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- 39 seniors recognized by the National Merit, National Achievement, and National Hispanic Scholarship Programs
- 126 students named AP Scholars for their outstanding performance on three or more Advanced Placement examinations
- 17 regional awards and two national award-winners in the Scholastic Art competition
- District Champions and National Semifinalists in the Federal Reserve Challenge economics team competition
- 40 national qualifiers and two national award-winners in the National History Day contest
- Highest team score in math and economics at the state Academic Decathlon (high school division)
- "Most Outstanding School" honors for the Middle School at the Western Reserve District Science Fair
- First Place in the Middle School division in the MathCounts regional competition
- Top ratings in musical competitions for members of the bands, orchestra, and choirs
- Shaker Heights Human Relations Commission's Martin Luther King Award for the High School's Youth Ending Hunger/Interact student service organization

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City to Speed up Action on Capital Plans

Shaker's challenges – turning plans into action – just got a little bit easier.

The residents of Shaker Heights have contributed hours and hours of their time at public meetings and through community processes to produce the Strategic Investment Plan, the Housing Preservation Plan, the Recreation Assessment Plan and the Horseshoe Lake Plan. The community's dreams were only contained by the resources available to it.

Now, thanks to 2006 estate tax revenues that unexpectedly and significantly exceed the City's anticipated receipts, the City has additional resources. This month, Council will consider allocating these funds to the following recommended improvements:

- walking, jogging, and bike trails,
- new sports fields,
- reinvestment in and beautification of Horseshoe Lake Park,
- the continued addition of new housing products and renovation of problem properties, and
- a greatly improved shopping/commercial district at Warrensville/Van Aken, which will bring in new income and property tax revenues, helping to relieve the tax burden on Shaker residents.

The City was advised by the County Auditor's office that for only the second time in Shaker's history, the City will receive especially large estate tax revenues, valued to date at \$11.8M. The other unusually large estate tax distribution was \$12M in 2003. That opportunity allowed the City to fund its long term economic development and housing projects, as well as Thornton Park renovations. Estate tax revenues, which average roughly \$3M per year, are used specifically to fund capital projects.



Natural Gas Aggregation Update

As of mid-summer, approximately 5,000 of about 11,000 natural gas customers in Shaker Heights had enrolled in the City's Natural Gas Aggregation Program.

All gas customers in the City should have received a letter from the City or from the City's gas supplier, IGS, explaining how customers could enroll in the Program. Residents and businesses may still enroll by calling 800-280-4474. The Program rate is \$8.73 per MCF through the end of October 2006. The rate beginning in November 2006 will be announced in September.

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In Shaker: Do Not use 911 from Cell Phones

Prepare now for the possibility that while in Shaker Heights, you may need to use your cell phone to report a local emergency to the Shaker Police or Fire departments. Do so by programming the dispatch numbers directly into a speed dial position on the phone. **Police: 491-1234; Fire: 491-1212.**

The reason for taking this step is that when you dial 911 from a cell phone, it goes to Cuyahoga County's central dispatch, not a local one. This can cause delays, as dispatchers search to find the City with the closest rescue squad. In contrast, calls from land lines enable the dispatcher to immediately locate the caller's address; cell phones do not provide this information.

Use the speed dials for emergency assistance when you are in Shaker Heights and do not have access to a land line.

Natural Gas Aggregation Update

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Customers who have enrolled in the Program will receive a notice announcing the new rate, and they may leave the Program without a cancellation charge at that time if they so choose. Customers who have not enrolled, but who may be interested once the new rate is announced, can visit the City's website, shakeronline.com, or call IGS at 800-280-4474. The new rate and information about enrolling at that time will be posted on the site in September.

There is absolutely no fee charged by the City or Dominion East Ohio Gas Co. (DEOG) to anyone for joining the City's Aggregation Program or for switching from DEOG for gas supply. If a resident has entered into a contract for natural gas supply with any company other than DEOG, including the separate company called Dominion East Ohio Energy (DEOE), there may be a cancellation fee

charged by that company for anyone who cancels their contract to join the City's Aggregation Program.

Buy Smart and Save: New Federal Tax Credits for Energy Efficiency

Residents and businesses are eligible for federal tax credits beginning in January 2006 for purchases of fuel-efficient hybrid-electric vehicles and energy-efficient appliances and products. Most of these tax credits remain in effect through 2007.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPACT) allows consumers to reduce their 2006 tax bill on a dollar-for-dollar basis up to the amount allowed under the law. There is a \$500 cap on the credit per home.

These tax credits can be used in conjunction with the City's Go Green Rebate Program. Shaker homeowners can save lots of green by going green.

For more information on the federal tax credits, visit www.energytaxincentives.org or www.energy.gov/taxbreaks.htm or call the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization at 491-1373. Staff can also provide information on the Go Green Rebate Program.

Button up your Overcoat...

The cold weather will be here soon enough. Prepare now by scheduling a flu shot with the Shaker Heights Health Department. Shots are offered to all residents beginning at six months of age.

Flu and pneumonia shots are given in the lower level of City Hall, 3400 Lee Road. Appointments are required; call the Health Department at 491-1480, starting Monday, September 11.

Clinics are scheduled on Tuesdays from October 24 through November 21. Morning and afternoon appointments are available. Evening clinics, as well as a

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Saturday clinic for families, will also be offered. Dates are posted on shakeronline.com, or call the Health Department.

Flu shots are \$20 and pneumonia shots are \$30, but both are free to individuals with Medicare as their primary health insurance.

Transportation Services: A Priority in Shaker Heights

The City is one of 13 partners of the Transportation Consortium Coordinating Committee (TC3), which provides low cost transportation services to residents with disabilities and adults 60 years or older.

The service is generally available from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sundays. Rides at other than these times may be scheduled on request.

Participants pay a low annual fee of \$5 to register for TC3 services. The fare is \$2 each way. Riders use TC3 for medical appointments, social activities, shopping, and personal business. Pick up and drop offs are at the curb, as close to entrances as possible.

For more information, see page 50 or call 491-1351.

Free Large Item Drop-offs End October 1

Residents have until October 1 to bring large items to the Service Yard, 15600 Chagrin Boulevard, for disposal. Drop-off hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

The drop off is available to Shaker residents only, who will be asked to prove residents by presentation of a driver's license and recent utility bill.

Acceptable items include appliances, furniture, building materials, and household items. The following items will not be accepted: paint, computers, insecticides/pesticides, yard/lawn waste, rocks, bricks, tires and recyclables.

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More Dates for Fall Computer Round-up

Based on the tremendous response to April's Computer Round-up, during which the City collected more computers than ever before, there will be two week-end round-ups this month.

On September 9 & 10, and 16 & 17, bring unwanted computers, monitors, keyboards, software, printers, modems, and cell phones to the Shaker Heights Recycling Center located at 15600 Chagrin Boulevard between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Customer Service: Job One

City employees aim to provide excellent customer service to Shaker residents. Awards are presented annually to those employees who exceed expectations of quality customer service.

If you have had an experience with a City employee who went to extraordinary lengths to remedy a problem and who

demonstrated creativity or resourcefulness in providing assistance, the City would like to hear from you. Nominations for a Customer Service Citizens Award are welcomed and can be submitted using a downloaded form from shakeronline.com. Under "City Departments," click "Human Resources." Then click on the page titled "Citizens Customer Service Award." You may also contact Jean Orlando for assistance at 491-1488.

Business News

- Last month, City Council took steps to purchase the former Qua Buick property located at 3393 Warrensville Center Road. The Qua family operated a Buick-Pontiac dealership in Shaker for 58 years prior to closing in January. The 2.3 acre site, located in the Warrensville Van Aken district, is likely to prove significant as redevelopment plans for the area take shape. Those plans were initiated as a result of the City's Strategic Investment

Plan, which defined the area as "logical" for development of an office, residential, cultural, and transportation-oriented city center.

- Get your taste buds ready! Three new food service businesses are setting up shop in Shaker Heights.

- A new sub shop is taking on the competition at Van Aken Center. Charley's Grilled Subs opened in August. Owners plan to open an ice cream shop within Charley's called Holy Cow.

- Rudy's Restaurant & Pub, 20100 Van Aken Blvd. is the new name and Amanda Elfers is the new owner of the former Noggins (which changed ownership a year ago as well). Elfers has added lunch, take-out, and late night menus (ten until midnight). A Grand Opening is scheduled for September 8.

- Qdoba Mexican Grill moves to Shaker Plaza this fall. The chain promotes itself as fast, fresh, and flavorful. It originated in Colorado where it won a number of awards, including "best burrito." There are

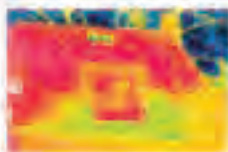
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- The medical research and development firm, Cellular Technology Limited, will purchase and renovate the two-story building at 20521 Chagrin Boulevard and relocate its current staff of approximately 30 employees in January 2007. The company expects to grow to at least 88 employees within the next several years. Existing tenants within the building will not be asked to move as the existing vacant space is ample to house the needs of CTL.

Shaker News Briefs

- In July, the Shaker Historical Museum announced the appointment of Sabine Kretzschmar as its new Executive Director. Kretzschmar is charged with raising the organization's visibility as it approaches its 60th anniversary in 2007. Kretzschmar earned a B.S. in Art History from the University of Wisconsin/Madison, WI,

and an M.A. in Art History and Museum Studies from Case Western Reserve University.

- Girl Scouts of Lake Erie Council elected new members to serve on its 26 member Board of Directors, one of whom, a scout, is Kristen Gassman of Shaker Heights. Remaining as President and Chair of the Board is Shaker resident Elizabeth Nosse.

- Also in Girl Scout news were Meagan Crowley, Brittany Mosely, and Laura Spiegler. The three 2006 Shaker Heights High School graduates earned Gold Awards, the highest honor a Girl Scout can achieve.

- The sixth season of smARTS, a half-hour television show about the arts, begins in October. The show is designed for family audiences, and derives its youthful energy and focus from its young hosts. Keitia Johnson is one of this season's six hosts. Now a Shaker Heights 9th grader, Keitia auditioned for the job last summer in competition with 6th, 7th and 8th graders from throughout the

Greater Cleveland area. The show airs on Channel 15 (Adelphia/TimeWarner) at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays, 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

Top Seasonal Reminders

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

Lawn, Leaves, and Brush: From May 1 through September 30, put nothing on the tree lawn except brush. Never put brush in the street! Put grass clippings in specially marked Shaker grass bags and place in rear yard with garbage. Use your yellow door hanger to indicate you have bags for pick up. You may place the hanger anywhere it can easily be seen from the street. Beginning October 1 through December 15, loose leaves and grass clippings may be placed on the tree lawn.



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Bicycle Licensing: Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. September 9 and 23, and October 14 and 28 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$5 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used.

Hydrant Flushing: The Fire Department will be flushing hydrants Sept. 5-18. See shakeronline.com/calendar for specific days and streets.

Go Green Rebate Program: Homeowners are eligible for discounted energy audits (\$300). Depending upon results and budget, up to 25% of repair costs may be rebated. Info: 491-1370.

Trash Delay Labor Day: Collections scheduled on or after Monday, September 4, will be one day late. To receive an email reminder when pick-up is delayed due to a holiday, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com

And remember...

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

Leash Law: All dogs visiting Lower Lake Park, Southerly Park or Horseshoe Lake Park must be kept on leashes at all times. Failure to do so is considered a minor misdemeanor with penalties up to \$150. Citations may be issued by uniformed officers and deputized City employees. Penalties may be paid by mail without a court appearance.



Homeowner Tip

When painting the outside of your house, consider adding a second coat of paint. Expect long term savings on future paint jobs in reduced prep costs and longer lasting performance between applications.

Certified Shaker Properties

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

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

Rental Homes

19208 Chagrin Boulevard – Frank Kuhar
3459 Glencairn Road – David Chrien
3722 Latimore Road – Thomas Springer



REAL NUMBERS

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

ADDRESS	2006 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
3698 AVALON ROAD	\$ 188,900	\$ 179,900 (2002)	\$ 12,000 (1930)
19419 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$ 210,000	\$ 210,000 (2005)	\$ 40,000 (1961)
19851 CHAGRIN BLVD	\$ 395,000	\$ 346,900 (2003)	\$346,900 (2003)
3284 CHALFANT ROAD	\$ 230,000	\$ 145,000 (2005)	\$ 25,000 (1959)
3656 CHELTON ROAD	\$ 112,000	\$ 112,000 (2004)	\$ 10,000 (1924)
3368 COLWYN ROAD	\$ 155,000	\$ 140,000 (1999)	\$ 13,500 (1925)
3276 DALEFORD ROAD	\$ 179,000	\$ 192,000 (2000)	\$ 11,000 (1924)
3269 DORCHESTER RD	\$ 253,000	\$ 163,000 (1999)	\$ 8,600 (1926)
24200 DUFFIELD RD	\$ 182,500	\$ 155,000 (1998)	\$ 26,000 (1951)
3339 ELSMERE ROAD	\$ 256,000	\$ 195,000 (2002)	\$ 10,500 (1927)
2750 ENDICOTT ROAD	\$ 485,000	\$ 465,000 (2000)	\$ 20,000 (1921)
18815 FAIRMOUNT BLVD	\$ 140,000	\$ 122,000 (1999)	\$ 25,000 (1955)
2887 FALMOUTH ROAD	\$ 465,000	\$ 390,000 (1999)	\$ 18,000 (1929)
17127 FERNWAY ROAD	\$ 278,000	\$ 242,000 (2002)	\$ 10,000 (1928)
3325 GLENCAIRN ROAD	\$ 194,000	\$ 167,000 (1999)	\$ 13,000 (1925)
2939 GLENGARY ROAD	\$ 740,500	\$ 775,000 (1999)	\$ 40,000 (1925)
3344 GRENWAY ROAD	\$ 288,750	\$ 250,000 (2003)	\$ 14,000 (1927)
3369 GRENWAY ROAD	\$ 345,000	\$ 315,000 (2000)	\$ 13,500 (1930)
3682 GRIDLEY ROAD	\$ 164,500	\$ 103,000 (1997)	\$ 10,000 (1939)
23325 HARDWICK ROAD	\$ 260,000	\$ 201,000 (2002)	\$ 20,000 (1955)
3606 HILDANA ROAD	\$ 180,000	\$ 141,200 (2001)	\$ 11,000 (1925)
3260 INGLESIDE ROAD	\$ 315,000	\$ 235,000 (1998)	\$ 15,000 (1927)
3331 KENMORE ROAD	\$ 365,000	\$ 179,200 (2005)	\$ 8,500 (1923)
2973 KINGSLEY ROAD	\$ 660,000	\$ 370,000 (1999)	\$ 24,000 (1925)
19620 LOMOND BLVD	\$ 215,000	\$ 205,000 (2003)	\$ 11,000 (1929)
3578 LUDGATE ROAD	\$ 67,000	\$ 60,000 (2005)	\$ 6,500 (1924)
3710 LUDGATE ROAD	\$ 139,900	\$ 69,000 (2005)	\$ 5,000 (1929)
3645 LYNNFIELD ROAD	\$ 213,500	\$ 180,000 (2000)	\$ 10,000 (1921)
3642 MENLO ROAD	\$ 60,500	\$ 60,000 (2005)	\$ 6,000 (1924)
17400 S PARK BLVD	\$1,745,000	\$1,600,000 (2000)	\$ 50,000 (1924)
2970 PAXTON ROAD	\$ 620,000	\$ 615,000 (2004)	\$ 25,000 (1922)
3608 PENNINGTON RD	\$ 109,900	\$ 65,000 (2003)	\$ 6,000 (1926)
3683 STRANDHILL RD	\$ 157,000	\$ 125,000 (1997)	\$ 30,000 (1957)
3701 STRANDHILL RD	\$ 200,000	\$ 162,000 (2000)	\$ 6,000 (1940)
3300 VAN AKEN BLVD	\$ 310,000	\$ 163,750 (1996)	\$ 20,000 (1946)
2681 WADSWORTH RD	\$ 429,500	\$ 420,000 (2003)	\$ 56,000 (1958)
3141 WARRINGTON RD	\$ 234,000	\$ 235,000 (2003)	\$ 10,000 (1921)
22299 WESTCHESTER RD	\$ 222,500	\$ 252,000 (2000)	\$ 20,000 (1950)
14717 S WOODLAND RD	\$ 190,000	\$ 140,000 (1997)	\$ 32,000 (1952)
22850 S WOODLAND RD	\$ 320,000	\$ 185,000 (2005)	\$ 12,000 (1941)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Dramatic Home



\$2,100,000

Extraordinary architecture overlooking Shaker Lakes and grounds that are truly breathtaking. Exquisite!
Adam Kaufman/Mady Veladi: 216 831-7370

A Classic Beauty



\$774,000

Stunning architecture, detail and updates make this home a rare find. 4 fireplaces, library, sunroom, 6 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths.
Winnie Dietsch: 216 999-8600

One-of-a-kind



\$689,000

Absolutely one of a kind and gorgeous. Featured in national publications, custom built, open floor plan.
Adam Kaufman: 216 831-7370

Stunning Addition



\$509,900

Traditional colonial with open floor plan, vaulted family room, library with fireplace, laundry on first floor. Custom stone patio.
John Lauro: 216 999-2056

Fabulous Home



\$349,900

All brick colonial, fabulous yard, gorgeous hardwood floors, central air, paneled library, screened porch, a fabulous home.
Adam Kaufman: 216 831-7370

Beautiful Updated Home



\$344,900

Great location! Close to downtown. Open floor plan. Amazing kitchen and baths. Too much to mention. Sharp property.
Tom Locker: 440 263-1850

Great Up-Grades



\$249,900

Sharp, updated 5 bedroom, 2.2 bathroom colonial with utilities on 3rd floor! Newer kitchen with breakfast bar, hardwood floors, screened porch!
Debbie Garson: 216 831-7349

Sharp and Spacious



\$244,500

Sharp and spacious. Over 3,000 sq. ft. of WOW! 3-4 bedroom, 2.1 bath contemporary split. Amazing open layout. A gem!
Earlene Hancock: 216 348-4772

Victorian Colonial Charm



\$239,900

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Peggy Schloss: 216 999-1987

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Handsome Home



\$524,000

Handsome all brick stately home with great character. Kitchen with cherry cabinets and granite, formal dining room, hardwood floors. Debbie Garson: 216 831-7349

Gracious Home



\$519,000

Gracious stone and brick colonial with wonderful floor plan and lovely detail throughout, fabulous kitchen. Adam Kaufman: 216 831-7370

Exterior-Interior



\$339,000

Spectacular! Only 2 years old! 2 story foyer. All hardwood floors on 1st. Fabulous kitchen with all appliances and an island. Susan Hennenberg: 216 831-7462

Marble and Hardwood



\$289,900

Beautifully awaiting new owners! Hardwood floors, newer carpeting, freshly painted. 4 bedrooms, 2.1 bath colonial. Veena Bhupali: 216 831-7309

Extra Large Cost



\$274,900

Updated throughout! Gorgeous hardwood floors. Wall of windows in living room overlooking great yard. Leslie Kaufman: 216 831-7369

Large Colonial Home



\$210,000

4 bedrooms, 2.1 baths. Incredible family room. Eat-in kitchen designed by cook. Newer furnace, central air, siding and drive. Liz Nuochterlein: 216 999-8292

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\$189,750

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Exhibits Artwork from

Center for Dialysis Care

Patients

Beginning September 4 and continuing through October 13, the Library will display artwork by patients receiving dialysis at the Center for Dialysis Care. The show, entitled *Art Therapy in Motion: Expressions of Dialysis Patients*, is an eclectic exhibit of watercolors, oils, photography and mixed media. Residents can meet the artists from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, September 7 on the second floor of the Main Library.

