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Student artists at work on Larchmere's Mural.

Larchmere Mural Bridges the Gap between Youth and Community

By Lee Chilcote

Charles Smith, an 11th-grade student at Cleveland School of the Arts, points to a colorful painting of a brick building with big storefront windows.

"I painted the barber shop," he says with a smile as he takes a break from working to provide a tour to a group of Larchmere residents and merchants.

The barber shop is Rebecca's, a longstanding Larchmere merchant. Smith points to the colorful objects in the windows – Rebecca collects barber shop memorabilia, and the painting captures these details beautifully. A few dozen students, brushes in hand, focus on the mural and appear not to notice the visitors. Although there are over thirty teenagers in the room, it's strangely calm.

Smith is a student intern in the Summer Mural Institute, a program



of the Building Bridges Arts Collaborative, a nonprofit community-based arts organization that fosters youth development and supports emerging artists. This summer, the interns painted a large-scale mural

Larchmere's newest piece of street art will be installed on the Lifeskills Building in early September. The mural was designed by artist Ted Kurz.

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YOU'RE INVITED

COME TO THE LARCHMERE MURAL RIBBON CUTTING!

To celebrate the installation of this new piece of street art, created by student artists, come to the ribbon cutting on **Thursday, September 23** at 5:00 pm. The event takes place in front of the mural, at the Lifeskills Building, 12201 Larchmere Blvd.

FRIENDS! NEIGHBORS! PANCAKES!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for the SHAD Annual Meeting & Community Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday, October 9** at 8:30 am.

The breakfast will be held at Our Lady of Peace School, 12406 Buckingham (East 124th & Shaker). Tickets are available online at shad.org (click on the "JOIN" tab then "Submit online payment") or tickets may be purchased at the door: \$7 for adults, \$5 for children 4-12, Kids under 4 eat for free.



Raising the Housing Standard

Owners Restore and Improve North and South Moreland Apartment Buildings



by Lee Chilcote

Brian Cook stands in the oval-shaped dining room of an apartment at Ludlow Castle, the signature Tudor-style building off of Shaker Square. The unique room has hardwood floors, and opens up to a sunken living room with a wood-burning fireplace and a wall of windows overlooking the street.

"My wife would kill for an oval-shaped dining room like this," Cook says, "and for the closet space in these units."

The neighborhoods of Shaker Square have long been a popular draw for individuals and families that are seeking the conveniences and amenities of apartment living. Now a Cleveland real estate developer is

restoring and rejuvenating many of the apartment buildings on North and South Moreland, a densely populated apartment corridor.

Cook represents Crossroads Property Management, a real estate management and development firm that is owned by Paul Gabrail. CPM operates 14 buildings on North and (See **Housing Standard** on page 13)

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Teens Polish Area East to West

by ReZina

Look closely: beautification, subtle yet noticeable, on East 121st and Shaker Boulevard, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, and Larchmere. All of this was done through funding from The St. Luke's Foundation and the muscles, time and energies of Landscaping Interns hired by Shaker Square Area Development Corporation. Ten young people clipped hedges, dug holes for trees and plants, pulled weeds at Livingston Point and the Skyline Campus Intergenerational Garden, watered trees and spread mulch in yards throughout the Larchmere community, as well as specific properties in the Ludlow community.

Maybe you saw this diverse group of ten young people hauling buckets of water, and wielding shovels and spades, push brooms

and rakes; they included Craig Bady, John Gruber, Bianca Hopkins, Stephen Lynch, DeJuan Rates, J'Shon Ray, Alexis Swaney, April Veasley II, Charles Veasley III, and Dylan White. Most liked the internship program and learned "that picking up trash in the yard/street can make a difference."

Supervisory skills were cultivated. The group was led, in the beginning, by Alex Freeman, an intern who returned for a second year with SHAD. Alex's style of management, we're told, was approachable but no nonsense. Joe Gruber, another SHAD intern became the second supervisor when Alex returned to college. Joe stated "I learned a lot educationally about organization and management. Socially, I learned about cooperation and teamwork."

