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Shaker's Warrensville West Cemetery holds the early history of the City. Now it's getting much-needed care to restore that visual history.



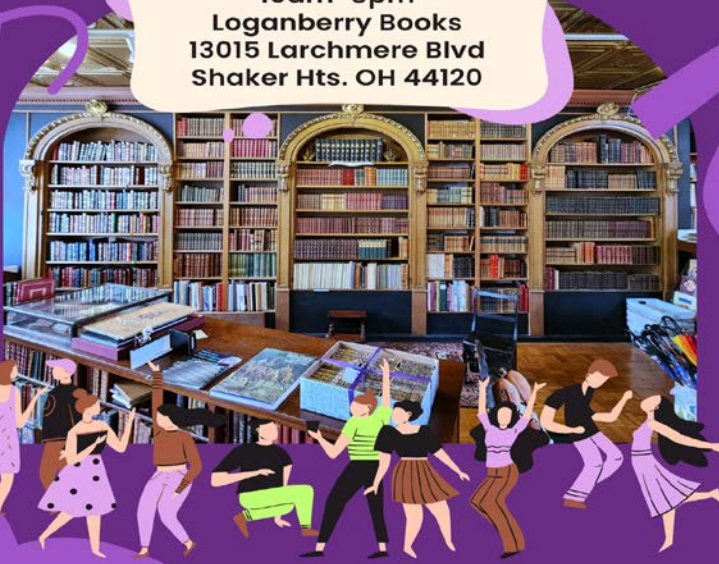
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Rising From the Ashes...Literally

Fall 2020

In 2020, two years after a devastating fire, the Fernway Elementary School reopened as a state-of-the-art learning center symbolizing the power of a City coming together for a common purpose. Fernway stands proudly as the first “new” school building in Shaker Heights in more than 60 years.



Improving Upon the Classics

Summer 2023

Like many homes in Shaker Heights, the thoughtfully crafted house at 22469 Fairmount Boulevard has built-in bookshelves, beautiful moldings, window seats, and hardwood floors. But this house is not part of Shaker’s historic housing stock: it’s a brand-new modern-farmhouse style home.



Bringing Him Home

Fall 2023

With the opening of his latest Ninja City location at the Van Aken District’s Market Hall in 2023, restaurateur Dylan Fallon’s career has just about come full circle. “It’s really cool to be home and be able to bring something unique and new to Shaker.”

Shaker City News



Recreation Strategic Plan

It's not too late to share your ideas for recreation in Shaker

Community engagement in the City's Recreation Strategic Planning process continues with a virtual meeting on Monday, December 2, 6-7pm and an in-person event on Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-8:30pm in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building. Residents are encouraged to attend and bring ideas and questions.

In July and August, residents turned out for a virtual meeting, an in-person meeting, as well as several "pop-up" tables in the community to learn about the Recreation Strategic Plan and share their views. The Plan, due to be finalized and presented to the City in the spring, will set the stage for future recreation investments throughout Shaker.

Learn more about the process and find a link to the virtual meeting at shakerheightsoh.gov/RecreationPlan. Share your ideas on the interactive website at shakerheightsoh.gov/RecreationPlan-input or use the QR code below.





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Youth Center Welcomes New Executive Director



In May Shaker Heights Youth Center welcomed a new executive director, Shaker resident Karen Carter. She succeeds long-time executive director John Lisy.

A licensed independent social worker, Carter was most recently executive director at Fostering Hope, a Cleveland-based organization with a mission to serve youth who live in residential treatment and foster care. Carter grew up in Shaker and returned nine years ago with her husband and three children. “We’re happy to call Shaker home,” she says.

In her new role, Carter hopes “to build upon the wonderful legacy of prevention services that the Shaker Heights Youth Center has provided the community for the past 54 years by continuing and adapting our services to meet the most prevalent needs of our youth. We have a community that really cares about seeing all youth thrive and I am looking forward to working with so many caring community members, organizations, and City entities to achieve our mission.”

Record of Caring

Hired in 1996, Lisy holds the record as the longest-serving executive director in the agency’s history. Looking back over that tenure, he says, “What stands out to me the most is the work of the students in the P.E.E.R.S. Program (Positive Engagement Encouraging Resilience in Shaker). They analyze the social issues within the Shaker community and schools and develop a questionnaire to gather data from other

students and community members, and then present that data to the community. Over the years, they’ve come up with some interesting and positive solutions to some of the issues facing people in the schools and the community.”

Another of the agency’s important contributions to the community is the summer jobs program. “That was run by Sharon Bell, who also retired this year,” notes Lisy. “We worked with Youth Opportunities Unlimited to provide 50 to 100 summer jobs for Shaker residents. That, to me, is important to many of these youths, because it’s their first job.”

Bell, a licensed social worker, says the most gratifying part of her job was working with young people.

“There are a number of young adults that I had the pleasure of working with throughout their adolescent years. So many now are wonderful and productive and giving back to society,” she says. She runs into them all over town. “I love the fact that they still recognize me and remember the time spent in youth activities. Social work doesn’t pay a lot of money but you get a lot of gratification at seeing the positive impacts you have on lives, particularly young lives.”

Also retiring this past year was Agency Administrator Harriet Lyons, who served for 26 years. She oversaw day-to-day administration of the Center as it grew from a fledgling agency to a community fixture.

The Shaker Youth Center is funded in part by the City of Shaker Heights and the Shaker Heights City School District.

“We have a community that really cares about seeing all youth thrive.”



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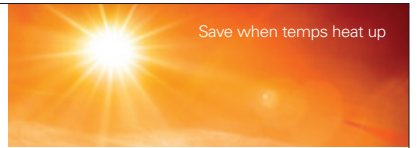
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City Names New Public Works Director



Ramona Lowery-Ferrell has joined the City staff as director of public works. She succeeds Patricia Speese, who retired in April after more than 20 years with the City. Lowery-Ferrell served most recently as commissioner of the City of Cleveland, Division of Water Pollution Control (WPC).

“As a long-time resident of the Ludlow neighborhood, civil engineer, career public servant, and leader of a large and complex public utility department, Ramona brings all the background, skills, and judgement needed to lead Shaker’s Department of Public Works,” says Mayor David Weiss. “Shaker residents have high expectations for City services. I am confident under Ramona’s leadership the department will continue to meet those expectations.”

With 84 year-round and 10 seasonal employees, the Department of Public Works is responsible for managing animal control, forestry, ice and snow removal, public grounds and parks, recycling, refuse, and other waste materials, sanitary and storm sewers, streets and sidewalks.

This appointment represents a return to Shaker government for Lowery-Ferrell, who served as sewer

superintendent and project manager in Shaker from 2005 through 2008. In the years since, she has held positions of increasing responsibility and authority, including eight years at Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District.

Among many professional affiliations, Lowery-Ferrell serves as a trustee of the Shaker Schools Foundation and the Doan Brook Watershed Partnership. Earlier this year, she received the Unsung Hero Award from the Cleveland branch of the NAACP, in recognition of her mentorship of young engineers through the National Society of Black Engineers.

A graduate of Shaker Heights High School, Lowery-Ferrell earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Cleveland State University and a dual master’s degree in business administration and public administration from the University of Phoenix.

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Note from Colleen: Listening Project Exceeds Expectations; City Hires Diversity Coordinator

*By Colleen Jackson, Chief Diversity,
Equity and Inclusion Officer*



The City of Shaker Heights continues to make great strides in its diversity, equity and inclusion efforts.

In May nearly 100 residents participated in a Town Hall event that launched the community-wide Listening Project. Using a tabletop conversation format, residents and officers from the Shaker Heights Police Department shared viewpoints and experiences on safety and policing in Shaker Heights. Topics included:

- > What community members wished the police knew about their neighborhoods
- > What police wished residents knew about their jobs
- > Thoughts and feelings about the stories shared at the table
- > Ideas on how to strengthen the relationships among police and community members

The collected responses will be included in the final Listening Project report, to be presented this fall by the strategic planning consulting firm Strategy Matters. Additional events – virtual and in-person focus groups – were held in July and August to deepen the conversation on safety, policing, and any perceived bias in the City of Shaker Heights.

To assist with this ambitious undertaking, the City recently hired Jonathan Ballom as diversity



coordinator. His experience in mental health social services, community engagement, and project management serves him well in this position. Ballom is responsible for scheduling, marketing, and logistical planning for community engagement events as well as tracking and managing project progress and outcomes. Welcome, Jonathan!