Shaker resident Diane Wish has served as President and CEO of the Centers for Dialysis Care, located at



(Above and below) Pieces from *Art Therapy in Motion: Expressions of Dialysis Patients*.



Chagrin Boulevard and Lynnfield Roads, for 23 years. She holds a BA from Ohio Dominican College and an MBA from CWRU's Weatherhead School of Management. Wish has played an intricate role in the renal industry for the past 30 years. She is the President of the Ohio Renal Association and serves on the Board of the Kidney Care Partners and the renal Leadership Council.

Reader of the Month

RICHARD (RIP) RUHLMAN

AGE: 67

LIVES IN: Fernway area

USES: Main Library

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: Webster's New World Dictionary

OTHER FAVORITES: *Electric Cool-Aid Acid Test* (Tom Wolfe) *Justine* (Lawrence Sanders) *Rabbit, Run* (John Updike)

LIKES TO READ: All of son Michael's books, including his latest, *The Reach of a Chef*.

DOESN'T READ: Anything by writers who have only one way of seeing the world.

LIBRARY SERVICES: Research, books, magazines, audiotapes, videos, *Wall Street Journal* and genealogical research

INFLUENCES: Reviews, friends' recommendations, *Wall Street Journal*

OTHER INTERESTS: Cooking, gardening, wine, classes at Tri-C, pop culture, and technology

FAMILY: Son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Donna, and two grandchildren Addison and James – all just 15 minutes away in Cleveland Heights.

BRIEF BIO: Ruhlman grew up in Cleveland and attended University School. He graduated from Williams College and earned his Masters degree at Northwestern University. Ruhlman spent most of his working life as a writer, creative director and part owner of Liggett-Stashower Advertising. Now retired, Ruhlman is a Board Member of the RTA Citizens Advisory Board.



Wish says, "I am extremely proud to offer creative art therapies to our patients at CDC. Our patients come for dialysis three times every week for an average of 4 hours. They will be here for the rest of their lives unless they get a kidney transplant. (The average wait for a transplant in this area is about four years.) Some of CDC's patients have been with us for over 20 years."

New On Our Shelves

Shaker Library now lends Playaways, self-playing digital audiobooks weighing only two ounces and small enough to fit into a shirt pocket. The first of its kind, Playaway is a great way to enjoy books on the go with no downloading needed. The only requirement is a set of headphones and AAA batteries. The devices are easy to use. Simply adjust the volume to listen to the latest book while exercising, cleaning the house or mowing the lawn. Ear buds for the Playaways, which also take standard headphones, are available at the Circulation Desk for \$2.

A sampling of the books available on Playaways includes: *Marley and Me* by Josh Grogan, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren, *Digging to America* by Anne Tyler, *Learn Anywhere! Spanish, French, German and Italian*, *The Da Vinci Code* by Dan Brown, *The Time Traveler's Wife* by Audrey Niffenegger, *The Scarlet Letter* by Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Classic 100 Poems*, and *Beach Road* by James Patterson.

Visit the library for a complete list of titles. Playaways can be borrowed for 21 days and may be renewed five times, but may not be placed on hold. Replacement cost is \$40.

Playaways were developed by Findaway World, a privately held company based in Chagrin Falls.

Healthy, Wealthy and Wise Programming Continues

The Library continues to celebrate the tercentennial of Benjamin Franklin with its series of *Healthy, Wealthy and Wise* programs designed to appeal to a varied audience.

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BOOK BABIES

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

Fall Session: Sept. 26–Nov. 15.

Babies 12-18 months old. (Must be 12 mos. by October 1, 2006.)

9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at

Woods Branch

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at

Main Library

Babies 18-24 months old (Must be 18 mos. by October 1, 2006.)

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at

Woods Branch

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at

Main Library

In-person registration begins at 9 a.m. Saturday, September 9; register at the library where your child will attend.

TODDLER STORYTIMES

Stories, songs and movement for 2 year olds with an adult. (Must be 2 years old by October 1, 2006.)

Fall Session: Sept. 26–Nov. 16.

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

In-person registration begins at 9 a.m., Saturday, September 9; register at the library where your child will attend.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

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

Fall Session: Sept. 11–Nov. 16 10 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Main Library. 1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays at Woods Branch. *No registration is required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.*

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18

Registration is required and begins two weeks before the program.

EVENING PRESCHOOL STORY TIMES AT WOODS BRANCH

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

7 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4.

Registration begins two weeks before each program.

MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEKS AT WOODS BRANCH

Sept. 18 – Make an autumn tic-tac-toe game to play with friends.

Oct. 23 – Create some groovy glasses. Visit the library and create a fun craft to take home.

AFTERSCHOOL AUTHORS AT WOODS BRANCH

Creative writing activities for children in grades 2-5.

Fall Session: Sept. 20–Nov. 8

4:15 Wednesdays

Registration begins Sept. 6.

THE WRITERS CLUB AT MAIN LIBRARY (New!)

An enriching new program that encourages children in grades 2-4 to express themselves using their imagination and words. Poetry, creative fiction, writing letters, postcards and newsletters, as well as creating menus and maps are some of the many writing forms young writers will explore.

Fall Session: Sept. 19–Nov. 7.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays

Registration begins Tuesday, Sept. 5.

Kids' Corner

continued

SCHOOL AGE SPECIALS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-4

Grandparents Day Tea at Main Library 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 10
Calling all children! Bring your grandparents or a neighbor for a special fun day at the library. We will have a grandparents' story; play some games that your grandparents played; do a craft together and end with cookies and tea.



STRANGER DANGER

4:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 at
Woods Branch

4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4 at
Main Library

Shaker Heights Police Department's Jerry Jankowski explains why it's important to be careful around strangers and offers advice on ways to be safe. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children, or they must sign the permission slip (available at the Children's Desk) for their children to attend. To register for this program, please call the library where your child will attend.

AMERICAN GIRL DOLLS THROUGH HISTORY AT MAIN LIBRARY

Children in grades 1-4 are invited to explore the world of the American Girl dolls. Each month one doll will be selected and librarians will read a passage from the first book in the doll's series. Children will play a game, make a craft, and enjoy a snack from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 Meet Native American Doll, Kaya.

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4:15-5:15 p.m. Mondays, Oct. 9 & Oct. 30. Get up close to some amazing animals right here in the library. Meet animals (and their trainers) and make some new friends with two legs or four! In-person or telephone registration begins Sept. 25; call 991-2030. Limited to 15 students in grades 5-7.

FAMILY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING AT MAIN LIBRARY

Join us for stories, songs, and fun as we charm and enchant you with Halloween revelry.

7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23

Register at the Main Library

Children's Department beginning Oct. 9.



Programs focusing on health issues feature *The Art of Visiting* at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 20 at the Main Library. Ever wondered what to say and how to visit with someone who is seriously ill or grieving the loss of a loved one? Diane Hartt, Community Relations Coordinator at Hospice of the Western Reserve, will provide information to help make your visit a positive and rewarding experience.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 4 at Woods Branch, Dr. Stephen Kaufman, President of Vegetarian Advocates, will speak about the health benefits of a vegetarian diet. Kaufman is a graduate of Yale University and CWRU Medical School.

7 p.m. Wednesday, October 11 at the Main Library, Dr. Matthew Hawkins presents *When East Meets West: Alternative Health Therapies*. Board certified in internal and pulmonary medicine and critical care, Dr. Hawkins has 30 years experience in allopathic and integrative medicine.



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Library programs dealing with wealth and business include an early morning business program by Shaker Works at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, September 7 at the Main Library. Residents are invited to find out what Shaker Works is all about and to meet engineering consultant Douglas Rothenberger and hear his talk on *The Way We Think Can Cause Us to Miss the Future*.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 12 at the Main Library John Renner from the Cleveland Small Business Administration will talk about *Government Contracts and Minority Businesses*. Renner will explain how to tap into the Federal market and how to take advantage of incentive programs for minority businesses or those located in economically depressed areas.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 14 at the Main Library, James Roosa from Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) will talk about *Building a Legal Infrastructure* and explain the basic legal building blocks necessary for any successful business.

7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 12 at Main Library, a panel of independent contractors from Shaker Works will discuss *How to Start a Home-Based Business*. Residents can learn first-hand the best way to start and run a business from home.



Finally, in the area of wisdom, Shaker Library is participating in Plan Ahead: Health Care Decisions Day with the Ohio State Bar Association. From noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 21 at Woods Branch attorney Marc Stolarsky will be available to answer questions about advance directives — particularly living wills and health care powers of attorney — and to help residents complete these documents if they so desire. This is a free public service sponsored by the Ohio State Bar Association.

Reading Group Round Up

Read any good books lately? October is Reading Group Month and the Library has planned a reading group book discussion from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, October 14 at the Main Library. Read *Waiting for the World to End* by Nicole Hunter and discuss it with the author. Books will be available from the Main Library Fiction Desk beginning September 14.

Sunday, October 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. bring your book group to the Main Library and enjoy a provocative panel discussion on good books for lively discussions. Get tips on how to start a book group and keep it going, learn about the resources available to enhance your book discussions, and pick up a list of the book sets the Library will lend to your book group.

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Constitution Read Aloud

Again this year, the Library and the DAR will celebrate National Constitution Week by reading the U.S. Constitution aloud beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 17 at the Main Library.

City leaders have been invited to read sections from the Constitution. Residents who wish to participate in the program should call the library to leave their name and phone number.

CelebrASIAN:

Passport to Vietnam

Families are invited to celebrate the country and culture of Vietnam when the Library continues its series of celebrASIANS from 2 to 4 p.m. Saturday, September 9 at the Main Library.

Gia Hua Ryan will offer interesting facts about the cultural and ethnic history of Vietnam and display clothing and other cultural artifacts. Joseph Meissner will discuss the Vietnamese conflict and its impact on the cultures and life in current day Vietnam and will sign his book *Green Berets and their Victories*.

The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling the Main Library information desk.

Women in the Judiciary

On September 25, 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to take a seat on the United States Supreme Court. To commemorate the 25th anniversary of that event, the Library will host a panel of three contemporary Ohio women jurists at 7 p.m. Monday, September 25 at the Main Library

Ohio Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor, Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon of the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Cuyahoga County and Shaker Heights Municipal Court Judge K.J. Montgomery

will discuss the status of women in the legal profession.

An Ohio native, Maureen O'Connor was elected in 2002 as the 148th justice on the Supreme Court of Ohio. The former Lieutenant Governor and Director of Ohio Department of Public Safety is a graduate of Seton Hill College and the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Patricia Ann Blackmon is a three-term incumbent at the Eighth District Court of Appeals in Cuyahoga County. A magna cum laude graduate of the University of Mississippi, Judge Blackmon received her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and served as Chief Prosecutor for the City of Cleveland.

Shaker resident K.J. Montgomery has served as Judge for the Shaker Heights Municipal Court since 1994. She graduated from Heidelberg College, where she was class salutatorian and received her J.D. from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Judge Montgomery served as prosecuting attorney for the cities of Highland Heights and Bedford.

the Bookshelf

Legal Women: Perspectives By And About Women Lawyers And Judges

Betrayed: The Assassination of Digna Ochoa by Linda Diebel. Carroll & Graf, 2006.

A Canadian journalist questions the circumstances surrounding the death of famed civil rights lawyer Ochoa – a former nun and tireless advocate for Mexico's poor – that was ruled a suicide by authorities.

The Case Against Lawyers: How the Lawyers, Politicians, and Bureaucrats Have Turned the Law into an Instrument of Tyranny, and What We as Citizens Have to Do About It by Catherine Crier. Broadway Books, 2002.

Journalist and CourtTV anchor and former Texas State District Judge deplores the current state of our litigious society in this examination of lawyers run amok.

Don't Pee on My Leg and Tell Me It's Raining: America's Toughest Family Court Judge Speaks Out by Judy Sheindlin. HarperCollins, 1996.

Before she became the presiding judge on TV, "Judge Judy" was the Supervising Judge of Manhattan's Family Court known for her no-nonsense approach to juvenile crime and societal problems.

Equal Justice Under Law: An Autobiography by Constance Baker Motley. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998.

The first African-American woman appointed to the federal bench recounts her pioneering experiences during the Civil Rights movement, working with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, arguing cases before the Supreme Court, and her political career.

Fight Back and Win: My Thirty-Year Fight Against Injustice – And How You Can Win Your Own Battles by Gloria Allred. ReganBooks, 2006.

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sial media personality and crusader for women's legal issues, highlights several of her high-profile cases.

Iran Awakening: A Memoir of Revolution and Hope by **Shirin Ebadi**. Random House, 2006.

The 2003 Nobel Peace Prize winner, former judge and current Civil Rights lawyer and activist, explores the erosion of women's positions in Iranian society under the rule of hard-line clerics and recounts her own experiences as a victim of repression.

Lift Every Voice: Turning a Civil Rights Setback Into a New Vision of Social Justice by **Lani Guinier**. Simon & Schuster, 1998.

Reflecting on her nomination by President Bill Clinton as Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights and the surrounding controversy, Guinier recounts the experience and argues for a national discussion on Civil Rights issues.

The Majesty of the Law: Reflections of a Supreme Court Justice by **Sandra Day O'Connor**. Random House, 2003.

The first female U.S. Supreme Court Justice explores the evolution of American law, particularly as it relates to women.

My Turn at the Bully Pulpit: Straight Talk About the Things That Drive Me Nuts by **Greta Van Susteren**. Crown Publishers, 2003.

The host of Fox News Channel's "On The Record with Greta Van Susteren" and former trial lawyer and law professor sounds off on issues ranging from the death penalty to tort reform to plastic surgery.

Objection! How High-Priced Defense Attorneys, Celebrity Defendants, and a 24/7 Media Have Hijacked Our Criminal Justice System by **Nancy Grace**. Hyperion, 2005.

CourtTV anchor and former Special Prosecutor of major felony cases in Atlanta, explores the current state of the criminal justice system.

Pinstripes & Pearls: The Women of the Harvard Law School Class of '64 Who Forged an Old-Girl Network and Paved the Way for Future Generations by **Judith Hope**. Scribner, 2003.

A highly successful attorney, one of fifteen female graduates of the Harvard Law Class of 1964, chronicles the lives and careers of her classmates before and after law school.

Without a Doubt by **Marcia Clark**. Viking, 1997.

The lead prosecutor in possibly the highest profile case in recent memory recounts her experience in the glaring spotlight and the toll of the O.J. Simpson criminal "trial of the century" on her personal life and career.



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Shaker Middle School Open House

7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 28
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Free SAT Test and Strategy Workshops at Main Library

Free SAT Test Class

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30

The Princeton Review will administer a free SAT Test and professionally score it. No one will be admitted after the testing has begun. Registration is required for the first of a 2-part SAT Workshop series held in Main Library Meeting Rooms E & F.

