprisingly, involves acquiring
supplies as well as their retention and
disposal. For example, if you're in the
middle of grouting the bathtub and find
you don't have all the raw materials you
need, you then waste time getting the
supplies, causing the job to be rushed
and generating stress. De-cluttering is
about having what you need where you
can find it in a way that works for you.
Piles of stuff, Sgro mentions, do not
need to be banned as long as they
remain single-subject piles.

Efficiency is the fourth objective and
as Sgro defines it, that means doing the

same task with fewer steps. She specifies that it is not necessarily multi-tasking, as that does not always reduce the time and energy it takes to perform tasks.

The final step to *simplifying* your life is asking yourself whether everything that is being done actually needs to be done, even if it is being performed efficiently. Sgro finds that there is a natural progression as a client who thinks they just need to be organized, becomes more efficient and then begins to recognize activities that can be eliminated.

Are you chronically disorganized?

According to the National Study Group on Chronic Disorganization, the indicators of chronic disorganization include a lifelong struggle with organization, many unsuccessful attempts at self-help and that the disorganization creates daily problems.

On the bright side, people who are chronically disorganized are often creative, spatial thinkers. But many people, even those not chronically disorganized, are embarrassed about their inability to organize themselves. Mainstream organization systems, Sgro notes, are designed for linear thinkers and are difficult for spatially-minded people to utilize. Your belongings don't have to be lined up or neat, you may even have one place to dump certain things. The key is in knowing where your stuff is.

Another stumbling block to becoming organized is that the disorganized among us don't realize that there is help to be had. "People don't know that people like me exist," Sgro says. The National Association of Professional Organizers has over 1800 members, concentrated in New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco but the trend is now heading mid-west and thanks to people like Valentina Sgro, there is some hope for the chronically disorganized.

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Any passerby on Rochester Road would notice the dog-themed decorations in the front yard and surmise that the home is probably occupied by a dog lover. A few steps into the house, and it is apparent that calling Diane Waldman a dog lover is a considerable understatement. Waldman is more than an owner, more than a hobbyist — she considers herself a mother, and not just to her three grown children. Rather, she is primary nurturer to Kohl and Sera, two champion Bernese Mountain Dogs weighing in at around 130 pounds each. While not spoiling her animals at home, Waldman shows them in dog shows locally and across the country — and they're blue ribbon winners in more ways than one.

"These guys get in your heart unlike any dog I have ever had before," she

says. "I can't answer why. They're just your special love." Waldman, 54, has had plenty of dogs to compare them to, starting with a hard-to-train German Shepherd bought by her father when she was a child. "My father took him to obedience school, and he did so well that my father got hooked," she says. "I was raised at dog shows. Over the weekends, that's what we did." While growing up there were mainly German Shepherds in her home, Waldman's husband, Michael, always had Chihuahuas. "They were all named Mickey. When one would die, they would name the next one Mickey," she says, mentioning that Michael still favors small dogs.

When the pair married in 1971 and moved into their first home, one of Waldman's top priorities was getting a


dog of her own. Their first dog was a wire-haired Dachshund, who had to be put down because of a mean-streak. The Waldmans then moved on to golden Retrievers. "We wanted family dogs, and goldens are wonderful and sweet," she says. Years later, she was looking for a dog with a similar, if less excitable, temperament when she spotted "a magnificent black dog" at Hawken, where her son went to school. It was her first sighting of a Bernese Mountain Dog. "I got the name of her breeder," Waldman says. "These breeders are incredibly protective of these dogs. They want to know that you have researched the dogs, can care for them, and they want you to ask questions. It is harder to get a dog than it is to have a baby."

Waldman says that out of a litter of 10, about three will have the physical char-

Four-legged friends have winning ways

by KATHERINE CARTER

Diane Waldman in her backyard with Kohl (left) and Sera. She hopes to enter Kohl (a.k.a. Champion Blue Mountain's Black Diamond V Timberidge) in Westminster Dog Show later this year.



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acteristics of a show dog. The rest are sold directly to homes as family pets. Bernese Mountain Dog breeders will not sell the animals to puppy mills, since they often wind up sick, Waldman says. Classic Bernese Mountain Dogs have a white blaze across the forehead and nose, four white feet, a white tip on the tail and a Swiss cross on the chest. If the dog's eyes are blue when they open at two weeks old, it is immediately disqualified from being a show dog. Conformation must be perfect. Yet even with all of the appropriate physical characteristics, it can still be difficult to raise a dog for shows, Waldman says.

The dogs do not resemble the stereotypical staid show dogs, instead offering bear hugs and toys to guests.

Sera, now seven, is extremely shy and finds the excitement surrounding the shows stressful. She does well in the circle, but wants to go right home afterward, Waldman says.

Although not well-known to outsiders, showing dogs is more accessible than most people think. According to Waldman, most breeders can steer owners to puppy matches, which are smaller-scale shows, and to obedience and special show training schools. She says once dogs earn 15 points and two major wins at puppy matches, they become champions and can compete at larger shows. The number of points earned depends on the number of same-sex dogs competing, Waldman says. Dogs who are already champions and place highly win points for every dog they top. It is by accumulating points that dogs become ranked, she says. Kohl, an American Kennel Club (AKC) champion, is currently ranked sixth in the nation.

Presenting a dog for show is not all about looks. A lot of training goes into it, for both the owner and the dog, Waldman says. After a short time off from March until June, Waldman had to get Kohl back into shape for his upcoming competitions. His regular walks became jogs, with Waldman lead-

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ing him on her bike. “These guys don’t have the energy that a golden would have. After a mile or two, they’ve had it, and they don’t like the heat,” she says. “Now, I am jogging him like an athlete getting ready to be in a competition.” Even with more exercise, Kohl and Sera do not eat the massive amounts of food one would expect, since they do not expend a lot of energy. Even so, Waldman makes sure their diets are pure, purchasing special foods with no by-products, serving organic meats and even grinding vegetables for the dogs. “They eat better than we do,” she says, pointing to her freezer. “This half is all of their stuff.” Consistent grooming is also a part of pre-show preparations. Waldman hoses down the dogs, washes them with Mane ‘n Tail shampoo then rinses and blow dries them. It can take the better part of an afternoon. “They’re used to it,” she says. “It is my therapy, and their therapy, too. I enjoy the time spent.”

Show training, which includes what to do in the circle, is available locally, Waldman says. She chooses positive

Diane Waldman appreciates the miles of sidewalks and parkland trails where she can exercise Kohl and Sera and their looks and good behavior earn them a lot of praise from fellow walkers.

training, rewarding her dogs with treats. It has been an efficient method for her, with all of her dogs enjoying success in different shows. Both Sera and Kohl, as champions, can participate in any event they choose. Sera’s name is Champion Royal Festival, and Kohl is Champion Blue Mountain’s Black Diamond V Timberidge. Waldman says she loves going to the shows. “We do grooming for about a half-hour before, spend five minutes in the ring and then we spend the rest of the time hanging out and enjoying the day,” she says. The larger shows offer “a whole week of events” and are a good place to pick up dog-related items, she says. Her enthusiasm is not shared by her husband, Michael, an accountant. “Michael doesn’t mind



Kohl, a champion in both working dog and best of breed categories, demonstrated his trade at Lake Farmpark in April. The dogs were traditionally used to pull carts loaded with dairy produce to market in their native Switzerland.

that I do the dog shows, but he says he would rather sit in the backyard watching the grass grow than spend a day at a show,” she says. He is very tolerant, however, of the substantial role the dogs

have even permeated her work. Ben, a Bernese Mountain Dog who recently died at the age of 10, was a popular guest at Manorcure. “He was wonderful, the residents loved him,” Waldman says. “After lunch he was always in the dining room cleaning the floor. He was so funny. He would love it when people would laugh at him.”

Waldman, who graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 1967 and raised her family here, loves Shaker Heights. She appreciates the miles of sidewalks and parkland trails where she can exercise Kohl and Sera and their looks and good behavior earn them a lot of praise from fellow walkers. A bigger house may be in her future, though. “I need more room,” she laughs.

