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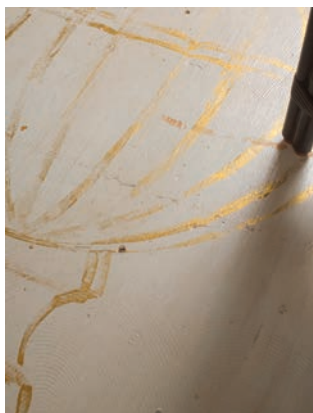


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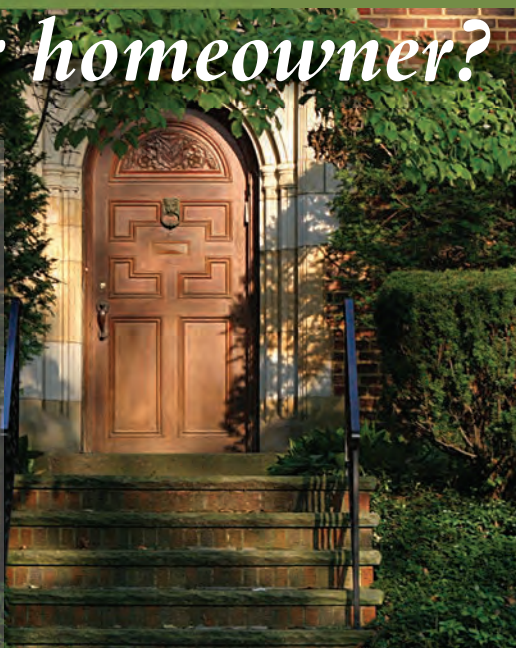
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## Chagrin Renovation Dials Up Hidden History

Sometimes progress brings a glimpse of the past. A recent razing of the Gorman Insurance building at 16812 Chagrin Boulevard revealed a vintage billboard hand-painted on the adjacent standing building at 16814. The billboard announces “Philco Auto and Home Sets on Display Shaker Heights Hardware.” The iconic, wooden “Cathedral-style” radios were a household staple in the 1930s, when many tuned in to FDR’s Fireside Chats, or the lighter fare of Fibber McGee and Molly.

The billboard appears on a building that was built by Shaker Hardware in 1934. After a fire in the store in the ’30s, Shaker Hardware relocated to its present location on the north side of Chagrin Blvd. The Gorman building was erected a mere 18 months after the original Shaker Hardware building, covering up the billboard for the past 73 years.

Shaker-based developer Russell Lamb hopes to attract a restaurant to the building that currently hosts the billboard. Decisions regarding any changes to the western façade of the building will be made collaboratively with the future tenant. In the meantime, take the opportunity to drive by the site and see a little bit of Shaker history.



## Area Teens Bring Southerly Park “Up a Notch”

Shaker residents can thank a group of Heights-area teens from the Ruffing Montessori “Up-A-Notch” summer program for a new eco-friendly rain garden at Southerly Park. The southwestern quadrant of the park, located near the intersection of South Woodland and West Park boulevards, is a rolling grassy area with many small wetland pools. Salts, oils, and other pollutants wash down the hill from the pavement into Doan Brook. Standing water in the pools can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

To combat these ills, 16 seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-graders brought shovels, wheelbarrows, and expertise they acquired from the six-week program focusing on the environment. Ruffing teacher and Nature Center volunteer Lauren Pacini helped them install native plantings, which include Ox Eye Sunflower, Foxglove Beardtongue, Great Blue Lobelia, Cardinal Flower, Big Bluestem, and Prairie Cordgrass. The garden will now become home to butterflies and hummingbirds as it filters and redirects run-off before it reaches Doan Brook.

Residents with standing water or soil erosion issues in their own yards can visit the garden for inspiration, or contact the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes for more helpful hints.

## Safety Survey Prevents House Fire

When SHFD Fire Inspector Devon Paullin conducts safety surveys, he knows he is helping to prevent fires. A Lomond area resident confirmed this notion when she put out a kitchen fire with the new fire extinguisher Paullin urged her to install during a required safety survey for a proposed in-home daycare, just a few weeks prior to the incident.

The fire started over a weekend, as the family prepared dinner. A plastic item was inadvertently placed on a lit burner, and ignited quickly. The homeowner grabbed her newly mounted extinguisher and used the “PASS” technique she learned from Paullin, which stands for “Pull, Aim, Squeeze, and Shoot.” Though the fire went out quickly, the resident followed excellent protocol and called the Fire Department to the scene. Firefighters made sure the home was safe, and used a fan to draw out the smoke.

Paullin learned about the near-miss when he returned to the home later that month. The resident proudly displayed the replacement extinguisher, as she explained what happened to the first one. “We rarely get to hear the success stories,” noted Paullin. “It’s nice to actually know that we were part of this one.”

Paullin provides fire prevention education to over 3,600 Shaker school children every year. “We do a great job with the kids, because they are a captive audience,” he comments. “However, we would really like to get in front of more adults to discuss fire safety.” The Fire Department recommends that all residents take advantage of the free home fire safety surveys they offer. To schedule a free survey, or to request a presentation to any group, contact the SHFD at 216-491-1215.

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And come participate in the annual Community Preparedness Drill (formerly referred to as a POD, or Point of Distribution) for flu shot administration at the Middle School, 20600 Shaker Boulevard, on Saturday, November 1, from 9 am-12 pm.

Protect yourself and your family from the flu while you help the Health Department and local volunteers practice emergency preparedness skills. Flu shots are available for \$25, and pneumonia shots will be \$40. The clinic also offers FluMist, the nasal spray alternative, for children 2-18 years of age. A "drive-through" option is available for those who need extra assistance.

The well-organized process takes only 15-30 minutes, and can be scheduled for one of three time slots: 9-10 am; 10-11 am; or 11 am-noon. To reserve a time slot, call the Health Department at 216-491-1480.

## Business News

### Biotech Company Finds Shaker a Great Place to Grow

The grey, three-story building tucked neatly between Rite Aid and the Little Gym on Chagrin Boulevard is now home to a fast-growing biotech company called Cellular Technology Limited (CTL). The company previously was located at

University Circle. After looking at over 50 locations in Cuyahoga County and out of state and deciding they wanted to own, rather than rent, they fixed upon Shaker as the ideal place to put down roots.

CTL's founder, Dr. Paul Lehmann, who is an MD and PhD, as well as an Adjunct Professor of Pathology at CWRU School of Medicine, developed a technology for analyzing blood samples, culminating in a device called the ImmunoSpot® Analyzer. Clients for the machines include major medical facilities and universities, such as Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, and the Cleveland Clinic. The analyzers, which retail for between \$35,000 and \$95,000 apiece, are considered the gold standard in the industry, dominating the U.S. market with 85 percent of sales. CTL also provides research services to major pharmaceutical companies and government contracts.

George Csatory, CFO for the company, credits "great cooperation from the City of Shaker, as well as help in financing from National City" for their success in transforming the former "grey elephant" of a building into a stylish contemporary facility for this dynamic company with a youthful and eclectic corporate culture. The staff consists mostly of MBAs, PhDs, and software engineers, many of whom speak two or more languages and hail from other parts of the globe. "Potluck dinners are always interesting here," says Csatory, who is fluent in English, German, and Hungarian.





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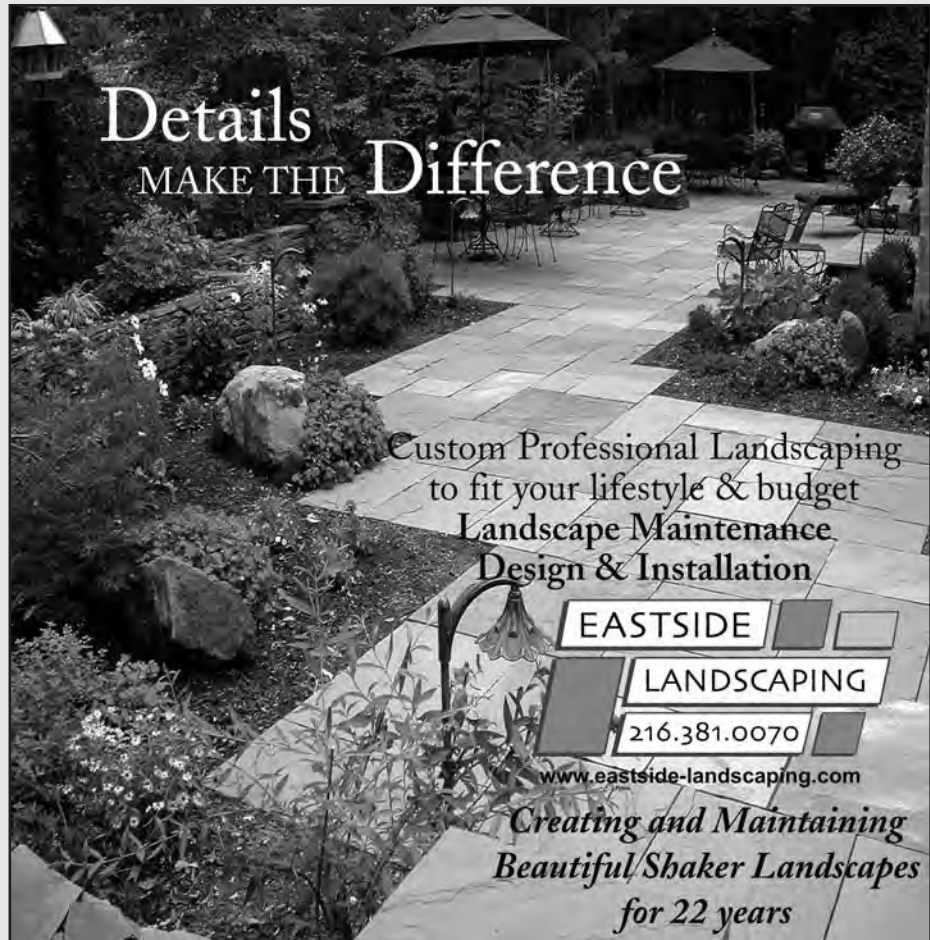
In relocating to Shaker, CTL's employees were thrilled to be positioned at the gateway to the eastside, where many of them reside. Free parking was also a benefit, as well as easy access to the airport and downtown, which helps them entertain clients who come from all parts of the world. "We often take clients to see the Cleveland Orchestra, baseball or basketball games, the museums, even Cedar Point. We love being able to show off all that Cleveland has to offer," says Csatory.

So far, CTL has invested \$1 million in renovations, including a large new skylit atrium on the third floor, terra cotta tile flooring, a small gym, a sauna, and a kitchen – complete with espresso machine of course – to help foster a creative, entrepreneurial atmosphere for their talented staff. "We are not a cubicle type of environment," says Csatory, "we have no dress code, and there are lots of open gathering spaces for employees to share ideas."

The dominant motif of the new space is greenery; plants thrive in every corner, thanks to the new skylight. The plants are an apt metaphor for a company that quietly has grown from three employees to 50 in the last seven years, with projected gross revenues this year of \$10 million, and a \$2.5 million payroll. The company's success allows Dr. Lehmann to refer to CTL as "one of my best experiments."

The new location allows for significant future growth as well. Because CTL is precisely the type of niche, biotech company that Ohio wants to attract and retain, it is eligible for significant tax credits from the state, in exchange for a long-term commitment to stay in place and to create new jobs, which it is on track to deliver. CTL anticipates adding another 20-25 employees within the next four years; eight new employees have come aboard in the past six months. Additional building improvements are also planned. Upcoming changes may include a new entry lobby, elevator tower, sunrooms at floors two and three, a new roof deck, and an indoor swimming pool for the employees.

City leaders are thrilled. "It is great

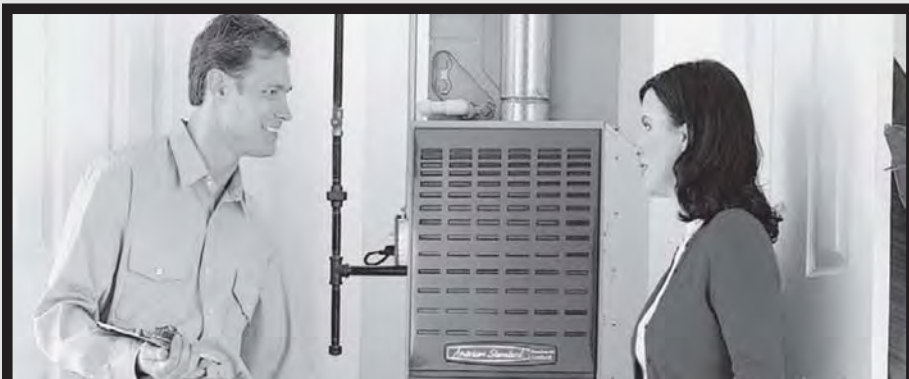


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to have a biotech company with CTL's potential in Shaker Heights and we look forward to its continued growth and success," says Mayor Earl Leiken.

### Shaker News Briefs

- The Greater Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah has named **Alice Cahen** as President of the Board of Trustees for the 2008-09 fiscal year. Cahen has served in numerous other lay and professional positions in the Jewish community, including Vice President of Congregation Beth Am, President of Bramblewood ORT, and most recently, Executive Director of Congregation Shaarey Tikvah. Cahen is a 20-year resident of Shaker Heights.

- **Caitlin Corrigan**, daughter of Shaker residents James and Claudia Corrigan, will soon begin graduate studies at Germany's Hamburg University, in their Institute for Peace and Security Studies. Corrigan received a scholarship from the German Academic Exchange Service. She was graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh last May with majors in political science and international relations. She intends to pursue a career in diplomacy after completing her studies.

### Seasonal Reminders

- **Bicycle Licensing:** Licenses will be sold from 9 am to 3 pm October 4 and 25 and November 14 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. New licenses are \$5. Re-issued licenses are 50 cents.

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



• **Go Green Rebate Program:** Income eligible residents can receive a rebate for their energy audit and up to 25 percent of approved costs for energy efficient improvements (up to \$1,000). Find out more by calling 216-491-1370.

• **Health Services:** The Health Department will again be offering flu and pneumonia shots to all residents aged six months and older, including the inhaled flu vaccine for children aged 2–18. Flu clinics are held at the Health Department (3400 Lee Road) on Tuesdays, beginning October 28. For complete schedule, fees and information, call 216-491-1480 or visit the City website, shakeronline.com.

• **Nominations for Customer Service:** The City appreciates nominations from residents for outstanding customer service – above and beyond expectations – provided by City employees. Nominations are accepted all year long for recognition in the spring of 2009. Instructions can be

found in the Human Resources section of the City website, shakeronline.com as well as at the reception areas of City Hall, Shaker Community Building, Court, Police, Fire, Public Works and Thornton Park.