This teen team spent the summer sprucing up the Larchmere and Ludlow neighborhoods.

Craig Bady, a member of the landscaping crew, became a peer supervisor and learned a great deal about management, work ethic and how to encourage others to complete the mission. A young man who didn't mind working hard was not thrilled that the program came to an end. "I recommend this job to those who like to work hard and like the outdoors," he said, "And I would continue to work if the opportunity came."



Skyline Campus Intergenerational Garden has One Family Prepared for Thanksgiving

Carol Mitchem picked her mother's favorite greens, mustard and turnips this summer. Right now they're parboiled and in the freezer for Thanksgiving. The collards, tomatoes, kale, and zucchini that will be part of the autumn feast will be ready by mid-Autumn. But purchasing this produce super early was not how those greens ended up in the freezer - instead, they were picked fresh from the Skyline Campus Intergenerational Garden.

The garden is the result of a vision by Joanna Van Oosterhout, Shaker Square Area Development, Sunbeam School, Ohio State University Extension Summer Sprout Program, and the St. Luke's Foundation. Allowing residents of the Larchmere Community to grow their vegetables organically, the project has one gardener and with the success of her garden, next year more gardeners will join.

Gardening takes time and patience and with help from the community, Carol's garden thrives. Helping with the watering, ReZina

and DeTwan Thomas make sure the garden doesn't dry up.

The Landscaping Interns from SHAD, sponsored by the St. Luke's Foundation, with supervising interns, Alex Freeman and Joe Gruber helped with the weeding and cleaning of the plot. Matt Jones and his group of volunteers helped as well.

Anyone interested in getting their hands dirty and green, should call 421-2100 and place a reservation for next year, for their own bunch of fresh-picked greens and more.



Carol Mitchem

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Pamela George-Merrill
From the Director's Desk

SHAD's Super-busy Summer

Shaker Square Area Development (SHAD) staff has been busy all summer with a number of neighborhood beautification and improvement projects

With generous support from the Saint Luke's Foundation, SHAD was pleased to partner with the Buckeye Area Development Corporation (BADC) on a Summer Youth Workforce Development Program. Through the program, 10 youth from each service area worked as neighborhood landscaping crews. The SHAD area landscaping interns watered the new street trees planted along Larchmere Blvd, planted new flowers beds at the corner of East 121st and Shaker Blvd and at the intersection of Larchmere and East 116th street and assisted with other neighborhood beautification projects. In addition to general landscaping skills, the interns participated in leadership development, sustainability, and financial education workshops. Alex Freeman, a Larchmere neighborhood resident and junior at Miami University, oversaw the work of the landscaping interns.

In keeping with our promise to move forward with the implementation of projects recommended in the updated Larchmere Master Plan, SHAD staff has been working diligently on two projects that will be completed by the end of September. One is a public art project near East 121st and Larchmere and the other is gateway signage that will more prominently identify the Larchmere Retail District. SHAD was honored to be selected to serve as a host site for one of 16 college students participating in The Cleveland Foundation's Summer

Intern Program, an eleven-week program that provides young people interested in the nonprofit sector an opportunity to gain important career-related work-experience in a local organization. Joe Gruber, a student at the University of Dayton, provided assistance with SHAD's housing code enforcement activities as well as our exterior home improvement program. If you would like to make some exterior improvements or repairs to your home before the cold weather arrives, please call the SHAD office at 421-2100 for more information.