In the meantime though, Waldman enjoys sharing the family home with two four-legged friends. The dogs do not resemble the stereotypical staid show dogs, instead offering bear hugs and toys to guests. “These dogs lay on the couch — they do weird things. People say that Kohl is regal-looking. He is a doofus,” she says. “These are my kids — my kids grew up and left, and now I have four-legged kids.”

play in the couple’s home, including sharing the bed. “They take turns coming in,” Waldman says with a laugh.

The dogs have perhaps taken the place of Waldman’s children. An empty nester, she recounts that she was truly sad when her children, Joe, 30, Danny, 28, and Amy, 26, became too old for the activities they all enjoyed as children. “They wouldn’t play with me anymore, so I got busier with the dogs.” She playfully suggests that her children are jealous of their canine siblings, but says they enjoy visiting with them when they are home. Waldman also started working part-time at Manorcure in Willoughby to help fill the void left by her children. Her dogs, always a presence,



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This month, in sync with Ohio's Bicentennial, Rob will walk the 312 miles from downtown Cincinnati to Cleveland using a combination of bicycle paths and quieter roads. The walk, the first step in a program that may be taken to a national and even international level, is one of many initiatives the group's founders want to accomplish. As well as demonstrating the role fitness plays in health, the group is participat-



Road of Life Founders (Top row) Mike Emrich, Schylur Schmidt, Matthew Fuerst (Bottom) Josh Berezin, Matt Youngner, Rob Emrich (with Nedward, an APL adoptee and Road of Life mascot). *Photo by Felicity Hill*

ing in school and college health fairs throughout the state featuring multimedia presentations on cancer facts and research. Rob will appear at each of the health fairs and will make appearances at other events, such as city festivals, along his route.

Next year, Rob hopes to take on a longer walk – the Pan-American Highway, which stretches from Alaska to Argentina – following in the footsteps of Briton George Meegan, who completed the route in the 1970s. The group is working with Ohio State University's

Center for Latin American Studies developing a web curriculum that will help get its anti-cancer message to a wider audience.

Right now though, the friends' goal is to raise funds for the first 312 mile walk; they aim to raise \$100 per mile by October 1. For more information on Road of Life, or to dedicate a mile of the walk in honor or memoriam of a cancer sufferer, please visit www.roadoflife.org, email office@roadoflife.org or telephone: (614) 221-1235.

— Felicity Hill



BOAT'S AHOY!

Shaker Man has an off-shore adventure

BY JOHN BRANDT

Illustration by BettyAnne Green

There is no force of nature more dangerous than the urge of a Shaker parent to show their children, well, the forces of nature. And so it is that Shaker Man—proud holder of a Boy Scout Badge, First Class—announces to his family that they will spend Saturday morning canoeing.

“Canoodling?” asks his wife.

“Doodling?” asks his daughter.

“We’re getting a poodle?” asks his son.

“Canoeing!” he reasserts. “Floating down the life stream of the world! Navigating the shoulders of The Great Brown River God! Finding the source of the mighty Cuyahoga—”

“I think I liked the poodle idea better,” says Ms. Shaker Man.

“It’ll be great. Just you wait and see—”

Finding the Livery: Much to our hero’s surprise, however, it turns out that canoeing requires not only a river but also canoes. Fortunately, the Hidey-Hidey-Hidey-Ho Livery and Propane Farm (est. 1986), conveniently located 432 miles east of Shaker on an unmarked road on the upper Cuyahoga, offers not only scarred aluminum canoes, but also:

- soggy, undersized lifejackets;
- paddles, the handles of which appear to have been chewed by giant beavers; and
- an impressive collection of junk food and river trinkets, including pebbles glued into Hidey-Hidey-Hidey-Ho turtle shapes, Hidey-Hidey-Hidey-Ho T-shirts, and Hidey-Hidey-Hidey-Ho plastic fishing nets (on the off chance that a fish able to survive in three feet of Cuyahoga River Water would allow itself to be caught by a squealing six-year-old).

Eighty-three dollars later—“I didn’t think we were buying the canoes,” he grumbles—Shaker Man finds himself in an unexpected battle for breath with the last life jacket on the

rack. Sized for a Wizard of Oz extra, the jacket’s straps close around Shaker Man’s rib cage like a boa constrictor. Vigorous attempts to loosen them—accompanied by a hard fall onto the dock, much to the amusement of his children—only serve to deflate his lungs to the size of tennis balls.

“Maybe I won’t wear—” he whispers . . .

“Oh yes you will,” his wife informs him. “You can drown later if you like, but not while I’m still in this canoe. Got it?”

“Got it.”

The indignities continue as Shaker Man watches his children, Mr. Six and Ms. Ten, fight to see which of them doesn’t have to ride in his canoe, and which can ride with friends—call them Joe and Mary—with more paddling experience. After Six loses the coin toss, he puts on his Mr. Grumpy face—She Always Gets Everything She Wants And I Never Do—and clomps noisily between Mommy and Daddy in the “bad canoe.”

“Why is this a ‘bad canoe?’” asks Shaker Man.

“It just is,” Six harrumphs. “And besides, She Always Gets Everything She Wants And I Never Do —”

Paddling: Seventy-two lamentations by Six later, the first words out of Ms. Shaker Man’s mouth—destined to be repeated throughout the morning—are these: “Are you sure you know how to steer a canoe?”

The first words out of Shaker Man’s mouth—destined to be repeated for the rest of his marriage—are these: “It’s called paddling, dear, and I’ve been doing it since I was 13. It’s like riding a bike. And besides, I’ll be in the back. That’s where all the ‘Steering’ really gets done anyway. You can just float along for the ride.”





Sadly, the only resemblance between paddling and riding a bike is in the way that Shaker Man's canoe manages to coast lazily, without brakes or steering, from side to side, alternately becoming stuck first on one bank (bow) and then the other (stern), next on a submerged rock (bow) and then in the branches of a fallen tree (stern).

"Dad," says Six, "I think this really is a bad canoe."

"Why's that?"

"Because it's always crashing into things. I wish we had a canoe like Joe and Mary. Can I switch?"

"Our canoe is fine," he says, digging the paddle deeper. Trying to make headway (and to stop spinning), he begins to coach Ms. Shaker Man:

"Paddle on the right! On the left! Watch out for that tree! Back left! Forward right! Back! PULL! PULL! ARGHHHHH-HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH—"

Shaker Man and the back half of the canoe disappear into a tree.

"You OK?" his wife calls.

"Just an eye," he says. "I have another. You've really got to start paddling a little harder. Now, the next time we start to—"

"I have a question," she says.

"Yes?"

"How come you're doing all the steering from the back, but every time we run into something, it's my fault?"

Dealing with Adversity (Water): Alas for Shaker Man, the upper Cuyahoga—usually a peaceful eddy, no more than three to four feet deep—has been swollen by a month of rain into a torrent more than seven feet deep. This means that when he A) leans sideways to avoid decapitation by yet another tree branch, B) the entire canoe capsizes and C) spills his wife and son into what will later be described as a raging, bottomless whirlpool.



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Although the life jackets work, neither Ms. Shaker Man nor Six enjoy this refreshing dip into The Brown River God, a fact that both remind our hero of loudly and repeatedly over the next few minutes. Yet bad as the dunking is, trying to right the canoe—full of water, wedged into a fallen tree and being pushed by the current, all in eight feet of water—is worse. Only after 45 minutes of tugging, swearing and repeated face-first falls into the muddy banks by all four adults—along with a healthy dose of whining from Six and Ten about bugs, temperatures, bugs, lack of snacks, bugs, and not having any fun—does the canoe finally budge.

“OK, guys,” Shaker Man says to his bedraggled crew. “Back into the canoe!”

“Try to imagine,” his wife says, poking Shaker Man with an unfriendly paddle, “how close to going back under the water you are right now.”

Dealing with Adversity (Land):

Joe and Mary take the canoes while the Shaker Family Robinson try their hands at

orienteering their way back to civilization. Things go from bad to worse, however, as Shaker Man and family realize that the only way up a muddy, near-vertical, 40-foot-high bank of the river will be by pulling themselves through the underbrush sapling by sapling, tree branch by tree branch.