Last but not least, the City has appointed members to a new Community Advisory Group (CAG). The role of the CAG is to advise the mayor, police chief, chief administrative officer, and city council on implementing recommendations from the Listening Project; police policies and practices; operation and expansion of the mental health response program; and community engagement efforts by both police and mental health professionals. The newly appointed members are: Orlando Alvarez, Jr., Greg Bonanno, George Coulter, David Crampton, Vicki Elder, Andrew Geronimo, Ethan Khorana, Kathleen Knoll-Frey, Marc Lubline, Corbyn Martz, Mark Munetz, Ken Prabucki, Lozell Siler, Jeremy Wanton, and Jon Wilham.

Here's to a great fall season as we continue to expand our community interaction. Feel free to email me at colleen.jackson@shakerheightsoh.gov or Ballom at Jonathan.ballom@shakerheightsoh.gov.

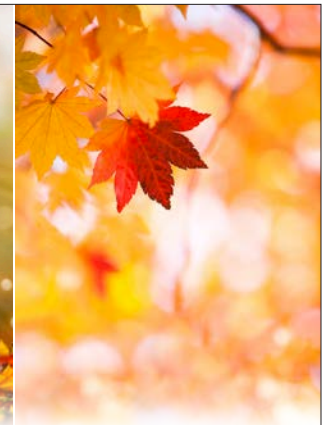
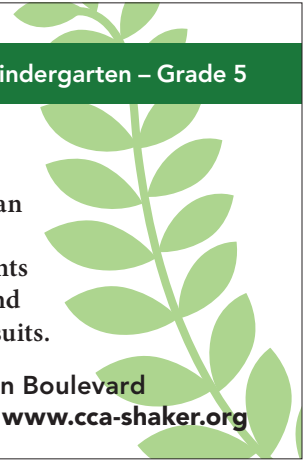
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Living in Shaker Heights

f Neighbor #1 Scorpacciata Pasta Company: Been there once, going back soon. **Neighbor #2** Such a wonderful addition to the Larchmere restaurant row! Don't miss out on the deliciously made from scratch menu! Dishing on the fabulous dishes! **Neighbor #3** It's now on our permanent rotation! Cool vibe, amazing food, and professional staff - love it! **Neighbor #4** We ordered 5 menu items for take out a few weeks ago. Every item was a five-star plus! In a short time they have become our go-to restaurant and we are very happy. **Neighbor #5** Yum!



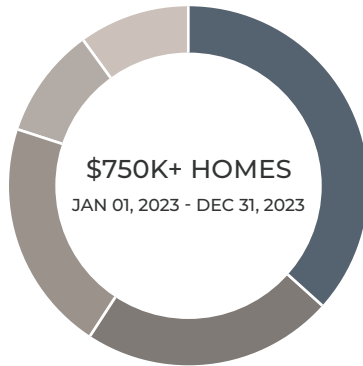
Shaker Heights Police Department

f Neighbor #1 (Shaker Safety Day) was a good time **Shaker Heights Police Department** Thank you. **Neighbor #2** My boys had fun! **Shaker Heights Police Department** Glad to hear. We are looking forward to doing it even better next year.

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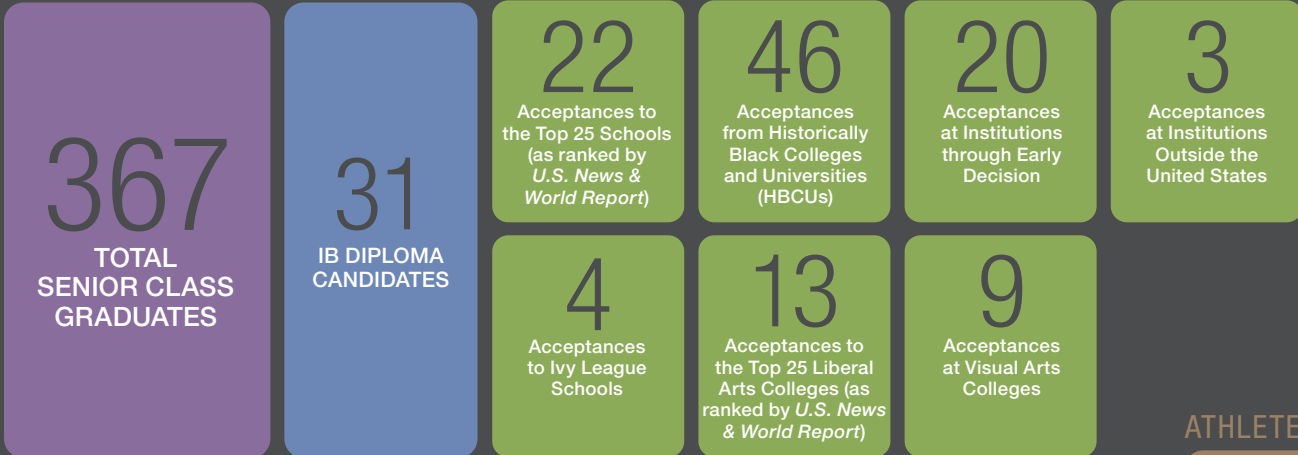
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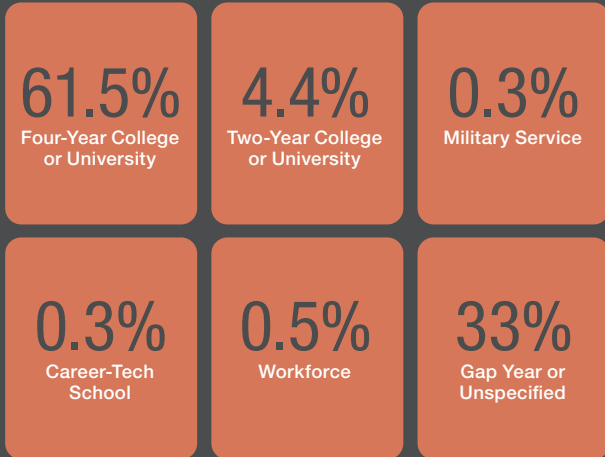
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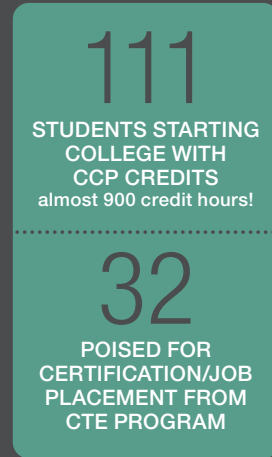
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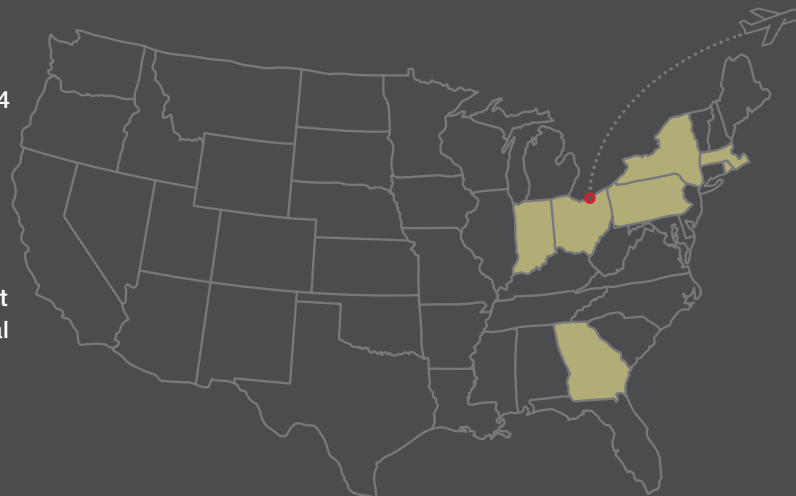


WHERE THEY'RE HEADED

A majority of the Class of 2024 is staying in Ohio, while

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of students will be going out of state, including one student who will be going international





Dear Friends,

The Shaker Schools Foundation is proud to enrich the educational experience for students and teachers alike. We are busy – providing grants for teachers and classrooms, opportunities for students, and planning events to make more support possible.

Fall is a great time for reflection and expressing gratitude. During the last school year, the Shaker Schools Foundation's generous donors allowed us to support every student, every grade and every school. I'm pleased to share a few of the many projects and events we were thrilled to be a part of during the 2023-2024 school year. The focus was on classroom learning, innovative teaching, opportunity assistance, and career exploration.