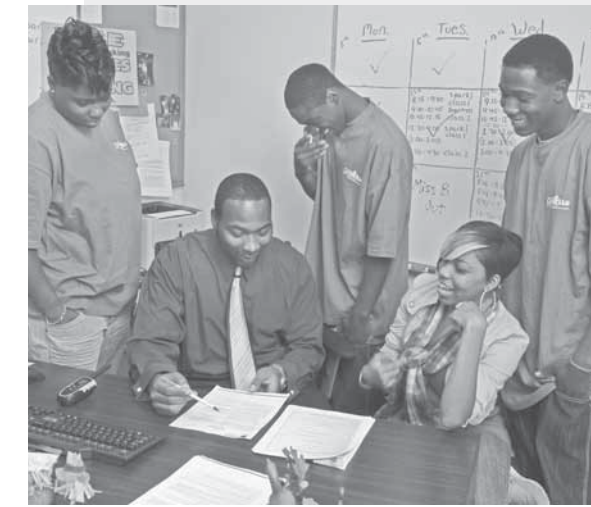
SHAD Annual Meeting & Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, October 9th

I hope you will join the Board and Staff of the Shaker Square Area Development Corporation for our Annual Meeting and Community Pancake Breakfast. The event is scheduled for Saturday October 9th beginning at 8:30am. It will be held at Our Lady of Peace School, 12406 Buckingham Avenue, Cleveland.

Remembering Bill Williams

The life of Mr. Bill Williams, an impassioned Vocational Specialist at Lifeskills, was cut tragically short on June 5th, 2010, following an unexpected illness. During his life, Mr. Williams' achievements revealed his passion for education and youth. He would often encourage his students at Lifeskills by saying, 'I expect nothing less than greatness out of you'. Mr. Williams was instrumental in involving Lifeskills students in projects to improve Larchmere and the surrounding community, and his legacy as an educator and youth advocate will be memorialized with a plaque that will be installed beside the Larchmere mural on the Lifeskills building.

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Bill Williams

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Heard Around the Square
by Margaret Simon



U. S. Air Force Sergeant **Rachid Harrison**, SHHS Class of '05 was recently promoted to Air Force One duty where his primary responsibilities consist of providing security for the Commander in Chief's plane wherever it flies. Quite a high-flying job for a former Red Raider hockey player!

A sterling surprise. **Michaela, Delia, Eamonn**, and **Liam** McDermott surprised their parents, **Kevin McDermott** and **MaryBeth Lasky**, with a party marking their 25th wedding anniversary.

Helen & Helmut Schreiber have a new home on West Park Boulevard. The couple his totally remodeling the house and is making everything green by adding geothermal heating and solar tubes for lighting and rain barrels for the garden. Any takers on their showplace on Shaker Boulevard?

Ludlow resident and SHAD Board member, **Gwen Chapman**, was selected as one of only 20 individuals from across the country to serve on a special panel organized by the US Department of Health and Human Services (USDHHS) to test a new mail delivery system. Gwen is a field researcher for the USDHHS.

Do you call it a bean bag toss or a cornhole? Either way, you can call it fun! The game was created by those handy folks at **Shaker Hardware** for the city's 2012 Centennial Committee and **Anne Williams**, chair of the group, has been building enthusiasm and community by setting up the game at the Farmers Market and at block parties.

September is *Be Kind to Writers and Editors* month and what better way to be kind to writers than to honor them? Two stellar literary evenings this September are **All LIT Up** to be held at 8 pm Saturday, September 11 at the Palace Theatre at Playhouse Square. Posthumous literary awards

will be bestowed on **Harvey Pekar** and **Sheila Schwartz** and the LIT will honor area poets and authors with Lantern awards. The Cleveland Foundation celebrates the 75th Annual Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards at 6 pm Tuesday, September 14 at Severance Hall emceed by jury chair **Henry Louis "Skip" Gates**. This year's winners are **Kamila Shamsie** for *Burnt Shadows*, **Elizabeth Alexander**, Lifetime Achievement in Poetry, **William Julius Wilson**, Lifetime Achievement in Nonfiction and **Oprah Winfrey** for Lifetime Achievement. The Anisfield-Wolf prize is the only juried American literary competition that recognizes books that have contributed to our understanding of racism and cultural diversity.

Shaker grads and Shaker authors. New York Times technology columnist **David Pogue** has written a fantasy book for children, **Abby Carnelia's One and Only Magical Power** and journalist **Kathryn Schulz** has written *Being Wrong: Adventures in the Margin of Error*. Meet local authors this September at Bertram Woods Branch. **Tricia Springstubb**, author of *What Happened on Fox Street* will read and talk about her book the evening of September 22. **Mano Singham** will discuss his most recent book, *God vs. Darwin: The War Between Evolution and Creationism in the Classroom*, and the passions created by the issue of teaching evolution, the evening of September 29.