Says he to Ms. Shaker Man: “You’re the one who didn’t want to get back in the canoe.”

Says she: “Keep climbing, Captain of the Titanic.”

“We’ll never get there,” says Ten.

“I want to go home,” says Six.

Thirty minutes and several mudslides later they reach the summit, only to find it overgrown with prickier bushes that leave welts and scratches across their bare legs. Even that pales, however, to what happens next: The distant barks and yips—growing closer—of what sounds like a pack of wild dogs—growing closer...

“What do we do now?” Ms. Shaker Man whispers, as if the baying hounds could hear her.

“Get a stick,” Shaker Man says, picking up a branch which he brandishes in an Errol Flynn sort of way he imagines will appear fierce to a pack of wild dogs.

Asks his wife in a frantic stage whisper, waving her own stick: “Are you insane?”

Which is how Mr. and Ms. Shaker Man meet their rescuers, in the form of a very nice lady and her pack of two small, not-so-wild-after-all dogs.

Gaping in awe at the branch-scratched, bug-bitten, mud-covered, stick-wielding family, the very nice lady can only say: “What happened?”

Sighs Shaker Man: “We had a bad canoe ...”

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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Richard Cirillo: *Child Psychologist*



Dr. Richard Cirillo is what you might call a “late bloomer.” Uninspired during high school, Cirillo began a series of blue collar jobs on leaving. Then, while working at a printing company, he had an epiphany. “It was just a sudden conviction that I didn’t want to live like this anymore,” he says. “I knew that if I was going to do anything else I’d have to go to college, and to do that, I’d have to start with a junior college and make some really impressive grades.”

And so he enrolled at a small community college near Buffalo, New York. His father, he said, couldn’t have been more surprised than if an asteroid had

landed and aliens came to the family dinner table.

Cirillo fell in love with academics and psychology in particular. “Once I got into college, I was taking general studies and still didn’t have a clear idea of what I wanted to do,” he says. “But like many people, I was influenced by a professor. He taught psychology and was very excited about it which always made the classes interesting.” A bachelor’s degree at State University of New York (SUNY) was followed by a master’s and doctorate at Syracuse. It was at that level of academia that Cirillo met his wife, Pat, when they both worked in a behavioral neuroscience lab. “We were on each others dissertation credits,” he

says, as if that perhaps made it a given that the couple would marry.

While doing post-doctoral research in the University of Rochester’s Department of Physiology, Cirillo began to consider that he didn’t want to spend the rest of his career in a pure research setting. Just about that time Pat, who went into business, was recruited to move to Cleveland. “What really clinched it for me,” Cirillo says, “was that Case Western Reserve University was doing a training program in clinical psychology, so I went through it and gained a new specialty.” In 1992, the Cirillos, both having found their

calling Cleveland made the move and found a perfect setting in Shaker Heights.

“A friend of Pat’s in Rochester recommended Shaker,” Cirillo says. “And we knew it had the reputation of being a very nice community. We loved the architecture and the whole feel of it.” After attaching himself to CWRU, Cirillo spent a number of years working with juveniles at Bellefaire. He says his understanding of behavioral research is a plus when assisting youngsters. Just recently, he moved to the Cleveland Christian Home and now commutes from Shaker to its facility on Cleveland’s west side.

Cirillo’s new position allows him to do a little bit of everything, from planning new programs to supervising clinical

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staff, to occasionally doing some diagnostics of his own. One type of program he’s undertaking is similar to his work at Bellefaire. “It’s a program aimed to keep families together. A social worker spends several hours a day at the family home helping them to work through any negatives and work with their positives. It’s very beneficial.”

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BY AMY GARVEY

Candace Sheffler: *Fun Science Teacher*

Despite the media coverage of the “Worm Incident”, Candace Sheffler looks forward to returning this fall to teach science to Woodbury 6th graders. The “Worm Incident”, she explains, was her attempt to bring composting to life in the classroom. She ordered a composting bin and 2,000 worms, but, she maintains, the bin was faulty. “The worms kept crawling into the forbidden zone,” she says. “We came back after one weekend and there must have been 1,000 in there dead and, boy, the smell!” The remaining worms didn’t last much longer. The incident made the school newspaper under the headline: “What Happened to the Worms?” Sheffler vividly recalls the reporter’s statement: “Mrs. Sheffler says ‘no one is to blame.’”

Luckily, the experienced educator knows how to keep a sense of humor in reach. She came to the elementary school after two years at the Shaker Youth Center and two at Shaker High School and still keeps in touch with her former students as junior varsity tennis coach at the High School. She also taught for two years in Napierville, Illinois.

Born and raised in Shreveport, Louisiana, Sheffler and her family lived in North Carolina, Maryland, and Ohio. “Shaker Heights is just everyone’s favorite,” she says. “It’s like a big small town. It’s got a great community feel.” Her parents, Donald and Camilla Moss, moved here in 1995. And when the Mosses move, Uncles Pete and Bert follow. Though her father is temporarily back in Louisiana, her mother and uncles remain here and are a large part of her life.

“I just feel like I have always lived here,” she says, which would explain

why she convinced her new husband, John Sheffler, to relocate to Shaker Heights in 2002. “He’s a computer consultant with NCR and can be away from home for months at a time. The rest of the time he’s working in his home office. So it doesn’t really matter to him where we live and I wanted to be by my family.”

Perhaps it’s her devotion to family that keeps Candace in touch with her inner child. Energetic and cheerful, she delights in selecting fun, meaningful and somewhat messy labs for her students. “My favorite was when we made a comet,” she says. “We used dry ice and we rolled it in dirt and applied ammonia and used a machine that made it have a tail just like a real comet. The kids liked it when we made Ooblick, which is cornstarch and water. The test there is to decide whether it’s a solid or a liquid. It’s really a non-Newtonian liquid. The last week of school we built a baby, the kids flipped

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a coin to see whether a child would inherit a dominant or recessive gene, they liked that. And they like anything with food, we used Milky Way candy bars to talk about metamorphic rock.”

Sheffler also uses her sense of humor and southern childhood to teach and entertain. “The kids love hearing my strange stories,” she says. “I had a colorful southern childhood and I have some wacky childhood stories. I even use Uncle Pete and Uncle Bert stories in the classroom.

“When I was growing up, I was never talked to,” Scheffler recalls. “I was taught to. My mother was a

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CIRILLO

Cirillo and his wife are raising a family of their own in the Sussex neighborhood. Dominic is the baby at 18 months, then there's Emma, a Lomond second-grader and Bob, who attends the Middle School. What spare time Cirillo has after his new, longer, commute is spent catching up with the kids or attending somebody's sporting events. He also enjoys photography and playing guitar, something he's been "fooling around with for about 30 years."

All in all it's a life that's not bad for a late bloomer. And, his father would agree, it's a good deal better than having aliens show up at the dinner table.

SHEFFLER

teacher, five of my seven aunts were teachers, and my grand-mother and great-grandmother were teachers. For a while I thought I wanted to be a hospital administrator, but I just couldn't fight the teaching thing. I love teaching and I'm really loving teaching science. My first year was great and I've already thought of a gazillion ideas to make next year better."

Candace approaches the redecorating of her home with the same energy and enthusiasm she brings to the science lab. She's spent just about all of her free time sanding – whether it's floors or walls – and painting. She's finally reached the point where she could tackle the backyard. "Gardening is my new favorite hobby," she says. She's also spending the summer months training a new puppy, Chester. Sheffler enjoys painting pottery and giving the results as gifts. She also keeps a sharp eye on what the Shaker Recreation Department has to offer. "I've taken the woodworking class there, the interior decorating class, and a pottery class. They've got some great classes."

A good teacher is a constant learner, as Sheffler's teaching genes keep showing. Just keep her away from the worms.