- > The Foundation was a funding partner with the District for the launch of two new courses:
 - The High School Fashion Design class received 18 sewing machines, a serger, dress forms and supplies, plus materials for the year-end fashion show.
 - The Middle School Design course on food sustainability was outfitted with dehydrators and label printers.
- > Technology enhancements were provided in the High School's Machining & Advanced Manufacturing Course, including a Bridgeport mill and Snap-On precision measurement tools. This equipment will provide students with industry certifications and marketable skills.
- > Over 200 students received support for youth sports and other extracurricular activities through Level the Playing Field and Beyond the Desk opportunity scholarships.
- > 40 High School students received travel assistance of over \$56,000 for international experiences in Costa Rica, Vietnam, Japan, Goslar, and South Africa. Need-based assistance was also provided for sixth-grade camperships and the eighth-grade Washington, D.C., trip.
- > The following organizations and companies partnered with us to benefit our students and teachers: ACE (Architecture, Construction, Engineering) Mentoring, MAGNET Early College, Early Career, CWRU School of Medicine, Kent State School of Fashion, OSU Wooster College of Food, Agriculture and Environmental Science, NC3 - National Coalition of Certification Centers, University Hospitals, Gent Machining, and MWW1.
- > Shaker community members and alumni reconnected at many events and celebrations, including the Onaway Centennial, Woodbury Community Celebration, MLK programming, SGORR reunion, SHHS reunion tours, alumni happy hours, and Shaker Schools Alumni Hall of Fame.
- > For the first time, the Foundation's 2024 annual benefit, *A Night for the Red & White*, was held at the High School and was enjoyed by over 500 patrons. The funds raised will support buildings and projects in this school year. Stay tuned for more details about our next event on March 8, 2025, at the Agora, which has been renovated recently.

The past year was a wonderful year of growth and learning for our Shaker students, due to the support of our Shaker community. Thank you! We're looking forward to an equally successful 2024-2025. Please contact me if you would like to get involved in our organization as a volunteer, or if you can help us make a career connection that will benefit our students!

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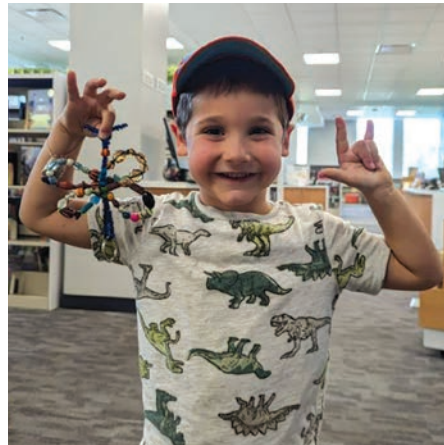
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Shaker Library to Circulate Literacy Kits This Fall

The Shaker Library's Youth Services Department supports literacy for young children with storytimes, decodable readers, and toys and activities in children's areas. Now, the Library is adding one more tool to support caregivers looking to help children learn – literacy kits.

Each kit has been curated by SHPL librarians and will include theme-based educational materials such as books, toys, puzzles, and other learning instruments.

The kits are geared toward children ages 3–5 and will help them learn about a variety of themes. Some will help with skills, such as tying your shoes or using the bathroom. Some will address social-emotional learning topics such as dealing with difficult feelings, navigating bullying, or overcoming the fear of the dentist or

doctor. Finally, other kits will center on popular topics, such as dinosaurs and vehicles.

Research has found providing children from birth to five with consistent language-rich experiences – such as talking, reading, singing, and playing – can have a significant impact on brain development and school preparedness.

Library staff recognize how challenging it can be for some caregivers to diversify the ways they interact with the children in their lives. “I’m a mom, so I can relate. I see these

parents on TikTok making these elaborate sensory bins for their kids, and I don’t always have the time or money to be that inventive,” said Shaker Library Marketing Manager Lyndsey Brennan.

“Our literacy kits are an easy and convenient way to throw new activities and topics into the mix, so we hope caregivers take advantage of them.”

Shaker Library was grateful to purchase the kits with funding from the Libraries Accelerating Learning Grant from the Ohio Department of Education.



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Shaker Library Welcomes New Trustee

Milton Alan Turner joined the Shaker Library Board of Trustees in June, following the departure of Tenille Kaus, who accepted a position on the Shaker Heights City Council. He will complete Kaus' unexpired term, ending in 2029.

Turner is a teacher at Saint Ignatius High School. He earned a Bachelor of Science degree in French and Linguistics from Georgetown University and two master's degrees from Cleveland State University in Educational Technology and in Global Interactions.

He currently serves on the Board of ACTFL, an organization for language educators, as its president-elect and on the AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) Commission on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion.

He is a member of La Maison Française de Cleveland's Board of Directors and is an NAACP Silver Life member. He lives in the Mercer area.

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Read to a Dog Continues This Fall at Shaker Main Library



Did you know that a therapy dog visits Main Library on the last Monday afternoon of each month? School-age children can register for a 15-minute time slot to read to a calm friend with patient, attentive ears.

How can reading to a pet benefit kids?

- > Non-judgmental listeners reduce anxiety and help readers stay motivated.
- > Learning to read fluently requires repetition. Luckily, pets don't mind hearing the same words, paragraphs, and pages over and over.
- > Over time, as readers become comfortable with reading aloud, they'll gain confidence in their reading ability – and with confidence comes enjoyment.

The next sessions take place on October 28 and November 25 from 4-5:30pm. Sign up your child at events.shakerlibrary.org

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Forever Etched in Stone

City leaders and Moreland residents come together for a cornerstone commemoration at Shaker Main Library

Written by **Lyndsey Brennan** | Photography by **Asha Blake**

For most people, the experience of being in elementary school is a pivotal one. You remember your favorite (and not-so-favorite) teachers, your classmates, the hallways, the field days – and how they formed you.

It was important to Moreland’s residents to acknowledge that before the building at the corner of Lee and Van Aken was Shaker Library’s Main Branch, it was their elementary school. So a group of residents worked together with library staff to create a cornerstone and bronze plaque for the building.

On Sunday, August 4, over 100 people gathered to commemorate the laying of the cornerstone and hanging of a plaque, which lists the dates the school was open and the principals who led the school.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments and music from Moreland native Sam Hooper, as well as remarks from former students and Delores Groves, who was the principal at Moreland Elementary from 1980 – 1987, when the school closed.

Attendees also had the opportunity to contribute old photos to a memory board and hear from Shaker Mayor David Weiss and Shaker Schools Superintendent Dr. David Glasner.



Delores Groves (second from the right) poses with her former students, including Darryl Bell (far right).



Top left: The newly installed cornerstone. Bottom left: Attendees react to an amusing story from Delores Groves' days as principal.



Top right: Moreland grad Sam Hooper performs. Bottom right: Delores Groves delivers a powerful speech.

THE CALL FOR A CORNERSTONE

The School District closed Moreland and three other elementary schools in 1987 due to declining enrollment. All four buildings – Ludlow, Malvern, Moreland, and Sussex – were repurposed, and the boundaries for the elementary schools were redrawn to increase diversity. Since then, Moreland neighborhood students have been bused to Mercer Elementary.

Darryl Bell, a 1975 graduate of Moreland Elementary School, is one of the residents who requested that the library install a cornerstone.

“It’s important to me that people know what this building was, because it molded us in childhood. I want people to know the story of our city, and Moreland is part of that, even though the building no longer has that name.”

He adds, “If someone years from now is asking questions about the neighborhood – ‘Who lived here? What did they look like? Why were they bused?’ – we want to give them the pieces to put it together. The cornerstone is one of the pieces.”

Below: Walter Ratcliffe's third grade class photo, 1965. Right: Music students outside Moreland in 1971.



Shaker Library Director Amy Switzer says, "Moreland Elementary was a very important part of our city's history. We don't want to erase what came before. We want to incorporate it into our legacy, into how we tell our story.

I appreciate the Moreland residents who suggested the cornerstone and the plaque. They were the catalysts for helping us recognize what came before."

REMINDING NEW GENERATIONS

Moreland Elementary School was opened in 1926. It served mainly Jewish families in its early years and African American families in its later ones. In the 1960s, many Black families moved out of Cleveland, with its overcrowded schools, and into Shaker Heights, so that by 1969, 95% of the students at Moreland were Black.

"When I started kindergarten at Moreland in 1961, I was the first Black student," says Walter Ratcliffe, a current Fernway resident who graduated from Moreland Elementary in 1967.

"My mother was a spitfire. She was a nurse, the first in her family to go to college, and she always felt education was the key. So she moved our family from Cleveland to Shaker."

Ratcliffe recalls that in his first years, as one of only a few Black students, he felt a little out of place. "But then more students who looked like me enrolled, and I became more comfortable, because I had people who looked like me, talked like me, came from the same background as me," he says.