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

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

• **Rubbish pickup:** Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, unless they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, will be one day late: Independence Day, Labor Day, **Thanksgiving**, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, and Memorial Day. Call the Public Works Department, 491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed a day, sign up for the City's email list at

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

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

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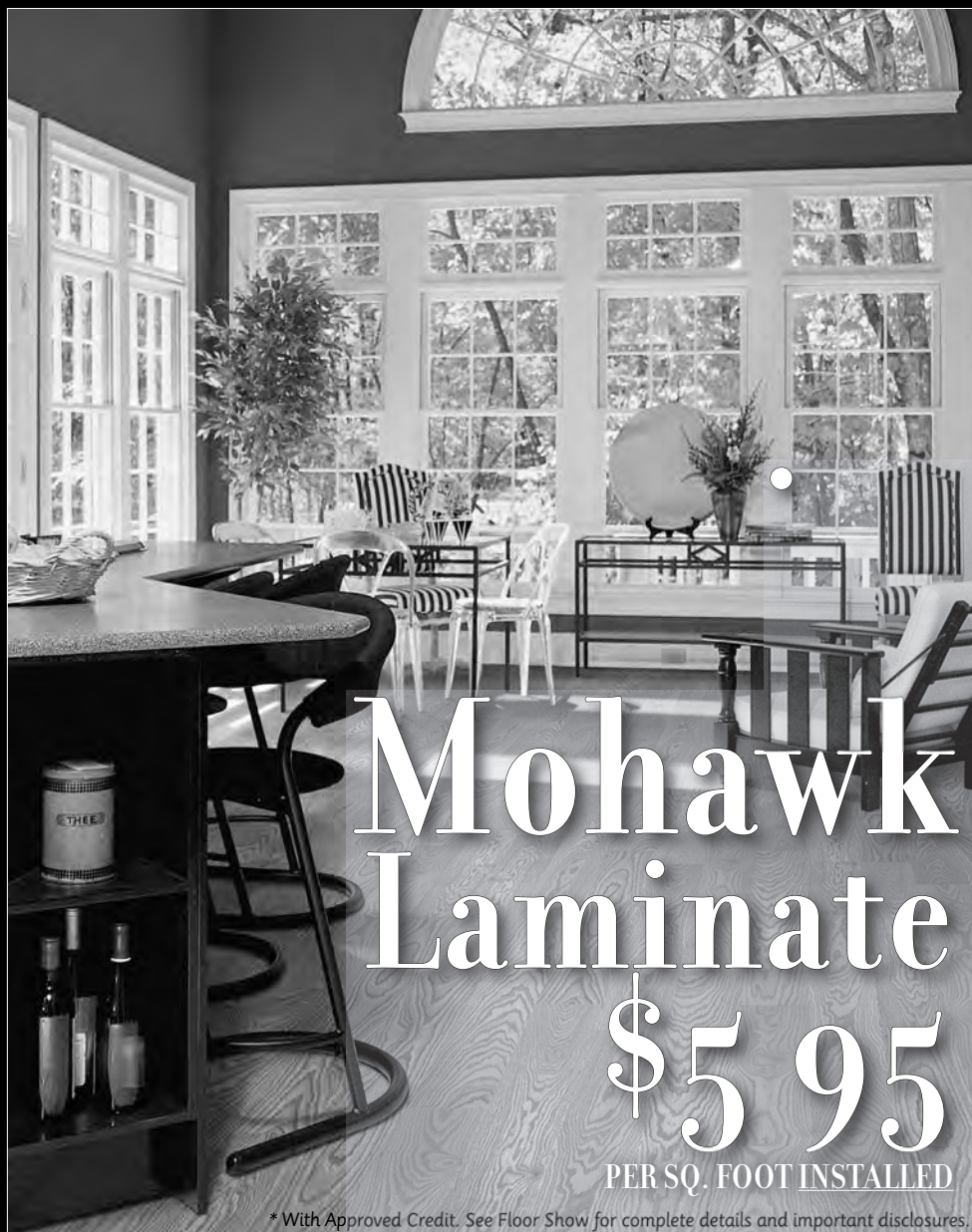
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| ADDRESS               | 2008<br>SALE PRICE | PRIOR<br>SALE PRICE | ESTIMATED<br>CONSTRUCTION<br>COST |
|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 3148 ALBION ROAD      | \$ 145,000         | \$ 128,000 (2004)   | \$ 8,000 (1923)                   |
| 3266 AVALON ROAD      | \$ 200,500         | \$ 226,000 (2003)   | \$ 8,600 (1923)                   |
| 22626 CALVERTON ROAD  | \$ 359,500         | \$ 315,000 (2001)   | \$ 16,000 (1938)                  |
| 3289 CHALFANT ROAD    | \$ 280,000         | \$ 277,500 (2003)   | \$ 13,000 (1924)                  |
| 3290 CHALFANT ROAD    | \$ 340,000         | \$ 265,000 (2000)   | \$ 12,000 (1929)                  |
| 3387 CHALFANT ROAD    | \$ 250,000         | \$ 164,000 (1999)   | \$ 13,000 (1929)                  |
| 2675 CRANLYN ROAD     | \$ 515,000         | \$ 511,000 (2005)   | \$ 10,000 (1933)                  |
| 22775 DOUGLAS ROAD    | \$ 360,000         | \$ 365,000 (2005)   | \$ 14,500 (1940)                  |
| 21025 FAIRMOUNT BLVD  | \$ 205,000         | \$ 227,000 (2001)   | \$ 11,000 (1941)                  |
| 15617 FERNWAY ROAD    | \$ 200,000         | \$ 237,500 (2003)   | \$ 15,000 (1925)                  |
| 16419 FERNWAY ROAD    | \$ 125,000         | \$ 130,000 (1999)   | \$ 20,000 (1952)                  |
| 3345 GRENWAY ROAD     | \$ 240,000         | \$ 265,000 (2003)   | \$ 10,000 (1925)                  |
| 23175 HARDWICK ROAD   | \$ 237,800         | \$ 296,500 (2003)   | \$ 25,000 (1948)                  |
| 3686 LYTLE ROAD       | \$ 198,000         | \$ 158,000 (2004)   | \$ 7,000 (1940)                   |
| 3336 NORWOOD ROAD     | \$ 250,000         | \$ 283,000 (2006)   | \$ 15,000 (1925)                  |
| 3710 RIEDHAM ROAD     | \$ 103,000         | \$ 128,000 (1999)   | \$ 7,500 (1938)                   |
| 22212 RYE ROAD        | \$ 230,000         | \$ 152,000 (2007)   | \$ 25,000 (1954)                  |
| 22299 RYE ROAD        | \$ 235,000         | \$ 239,000 (2003)   | \$ 24,000 (1949)                  |
| 19420 SCOTTSDALE BLVD | \$ 196,500         | \$ 190,000 (2003)   | \$ 9,500 (1934)                   |
| 21375 SHAKER BLVD     | \$ 705,000         | \$ 750,000 (2002)   | \$ 40,000 (1930)                  |
| 19111 SHELBURNE ROAD  | \$1,100,000        | \$ 965,000 (2005)   | \$ 35,000 (1926)                  |
| 23149 SHELBURNE ROAD  | \$ 295,000         | \$ 209,500 (2007)   | \$ 40,000 (1956)                  |
| 3613 STRANDHILL ROAD  | \$ 177,000         | \$ 189,000 (2005)   | \$ 9,000 (1940)                   |
| 3712 TOWNLEY ROAD     | \$ 180,000         | \$ 187,500 (2003)   | \$ 9,800 (1940)                   |
| 3591 TRAYER ROAD      | \$ 195,000         | \$ 176,000 (1999)   | \$ 9,800 (1936)                   |
| 3107 WARRINGTON ROAD  | \$ 220,000         | \$ 159,900 (1998)   | \$ 4,500 (1916)                   |
| 3269 WARRINGTON ROAD  | \$ 292,000         | \$ 245,500 (1998)   | \$ 14,000 (1928)                  |
| 22550 WESTCHESTER RD  | \$ 216,000         | \$ 230,000 (2006)   | \$ 28,000 (1952)                  |
| 14717 S WOODLAND ROAD | \$ 172,500         | \$ 190,000 (2006)   | \$ 32,000 (1952)                  |

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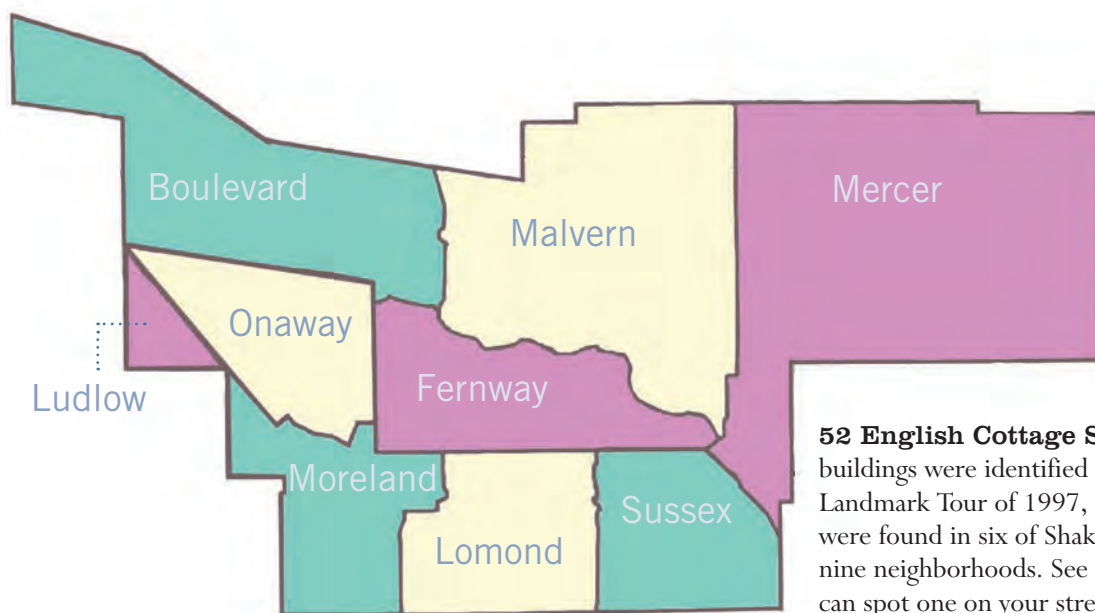
The iconic black and white Shaker Heights street signs are being replaced to comply with state mandates. The old signs will be sold on Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 10 am to 4 pm at Shaker Heights City Hall. Signs will be sold as-is, for \$30 each, on a first-come, first-served basis. Check the website for additional information at [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com). Questions should be directed to the Planning Department at 216-491-1430.

# shaker neighborhoods:

## English Cottage Style



**Stately English Cottage** style home in the Boulevard neighborhood.



**52 English Cottage Style** buildings were identified on the Landmark Tour of 1997, and were found in six of Shaker's nine neighborhoods. See if you can spot one on your street, then visit [shakeronline.com](http://shakeronline.com) to view the list.



The development of Shaker Heights, begun as early as 1910 by Oris and Mantis Van Sweringen, was governed by a series of specific guidelines. The houses were to be built in one of three recommended styles: English, French, and Colonial. The houses were to convey “good taste,” the brothers required, and should contain elements of “unity,” “harmony,” and “coherence.” Perhaps the most important regulation set forth in the guidelines was the requirement that a competent architect be engaged in the design of each Shaker home.

The English Cottage architectural style was among the earliest of those used in Shaker Heights and is evident in the northwestern part of the City, where much of its earliest development occurred.

English Cottage Style is closely related to the Tudor Revival style of architecture. However, English Cottage homes were intended to resemble those found in the English countryside rather than the grand English manor houses of the Tudor era. English Cottage homes also reflect the influence of the Arts and Crafts Movement, which emphasized skilled craftsmanship over mass produced materials. These homes tend to have a smaller scale than Tudor Revival style mansions, although there are a number of very large homes in Shaker that have English Cottage style features.

#### Look for:

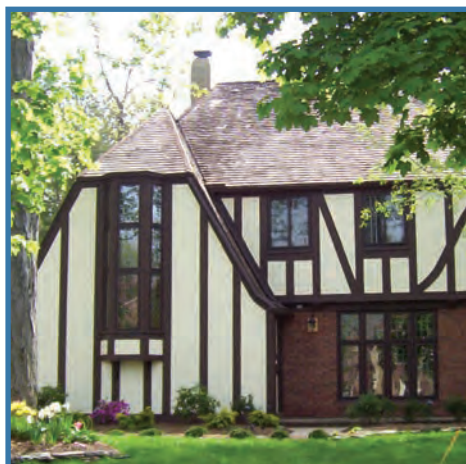
- Construction consisting of a combination of brick or stone and stucco, as with Tudor homes
- Decorative half-timbering, found on many Tudor homes
- Informal, picturesque appearance
- Steeply pitched roof and roof line that is often carried down to the first story level on the front or sides of the house – this reduces the apparent height of the house and can help to create an intimate cottage feel for even larger sized houses
- Gabled or hipped roofs, or sometimes a combination of the two
- Rounded eaves, intended to simulate the thatched roofs found on 16th and 17th century homes in rural England
- Other roof features such as a curved “eyebrow” element directly above a group of windows and curved roofs with flared eaves, often occurring on side porches



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- Casement windows are common and these often have leaded glass
- Double-hung windows, which appear much less frequently, tend to be tall and thin
- Massive chimneys with decorative masonry, which add to the picturesque quality - chimneys appear balanced, but are never placed symmetrically on the façade

#### English Cottage Style

##### Tax\* (not resale) Values:

- Single family homes estimated from \$159,800 to \$1,839,400.
- Single family homes range in square footage from 1,860 to 13,433.
- Two-family homes estimated at \$272,600.
- Two-family homes square footage estimated at 3,870.
- Raised panel doors, built-in bookcases, china cabinets, and breakfast nooks
- Living and dining room ceilings with elaborate plaster moldings

*\*Based on Cuyahoga County Auditor's Office Market Valuation.*

**To learn more** about the character and specific charms of each of Shaker's neighborhoods, visit [www.shakeronline.com/relocation/buying/ShakerNeighborhoods.asp](http://www.shakeronline.com/relocation/buying/ShakerNeighborhoods.asp).



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## Library Board Selects Architects to Complete Renovation

The Library Board has selected Van Dyke Architects to complete the renovation and redesign of the Main Library because of the company's thoughtful presentation, creativity, and new ideas.

Van Dyke Architects, a Cleveland firm located downtown in the Caxton Building, is a member of American Institute of Architects and is familiar with libraries and their design needs. The firm has done work for libraries in Rocky River, Lorain, North Olmsted, Brecksville, and Wayne County. It is anticipated that work will begin early 2009.

## Library Is Among Planning Grant Recipients

The Cleveland Foundation and its partners in the Youth Development Initiative have awarded the South Shaker Neighborhood a \$175,000 Youth Development Planning Grant. The South Shaker Neighborhood is the area south of Van Aken Boulevard and includes Moreland, Lomond, Ludlow, and Sussex.

The grant will help develop programs to meet out-of-school time needs of South Shaker youth between the ages of 6 and 18. Community youth and adults are essential to the planning process and residents who are interested in participating should contact Shaker Heights Youth Center Director John Lisy at 216-752-9292.

Main Library is located in the South Shaker Neighborhood. According to Library Director Luren Dickinson, "We have a long history of service to families and we have been espe-

cially dedicated to delivering service to teens since we opened the Teen Center in 1996. I look forward to the planning grant not only as a funding source for library programs, but also as an opportunity to work closely with the people and the communities we serve."

The Shaker Heights Youth Center will serve as the neighborhood's lead partner agency, Shaker Prevention Coalition will function as the convener of the neighborhood and community partners, and the Center for Community Solutions will provide technical assistance.

Youth Center director John Lisy says, "Receiving this planning grant has been a collaborative effort. Under the leadership of Dr. Scott Frank and Dr. Jim Paces, Shaker Prevention Coalition has brought together representatives of community organizations, the faith community, Shaker Heights city schools, the City of Shaker Heights, Shaker Heights Public Library, community youth, and many social service organizations. Shaker's grant application was strong and competitive because of the commitment and participation of many individuals."

Lisy singled out Luren Dickinson, who got the process started and kept it moving forward, and Sue Starrett, development director of the Shaker Schools Foundation, who wrote the grant.

## Writers on Writing Series Continues at Main Library

The final program in the Library's series for aspiring authors features Paula McLain, who will speak on Writing Across Genres: Incorporating

Poetry and Memoir in Your Fiction at 2 pm, Sunday October 5. This series is offered in conjunction with The Lit (formerly the Poets' and Writers' League of Greater Cleveland) and is funded by Friends of the Shaker Library.

McLain is the author of *Like Family: Growing Up in Other People's Houses*, a memoir of her life in the foster care system, and the novel, *A Ticket to Ride*. She received her MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan in 1996, and has since been a writer-in-residence at Yaddo, The MacDowell Colony, and The Ucross Foundation Residency Program. In addition to teaching part-time at John Carroll University, she is a core faculty member in the low-residency MFA Program in Poetry at New England College.

The program is free. Reservations are requested by calling 216-991-2030.

## Soldiers and Scribes: Stories of War

Three authors, two wars, one afternoon. Veterans Day is celebrated November 11 to honor those who served in the United States armed forces, but the Library will begin its celebration 2 pm Saturday, November 8 at Bertram Woods Branch when veterans Frank James, S. Joseph Krause, and Mary Reynolds Powell offer their

perspectives on World War II and the Vietnam War.