Slammin'! Shaker Heights and Cleveland Heights Libraries Plan Joint Poetry Slam

*"The points are not the point;
the point is poetry."*

Just imagine: It's Thursday night and the Nature Center meeting room is filled to capacity with teams of teens ready to compete. But it's not basketball, ice hockey, or even chess — the contest is poetry! And the poetry slam master who coined the slogan above knows what local teens are discovering — writing and performing poetry makes for a high-energy evening!

If the purpose of a poetry slam is to increase the audience for poetry, then Shaker Young Adult librarians Christine Borne and Cleveland Heights' Nancy Levin have a plan! Thursday, October 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. the duo will stage **Slammin'** — A Joint Poetry Slam at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, where teens will focus not only on what they say, but how they say it.

The Nature Center was chosen because of its shared location in Shaker and Cleveland Heights. Levin spoke with Director Nancy King Smith, who was pleased to waive the meeting room fees as both libraries had accommodated the Nature Center during its renovations.

Each library may enter up to four teams and with three to five members. Library workshops will help teams prepare for the slam; teams may be formed in or outside of the workshops. Shaker Library's workshops will be from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. October 8 and 4 – 6 p.m. October 15 in the Main Library's Teen Center.

The Poetry Slam will consist of three rounds, with teams eliminated after each round. Eight teams will compete in round one, with five teams advancing to round two, and then three to round three. During the final round, the order



Shaker Young Adult librarian Christine Borne and Cleveland Heights' Nancy Levin show off the SLAMMIN' trophy



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CAROLYN KENDRICK

AGE: 68

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USES: Main Library

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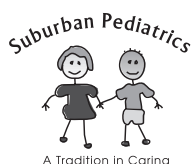
INFLUENCES: Book club choices. A member of a book club since 1974, Kendrick "never leaves home without a book."

OTHER INTERESTS: Travel

FAMILY: Husband, Milton, a retired civil engineer

BRIEF BIO: Kendrick was born in Cleveland and graduated from Glenville High School. She and her husband moved to Shaker in 1977. The retired realtor and former volunteer with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation is the primary caregiver for her mother. An avid reader, she also phones homebound elders to discuss books.

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of the top three teams will be determined. During each round, each team will be given ten minutes to write on an assigned topic. Since seating is limited, a free ticket (available beginning October 1 at the teen desks at Shaker or Heights Library) is required for admission.

Shaker Library's Christine Borne has lived in Moreland since August, Borne enjoys working with teens because, "They're not afraid to say what they mean. We could all learn from them on that issue." In addition to her work at the library, Borne is writing a YA novel. As to her collaboration with Nancy Levin on what they call the "Lee Road Alliance," Borne says, "The thing I love best about teen librarians is we love to work together on projects — the glitzier the better!"

Fernway resident Nancy Levin moved to Shaker Heights in 1991, when Levin's husband, Daniel, a commercial photographer, decided to start his own business. Since then, they have lived in four homes within a radius of one square mile, and according to Levin, "We love Fernway and will never leave!"

Like Borne, Levin received her master's degree in Library Information Science from Kent State University. She enjoys working with teens because they are creative and energetic and appreciates their sense of humor — even when it gets colorful!

According to Levin, teens and poetry are a perfect match. They have strong feelings about the world and the people they are becoming and she feels that poetry is a great outlet for those feelings. "They write about love and friendship but they also write about the economy, politics, war and pollution."

Slammin' is the first in what both librarians hope will be a fruitful collaboration.

Artists Sought for Library Tribute Display

The Library Board is seeking artists to submit proposals for a tribute display to recognize donors to its library's Endowment Fund, created in November 2000 with a \$10,000 donation from Friends of the Shaker Library. As of the first quarter in 2003, donations to the



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library's endowment had reached \$116,836.

The Board looked into purchasing a commercial system, but decided to seek ideas from local artists. The goal is to create a unique system that provides an artistic tribute to Endowment Fund donors; specifications for the project are available at the circulation desks at either library or online at www.shpl.lib.oh.us. Proposals are due by 6 p.m. September 19. For more information, please contact Library Director Edrice Ivory at 991-2030.

the Bookshelf

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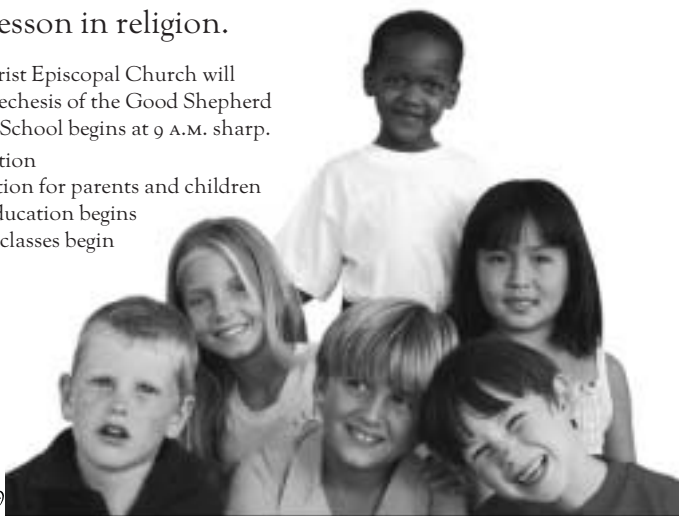
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The library houses the archives of the Shaker Heights League of Women Voters, the Shaker Heights PTO and *Shaker Magazine*. It also cares for a large collection of local history material, including photographs, ephemera, scrapbooks, yearbooks, slides, stereoscopes, video and audio recordings, books and manuscripts. For more information about Archives Week or to donate material to the Local History Collection, please contact Kristen Pool at 991-2030.

Library Expands Book Discussions and Offers Book Talks

Shaker library has expanded book discussion opportunities. Last winter, the library added a mystery book discussion, entitled *Who Dunnit?* to its lineup of book discussions. Led by librarian Peter Brown, this group discusses the mystery genre and will meet at 7:30 p.m. at Main Library September 9 to discuss *One Virgin Too Many*. At 7:30 p.m. October 7, mystery lovers can discuss *Chasing the Devil's Tail*.

This fall the library will add *Reality Reads*, a nonfiction book discussion group for readers who enjoy books based on fact. Each discussion will be led by different librarians who will choose books to appeal to a variety of interests. Janis Williams will lead the first *Reality Reads* at 7:30 p.m. September 17 when the group meets to discuss *Stupid White Men*. At 7:30 p.m., October 22, Kristen Drake will lead a discussion on *The House on Beartown Road*.

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Thursdays. September 11 residents are invited to enjoy a book talk and learn what to read next at a *Recent & Recommended Book Talk*. October 9, Lynda Thomas will lead a book discussion on *The Secret Life of Bees*.

Reflections Book Group meets at 2 p.m. the second Saturday of each month. September 13 members will discuss *Dancing on the Edge of the Roof*. October 11, readers are invited for an afternoon discussion of *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*.

The library continues its second Tuesday morning book discussions led by Lynda Thomas. 10 a.m. September 9, residents can discuss *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett and 10 a.m. October 14 they can discuss *Angle of Repose* by Wallace Stegner. Librarian Janis Williams leads an evening book discussion at 7:30 p.m. the 4th Tuesday of every month. The September 23 discussion is *Disgrace* by J. M. Coetzee and on October 28 the topic is *Other People's Children* by Joanna Trollope.

Books for each discussion will be available in the fiction departments at the library where the discussion will be held. Please call either library for more information.

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Book Displays and Movies

Both libraries will have book displays and brochures of Hispanic feats and facts to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 – October 15). In addition, the library will offer free films: at 2 p.m. September 21, *Stand and Deliver* will play; 2 p.m. October 12, watch *Mambo Kings*.

Library Offers Series of Fall Computer Classes

This fall, the library will continue to offer its regular series of computer classes at 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays. *Introduction to the Internet* classes will be offered September 2, 6, 16, 20 and October 7, 11, 21 and 25. *Basic Word Processing* classes will be offered September 23, 27 and October 28. *Web*

E-mail classes will be offered September 9, 13, October 14 and 18.