SAT Strategy Workshop

9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 7

The Princeton Review will give you your SAT score and teach you strategies to boost those numbers when it counts. Part II of the 2-part SAT Workshop series. Main Library Meeting Rooms E & F.

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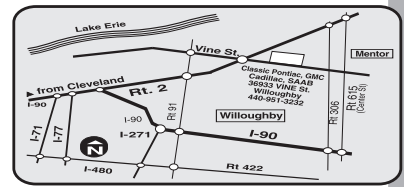
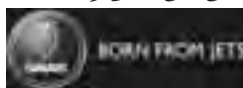
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Computer Class News

Library staff has added new computer class offerings for September through December. Graphics and Animation in PowerPoint has been divided and each topic awarded its own class time. Sessions on Creating and Using Tables in Access, Creating Table Relationships in Access, and Online Job Hunting have been added.

The library is pleased to work with interested groups to customize training sessions for their particular needs. For more information, call Training Specialist Walter Lesch at 991-2030 extension 3156.

Complete Computer Class schedules are available at both libraries and are posted on the library's website, www.shpl.lib.oh.us.



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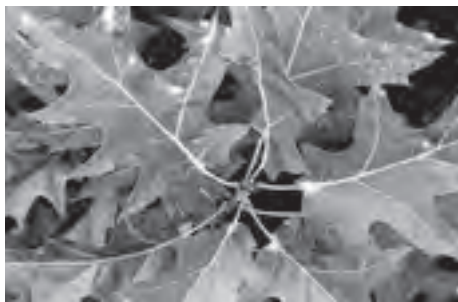
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Friends of the Shaker Library will hold their fall book sale October 19-22 on the second floor of the Main Library. The sale begins with a preview and presale for Friends members from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, October 19. Residents who are not members may join at the door for a small fee.

The sale opens to the public from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, October 20 and Saturday, October 21 and ends with a Bag Sale from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 22, 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 book sale the week of October 16 may call the library and leave names and phone numbers.

Friends Flag Raising Ceremony & 9-11 Commemoration

Friends of the library invite the community for a flag-raising ceremony and commemoration of the 5th anniversary of the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center.

Friends received a Neighborhood Community Grant from the City to replace the 82-year-old flagpole and replace it with a new one. Following a brief ceremony and flag raising, there will be coffee on the lawn.

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2 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: *The Girl with the Pearl Earring* by Tracy Chevalier

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7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12: *Sacred Cows* by Karen E. Olson

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26: *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason

10 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: *The Dive from Clausen's Pier* by Ann Packer

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10: *Tonight I Said Goodbye* by Michael Koryta

2 P.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14: *Waiting for the World to End* by Nicole Hunter

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Movies@Main

Friends of the Library underwrites the cost of public performance rights so the Library can show first-run movies free. Movies begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. and are shown in Community Room E on the second floor of the Main Library.

Thursday, September 7, watch the PG-rated film *Akeelah and the Bee* and on September 21 watch the G-rated film *The Wild*.

End Notes

- Both libraries will be closed Monday, September 4 for Labor Day and Friday, September 15 for Staff Professional Development Day.

- Main Library resumes Sunday hours from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday, September 10.

- The Library Board meets at 6:30 p.m. Mondays, September 11 and October 9 in the Main Library Boardroom.

- Poetry in the Woods returns to Woods Branch. Live poetry readings are held at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 21 and Tuesday, October 10. This is the longest running poetry series in Northeast Ohio.

- Banned Books Week: September 24–October 1. Exercise your right to read. Read a banned book this week.

- Knit Nights resume at 7 p.m. Thursdays, October 5 and 19 at Woods Branch. Bring a project and get and give help. Sit and stitch with experienced knitter and Shaker Library staff member Fern Braverman.

- Rick Santich of MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio presents *The Basics of Digital Photography* at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 24 at Main Library. Learn how to get photos from your digital camera to the computer to the printer. Call 991-2421 to register for the class.

- Updated Community Reference Guides are now available at both libraries.



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Meet the couple who have saved
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1918 Shaker Village mansion.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

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A low-angle photograph of a Tudor-style house. The image shows a prominent bay window with a decorative iron balcony. The house features a gabled roof with dark woodwork and a brick facade. The text is overlaid on a dark, semi-transparent rectangular background in the lower center of the image.

Once upon a time in
Shaker, grand twin Tudors arose on
the corner of South Woodland and
Lee roads. Designed by renowned ar-
chitects Frank B. Meade and James
M. Hamilton and completed in 1918,
each Tudor stood as large and lovely
as the other, connected by a covered
breezeway through which two fami-
lies flowed freely.

In one, at 3074 Lee Road, lived the family patriarch, Wentworth Goodson Marshall, for whom the Marshall Drug Company and the man-made lake that graced the estate were named.

Wentworth's son George and his family lived in the other, which faces South Woodland. (A second son, Wentworth J., settled in a third home on the compound, at the corner of Lee and Parkland).

In time, the Marshalls moved on, new families moved in, and a wall went up in the breezeway when neighbors, not relatives, called the twin Tudors home. Yet the mansions continued to enjoy the loving care and attention to which they were accustomed — until darkness befell the Wentworth Marshall home on Lee.

It bounced from owner to owner, its asking price spiking and plummeting in the late 1990s while its upkeep was dangerously ignored. There was talk of converting it into a Bed & Breakfast or condominiums, but the Tudor stood empty for three years.

It then suffered the unthinkable — vandals broke in and stole chandeliers, fixtures, decorative pieces of wood paneling, virtually every doorknob, and more. When pipes burst and damaged the magnificent plaster ceilings, paneled walls, and hardwood floors, the situation seemed hopeless. Whispers of demolition

Don and Gayle taking a break in the mansion conservatory.

could be heard after a mortgage company, DLJ Mortgage Capital, Inc., an affiliate of Credit Suisse First Boston, claimed the house at a sheriff's sale in August 2005 for the minimum bid of \$233,334.

The City intervened as best it could, passing a resolution in December 2005 that established a six-month emergency moratorium on any potential work on the house, including demolition. The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission was asked to consider whether the home should be designated an historic landmark, which would bring certain protections.

All the while, the mansion was on the market at \$399,900, a great price for an historic, 8,000-plus square foot home with nine bedrooms, five full baths, two half baths, a third-floor ballroom, and four wood-burning fireplaces, on a 2.6-acre lot with a picturesque lake.

There was, however, the small problem of code violations — 430 of them to be exact, 327 interior, 103 exterior. The Cleveland Restoration Society estimated it would cost upwards of \$800,000 to bring the house up to code without cutting corners or sacrificing its architectural integrity.

Were it not for two heroes from Hinckley, the tale of the twin Tudors might have had a tragic ending.



A Dubious Distinction

Even with the variance granted by Shaker Heights City Council, which allowed Gayle and Don Prebis to escrow a mere 125 percent of the estimated costs to correct code violations — instead of the 150 percent required by law — the Prebis' \$500,000 escrow was, by far, the largest escrow in Shaker Heights history.



Jaws Dropped

A January 2006 Plain Dealer story about the distressed home caught the attention of Don and Gayle Prebis of Don-Pre Development Group, Inc., a Hinckley-based designer and builder of custom luxury homes.

"I didn't know the Marshall mansion specifically, but I've lived in Shaker and was familiar with the beautiful, older homes," says Gayle. "We called the realtor and scheduled an appointment to see it the following week."

On a whim, the husband and wife drove to Shaker that weekend to walk the mansion's grounds.

"As soon as we pulled into the driveway, our jaws hit the floor. We called the realtor on the spot and said, 'We don't want to wait until next Thursday to get in.' The best he could do was move us up to Tuesday. We made an offer on Wednesday and took ownership a month later."

The couple paid \$375,000 for the home. They plan to fully renovate and modernize

it before putting it on the market next summer. Though their company's specialty is new home construction, the Prebises were undaunted by the older home's needs.

"I've always had an affinity for old homes and Don has excelled in the new," Gayle explains. "That combination is ideal for this project. Don also knew from inspecting the home that there were no foundation issues, no major structural flaws — he was confident that most problems could be easily corrected."

Their professional expertise gives them another key benefit: "We have the resources at our disposal to get the work done, and done well. For example, we work with a lumber company that can create dies to replicate the intricate woodwork that will need replacing. We have access to craftsmen and suppliers, including a stained glass expert who is working with us to repair the leaded glass windows."

From Gayle's perspective, "this is not a restoration, but a renovation project, though we are sensitive to restoring as much

as is feasible. We are creating a beautiful 21st century home in the incredible shell of a 20th century home. This home was once so beautiful, and it can be again. But now, it will be even better than before. It will be a low-maintenance, highly livable mansion, ideal for someone who has an appreciation for history but wants an easy lifestyle."

The House Fights Back

First, the couple tackled a \$40,000 asphalt roof replacement.

"We started with the roof to button up the home from the elements, so we could work on the inside. Secondly, we wanted to do something 'big' first, to let Shaker know we're serious about this," says Gayle.

The house is also getting all-new plumbing, electrical, heating and air-conditioning systems, a newly designed, Amish-made kitchen, luxurious new bathrooms, and a new four-car garage that will be joined to the house by a covered walkway. It will have first-floor and second-floor laundry

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Keeping Peace with thy neighbor

When working on your home this fall, it's important to consider your neighbors. Here are some tips for settling any disputes that might arise.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

Disagreements can arise between even the friendliest of neighbors over landscaping, fences, noise, and pets, or who is responsible when one neighbor's tree topples onto another's garage.

In most cases, it takes just a face-to-face conversation and a cooperative spirit to resolve the issue.

But stickier situations do occasionally develop, when neighbors are unable or unwilling to reach an agreeable solution. A resident may then look to City Hall to intervene if a City ordinance has been violated.

In a typical year, the Law Department fields approximately 125 phone calls from residents asking such questions as:

"Am I required to pump out water that drains from my property onto my neighbor's during a heavy rain?"

"Can I ask my neighbor to remove the RV parked in his back yard?"

"The kids next door blast their music at all hours of the night – how do I get them to stop?"

"Who is responsible for removing the tree limb that fell from my tree onto my neighbor's yard?"

"My neighbor's dog barks for hours at a time – what can I do about it?"

These callers quickly learn that the Law Department does not enforce the City's laws or get involved in neighbor disputes. Its role is to provide legal counsel to the mayor, city council, departments, boards, agencies, and commissions of the City, to direct and coordinate the drafting and approval of all ordinances, and to prosecute all violations of City ordinances once charges have been filed.

While the Law Department cannot intervene in neighbor-to-neighbor issues, it can tell a caller whether a City ordinance exists that deals with the issue. (But there are better ways to find out. See sidebar.)

If a resident is indeed violating a City ordinance by failing to remove a dead tree, using power tools before dawn, or letting his dog "fertilize" another's private property, and polite efforts to resolve the issue between the neighbors prove futile, then the City can and will get involved. The caller is referred to the appropriate department within the City – e.g. Building, Health, Planning, Police, Public Works, Housing Inspection – that has the authority to enforce the ordinance.

If, however, there is no ordinance governing the issue, the matter must be resolved privately.

Chief Counsel William Gruber says, "The general rule, by common law, not City law, is that property owners are responsible for the natural occurrences on their own property, even if they originate elsewhere: snow blowing and drifting onto your property, leaves blowing on your property, twigs and branches of whatever size falling on your property, or roots coming up to the surface from a tree off your property.

"If there is negligence by your neighbor, that may shift responsibility," Gruber points out. "You may need to consult a private attorney to answer that question." The Citizen Call Logs kept by the Law Department indicate that Shaker's famous trees are at the root of many of the questions posed by residents.

- *"Can I cut the branches of a neighbor's tree if they hang over my fence?"*
- *"The roots of my neighbor's tree are causing my driveway to crack – who is responsible for fixing it?"*
- *"Am I obligated to pay for the removal of a branch that fell from my tree into my neighbor's yard?"*
- *"I think my neighbor's tree is dead – can I force her to remove it?"*

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Local Legends:
Steve Minter

the *family* man

BY SUE STARRETT

“So much of life revolves around children,” reflects longtime Shaker resident Steve Minter.

This is the same Steve Minter whose leadership of The Cleveland Foundation brought national distinction to the Foundation. He and his staff grew the Foundation’s assets from \$300 million to \$1.3 billion and increased its grantmaking by 450 percent. His visionary leadership was lauded by his peers when he received the 2003 Distinguished Grantmaker Award from the Council on Foundations.

But his observation about children might be even more telling about the man. He was born in Akron, the oldest of eight children. His hard-working parents moved to several rural communities in search of better jobs, and Steve went to high school in Kinsman, Ohio. He was active in sports, student government, and the school orchestra.

“My parents wanted all of us kids to graduate from high school,” he says. He credits his parents with instilling a strong work ethic in all of their children. It was the high school superintendent, and head of the Methodist Sunday school Steve attended, who insisted that he apply to Baldwin-Wallace College.

“I recently went back for my fiftieth

high school reunion. Of the sixteen members of my class, twelve are still living and four of us went to college. This whole business of education makes an enormous amount of difference in peoples’ lives.”

At Baldwin-Wallace, Steve majored in education. He paid some of his expenses by working as a dishwasher. He met Dolores “Dolly” Kreicher, a Lakewood native, in the B-W dining hall, where she worked as a waitress.

Their friendship, based on shared activities, faith, and values, eventually blossomed into a relationship, and they were married 45 years ago in B-W’s College Chapel. Dolly has been a trustee of Baldwin-Wallace for 25 years.

Upon graduation in 1960 – he was the first in his family to earn a four-year degree – Steve hoped to become a high school coach, but was turned down by 30 area school systems. This wasn’t his first encounter with racism, though it was mitigated somewhat by the efforts of the secretary to the B-W president, who helped Steve obtain a job as a caseworker with the Cuyahoga County Welfare Department.

He eventually became the department’s first African-American director – a circumstance that would recur in most of his subsequent jobs.

During this time Steve earned his master’s degree in social administration from Case’s Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences. The growing family moved to Onaway Road in 1969. The next year, Steve accepted the position of commissioner of public welfare for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and so the Minters relocated.

But by 1974, it was time for a career change. The Minters by then had three daughters, Michele, Caroline, and Robyn.

“Continuity is important for children, and we decided we would stay in one place for at least 12 years,” he says. Despite job offers in New York, California, and Washington, D.C., Steve wanted a position in Cleveland.

He made a solo trip to Shaker to find a house in the Onaway or Boulevard neighborhood. On his second day, he saw the house that would become home to the Minter family, at the end of a crosswalk to Boulevard Elementary School.

Instead of the job possibility that brought him back to Ohio, Steve accepted an offer from The Cleveland Foundation: program officer in social services. Thus his distinguished career at the nation’s oldest community foundation began in 1975.

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Steve Minter in his front yard, August 2006. PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB





Berenice and Herb Kleiman discussing their book at Joseph-Beth Booksellers, Legacy Village. PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB.

Lives Reshaped

Berenice and Herb Kleiman's book, *One Stroke, Two Survivors*, is a strangely compelling and powerful love story.

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

In their 43 years of marriage, Herb and Berenice Kleiman have pursued their passions together, becoming parents, successful business partners, world travelers, and avid theatergoers. Five years ago, they were thrust into two new and unwelcome roles — patient and caregiver. On July 14, 2001, Herb suffered a massive stroke that turned their lives upside down.

From the moment Herb's symptoms began during their yearly Canadian theater trip to the Shaw Festival, the Kleimans faced choices. Should they trust the small, local hospital, or race back home to the advanced facilities of The Cleveland Clinic? Should they assume the life-threatening risks of an aggressive stent procedure? Should Berenice micro-manage all aspects of Herb's care, or take a social worker's advice and "go with the flow"?

Herb survived with his mental faculties intact, but suffered significant physical impairment. More choices. Could Berenice shoulder the exhausting 24/7 responsibility for Herb's care at home, or would he be better off in a nursing home? Should they modify their existing home, or try to find a more accommodating living space? Should a wife relentlessly push an uncooperative husband to adhere to a strict diet and tough rehab goals, or should she respect his desire simply to be left alone, and risk losing all progress gained?

One Stroke, Two Survivors: The Incredible Journey of Berenice and Herb Kleiman (Cleveland Clinic Press, April 2006) is a candid and intimate account of the Kleimans' struggle to reshape their lives in the stroke's aftermath. For Berenice, what began as therapeutic venting, undertaken to kill time while waiting for innumerable doctors' appointments, evolved into a book-length caregiver's manual, packed with helpful suggestions, resources, psychological insights, and moral support.

"We wanted to leave a trail for others," Berenice explains. She says that most chronic care books are either written from the third person perspective of doctors or clinicians, or are mini-treatises on caregiver philosophy. "We wanted to talk about how to get through the day, the little as well as the big issues."

The book also provides a how-to approach to wading through oceans of medical red tape. Berenice wants to empower families to demand that the medical community treat the patient as a whole being, not "in parts."

But for Herb, "It's a love story. No one else would be willing to tolerate the chores that she has done.

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Students' *pet*



Shaker High history teacher Tim Mitchell wins the hearts and minds of his Advanced Placement U.S. History students with humor and passion – in one of the most academically challenging courses at the school.