Mary Oluonye and **Virginia Schoelch**, local authors who also work at Shaker Library, have written *The Day The Library Didn't Open*, a story about a boy who goes to the library one Sunday afternoon and finds it closed. No, it's not about library funding and furloughs, but the funny things that can happen when a young boy forgets to turn his clock back in

the fall. The book is available at Lulu.com and visit the library pictured on the cover of the book!

The Clayton Boulevard front yard of **Linda Klein** was pictured on the cover of the latest issue of *August Garden Gate*. Her backyard was used to illustrate the "Keep Shade Colorful" article in the issue.

Kudos Corner. CWRU Nursing School's **Shirley Moore** was inducted into the Sigma Theta Tau International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame. Attorney **Carter Strang** received the Justice for All Volunteer of the Year award from the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. **Irene Rennillo** received Cleveland State's annual award for university service.

It was a matrimonial summer for the McWilliams Family. On July 10, **Carter McWilliams** married **Kelly Cushing**. Festivities were held in the spectacularly beautiful Ke-weenaw Peninsula in Copper Harbor, Michigan. The McWilliams are now home in Chicago. On July 31 **Ashley McWilliams** married **Lieutenant Colonel Michael Boorstein** (USMC) at Plymouth Church in Shaker Heights. The couple now resides in San Diego, California. Mother and father of the bride and groom, **Carol** and **Conrad McWilliams** are at home on Norwood Road recouping and reliving the memories.

Aaron McMickle married **Pilar Ramos** August 28 at a ceremony in Harlem where his father, **Reverend Marvin McMickle**, officiated. In New Jersey, **Sandra** and **Marty Kolb** celebrated the wedding of their son, **Alexander** to **Katherine Edmonds**. Cleveland Clinic in jeopardy? No, **Cleveland Clinic** was featured on Jeopardy with its own category. It probably frightened the July 30 contestants as they only selected two of the "answers."

The kids are back in school and you are back at your computer and suddenly there's a glitch. Who can you call when you experience computer woes or need website development help? Maybe Onaway Dad, **Chris Jones**, is your man. He can be found at www.shakergeek.com

Enjoy the crisp air and strolling the Square . . . and keep your ears open for me.

Welcome back, Wolf's!

Michael Wolf opened Cleveland's first permanent auction gallery on Larchmere Blvd. in 1979. After stints in Cleveland's warehouse district and New York, Wolf has returned to his roots, running a gallery at 12732 Larchmere.

If you haven't been back to the new Wolf's, here's your chance, with an art and antiques exhibition starting Friday, October 8 at 5 pm.

Emphasis of the exhibit are Cleveland artists and Wolf is excited to offer hundreds of affordable pieces from Paul Travis of Bath, OH; watercolorist Maryann Flynn-Fouse's abstract expressionist pieces and a recently discovered masterwork by Carl Gaertner of the Cleveland School. (Literally found by the artist's son in the attic!)

The exhibition continues on Sat, Oct. 9 (11am-5pm) and Sun, Oct. 10 (12-4pm) both at Wolf's gallery and in the adjacent former Sedlak building.

Wolf's Gallery 721-6945



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of Shaker Square Area Development Corporation
We will provide the people and businesses of the Shaker Square Area with the leadership and action needed to foster well-maintained, economically strong neighborhoods.

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New Gateway Signs Mark Entrance to Larchmere District

Visitors to Larchmere will notice that a large, illuminated gateway sign bearing the new Larchmere logo has recently been installed outside of the BP gas station, marking the eastern entrance into the district. A second sign will soon be installed in front of Leit Mo Tiv Salon at East 121st and Larchmere.