Frank James was living and working for City Hospital in Indianapolis when



James

# Kids' Corner

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## PLAY AND LEARN AT MAIN LIBRARY

A free preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for parents or caregivers to explore with their children from birth to age 5. *No registration is required.*

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

1-3 pm Thursdays

6-8 pm Tuesdays & Thursdays

## PLAY AND LEARN BABIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A special room filled with literacy-based activities just for babies birth to 18 months and their parents or caregivers. *No registration is required.*

10 am-noon Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

6-8 pm Thursdays

## PLAY AND LEARN STATION FOR CAREGIVERS AT MAIN LIBRARY

A preschool literacy program that offers interactive opportunities for caregivers to explore with their children from birth to age 5. *A one-time registration is required; call Shaker Family Center: 216-921-2023.*

10 am-noon Wednesdays

Play and Learn programs are offered in collaboration with Shaker Family Center.



## PRESCHOOL STORIES

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

Fall Session:

September 8- December 11

10 am and 1:30 pm Mondays at Main Library

1:30 pm Tuesdays and 10 am Thursdays at Woods Branch

*No registration is required, however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.*

## FAMILY HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING AT MAIN LIBRARY

Join us for stories, songs, and fun for all ages as we charm and enchant you with Halloween revelry. Costumes welcome!

7 pm Monday, October 27

*Registration begins October 13.*

## PAJAMA STORIES

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

7:15 pm Monday, November 17

*Registration begins November 3.*

## MAKE-IT-TAKE-IT WEEKS

### AT WOODS BRANCH

Week of October 20: Design a leaf creature for fall.

Week of November 17: Make a turkey out of pinecones.

## THE HOMEWORK CENTER

### AT MAIN LIBRARY

For students in grades 2-6

4-6:30 pm Mondays and Wednesdays in Meeting Room F

Friends of the Shaker Library fund the free homework help provided by teachers and education students under the supervision of Mrs.

Cheryl Darden, Special Education Supervisor, Cleveland Public Schools. *An adult must be present to register the student at the first visit. Students must be picked up by 6:30 pm. (The Homework Center will be closed October 13 & November 17, 19, 24, 26.)*

## MEET AMERICAN GIRL® DOLL KAYA

For students in grades 1-5

Hear a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Kaya's time period.

1-2:45 pm Saturday, October 4 at Woods Branch

*Registration began September 20.*

1-2:45 pm Saturday, November 1 at Main Library

*Registration begins October 18.*

## CELEBRATE SWEETEST DAY

### AT WOODS BRANCH

For students in grades K-5

Did you know that Sweetest Day actually had its origins in Cleveland, Ohio? Learn the history of Sweetest Day, make a gift for someone, and enjoy a sweet snack.

2-2:45 pm Saturday, October 18

*Registration begins October 4.*

## KIDS CHOICE ELECTION

### AT MAIN LIBRARY & WOODS BRANCH

For children and youth, age 17 and under

Make your voice heard! Come into either library Tuesday, November 4 and cast your vote for President of the United States.



he enlisted in the Army the day after Pearl Harbor. He served as a medic in Kenya, Egypt, Libya, Sicily, Corsica and Italy before returning to the U.S. and settling in Cleveland. He eventually formed his own business – James Micro Service – where he repaired and sold microscopes.

During his retirement, James wrote and published *Capers Of A Medic*, a memoir of his experiences in World War II.



Krause

Syd Joseph Krause served with the 4th Infantry Division during World War II. Thanks to the GI Bill of Rights, he earned a master's degree from Yale University and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. A retired English professor, Krause has published many articles and is also the author of the book, *Mark Twain As Critic*. Following Fulbright Professorships at the Universities of Copenhagen and Tübingen, he lectured in Holland, Germany, Portugal, Rome, and Warsaw.

His book, *Falling Out and Belonging: A Foot-Soldier's Life* is a gritty, historically accurate novel about a young infantryman's experiences during World War II. Six comrades in arms play out their combat roles in this portrayal of the stressful day-to-day experiences of combat infantrymen. Amid fear there



Powell

is camaraderie and an unspoken sense of belonging. There are some, however, who "fall out," unable to take it. Mary Reynolds Powell is a graduate of Columbia University and served as a U.S. Army nurse at the 24th Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh, Vietnam in 1970-71. She has worked in community

health and on community issues in four states and earned a master's degree in Urban Sociology from the University of Colorado.

*A World of Hurt: Between Innocence and Arrogance in Vietnam* is an account of her personal experiences. It includes the stories of several friends who served with her. Among them are a helicopter pilot, an infantry captain, an emergency room nurse, a Vietnamese aide, a drug counselor, and the doctor who would one day be her husband, Doug Powell. It describes a war "winding down" while thousands still died.

The book is in its fourth printing and was nominated for a 2000 Northern Ohio Live Magazine Award of Achievement in Writing. In early 2005, it was released in Israel, becoming only the second book on the Vietnam War to be published in Hebrew. Powell lectures frequently at high schools and colleges around the country and has been the subject of several magazine and newspaper articles. She and her husband live in the Boulevard neighborhood.

Following their talks, mingle with the authors at an informal reception when their books will be available for sale and signing – and be sure to thank them for serving!

### Cozy Up with Your Child and a Good Book... on the Computer

On the Library's website, there is a graphic of a little boy and a girl reading. Click on the graphic to be taken to the realm of BookFLIX, the library's new subscription program from Scholastic.

BookFLIX contains entertaining videos of dozens of outstanding picture books for children – each paired with an appropriately illustrated informational book. Weston Woods, an award-winning producer of multimedia for children, brings both stories and informational

pieces to life through the use of clever animation, pleasant narration, and song.

The objective behind this concept is to engage children in learning by offering stories that are exciting, charming, or just plain fun, along with a short lesson on a closely related topic. The program reinforces beginning reading skills as it entertains.

Access BookFLIX from the library's computers with a click of the mouse, or view it on your home computer by typing in your library card number. Try it out with your child, then let us know how you like it! [www.shakerlibrary.org](http://www.shakerlibrary.org)

### Knit Nights

Stalled on your granddaughter's sweater? Dropped a stitch on your husband's vest, or simply stymied by what to knit next? Come to the Library's Knit Nights to get help and hints for your home-made holiday gift giving.

Knit Nights are led by experienced knitter, Fern Braverman with help from Elfriede Heaney (featured in the June issue of *Shaker Life*) and meet from 7 to 8:45 pm Thursdays, October 2 and November 13 at Bertram Woods Branch. For more information, call 216-991-2421.

### Meet Ohio Children's Author Lynda Durrant

Parents and children are invited to meet Lynda Durrant, author of seven historical novels, at 7 pm Wednesday, October 22 at Bertram Woods Branch. Several of her novels have been named to state children's choice awards lists. Most of her books are about real people and how they shaped our country and national character. All of her novels show the links between Colonial America and the westward migration into what are now Ohio and the upper Midwest.

Durrant's latest novel, *Imperfections*,

## library news

takes readers inside an 1860s' Shaker religious community through the experiences of a young girl. Durrant visited the Shaker communities of Pleasant Hill, Kentucky, the Shaker Village of Canterbury, New Hampshire, and the Shaker Historical Society and Museum here, and incorporates Shaker hymns, customs, and history into her novel.

Durrant also wrote *Echohawk*, *The Beaded Moccasins*, *Turtle Clan Journey*, *Betsy Zane: the Rose of Fort Henry*, *My Last Skirt*, *Jennie Hodgers*, *Union Soldier*, and *The Sun, the Rain, and the Appleseed*. She has both a bachelor's and master's degree in English from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Registration is requested by calling 216-991-2421. Books will be available for sale and signing following her presentation.

## Navy Seal, White House Fellow, Humanitarian, Photojournalist Speaks at Bertram Woods



Greitens

Meet inspirational speaker, photographer, and author Eric Greitens at 7 pm Monday, November 24 when he speaks about courage and resiliency at Bertram Woods Branch.

A commentator for NPR's *All Things Considered*, Greitens' unique experiences make him a sought-after speaker. His presentations have inspired students, government officials, corporate leaders, and non-profit executives. A Rhodes and Truman Scholar, he attended the University of Oxford where he earned a master's degree in development studies and a doctorate in politics. His research was driven by his humanitarian work in war zones, and his thesis investigated the ways in which international human-

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The foreword is written by Paul Rusesabagina, manager of the Hotel Mille Collines in Rwanda (the inspiration for the film *Hotel Rwanda*) and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom. The introduction is by Bobby Muller, president of Veterans for America and co-founder of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, which was awarded the 1997 Nobel Peace Prize.

Eric has served as a United States Navy SEAL officer in Iraq and was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, where he conducted operations to support the capture of terrorist leaders. In May, he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Inspired by the courage of his fellow veterans and using his combat pay from Iraq, Greitens created the Center for Citizen Leadership to provide fellowships for public service work opportunities for returning veterans.

Following his talk, books will be available for sale and signing. Registration is requested by calling 216-991-2421.

## The Bookshelf: Go Green

*365 Ways to Save Gas: Everyday Tips to Stretch Your Dollar* by **Ronald M. Weiers**. DK, 2006. Whether commuting to work or driving cross-country, in the market for a new car or shopping for new tires, this unique guide will help you conserve gas and save money while helping the environment.

*The Citizen-Powered Energy Handbook: Community Solutions to a Global Crisis* by **Greg Pahl** with a foreword by **Richard Heinberg**. Chelsea Green Publishing Company, 2007. This examination of renewable energy technologies hones in on strategies that can be adopted by individuals and communities, provides a clear-eyed view of the current energy situation, and points toward a sustainable path forward.

*The Complete Guide to a Green Home: The Good Citizen's Guide to Earth-Friendly Remodeling* by **Philip Schmidt**. Creative Publishing International, 2008. This beautiful step-by-step guide is a comprehensive primer for eco-friendly home stewardship and features a host of practical projects for green-thinking homeowners with hands-on attitudes.

*Energy-Efficient Houses* by **Fine Homebuilding**. Taunton Press, 1993. 31 articles from *Fine Homebuilding* magazine demonstrate how designers and builders have incorporated energy considerations into both traditional and modern houses, built for hot, cold, and wet climates.

*The Green Kitchen Handbook: Practical Advice, References, & Sources for Transforming the Center of Your Home into a Healthful, Livable Place* by **Annie Berthold-Bond** with a foreword by **Meryl Streep**. HarperPerennial, 1997. This unique handbook offers economical and environmentally conscious alternatives that make keeping a green kitchen simple, sensible, and delicious.

*Green Your Home: A Keller Williams Guide* by **Gary Keller, Gary, Dave Jenks, and Jay Papasan**. McGraw-Hill, 2008. This all-in-one guide is brimming with expert advice and guidance on how to introduce sustainable practices into virtually any home.

*Little Green Book of the Home* by **Sarah Callard**. Carlton Books Ltd, 2008. Learn to make choices that affect not only your life, but also the planet as a whole. This invaluable home help contains 250 tips on such topics as utilities, insulation, lighting, appliances, home entertainment, waste, and home decorating.

*Insulate and Weatherize: Expert Advice from Start to Finish* by **Bruce Harley**. Taunton Press, 2002. From the most basic solutions to advanced, energy-saving projects, no book covers home insulation and weatherization like this one. With 35 drawings and 350 color photos guiding them, homeowners learn how to keep their homes warm in winter, cool in summer, and weather-tight all year long.

*Natural Home Heating: The Complete Guide to Renewable Energy Options* by **Greg Pahl**. Chelsea Green Publishing Company, 2003. This comprehensive guide to heating your home with renewable energy sources is a well-organized, easy-to-understand tour of available home-heating options, including traditional oil and gas furnaces, wood stoves and masonry heaters, active and passive solar systems, and heat pumps, offering advantages and disadvantages of each option.

*Passive Solar Energy: The Homeowner's Guide to Natural Heating and Cooling, 2nd ed.* by **Bruce Anderson** with **Malcolm Wells**. Brick House Publishing Company, 1994. Unlock the simple secrets of designing and building in harmony with the sun. The principles, construction techniques, and financial calculations that enable cost-effective building decisions are applicable to new homes or for retrofitting an existing structure.

## Computer Classes at Main Library

Register for a free computer class by calling 216-991-2020 ex. 3185.

### INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL®

10-11:30 am Thursday, October 2  
(Registration began 9/22)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, November 18  
(Registration begins 11/10)

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

### HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE

3-4:30 pm Friday, October 3  
(Registration began 9/22)

6:30-8 pm Monday, October 27  
(Registration begins 10/20)

6:30-8 pm Monday, November 3  
(Registration begins 10/27)

This 90-minute class explores HTML, the language used to create many of the web pages found on the Internet.

### MOUSE CLASS

10-11:30 am Saturday, October 4  
(Registration began 9/22)

10-11:30 am Saturday, November 1  
(Registration begins 10/20)

Learn to use the computer mouse in ninety minutes.

### INTRODUCTION TO ACCESS™

6:30-8 pm Monday, October 6  
(Registration began 9/29)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, November 4  
(Registration begins 10/27)

Learn how to work with the Microsoft database program to build databases.

### MYSPACE™ IS FOR EVERYONE!

10-11:30 am Tuesday, October 7.  
(Registration began 9/29)

10-11:30 am Thursday, November 6.  
(Registration begins 10/27)

See a demonstration of MySpace and find out why millions of people are participating in this important social tool on the Web.

### CHARTS AND GRAPHS IN EXCEL®

10-11:30 am Thursday, October 9  
(Registration began 9/29)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, November 25  
(Registration begins 11/17)

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

### INTERNET WITH EXPERTS: GOOGLEMANIA™

3-4:30 pm Friday, October 10  
(Registration began 9/29)

10-11:30 am Thursday, October 30  
(Registration begins 10/20)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, November 11  
(Registration begins 11/3)

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

### INTERNET

10-11:30 am Saturday, October 11  
(Registration began 9/29)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, October 21  
(Registration begins 10/13)

10-11:30 am Saturday, November 8  
(Registration begins 10/27)

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

### CREATING AND USING TABLES

#### IN ACCESS™

6:30-8 pm Monday, October 13  
(Registration begins 10/6)

This class explores designing and using tables in an Access database.

#### MACROS IN WORD® AND EXCEL®

10-11:30 am Thursday, October 16  
(Registration begins 10/6)

Create and explore the uses of macros to accomplish tasks more efficiently.

### INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT®

3-4:30 pm Friday, October 17  
(Registration begins 10/6)

10-11:30 am Thursday, November 13  
(Registration begins 11/3)

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

### WEB EMAIL

10-11:30 am Saturday, October 18  
(Registration begins 10/6)

10-11:30 am Saturday, November 15  
(Registration begins 11/3)

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

### GRAPHICS AND CLIP ART IN WORD®

6:30-8 pm Monday, October 20  
(Registration begins 10/13)

3-4:30 pm Friday, November 21  
(Registration begins 11/10)

Explore the types of objects that can be inserted into a document.

### MAILMERGE

10-11:30 am Thursday, October 23  
(Registration begins 10/13)

6:30-8 pm Monday, November 24  
(Registration begins 11/17)

MailMerge utilizes information from many sources, like Word tables, Excel sheets, and Access Data Tables.

### GRAPHICS IN POWERPOINT®

3-4:30 pm Friday, October 24  
(Registration begins 10/13)

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

### BASIC WORD PROCESSING

10-11:30 am Saturday, October 25  
(Registration begins 10/13)

10-11:30 am Tuesday, October 28  
(Registration begins 10/20)

10-11:30 am Saturday, November 22  
(Registration begins 11/10)

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The Nature Photography Club meets from 7-9 pm on the second Thursday of the month at the Nature Center and always welcomes new members. Meetings include photography sharing sessions and educational presentations as well as scheduled photo shoots.

November 24 through January 2, Contemporary Cloth Artists presents Words to Live By, an exhibit of fiber art. CoCA is a group of 40 artists from northeast Ohio whose media is primarily art quilts and/or creative cloth. Organized in 2000, the group's mission



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is to provide continuing education and support to its members as well as to promote public awareness of art quilts and creative cloth as an art form. Their exhibits are shown throughout the eastern portion of the United States and works of some of the members have been shown nationally and internationally. Meet the artists at a seven o'clock reception Tuesday, December 2 at Main Library.