BY KATE GUESS

On Halloween, 47-year-old Tim Mitchell wears dreadlocks and calls himself a “Rastahistorian.” During December, he dons a powdered wig and presides over a Grand Jury hearing set in 1837 to consider charges against President Andrew Jackson. In March, he holds a brandy snifter and cigar and speaks with a British accent as he plays the part of a robber baron at a gentlemen’s club in the late 19th century.

Despite the fun of the role-playing, Mitchell’s Advanced Placement U.S. History course, culminating in a national college-level exam, is one of the most daunting, difficult courses at Shaker Heights High School. Yet Mitchell’s enthusiastic and invigorating teaching style – in short, his pure passion for what he does – has earned him the honored position of Favorite Teacher in the hearts of many of his students.

AP U.S. History, or “APUSH” as students call it, is a high-level option available to sophomores and serves as their first exposure to the rigors of Advanced Placement courses. Despite the level of difficulty and time commitment involved, about a quarter of sophomores willingly take on the challenge.

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Tim Mitchell working his (eventually) grateful students to the bone at Shaker High.

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SA 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Shaker Community Building

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

How to Register

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

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

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

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

Online: shakeronline.com (24 hrs/day)

For a complete index of classes, see page 58.

General Information

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

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

Refund claim forms must be presented within 30 days of withdrawal. Special programs such as childcare, camps, and one-nighters are handled on a case-by-case basis. There are no refunds for materials purchased. Program locations and/or personnel are subject to change. There is a \$10 processing fee for refund requests, with the following exceptions:

- Adult 50+ programs, \$5
- Fall/Winter Hockey (except Mighty Mites), \$25, School Age Care, \$25

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

Non-Endorsement Policy

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

Disability Policy

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

Snow Procedure

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

ADULTS

Enrichment & Leisure

THE EDUCATED AUTOMOTIVE CONSUMER *NEW!

Ron Meister

Become an expert automotive services consumer! Free educational session covers communicating with car mechanics and body shops, avoiding leasing problems, and extended warranties. Car maintenance scheduling also discussed. Call 229-7846 to register.

Shaker Quality Autobody
12916 Larchmere Blvd.
7-9 p.m.

001 Tuesday, October 17

002 Thursday, November 16

No charge

BEADS FOR YOU! *NEW!

Kathi Peterson, the Nomad's Tent

Create unique and personalized jewelry. Tools and beads may be purchased from the instructor if desired.

Thornton Park Community Room
TU 6:30-9 p.m.

001 October 3-31

5 weeks

res\$70 nres\$75

002 November 7-28

4 weeks

res\$60 nres\$65

BRIDGE: OPEN

Shaker Community Building
TH 1-4 p.m.

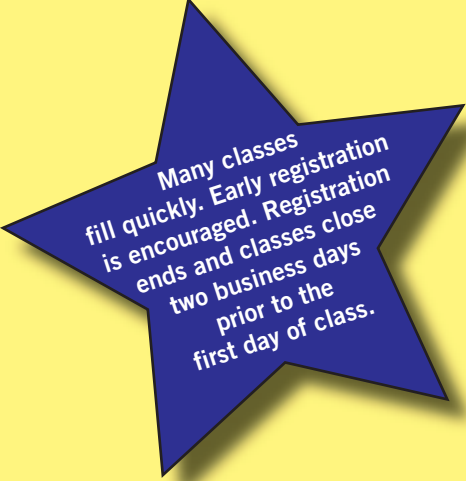
Donation: \$1

CROCHET WORKSHOP

(Adult/Teen)

Paula Rosa

All levels. Bring the crocheting you've already started or let the instructor help you select something new.



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

fall classes



Beginners learn to select a project, hook and yarn. No class Nov. 23.

Thornton Park Community Room

4 weeks

TH 6:30-8:30 p.m.

001 September 7-28

002 October 5-26

003 November 2-30

res\$24 nres\$29

DESIGN BOOKS/JOURNAL *NEW!

Peggy J. Wertheim, M.A.T.

Create marbled paper and silks! Learn this timeless technique by floating paints on carrageenan (seaweed). Print the design on paper and silks and create books/journals. Extensive handout packet provided. \$25 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Middle School Art Room

November 7-21

3 weeks

TU 6:30-9 p.m.

res\$35 nres\$42

FINANCES: PERSONAL FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WITH ENVELOPE BUDGETING *NEW!

Bill March

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

Shaker Community Building

November 7-14

2 weeks

TU 7-8:30 p.m.

res\$15 nres\$20

FINANCES: UNDERSTANDING HOW YOUR CREDIT CARDS WORK

*NEW!

Bill March

Uncover common myths about credit cards. Learn how your credit score is calculated and how to shop selectively for the card that best fits your needs. Effective debt reduction meth-

ods also discussed. \$10 materials fee (textbook) payable to instructor.

Shaker Community Building

W 7-8:30 p.m.

001 November 8

002 November 15

res\$10 nres\$15

FLOWER ARRANGING

Chris Amos

Create a lovely, fragrant centerpiece using fresh flowers and Christmas greens, a candle, and other Christmas decorations. Bring a paring knife and wire cutters. \$20 materials fee payable in cash to instructor at first class.

Middle School Art Room

Monday, December 4

6:30-8:30 p.m.

res\$15 nres\$20

HOLIDAY GIFT ANSWER: SILK

PAINTED SCARVES/WALL

HANGINGS

Peggy J. Wertheim, M.A.T.

Ideal gifts! Create hand-painted silk scarves and/or wall hangings. No experience necessary. Design ideas, books, and handout packet provided. \$25 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Middle School Art Room

November 30-December 14

3 weeks

TH 6:30-9 p.m.

res\$35 nres\$42

HOME REPAIR SERIES

Jim Engler,

Homework Home Improvement

Choose a session.

Shaker Community Building

W 7-9 p.m.

001 Electrical - October 4

Does the thought of working with electricity scare you? Overcome those fears with a simple rewire of one of your favorite lamps. Soon you'll be

changing switches, installing dimmers and ceiling fans, and so much more!

002 Plumbing - October 11

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

003 Odds and Ends,

a Handyman Special - October 18

Learn to repair broken windows, fix doors and windows that stick, install a deadbolt, and change doorknobs. Pick up tips on some small appliance repairs and discuss tools and products that make the job easy.

004 Wall Paper and

Tile Seminar - October 25

Learn to remove old wallpaper, repair, and prep a wall for new paper; how to work in the corners and overhangs; and measuring for accurate buying. Learn about different types of tile, how to apply them, and the different surfaces to be used; discuss layout, designs, and structure prep.

res\$20 nres\$24

HOMES OF SHAKER HEIGHTS

Ken Goldberg

Learn about the residential architecture of this illustrious planned suburb. The first class, held in the classroom, covers neighborhood development, stylistic guidelines, and related preservation principles. Classwork benefits from instructor's extensive collection of information and slides on the subject. The second evening involves actual architectural evaluation at Shaker homes, courtesy of volunteer hosts.

Shaker Community Building

November 8 and 15

2 weeks

W 7-9 p.m.

res\$25 nres\$30



fall classes

ADULTS

INTERIOR DESIGN BASICS

Nancy Patterson

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

1-3 p.m.

001 Saturday, October 7

Thornton Park Community Room

002 Saturday, December 2

Shaker Community Building

res\$25 nres\$30

JOB SEARCH 101

Barbara Goldstein

Re-entering the workforce? Looking for your first job? Topics include overcoming barriers, marketing yourself, why employers hire, selective networking, resume guidelines, cover letters that work, and interviewing do's and don'ts.

Shaker Community Building

November 6-16

2 weeks

M/TH 6:30-8:30 p.m.

res\$100 nres\$120

KITCHEN DESIGN

John Hall

J Hall Design Inc./

Kitchen & Bath Design

Turn your kitchen into a work of art. Learn kitchen dos and don'ts: cabinets, counters, appliances, floors and colors.

Shaker Community Building

October 11-25

3 weeks

W 7-9 p.m.

res\$25 nres\$30

KNITTING: INTRODUCTION

Pia Alesci

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

October 3-25

4 weeks

001 TU 10-11:30 a.m.

Thornton Park Community Room

002 W 7:30-9 p.m.

Shaker Community Building

res\$30 nres\$35

KNITTING: INTERMEDIATE/ ADVANCED BEGINNER

Pia Alesci

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

Thornton Park Community Room

4 weeks

TU 10-11:30 a.m.

001 Adv. Beg. Oct. 31-Nov. 21

002 Int. Nov. 28-Dec. 19

Shaker Community Building

W 7:30-9 p.m.

4 weeks

003 Adv. Beg. Nov. 1-22

004 Int. Nov. 29-Dec. 20

res\$30 nres\$35

KNITTING: CAFÉ

Pia Alesci

Bring your current projects for knitting guidance, refreshments, and friendship. It's a knitters' paradise! No class on November 23.

Thornton Park Community Room

October 5-December 14

TH 10-11:30 a.m.

res/nres \$8 (drop-in)

KNITTING SERIES *New!

Pia Alesci

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

Thornton Park Community Room

W 10-11:30 a.m.

3 weeks

001 Scarf October 11-25

002 Felted Clutch Purse

December 6-20

res\$25

nres\$30

4 weeks

003 Poncho

November 8-29

res\$30

nres\$35

Shaker Community Building

TU 7:30-9 p.m.

3 weeks

004 Scarf October 10-24

005 Felted Clutch Purse

December 5-19

res\$25

nres\$30

4 weeks

006 Poncho

November 7-28

res\$30

nres\$35

LEGAL SERIES

Attorney Candace M. Pollock, Esq.

Hahn & Pollock, LLC

Middle School Room 122

M 7-8 p.m.

001 Top 10 Mistakes of Estate Planning – October 2

Most people don't think they need an estate plan because their situation is simple or their assets are modest. This course covers the 10 most common planning mistakes that can put you and loved ones in jeopardy. Leave with an understanding of the core directives essential in every plan as well as how to avoid planning gaps and conflicts to maintain maximum control at minimum cost.

002 Special People/Special Planning – October 9

Planning for a special-need family member when the original caretakers are no longer able can be difficult

due to the complex rules regarding public-benefits programs. Learn the consequences of failing to plan.

003 Loving Without a License – October 16

An overview of the laws that control an unmarried couple's life, especially during times of crisis such as disability and death.

004 Pet Trusts – October 23

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

005 Women in Transition – October 30

Typically, during the divorce process, assets are divided and estate-planning professionals are contracted almost as an afterthought. Statistically, alimony is awarded less frequently than in the past and for shorter periods. Learn some options available to women who are suddenly left to navigate their financial futures alone.

006 Asset Protection 101 for Small Business Owners – November 6

Covers the key asset protection steps business owners can take to ensure smooth management and transition and maximum value during disability and at retirement or death.

007 Top 10 Medicaid Planning Mistakes – November 13

Covers the top 10 mistakes families make regarding Medicaid and long-term care issues. Explains terminology, important dates and strategies authorized under Ohio Medicaid rules, including the myths about the new Medicaid law.

008 Caregiver Children and their Elder Parents – November 20

Aging parents and their adult children face many challenges as they deal with the emotional, financial, and legal aspects of long-term care decisions. These decisions straddle several different arenas that have competing

rules. A correct decision in one arena may produce an unwanted outcome in another. Families can face unnecessary financial costs when they make the "wrong" decision.

res\$15 nres\$18
Entire series: **res\$65 nres\$78**

ORIGAMI
(Adult/Teens)
Keiko Biddle

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

Thornton Park Community Room
4 weeks
TH 6:30-8:30 p.m.
001 September 7-28
002 October 5-26
003 November 2-30
res\$24 nres\$29

PAINTING: BEGINNING ACRYLIC PAINTING *NEW!
Penni Rubin

Have fun with a paint medium that is both easy to learn and forgiving. Bring your liquid bottles or tube acrylic paints, a canvas and brushes to first class. You may also call 491-1360 for a supply list. No class on November 23.

Shaker Community Building
October 19-November 30
6 weeks
TH 1:30-4 p.m.
res\$65 nres\$70

PAINTING: MASTERS OF MIXED MEDIA *NEW!
Penni Rubin

Expand your horizons in art by exploring different media from pastels to inks and collage to watercolors. A variety of paints will be used in

projects such as making your own prints for cards. Bring a sketch pad and paint brushes to first class. \$10 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Shaker Community Building
October 17-November 21
6 weeks
TU 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
res\$65 nres\$70

PREVENTIVE HOME MAINTENANCE: THE KLUTZ'S GUIDE
Jack Kleinman

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

Shaker Community Building
Tuesday, October 3
7:30-9 p.m.
res\$17 nres\$20

QUILTERS AND FASHIONISTAS: SILKS PAINTING
Peggy J. Wertheim, M.A.T.

Discover, enjoy, and create hand painted silk scarves and/or silk squares for quilting and wall hangings. No experience necessary. Design ideas, books, and handout packet provided. \$25 materials fee payable to instructor at first class.

Middle School Art Room
October 10-24
3 weeks
TU 6:30-9 p.m.
res\$35 nres\$42



fall classes

ADULTS

REAL ESTATE: FAIR HOUSING FOR REALTORS

(Adult)

Carole Heyward,
Cleveland-Marshall College of Law

State of Ohio approved 3 credit hour continuing education course for licensed realtors on Fair Housing. Participants receive certificate and print materials. INFO: 491-1332. Pre-registration required: shakeronline.com or call 491-1295.

City Hall

October 18

W 9 a.m.-Noon

res/nres \$25 non-refundable fee

SCRAPBOOKING AND RUBBER STAMPING

(Adult/Teen)

Paula Rosa

Do you have lots of pictures? Do you need help making a scrapbook? Create a family heirloom. First class covers layout, colors, and tools. Bring pictures.

Thornton Park Community Room
M 7-9 p.m.

001 September 11-25

3 weeks

res\$18 nres\$23

002 October 2-30

5 weeks

res\$30 nres\$35

003 November 4-27

4 weeks

res\$24 nres\$29

TABLE TENNIS: HEIGHTS CLUB

see page 51

VOICE-OVERS: YOU'RE ON THE AIR! *NEW!

Daniel Levine

You don't have to be an actor to get voice-over work. Dan Levine (Tony award nominated composer of the Broadway musical Anna Karenina) will discuss the voice-over business as a whole, the numerous opportunities, the incredible income potential, the all-important "demo" and how to

have it produced. You'll step up to the mic and do some practice recording, then listen to the results.

Shaker Community Building
Thursday, October 12

7-9 p.m.

res\$40 nres\$48

Fine & Performing Arts

BALLROOM DANCING

Mitzi and Ed Waring Dance Co.

Learn to dance the waltz, fox trot, salsa, tango and more like the "stars." Must have a partner. Instructors reserve the right to place couples in appropriate classes. No class November 23.

Woodbury School Cafeteria

001 September 7-October 26

002 November 2-December 28

8 weeks

TH

001 Basic 6:30-7:30 p.m.

002 Advanced 7:30-8:30 p.m.

003 Intermediate 8:30-9:30 p.m.

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

DRAWING

Beverle Krueger

Basic and intermediate drawing techniques and principles. Composition, value, design, line, and more using various media. Supply list provided.

Middle School Art Room #31

October 10-November 28

8 weeks

TU 7-9 p.m.

res\$55 nres\$60

QUILTING

Bring your own materials or choose from assortment provided.

Shaker Community Building

Ongoing

M 10-11 a.m.

No charge

WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Beverle Krueger

Composition, color theory, brushwork, and technique taught with landscape, still life, and portraits. Supply list provided. Some experience needed. No class Nov. 24.

Shaker Community Building

October 13-December 8

8 weeks

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

res\$60 nres\$65

Sports & Fitness

AEROBIC DANCING WITH JACKI'S INC.

Jill Welsh & Hedda Dempsey

Build muscle strength and cardiovascular endurance. All ages and fitness levels. Bring mat and hand weights to class. Register and pay instructor when attending the class. INFO: (440) 338-1739. No class October 2, November 22, 24.

Shaker Community Building

001 September 6-December 22

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

Middle School West Gym

003 September 6-December 20

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

BASKETBALL

(Ages 21+)

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

Woodbury School Main Gym

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

SU 2-4 p.m.

001 September 12-October 29

8 weeks

res\$65 nres\$80

002 October 31-December 17

6 weeks

res\$45 nres\$60

BODY SCULPTING

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

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

Classes are ongoing.

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

FITNESS TRAINING: PRIVATE

Sandy Caminita,
Certified Fitness Training

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

Shaker Community Building

GOLF: ADULT LEARN TO PLAY

Mike McCon

Introductory course covers grip, stance, and posture; basic fundamentals of the swing; iron and wood play; putting and the short game; etiquette and rules. No class Nov. 21, 23.

The Golf Dome
8198 E. Washtington St.,
Chagrin Falls
September 19-October 24
001 TU 7-8 p.m.
002 TH 10:30-11:30 a.m.

October 31-December 12
003 TU 7-8 p.m.
004 TH 10:30-11:30 a.m.
res\$95 **nres**\$115

GOLF: INSTRUCTION

Individual instruction for all levels. Weekly charge for bucket of balls: \$5.75 (large) or \$4.75 (medium).