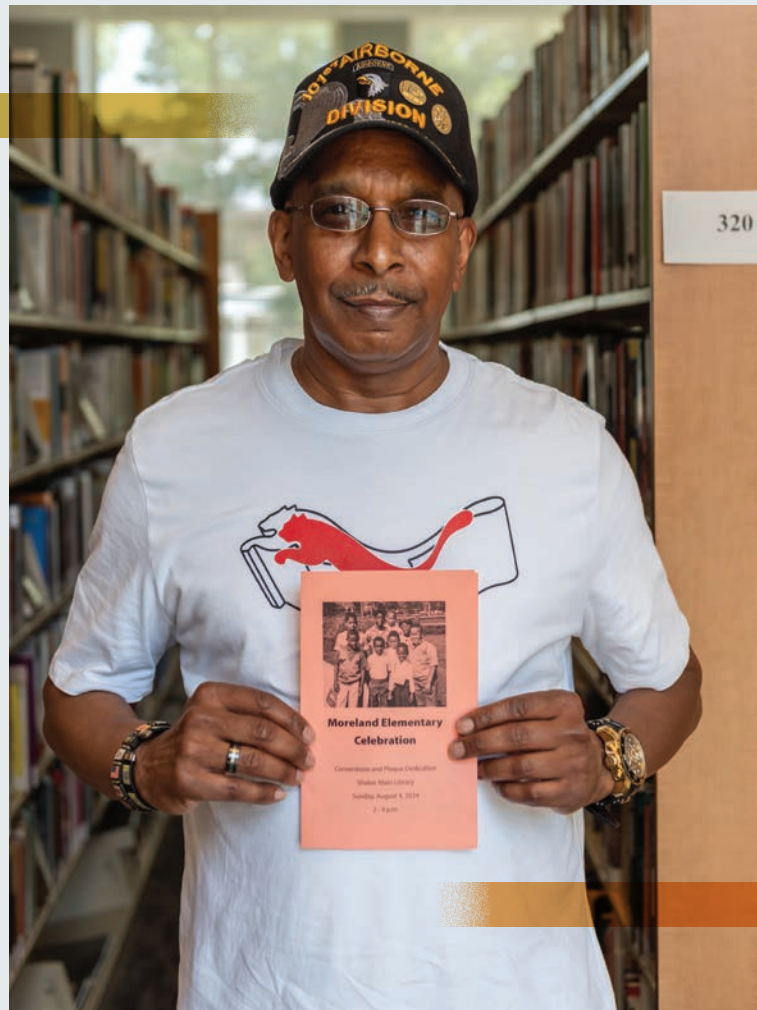
He recalls the camaraderie he and his classmates had, stopping at Glen's on the way home from school to buy candy or playing basketball in the school parking lot on Sunday mornings.



Ratcliffe finds the placing of a cornerstone significant. "In a couple decades, we will all be gone, but the cornerstone will still be here, reminding the new generations this was Moreland Elementary. We just hope that the stories about how great it was will continue on."

Meghan Hays, Local History Librarian at Shaker Library, says that at work, she regularly meets people who went to Moreland Elementary. "They have very good memories of this place, and they want to talk about it. They want to tell me what their teachers' names were, where their classrooms were."

When she takes groups on tours of the building, they point out spots they remember. "The physical space helps to draw those memories out and get them back into active use in a way that pictures can't," she says.



"I think for some people, it's hard to walk into this building and see that it's no longer a school. And that's OK. They're entitled to feel that way."

The school was closed as part of a very challenging set of decisions with many people involved.

"At the time, the library was over in the Stephanie Tubbs Jones Community Building and bursting at the seams. This building sat empty, and for six years, people tried to figure out what reuse it could have. Then the library came in and gave it new life. The building continues to be a center for the entire community. It's not the same as a school, but it does serve a purpose as a community center – and as a community anchor," Hays says.

Bell, the 1975 graduate, agreed. "I think it's great that our school became a library. That's the uniqueness of the situation – the building is still a learning institution."

That's not to say that we should sweep what happened under the rug, says Hays. "I recognize what closing this school meant to this neighborhood. I want to honor that."

She continues, "The Moreland Celebration we hosted is an example of how this community remembers. I'm sure you've heard the saying, 'No, Shaker doesn't have it figured out. But we're willing to talk about it.' We'll never stop talking about it. And that's what makes us different. It's what makes us who we are." **SL**

Lyndsey Brennan is the Communications and Marketing Manager for the Shaker Library

Top left: Belinda West O'Neal points to herself in her 4th grade picture from 1963. Top right: Marvin Pozdol, a former 5th grade teacher at Moreland, holds one of his class photos. Bottom right: James Ferguson holds a Moreland Celebration program, on which he is pictured as a child.

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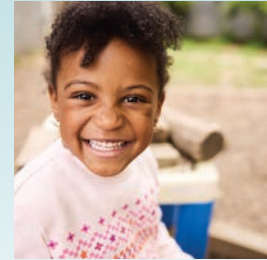
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Answering the Call for Solutions

Written by **Scott Stephens**

Cell phones in classrooms is a hotly debated issue across the country and within the Shaker community. With the help of stakeholder input and expert resources, the Shaker Heights City School District built a new cell phone policy that launched this school year.



When it comes to the use of cell phones in school, the Shaker Heights City School District is practicing addition by subtraction.

Teachers, administrators, parents, and the majority of students agree that the use of cell phones by students is a distraction in the classroom, cafeteria, and hallways. Most concur cell phones have a negative impact on school climate and safety. Many refer to the use of cell phones as an addiction that should be treated as a mental health issue rather than a disciplinary issue.

To them, restricting the use of the ubiquitous devices has a nice ring to it.

"We're really looking at this as a wellness initiative," says Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching Felecia M. Evans. "We are seeing an impact on students' mental health and also teachers' ability to teach and students' ability to learn."

As a result, the 2024-2025 school year marks the start of a new policy dramatically restricting the use of cell phones by students. Its aim: enhance the well-being of students, foster educational engagement, reduce distractions, and promote a focused and safe learning environment. The District's policy states the following:

- Preschool-Grade 5: Cell phones and wearables (such as earbuds and Apple watches) must be turned off and stored in backpacks from arrival to dismissal.
- Grades 6-12: Cell phones and wearables must be turned off and stored in the student's assigned Yondr pouch from arrival to dismissal. The bag is sealed by a magnet that cannot be opened until the school day concludes.
- Exceptions to this policy may be granted by the school administration on a case-by-case basis for health-related reasons, special educational needs, or other significant circumstances.

The Path to a New Policy

The policy was the product of months of research and discussion among a broad range of stakeholder groups. In early 2024, the District convened a district-wide committee and committees at both Shaker Heights Middle School and Shaker Heights High School to explore ideas and gather stakeholder feedback about the use of mobile devices in schools. That effort included staff, administrators, and parents from both the high school and middle school.

Their work included visiting multiple schools where cell phone restrictions had been implemented, and meeting with experts from the medical, mental health, and legal fields to review the latest research and implications around cell phones in school.

Cell Phones and School Emergencies

In theory, cell phones are a vital tool to reporting an emergency. In practice, cell phones can do more harm than good during a school emergency. In fact, cell phones can actually be detrimental to the safety and security of students and staff, experts say.

Kenneth Trump, the founder and head of the National School Safety and Security Services, a private, independent national school safety consulting firm based in Cleveland, says the focus of students during an emergency should be on following the practices and procedures they learned during drills, not on texting home or taking photographs.

"If we're relying on the kids to make 911 calls, we really do have a bigger problem that goes beyond cell phone issues," Trump says. "Cell phones could make a child less safe in a school because it's distracting from their ability to pay 100 percent attention to the directions of adults and follow steps that could save their life."

The National School Safety and Security Services says student use of cell phones impacts school safety in a number of ways:

- Cell phones have been used to make bomb threats, shooting threats, and other threats to schools.

- Cell phones have been used for making threats to individual students, cyberbullying, and instigating fights.
- Cell phone use by students can hamper rumor control and disrupt and delay effective public safety personnel response.
- Cell phone use by students can impede public safety response by accelerating parental and community arrival at the scene of an emergency during times when officials may be attempting to evacuate students to another site.

The organization concludes that the use of cell phones by students and others in the immediate school community could potentially decrease, not increase, school safety during a crisis.



The District also conducted a survey that was sent to all staff, families, and students in grades 3-12. Some 3,000 individuals responded. The results? About 85 percent of the families responding favored cell phone restrictions during the school day. About 92 percent of teachers favored such restrictions, as did 51 percent of support staff such as bus drivers, paraprofessionals, and administrative assistants.

"I think the data says to us that our community wants to do something different," Eric Juli, principal of Shaker Heights High School, told the Board of Education.