All of the exhibited artwork is available for sale and a small portion of the proceeds benefits the library. For information about purchasing or exhibiting art, please call Margaret Simon at 216-367-3005.

### Fall Book Discussions

Enjoy reading and meeting others? Consider joining one of the Library's many book discussion groups, which provide opportunities for residents to join together to share thoughts about their reading experiences in a relaxed, informal environment. Some of the Library's book discussion groups read the book and teleconference with the author; some feed their need to read by sharing food related to the book's theme. Fall in with a good book and a good group! Discussion dates and times are listed below and books can be picked up at the library branch where the discussion is held.

NOON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT MAIN LIBRARY *The Master Butchers Singing Club* by Louise Erdrich A German soldier returns home from WWI, marries his friend's pregnant fiancée, packs up his father's butcher knives and immigrates to America where he settles in a small town in North Dakota.

2 PM MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH *Hidden Power: Presidential Marriages that Shaped Our Recent History*



by **Kati Marton**. Twelve presidential marriages offer lessons about power and marriage, the influence of the First Ladies, and the evolution of women's roles in 20th century American political life.

10 AM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT MAIN LIBRARY *The Lost German Slave Girl* by **John Bailey**. An award-winning historian captures the exotic sights and sounds of 19th-century New Orleans in this true story of an illegally enslaved European orphan.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT MAIN LIBRARY *All Mortal Flesh* by **Julia Spencer-Fleming**. In the aftermath of their affair, Clare Fergusson, an Episcopalian priest, and Russ Van Alstyne, police chief of Millers Kills, NY, face the challenge of clearing Russ's name as the prime suspect in the murder of his wife.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 AT MAIN LIBRARY *Between, Georgia* by **Joshilyn Jackson**. In this fictional Georgia town with a population of ninety, Nonny is caught in a decades-old family feud between her adopted family and her biological one.

NOON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT MAIN LIBRARY *The Reluctant Fundamentalist* by **Mohsin Hamid**. Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America, but in the wake of 9/11, he finds his position in his adopted city suddenly overturned, which unearths allegiances more fundamental than money, power, and maybe even love.

2 PM MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AT BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH *Among the Missing* by **Dan Chaon**. This collection of short stories by a Cleveland Heights author features an eclectic assortment

of characters coping with life.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT MAIN LIBRARY *The Broken Shore* by **Peter Temple**. When Australian homicide detective Joe Cashin's recuperation from an injury is disrupted by the beating death of an elderly millionaire, his sympathy for the underdog persuades him that the local police have pinned the crime on the wrong party.

10 AM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT MAIN LIBRARY *Nineteen Minutes* by **Jodi Picoult**. Lives can be changed in an instant as demonstrated in this story of a school massacre told in two voices: one from the victim and one from the shooter.

7:30 PM TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25 AT MAIN LIBRARY *The Whistling Season* by **Ivan Doig**. This is the saga of how a widow from Minneapolis and her brother—soon to become the new teacher in a tiny Montana community—change lives in unexpected ways.

## Friends Funds Family Flicks at Main Library

Friends of the Shaker Library generously funds the public performance rights for the library to show free family films. Movies are shown at 2 pm on the second floor of the Main Library. On October 25 families can watch *Sleeping Beauty 50th Anniversary Edition*. In this G-rated Disney film three good fairies and a handsome prince save Princess Aurora from a bad fairy's spinning-wheel curse.

On November 22, enter the magical world of fairies and watch the G-rated Disney film, *Tinker Bell*, with the affirming message of being true to yourself. Bring the kids, and some treats, and enjoy a free family film together.

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## Friends Fall Book Sale Offers Something for Everyone

Friends of the Library volunteers have been busy gathering and sorting books for the Fall Book Sale, set for October 16-19 on the Main Library second floor.

The Friends Preview Sale is held from 4-8 pm Thursday, October 16. Non-members may join at the door for a small fee. The sale continues from 9 am to 4 pm Friday, October 17 and Saturday, October 18. Sunday, October 19 from 1 to 3 pm, Friends presents the popular Bag Sale when all bags of hardback books cost \$5 and all bags of paperbacks cost \$3.

Friends welcome volunteers to help set up for the sale, sell books during the sale and pack up at the end of the sale. Sunday's Book Sale clean-up day is a good opportunity for students, boy scouts or girl scouts to earn community service hours. Volunteers should call the Main Library at 216-991-2030 to leave their names, email addresses or phone numbers.

## Endnotes

- New Community Reference Guides are available at the library services desks. Printed in purple ink, the tri-fold telephone resource is handy for home, office or car.
- Thanks to a grant from Cuyahoga County for out-of-school time programs and activities for teens, the library purchased a Nintendo Wii, Sony PlayStation, and Microsoft Xbox with flat-panel screens and games.
- Poetry Back in the Woods begins its 11th season with poetry readings by local poets at 7 pm Wednesdays, October 30 and November 12 at Bertram Woods Branch. ■

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# Civic Lessons

The opportunities for an active civic life in Shaker are here for the asking, and, for newcomers, are a big part of the City's attraction.

**BY NANCY O'CONNOR**

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Julianna Johnston Senturia headed to the polls to cast her first vote with a League of Women Voters pamphlet clasped in her hands. "Thank goodness someone puts these together," she remembers thinking. "Ballots can be overwhelming!"

It was the fall of 1987, and she was a freshman at Ohio University, studying political science. There was no presidential election that year, but, she recalls, "there were a few statewide ballot issues – and I was so glad to have the League's Voters' Guide, with pros and cons on each issue. I love the League's nonpartisan approach. They just present the information, and let you decide for yourself."

Today, Senturia is president of the League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights, and chairs the committee responsible for producing the Cuyahoga County Voters' Guide, now available at public libraries and online at [www.lwv2008vote.info](http://www.lwv2008vote.info).

"I enjoy empowering people to make informed decisions," she says of her decision to join the League after moving to Shaker Heights from Cleveland Heights five years ago.

**Lomond Association members** get together over the summer. They include, from left Susan Zak, Brian Yusko, David Halley, Randy Kirby, Jared and Julie Zak with their son, Tyler.





**Julianna Johnston Senturia**, president of the League of Women Voters of Shaker Heights, with husband Harris, and two of their children, Jonathan and Maggie.

For several years her role was to observe Shaker Heights City Council meetings. “That’s my love,” says the self-described activist, who holds a Master’s in American Politics. “To me, the most important thing the League does is observe and report.”

Senturia lives in the Boulevard neighborhood with her husband Harris, an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission, and their three children: Henry, eight; Jonathan, five; and Maggie, three. Participating in the League allows her to “engage in community dialogue as a young mother, to be active on issues in my life without working 70 hours.” She also appreciates volunteering alongside more than 200 other members “who do professional-level work.”

Joining the League, she advises newcomers, “is a great way to learn what’s happening in your community, and how to make it better. It’s amazing what you can do with just a small time commitment to help educate voters and get them registered.”

Senturia is just one of many Shaker residents committed to good government, community-building, quality education, and family enrichment.

“Shaker is a city in which neighborhood and community involvement is at an extremely high level,” confirms Mayor Earl Leiken, whose own record of civic involvement during his





25 years in Shaker is proof. “It’s part of the Shaker tradition, coming together to work with others to make a great community even better.”

**Emily Braman** of the Onaway Community Organization, with her family, from left: Sophie Sickling, Natalie Sickling, Maxwell Sickling, Marissa Miller, and husband Allen Sickling.

## Neighborhood Associations

For many residents, civic involvement begins with a Neighborhood Association.

Run entirely by resident volunteers, Neighborhood Associations help neighbors to become acquainted with one another so that they can address, as a group, any issues and concerns that may arise. Many circulate City and neighborhood news through regular newsletters and/or websites.

Brian Yusko, president of the Lomond Association, believes his group’s most important role is to “provide a forum where committed residents – homeowners and renters – can connect with one another. It’s a powerful thing for people to realize that there are many other people living near them who share similar values and similar concerns.”

An Associate Professor in the College of Education and Human Services at Cleveland State University, Yusko moved to Shaker Heights in 2000. He and his wife Karen have three children: Helen, a fifth-grader at Woodbury School, Sam, a Lomond School third-grader, and Bridget, a Lomond kindergartener.

“Karen and I are enthusiastic supporters of Lomond School, and we love the neighborhood for its character and diversity,” he says. “Joining the Lomond Association was a way to ensure that our neighborhood stayed strong and that current and prospective residents saw the Lomond neighborhood as an excellent place to live

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and raise a family. The Association also provides a mechanism to advocate more effectively for change and to address concerns to the City and the schools."

An annual ice cream social, an apple-tasting festival, and wine and cheese parties are among the group's social events. It has a very active Beautification Committee that is responsible for the flower baskets lining Lomond Boulevard. The same committee has spearheaded the redesign of the landscaping at Gridley Triangle to create an inviting public space where people can come together informally or as part of Association-sponsored events.

For residents of the Onaway neighborhood, the Fourth of July Parade & Games sponsored by the Onaway Community Organization (OCO) is the annual neighborhood highlight. Last summer, more than 350 people gathered for the bicycle and wagon parade, three-legged races, watermelon seed spitting contests, and other family-friendly activities on the grounds of Onaway School.

"Nearly 40 people volunteered to help with the parade and games, from making signs to selling ice cream and running the games," says Emily Braman, the organization's president. The group also coordinates Winter Block Parties for neighborhood residents.

Braman encourages new residents to join the OCO to "get connected, stay better informed, and to have opportunities to get to know more neighbors." She ranks communication as the organization's most important function. "We have a great email network. I forward press releases and other news from the City, circulate lost dog notices, notify residents about neighborhood news, and advertise our events."

Braman, who owns a real estate appraisal company, is married to fellow Shaker High alum Allen Sickling and is the mother of four: Marissa Miller, a Shaker High freshman; Onaway second-grader Sophie Sickling, and preschoolers



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For Mike Hoffman, serving as president of the Sussex Community Association "is a way to give back to the community that assisted my wife and me in raising six great humans." A Bradley Corporation Sales Manager, Hoffman moved to Shaker 36 years ago "because of the people and the opportunity to have our children interact and grow up in a multicultural community with people who care about each other."

He promotes his Association as "a resource for finding new friends and getting answers to questions about the area," and is proud of the role it played recently in helping to harness neighborly compassion.

"Our community experienced a very tragic fire last year that took the lives of three young children. That tragedy brought the entire Sussex community together to assist financially in the terrible struggle of that family. This is by far the best accomplishment of our community, and it continues as the family begins the rebuilding process."

In addition to hosting wine and cheese parties and an annual community garage sale, the group maintains a website at [www.sussexassociation.com](http://www.sussexassociation.com) with a members-only section where residents can find a babysitter, communicate about concerns, set up a dinner group, and more.

"The most important benefit to joining," Hoffman promises, "is the sense of belonging that comes from walking to the playground and being able to chat with neighbors, old and new."

## The PTO

According to Sharon Midura, there's another important place where she and other parents of school-aged children belong: in the schools.



"Next to a quality teacher in the classroom, parental involvement is the key to student success," says the 2008-2009 President of the Shaker Heights Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). "I support the PTO because the classroom is my children's home away from home. Just as I do my best to create the most supportive home for my kids, I want them to know that they are just as supported at school, and that what they are doing there is important."

A research technologist at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Midura joined the PTO when her son Corey, a 2008 Shaker High graduate, started kindergarten at Lomond School. (Her daughter, Meredith, is a Shaker High junior.)

"We had just moved to Shaker and I thought PTO would be a great way to jump in with both feet to get to know my neighbors, the schools, and the community. I also believe strongly in performing community service."

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**Lomond Association** members, including Brian Yusko, president and Manel Seneviratne, convene at Gridley Triangle park to talk about the park's renovation.



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**From left, rear:** Earl Williams, Rob Zimmerman, James Brady, Al Foster, Lynn Ruffner; **front:** Nancy Moore, Mayor Earl M. Leiken, Brian Gleisser.

Not everyone interested in civic involvement aspires to be elected to Shaker Heights City Council. But for those who might, a high degree of personal civic commitment is essential, as demonstrated by the current Council members. Complete biographies can be found at [www.shakeronline.com](http://www.shakeronline.com).

Nancy Moore, vice mayor, served on the board and as president of the Shaker Heights Board of Education, and was on the boards of Shaker Family Center, the Shaker Heights PTO, and the Sussex Community Association.

James Brady served as a citizen member of the Shaker Heights Safety and Public Works Committee, and was vice president of finance for Boulevard school. He also served on the board of the Shaker Heights Fund for the Future, and was a lacrosse coach at Shaker Heights High School and the Recreation Department.

Al Foster is a volunteer at Meals on Wheels, Hanna Perkins School, and Moreland on the Move Community Association. A former vice mayor, Mr. Foster is a graduate of both Leadership Shaker and Leadership Cleveland.

Brian S. Gleisser is senior vice president at the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland. He has been vice mayor, a citizen member of the City Planning Commission, and is a graduate of both Leadership Shaker and Leadership Cleveland.

Lynn Ruffner is a founding board member of Shaker Family Center, and has served on school district and PTO committees.

Earl Williams served on the Public Works Committee, the Shaker Heights Citizens Committee, and was a member and former officer of the Shaker Heights PTO. Mr. Williams currently volunteers as a member of the board of the Mt. Pleasant NOW Development Corp., an economic and community development investment program for the Kinsman Road area, bordering Shaker Heights.

Rob Zimmerman served as a citizen member of the Safety & Public Works Committee and the Human Relations Commission.









# He'll Be Bach

Shaker High's Music Department is nationally recognized because of the influence of its inimitable and beloved chairman, Robert Schneider.

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

PHOTO BY MARC GOLUB

Some teachers head for the beach in the summer, some attend seminars and conferences. Robert Schneider went to prison in Nicaragua.

The music department chairman and director of choirs at Shaker High was helping with a music program at a prison in Managua, the country's capital.

"When you first pull up, it's such an ominous, overwhelming sight," he says of Tipitapa Prison. "The barbed wire, the fences, the guards, the guns. You know you're in a third-world country. The men are locked up in horrible conditions. You have to turn over your passport, and there's that moment when you hope you're going home."

The ten days he spent in Managua reflect Schneider's passions: music, faith, travel, helping people, and, above all, teaching. He was part of a mission trip group from First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland at Fairmount Boulevard and Eaton Road in Shaker, where he has been director of music since 1993.

While church members worked in the villages, Schneider assisted musician and missionary Joan Parajon with music therapy for some 30 felons.

"Joan teaches them uplifting songs, songs about freedom, love, and just hanging on. To watch them sing is unforgettable. It touched my heart. I can't get their eyes, their faces, out of my mind. They seemed so young. It's wonderful to see how music brings them such joy."

From Nicaragua, he went to Princeton University for a one-week conference on teaching Advanced Placement Music Theory, a course he was excited to launch at Shaker High this fall.

"It's a college-level course for students who are going to major in music. I always say that musicians need to be able to see with their ears and hear with their eyes. They need to be able to look at a piece of music and know exactly what it's going to sound like. Or hear a piece of music and be able to notate it on paper. It's all about becoming fluent in the language of music."

While many school districts have suffered reductions in their arts programs, Shaker's bands, choirs, and orchestras have continued to thrive. Schneider, known to his students as "Doc," will have taught at Shaker High for 20 years in 2009. Twice in the past decade, Shaker has been named a Grammy Signature School by the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences Foundation.

"We're so fortunate. Shaker Heights is such a wonderful district. Both the community and the schools support the arts."

More than 40 percent of the students at the high school are in a performing ensemble, "an incredibly high number," Schneider points out. More than 600 students perform in four bands, three orchestras, two jazz ensembles, and seven choirs.