The Library and City's Office for Senior Adults is collaborating on a series of Internet classes for seniors. The class will meet every from 9:30 – 11:30 on Wednesdays in October. Class size is limited. For more information and to register, please call the Senior Adult Office at 491-1350.

Other free classes for residents to improve or enhance their computer skills are listed below; some classes have prerequisites. Registration is on a first-sign, first-served basis and begins the Monday the week before the class.

INTRODUCTION TO WORD:

10 - 11:30 A.M. SEPT. 4; 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. SEPT. 22; 2 - 4 P.M. OCT. 16.

INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL:

10 A.M. – NOON SEPT. 8; 10 A.M. - NOON OCT. 2; 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. OCT. 27.

INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT:

2 - 4 P.M. SEPT. 17;
10 A.M. - NOON OCT. 13.

INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS DATABASES:

2 - 4 P.M. SEPT. 18;
2 - 4 P.M. OCT. 15.

WORKING WITH WINDOWS: 3 - 5 P.M.
SEPT. 24; 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. OCT. 6.

Database of the Month

College-bound students and their parents can research potential schools at CollegeSource, a database replete with information about two-and four-year colleges and universities in the United States and abroad, as well as graduate and professional schools. The site also offers links to financial aid information, test preparation sites and career resources.

To access CollegeSource, go to www.shpl.lib.oh.us. Click on "Electronic Databases," and then on "CLEVNET Electronic Resources." CollegeSource is under the "Education" link. Here, you can get a profile of a school, a link to its web site, catalog of courses, an interactive map, and travel information including local hotels.

For help using CollegeSource or any other library database, call the Adult or Children's Information Desks.

Friends Hold Fall Used Book Sale

Friends of the Shaker Library will hold their fall book sale October 16 – 19 on the second floor of the Main Library. The sale begins with a preview and presale for Friends members from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. October 16. Residents who are not members may join at the door for a small fee.

The sale opens to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. October 17 and 18 and ends with a Bag Sale from 1 – 3 p.m. October 19, when all bags of books cost \$5.

Friends welcome book donations throughout the year. Residents may bring gently used books to Main Library, where they will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Residents who wish to help sort books and set up for the sale the week of October 13 may call the library and leave names and phone numbers.

Footnotes

- Two new collections have been added to the fiction department at Main Library. **The Media Book Club** features books selected by online, newspaper and TV book groups and includes short stories, fiction, mystery and biography. **Inspirational Fiction** features titles by authors including Beverly Lewis, Dee Henderson, Terri Blackstock, Lisa Sampson, Lori Wick and Francine Rivers.
- Main Library resumes its Sunday hours (1 – 5 p.m.) September 7. Both libraries will be **closed** September 1 for Labor Day and September 12 for professional staff development. Both libraries are **open** Columbus Day, October 13.
- Meet artist **Dale Goode** at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 21. Goode's abstract art will be on display on the second floor of the Main Library through November 2 and is available for sale.
- Need help finding a good book? Log on to *Read This Now*, the new 24x7 online resource for readers (www.readthisnow.net) made possible through the CLEVNET consortium.

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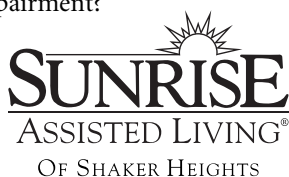
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The web site will include lists of reading suggestions in a variety of genres such as children's, suspense thrillers, science fiction and true crime, along with links to web sites for readers' advisory assistance from librarians in the area.

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile— Main Library from 2 – 7 p.m. September 22.
- The Library Board meets at 6:30 p.m. September 8 at Main Library and October 13 at Woods Branch.

Recent Donations to the Library

Recent donations to the library include contributions from Dr. Linda Zip; Carolyn Selekman, for the purchase of audio books; Friends of the Shaker Library for equipment purchases, and Randy Meg Kammer in memory of O.R. Moore, Billie Jean Fouts and the Rosenbaum Family.

Donations to the library's endowment fund through The Cleveland Foundation in memory of Patricia Poe were received from Richard & Lois Dickerman, Thomas (TJ) & Diane Wieland, Ruth Blumenthal, Laura G. Berick, Alan & Bonni Berger, Ann J. Farmer, Lucine Mirakian and Lunch Aides at Rowland, Burt & Carolyn Milter, Glenn & Barbara Roderick, William F. Steiner, Gloria Epstein Benis, Rebecca E. Adler, Jeff & Rosemary Margulies, Marcia L. Lewin, Kathleen & Fenton Moore, Leslie Meriam Bell, Lore Martin, Ana May Wise, Sheila Shapiro and Lucine Mirakian.

Frances Bayless donated a wildlife photo entitled, *Emperor Penguins*.

Meet Children's Author J. Patrick Lewis

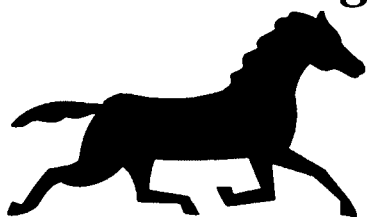
The children's departments at both libraries will host award-winning children's poet J. Patrick Lewis on Saturday October 18.

A Chagrin Falls resident, Lewis has published many poetry books in a variety of styles. He also writes illustrated books of fiction for children in middle grades and retellings of folktales. Lewis' books will be available for sale and signing following his programs.

Registration begins October 4. Please call the library where you plan to attend.

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BOOK BABIES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for one-year-olds with an adult.

FALL SESSION: SEPT. 30 – NOV. 19.

Babies 12 – 18 months old. (Baby must be 12 months by Oct. 1.)

9:15 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Main Library.

For babies 18 – 24 months old

(Baby must be 18 months by Oct. 1.)

11 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Main Library.

In-person registration for Shaker residents

begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Non-

residents may register beginning Sept. 16.

Please register at the library where your child will attend.

TODDLER STORYTIMES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for 2-year-olds with an adult.

Fall Session: September 29 – Nov. 20.

10 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Woods Branch.

10 a.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. Thursdays at Main Library.

In-person registration for Shaker residents

begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13. Non-

residents may register beginning Sept. 16.

Please register at the library where your child will attend.

STORY TIMES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Stories, songs, rhymes and fun for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds.

10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Main Library.

10 a.m. Tuesdays and 1:30 p.m. Thursdays at Woods Branch.

Programs begin the week of September 8. No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Bedtime stories for children age 3 and up with or without an adult.

7:15 p.m. Monday, September 15.

Registration begins Sept. 1.

AFTERSCHOOL SPECIALS

Stories, crafts & activities for children in grades 1 – 4.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch beginning Sept. 9.

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays at Main Library beginning Sept. 10.

Registration is limited and begins 2 weeks before each program.

READING BUDDIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A book club for children in grades 3 & 4. Participants will receive a copy of each book.

Fall Session: Oct. 7 – Dec. 16.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays.

Registration begins Sept. 23.

AFTERSCHOOL AUTHORS

Writing activities for children in grades 2 – 5.

Fall Session: Oct. 1 – Nov. 19

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays.

Registration begins Sept. 17.

BOOK BUGS AT MAIN LIBRARY

A book-centered writing club for children in grades K – 3.

Fall Session: Oct. 9 – Dec. 18.

4:15 p.m. Thursdays.

Registration begins Sept. 25.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 7.

Read and discuss *Shadow Spinner*, Susan Fletcher's book about the power of storytelling. Registration and book pick up begins Sept. 9.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING AT WOODS BRANCH

Laugh, shake and shiver with stories, songs and fun for the whole family. Come in costume if you wish. Registration begins Oct. 13.

7:30 p.m. October 27.

MATH NIGHT AT WOODS BRANCH

Numbers, books plus activity centers add up to fun ways for parents and children ages 3 – 6 to learn about math.

7 p.m. Oct. 14.

Registration begins Sept. 30.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEKS AT WOODS

Visit the Branch and make a fall craft to take home.

Sept. 22 – 27 and Oct. 20 – 25.

PLAY & LEARN STATION AT MAIN LIBRARY

A preschool literacy program for parents or caregivers to explore with their children, ages birth to 5 years old.