Driving Range
Harvard & Green Roads
5 weeks
SA

September 9-October 7
001 9-10 a.m.
002 10-11 a.m.

October 14-November 11
003 9-10 a.m.
004 10-11 a.m.
res\$65 **nres**\$85

ICE SKATING: see pages 55-56

INNERGY FITNESS

Cynthia Jordan

A complete fitness regimen includes low impact aerobics for cardiovascular health and fat-burning potential; resistance training to increase calorie burn and to strengthen and firm muscles; and Pilates- and yoga-inspired exercises to improve muscle tone and flexibility. Bring an exercise mat and light hand weights. No class October 4, 13.

Middle School West Gym
001 September 12-October 19
002 October 24-December 5
TU/TH 6:30-7:30 p.m.

res/nres\$42
walk-in: \$5

PHENOMENAL ABDOMINALS

This 30-minute exercise class works the upper, lower, and side abdominals. Bring an exercise mat, a stretch band, and a water bottle. Classes are taught by a Certified Trainer. Eight classes in each term. Class size is limited and advance registration must

be made through Body Sculpting, Inc. at flexcity.com or 216-313-FLEX.

Shaker Community Building
TU/TH 7:30-8:00 p.m. or
10:30-11:00 a.m. or
SA 11:15-11:45 a.m.

Classes are ongoing.

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

SWIM CONDITIONING

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

Middle School Pool
001 September 11-December 15
14 weeks
001 M-F 6-7 a.m.
res\$3/drop-in (exact change only)

SWIMMING: ADULT LESSONS

Adults of any ability level learn to feel more comfortable in the water. Classes are combined if enrollment is low. No class October 2.

Woodbury School Pool
M 7:30-8:30 p.m.
6 weeks
001 September 11-October 23
002 November 6-November 18
res\$75 **nres**\$95

SWIMMING: LAP

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

Woodbury School Pool
001 September 12-December 21
TU/TH 8:30-9:30 p.m.
SU 9:30-11 a.m.
res\$3/drop-in (exact change only)

TABLE TENNIS: HEIGHTS CLUB

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WATER AEROBICS

Hilary Byrne

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

Woodbury School Pool

001 September 13-October 11

002 November 8-December 13

5 weeks

W 7:30-8:15 p.m.

res\$50 nres\$60

YOGA: BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE

Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Learn basic yoga postures to improve breathing, body structure, and to strengthen and lengthen muscles. No class October 9, November 22.

Shaker Community Building
6 weeks

M W 7-8 p.m.

001 September 11-October 23

002 October 30-December 11

res/nres\$40 – 1 day

res/nres\$80 – 2 days

YOGA: LUNCH TIME

Atma Yoga Center Instructors

Learn yoga postures and breathing techniques to relieve workday stress and increase energy. No class October 9, November 22.

Thornton Park Community Room
6 weeks

W Noon-1 p.m.

001 September 13-October 18

002 November 1-December 13

res/nres\$40

drop-in: \$7 (payable at Thornton Park reception desk)

Adults 50+

Enrichment & Leisure

AARP SHAKER CHAPTER 5108

Shaker Community Building
Every 3rd Friday 1:30 pm.
No charge

COFFEE, COOKIES & CONVERSATION

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

Shaker Community Building

W 10-11 a.m.

Ongoing

COMPUTER: INTERNET

Web Wise Seniors

Learn the basics of search engines and browsers. Connect to the internet and learn to navigate the World Wide Web.

Shaker Community Building
October 3-10

2 weeks

TU 2-4 p.m.

res\$45 nres\$50

COMPUTER: MICROSOFT EXCEL

Web Wise Seniors

Balance a check book, put together a family budget, or generate charts using this program.

Shaker Community Building
October 31-November 7

2 weeks

TU 2-4 p.m.

res\$45 nres\$50

COMPUTER: MICROSOFT WORD

Web Wise Seniors

Learn to create new documents, edit your work, change font sizes, shapes, alignment, and more. Learn to save and retrieve documents effectively.

Shaker Community Building
October 17-24

2 weeks

TU 2-4 p.m.

res\$45 nres\$50

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

AARP 55-Alive

Completion of this course may reduce car insurance premiums. Pre-registration required. Register, make check payable to AARP and send to: Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, Shaker Heights 44120. Attn.: 50+ Services-AARP.

Shaker Community Building

November 10 & 17

F 12:30-4:30 p.m.

res/nres\$10

LOW VISION SUPPORT GROUP

Marie Prendergast

Ongoing free service for Shaker residents. INFO: 491-1347.

PODIATRY CARE

Laurence Spivack, DPM

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

Shaker Community Building
2nd Thursday of each month

TH Please arrive at 9 a.m.

\$15

TASTE OF SHAKER

Marie Prendergast

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

TU 1-3 p.m.

Transportation Services

TRANSPORATION CONSORTIUM COORDINATING COMMITTEE (TC3)

TC3 multi-passenger vehicles drive individuals throughout the east side Cleveland suburbs for medical appointments, social activities, shopping, and personal business. Must meet minimum age requirement



to qualify for this service. Fill out a registration form and pay a yearly, non-refundable fee of \$5. A suggested donation of \$2 is requested for a one way ride and \$4 for a round trip. INFO: 491-1351.

Sports & Fitness

AQUATIC EXERCISE

Arthritis Foundation in cooperation with Judson Wellness Department

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

Judson Park
2181 Ambleside Drive
TU/TH 11-11:45 a.m.
\$55 monthly membership

ARTHRITIS EXERCISE

In cooperation with Judson Wellness Department

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

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

FUN WITH FITNESS

Beth Parnin

Low impact exercise requiring no floor work. Wear comfortable tennis shoes. No class Oct. 9, Nov. 24.

Shaker Community Building
Room 018
MWF 9-10 a.m.
6 weeks
001 September 11-October 23
002 November 6-December 18

Individual
res\$30 nres\$35 2 days/week
res\$35 nres\$40 3 days/week
Husband/Wife
res\$50 nres\$55 2 days/week
res\$55 nres\$60 3 days/week

SILVERSNEAKERS® FITNESS PROGRAM *New!

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

Classes taught by certified SilverSneakers fitness instructors are available at the Shaker Community Building beginning in early October. NOTE: Members of the identified health care plans as well as non-members will be welcome to register for classes. INFO: 491-1360.

SWIMMING: OPEN SWIM

Private lessons by appointment. 229-4025.

Judson Retirement Community
2181 Ambleside Dr.
MWF 7-8 a.m.
9-10:45 a.m.
1:45-3:30 p.m.
4:15-6 p.m.
TU/TH 7-8 a.m.
9:45-11 a.m.
11:45-6 p.m.
SA 8 a.m.-Noon
\$55 monthly membership

TABLE TENNIS: HEIGHTS CLUB (All Ages)

Valeriy Elnatano,
USA/Russian Olympic Coach

A drop-in session and great way to meet other people. No sessions on Nov. 22, 26 & Dec. 24 & 31.

Shaker Community Building
Ongoing

continued

W 6:30-9:30 p.m.
SU 12:30-3:30 p.m.
drop-in: \$2

Special Events

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The City of Shaker Heights is inviting individuals to share their time and talents with some of our older residents. Needs include transportation to and from weekday programs and assistance with program planning throughout the year, including the Annual Senior Holiday Dinner. To learn more, call Kevin Crowe at 491-2595.

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

Positions requiring volunteers include receptionists and tax assistance counselors. Counselors become certified by successfully completing an IRS designed tax course and exam given at a number of local sites during January.

If you are interested, please call the Community Building at 491-1360.

ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT *New!

Join your family, friends, and neighbors for this pasta feast in honor of Christopher Columbus. Tickets must be purchased by Friday, Sept. 29.

Shaker Community Building
Friday, October 6
4:30-7 p.m.

Advance Sale Tickets:

Adults \$8
Children (<10 years old) \$6.50
Seniors (age 60+) \$6.50
Tickets are available at the Shaker Community Building or call 491-1360. Take-out orders accepted.



fall classes

SECOND ANNUAL SENIOR HOLIDAY DINNER

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

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

Youth

Enrichment & Leisure

CHESS/CHECKERS

(Grades 1-6)
Eric Newberry

Game tactics covered. Checkers may be played at any time, but class is devoted to chess. If possible, please bring a chess and/or checker set and board to class. Participants should know names of pieces and how they move.

Woodbury School Room 114
October 15-November 19
6 weeks
SU 4:15-5:15 p.m.
res\$65 nres\$80

CROCHET WORKSHOP see page 44

DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS® PRE-SCHOOL DRAWING *NEW! (Ages 3 ½-5)

Instruction is provided within a positive and nurturing environment. Skill development concentrates on drawing, coloring, listening, spatial organization, and patience. Discussion surrounding the age-appropriate topic of the week will be encouraged. Fee covers all materials. No class November 26.

Shaker Community Building
October 18-November 29
6 weeks
W 1:30-2:15 p.m.
res\$70 nres\$80

DRAWING: YOUNG REMBRANDTS® ELEMENTARY DRAWING *NEW! (Ages 6-12)

An innovative, step-by-step drawing method that teaches fundamental drawing techniques through self-expression. A new subject matter will be presented each week ranging from animals, landscapes, and still life to art history. Fee covers all materials. No class November 26.

Woodbury School Room 114
October 22-December 3
6 weeks
SU 2-3 p.m.
res\$70 nres\$80

DRIVER EDUCATION

(Grades 10+)
National Driver Training School

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

High School Room 154
2 weeks
M-TH 4-7 p.m.
001 September 18-28
002 November 6-16
res\$299 nres\$319

IT'S A PARTY! (Ages 5-12)

Enjoy a birthday party package. Selected dates for pool birthday parties. A minimum of one month's advance notice is required. INFO: 491-2595, Kevin Crowe. Ice skating parties: Dawn Clark, 491-2590.

MAGIC CLUB

(Grades 1-4)
Brad Schreiber

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

Onaway School Multi-purpose Room
October 17-November 21
6 weeks
TU 4:30-5:30 p.m.
res\$55 nres\$70

ORIGAMI see page 47

SCHOOL AGE CARE (Grades K-6)

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

Before school: 7-9:15 a.m.
After school: 3:20-6:30 p.m.

FEES:

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

BEFORE SCHOOL: AFTER SCHOOL:

\$131/month	\$152/month
\$98/Dec.*	\$114/Dec.*
\$98/Jan.*	\$114/Jan.*
\$98/Apr.*	\$114/Apr.*
\$8/day	\$13/day

*These fees are adjusted based on the 2006-07 school calendar.

Fundaze

When school is out, fun is in!

Grades K-8
7 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
October 2, 13, November 10, 13,
December 27-29, January 2-5

Early registration:
res\$32/day nres\$42
Late registration:
res\$42/day nres\$52

All payments made at Thornton Park, by phone or FAX 991-4219, using MasterCard or Visa. Payments not accepted at child care sites. No drop-in; pre-registration required. Fees due first of the month. INFO: 491-2583, Rhonda L. Miller, SAC Coordinator.



SCRAPBOOKING AND RUBBER STAMPING see page 48

Fine & Performing Arts

BALLET BASICS
(Ages 5-6)
Pia Alesci

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

Thornton Park Community Room
October 10-November 28
8 weeks
TU 4:15-5:15 p.m.
res\$65 nres\$85

BALLET: FAIRY TALES
(Ages 3-4)
Jennifer Martino

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

Thornton Park Community Room
October 16-November 20
6 weeks
M 2:30-3:05 p.m.
res\$50 nres\$65

BALLET FOR PRESCHOOLERS
(Ages 3-4)
Pia Alesci

Play-based introduction to basic ballet positions and movement. Body awareness and coordination skills are primary focus. Plain leotards, tights, and ballet shoes are required. Participants must be toilet-trained. No class November 23.

Thornton Park Community Room
October 12-December 7
8 weeks
TH
Level I 1-1:45 p.m.
Level II 2-2:45 p.m. (Prerequisite: Level I completed)
res\$60 nres\$80

THEATRE WORKSHOP FOR YOUTH
(Grades 1-4)
Brad Schreiber

Principles of acting, singing, and dance taught by performer and educator. Half-hour performance at last class. No class November 13, 22.

October 16-November 29
6 weeks
001 Boulevard School Gym
M 3:45*-4:30 p.m.

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

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

Sports & Fitness

BASEBALL: SKILLS PROGRAMS
(Ages 8-10)
Max Briggs

Players prepare for coming season by working on hitting and pitching techniques. Instructor is former Cleveland Heights MVP, LEL player, plus former member of CWRU team. Players bring own baseball glove and bat.

Middle School West Gym
SA 3 weeks
Boys 3-4 p.m.
001 Hitting September 9-23
002 Pitching October 7-21
003 Hitting Oct. 28-Nov. 11
res\$30 nres\$45

BASKETBALL: BITTY BASKETBALL
(Co-ed, 4 years old)

Introduces children to basketball. Shooting, dribbling, passing, and catching skills are taught while kids have fun and build self esteem! Fee includes shirt.

continued

Woodbury School Gym
September 30-October 21
4 weeks
SA Noon-12:45 p.m.
res\$45 nres\$55

BASKETBALL: FUNDAMENTALS OF PASSING, DRIBBLING, AND SHOOTING
(Ages 7-12)
Carlton Mitchell

Learn basics then apply them on the court.

Woodbury School Upper Gym
5 weeks
001 September 17-October 15
002 November 5-December 10
SU 12:30-1:30 p.m.
res\$45 nres\$60

BASKETBALL: JR. NBA/JR. WNBA PEE WEE INSTRUCTIONAL
(Jr. Cavalier Program)
(Girls Ages 6-9; Boys Ages 5-8)
Denise Duncan & Dave Oliver

Fundamental skills for beginners. Must be at least 5 years old to register. Schedule is subject to change. Registration form required. Each participant receives a complimentary CAVS ticket. Additional tickets available for \$25.

Woodbury School Main Gym
September 9-October 28
7 weeks
SA
001 Girls 6-9 yrs 9-10 a.m.
002 Boys 5-6 yrs
report 10 a.m. – Sept. 9
003 Boys 7-8 yrs
report 11 a.m. – Sept. 9
res\$82 nres\$102

November 4-December 16
6 weeks
SA
004 Girls 6-9 yrs 9-10 a.m.
005 Boys 5-6 yrs
report at 10 a.m. – Nov. 4
006 Boys 7-8 yrs
report at 11 a.m. – Nov. 4
res\$72 nres\$92

fall classes

YOUTH

**BASKETBALL: JR. NBA/JR. WNBA
YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**
(Jr. Cavalier Program)
(Co-ed, Grades 3-8)

Skill development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and rules of the game. Volunteer coaches are needed and appreciated. No team or coach requests. Teams practice for one hour, one night per week. Players receive NBA-replica jerseys. Provide sizes at registration. Teams selected via draft; no team request. Practices arranged by coaches.

November 4-February 24

14 weeks

SA

Boys

Woodbury School Main Gym
001 Gr. 3-4 Noon-3 p.m.
002 Gr. 5-6 3-6 p.m.

Girls

Middle School East Gym
003 Gr. 3-4 1-4 p.m.
004 Gr. 5-6 1-4 p.m.
005 Gr. 7-8 1-4 p.m.

res\$95 nres\$115

Discounts: \$15 when signing up for regular and tournament season.

March Madness Tournament:

res\$30 nres\$40

BASKETBALL: TRAVEL TEAMS

(Boys, Grades 4-6;

Girls, Grades 4-6)

PRE-REGISTRATION AND TRYOUT INFO:

491-2599.

FENCING

(Ages 6-14)

William Reith

Learn fundamentals and build confidence. No class November 23.

High School Fencing Room

October 9-December 7

8 weeks

001 M 4-5:30 p.m.

002 TU 4-5:30 p.m.

003 TH 4-5:30 p.m.

res\$90 nres\$105

FENCING: FIRST TIME

(Ages 6-14)

William Reith

Footwork, tactics, and weapon technique for the beginner. No class November 25.

High School Fencing Room

October 14-December 9

8 weeks

SA Noon-1 p.m.

res\$90 nres\$105

FENCING: PARENT & CHILD

(Ages 6-14)

William Reith

Fee covers parent and one child. No class November 25.

High School Fencing Room

October 14-December 9

8 weeks

SA 1-2 p.m.

res\$100 nres\$120

FLY FISHING

(All ages)

Learn about different types of fly rods, top new products, how to cast, mend, and perform a roll cast. Learn proper etiquette on streams and rivers, where to find fish in all different types of waters, which flies to use. Also learn different knots. Hands on class. You will need: fly rod, backing, and line. Instructor can help you purchase a fly rod.

Middle School Cafeteria

October 28-December 2

6 weeks

SA 9 a.m.-Noon

res\$100 nres\$120



GOLF: INSTRUCTION YOUTH

(Ages 10-17)

Individual instruction for all levels. Weekly charge for bucket of balls: \$5.75 (large) or \$4.75 (medium).

Driving Range

Harvard & Green Roads

5 weeks

SA 11 a.m.-Noon

001 September 9-October 7

002 October 14-November 11

res\$65 nres\$85

GOLF: JUNIOR LEARN TO PLAY

(Ages 8-12)

Mike McCon

Learn the game of a lifetime at an early age. Sessions cover grip, stance, posture; fundamentals of the swing; iron and wood play; short game-chipping and putting. Enjoy Fun Day with long drive and putting contests. No class November 22, 25.