Significantly, about 60 percent of students responding to the survey agreed that something should be

done. "As a high school student, I'm not oblivious to what's happening," says junior Bahji Jenkins. "It is a problem and it needs to be addressed."

That kind of candor doesn't surprise educators, who say students – perhaps more than anyone – are aware of the negative effects of cell phones in an educational setting.

"I can say without reservation that I have never seen a more devastating circumstance and condition than access to phones," Emily Geier, a social worker at Shaker Heights Middle School, said at a parent meeting. "I know that all the kids I work with are very much aware and are able to articulate the negative consequences of this. I'm not surprised they favor greater restrictions."

Shaker's policy was developed in conjunction with a growing call across the state for policies guiding the use of cell phones by students during school hours. In May, Gov. Mike DeWine signed into law a bill that will require boards of education to adopt a policy governing the use of cell phones by students during school hours by July 2025.

Superintendent David Glasner said implementing the new policy this school year will give the District time to make any necessary adjustments and share its experience with other districts.



Previous page: About 85 percent of the families responding to a District survey favored cell phone restrictions during the school day. About 92 percent of teachers favored cell phone restrictions. This page: Assistant Superintendent of Learning and Teaching Felecia Evans moderates a panel of educators and other experts during a parent meeting last spring.

The Rising Tide of Cell Phone Restrictions

Three states have recently passed laws banning or restricting cell phone use in schools. In 2024, lawmakers in at least eight states have considered passing legislation to do the same. Earlier this year, Indiana and Ohio passed legislation either limiting cell phone use or requiring districts to establish cell phone policies. Five more states – Oklahoma, Washington, Kansas, Vermont, and Connecticut have introduced similar legislation.

The United States is not alone in its concern.

In August 2023, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) recommended banning smartphones from classrooms to avoid distracting students and disrupting learning. The UNESCO report found that even having a phone nearby when notifications are coming through is enough to break students'

concentration, with one study showing that it can take up to 20 minutes to refocus on learning.

Large-scale international testing data like the Programme for International Student Assessment suggests there is a negative link between excessive technology use and student performance. In fact, proximity to a phone was found to have a negative impact on learning in 14 countries. And removing smartphones from schools in Belgium, Spain, and the UK improved learning outcomes, according to studies cited in the report.



"I don't know of a school not having this conversation right now," Glasner says. "We're a little ahead of the curve."

The Road Ahead

No one expects implementation to be easy, especially at the high school level. Juli says the implementation of an identification badge policy at the high school last school year should provide a valuable trial run for requiring the use of Yondr bags. During one day last May, for instance, only 10 of the high school's 1,500 students neglected to bring their ID badges to school. He expects to have a similar success rate with the use of Yondr pouches.

“There’s no question kids will find work-arounds,” he says. “But the vast majority of kids are going to do the right thing. And when the majority of kids are doing the right thing, having a phone out is going to be incredibly obvious.”

Adds Board of Education member Doug Wang: “The devil is going to be in the details. We have to keep an open mind and fix it as we go along.”

All agree that communications and education will be keys to making the policy work. Evans says that many families have indicated a desire for help in dealing with cell phones. Some parents of younger students have said the District’s policy has made them rethink their decision to buy their child a phone. She says the District plans to have an education series this school year to help families cope with the challenges of children, cell phones, and social media.

“We need to get the parents involved,” Martinique Future, who has two children in the District, said at a parent meeting. “The consequences need to be set. The rules need to be put in place – and stay in place.” **SL**

Scott Stephens is the Executive Director of Communications & Engagement for the Shaker Heights City School District.



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Lizzie's Bakery



Desired Designs



businesses that made the leap

Written by **Nate Paige**

Photography by **Robert Muller**

There's always a level of risk associated with the launch of a business. And making the leap from operating a home-based business to a brick-and-mortar location creates an entirely different set of challenges. But it can be done – and done well.





Caroline Weingart, owner of Lizzie's Bakery (right) taking a break with her son Ethan who oversees marketing and the bakery's website and Kenardia Smith, a senior at Shaker Heights High School who works up front in the coffee shop on weekends.

LIZZIE'S BAKERY

March 24, 2024 marked the grand opening of the brick-and-mortar version of Lizzie's Bakery, 16614 Chagrin Boulevard. The opening-day fanfare was the end result of a dream and a home business that launched three years prior. Owner Caroline Weingart has been baking for her family for years – and especially for her daughter, Lizzie, who, as a toddler, was diagnosed with a severe peanut allergy.

"I always did extra baking for my daughter because of her allergy, and during her middle school years I did consider the possibility of starting a bakery because we couldn't find any nut-free bakeries. It wasn't until January 2021 that I went through my mom's recipes and came across one for ginger molasses cookies, which was labeled 'Caroline's Favorite,'" says Weingart. She made them and shared them with several caregivers who commented on how much they enjoyed them.



In an environment without nuts,
Lizzie's Bakery offers an experience
to those who routinely avoid bakeries.

She began researching nut-free bakeries and came across two local home-based businesses, but no actual store that offered a wide variety of items.

Lizzie's Bakery is a 1,600-square-foot burst of light. Pastel blue and white walls brighten the space nearly as much as the large front windows. The shelves are adorned with vintage blue and white vases and platters that belonged to Weingart's mother. On the far wall is a fun, illustrated map of Shaker Heights created by muralist Lari Jacobson.

And in an environment without nuts, Lizzie's Bakery offers an experience to those who routinely avoid bakeries. "Just walking into a bakery can trigger strong allergic reactions or even anaphylactic shock for some people. It's nice for families to have a bakery to go to. That's been really meaningful," says Weingart.

Assisting Weingart in day-to-day operations is Kitchen Manager Rachel Diroll-Zack, a former Northeast Ohioan who relocated to Shaker in 2021 after 22 years in New Jersey. The women met when Weingart sought help while still operating the bakery out of her home.

"I was a stay-at-home mom, and Caroline needed help," says Diroll-Zack. "When you run a business out of your house, things go a little crazy and you know where everything is, but nobody else does, so my job was to make it a little more organized."

"Working at home was really nice at first," says Weingart. "We have a double oven, and I could decorate sugar cookies late at night in my pajamas while listening to podcasts and audiobooks."

Eventually the demands of a growing business revealed limitations in her at-home bakery. "At times my oven was running

24/7. Even though it was new at the time, the cooling element eventually gave out," recalls Weingart. She quickly made calls to her neighborhood friends and set up a system of neighborhood ovens to finish her orders until her oven was back up and running.

The Pivot

A series of baking and hospitality management courses at Tri-C followed, and eventually Weingart sold her wares at pop-up events at the Van Aken District, The Corner, and tables at the North Union Farmers Markets around the region. "Fridays before markets were the busiest times. I would prep recipes, bake, and pack up for the markets, often working late into the night. My son, Ethan, who was home from college in the summer, and my husband, Lee, would help package and heat-seal all the cookies and bars," says Weingart.

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When the possibility of a physical store arose, Weingart asked Diroll-Zack if she saw herself in the equation. Diroll-Zack told of her barista experience when she worked at Borders Books in New Jersey. “And I can manage people; I can run a coffee shop for you if that’s what you need. And she says, ‘that’s exactly what I need.’ So, I run the front end: making coffee, training staff, and greeting the customers. It’s a bit of a Gal Friday situation.”

“There has been a big learning curve transitioning to baking in the commercial kitchen and managing a bigger team,” says Weingart. “While I was familiar with the kitchen from my classes at the Tri-C Hospitality Management Program, we had to update recipes and

adjust baking temperatures and times for the commercial and convection ovens.”

Currently, the bakery employs nine people, most being students. Weingart’s son Ethan handles the bakery newsletter and social media posts. One of her new bakers is Yuliia Vysotska who recently moved here with her family from Ukraine. Vysotska was a baker in Ukraine, and when she started looking for a job here, a mutual friend connected her with Weingart.

In earlier chapters of Weingart’s life, she attended law school at Case Western Reserve University and worked for a local law firm. For 25 years, she was a guide for Executive Arrangements – a company that helps individuals become acclimated to the city when they move to Cleveland for jobs.

In 1995 Weingart and her husband moved to Shaker Heights and raised their children Ned, Lizzie, and Ethan. According to Weingart, it was a no-brainer to open her business in Shaker.

“It’s our home. We chose to live here and raise our family here, and I wanted to open my business here. Ever since I’ve landed on this journey, this path, it’s just felt right,” says Weingart. “Being able to provide a service for families who have nut allergies is why I do it.”