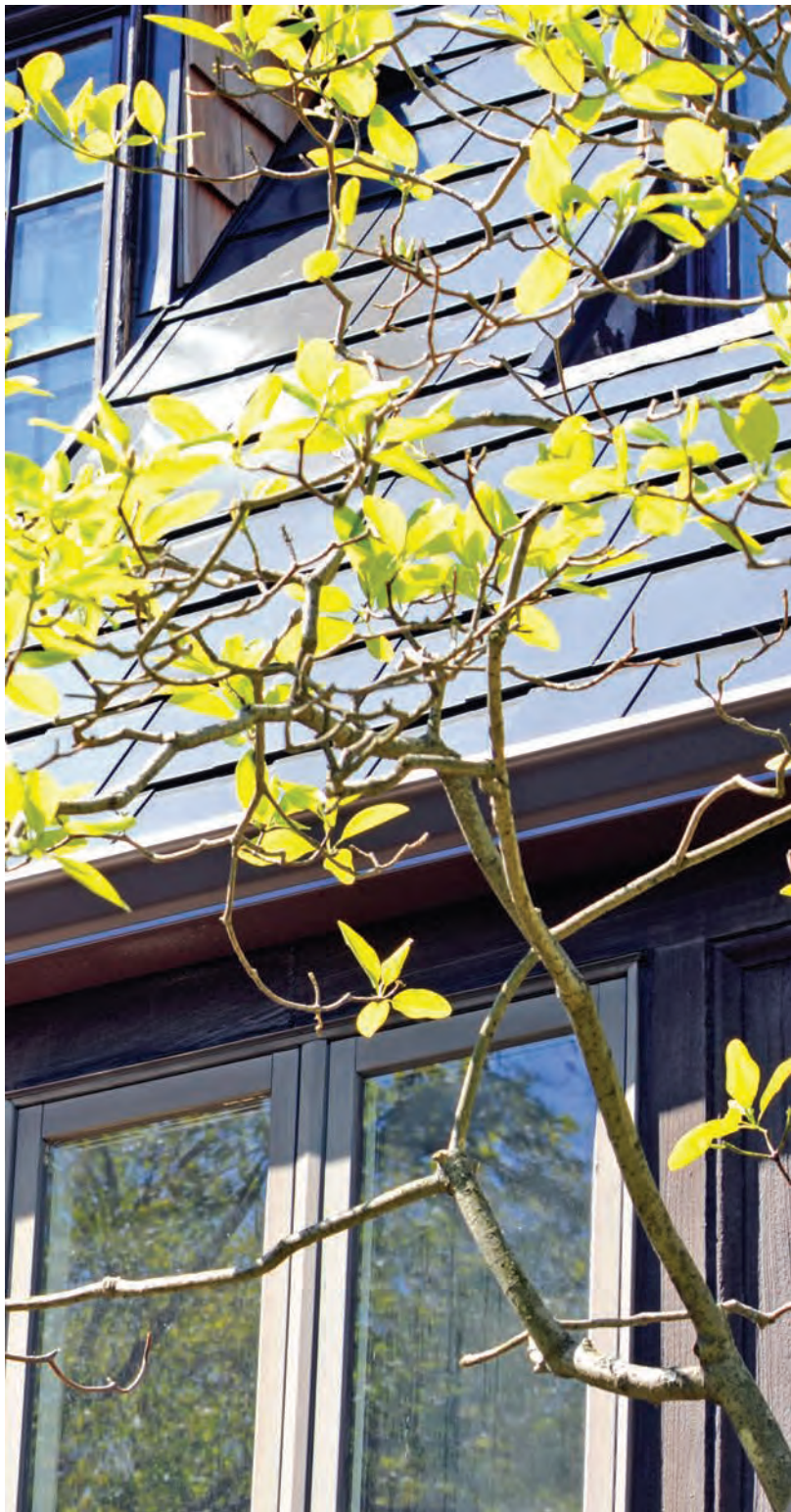
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Robert Schneider at home, August, 2008.



**Hank Doll** and his “space age” roof.





# Smart Rehabs

How energy efficiency and other green solutions enhance the warm pleasures of older Shaker homes.

**BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL**

PHOTOS BY MARC GOLUB

Paula Pronio describes herself as a “conservative in the most classic sense – I don’t like to waste anything.” Her spacious but drafty 1928 colonial was therefore a perfect fit for the City’s Go Green energy efficiency program.

“It goes beyond saving money,” Pronio says. “We need to make our homes as efficient as possible.”

Paula recently walked Shaker Life through her house and the simple Go Green process.

The first step is an energy audit to determine what is needed to improve efficiency. The City has contracted with an energy audit firm, Ground Level Solutions, to provide discounted audits to all Shaker residents.

“They set up a blower door, which is a mechanism installed in the front door frame. It tells you how much leakage of air you have in your house,” Paula explains.

This audit also evaluates the safety and efficiency of your gas appliances, heating system, ventilation, and insulation, and recommends solutions. The audit typically takes a couple of hours.

The prescription for the Pronio home included blown-in insulation in the walls; wrapping ducts, pipes, the water heater, and attic doors in foil insulation; good weather stripping around windows and doors; and installing door sweeps to block drafts. After the work was done, a final audit was performed to ensure success.

Paula has “absolutely noticed the difference in draftiness after the process.” The heating bills have gone down, too. The City reports up to 59 percent improvement in energy efficiency after residents conduct upgrades.

Paula’s upgrades earned the full Go Green rebate, which provides 25 percent of the costs of improvements, up to \$1,000. The full cost of the energy audit was also refunded after the work was completed.

To qualify for the rebate, residents may earn up to the City median income of \$63,983, however all residents, regardless of income, are eligible for the discounted audits and technical assistance. Go Green may be combined with other incentives, such as the County’s HELP rehab loan. The State Home Weatherization Assistance Program is another option for income eligible residents. The City’s rehab specialists in the Department of Neighborhood



Revitalization, which runs the Go Green program, are also on hand to provide technical assistance throughout the process.

Other efficient upgrades in the Pronio home include sub-floor heating coils in the renovated kitchen and second floor bath, improved kitchen lighting, a new screen door to the porch, several ceiling fans and an Energy Star washer and dryer. Paula's family thus enjoys the best of both worlds – old world Shaker charm plus 21st-century practicality.

A Maryland transplant, Paula says she fell in love with the beauty of Shaker's housing, the community's walkability, and the close proximity to her sister's home.

"The fact that it's so affordable is a bonus," she adds. For the selling price of a Maryland condo, the Pronio household was able to purchase and renovate a great house – and buy a Prius, to boot.

### **The Dolls: Reusing As Much As Possible**

Mary Doll is the type who washes and reuses plastic food bags. Her husband, Hank, is well-known in Shaker as a dedicated organic gardener who grows wonderful fruits, vegetables, and gorgeous dahlias every year.

So it's not surprising that whenever the Dolls' impressive Onaway neighborhood Tudor needs some rehab, the couple looks for green solutions.

The Dolls' eat-in kitchen, for example, needed a facelift after 30 years of family life. Some folks in their position might have chosen a gut-and-glam redo, but not Mary and Hank.







The Dolls' new eat-in kitchen.



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**Above, Paula Pronio** shows off some of the results of the City's Go Green Program. **Opposite, Mary Doll.**

"We might have made a different footprint, but we've lived with our limitations," says Mary. Instead of replacing their medium cherry cabinets, they had them sanded and restained, and replaced the handles. They also kept the original oak floors – "They've got some dings, but, well, so do we," Mary smiles.

When Mary chose some new stainless appliances, she had a matching panel installed for her refrigerator, instead of buying a new unit. The Dolls used low volatile organic compound (VOC) paint and granite counters, which are a pricey but natural surface. All their used appliances and sinks were sent to The ReStore, a resale shop benefiting Habitat for Humanity. The kitchen is bright, warm, and cheery. It benefits from ample natural light and an efficient wood-burning stove. Mary says in such a big home, she can close off unused sections in the winter and use the stove to warm the kitchen, den, and an upstairs bedroom.

"We can lower the thermostat or keep warm if the power goes out," she says.

Most of the kitchen's furnishings, even down to the placemats, are passed down from family. Mary has also chosen natural fibers for upholstery fabric and rugs.

Only a couple like the Dolls would need his-and-hers sinks in the kitchen, rather than in the master bath.

"There's his garden sink and my cooking sink," she quips. "It preserves marital harmony." But they reused the old disposers in the new stainless basins.

"My feeling is, the more you can reuse, the better," says Mary. But could that adage apply to a new roof?

Yes, when the shingles are made of recycled steel, Hank and Mary discovered. In the fall of 2007, the Dolls installed a "space-age" Vail Titan "cool roof" on their traditional home. And it looks...well, cool.





The roof also reflects heat in winter, which means less potential for ice dams forming.

Although this type of roof can cost more than a conventional roof, it's guaranteed for 50 years; the paint is guaranteed for 30. If you sell your home, the guarantee is transferable to the new owner. The Dolls took advantage of a \$500 federal tax credit when they installed the roof.

The metal shingles can be applied over an existing conventional roof. They are much lighter than asphalt, a petroleum product, which has a short working life and ends up in the landfill.

"My mom was into recycling, and I caught the bug from her," declares Mary, perched comfortably in the "heirloom" kitchen chair that started its career in her father's medical office over 60 years ago. "I've been into it all my life."

## Go Green at a Glance

- If your household income is at or below the City's median income of \$63,983, you are potentially eligible for a rebate of 25 percent, up to \$1,000, for energy efficiency improvements.
- The City has negotiated a reduced fee for energy audits. Fees are currently \$300 for homes with one heating system and \$375 for homes with two heating systems (two family or larger homes). There are several low-interest loan programs available through the County and the State that can be combined with the City's program.
- The City will reimburse homeowners for the cost of the energy audit upon completion of the work.
- FirstEnergy Ohio's Home Performance Program offers rebates on a variety of energy efficient improvements without an income cap.
- Call the Department of Neighborhood Revitalization at 216-491-1373 for information on Go Green and other energy incentive programs available to residents.
- A full description of the program is also available at [www.shakeronline.com/about/incentive/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.asp](http://www.shakeronline.com/about/incentive/EnergyEfficiencyPrograms.asp).



# My Handyman's Special

Not all remodeling jobs aim at the stars

BY BETH FRIEDMAN-ROMELL

Husbands of a certain age sometimes pursue fast cars or faster wives. Mine goes out and buys a used radial arm saw on eBay. Then he drives to Pennsylvania to pick it up.

I still don't exactly know what it's for, why we spent our tax refund on it, or why it was a "totally great deal." At least he didn't call it my birthday present. And unlike many big-ticket tools in our friends' homes, ours is not being used as a coat rack.

It's not always easy being married to my own personal "Red Green" (comedian Steve Smith's wacky handyman character on the Canadian PBS show). But it's usually good for a few laughs, and sometimes even saves us money.

My "Red" has a simple motto: "If you can build with Lego, you can be a (fill in the blank)." Red is not a plumber, electrician, carpenter, painter, mechanic, or upholsterer, but he enjoys playing one on Ludlow Road. How dexterity with plastic building blocks relates to any of these skills remains a mystery to me. However, I can't complain about the quality of the workmanship, but I can about his methods. They are at best unorthodox, and at worst qualify him for a Darwin Award.

Take, for example, the time the house trim needed paint. Hire a painter? Nah – too expensive. Buy an extension ladder to reach the tough spots? That's for sissies. Real men will tie one end of a rope around their waist, fling the other end over the roof and attach it to the car, et voilà! Belyaing – the home game!

Fortunately, Red is usually assisted in his endeavors by his best friend and partner in crime, "Uncle" Steve (his real name). So far, Uncle Steve has prevented my husband from killing himself or incurring death at my hands. Thanks to Uncle Steve, our new front picture window does not lean outward at a five degree angle, although that would have cut down on rain runoff. In other words, Red didn't feel like redoing the whole thing. Again.

Uncle Steve is a man of few words. "Beth's not gonna like that." Good call, Steve.

I believe it was also Uncle Steve who figured out that when one is suspended in midair, cutting off tree limbs with an electric chain saw, one must tie the power cords together first. And thanks to Uncle Steve, we have a whole new plumbing manifold, after the old one started springing serial leaks during a toilet repair. I was grateful for our 17 Red-built rain barrels that weekend, let me tell you.

Ladies, be warned. When all the salespeople at Lowe's know your husband by name, be afraid. When the customers routinely approach him for help, it might be time for an intervention.

Red maintains that I am "functionally challenged," which means I'm limited by



the notion that items should be used for their originally intended purpose. I believe plastic milk jugs belong in the fridge, not poking out of a hole in your ceiling. Coffee cans do not a catalytic converter make. Red, on the other hand, is the master of creative repurposing. Why fork over 20 bucks on a drywall repair kit when you can buy a two-dollar jumbo pack of wooden tongue depressors? He swears his homebrew buddies hail him as a genius.

Of course, as an avid recycler, I do appreciate most of Red's efforts. We have a great tree house and compost bin in our yard, both of which began life as a backyard play set. Our redwood picnic table was formerly known as Uncle Steve's fence, and our monster truck of a little red wagon was once a mere wooden pallet.

The way I see it, there are two major drawbacks to life with Red. One is that potentially anything can be saved indefinitely for future use in some Reddish scheme. This means trouble if you enjoy parking in your garage. The other problem is that, while we ultimately get top-notch repairs, they are done on Red Standard Time. You can fire contractors if they don't show up. But I can't fire Red, because then, well, I'd have to hire a contractor. And they don't make great homemade bread, fix your computer, or take your kids to the park while avoiding their projects. ■





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# The Painting Partners







How two Fernway moms turned a love of painted finishes into a highly successful business enterprise.

**BY CHRISTOPHER JOHNSTON**  
PHOTOS BY GREEN STREET STUDIO

Kim Metheny and Sue Weir, proprietors of Metheny Weir Painted Finishes LLC, have a new studio at 12910 Larchmere Boulevard. It has a basement. They like basements. They do their favorite work in basements. There, they can concoct new “recipes” for painted finishes which, when deftly applied, will lend that Old World elegance to walls, floors, and ceilings of a residence or office, that antique patina to refurbished furniture, that hip, whimsical appointment to a library or child’s bedroom.

Descend into their work world, faintly resembling some alien atelier, and you’re likely to find the painting partners sporting their brand new Metheny Weir aprons, wielding a scraper or aiming the business end of a paint sprayer at a chair or armoire they are resurrecting for someone’s redecorated living room. It may be hard to detect behind the heavy-duty paint respirators, but they’re smiling.

**Kim Metheny and Sue Weir** outside their Larchmere studio in July. They have since opened for business.









They set up shop in Metheny's basement, where they occasionally tripped over her daughters' skateboards or threw in a load of laundry between designing and painting.

"Sue and I are never as happy as we are down there in our masks when we're working, and we finish a job, and it's gorgeous," Metheny says while taking a break from the basement in the warm and welcoming studio space above. There, they can devise and display their designs at a counter with a magnetic board behind it, or meet with interior designers or clients at a conference table.

Back to the basement. Metheny's home basement, specifically. That's where it all started ten years ago. She and her family had just moved from Florida to Shaker's Fernway neighborhood. Learning of her finishing talents, a neighbor hired her for some interior painting. The neighbor had a friend, Sue Weir, who did similar work. Kim and Sue hit it off and became Metheny Weir, though not officially until October 2007.

They set up shop in Metheny's basement, where they occasionally tripped over her daughters' skateboards or threw in a load of laundry between designing and painting. They never advertised, but the word got out.

"People just kept calling us," Metheny recalls, with a bit of a Bayou twang that gives away her Louisiana roots. "So my basement is where we did all of our samples, planned all of our jobs, and then we would load up our van, go do the job, come back, and do it all over."



**Metheny Weir client** Diane Foley's kitchen walls were designed to look like a grapefruit peel. The ceilings in Foley's dining room (opposite) and living room (page 48) were painted by Metheny Weir.









Of course, the two young moms had to fit their jobs into their children's school-day schedules, but they always made time to keep up with their ever-changing industry. They read all of the latest home decorating trend magazines. They met and took classes from Gary Lord, an award-winning painter in Cincinnati, who offers certification in various decorative and creative painting techniques.