The Golf Dome

8198 E. Washington St.,
Chagrin Falls

6 weeks

September 20-October 28

001 W 5-6 p.m.

002 SA 2-3 p.m.

November 1-December 16

003 W 5-6 p.m.

004 SA 2-3 p.m.

res\$95 nres\$115

GOLF: TIGER CUBS

(Ages 5-7)

Mike McCon

Introduction to fundamentals with emphasis on hand-eye coordination and having fun! No class Nov. 23.

The Golf Dome

8198 E. Washington St.,
Chagrin Falls

TH 5-5:30 p.m.

6 weeks

001 September 21-October 26

002 November 2-December 14

res\$56 nres\$66

fall classes



ICE HOCKEY: SHAKER YOUTH HOCKEY PROGRAMS

A variety of hockey programs are available from beginner to expert.

Mighty Mites: Learn the basics of hockey. Ages 4-6

Skills Clinics: Checking, puck handling, power skating, and team play are taught by the area's top coaches.



Spring Leagues: Tryouts are held in late February and teams are formed in March.

Pond Hockey: Spring and summer pick up hockey. Play open hockey with your friends and others in a supervised and fun atmosphere.

Girls Spring Hockey: February-April. Ages 5-15. No experience necessary. Practices and games are played against teams of similar age and ability from Mentor, Kent, Cleveland Heights, Columbus and Erie, Pennsylvania.

INFO: 491-2581, Shaker Youth Hockey Coordinator, Caleb Wyse.



ICE SKATING: LEARN-TO-SKATE CLASSES

Session II classes meet once a week for **seven** weeks. Registration ends two business days prior to first class. **No registration will be accepted the first day of class.** New/beginning skaters please arrive ten minutes early on the first day of class for orientation near the entrance to the ice rink. Skate and helmet rentals extra, if needed. If there are fewer than three skaters in a level, class may be cancelled, or levels combined. INFO: 295-3461, Erin M. Schopf, Learn-to-Skate Coordinator.

Clothing Suggestions

A knit stocking cap, gloves or mittens, and snowpants are recommended for Tots and Basic I students. All skaters should wear one pair of socks or tights. Bike or hockey helmets may also be worn.

Skill Level Information

BASIC 1-7 & FREESTYLE

(Ages 6-15)

Group instruction for the beginning to advanced skater. Hockey skates may be worn for Basic 1-4. Figure skates only for Basic 5-7 and Freestyle.

TOT SNOWPLOW SAM 1-3 (TOT SPS)

(Ages 3-5)

Beginners should start with SPS 1. SPS 2 and SPS 3 are a progression of more advanced skills for beginners age 5 and under.

TOT BASIC

(Ages 3-5)

For advanced tot skaters. Same as basic skills taught to older skaters.

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ICE HOCKEY: SHHS SCHEDULE 2006-07

All games PM unless noted otherwise.

Home rink: Thornton Park

F-SU	11/24-26	Thanksgiving Trn.	A	TBA
F	12/1	Trinity	H	9:00
SU	12/3	Holy Name	H	6:45 Brooklyn
F	12/8	University School	H	6:00
SU	12/10	Padua	A	6:00 IceLand
W-SU	12/13-17	Thornton Park Trn.	H	TBA
F	12/22	Lake Catholic	H	9:00
F	1/5	St. Edward	A	5:45 Winterhurst
SA	1/6	Trinity	A	8:00 Garfield
F	1/12	Hudson	H	9:00
SU	1/14	Benedictine	A	2:45 Euclid
W	1/17	Lake Catholic	A	7:15 Mentor
F	1/19	Padua	H	9:00
F	1/26	St. Edward	H	9:00
SU	1/28	North Olmsted	A	3:30 N. Olmsted
SA	2/3	University School	A	3:30 Multiplex
SA	2/4	University School	A	8:30 Metroplex
	2/8-11	Baron Cup	A	TBA Brooklyn
	2/12-24	Sectional	A	TBA Kent State
	3/1-3	District	A	TBA Kent State
	3/10-11	State	A	TBA Columbus

fall classes

ADULT (Ages 16+)

For beginners to advanced adult skaters who wish to learn basics or to improve skills in a group setting. Hockey or figure skates.

FALL SESSION II: October 16-Dec. 9
 REGISTRATION
 Shaker Resident – September 18
 Non-Resident – October 2

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

Class Schedule - Fall Session II
MONDAYS: October 16, 23, 30,
 November 6, 13, 27 December 4
 5-5:30 SPS 1, 2, 3;
 BASIC 5, 6, 7
 5:30-6 BASIC 1, 2, 3, 4;
 FREESTYLE

TUESDAYS: October 17, 24, 31,
 November 7, 14, 28, December 5
 1:15-1:45 SPS 1, 2, 3
 2-2:30 SPS 1, 2, 3
 TOT BASIC

THURSDAYS: October 19, 26, November
 2, 9, 16, 30, December 7
 2-2:30 SPS 1, 2, 3
 2:30-3 SPS 3; TOT BASIC
 4:30-5 SPS 1, 2, 3
 FREESTYLE
 5-5:30 BASIC 1, 2, 3, 4,
 BASIC 5, 6, 7
 5:30-6 SPS 1, 2, 3
 FREESTYLE
 6-6:30 BASIC 1, 2, 3
 ADULTS

FRIDAYS: October 20, 27, November
 2, 10, 17, December 1, 8
 10-10:30 SPS 1, 2, 3
 10:30-11 SPS 1, 2, 3,
 TOT BASIC
 1:15-1:45 SPS 1, 2, 3
 TOT BASIC

SATURDAYS: October 21, 28, November
 4, 11, 18, December 2, 9
 1:15-1:45 SPS 1, 2, 3;
 BASIC 6, 7; FREESTYLE
 1:45-2:15 BASIC 1, 2, 3, 4, 5;
 ADULTS

HOLIDAY MINI SESSION: December 26,
 27, 28, 29, January 2, 3, 4, 5
 Time: 12:45-1:45 p.m.

Registration
 Shaker Resident - November 14
 Non-Resident - November 21

HOLIDAY MINI SESSION
LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES
res\$45/with pass; \$55/without pass
nres\$65/with pass; \$75/without pass

SOCCER: YOUTH LEAGUE
 (Co-ed, Grades 1-2)

Skill development and game principles taught. Practice sessions conducted on weekday evenings and/or Sundays prior to game time. Interested coaches call 491-2599.

Mercer School Field
 September 10-October 15
 6 weeks
 SU 1:30-3:30 p.m. (1-hr sessions)
res\$65 **nres**\$85

SUPERB SWIMMERS (Ages 9 mos.-3 years)

Introduce a young child to the water. Adult must join child in pool. No class October 7, November 25.

Woodbury School Pool
 6 weeks
 SA 10:30-11 a.m.
 001 September 9-October 28
 002 November 4-December 16
res\$60 **nres**\$75

SWIMMING LESSONS
 (Grades K-6)

Participants must be 48" tall or have certification from previous water instruction. Bring suit and towel. No class October 7, November 25.

Woodbury School Pool
 6 weeks
 Beg./Adv.Beg.
 September 9-October 28
 001 SA 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 002 SA 1-1:45 p.m.
 November 4-December 16
 003 SA 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 004 SA 1-1:45 p.m.
res\$65 **nres**\$85





SWIMMING: OPEN/FAMILY SWIM

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

Woodbury School Pool
TU/TH 7:30-8:30 p.m.

SU 2-4 p.m.

September 12-December 14

res\$3/person/session

res\$5/family maximum (3+)

Pool pass available for all open and lap swims: \$35.

TABLE TENNIS: HEIGHTS CLUB see page 51

TABLE TENNIS: LESSONS

(Ages 7-14)

Valeriy Elnatano, USA National Coach, International Umpire, Olympian Coach

Beginner to advanced players welcome. Skills are introduced and sharpened.

Shaker Community Building

October 16-December 4

8 weeks

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

res\$30 **nres**\$35

TENNIS: STARTER

(Grades K-3)

Simple games and contests are used to introduce basic skills and concepts of tennis. Players must complete registration form.

Thornton Park Courts

SU 6 weeks

September 10-October 15

001 Gr. K-1 1-1:30 p.m.

002 Gr. 2-3 1:30-2 p.m.

res\$70 **nres**\$90

TENNIS: YOUTH LESSONS

(Grades 4-8)

Dan Caplin

Instruction in strokes, serves, and scorekeeping. Participants provide their own racquets. Class assignments will be either 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. In case of rain, schedule subject to change.

Thornton Park Tennis Courts

September 9-October 28

7 weeks

SA (times above)

res\$70 **nres**\$90

Thornton Park Facility

ICE SKATING: FALL/WINTER

PASSES

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

Shaker residents

Individual \$75

Family \$140

Adult 50+ \$50

Husband/Wife 50+ \$75

Non-residents

Individual \$115

Family \$205

Adult 50+ \$80

Husband/Wife 50+ \$110

RESIDENT ID CARDS

New \$5

New (w/own photo) \$3

Replacement pass \$10

NOTE: Residents will be required to show resident ID card to receive Shaker daily rates for ice arena.

ICE SKATING: DAILY ADMISSION

Student or Adult 50+ w/valid resident ID card \$3

Adult w/valid resident ID \$3.75

Guest without ID card \$4.75

Skate rental \$2.50

Skate rental discount pass (10) \$20

Group Rates: resident \$3.50

Non-resident \$4

Price per person. Min. 10. Includes skate rental.

RINK RENTAL

The ice rink may be reserved by private groups when the rink is not in use for programs. Rental rates begin at \$165/hour. For ice time availability, please call Thornton Park: 491-1295.

PUBLIC FREESTYLE SCHEDULE

Monday, August 21 –

Thursday, April 26

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

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

Walk-in freestyle **res**\$6 **nres**\$7
(photo ID required)

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

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Thornton Park Facility

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Recreation Class Registration Form

ADULT NAME (PARENT OR GUARDIAN):

Last	First	MI
Address		
City, State, Zip		
Day Phone ()	-	Night Phone () -
Email address:		

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

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

ACCOUNT NUMBER: Exp. date: /

SIGNATURE

HANN'S HEATING HINTS

- ☒ **S**chedule a heating system tune-up and safety inspection to keep your furnace clean and efficient
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Local Legend: Steve Minter

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"It was an exciting time to be there. I was privileged to be in the wonderful position of working for a significant philanthropic organization, and to be there long enough to see the difference that can be made by a board that selects strategic initiatives for eight, ten, and 20-plus years."

In 1979 Steve became the Foundation's associate director and program officer for civic affairs, but he took an eight-month leave in 1980 to serve as the first undersecretary for the United States Department of Education during the Carter administration.

In late 1983 Steve was named to succeed his mentor, Homer Wadsworth, as Executive Director and President of The Cleveland Foundation. His tenure, from January 1, 1984, through June 30, 2003, was nothing short of extraordinary.

Under his guidance, the Foundation launched studies, made recommendations, and provided substantial funding that resulted in fundamental changes within the Cleveland school system, the revitalization of the lakefront, and the redevelopment of neighborhoods to provide affordable housing.

He retired three years ago but still consults for the Foundation. Much of his time is spent as an executive in residence at Cleveland State University: He is an advisor to CSU's president, Michael Schwartz, co-teaches a nonprofit management course, and is a fellow in the Center for Nonprofit Policy and Practice at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs.

"Housing, family, and schools are what we value about Shaker," says Steve. And, there is the inclusive, diverse community that always has supported this interracial couple and their children.

"This city calls upon its residents to become engaged," he says, and Steve responded in the 1980s by serving on, and eventually chairing, the Citizens Committee, an independent community group that recruits, screens, and supports candidates for the Shaker school board.

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His particular interest was underperforming students, a focus that began during his county welfare days and continued throughout his years at The Cleveland Foundation.

“Steve Minter has been a strong voice in the Shaker community to assure that it maintains a first-rate public school system,” says Earl Leiken, a former Shaker school board president and current vice mayor and Shaker city council member. “The quality that Shaker has traditionally achieved in its public schools has not happened by accident. Rather, it is a direct result of having leaders like Steve in our community.”

As for the three Minter daughters, two are affiliated with educational institutions and one is an attorney. The oldest, Michele Minter Yuan, is the director of development at Princeton University, having earned degrees at Yale University and Brooklyn College of the City University of New York.

Caroline Minter Hoxby is an economics professor at Harvard University, from where she graduated summa cum laude and as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. A Rhodes Scholar, she attended Oxford University and later earned a Ph.D. in economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Robyn Minter Smyers is also an honors graduate of Harvard and earned her law degree at Yale. She is a Shaker resident, a partner at Thompson Hine LLP, and the parent of a three-year-old and infant twins – a delightful development for Steve and Dolly, whose two other grandchildren live in New Jersey. As it turns out, four of Steve’s siblings also live in Shaker Heights.

“My father is my most important role model,” says Robyn. “His distinguished career has inspired me to care passionately about the virtues of work and community. He also has been a great and involved father. Family comes first with my dad. During my childhood, he was there for every game, play or concert and home for dinner almost every night. Now he’s there for his grandchildren too.”




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While finding the right buyer for an exceptional home can be challenging, LeSueur says "Homes in the upper price ranges are actually moving better in 2006 than lesser priced homes. This is the first time in my 21 years in real estate that I've seen this happen."

Those interested in a home of its stature and price are a small and selective group, she anticipates, "probably a businessman or woman, or a doctor at University Circle who wants an easy commute. The buyer will likely be someone who appreciates architecture, the home's history, its proximity to downtown Cleveland, and entertaining."

In marketing her premier home listings, LeSueur will often feature the property in her company's four-color magazine, *Homes of Distinction*, which mails several times each year to the most affluent zip codes in the region. A segment of the company's weekly television show is also devoted exclusively to upscale homes. The Internet has also become a valuable marketing tool, often drawing inquiries from parties worldwide.

"We are also part of Christie's Great Estates, a worldwide program for exquisite properties selling for \$1 million and up." Advertisements placed in theater playbills and luxury home sections of local newspapers can also attract the attention of potential buyers.

LeSueur maintains a personal contact list of more than 300 Cleveland-area VIPs to whom she will send brochures featuring professional photographs of the home and its floor plan because, she says, "if my contacts aren't personally interested, they may have friends or colleagues who would be."

She also uses special-event marketing to gain exposure for the home. "I might host an invitation-only wine and cheese party at the home for community VIPs, former clients, and other brokers who work with high-caliber clients."

— Nancy O' Connor

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rooms, private libraries, and family-friendly workstations wired for Internet access.

Bedrooms on the second floor, several of which once served as servants' quarters, are being reconfigured to create six larger bedrooms and five full baths. The two-bedroom master suite, with its adjoining sitting room, will retain its fireplace and gain an elegant new master bath, complete with whirlpool tub and walk-in closets. The spacious third floor will feature the Prebis' signature "theater room" and ample space for a workout room, game table, seating, and more.

While they will have to replace some planks in the oak flooring that runs throughout the home, most rooms, Gayle reports, "just need sanding and refinishing." The living room is in remarkably good condition, with its floor-to-ceiling paneled fireplace perfectly intact. The home's exterior requires mostly minor repair, scraping, and painting. The couple plans to completely redo the conservatory at the back of the home, where the Marshalls purportedly grew roses under the glass dome ceiling.

Considering the neglect the house has endured, Gayle isn't surprised that "this home likes to fight back a little bit." Once, a stud fell from a bedroom wall onto Don's foot. "I went to remove it," she says, "but it had a nail in it that had gone right through Don's foot and into the floor below it. He had to pull the stud straight out and stay off his feet for four days. Don has also dropped his drill out a window and drove a nail through his hand."

The contractors have come upon no ghosts or buried treasures – sadly, the walk-in bank vault in the basement was empty – but a child's report card from 1951 did surface. "The grades weren't that good," she quips.

On site at the mansion in July, stepping carefully over and around assorted renovation projects underway, Gayle reflected on the "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" she and her husband have undertaken.

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"This project lets Don showcase his amazing creativity in designing a home and his technical knowledge in how a home should work. And I can imagine a day when our workers will drive by and point to this home, telling their grandchildren, 'I worked on that house!'"

Meanwhile, she is putting a history of the home together, something she plans to give to the eventual buyer and something she hopes will be passed along to future occupants.

"What happened to this home should never have happened," she says. "I think that when we're finished, Mr. Marshall would be very proud."



Keeping the Peace

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City ordinances do in fact address dead and diseased trees – but only those that pose a threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public and the City.

"If residents are afraid that a neighbor's dying tree will fall on their property, they can contact the Public Works Department," says Executive Legal Assistant Kathleen Liebling, a 14-year veteran of the Law Department.

"The City forester will come out and check the tree to determine whether it is indeed dying and needs to be removed before it causes harm," she says.

Generally, if a tree causes a nuisance or threat of nuisance, the City may abate the nuisance at the cost of the property owner.

Suggested Steps to Resolving Disputes with Neighbors

Whenever an issue arises between neighbors, the goal should be to work things out respectfully and without damaging friendships or incurring expensive legal and court costs.

Following these recommended steps may help neighbors achieve a satisfying resolution:

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STEP 1: Let your neighbor know, in person, what's bothering you, and work together on a solution.