For more information on Lizzie’s Bakery, go to <https://www.lizziesbakerynutfree.com>



Desired Designs Owner Jakecia Durham works with Madeline Moriarty, the company's office manager.

DESIRED DESIGNS

Around the corner from Lizzie's Bakery is another business that recently made the leap from home-based to brick-and-mortar. Desired Designs, 3620 Lee Road, is a residential and commercial interior design firm owned and operated by Jakecia Durham. She has resided in Shaker since 2012 and launched her interior design business in 2009.

Durham's dream was to open her business in a building on Lee Road. She's always been a firm believer that opening a business in one's residential city can enrich the community. But it took some time to get there.

"When I was working from home, I initially had a desk in my basement that soon turned into half of my basement being used for my home work studio," says Durham. "I purchased additional storage for my material samples and a larger printer that allowed

me to make prints for drawings and presentations. I also purchased additional screens and an adjustable height desk.

"The business has had a huge influx the past few years. I hired more staff which takes time getting used to – learning how to delegate tasks. It's a work in progress," says Durham.

Initially, she settled into a co-working space in Beachwood. But the team continued to grow. Durham remembers how they'd repurpose space for presentations and then reset back to office space. Eventually they grew out of the co-working space. Her dream of living and working in the same neighborhood drove her to commit to Shaker office space for the next move.

Just the Right Space

Her husband Cameron, who works for Shaker Schools, is a friend of Matt Wright, owner of MWW1 Engineering and Prototype Services, which is housed in the rear section of the building Desired Designs now occupies. Wright offered her a lease for the front space. Like Lizzie's Bakery, windows play a large part in the new Desired Designs work space, a former car dealership. In fact, three of her four 'walls' are windows.

Her staff is currently an office manager and two design assistants.

"Our current location now answers our need for space for our team and a space to present to our clients," says Durham. "We have ample natural light and space for samples which is critical. The icing on the cake for me is being able

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for our team and a space to *present to our clients.*”





“The icing on the cake is *being able to work and live in the Moreland neighborhood again.*”

A Presence in Her Community

to work and live in the Moreland neighborhood again, but not confined to my basement.”

Throughout her career, Durham has given back, sharing her wisdom with up-and-comers by teaching interior design courses at Tri-C, and currently, Kent State University. “Both of my parents are educators, so teaching kind of runs in the family, and I really enjoy it.”

Many Shaker parents have seen Durham's work in the Innovation Labs she designed for Woodbury, Lomond, and Boulevard schools.

“I was introduced to interior design by my high school art teacher, and at the time, I had no idea what an interior designer was,” says Durham. “Most of my classes were in art, but once my teacher mentioned interior design, I researched it, and I never looked back.”

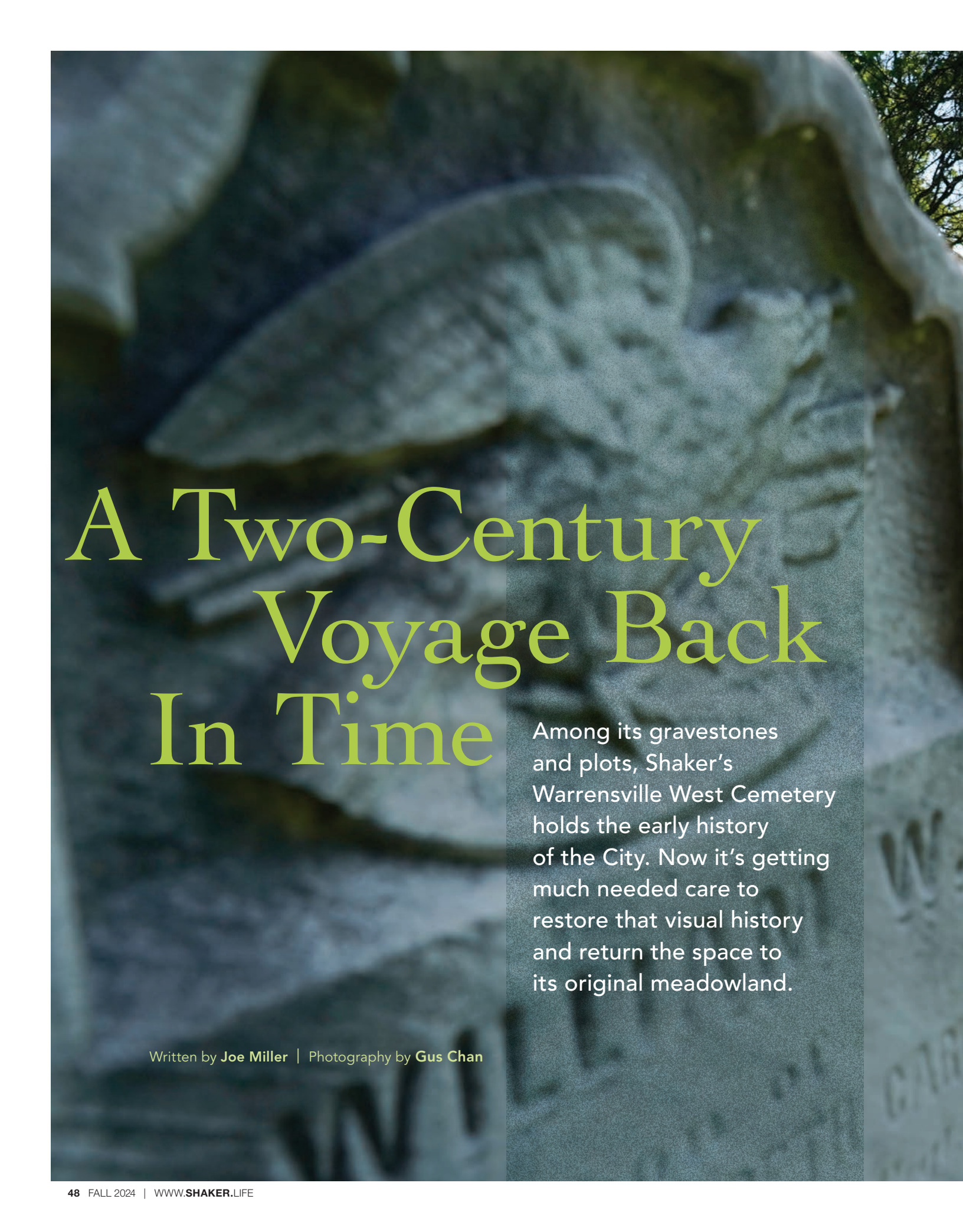
While Durham's forté is interior and commercial design, she says her most challenging design project to date is probably the one she's currently working on: the first freestanding birthing center in Ohio.

“It's not challenging because of its difficulty, but the project has come up against a lot of adversity – because of where it's located and what it means to the people who will utilize it. This is an important project to me because I am really invested in making sure that we provide a space that all people – especially the brown and black people they will serve – will have a positive and safe experience,” says Durham, a mother of three.

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When Jakecia Durham realized that growing her business meant moving to a new office space, she was determined that this move would be an investment in her community – even if it meant waiting for the perfect space. “This community has so much potential,” says Durham. Her advice to those making a similar move? “Stay true to what you want. I wanted to be here and just because it didn't work out the first few times I tried, I kept looking. Now I'm in a space where I can grow my business and my community at the same time – all while developing richer bonds.”

Design Assistant Candace Wright shares a project update in space dedicated to client and team presentations, while Moriarity and team work in the open office space. On the back wall Durham has created a much needed large sample space.



A Two-Century Voyage Back In Time

Among its gravestones and plots, Shaker's Warrensville West Cemetery holds the early history of the City. Now it's getting much needed care to restore that visual history and return the space to its original meadowland.

Written by **Joe Miller** | Photography by **Gus Chan**





An ambitious plan to revitalize Shaker Heights' only graveyard – the 213-year-old Warrensville West Cemetery on Lee Road – is putting TaMara Conde on a first-name basis with some of the area's earliest residents.

Over the summer, the Massachusetts-based cemetery restoration expert meticulously pieced together and reset some 57 neglected gravestones at the one-acre burial ground. For each of the deceased, Conde goes about her mostly solitary work as if she were taking care of an old friend, often referring to a gravestone by the person's first name.

"They say you die three times – when your heart stops, when they put you in the ground, and when somebody says your name out loud for the last time," Conde explains in front of the granite memorial for Moses Warren Jr., who settled here in 1815 and died in 1888.