"We've done a pretty good job of keeping up, getting better and better with the materials, and moving in new directions," says Weir, a native of Kentucky. She adds that "faux finish" has become an out-of-favor term. The current preferred description of their handiwork is "decorative" or "hand-rendered" finishes.

Like colors of the spectrum that blend well together, Metheny and Weir thoroughly enjoy working as partners.

"We see the same things in a lot of ways," Metheny explains of their creative chemistry. "What I can't do,

**Giuliana Koch's** home sparkles with Metheny Weir's elegant handiwork including family recipes from Italy on the kitchen wall.





**This page, right,** the floor at Paysage on Fairmount Boulevard. Above, a refinished cupboard in the Koch home. **Opposite page,** a vintage diamond pattern in the kitchen of Donita Anderson's home.



"We see the same things in a lot of ways," Metheny explains of their creative chemistry. "What I can't do, she can, and what she can't do, I can."

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"We've heard from other finishers that they wish they had a partner, because it's nice to have someone to bounce things off of," Weir says. "It's not an easy business, making people happy."

Thus far, the two have done a stellar job of just that. "They're two extremely creative people who have the same design sensibility," says Judy Kushner, proprietor of Judy Kushner Interiors in Shaker Heights. "They can almost read each other's minds and produce a project in tandem better than anybody I've ever worked with."

One of Kushner's clients, Donita Anderson, hired Metheny Weir to paint a vintage diamond pattern designed by Kushner in the center of her refinished galley kitchen. She admires their ability to handle a diverse range of styles with aplomb.

"They are very considerate about design issues and amenable to what the client wants," says Anderson, executive director of the North Union Farmers Market at Shaker Square and







eight other locations throughout Cuyahoga and Summit counties. "They're amicable and wonderful people who worked well together and with Judy and me, and they were a pleasure to have in our house."

Giuliana Koch concurs. "They have incredibly sunny personalities and great dispositions," says the owner of a South Park residence where Metheny Weir has performed several painting projects, including a kitchen design that incorporated some of the client's family recipes and embossed Florentine lilies in a stone wall. Koch was born in Florence, Italy, where frescoes are an ancient tradition.

Metheny and Weir believe their services are so in demand because many clients are afraid of colors. "Most people don't have the vision to see what a design's going to look like when it's completed," Metheny says.

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Refund claim forms must be presented within 30 days of withdrawal. Special programs such as childcare, camps, and one-night-

ers 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;
- Camps, Summer Figure Skating School, Summer Hockey School, Fall/Winter Hockey (except Mighty Mites), School Age Care, \$25.

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#### 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 216-491-1295 to be connected to the appropriate Program Coordinator.

#### Cancellations

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### Ice Hockey:

#### SHHS Schedule 2008-09

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### Ice Skating:

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**FALL SESSION II:** Oct. 28-Dec. 13

**HOLIDAY LEARN TO SKATE CAMP:** Dec. 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, Jan. 3

LEARN-TO-SKATE FEES:

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Thornton Park  
Saturday, October 25  
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### **Senior Halloween Luncheon**

Halloween dress up occasion. Call (216-491-1360 before October 24 to make your paid reservation.

Shaker Community Building  
Wednesday, October 29  
12:15-2:15 pm  
Fee: \$5

### **Playdate on Ice** (Ages 2-5)

Wear your favorite costume. Fee includes skating, snow on ice, crafts, snack and costume contest.

Thursday, October 30  
11:30 am-1 pm  
Fee: \$5/child \$1/adult

### **Family Pajama Night** (Grades K-3 with parent)

Come in your best flannel PJ's for pizza, movie with popcorn and skating at Thornton Park. You must register one week in advance for this event. Regular admission and skate rental apply. INFO: 216-491-1290.

November 14  
7:30-9 PM



### **Teddy Bear Tea**

Parents and/or grandparents bring your tots and teddies. Children may dress up and bring their favorite doll or teddy bear to the Shaker Community Building. Enjoy sandwiches and cookies while listening to stories. Children are served hot chocolate. INFO: (216) 491-1360.

Shaker Community Building  
Saturday, December 13  
12:30-2 pm

\$7/family (max. 4)  
\$3/additional person  
Registration Deadline:  
Monday, December 1

### **Fourth Annual Senior Holiday Dinner** (Ages 50+)

Save the date for this special holiday treat. Call (216) 491-1360 after November 5 for more information and to make a reservation. Shaker residents only. No charge.

Shaker Community Building  
Wednesday, December 17  
12:30 pm





## He'll Be Bach

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"The Marching Band has over 300 students who perform during football season," he says. "Then that breaks into the separate concert bands. Most schools are lucky to have one such band – we have four."

Shaker High also has a music composition and technology course, a computer-based class that allows students to create their own compositions on a computer. And, in keeping with Shaker's multicultural and global outlook, Schneider incorporates many musical traditions into the repertoire, ranging from standard European classics and African-American spirituals to show tunes and lesser-known exotic numbers. In recent years, the choirs have sung in English, French, German, Latin, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Swahili, and Mongolian.

"Over the 19 years that Bob has been with our Music Department, we have seen tremendous growth in opportunities for our students and the quality of performance," says Shaker High Principal Michael Griffith. "His presence and guidance have made a tremendous difference for students, staff, and the program, and he has brought significant recognition to Shaker Heights High School and the District."

Schneider, who plays the organ, piano, and harpsichord, has been chasing his musical dreams since grade school. He grew up in South Euclid, attended Brush High School, and studied at the Baldwin Wallace Conservatory of Music. For his Master of Music degree, he headed to Northwestern University, in Evanston, Illinois, and returned to Ohio to earn his doctorate at the Cleveland Institute of Music, where he was mentored by Karel

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Paukert, the former head of the Organ Department of the Cleveland Institute of Music and Curator of Music at the Cleveland Museum of Art.

As an organist, Schneider gravitates towards the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. "When I was studying music theory and how to teach it in Princeton, we kept coming back to the music of Bach. There is so much there. It is so artistic, yet so ingeniously, mathematically, put together."

Schneider also serves as president of both the Musart Society of the Cleveland Museum of Art, and Arts Renaissance Tremont, a community organization that presents free concerts in Cleveland's historic Tremont neighborhood for the enjoyment of Greater Clevelanders.

Of his work as music director and organist at the First Baptist Church, Schneider says, "I think of myself as a spiritual person, and I express my faith through the music and the commitment to it at the church. Music touches people's hearts and souls like nothing else can."

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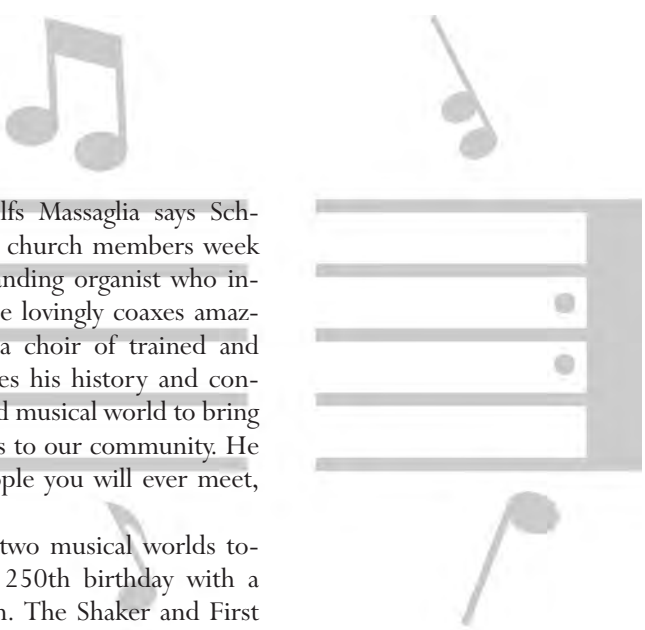
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In 2006, he brought his two musical worlds together to observe Mozart's 250th birthday with a performance of the Requiem. The Shaker and First Baptist choirs sang the masterwork in the acoustically magnificent church, accompanied by the Shaker orchestra and musicians from the church.

Among the highlights of his career at Shaker High are the trips with students overseas. Over the past two decades, Shaker choir and orchestra students have embarked on performance and educational tours to Germany, Austria, England, France, Italy, Spain, and



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the Czech Republic. "They've been incredible journeys and we've performed in some of the most remarkable places on earth," he says — including Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

The trip to Italy in the spring of 2005 was particularly memorable. About 65 Shaker students had already performed and visited cultural landmarks in Venice and Florence and were headed for Rome. "We were scheduled to sing the 3 pm mass in St. Peter's Basilica, on Sunday, April 3. It probably would have been attended by a few hundred people, along with tourists passing through, that kind of thing, had Pope John Paul II not died the night before. We called the Vatican because we assumed St. Peter's would close immediately. But they said, no, they were going to be open and they still needed us to sing."

So, the Shaker contingent of teachers, students, and parents arrived at St. Peter's Square to find a throng of tens of thousands overflowing into adjoining streets.

"They ushered us in like celebrities through this mass of people," remembers Schneider. "There were thousands of people already gathered on the square, and satellite dishes for television news from every country you could imagine. We sang the mass, which by then was standing room only. There were seven Cardinals sitting in the front row dressed in full regalia. It was quite a thrill." In March 2009, he's back to Italy with a new group of Shaker students.

And he does not intend to rest on his laurels. "Last year was one of my best years of teaching, ever," he says. "This is such an exciting place to teach because of the wonderful mix of people. I never cease to be amazed by the depth of musical talent that comes out of the Shaker community. Every year, when a talented group of seniors graduates, you wonder 'How am I ever going to replace these people?' But more just keep coming." ■





## The Painting Partners

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"They have a way of being able to see a finished job before it's finished," attests Diane Foley, an attorney, who employed them to paint her home on Attleboro Road and then to finish several rooms in her new South Park Row residence.

Their skill with colors even led to Sherwin-Williams naming a paint after them, Metheny Weir Ivory, which they had custom mixed, and which can be seen on the ceiling of their Larchmere studio. Although they use several different paint brands depending on a designer's or customer's preference, they do like Sherwin-Williams and love supporting the Cleveland-based company's Shaker Heights store.

They've also gone "green," using low and zero VOC (volatile organic compound) paints and finishes that are less toxic.

While the business continues to grow by word-of-mouth, Metheny and Weir have taken a number of steps to expand their business. In addition to moving into the new studio space in June, they enlisted a friend and former Chalfant Road neighbor, Holly Coughlin, as their marketing and sales specialist. She had been assisting them unofficially by making various suggestions, such as a promotional postcard, a book of project photos, and exchanging a quiet residential basement for a commercial one on a popular street dedicated to antiques and interiors.

"The best thing about working with Kim and Sue is every day is fun," Coughlin says. "If you're not in a good mood, wait

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five minutes."

One of the biggest challenges to growth has been the fact that they only have four hands, and clients always want "Kim and Sue." They have taken on a new painter, Johnine Byrne.

"Johnine makes us look good, because she is very talented," Weir says. They're looking to find and train other painters, as well as hire other subcontractors who can pick up and deliver the furniture they refinish.

They're also moving into the business of finishing cabinetry for people who would rather not replace their existing kitchen cabinets, although they also finish new cabinetry.

And they've begun to design furniture. They're now in the process of identifying contractors who can make the pieces. George Cannon, who operates a woodworking store, is at the top of the list. Cannon is the retired principal of Fernway School, where the two donated a number of painting designs while their children were students there, including the library and the teacher's lounge.

Today, a decade later, when they drive with their children, now young adults – Murphy and Maeve Metheny and Gus and Sam Weir – and their husbands, Kevin and Bill, respectively – the pair get kidded for knowing everyone in Shaker Heights, especially now that they've done work in more than 300 houses throughout the city.

"We drive around town and go, 'Did that house, did that house, did that house,'" Metheny quips.

In the future, she wouldn't mind painting a boutique hotel in Morocco or some other tony international destination, or even traveling to Florida to paint one of their client's homes there.

"Maybe once we're empty nesters," she says with a laugh, before she and Weir return to their beloved Larchmere basement and all of that paint. ■





## Civic Lessons

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All parents or guardians of students in the Shaker Heights School District are automatically members of the PTO, but those who choose to actively participate, Midura notes, benefit the most.

"Becoming involved in Shaker PTO puts you on the fast track to meeting your Shaker neighbors beyond your block and learning, close up, about the community your child is in six-plus hours a day. By using your limited free time being involved in the PTO, you send a loud and clear message to your children that education matters and that giving back to your community is important."

The rewards, she notes, are lasting friendships with other parents. Also, she says, by working alongside parents with backgrounds different from our own, we challenge ourselves to discover what it truly means to live in a diverse, international community.

"And we get to feel good knowing that we helped make our child's life and that of their friends a little better."


## Shaker Family Center

It was Shaker Family Center's dedication to making life better for families of children up to age five that attracted Chris Hunter to a position on the Board of the Center in 2002.

Now Board President, he welcomes the "opportunity and challenge" of following in the footsteps of such illustrious past-Presidents as Mayor Leiken, former Mayor Patricia S. Mearns, former City

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Council member David Weiss, and Cindy Taylor.

"Shaker Family Center is a unique organization that strengthens families and enriches children's lives," he says. "It provides fun, family-inclusive events, promotes kindergarten readiness, encourages assimilation of international families into the Shaker community, and a whole lot more. Our hope is that it makes Shaker a more desirable place to live and raise a family."

The Patricia S. Mearns Family Playroom, Play and Learn Station at Main Library, Parent University, Learning English as a Family (L.E.A.F), and the annual Dads' Day Run are among the Center's educational, social, and recreational programs for families with young children of all abilities.

Hunter, an Intellectual Property attorney with Parker-Hannifin Corporation, and his wife Maria are the parents of Jeremy, ten, Trevor, nine, and Emma, seven.

In addition to his work with Shaker Family Center, Hunter serves as a citizen member of the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee, which addresses strategic issues of the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Department, Housing Inspection Department, and Building Department.

For Senturia, Yusko, Midura, Hunter, and dozens more civic-minded Shaker residents, the challenge of finding the time to serve the community while juggling work and family isn't easy, but, Mayor Leiken says from experience, "for everyone who *can* be involved, the reward is in the participation." ■

For a full listing of local organizations that would welcome your involvement, go to [www.shakeronline.com/links/](http://www.shakeronline.com/links/) or [www.shakeronline.com/about/resources/GetInvolved.asp](http://www.shakeronline.com/about/resources/GetInvolved.asp).



## Ongoing Activities

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Homework Center, 4-6:30 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Students in grades 2-6 can drop in for free homework help provided by teachers and education students supervised by Cheryl Darden. Homework Help is funded by Friends of the Shaker Library. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**MONDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS: Drop-in Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS: Parent and Child Play Sessions, 9:30 AM-NOON**, PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 3 can play, make friends, and network. Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 4-6 pm and Fridays 3:30-5:30 pm for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

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19910 MALVERN RD. Child's play for infants to age 8 and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**MONDAYS: Learning English as a Family (LEAF), 6:45-8 PM**, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. Literacy for non-English speaking families with children ages 2½-5. Weekly group time for children, adult ESL class and bi-weekly home visits. INFO: 216-921-2023.

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**TUESDAYS: English in Action, 7 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Brondy Shanker leads free English classes for non-English speaking people. Free. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & SATURDAYS: Play and Learn Station, 10 AM-NOON**, MAIN LIBRARY. Free, drop-in, literacy-based play for parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 co-sponsored by Shaker Library and Shaker Family Center. Thursday afternoon hours from 1-3 pm; Tuesday and Thursday

evening hours from 6-8 pm. INFO: 216-921-2023 OR 216-991-2030.

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

**FRIDAYS: "Family Fridays" Parent and Child Play Session, 9:30 AM-NOON**, PATRICIA S. MEARN'S FAMILY PLAYROOM AT SHAKER FAMILY CENTER. (NOTE: Friday session is not included with Playroom membership, but members may upgrade for a fee to include this session.) Parents and caregivers with children from birth to age 5 play, make friends, and network. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

**SATURDAYS: North Union Farmers Market, 8 AM-NOON**, SHAKER SQUARE. *Gobble up* seasonal produce, including apples, pumpkins and turkeys from local farmers. INFO: 216-751-7656 OR [WWW.NORTHUNIONFARMERS-MARKET.ORG](http://WWW.NORTHUNIONFARMERS-MARKET.ORG).