STEP 2: If talking to your neighbor fails to resolve the problem, then determine if there's a City ordinance related to the issue at hand.

- Search ordinances online at www.shakeronline.com. (On the home page, click the "Inside City Hall" link, then "Official Documents," then "City of Shaker Heights Charter and Codified Ordinances." Select Shaker Heights from the list of cities. You can then search using key words to find ordinances.)
- Review ordinances in hard copy at either of Shaker's public libraries.
- Visit any City department office to review ordinances.

STEP 3: If you find a City ordinance dealing with the issue, it's possible your neighbor is unaware of it. Consider providing him or her with a copy of the ordinance. If that doesn't persuade your neighbor to correct the situation, report the violation by calling City Hall at 491-1400. The receptionist will route your call to the department responsible for enforcing the ordinance.

- STEP 4:** If you do *not* find an ordinance related to your issue, don't despair – you are not out of options.
- Re-approach your neighbor to see if the issue can be worked out.
 - Consult "Neighbor Law: Fences, Trees, Boundaries & Noise" (available at nolo.com) or similar guides for tips on resolving common neighbor disputes.
 - Consider using the services of an impartial mediator to help you and your neighbor reach an agreeable solution.

You can also discuss the issue with a private attorney, or, if monetary issues are involved, take the matter to Small Claims Court. But knowing the law, acting as a considerate neighbor yourself, and working cooperatively to resolve any issue that arises will go a long way toward helping you and your neighbors keep the peace.



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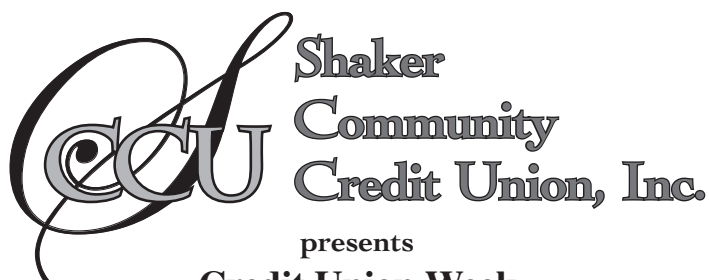
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Five years after, she still believes in me, that I can function as an almost-complete human being."

The book seems an unlikely candidate for the romance shelf, with such chapter titles as "Caregiver's Anger," "Toiletting Nightmares," and "When You Think You've Reached the Lowest Level of Hell, Watch Out for the Next Descent." But love story it is, and a strangely compelling one, even to those outside the presumed target audience. The characters' strong, often dissenting voices boldly reveal their personalities, warts and all.

Berenice's experience in education, law, and marketing (not to mention a healthy dose of chutzpah) have made her a savvy and tenacious advocate for her husband. In the face of medical indifference, sometimes incompetence, her demands have been unrelenting. When Herb's phone and emergency call button were carelessly placed on his paralyzed right side at Metro Health's Center for Rehabilitation, Berenice crawled under the bed to rearrange the cords. She waged a one-woman battle to ensure he received diabetic meals, with all packaging pre-opened. She is a maniacal record-keeper, juggling medications, appointments, and therapies.

But nothing prepared the Kleimans for the grueling new routine awaiting them at home. Berenice was not trained in the essentials of injecting, dressing, showering, and exercising Herb before his discharge from the hospital.

The Kleimans' youngest child, Steve, was their savior. He temporarily left his work in California to help his parents adapt their home and their lives to the situation. As Herb writes, "Steve was very talented with coming up with non-standard solutions to our problems.... He was unconventional yet highly effective."

Steve rearranged the house for wheelchair accessibility, devised garage access, and built specialized exercise equipment for his father. More important, he took charge of Herb's physical therapy regimen, a literal and figurative sore point between Herb and Berenice to this day.

Do's and Don'ts to Help Stroke Patients and Caregivers

1. DO LISTEN patiently in a one-on-one discussion, and permit the stroke survivor to express a full opinion. DON'T interrupt to express your own thoughts until he/she has finished.
2. DO allow room and time for the stroke survivor to enter the conversation, particularly in a larger group where discussion is rapidly exchanged.
3. DO encourage caregivers to provide both visiting opportunity and ground rules. Friends too often draw away from stroke survivors because they feel awkward or at a loss to know how to communicate under adverse conditions.
4. DO reach out and hold the door open for people in walkers and wheelchairs. Doors are often heavy and awkward.
5. DO look directly at people in wheelchairs, smile and offer a greeting. The ill and disabled are people and deserve respect.
6. DO consider respite for the caregiver. An offer for an hour or two of friend sitting can be much appreciated. But be sure you understand the ground rules.
7. DO provide a listening ear for caregivers. They also experience periods of loneliness.
8. DON'T offer unsolicited advice.
9. DON'T discuss your illnesses and family problems with people overwhelmed by their own. It won't make them feel better.
10. DON'T walk away from ill and disabled friends because contact makes YOU feel badly. Think how their lives have changed.

—Berenice and Herb Kleiman, with Beth Friedman-Romell

Herb was never someone who enjoyed working out. Nevertheless, his youngest child pushed him twice a day to lift legs, roll hips, and painstakingly take steps with a walker.

"We were told the recovery curve was six to nine months from the stroke," Steve explains. "It was absolutely easier for me to push him than [for] Mom. I was the bad cop. I wouldn't let him brush me off."

While Herb still adheres to a physical therapy program, Berenice writes that it is less rigorous than when Steve was in charge. That's understandable, since Herb now experiences intense facial pain when he exercises.

Food is a second source of friction between Berenice and Herb. Berenice's chapter on "Food-Smart Recovery" recounts her efforts to control Herb's diabetes and reduce risk of another stroke. She has, in fact, eliminated Herb's need for injected insulin. Herb views Berenice's approach as "zealotry"; she has recently learned to bend a little once in a while. (On the day of this writer's visit, Berenice served Herb not one, but two slices of very delicious cake.)

The food battle encapsulates the central tension of the book — Berenice's desire to maximize recovery vs. Herb's desire to be

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left alone. On one hand, her efforts, along with the support of a cadre of therapists, have helped Herb regain his ability to speak, expand the use of his left hand (he was right-handed), and take some steps with support. On the other hand, Herb struggles to cope with the “quantum” changes to his life, and often wonders if the struggle is worth the cost – financially, emotionally, and physically.



Herb at home on his treadmill.

Before Herb's stroke, the Kleimans poured their energy into the marketing and communications consulting firm they formed in 1987. Client meetings would occur around their handsome dining room table in their Mercer-area home, with a lunch break for corned-beef sandwiches from Corky's. After work, they might take in a show, or attend one of the local college courses they loved to enroll in together. Or perhaps Berenice might work on her latest play script while Herb tended the yard, made home repairs, or polished off one of his frequent speeches or articles. Maybe they'd take a long drive – with Herb behind the wheel.

Today, “It's BORING!” exclaims Herb, in no uncertain terms. The routine of exercise-dressing-grooming-doctor appointments-occasional trip to Costco is

multitasking for an engineer with advanced degrees in business and economics. While Herb can use his computer, he finds his interest in writing waxes and wanes dramatically. And conversations are difficult unless the room is quiet and the listener is sensitive to Herb's slower speech pattern.

If Herb's nemesis is boredom, Berenice's is stress. She is well aware that caregivers suffer up to 25 percent higher mortality than the general population. Stress-busters include solo vacations, visits from their kids and grandkids, small breaks to take an exercise class or have dinner with a friend, and, when all else fails, massive doses of chocolate.

She has learned "I no longer have to do everything for Herb. It is a disservice to both the caregiver and stroke survivor when we negate our own existence."

And so the Kleimans have achieved a small measure of their former lives, having resumed their enrollment in college classes and their beloved theater trips to Niagara-on-the-Lake. In fact, the book provides a very useful chapter on traveling with disabilities.

Berenice is also grateful for the support of her neighbors and friends. Since Steve and his sisters, Kathryn and Miriam, live out of state, the Kleimans do not have a family support system in town. But neighbors and their children have reached out, caring for pets and shoveling the snow. In addition, several part-time professional caregivers have eased the burden.

The family is also fortunate in that they are financially secure. Berenice estimates they spent \$40,000-\$50,000 in the first year alone on medication, clothing, and home adaptation. Medicare and AARP supplemental insurance covered their hospital, rehab, and therapy expenses, but prescriptions and home health aides are an ongoing drain on the nest egg of two people who never planned to retire in the first place.

"If there's one lesson you can get from reading this book, it can happen to anyone, at any age," warns Herb. "We thought we had planned, but we didn't. The change is a quantum jump."



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The curriculum, prescribed by the College Board, demands voluminous reading, analysis of primary sources, and frequent writing assignments. Mitchell and Dann Parker, Shaker's other AP U.S. History teacher, go beyond the College Board's curriculum. They require their students to develop a major research project over several months, culminating in a paper, documentary, exhibit, or performance.

These projects are entered in the National History Day competition, typically earning Shaker students scads of awards at the regional, state, and national levels. This year, Mitchell was honored by colleagues at the regional History Day for his contributions to the program.

"He gives us work at a college level and expects us to keep up with the course and the material, regardless of what other classes or sports we might have," says Julia Wilson, one of Mitchell's students last year.

Mitchell does not dispute that. "I hear the inevitable, 'This is ridiculous, this is too hard, this is too much.' I know it is, but there is a goal here, and it's not just about passing the AP history test. It's really about helping students understand what they're capable of. They need to understand they can work hard. They're just beginning to understand what real work is – what real academic and intellectual development is."

Many Shaker graduates – even those who never take history in college – cite the AP U.S. History course as ideal preparation for higher education. It requires time management, organization, critical and analytical thinking, and writing, all of which are called upon across many disciplines.

Mitchell asks no more of his students than he is willing to put in himself. Guiding students through the arduous curriculum in time for the AP exam requires energy and focus every day. Grading essays, presiding at evening study circles, and advising students on their History Day projects make for a long day.

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Not that he's complaining. Mitchell's passion for teaching stems directly from his passion for history.

"History is a complicated art. It's multi-dimensional and personal, with compelling stories. I like the politics of the past and see a lot of contemporary relevance, and that has shaped the values I think are personally important and exciting to share," he says.

Surprisingly, Mitchell didn't set out to be a teacher.

"I was thinking that I wanted to be a writer. I got it into my head that one really good way to write would be to teach. I had this impression that I would do this job 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day and my evenings would be free. So would my weekends and summers...that's how naïve I was."

The idea of teaching was encouraged by his wife, Susan Isler, a guidance counselor at Shaker High. The two met as students at Michigan State University's James Madison College, a small, prestigious institution for the study of public policy and international affairs.

"Susan graduated from Heights High, and then returned to teach there after graduate school, and that's why I ended up in Ohio: because of love," says Mitchell, who grew up in Lansing, Michigan.

Both Mitchell and Isler were teaching at Heights High when they took a leave of absence to teach overseas. It was the 1980s, and the outspoken, rock-ribbed liberals decided the time was ripe for a break from the "heyday of Ronald Reagan" before settling down to start a family. They felt that if any place could distract them, Honduras was it.

"People were being killed by the hundreds in Guatemala and El Salvador. Central America was a scary place. But it was exotic and different; and we wanted it to be," Mitchell says.

He landed a job teaching English and American History at the American International School in Honduras' commercial capital, San Pedro Sula.

Isler, who was a counselor and later an assistant principal at the same school, remembers Honduras as a difficult place

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to be a woman. She was whistled at and harangued in the street.

"For the first time in my life, I felt a little bit uncomfortable walking down the street, or doing something as simple as going to get groceries. Women in Honduras, unfortunately, had not had a chance to really assert themselves or their rights."

When they returned to Cleveland Heights, they resumed teaching at Cleveland Heights High School; Mitchell taught American History, African-American History, Geography, and Social Problems, while Isler taught history before becoming a guidance counselor.

The couple, whom Mitchell describes as being "in the back-draft of the Civil Rights movement," believes strongly in working and living in integrated communities. (While at Heights High, Susan helped organize Heights Parents for Public Schools, which focused on encouraging parents of all races to keep their children in Cleveland Heights public schools.) When Isler's mother, a local realtor, convinced the couple to look at a house for sale in Shaker, they couldn't pass it up. After they moved, Mitchell began to appreciate the similarities between Shaker and Cleveland Heights.

"I knew that Cleveland Heights and Shaker shared this unique experience with integration," he says. "In moving to Shaker, we maintained our commitment to staying in an integrated community, just a different integrated community. Shaker had some nice advantages for us."

Mitchell came to teach at Shaker High in 1992. While his popularity as a teacher quickly grew, his unabashed liberalism concurrently became notorious or famous, depending on one's orientation. And while Democrats outnumber Republicans in the City, more than a few students with conservative politics have passed through Mitchell's classes, finding that he encourages students to express and support divergent points of view.

"It was rough," says Holden Gibbons, a politically conservative member of the Class of '06. "But he wasn't mean about it. I felt like I could give him a run for his



Tim Mitchell PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB

money, even though he knew a great deal more than I did."

Today, the Isler/Mitchells live just two blocks from the high school with their daughters Joanna, a junior at the high school, and Leigh, an eighth grader at Shaker Middle School. Like many of her friends, Joanna took APUSH as a sophomore last year; she was in Dann Parker's class.

Student enrollment and success in the Advanced Placement program at Shaker High has grown by leaps and bounds, Mitchell is proud to report. The High School now offers 28 AP courses in 19 subject areas, and more than one-third of Shaker students take at least one AP course. What's more, up to 89 percent earn passing scores on AP tests each year.

"People say, well, Shaker High used to be this and that, implying it used to be better, and I say, but look where we are now. In the 1970s, we had only one or two classes of students taking the AP test in U.S. history, which is the toughest of the AP tests. Now we have close to a hundred

kids taking it – and by the way, most of them are going to pass."

Indeed, of the 88 Shaker students who took the AP U.S. History exam in May, 80 earned passing marks and 41 earned the top score of 5. Nationally, the passing rate is about 52 percent and only about 9 percent earn the top score.

Mitchell's faith in the abilities of his students and the school district is unflagging. "I feel good about what I do, and hopefully I'm helping people do more than they could do on their own. Now that I'm teaching this course for tenth graders, it's really cool to see how they continue to evolve and grow. It makes me proud to see them go on and have other successes, and, right now, that's enough for me."

Kate Guess is a 2006 graduate of Shaker Heights High School and the recipient of the 2006 Shaker Life Award for Excellence in Journalism. This article was her senior project. She is a freshman at Syracuse University.



Events *for* September

SEPT. 2: Sidewalk Sale, 10 A.M.–5 P.M., LARCHMERE BLVD. More than fifty shops and services on Larchmere Boulevard (one block north of Shaker Square) offer special discounts and sales on the sidewalks. Looking for a quirky, esoteric or rare gift idea? This is the place.

SEPT. 2: Football Game, 2 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Shaker Raiders tackle St. Edward's Eagles.

SEPT. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Nature Walks, 3:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area on Saturdays and Sundays for a one-hour, naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

SEPT. 4: Labor Day. Schools, city offices, and libraries closed in observance of Labor Day.

SEPT. 5: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON-1 P.M. Ohio Department of Natural Resources Emerald Ash Borer Urban Forester, Marianne Prue, discusses the ecology and threat of the invasive beetle, the Emerald Ash Borer, to Ohio's native forests with a Q & A session. INFO: 321-5935.

SEPT. 6, 13, 20, 27 and OCT. 4, 11, 18, & 25: Music in the Mornings, 9:30 A.M. OR 10:30 A.M. HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Experience the

joy of music through group singing, finger plays, and experimenting with instruments and dance. For parents/caregivers and children ages infant to age 3. \$60/8-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

SEPT. 6, 13, 20 & 27: Kids Cooking, 4:15 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Cook up some fun! Children ages 3–8 with parent/caregiver help prepare simple, wholesome recipes. \$40/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

SEPT. 7: Football Boosters, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. All football parents are welcome to help support Shaker Football.

SEPT. 8: Friday Night Skate, THORNTON PARK. Friday night freeskates for kids for a nominal fee. INFO: 491-1295.

SEPT. 9, 16, 23 & OCT. 7: Gardening Indoors and Out, 10:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 2–8 can enjoy the last days of summer and learn about garden vegetables and herbs. Each week there is a different craft or recipe project to coincide with the weekly harvest. \$32/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

Destinations...

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20600 Fayette Road

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16500 Van Aken Boulevard

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES
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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

SEPT. 9: CelebrASIAN: Passport to Vietnam, 2-4 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Learn about the country and the culture of Vietnam at this free family program. INFO: 991-2030.

SEPT. 9: Back-to-School Dance, 8-11 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

SEPT. 10: Grandparents' Day Tea, 2-4 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Bring your grandparents – real or honorary – for stories, crafts, tea, and treats. INFO: 991-2030.

SEPT. 11: Flagpole Dedication, 9 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library raises the flag on the library's new flagpole thanks to a \$3,000 Neighborhood Grant.

Commemorate the 5th anniversary of 9/11.

SEPT. 11, 18, 25, and OCT. 9 & 16: Art, 10:30 A.M.