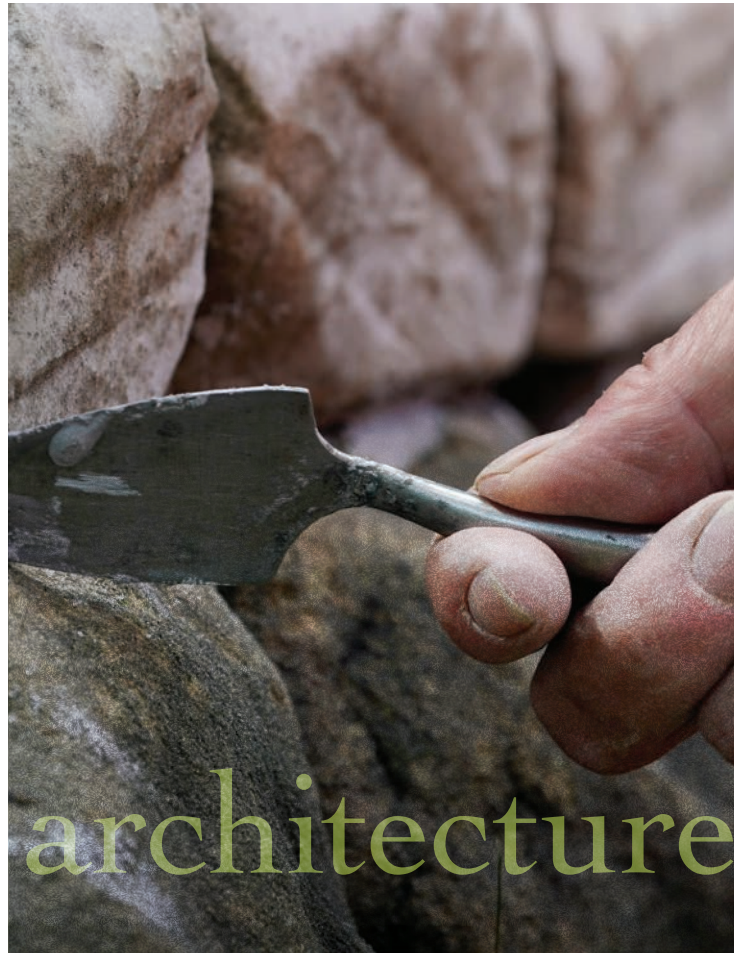
"I don't know how many relatives are coming back to find him. So if you say 'Moses,' you keep him alive," she says.

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Massachusetts-based cemetery restoration expert TaMara Conde places a stone she recovered and repaired after finding it in pieces near the site.

him alive

Over time, many stones have fallen and are half-buried in the ground. They require careful excavation before repairing and lifting into place. For larger stones, Conde uses a tripod crane.



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Few visit the little cemetery wedged in between the Kingsbury Building and Heinen's and hidden from view by overgrown hedges and stone retaining walls. But that could change soon under a master plan adopted by the City in 2022 that seeks to restore this important historical site and bring it back into public view. The plan was developed in partnership with the Shaker Historical Society and Shaker Heights Public Library.

So far, Shaker Heights has committed about \$35,000 to the project with another \$37,000 coming from two federal grants awarded by Ohio's State Historic Preservation Office. This has paid for Conde's work plus a Historic Preservation Master Plan that included a complete assessment of the property and an inventory of 170 gravestones by Mannik & Smith Group Inc. (MSG), a landscape architecture firm. The City's Public Works Department has also been working to remove non-native plants from the cemetery and turn the space into a low-maintenance wild flower meadow with mowed pathways.

Future goals include increasing the graveyard's visibility from the street – ornamental fencing with formal entrances will replace the hedges – and finding visitor-friendly ways to tell the stories of the more than 200 people buried here.

Kara Hamley O'Donnell, principal planner in the Shaker Heights Planning Department, says the City concluded that investment and focus was needed for some of these earliest inhabitants of the community.

"A cemetery is such a unique project," says Hamley O'Donnell, who was the City's project manager for the restoration plan. "It's a landscape. It's sculpture. It's architecture. It's history. All of that together. It really is a very special historic location."

Walking through History

A stroll through the Warrensville West Cemetery – Cuyahoga County's oldest extant burial ground – is a two-century voyage back in time. At one end are the graves of members of the Warren family, the area's first permanent white settlers and the namesakes for what was originally called Warrensville Township. At another end is a mass burial site and marker

for members of the North Union Shaker community, a religious group who lived here until 1889 and for which Shaker Heights is named.

Also buried here are veterans of five U.S. wars, including several from the Revolutionary War (see side story about Veterans Day tour), and a large group of Manx immigrants who started arriving from the Isle of Man in the 1820s. The cemetery's last burial was in 1955.

"That's one of the things that's so interesting about this cemetery," says Brianna Treleven, executive director of the Shaker Historical Society. "It has such a unique mix you would expect to find at a larger cemetery, not at this tiny one tucked in next to a grocery store."

Conde, who has 26 years' experience working in some of New England's oldest cemeteries, sees the history of Shaker Heights in the stones themselves. As she walks through the graveyard, she points out some of the original hand-carved sandstone and limestone markers that came from local quarries. Later gravestones, made from more durable marble and granite, arrived by boat or rail from as far away as Georgia, she says.

Delicate Work

On this summer day, Conde works to uncover the marble gravestone of Frances Radcliff, who died in 1884. The stone lies flat and partially buried in dirt and grass. She pierces the ground around "Frances" with a stiff wire to see what's there without causing damage to the stone, and then clears away dirt with a small shovel.

Eventually she will raise the heavy stone with a tripod crane that she's dubbed "Tiny Tim" and is capable of lifting up to a ton. If the headstone is a match for the nearest base, she'll use a special lime mortar to reattach it. On her next trip back to Shaker, she plans on bringing her two-ton tripod crane, "Big Bertha," to take on some of the larger monuments that are in danger of toppling over.

Conde tackles what she can. Some repairs are made more difficult if not impossible because of restoration work done years ago by amateurs.

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"You find all kinds of repairs. Here it's bathroom caulk. Or somebody came through and put in concrete which is the kiss of death," Conde says. Gravestones are "living things" and an improper repair can eventually cause more damage than good, she says.

Much of the cemetery is a puzzle begging to be solved, with some gravestones laying in pieces on the ground and others wiped clean of their lettering by time. Some markers are out of reach under the border hedges. Others are just gone. In fact, using ground penetrating radar, MSG determined that a large grassy section that appeared to be empty actually has a number of possible burial sites but no markers.

And sometimes a piece shows up in the wrong place. Conde displays a tiny part of a headstone that was found partially buried near the Shaker mass grave. Featuring only the letters "WARR," it is likely for a member of the Warren family in a different part of the cemetery, but she can't find where.

"I have no idea where it goes," she admits. For now, she will put it back where she found it, most likely treating the lost stone as carefully as she treated the larger gravestones of Moses and Frances.

"People ask me if I'm afraid of ghosts. And I'm like 'no, all of these people are taking care of me,'" she says. "I feel like they appreciate me being here." **SL**

A woman with blonde hair tied back, wearing a dark floral tank top and dark pants, is kneeling in a grassy cemetery. She is holding a yellow sponge and cleaning a dark, rectangular gravestone. In the background, there are several other gravestones of various shapes and sizes, and large trees with green leaves. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Conde delicately cleans the stones with water and a soft wire brush, anything harsher would harm the surface.

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Veterans Day Tour

Warrensville West Cemetery | November 9, 2024

Warrensville West Cemetery is the final resting place of veterans from five wars. Join the Shaker Historical Society, Shaker Heights Public Library, and City of Shaker Heights on Saturday, November 9 at 11am for a cemetery tour to hear the veterans' stories. You will also learn more about the Warrensville West Cemetery Historic Preservation Master Plan implementation.

The tour will be held at Warrensville West Cemetery, 3451 Lee Road, Shaker Heights. Parking is available in the Heinen's parking lot or across the street at the library. This is a rain or shine event that will only be cancelled in the event of extreme weather. To register, please visit bit.ly/WWC-tour-2024. Questions? Contact Andrew Slifkin at education@shakerhistory.org.

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Scene in Shaker

Cultivating Pride

Written by **Zach Lewis**

Photography by **Jason Miller**



A walk around the neighborhood turns into an opportunity to act on the best feelings for Shaker Heights in an earthy way.

Technically, Elizabeth Goodwin is a trespasser. No one, though, is about to object.

On the contrary. In the eyes of Shaker Heights and the City's Recreation Department, Goodwin is a hero, one who takes a needed public task upon herself and performs it with flair.

Driven purely by pride in Shaker Heights, Goodwin spends her summers voluntarily maintaining a garden bed at the Farnsleigh Road entrance to Thornton Park, planting and watering a variety of shrubs and flowers entirely at her own expense. "Shaker is a premier community," Goodwin says. "I'm proud of it, and I want other residents to take pride in it, too."