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| 12<br>Homework Center Ongoing. 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 63)  | 13  | 14<br>No-Charge Introductory Computer Classes 9 am, and 11 am, Fairhill Center. (pg. 68)  | 15<br>Choir Concert 7 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 68)   | 16<br>Friends of the Library Book Sale 10/16-10/19 4 pm, Main Library. (pg. 68)  | 17<br>High School PTO Meeting with the Principal 7:30 am, Shaker High. (pg. 68)  | 18<br>Autumn Nocturne 6 pm, The Country Club. (pg. 73)  |
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| 26<br>The Great Pumpkin Express 10/25-26 12:25 pm, Rockside Station. (pg. 74)<br><br> | 27<br>Halloween Storytelling 7 pm, Main Library. (pg. 69)   | 28<br>Shaker Heights 101: From Family Farms to Suburbia 2008 7 pm, Shaker Historical Museum. (pg. 69)   | 29<br>Internet and E-mail Class 9:30 am, Fairhill Center. (pg. 69)  | 30<br>Playdate on Ice 11:30 am, Thornton Park. (pg. 70)<br><br>Poetry Back in the Woods 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 70)                              | 31<br>Halloween Trick or Treat 6-8 pm. (pg. 70)<br><br> |   |



# november

highlights

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday   | Saturday   |
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|   |  |  |  |  |  | 1<br>Harvest Wreath Workshop<br>10 am, Cleveland Botanical Garden. (pg. 74)  |
| 2<br>Families Learning Together: Luxurious Creations<br>11/2 & 11/9 2 pm, Cleveland Museum of Art. (pg. 75) | 3<br>Parent & Child Play Sessions<br>9:30 am, Shaker Family Center. (pg. 70) | 4<br>Election Day<br><br>Music in the Morning 9:30 am or 10:30 am, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 70)  | 5<br>Kids Cooking<br>4:15 pm, Hanna Perkins Center. (pg. 70)   | 6<br>Women's Fall Athletic Awards 6:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 71)   | 7<br>November Visitation Day 8:15 am, Hathaway Brown School. (pg. 71)  | 8<br>Family Fun Day<br>10 am, Shaker Historical Museum. (pg. 71)<br><br>Soldiers and Scribes 2 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 71) |
| 9   | 10<br>Shaker Band Boosters 7 pm, Shaker High Band Room.                      | 11<br>Hats Off! Exhibit Thru 1/25/09<br>Shaker Historical Museum. (pg. 71)<br><br>11th Grade College Planning Night 7:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 71) | 12<br>Fall Orchestra Concert 7:30 pm, Shaker High.<br> | 13<br>Fall Band Concert 7 pm, Shaker Middle School. (pg. 71) ▶▶    | 15<br>North Union Farmers Market<br>Ongoing. 8 am, Shaker Square. (pg. 63)<br>                    |  |
| 16  | 17<br>Pajama Stories 7 pm, Bertram Woods. (pg. 71)                           | 18<br>Men's Fall Athletic Awards Night 6:30 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 71)  | 19<br>How to Play Sports in College 7 pm, Shaker High. (pg. 71)  | 20<br>Choral Concert 7:30 pm, Shaker Middle School.                | 21<br>Poinsettia Place: A Unique Holiday Boutique 9 am, Shaker Heights Country Club. (pg. 72)<br> | 22<br>Poinsettia Place and The Twigbee Shop 9 am, Shaker Heights Country Club. (pg. 72)                                    |
| 23  | 24   | 25<br>  | 26   | THANKSGIVING 27<br>City offices, schools, and libraries closed. ◀◀ | 28<br>Larchmere Holiday Stroll 11/28-30 Larchmere Blvd. (pg. 72)<br><br>Big Top Boulevard Western Reserve Historical Society. (pg. 75)   | 29   |
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## out & about

6 years with an adult. Enjoy exercise equipment and activities in the gym and muscle room beginning October 11. (No session Nov. 29) Discount passes available. FEES & INFO: 216-921-2023.

## Events for *October*

**Thru Nov. 2: Shaker Schools: A Look Back.** SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Exhibit explores the history of the schools in Shaker Heights and historic Warrensville Township. Enjoy pictures, school memorabilia, old yearbooks, and school newspapers and discover how schools have changed over the years. FEES & INFO: 219-921-1201.

**Oct. 1: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM,** HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children

(ages 3-8) with a grown-up can enjoy making simple, wholesome recipes. \$58/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Oct. 2: Annex Gallery-Opening Reception, 6-8 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Shaker Heights native, Diane Schwartz, traveled the world photographing trees. In her exhibit, three distinctive trees come into focus: the olive trees of Italy, the trees of Ocracoke, North Carolina, and the sycamores of Shaker Heights. Framed and matted photos available for sale along with stories of Diane's travels and views. The exhibit is on display through Nov. 3. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**Oct. 2: Knit Night, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Bring your knitting project and get or give help. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 4: Hike & Run for Nature, 8-11 AM,** NATURE CENTER. One-mile

Family Habitat Hike, Two-mile Brisk Hike, and 5-K Race. Hike and run along the scenic Shaker Lakes and Nature Center habitats to benefit the Jenny Goldman Fund. Walkers and strollers welcome. Fees: \$25/13 years and older; \$15/12 years & under. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**Oct. 4: Meet American Girl® Doll, Kaya, 2 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Listen to a passage from her book and make a craft from Kaya's era. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 4: Envision, 6:30-10 PM,** THE CLEVELAND SKATING CLUB, 2500 KEMPER RD. Cleveland Sight Center's annual dinner-dance fundraiser to help provide services for those who are blind or visually impaired. This year's event features a country western theme and a Roast & Toast to executive director, Mike Grady on his 20 years of service to the Center. Tickets: \$250/person. INFO: FAYE JONES, 216-791-8118 EX. 220.

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**Oct. 5: Fifth Annual Family Fall Funfest, 1-6 PM, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER.** Free, fun, family event features games, pony rides, petting zoo, Euclid Beach rocket, inflatables, the Bubble Lady, Flower Clown, arts and crafts, food, and more. Free hands-on activities sponsored by community partners, including The Children's Museum, Cleveland Botanical Gardens, Cleveland Institute of Music, Great Lakes Science Center. Discount tickets and wristbands for sale through Oct. 3 provide unlimited access to attractions that require tickets. Become a Fallfest Family Sponsor and give your family plus another less fortunate family unlimited access to all event attractions. INFO: 216-921-2023.

**Oct. 5: Writers on Writing, 2 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** This is the final program in the series for aspiring authors. Paula McLain speaks on *Writing Across Genres: Incorporating Poetry and Memoir in Your Fiction*. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Oct. 6: Wood Working for Boys & Girls, 4 PM, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD.** Children (ages 4-8) with a grown-up learn how to use tools safely while assembling pre-cut wood kits as well as building projects from scrap wood. \$58/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Oct. 6: Band Boosters, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH BAND ROOM.** Join a band of supportive parents who give a hoot about music. INFO: JOHN MURPHY, 216-921-7478.

**Oct. 6: Gallery-Opening Reception, 7 PM, MAIN LIBRARY.** Meet the photographers from the Nature Photography Club and view their works, which are on display through Nov. 14. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Oct. 6: Voter Registration Deadline.**

**Oct. 7: Sports Boosters Meeting, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** Sporting parents support the 3 Rs – Rah! Rah! Rah! INFO: LINDA TAYLOR, 216-752-2939, OR CAROLYN CHEVERINE, 216-932-9654.

**Oct. 8: Walk Your Child to School Day.**



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## out & about

**Oct. 9: Yom Kippur.** Schools closed.

**Oct. 9: Gene's Jazz Hot in Concert, 7-9 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Celebrate the one-year anniversary of Gene's Jazz Hot performances at Loganberry with sweet anniversary snacks and drinks. Donations gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**Oct. 10: TAAL 2008, 7:30 PM,** AHUJA AUDITORIUM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Multicultural performance event celebrates its fifth anniversary with a special appearance by the Abhinava Dance Company of India. Students and friends of Hathaway Brown School showcase their talents as they entertain and expose audiences to different cultures and art forms. Proceeds benefit the Joti Sawhny '92 Memorial Fund, which supports programs in diversity education. Tickets: \$10. INFO: 216-320-8796, EX. 7166.

**Oct. 11: Red Raider Day, 2 PM,** RUSSELL RUPP STADIUM, SHAKER HIGH. Shaker, Get Pumped! Get the red out and cheer the football team to victory!

**Oct. 14: No-Charge Introductory Computer Classes, 9-10:30 AM AND 11 AM-12:30 PM,** FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Free introductory computer classes to whet your electronic appetite. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 15: Choir Concert, 7 PM,** SHAKER HIGH. Uplifting voices entertain.



**Oct. 16, 17, 18 & 19: Friends of the Library Book Sale, 4-8 PM,** MAIN LIBRARY. Bargains in books for bibliophiles at the Friends members' preview sale. If you are not a Friend, you can join at the door for first dibs on good books. Sale continues from 9 am-4 pm Oct. 17 and Oct. 18. Sunday Bag Sale Oct. 19 from 1-3 pm. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Oct. 16: N.O.B.S. Forum & Advanced Film Screening, 7 PM,** LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Watch the documentary, *Paperback Dreams*, about two independent bookstores in California—Cody's Books and Kepler's Books. The film is due to air on PBS in November. (Since the making of this film Cody's Books has closed, but Kepler's is still open.) \$3/person. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**Oct. 17: High School PTO Meeting with the Principal, 7:30-9 AM,** SHAKER HIGH. *Go to the head of the class.* Meet Principal Michael Griffith and other parents. INFO: 216-295-4200.

**Oct. 18: Sweetest Day Celebration, 2 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BANCH. Children learn the origins of Sweetest Day, make a craft and enjoy a tasty sweet. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 19: Annual All-School Open House, 1:30-3:30 PM,** HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD. Students of all grade levels are invited to visit with their parents. Learn more about the academic programs; tour the buildings and campus, meet students and faculty, get answers to all your questions and more. INFO: 216-320-8767.

**Oct. 20: Word Processing Class, 9:30-11:30 AM,** FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn to create, edit and change the appearance of documents, resumes, reports and letters in eight weeks for \$60. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.



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**Oct. 20: Digital Photography Class, 1-3 PM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn to upload pictures from your camera to the screen or to edit and print them in four weeks for \$40. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 21: Excel Class, 9:30-11:30 AM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn to create and edit spreadsheets in eight weeks for \$60. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 21: Basic Computer Skills Classes, 1-3 PM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Get the basics of computing in four weeks for \$40. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 22: Meet the Author: Lynda Durant, 7 PM**, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Meet an Ohio children's author who writes historical fiction. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 22: Computer Applications, 1-3 PM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn about today's world of technology in eight weeks for \$60. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 23: Genealogy Using Online Search Techniques, 1-3 PM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Learn how to dig up your roots electronically in eight weeks for \$60. INFO: TOM CERJAK, 216-421-1350.

**Oct. 23: Theatre Ensemble Preview, 8 PM**, SHAKER HIGH. INFO: 216-295-4258.

**Oct. 23: Bloomsday & Austeniana Book Clubs, 7 PM**, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD. Bloomsday Book Club continues with James Joyce's *Ulysses*, now past the half-way mark, while the Austeniana Club discusses some popular spin-off sequels by Julia Barrett including *The Third Sister* and *Presumption*. Newcomers welcome. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**Oct. 24 & 25: Tower of Treasures Eighth Annual Juried**

**Arts and Crafts Show, NOON-8 PM**, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF GREATER CLEVELAND, 3630 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. More than 66 artisans sell quality items to suit all your Holiday shopping. \$2/person. Saturday hours: 9 am-4 pm. INFO: [www.firstbaptistcleveland.org](http://www.firstbaptistcleveland.org).

**Oct. 24: Enchanted Forest, 5:30-8:30 PM**, NATURE CENTER. A non-scary alternative to the spooky season. Activities include Make-Your-Own-Caramel Apple, Face Painting, Bring-Your-Own Pumpkin Carving station, music, organic snacks and beverages and friendly campfires. Fees: \$15/adult member (\$20/ nonmember); \$5/child member 12 & under (\$10 non-member); no charge for children 2 & under. Proceeds benefit the Nature Center's operations including habitat restoration. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**Oct. 25: Halloween Trek, 2-4:30 PM**, THORNTON PARK. Enjoy a candy scavenger hunt, stroller derby, Flower the Clown, and pumpkin painting. Wear your favorite costume and peek at the pumpkin people. Refreshments served. INFO: 216-491-1295.

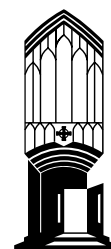
**Oct. 27: Halloween Storytelling, 7 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Bring the kiddies in costumes and treat them to Halloween stories and snacks. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 28: Shaker Heights 101: From Family Farms to Suburbia 2008, 7 PM**, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM. Sabine Kretzschmar, Shaker Historical Society executive director and Meghan Hays, Shaker Heights Public Library Local History librarian continue their series on the "garden city" with a particular focus on the early settlers of Fairmount and Chagrin boulevards. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**Oct. 29: Internet and E-mail Class, 9:30-11:30 AM**, FAIRHILL CENTER, 12200 FAIRHILL RD. Get electronic and



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**Oct. 29: Art, 10 AM OR 11 AM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 2-4) with a grown-up use different art media to learn about colors, design and textures and create a new page for their own personal portfolios. \$45/5-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Oct. 30: Play Date on Ice, 11:30 AM-1 PM**, THORNTON PARK. Activities include skating, snow on ice, craft, snack and costume contest. Fees: \$5/child; \$1/adult (includes skate rental) INFO: 216-491-1295.

**Oct. 30: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM**, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Poets perform their original poetry. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Oct. 31: T-Shirt Design Contest Deadline**, NATURE CENTER. The Nature Center is looking for young designers, age 16 and under, to create a fun T-shirt design that showcases the Nature Center's mission to conserve nature, connect people with nature and inspire environmental stewardship. The winner's design will be silk-screened onto T-shirts and sold in the Duck Pond gift shop. Submit sketches on 8-1/2" x 11" paper using magic markers only. Limit of 2 sketches per entrant. INFO: 216-321-5935.

**Oct. 31: Halloween Trick or Treat** on Shaker Streets, **6-8 PM**. Elementary schools have Halloween parades at 2:30 PM. *Shaker's fine elementary brigade is dressed in costumes.*

## Events for November

**Nov. 1: Meet American Girl® Doll, Kaya, 2 PM**, MAIN LIBRARY. Listen to a passage from her book and make a craft from Kaya's era. INFO: 216-991-2030.

**Nov. 3: Wood Working for Boys & Girls, 4 PM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 4-8) with a grown-up learn to use tools safely while assembling pre-cut wood kits as well as building projects from scrap wood. \$58/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Nov. 4: Election Day.** Make your voice heard: Vote! Shaker Schools CLOSED for a Professional Day. (Shaker Library holds a Mock Election for children under 18.)

**Nov. 4: Music in the Morning, 9:30 AM OR 10:30 AM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Infants to age 3 and their parents can experience the joy of music through group singing, finger-plays and experimentation with instruments and dance. \$60/6-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Nov. 5: Kids Cooking, 4:15 PM**. HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Young children (ages 3-8) with a grown-up can prepare simple wholesome recipes. \$58/4-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.

**Nov. 6: Roller Skating, 4 PM**, HANNA PERKINS CENTER FOR CHILD DEVELOPMENT PARENT/CHILD RESOURCE CENTER, 19910 MALVERN RD. Children (ages 3-8) with a grown-up can learn how to roller skate safely. Beginning skills include learning how to get up from the floor, rolling forward and picking up one foot at a time. \$57.50/5-week session. INFO: KAREN GOULANDRIS, 216-929-0201.



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**Nov. 6: Women's Fall Athletic Awards, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** *Pom poms for glamazons!* Shaker's young women are recognized for their sporting contributions. INFO: 295-4200.