10:00 a.m. - noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Thursdays.

PLAY & LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A special room of literacy activities just for babies, ages birth to 18 months old, and their parents or caregivers.

10:00 a.m. - noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

No registration is required for Play & Learn programs operated in partnership with the Shaker Family Center.

Kindermusik Special Offered at Woods Branch

Mercer-area resident Cathy Huser will present a Kindermusik Special at 10 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Monday, Dec. 9 at Bertram Woods Branch Library for children ages 2–5.

Kindermusik is a program designed to encourage an appreciation for music early in life. The November program will feature animal songs and stories in music. Registration is limited and begins Nov. 11; call 991-2421 to reserve a place.





OUT & ABOUT

Events for September

1-12 Fall Mum Sale. Woodbury and Shaker Middle School PTO moms sell mums to benefit budding scholars! To order mums in a variety of colors or fall cabbages, CALL CATHY MITRO, 751-1519, OR STASIA VAVRUSKA, 991-9165, OR EMAIL: SMVAV@ADELPHIA.NET

1 Labor Day. CITY OFFICES, SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES CLOSED.

2 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON, NATURE CENTER. Sister Mary Schrader of Sisters of St. Joseph's Community in West Park speaks on *Green Sisters: Living with the Universe in Mind*. Learn about their creative grassroots efforts, including wind power and alternative fuel initiatives. FREE. INFO: 321-5935.

2 A Taste of Shaker, 1 - 3 P.M., CICI'S PIZZA AT SHAKER TOWNE CENTRE. Senior adults are invited to dine at local eateries with others. Reservations must be made the Friday of the week before the trip. INFO: 491-1360.

5 First Friday Movie, 1 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Leonardo DiCaprio stars as a young con man and Tom Hanks as the FBI agent on his trail in the free flick, *Catch Me If You Can*. INFO: 491-1360.

5 Friday Night Skate, 7:00- 9 P.M. THORNTON PARK. Middle school student opportunity to see and be seen at Friday Night Ice! INFO: 491-1295.

6 Doggie Dip, 10 A.M. - NOON, THORNTON PARK. Bring the dog and dunk him! Pool will be unchlorinated and a lifeguard will be on doggie duty! (Owners must accompany dogs.) Après swim doggie buffet available. \$1/resident dog; \$3/all other mutts. INFO: 491-1295.

6 Horseshoe Lake Marker Dedication, 10 A.M., SOUTH SIDE OF HORSESHOE LAKE. Join officials from the City, Ohio

Gridiron Games

What better way to spend a crisp fall afternoon than strolling to Shaker High to hear the band of renown and to watch a football game? KICKOFF IS 2 P.M.

Sept. 6: Shaker v. St. Ed's

Sept. 13: Shaker v. St. Ignatius

Sept. 20: Shaker v. Warrensville Heights

Oct. 4: Shaker v. Admiral King (Red Tag Day)

Oct. 11: Shaker v. Mentor (Homecoming!)

Oct. 25: Shaker v. Cleveland Heights

and Shaker Historical societies and members of the Van Aken family for the installation of the Bicentennial Marker. Reception at Shaker Historical Museum follows. INFO: 921-1201.

8 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Marjorie Greenfield discusses and signs *Dr. Spock's Pregnancy Guide*. INFO: 751-3300.

9 Consumer Protection & Identity Theft, 7 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Ohio Consumer Counsel provides tips on how to protect yourself as a consumer. Free. INFO: 491-1360.

9 Who Dunit?: 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Mystery book discussion on *One Virgin Too Many*. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Podiatry Services for Seniors, 8:30 A.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Seniors, put your best foot forward for foot care services. \$10/person. INFO: 491-1360.

Destinations...

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY
20600 Fayette Road

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES
2600 South Park Boulevard

SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING
COMMUNITY COLONNADE
3450 Lee Road

SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
19824 Sussex Road

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive

SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM
16740 South Park Boulevard

SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL
20600 Shaker Boulevard

THORNTON PARK
20701 Farnsleigh Road

11 Recent & Recommended, 3 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Learn what to read next at a librarian-led book talk. INFO: 991-2421.

11 Guide to the Social Transition, 7 – 8:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Parent program on strategies for supporting teens' healthy decision making. Sessions are led by Shaker Prevention Coalition parents and SHARP (Student Health Advocates Reaching Peers) teens.

12 Library Staff Professional Day. SHAKER LIBRARIES CLOSED.

12–14 Jewelry Show & Sale, 11:30 A.M. – 5 P.M., 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Lois S. Becker's unique handcrafted jewelry includes necklaces, earrings, pins and bracelets. Sunday Sale hours are 1 – 4 p.m. INFO: 921-3083.

12 Friends of Boulevard Theatre Benefit, 8 P.M. David Rohler directs Bruce Hearey, Mike Raum and Bob Kmiecik in *Art*, the Tony Award-winning play by Yasmina Reza about the meaning of friendship and the rules that dictate art. Tickets: \$30/person; \$50/couple includes gourmet reception. FOR RESERVATIONS AND VENUE, CALL 561-8588. SEATING IS LIMITED. (SECOND BENEFIT PERFORMANCE AT 8 P.M. SEPT.19.)

13 Book Babies & Toddler Story Time Registration, 9 A.M. – 6 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY & BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. In-person registration for the popular story times begins at 9 a.m. Book your baby today!

13 Meet the Author!, 2 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Jonathan Knight discusses and signs *Kardiac Kids: The Story of the 1980 Cleveland Browns*. INFO: 751-3300.

14 Fourth Annual Knit-Out & Crochet 2003, NOON – 5 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS. Northcoast Knitting Guild (www.northcoastknitting.org) promotes knitting and crochet. Members of the Guild will be on hand to demonstrate knitting and crochet techniques, conduct on-site lessons with free yarn and needles and to answer knitting and crocheting questions. INFO: ANN SMREKAR, 440-975-0225.

15 OASIS Class Registration, 10 A.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Educational programs on health, wellness, arts, humanities and more for adults ages 50 and older funded by the Cleveland Clinic Foundation and Kaufmann's. REGISTRATION AND INFO: 491-1360. \$2/RESIDENTS; \$3/NONRESIDENTS. FOR OASIS INFORMATION, CALL 440-886-1157.

16 Journey's End: SHAKER HEIGHTS, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. Exhibit exploring how and why different groups traveled to this area and stayed continues through Nov. 17. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

16 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Daniel Mason reads from and signs *The Piano Tuner*. INFO: 751-3300.

17 Senior trip to Greektown Casino. Feel lucky today? Try your hand at the "Best Casino and Slots" in Detroit and receive a \$20 casino bonus for game tokens or chips. \$30/person. Register by Sept. 1. CALL 491-1360.

17 Reality Reads, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Book discussion on *Stupid White Men*. INFO: 991-2030.

18 Free Movie Night, 5 P.M., Main Library Teen Center.

19 September Serenade: Con Spirito!, 8 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Chamber music concert to benefit Laurel School's Faculty Investment Initiative features members of the Cleveland Orchestra and other prominent local musicians followed by a dessert reception. TICKETS: \$75–\$225. INFO: DEBORAH FARQUHAR JONES, 464-1441, EXT. 111 OR EMAIL DFARQUHARJONES@LAURELSCHOOL.ORG

20 Meet the Author!, 2 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Editor Donald Gallo discusses and signs *On the Fringe*. INFO: 751-3300.

21 Hike-A-Thon, 8:30 A.M. & 1:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Newman Outfitters underwrites a day of family hiking. Take the tykes on hikes of varying lengths and difficulties. Long hikes begin at 8:30 a.m. and short hikes begin at 1:30 p.m. FEES & INFO: 321-5935, EXT. 221.

Ongoing Activities

Mondays & Wednesdays: Blood Pressure Screening, HEALTH DEPARTMENT. A City service available from 2 – 3:30 p.m. Mondays and 9 – 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays. No appointment, no charge. INFO: 491-1480.