*"I'm not doing it for the appreciation,
but it is kind of cool when people notice."*

Pride was not what Goodwin felt when she first spotted the Farnsleigh Rd. site three summers ago. While out for a walk during the pandemic, she noticed the bed near her home had been neglected. Instead of shrubs and flowers, there were thistles and other weeds three feet tall. It was ugly. "It looked like a jungle from 'Jurassic Park,'" Goodwin recalls.

Many, in Goodwin's shoes, would have called the City to complain. She, though, sprang to action. She returned to the lot with paper yard-waste bags, gardening tools, and a few trays of flowers and promptly brought the space up to standard.

She committed to more than planting, too. Every warm day that summer, Goodwin returned to the site to care for the plants, sprinkling them with water from tubs in the trunk of her car.

Three years later, she's still at it, and enjoying more than ever the impromptu conversations this unusual activity sparks. "It's a great way to meet the people walking by," Goodwin says. "People are really nice. I'm not doing it for the appreciation, but it is kind of cool when people notice."

To be clear: Goodwin isn't in the habit of fixing up public spaces. On her list of charitable deeds, which to date has mostly entailed church work, her Farnsleigh Road beautification project stands alone.

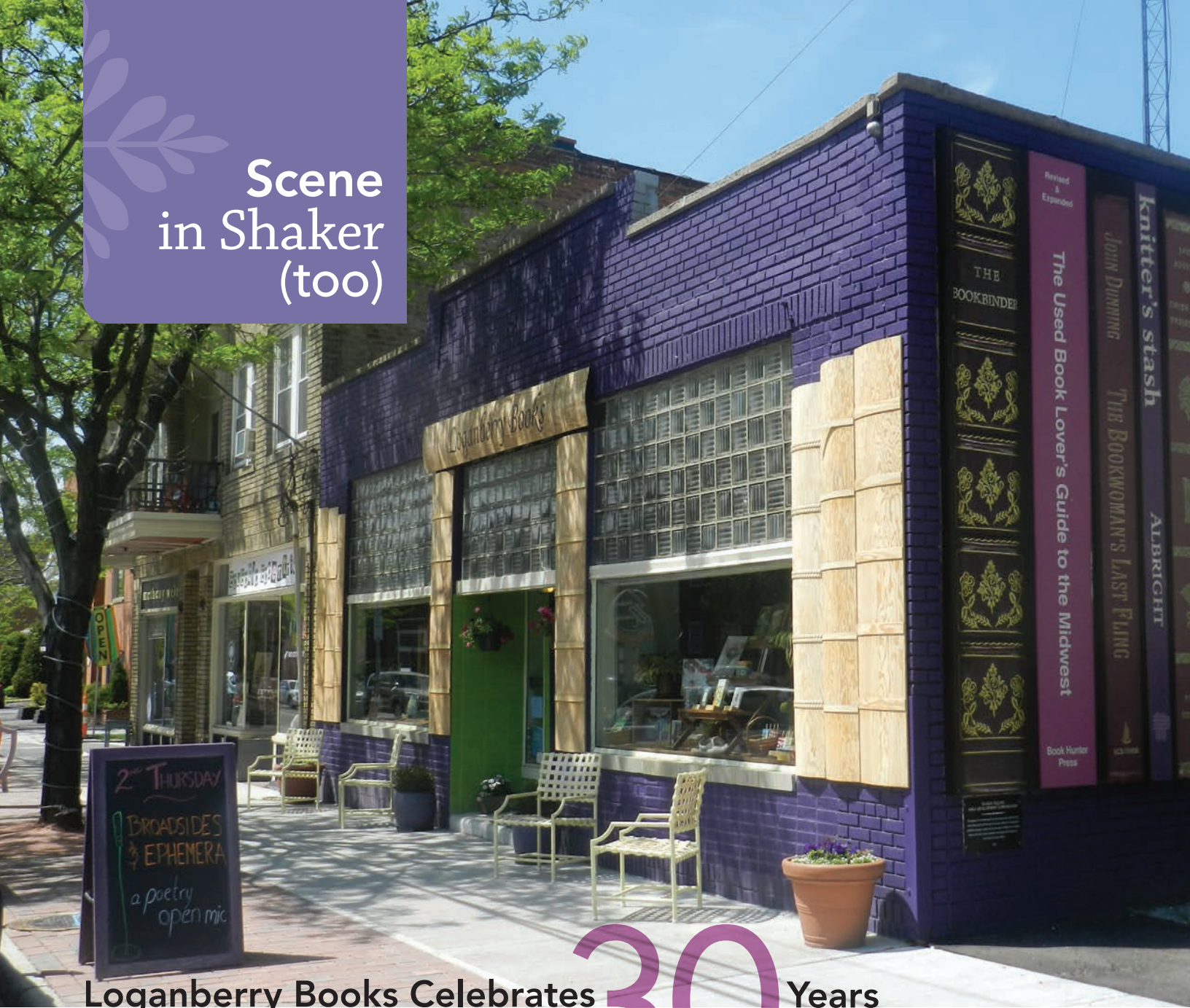
Neither is she an especially avid gardener. Goodwin devotes perhaps more time than most to her backyard, which abuts Thornton Park property, but she's strictly an amateur. By day, she's a therapist. She couldn't tell you much about the lovely yellow flowers she planted this year beyond the fact that they're annuals and will need to be pulled and replaced next year.

What she can share is the insight she's gained from the effort: Namely, that it's easy to give back to the community when you've found the right outlet. "People just need to do something they enjoy," Goodwin says. "That way it feels like joy, not an obligation. There are plenty of things that need to be done."

That's not the only lesson Goodwin has learned. To her relief, she's also found that when you're doing the right thing, such as beautifying City property, it's easier to ask for forgiveness than permission. "I feel better now that I'm doing it with the City's blessing," Goodwin said. "I'm no longer trespassing. The City is very appreciative." **SL**



Scene in Shaker (too)



Loganberry Books Celebrates 30 Years



Written by Nate Paige

The 1960s warning “Don’t trust anyone over 30” can’t possibly apply to Loganberry Books. The beloved Shaker Heights staple turns 30 this November 11 and is as trustworthy as ever.

For store owner Harriett Logan, the milestone is worth celebrating. “We’re going to start with a big party on December 7,” says Logan. “We will have hourly author signings, book talks, live music and food, a ticketed party with raffles, and celebration – in our own nerdy, bookish way.”

Loganberry owner Harriett Logan with Alice.



this location in 2003, we had a local demand for new books – at least hyperlocal. And we morphed and figured it out, and it has grown exponentially since then.”

The current location, 13015 Larchmere Boulevard, is three times the size of the original space with space for local artists, the Loganberry Books Annex Gallery. “Each month we celebrate a local artist and let them

Located in the eclectic Larchmere neighborhood, it’s hard to miss, with artist Gene Epstein’s wall mural of a shelf of books covering the east side of the building. And the origin of the store’s name? It was Logan’s nickname in college.

But Loganberry Books was never just a bookstore. In its original location at 12635 Larchmere, Logan shared the space with Dede Moore, who sold Oriental rugs.

“Together we looked at a lot of locations and chose Larchmere for its focus on antiques and collectibles and for the independent vibe on the street with its lack of chain stores,” says Logan.

In 1994, the East Side was brimming with bookstores: Appletree Books, Barnes and Noble, Borders, Mac’s Backs, and Waldenbooks to name a few. Logan wasn’t intimidated by that because she already had a built-in clientele.

“When I opened Loganberry, it was 95 percent used and collectible books, so I was not really competing with them. But I started getting new books; offbeat, academic press kinds of things that my customers enjoyed. And when we moved to



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curate their own show. And we use that space for our holiday shop, Otis' Old Curiosity Shop, where we pull out all the stops and bring the full gift-giving glory – reminiscent of Don Drumm's Craft Studio and the TwigBee Shop at Higbee's," she says.

The gallery is a huge part of the store's vibe, which Logan describes as "low-key, funky, smart, open to freedom of expression and celebration of difference. And we have the attitude of the more the merrier, so you can find your niche."

Logan notes, "It's remarkable how many people, daily, are here for the very first time. Some of them are, of course, out of towners; yet some live down the street. The idea of being a destination location has come to fruition, and we have a deep depth of stock – more than 130,000 volumes at this point."

Logan is still mapping out additional events to occur through 2025 to commemorate this milestone anniversary. "I haven't quite solidified that, but there'll be lots of merch with '30' branding. We'll totally play up our 30th birthday." Trust it. **SL**



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