**Nov. 7: November Visitation Day, 8:15 AM-1:30 PM, HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 NORTH PARK BLVD.** Girls in grades 5-12 are invited to meet the students, faculty and administrators, attend classes and tour the school. Optional program and school tour for parents 8:30-9:30 am. Reservations required. INFO: 216-320-8767.

**Nov. 8: Family Fun Day, 10 AM-NOON, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** Family opportunity to play historic games, create craft projects and explore the museum's many resources. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**Nov. 8: Soldiers and Scribes, 2 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** A panel of veterans and authors share their combat experiences and speak about their books followed by a reception and book signings. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Nov. 10: Shaker Band Boosters, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH BAND ROOM.**

**Nov. 11: Hats Off!, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM.** Hats were originally a status symbol and have since become more functional and protective as headgear. This exhibit, on display through January 25, features a selection of bonnets adorned with ribbons and feathers, Shaker bonnets, and other hats worn throughout the 20th century. INFO: 216-921-1201.

**Nov. 11: 11th Grade College Planning Night, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** INFO: EILEEN BLATTNER, 216-295-4213.

**Nov. 12: Fall Orchestra Concert, 7:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH.**

**Nov. 12: Poetry Back in the Woods, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Poets share their poems. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Nov. 13: Fall Band Concert, 7 PM, SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.** Middle school students perform.

**Nov. 13: Knit Night, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Needle little help on a knitting project? Drop in and get or give help. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Nov. 13: Gene's Jazz Hot: In Concert, 7-9 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Call it swing, call it jazz, just call it a night to enjoy the sounds of a hometown favorite band with Gene Epstein on bass, Seth Rosen on guitar and mandolin, Bill Kenney on clarinet, and the vocals of Peggi Cella. Donations for the band gladly accepted. INFO: 216-795-9800.

**Nov. 14: Conference Day.** Shaker Schools closed.

**Nov. 14: Family Pajama Night, 7:30-9 PM, THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA.** Come in your flannel PJs for pizza, a movie, popcorn and skating. FEES & INFO: 216-491-1290.

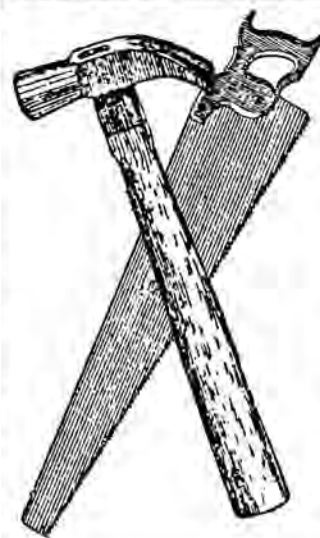
**Nov. 17: Conference Day.** Shaker elementary and middle schools closed.

**Nov. 17: Pajama Stories, 7 PM, BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH.** Star light, star bright, take 'em to the library for stories tonight. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Nov. 18: Men's Fall Athletic Awards Night, 6:30 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** *Drumbeats for athletic feats.* Shaker's young men are recognized for their sporting contributions. INFO: 216-295-4200.

**Nov. 19: How to Play Sports in College, 7 PM, SHAKER HIGH.** Want to take your game to the next level? Find out how. INFO: LINDA TAYLOR, 216-72-2939.

**Nov. 20: N.O.B.S. Forums, 7 PM, LOGANBERRY BOOKS, 13015 LARCHMERE BLVD.** Renee Alley discusses McGuffey's



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**Nov. 20: Choral Concert, 7:30 PM,** SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

**Nov. 21: Poinsettia Place: A Unique Holiday Boutique, 9 AM-4 PM,** SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB, 3300 COURTLAND BLVD. Tired of crowded department stores and look-alike gifts? Combine holiday shopping with a fun outing to benefit a good cause. Proceeds support The Junior League of Cleveland and its community projects, which include Be Fit Be Fine Community Forum, Immediate Impact, Cleveland Children's Museum and the League's Scholarship Fund. Tickets for noon luncheon featur-

ing keynote speaker Sandra Pianalto, President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, cost \$45/person. Tickets for 6:30-9:30 pm Cocktail Party and shopping cost \$30/person. INFO: MARY AMJAD, 216-409-0980.

**Nov. 22: Poinsettia Place and The Twigbee Shop, 9 AM-1 PM,** SHAKER HEIGHTS COUNTRY CLUB, 3300 COURTLAND BLVD. Holiday shopping for adults featuring a variety of vendors offering antiques and collectibles plus a children's holiday shopping boutique sponsored by The JLC, Inc. Admission: \$2. Tickets for 10:30 am Grand Brunch cost \$42/adult and \$25/child under 12 years. INFO: MARY AMJAD, 216-409-0980.

**Nov. 24: Meet the Author: Eric Greitens, 7 PM,** BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH. Navy Seal, White House Fellow, humanitarian, photojournalist speaks on courage and resil-

ency and signs his book, *Strength & Compassion*, a photojournalistic journey across the globe documenting the lives of children in war-torn areas. INFO: 216-991-2421.

**Nov. 26-28: Thanksgiving Recess.** Shaker Schools closed.

**Nov. 27: Thanksgiving.** City offices, schools and libraries closed.

**Nov. 28, 29 & 30: Larchmere Holiday Stroll,** LARCHMERE BLVD. Seeking something original for this year's gift giving? Beat feet to the boulevard for the 35th Annual Thanksgiving weekend shopping spree. Experience nostalgic horse-and-carriage rides up and down the street, hot mulled cider, live music, holiday decor and special holiday sales including books, crafts, antiques and vintage kitsch. INFO: 216-795-9800.



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## In the Circle and Beyond

**Oct. 3-5: Murray Hill Art Walk,** MAYFIELD RD. LITTLE ITALY. Explore the art galleries in Little Italy. Not the Uffizi Gallery, but bella arte and a sense of the old country.

**Oct. 4: Archeology Day, 10 AM-4 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. *Dig this!* Discover the science and fun of archaeology through exhibits and hands-on activities, demos and kid-friendly activities. FEES & INFO: 216-231-4600.

**Oct. 10: Tremont Art Walk, 6-10 PM.** Enjoy the galleries in Cleveland's Tremont neighborhood.

**Oct. 18: Autumn Nocturne, 6 PM,** THE COUNTRY CLUB, 2825 LANDER ROAD. CIM Women's Committee presents a gala evening to welcome Joel Smirnoff, the new president of

CIM, who will perform with students. Tickets: \$125-\$250. INFO: 216-791-5000 EX. 360.

**Oct. 19: Fifth Annual Wearable Fashion Show & Boutique,** LAMALFA CONFERENCE CENTER, HOLIDAY INN, 5783 HEISLEY RD, MENTOR. Table boutiques and a fashion show of one-of-a-kind garments, coats, accessories and other imaginative fiber wearables for day and evening. INFO: LAURA ANDREWS, 216-707-2265.

**Oct. 19: SimchaPalooza & 14th Annual Bar/Bat Mitzvah Showcase, 11 AM-3 PM,** SAMMY'S AT LEGACY VILLAGE, 24723 CEDAR RD. The Greater Cleveland Chapter of Hadassah presents a dynamic opportunity for people planning any type of celebration to meet vendors from the entertainment, invitation and hospitality industries as well as event planners and photographers to help plan the perfect simcha event. It includes a Mitzvah market place; tabletop showcase; and

silent auction. Free. INFO: SALLY HIRSH OR JULIE FELDER, 216-468-0195 OR [www.cleveland.hadassah.org](http://www.cleveland.hadassah.org).

**Oct. 19: SpiritHeal Institute's Global Water Blessing, 11 AM,** HOLIDAY DOCK, 1800 SCRANTON RD., CLEVELAND. In conjunction with the 2008 Great Lakes Bioneers/Cleveland Conference, the Water Blessing helps attune people to the living being of water, the source of all life on our planet. Free. Rain or Shine! INFO: [www.globalwaterblessing.com](http://www.globalwaterblessing.com).

**Oct. 21: Writers Center Stage, 7:30 PM,** OHIO THEATRE AT PLAYHOUSE SQUARE. David McCullough, two-time Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award winning author and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, speaks. His latest book, *1776*, a New York Times bestseller, has been called a "classic," and his acclaimed biography, *John Adams*, was a seven-part mini-series on HBO. Tickets: \$30/person. INFO: 216-749-9486.



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**Oct. 22: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Dr. Earl Ertman, professor emeritus of the University of Akron, speaks on "KV-63," the first tomb found in the Valley of the Kings since the discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922. Reception with speaker follows lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR 216-932-8132.

**Oct. 25: BOO-Tanical Bash, 5:30-8:30 PM,** CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. Special evening of ghosts and goblins for all ages. Come in costume, play games, make crafts, and trick-or-treat. Fee: \$10/member child; \$13/non-member child; \$7.50/member adult; \$10/nonmember adult. INFO: 216-721-1600 ex.100.

**Oct. 25 & 26: The Great Pumpkin Express, 12:25 PM,** ROCKSIDE STATION, 7900 OLD ROCKSIDE RD. INDEPENDENCE. Ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad to Peninsula and visit Heritage Farms for a special Halloween experience. Activities for the young and young-at-heart. Tickets: \$25/adults; \$20/seniors; \$12/children ages 3-12. Ages 2 & under free. INFO: 800-468-4070.

**Oct. 26: Conversation: The Splendor of Graphic Novelist Harvey Pekar, 1:45 PM,** BERTRAM INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER, 600 N. AURORA RD. Join Harvey Pekar, creator of *American Splendor*, and Wendy Wasman, local expert on Jewish graphic novels, for a stimulating and visual conversation about art, storytelling and the comic medium. \$15 non-members/\$10 members. INFO: 216-593-0575.

**Oct. 31 & Nov. 8: A Day of Luxury, 10 AM-4:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. Enjoy lectures and tours complementing the exhibit, *Artistic Luxury: Fabergé, Tiffany, Lalique* on exhibit from Oct. 19-Jan. 18. All-day seminar. \$135/person; \$100/CMA members includes lunch & parking. INFO: 216-421-7340.

**Nov. 1: Harvest Wreath Workshop, 10 AM-NOON,** CLEVELAND BOTANICAL GARDEN, 11030 EAST BLVD. Celebrated designer Charles Phillips helps you create a wreath or centerpiece using fall leaves, berries and dried botanicals. All levels welcome, materials included. \$60/members; \$67/non-members. INFO: 216-721-1600 EX. 100.

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**Nov. 2 & 9: Families Learning Together: Luxurious Creations, 2-3:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 11150 EAST BLVD. Two-session class provides a deeper level of understanding of the *Artistic Luxury* exhibit through gallery visits, discussion, and hands-on learning. A different project each week focuses on the lavish creations of Fabergé, Tiffany, and Lalique. \$20/per person for the series. INFO: 216-421-7340.

**Nov. 2: Cleveland Youth Wind Symphonies I & II 20th Anniversary Concert, 3 PM,** SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Performances under the music direction of Gary M. Ciepluch. Tickets: \$5/\$15/\$25. INFO: 216-231-1111.

**Nov. 4: CityMusic Cleveland, 7:30 PM,** FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Conductor

James Gaffigan and cellist Joshua Roman present the Schumann Cello Concerto, along with ballet music from Mozart's opera, "Idomeneo," and Beethoven's 2nd Symphony. INFO: 216-321-5800.

**Nov. 8: CityMusic Cleveland Children's Program, 3 PM,** FAIRMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 2757 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. James Gaffigan, Music Director Sergei Prokofief: "Peter & the Wolf" with Okantah, The Muntu Kuntu Energy Poet as narrator. Benjamin Britten: Simple Symphony. INFO: 216-321-5800.

**Nov. 11, 13, 18 & 20: Kid's Stuff: Superheroes Fantasy Workshops, 3:30-5 PM,** MALTZ MUSEUM 2929 RICHMOND RD. Kids ages 7-11 have fun in a rock'em, sock'em fun-filled workshop combining creative movement, costume making and the-

atrical games led by Art House artist/educator Melissa Nilsen. 60/\$50 members. INFO: 216-593-0575.

**Nov. 12: Cleveland Archaeology Society Lecture, 7:30 PM,** CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL, UNIVERSITY CIRCLE. Professor Marcello Barbanera from the University of Rome speaks about Greece. Reception with speaker follows lecture. Free. INFO: 216-231-4600 OR 216-932-8132.

**Nov. 28: Big Top Boulevard,** WESTERN RESERVE HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 10825 EAST BLVD. Come one, come all to the circus exhibit that opens with fanfare, jugglers and magic! Enjoy the St. Ignatius Circus Co. from 1-2 pm and marvel at the 40-foot long display of the Wilson Bros. Miniature Circus. INFO: 216-721-5722. ■

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## Sweet Sorrow

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Many Shaker parents are lucky enough to send their children off to college, watching with pride as their savings go toward major-of-the-month academic plans (“But Dad, this time I’m sure I want to be a dentist. Or a lawyer.”) and all-night keggers. Other Shaker parents are even luckier and get to experience the college send-off years earlier, as their high school-age children depart for semesters away at places called The Olde Mountain School or The Sandy Islande School or The Really Expensive Once-In-A-Lifetime-Opportunity-So-Pay-Up-Or-Else School.

Regardless of destination, all such departures share common logistical and emotional challenges:

**Planning:** The most important tool for remote academic success, Shaker Man soon learns from his wife and daughter, is the humble credit card, which can be used to buy an entire new wardrobe (“I can’t wear those!”), a raft of academic supplies, including laptop (“You want me to email, don’t you?”), and various dorm accoutrements (“Well I’m sure I don’t know why they can’t provide me with a desk lamp for \$2 billion in tuition. Should I ask them?”)

The process is complicated by parental separation anxiety, in which marginal purchases (new iPod with seven trillion Flugigabytes of storage, complete hardbound set of Shakespeare’s collected works) are justified by exaggerated parental guilt (“You know, we never bought her a

(dog, piano, car) even though she (was allergic, didn’t play, isn’t old enough to drive). And now she’s leaving!”).

**Packing:** This simplest of tasks uncovers everyone’s hidden emotions in the week leading up to lift-off. The departing student (call her “15”) asks approximately 13,712 questions such as whether she’ll need jeans (yes); will it be OK if she wears jeans (yes); and can she safely wash the jeans (YES!).

The remaining sibling (call him “11”) asks approximately 13,712 questions about whether he’s getting a laptop, too (no); can he use her room for a private gaming den (no); and can he delete her password and login from the family computer (NO!).

Parents tear up looking at piles of random junk handed to them by 15 (“Can you (fix, file, throw away) this (bracelet, report card, third-grade Diorama) and ask the same question approximately 13,712 times: “Are you sure you don’t want this?”

**Driving:** One of the lesser known laws of physics states that no matter how large a vehicle you use to take your child to a remote school, the volume of his or her luggage, supplies, books, stuffed animals, stockpiled snacks (e.g., the Super-Duper Warehouse Club 55-gallon drum of pretzels), etc., will be larger by a factor of 10.

“Where will I sit?” asks 11.

“But I have more stuff!” says 15.

“We look like the Beverly Hillbillies,” says Shaker Man.

“The who?” say 15 and 11 simultaneously.

“You’ll look good in that hat,” says Ms. Shaker Man, waving her hand that everyone should get in the car. “Drive, Jed.”

**Dropping Off:** After 11 mind- and backside-numbing hours on the road (punctuated by endless cringe-inducing observations by parents that “This could be the last (trip, dinner, donut) we ever (take, share, pig out on) as a family again.”), the crew arrives on-site only to find out from 15 that they aren’t allowed to unload the van, at least not all at once.

“I have too much stuff,” she says.

“Sweetie, I’m sure that all the kids—”

“I HAVE TOO MUCH STUFF!”

What follows is a stealth unloading process, with each family member in turn sneaking a pillow here, a piece of massive luggage there. Three hours of surreptitious carrying later, the room is indeed packed – but looks amazingly homey.

“I think I’m going to like it here,” says 15 as her parents tear up again. “I mean, I’m going to miss you...”

“You’re going to have a great time,” says Shaker Man.

“We’re so proud of you,” says his wife.

“I’m going to miss you, too,” says 11. “But maybe if I could use your room while you’re gone...” ■



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