Tuesdays: English as a Second Language, 7 – 9 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Brondy Shanker leads free classes at the library. INFO: 561-1803.

Wednesdays: Coffee, Cookies & Conversation, 10 – 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Senior Wednesdays features a variety of programs from entertainment to education followed by discussion. INFO: 491-1360.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, 1 – 4 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. \$1/person for an afternoon of drop-in card fun. INFO: 491-1360.

Saturdays: North Union Farmers Market, 8 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Buy fresh and local! Shop for a regional harvest of seasonal fruits and vegetables from the farm in your backyard. Info: Donita Anderson, 751-3712.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Play and Learn Station, 10 A.M. – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in play for children from birth to age 5 and parents co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. Thursday evenings 6 – 8 p.m.

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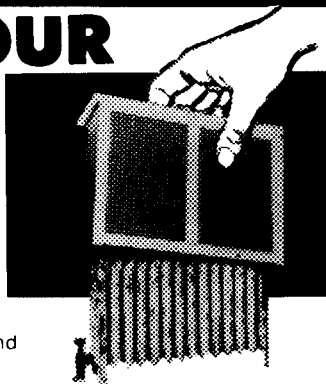
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Citizen Police Academy, Leadership Shaker Offer Fall Enrollment

The new and expanded Shaker Heights **Citizen Police Academy** is accepting applications for its fall program. The Academy, which runs from Sept. 4 through Nov. 20, meets from 7 - 10 p.m. Thursdays at the Shaker Heights Police Station, 3355 Lee Road.

Classes include: laws of arrest, use of radar in traffic control, crime scene investigations, K-9 Unit exercises, an evening on the range firing a variety of police weapons, Ride-A-Long with a police officer, and participation in a SWAT demonstration. The program will also include classes on firefighting and fire prevention in conjunction with the Fire Department.

For additional information, contact Chief Ugrinic, 491-1240.

Leadership Shaker, a two-year community service and leadership program, will begin this fall. Applications, due Oct. 1, are available at City Hall, the libraries, online, or call 491-1489.

21 International Families

Picnic, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M., HORSESHOE

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INFO: 295-4327

21 Meet the Artist, 2 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Meet artist Dale Goode and enjoy his abstract oils. Exhibit continues through Nov. 2. INFO: 491-1360.

21 Movies at Main, 2 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. SHAKER LIBRARY celebrates Hispanic Heritage month with the movie *Stand & Deliver*, the true story of a dedicated teacher who inspired his drop-out prone students to learn calculus. Free.

INFO: 991-2030.

22 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2 – 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Give the gift of life.

23 Cleveland Clinic Foundation Lunch Talks, NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join a member of the Cleveland Clinic for health talks on topics ranging from psychology, physical and gender health issues. Question and answer session follows each talk. Bring your lunch or snack. INFO: 491-1360.

23 Nature Reads, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Join fellow nature and book lovers for a discussion of *The Man Who Planted Trees*, Jean Giono's novelette of a Frenchman who copes with grief by planting trees. Bring a brown bag supper if you wish. Free. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

23 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Angela Neal-Barnett discusses and signs *Soothe Your Nerves*. INFO: 751-3300.

25 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7.30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Enjoy poetry read by poets. INFO: 991-2030.

27 American Red Cross Adult CPR, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Take the class and pass the test to receive 1-year certification. American Red Cross First Aid/CPR booklet included. \$35/person. Advance registration required by Sept. 19. CALL 491-1360.

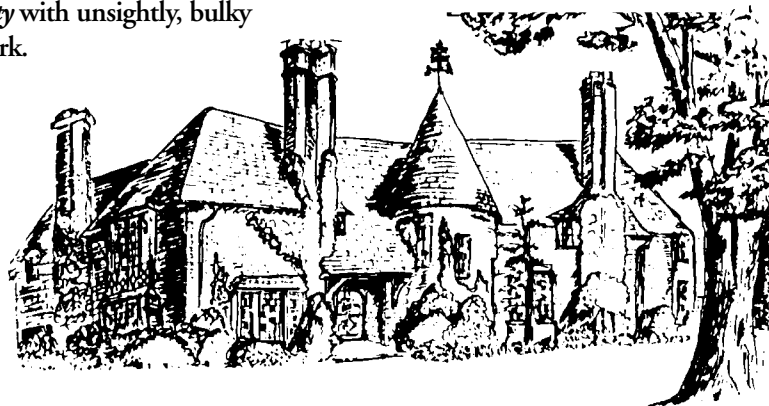
27 Meet the Author!, 2 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Bill Mason discusses and signs *Dr. Sam Sheppard on Trial*. INFO: 751-3300.

27 Rosh Hashanah.

28 Hathaway Brown Fall Family Festival: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Fun, food, athletics and events for the entire family. Free. INFO: 932-4214.

End-of-the-Season Cooling Sale

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for October

2 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Karen Sternheimer discusses and signs *It's Not the Media*. INFO: 751-3300.

3 First Friday Movie, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Jennifer Lopez & Ralph Fiennes star in the romantic comedy *Maid in Manhattan*.

3 Shaker Family Center's 2nd Annual Benefit Cocktail Party, 6:30 – 9 P.M. For reservations, tickets & information, call: 921-2023.

4 Red Tag Day, 2 P.M., RUSSELL RUPP STADIUM. Shaker tackles Admiral King on a high-spirited, high school afternoon where all schools wear their red with pride.

6 Yom Kippur. Public schools closed.

7 How to Play Sports in College, 7.30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Sports Boosters present a panel discussion on how to play at the next level. INFO: 295-4205.

7 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch, NOON, NATURE CENTER. Bring a brown bag lunch, hear a talk on environmental issues, take a hike and be back to work by 1 p.m. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

7 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M., JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Lynne Olson and Stanley Cloud discuss and sign *A Question of Honor*. INFO: 751-3300.

7 Mother-Daughter Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Girls in grades 4 – 6 and their mothers are invited to discuss the book *Shadow Spinner* by Susan Fletcher. INFO: 991-2421.

7 Who Dunnit?, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Mystery book discussion on *Chasing the Devil's Tail*. INFO: 991-2030.

on the Road...

OCT. 4: Daffodil Planting, NOON, LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. Join Friends of Lake View Cemetery and other volunteers to plant bulbs on historic Daffodil Hill. Equipment provided. INFO: 421-2665.

OCT. 12: The Search for Deer, 2 P.M., LAKE VIEW CEMETERY, 12316 EUCLID AVE. Nature Center naturalist Stephanie Thomas explains what signs to look for in searching for deer. Go for the doe! \$3.50/person. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED, 421-2665 EXT. 3035.

OCT. 26 - 29: Designer Dress Days, 10 A.M. - 7 P.M., FAIRMOUNT TEMPLE, 23737 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. (Oct. 29 until 8 p.m.) Buy designer labels for less! Sale includes new dresses, suits, blouses, skirts, slacks, after-five wear, furs, leather and suede in sizes ranging from petite to plus and an assortment of outstanding accessories. Men's sweaters and outerwear are also available. Shaker's NCJW volunteers include Toni Scherzer, Linda Friedman and Lucy Eckstein. Proceeds from the sale benefit NCJW education, advocacy & community service projects. INFO: 378-2204 OR WWW.NCJWCLEVELAND.ORG

8 Walk Your Child to School Day.

Shaker School nurses promote a healthy stroll to school.

8 Poetry Slam Workshop, 6:30 - 8:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER.

Amy Rosenbluth preps teams of teens for poetry slam competition. INFO: 991-2030.

9 Meet the Author!, 7 P.M.,

JOSEPH-BETH BOOKSELLERS AT SHAKER SQUARE. Rabbi Harold S.

Kushner discusses and signs *The Lord Is My Shepherd: The Healing Wisdom of the Twenty-Third Psalm*. INFO: 751-3300.

9 Podiatry Services for Seniors,

8:30 A.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Foot care for seniors. \$10/person. INFO: 491-1360.