The artistic signage signals to passers-by that they are entering a commercial district, of course; but it does more than this. The new marketing campaign and entry signs were designed by Marla Gutzwiller and Melissa DiGioia of Epstein Design Partners, a local graphic design firm with its offices on Larchmere. A committee of merchants and property owners provided input throughout the design process.

"Our goal was to establish a visual look that reinforced the unique aspects of the street and conveyed the 'upbeat vitality - offbeat charm'", Gutzwiller says, "initially with the development of the mark and then with the design interpretation for the entry signs."

"We are proud to have had the opportunity to create a look for our street and fellow members of the Larchmere Merchants Association. We are excited to have been able to help shape the look of our immediate community," says Gutzwiller.

The signs were fabricated and installed by Signature Signs,

a Cleveland-based signage company that has carved out a specialty niche in artistic signage. Working with Epstein Design Partners, the design concept has now been transformed into reality.

"People come to us for interesting, artistic signs - it's one of the things we've become known for," says Bruce Farkas, owner of Signature Signs. For instance, the mark's metal edges were carefully shaped by hand, and then cut from a large piece of metal. The interior was pushed through and then overlaid with a translucent print. The letters spelling "Larchmere" are lit from within for a "halo-lit" effect. Signature Signs custom built the new Larchmere signs in their shop on East 43rd Street near Payne Avenue.

Unlike artists that prominently display their name on their work, Farkas' creative contributions to his signs are largely hidden from public view. That's ok with him, however. He enjoys the challenge of creating signs that enliven streets and add character to Cleveland's commercial districts.

"Creative signs add a visual vocabulary that changes a street," Farkas says. "They add interest. That's what this sign does for Larchmere."



Installing one of the new Larchmere signs



The Popcorn Shop Shakes up Shaker Square with New Sign

Dewey Forward and Diane Armstrong, owners of The Shaker Square Popcorn Shop would like to thank the City of Cleveland, SHAD, Signature Sign Company and The Coral Company for our collaboration on a ground breaking Popcorn Shop sign for Shaker Square. The new sign leads the way for Shakin up Shaker Square in 2 ways. The letters are within lit and has a bar underneath the letters of the logo with Ice Cream in it. Previously neither of these two features were allowed.

The sign represents an \$8100. Re-investment into our efforts there. The city of Cleveland helped out with a \$3000. Storefront renovation grant. We think it's a beautiful new beacon for The Square and hopefully spurns more marketing and refurbishing growth at our beloved Shaker Square.

Home Improvement Dollars Available from SHAD

Shaker Square Area Development Corporation offers the Exterior Home Improvement Program to homeowners and property owners of the Larchmere community. This program will pay one-half of the cost of work up to \$1500 for curb appeal projects. Here's a checklist for the process:

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- 2 Select a contractor.
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Cherie Campbell, thinks of herself as a treasure hunter, who credits her uncle, a collector, into the idea of discovering previously unloved items.

"I always wanted a business, if for nothing else to get off the road," she explains. She drove for Greyhound for several years, and also for Cleveland's RTA. She ran an antique store in Atlanta for three years. She also worked in construction and is a Certified Plasterer.

Her Re-New Beginning is a consignment shop, filled with beautifully arranged sets of clothes and accessories in a comfortable boutique setting. Chances are Campbell or her daughters Porscha and Gillian will be on hand to assist.

For those looking to sell an item, Campbell is looking for high-end, designer label women's clothing and purses, shoes, jewelry and vintage jewelry two years old and less. Items must be in excellent condition, cleaned, on hangers and ready to wear. Campbell is pleased she has received calls from people who invite her to their homes to help go through their closets. She has detailed information on consigning pieces to the shop on her website.

Her stock changes all the time, but one-of-a-kind pieces to the every day. "I hope people will walk in with an open mind, and take their time here," Campbell says. "If you know

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Principal Invites the Community to Get to Know Sunbeam School

by Kevin Kay

In her five years as principal at Sunbeam School, Melanie Sinks has seen her school develop a strong connection with its surrounding community. Hundreds of neighbors visit the school each year for Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR), the evening program that offers free recreational and educational activities to residents of all ages (see sidebar).