OR 11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 2-4 use different art media to learn about colors, design, and textures and each week create a new page to add to their portfolios. \$35/5-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

SEPT. 11: Band Boosters, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH BAND ROOM. Meeting for band parents who give a toot.

SEPT. 13: Open House, 7 P.M.,

SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Come back to school. Follow your student's schedule, meet the teachers and connect with other parents. INFO: 295-4200.

SEPT. 14, 21, 28, and OCT. 5, 12, 19, & 26:

Roller Skating, 4 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 2½-8 can learn how to safely roller skate using music for simple rhythm and movement. \$60/7-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

SEPT. 14: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Photography Club meets on the second Thursday of



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SEPT. 15: Staff Professional Development Day. Libraries closed.

SEPT. 16: Football, 2 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Shaker versus Akron's Buchtel High School.

SEPT. 19–NOV. 19: A Passion for Railroads and Real Estate, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Learn how the Van Sweringen brothers' love of trains enhanced their vision for the development of Cleveland and suburbs. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

SEPT. 20: Parenting Class, 6–8 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. 8-week parenting series is free and open to the public with childcare and dinner included. Everything is held at Shaker Family Center. PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED: 921-2023.

SEPT. 21: The City Mission Ryder Cup Golf Tournament, SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB. A day of golf, dinner and silent auction to benefit the City Mission.

SEPT. 21: Football, 4:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Shaker versus Warrensville Heights.

SEPT. 21: Flyways, Not Highways, 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center reflects on events from the past 40 years that have brought us to this point in history. REGISTRATION & INFO: 321-5935.

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SEPT. 28: How to Plan and Organize a Family or School Reunion, 10 A.M.-NOON. FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn how to get that old gang together to relive the glory days. \$5/person. INFO: 421-1350 EXT. 125.

SEPT. 28: Open House, 7 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

SEPT. 28: Meet the Author & Book Signing, 7 P.M., LOGANBERRY BOOKS. Meet Jan Phillips author of *The Art of Original Thinking*. Want a better bottom line and a better world? This book about thoughtful leadership posits that capitalism can have a social conscience. INFO: 795-9800.

SEPT. 30: Homecoming, SHAKER HIGH. Shaker Schools foundation presents a Tailgate from noon until 2 p.m. kickoff when Shaker tackles Lakewood. The evening ends with a Homecoming Dance for students from 8 to 11 p.m.

for October

OCT. 2: Yom Kippur. Schools closed.

OCT. 3: Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON, NATURE CENTER. Forum on topical environmental issues followed by Q & A session. Free. INFO: 321-5935.

OCT. 4, 11, 18, & 25: Kids Cooking, 4:15 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 3-8 with a parent/care-giver learn to prepare simple, wholesome recipes. \$40/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

OCT. 5: Football Boosters, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Football parents don't punt on an opportunity to help the team.

OCT. 6, 7 & 8: Fall Jewelry Sale, 11 A.M.-4 P.M., 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Artist Lois S. Becker highlights



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OCT. 6: Full-Moon Nature Hike, 6-8 P.M., LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. While the moon is out, hunt for nocturnal animals, like red fox and deer, in Lake View Cemetery. Reservations: \$5/person. INFO: 421-2665 EXT. 3035.

OCT. 6: Italian Dinner, 4:30-7 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. \$8/adults; \$6.50/children under 12 & seniors.

OCT. 7: PTO Fall Forum, 10 A.M.-NOON, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

OCT. 7: American Girl Dolls Through History: Meet Kaya, 2-4 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Children in grades

1-4 are invited to explore the world of the American Girl dolls. Each month one doll is highlighted. Librarians read a passage from the first book in the doll's series. Children play a game, make a craft, and enjoy a snack. INFO: 991-2030.

OCT. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Nature Walks, 3:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area for a one-hour, naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

OCT. 8: 3rd Annual Family Fall Funfest, 2-6 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Enjoy the atmosphere of an old-time carnival with games, arts, crafts, pony rides, a petting zoo, family entertainment, raffles, and food concessions. DISCOUNT TICKET SALES & INFO: 921-2023.

OCT. 8: Hike for the Jenny Fund, 9 A.M.-2 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Choose a dog-friendly hike or an hour-long family nature walk or a 5-mile run around the Shaker Lakes led by an experienced nature guide to benefit the Jenny Goldman Fund. FEES & INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 232.

OCT. 9: Tour Your Schools Day, 9:30 A.M.-3 P.M. Visit any Shaker School to see what's new in the schools.

OCT. 9, 16, 23, & 30: Wood Working for Kids, 4 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children ages 4-8 with a parent/caregiver learn how to use tools safely for wood-working projects. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

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OCT. 12 OR 16: Introductory Computer Classes, 9-10:30 A.M. OR 10:30 A.M.-NOON OR 1-2:30 P.M., FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD.
Free intro to computer use and mousing skills classes for the 50 or better set. INFO: 421-1350 EXT. 125.

OCT. 12: Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Photography Club meets on the second Thursday of every month. For the latest info, go to www.shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm. INFO: SARA THORNE, 321-5935 EXT. 237 or thorne@shakerlakes.org.

OCT. 13: Professional Day. Shaker Schools closed.

OCT. 13: Bring a Friend to Laurel School Day, 8:30 A.M.-3 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Girls in grades K-8 interested in exploring why a Laurel education allows girls to *Dream, Dare and Do!* are invited to visit. INFO: 464-0946.

OCT. 14: Hathaway Brown International Education Symposium, 8 A.M.-4 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Open to education professionals interested in bringing their schools a more international focus. \$175/person includes lunch, panel discussion with international educators from China, India, the US, and more. INFO: 932-4214.

OCT. 14: Red Tag Day, 2 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Get the red out and bring your high spirits to cheer

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Ongoing Activities *for Kids & Families*

MONDAYS: Learning English As a Family (LEAF), 6:45-8 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Literacy for Non-English Speaking Families. Weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. INFO: 921-2023.

MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions, 9:30 A.M.–NOON, MEARNS FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to 3 years can play, make friends, and network. Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays: 4-6 p.m. for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age five. FEES AND INFO: 921-2023.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop-In Play Sessions, 9-11:30 A.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Infants to age 8 and parents or caregivers can drop-in and play beginning Sept. 5. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 A.M.–NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age five. Tuesdays & Thursdays 6-8 p.m. Co-sponsored by Shaker Family Center. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS: Drop In Sessions, 2-3:30 P.M., HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT-PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Play sessions for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver begin Sept. 5. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 929-0201.

WEDNESDAYS: Play and Learn Station for Home Daycare Providers, 10 A.M.–NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in literacy play for home daycare providers and their children from birth to age five co-sponsored with Shaker Family Center. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

Art & Exhibits *About Town*

THRU SEPT. 17: Community Conquered the Clark Freeway, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Archival material shows how citizens lobbied for nature, history, and education, when confronted with a divisive roadway project. Citizens and SHS members succeeded in stopping a super highway from destroying much of Shaker. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

THRU OCT.: Viktor Schreckengost Exhibit, CORCORAN FINE ARTS, 13210 SHAKER SQUARE. Exhibit celebrates the centennial of the Cleveland Institute of Art's Professor Emeritus. INFO: 767-0770.

SEPT. 7–OCT. 2: Before Dawn by Dawn Pierce, LOGANBERRY BOOKS ANNEX GALLERY. Paintings based on some of the masters and original multi-media art. Gallery-Opening Reception 6–8 p.m., Sept. 7. INFO: 795-9800.

SEPT. 15–OCT. 28: Joe Norman: Works on Paper, MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD. Meet Joe Norman, Director of Drawing and Painting at the University of Georgia whose work is represented in more than 50 public and corporate collections, including The Museum of Modern Art, NYC, The National Gallery of Art, Smithsonian Institute and The Cleveland Museum of Art among others. Artist reception 6–8 p.m. Sept. 15. Gallery Talk 2 p.m. Sept. 16. INFO: 751-2955.

OCT. 5–OCT. 30: Urban Wonderland by Jon Abrahamson, LOGANBERRY BOOKS ANNEX GALLERY. Local photographer turns his eye on bitter and sweet tableaux that make this city charming and alarming. Gallery Opening Reception 6–8 p.m. Oct. 5. INFO: 795-9088.

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OCT. 15: Reading Group Round

Up, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. It's Reading Group Month! Bring your book club and enjoy a lively discussion of the best books for discussion. Enjoy tea and take home fun giveaways, including tips on how to organize a book group. INFO: 991-2030.

OCT. 17: Creations, 9 A.M. - 2

P.M., SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB, 3300 COURTLAND BLVD. Children's Guild annual charity bazaar to benefit Greater Cleveland children's charities. Breakfast & Preview Sale begin at 9 a.m. with special guest, Timothy Rub, Director of Cleveland Museum of Art. Sale of unique items, opens to the public at 11:30 a.m. INFO: 440-708-0195.

OCT. 18: Choir Concert, 7:30

P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

OCT. 19: Used Book Sale, 4-8

P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library offers first dibs on gently used books to its members. If you are not a Friend, you may join at the door. Sale opens to the public Oct. 20, 21 & 22. INFO: 991-2030.

OCT. 20: 7th & 8th Grade

Social, 7-9 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

OCT. 21: Create Your Own Website, 10 A.M.-NOON, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Want a website to call your own? Learn how to create one using YourNameSells.Com software. \$5/person. INFO: 421-1350, EXT. 125.

OCT. 22: Open House, 1:30-3:30 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. William Christ speaks at 3 p.m. INFO: 932-4214.

OCT. 22: Book Signing, 3 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Bruce Marshall signs copies and discusses his book about Shaker Heights published by Arcadia Press. \$2/members, \$3/non-members. RESERVATIONS & INFO: 921-1201.

OCT. 24: Basics of Digital Photography, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Rick Santich of MotoPhoto & Portrait Studio tells how to take the best pictures and how to get them from the camera to the computer to the printer. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

OCT. 26: What's Doin' on the Doan?, 5:30 P.M., SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB. Doan Brook Watershed Partnership annual dinner meeting with golf cart tours of the Partnership's project on the Doan Brook and updates on activities - plus a chance to bid on an aerial tour of the Doan Brook Watershed. TICKETS & INFO: 291-3304.

OCT. 26, 27 & 28: Ensemble Fall Preview, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

OCT. 29: Laurel School Open House, 1-3 P.M. LAUREL SCHOOL. For girls entering grades K-12 and parents. Learn how Laurel can give the confidence and skills to *Dream, Dare and Do!* INFO: 464-0946.

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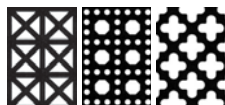


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OCT. 23: Halloween Stories, 7

P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Bring the kiddies in costume for stories and treats. INFO: 991-2030.

OCT. 27 & 28: Enchanted

Forest, 6-8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Treat your little goblins to a non-scary alternative to Halloween. Mummies and daddies can walk the Nature Center's trails with children while they learn about Halloween legends and traditions, and enjoy cookies and cider. FEES & INFO: 321-5935.

OCT. 31: Halloween, 6-7:30 P.M.

Citywide trick or treating.

In the Circle and Beyond

THRU OCT. 22: Cradle of

Christianity: Treasures from the Holy Land, MALTZ MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE, 2929 RICHMOND RD. Exhibit and displays of objects from Israel - some displayed publicly for the first time. Members and children under 5 free; \$5/children 5-11; \$10/seniors and students 12 & older; \$12/adults. INFO: 593-0575.

SEPT. 9: An Evening with Nancy Wilson, 8 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL. New Life Community benefit concert features Nancy Wilson and the Jazz Heritage Orchestra. Proceeds benefit New Life Community for residential services. **TICKETS & INFO:** 751-7301.

SEPT. 19: William N. Skirball Writers Center Stage, 7:30 P.M., PLAYHOUSE SQUARE CENTER'S ALLEN THEATRE, 1501 EUCLID AVE. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Frank McCourt (*Angela's Ashes*) speaks. Tickets: \$30/person.

OCT. 11: Women's Community Foundation Speaker's Series Luncheon, 11:30 A.M.-1:30 P.M., WINDOWS ON THE RIVER, 2000 SYCAMORE. Jennifer Weiner, author of *Good in Bed*, *In Her Shoes*, and *Little Earthquakes*, speaks. Tickets: \$35/person. **INFO:** 662-0920 or www.wcfc-cleveland.org.

OCT. 11: CityMusic Cleveland Concert, FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Music by Mendelssohn, Rossini, Sibelius, and Schubert; James Gaffigan conducts. Free (including free childcare by arrangement at 321-5800). **INFO:** 321-8273 or citymusiccleveland.org.

OCT 13-15: Fall for the Circle, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Round up the family for a cultural weekend of concerts, exhibits and activities presented by the institutions around Wade Oval. **INFO:** 791-3900 or www.universitycircle.org.

OCT. 15: Case Symphonic Winds & University Circle Wind Ensemble, 4 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Music director Gary Ciepluch. Tickets: \$15/person. **INFO:** 231-1111.

OCT. 20 & 21: Musical Rainbow Concert: Powerful Percussion, 10 A.M., SEVERANCE HALL. Quick concerts for kids. 30-minute concerts for children ages 3-6 encourage singing, clapping, and moving to the music. (Second concert on Saturday begins at 11 a.m.) **TICKETS & INFO:** 231-1111.



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The Joyous Occasion

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

There is a sound, in late August and early September each year, that sweeps across this fair city, a cry of unbound elation from parents in every neighborhood: *The kids have gone back to school! The kids have gone back to school!*

Joyous as this occasion may be, it's also a seasonal transition that requires careful management of various tasks and the delicate psychological interplay between parents and children. As a public service, then, we offer this back-to-school guide:

School supplies: In the good old days (i.e., when Shaker Man was growing up), "school supplies" referred to a box of pencils, an eraser, and — if you were old enough — a compass or slide rule. Now however, such last-century notions of preparation have gone the way of eight-tracks and platform shoes; now our helpful schools provide each child with a list of required supplies (pens, pencils, index cards, 52 notebooks in every color imaginable, highlighters, pencil sharpeners, erasers, graph paper, etc.) and recommended supplements (a programmable calculator with 367 function keys capable of managing a space launch, the complete works of Shakespeare in the original folios, etc.).

This would be bad enough, but the modern student also requires a vast array of other new equipment each year, including:

- ~ A new backpack, preferably with wheels, a handle, and a refrigerated pocket for bottled water
- ~ New shoes (Shaker Man to nine-year-old son: "Don't the old ones still fit?")
- ~ New cell phone (Shaker Man: "But you aren't even allowed to have cell phones at school!")
- ~ New clothing, hair accessories, bracelets, etc. (Fourteen-year-old daughter:

"You didn't *really* think I was going to wear that stuff from last year, did you?")

"I'm guessing this means that my new set of golf clubs isn't happening this year, huh?" Shaker Man says, surveying the array of shopping bags from one of his children's provisioning trips.

"Oh, sweetheart," says Ms. Shaker Man. "One has nothing to do with the other. There was never any chance of you getting new golf clubs this year."

Revised routines: Even tougher than funding all the supplies is adjusting to the sudden shift from lazy summer mornings without alarm clocks to the military precision of school mornings. Shaker Man grabs hold of the problem with his usual aplomb, posting a schedule (in color-coded magic markers) for bathroom routines and breakfasts that include notations such as:

~ 6:37 a.m. Fourteen vacates bathroom, Nine enters (and remembers to flush and pick up towels!).

~ 6:44 a.m. Fourteen's whole-grain toast pops up from second browning, is buttered by Ms. Shaker Man. Nine descends stairs, takes allergy medication.

~ 7:05 a.m. Fourteen ascends stairs, enters bathroom for teeth-brushing (and does not complain that cap has been left off toothpaste!).

"You're insane," says Ms. Shaker Man, reviewing the two-page schedule.

"An orderly morning leads to a productive day."

Unfortunately, when Ms. Shaker Man is out of town for one night, the schedule begins to fall apart (Shaker Man sleeps through alarm twice) and completely collapses at 7:37 a.m. (Shaker Man throws up his hands, tells Nine to eat whatever combination of Pop-tarts and leftover Chinese food he can find while our hero

paces through the house looking for car keys to take Fourteen to school.)

"Dad, we're going to be late!" (Fourteen, 7:52 a.m.)

"When's Mom coming home?" (Nine, 7:53 a.m.)

[Volcanic explosion] (Shaker Man's head, 7:54 a.m.)

Other Parents: Trickiest of all, though, is managing the bad driving (did they all forget how to park in three short months?) and rampaging egos of other parents, all of whom had *fabulous* summers focused on their children's athletic prowess (*Sammy was on two travel teams for baseball and THREE for soccer. All that driving!*), punctuated by *marvelous* vacations (*We spent three weeks in the Caymans. The snorkeling was incredible!*) and the *amazing* news that Bitsy has been selected for the gifted program (*By high school she'll be taking Calculus A and B. Can you believe it?*).

"I've met that child," Shaker Man whispers to his wife. "And I'm not surprised she's been gifted. The question is, to whom did they gift her?"

"It is too bad, really."

"What? That the whole family wears neon signs saying, Don't you Wish You Were Us?"

"That not everyone is as perfect as you."

"Cute."

"Maybe you could start your own school for parents."

"Teaching what? Manners?"

"Modesty."

"Because?"

"You're a noted expert. After all, who has more to be modest about than you?"

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