9 I'm Not Rappaport, 1 P.M.,

BEACHWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER, 25451 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Voices of Diversity presents the 1986 Tony Award-winning comedy by Herb Gardner about the lifelong friendship of two men. \$2 admission includes refreshments and post-performance discussion. Transportation for seniors available for \$3. CALL 491-1360 BY OCT. 3.

9 Guide to the Social

Transition, 7 - 8:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. Parent program on strategies for supporting teens' healthy decision making. Sessions are led by Shaker Prevention Coalition parents and SHARP (Student Health Advocates Reaching Peers) teens. Free.

11 Shopping Trip to Grove City, COMMUNITY BUILDING. Jump-start your holiday shopping! \$19/person.

Registration deadline: Sept. 22. FOR MORE INFO, CALL 491-1360.

11 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency*. INFO: 991-2030.

12 Malvern Alumni Carnival, 1

- 4 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT, 19910 MALVERN RD. Everything old is new again! New school seeks alumni, parents and former teachers for fun and games and tours of the new facility. INFO: KATHRYN MAHON, 991-4472.

12 Movies at Main, 2 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Celebrate Hispanic Heritage month! Watch *Mambo Kings*, the story of two brothers who come to America in search of their dream of hitting the top of the Latin music charts. Free. Info: 991-2030.

Signature Events in University Circle

SEPT. 7: Art Song Festival

Benefit Concert, 8 P.M. CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC - KULAS HALL, 11021 EAST BLVD. Metropolitan Opera tenor Eduardo Valdes and pianist Anita Pontremoli present a concert of music by Latin American composers. Tickets \$85/ dinner & concert; concert only: \$20/adults; \$10/students & seniors. INFO: 791-5000 X 411.

SEPT. 14 & 15 Chalk

Festival, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD.

Come solo or bring a group and make your mark on the sidewalks around the museum! Children under 15 must be accompanied by adults. \$10/large square & 24-color box of chalk; \$5/small square & 12-color box of chalk. Reserve a square by calling 707-2483. Workshops on chalk artistry are offered from 2 - 4 Sept. 8 and 6 - 8:30 p.m. Sept. 11.

SEPT. 21 Day of Music,

SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Enjoy an afternoon of free musical entertainment and activities that culminate in a Cleveland Orchestra concert conducted by Franz Welser-Most. Doors open at noon. INFO: 231-7476.

SEPT. 29 From Farm to Table,

6 P.M., CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. Cleveland Botanical Garden and North Union Farmers Market cosponsor dinner benefit featuring Nina Planck, creator of London's Farmers' Markets and author of *The Farmers' Market Cookbook*, speaking on using locally grown produce. Buffet samplings, wine bar and free tour of the new glasshouse and gardens. \$75/person. INFO: 721-1600.

OCT. 17 Team Up with Music Cavani String Quartet Family

Soiree, 7:30 P.M. CIM- KULAS HALL, 11021 EAST BLVD. This soiree is sure to be a hit when the string quartet, including cellist Merry Peckham, shows the relationship between chamber music and baseball. (10:30 a.m. show for school students) Tickets: \$6/ child; \$8:50/adult. INFO: 791-5000, EXT. 411.



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14 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Angle of Repose*. Info: 991-2030.

14 Math Night, 7 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS. Family math fun for 3- to 6-year-olds and parents or caregivers. INFO: 991-2421.

What's Cooking? Community Cookbooks!

Around the Table in Shaker Heights, Friends of the Shaker Library cookbook, available for \$8 at the library circulation desks.

Fernway Family Favorites, Fernway School PTO cookbook available for \$10 at Fernway School or call Cathy Mitro, 751-1519.

14 & 21 Homes of Shaker Heights, 6:30 - 9 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Series by Ken Goldberg provides an overview of the history and development of Shaker Heights. Learn basic design as well as aesthetic and restoration principles. \$25/person. CALL 491-1360.

15 A Taste of Shaker, 1- 3 P.M., JUDSON MANOR. Concert, lunch and transportation for senior adults. \$15/person. Reservations must be made the Friday of the week before the trip. INFO: 491-1360.

15 Poetry Slam Workshop, 4 - 6 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Amy Rosenbluth preps teams of teens for poetry slam competition. INFO: 991-2030.

16 Evening with Jack Gladstone, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Rose Bowl champ and Blackfoot Indian singer and storyteller enchants the audience with an encore presentation.

16-19 Used Book Sale.
(See story in Library News.)

17 Candidates' Forum, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Meet candidates for mayor and city council at a forum co-sponsored by Shaker Heights AARP Chapter 5108 and the City's Adult & Senior Services. Info: 491-1360.

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18 Meet the Author!, MAIN LIBRARY & WOODS BRANCH. Meet poet and author J. Patrick Lewis. INFO: 991-2030.

18 Bird Seed Sale Pickup, 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Buy food for our feathered friends. Deadline to pre-order seed is Oct. 3; CALL PAUL ANDERSON ON 321-5935 EXT. 222.

21 Flu Clinics. CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT. Flu shots by appointment; call Tuesdays, 491-1480. Clinics continue Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18.

21 Cleveland Clinic Foundation Lunch Talks, NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Join a member of the Cleveland Clinic for health talks on topics ranging from psychology to physical and gender health issues. Question and answer session follows each talk. Bring your lunch or snack. INFO: 491-1360.

22 Fall Choir Concert, 7:30 P.M. SHAKER HIGH.

23 Slammin'!, 6:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Shaker and Heights poetry teams face off in a poetry slam. Info: 991-2030 (SEE STORY IN LIBRARY NEWS.)

24 & 25 Enchanted Forest, 6 TO 8:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER.

Explore the environment and learn fascinating facts about the forest at this fright-free family alternative to Halloween. Walk the trails, learn about Halloween traditions and enjoy cookies and cider. \$5/member; \$6/non-member. REGISTRATION REQUIRED, CALL 321-5935, EXT. 221.

25: American Red Cross Adult CPR, 9 A.M. - 1 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Take the class and pass the test to receive 1-year certification. American Red Cross First Aid/CPR booklet included. \$35/person. Advance registration required by Oct. 17. CALL 491-1360.

OCTOBER Halloween Fun and Pumpkin Patches

- 17 Pumpkin & Cider Sale**, 3 P.M., BOULEVARD SCHOOL
- 18 Fall Festival**, 1 - 4 P.M., FERNWAY SCHOOL
- 18 Pumpkin Affair**, 11 A.M. - 2 P.M., LOMOND SCHOOL
- 18 Pumpkin Fest**, 10 A.M. - 1 P.M., Onaway School (Rain date 10/25)
- 27 Halloween Storytelling**, 7:30 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS.
- 31 Trick or Treat**, 6 - 8 P.M. City kiddies collect candy.
- 31 Halloween Skate & Carnival**, 7:30 - 9 P.M., Thornton Park. Halloween fun on ice. Enjoy an evening of games, prizes and skating. INFO: 491-1295.

28 Nature Reads, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Bring a brown bag and join other nature and book lovers for a discussion of *Small Wonder*, Barbara Kingsolver's collection of essays on nature and the world. FREE. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

28 District wide Dyslexia Workshop for Parents, 7 P.M., LOMOND SCHOOL. INFO: HOLLY PALDA, 295-4008.

29 Pipe Screams II, 12:15 P.M., 3 P.M. & 7 P.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Organist Jim Riggs performs. INFO: 921-3510.

30 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7.30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Enjoy poetry read by poets. Info: 991-2030.

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Party Time



Alark Rai, 5, watched enthralled as the “Flower Clown” sculpted balloons at the City’s Itty Bitty Beach Party held at Thornton Park in July. Dozens of youngsters and their parents donned lais, watched a toddler bathing suit parade, frolicked in the wading pool and ate ice-cream on a perfect summer day. Alark attended with his mother, Riti, and his younger brother, Eshan, 3.

To submit a photograph for consideration as 'A Shaker Moment' please send submissions (at least 4 x 6 in.) to *Shaker Life*, 3400 Lee Road, Shaker Heights, OH 44120 or email shaker.mag@ci.shaker-heights.oh.us. Include your name, address and telephone number. Sorry, photographs may not be returned.

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