Many neighborhood organizations take advantage of the free meeting space available at Sunbeam through the SNR program. The Larchmere Street Club and the Larchmere Mural Committee were among the organizations that met at Sunbeam during the 2009-2010 school year.

However, despite the increased traffic through the school, some

misconceptions about Sunbeam still linger. As a result, Sinks has resolved to take a more proactive approach in letting the community know about the unique resource that it has in Sunbeam School.

Top among the misconceptions is the idea that Sunbeam is a school for disabled children only. Sinks sets the record straight, saying, "We are not a school for handicapped children. We are a school for all children."

The misconception has historical roots. For much of its history Sunbeam served only children with illnesses or other special needs. Sunbeam came into existence in the 1920's as a school for children with polio. When the polio vaccine was developed and the number of cases declined, Sunbeam began to serve children with other special needs as well.

However, over the past few decades the trend in education—under headings such as "mainstreaming" and "inclusion"—has been to find ways to integrate students with special needs into "regular education" classrooms. That trend has affected the composition of the student body at Sunbeam to the point that the current Sunbeam population of approximately 230 students is split evenly among special education and regular education students. "If you look at the history of Sunbeam and the evolution of it, I think the community can take pride that it is an inclusive school," says Sinks.

Even after many years of inclusion at Sunbeam, some damaging stereotypes persist. "Unfortunately," says Sinks, "some people equate physical disability with mental disability. That just isn't so." The truth is that many students with special needs function quite effectively in regular education classrooms.

The key is providing the accommodations that each student needs to participate. A student with sickle cell anemia may need extra hydration during the day. A student

with cerebral palsy might require a keyboard instead of pens and pencils. Students in wheelchairs need extra space. "Wheelchairs have a hard time navigating around individual desks," notes Sinks. "We have tables instead."

The presence of students with assistive devices does not alter the course of study. "We follow the same curriculum and are held accountable to the same state standards as everyone else," Sinks emphasizes. She applauds the Sunbeam faculty for its dedication to teaching all children. "I'm very blessed with a staff that sees children as children," she says, "not as a disability or a non-disability."

Because they are held to the same standards as children from other schools, many Sunbeam graduates have gone on to "the most challenging high school programs in the district," according to Sinks. Sunbeam students have also distinguished themselves in many district-wide and even state and national academic competitions (see sidebar, above). "We try to give children the very best education possible," says Sinks.

It is true that some students at Sunbeam have profound needs that require them to receive instruction in what are now called "self-contained" classrooms. That does not stop Sinks from including them in the larger school community. "When we have field trips, everybody goes," she says.

For Sinks, being an inclusive school also means inviting the community to use the building after the regular school day is over. According to Sinks, the Schools as Neighborhood Resources program "helps the school be part of the community."

"We're open at night and have activities for all ages," she explains. "It brings families out. I especially like that we get adults. I think that's

The Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR) program begins at Sunbeam School in mid-October.

Sunbeam will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m. for a variety of free recreational and educational activities, including line dancing, basketball, arts and crafts, karate, and tutoring. Free meeting space is also available. SNR is operated by the Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) in partnership with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District and the City of Cleveland Departments of Recreation and Community Development. Additional funding is provided by PPG Industries, the Cuyahoga County Family and Children First Council, Starting Point, MyCom and United Way Services of Greater Cleveland. For more information, contact Kevin Kay at NLI: 367-2234.

Sunbeam School offers many special programs, including intramural basketball and volleyball; Cleveland YMCA Running Program; cheerleading; Chess Club; Mock Trial; Project Citizen; Accelerated Reader; Destination Math and Reading; and the New Century Math Program.

Last year Sunbeam students placed second in the school district's chess and cheerleading competitions. The Sunbeam Project Citizen team received a "Superior" rating at the statewide competition in Columbus. Two Sunbeam students received "Best Witness" awards at the statewide Mock Trial competition. Also held in Columbus.

tremendous. If we want people to support the school and the school district, they have to see the school as part of the community."

Sinks has developed a strong working relationship with Jack Beidleman, the site coordinator for the SNR program at Sunbeam. "I can't say enough nice things about Jack Beidleman," says Sinks. "He is so professional and so competent. I think everybody who deals with him respects him. He's the right man for the job."

Sinks also has high praise for Chris Lett, her former colleague at Joseph Gallagher Middle School, who also serves as the security officer at Sunbeam SNR. "He's very alert, very aware," she says of Lett. "He pays attention to what's going on outside the building as well as inside. He knows how to talk with people and prevent confrontations."

Although Sinks is pleased to have so many people visiting Sunbeam in the evenings, she wants community members to know that they are also welcome to come in and volunteer during the school day (see sidebar, left). "We could use the help in the lunchroom, on the playground, and in the classroom listening to children read," says Sinks. "Because we have kids from all over the city, some parents can't always get over here to participate."

Sinks has a great affection for the Larchmere neighborhood and its residents. "People are friendly, they're helpful, and they care about their neighborhood," she observes. Like so many people, she enjoys shopping and dining on Larchmere. She notes that some of the Larchmere business owners have children who attend Sunbeam.

It is that connection between school and community that Sinks wants to nurture. More than ever, she feels that the fate of the Larchmere neighborhood is tied to the quality of its schools. "If you want to have a community that attracts families," she says. "You need a safe neighborhood and a viable school system. If we're going to make our community safe for our children, we have to work together."

If you would like to volunteer at Sunbeam, call the school at 231-0961.



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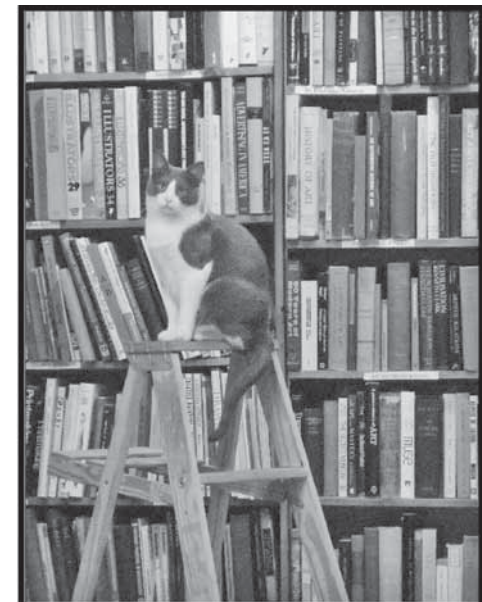
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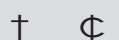
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The Cleveland Metropolitan School District has asked the Neighborhood Leadership Institute to submit a proposal to possibly open Harvey Rice School for afterschool activities as well. This meeting is aimed at getting as much input from the community as possible.

This meeting is free and open to anyone who has an opinion about afterschool programs.

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BUZZ AROUND THE SQUARE

Meeting with the Mayor

Mayor Frank Jackson of the City of Cleveland has a policy of walking the city's neighborhoods to talk with residents and business owners. Over the summer it was Shaker Square/Larchmere's turn, and the Mayor and his staff chatted with homeowners, and made a quick stop to meet with people at The Academy Tavern.



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Ludlow Residents Recruit Teens for Beautification Project

by ReZina

Question: How do you get a group of teenagers to spend a week working in the hot sun to clean up the neighborhood?

Answer: You invite them to work beside you. You tell them that their talents are needed and that their efforts are appreciated. You make them feel that they are part of the neighborhood.

Such an invitation came from Sylvia Clayton, a longtime Ludlow resident and recent graduate of Neighborhood Leadership Cleveland. Bolstered by her leadership training and encouraged by her classmates, Clayton decided to tackle a project that she had been considering for three years.

The landscaping installations on the Hampton Road traffic islands had become overgrown and filled with debris. Although the grass had been cut regularly, the shrubby plots had received little attention since they were first installed two decades ago.

Clayton, who has years of experience in urban gardening, landscaping, and floral design, knew that she had the skills to shape up the traffic islands. But she also knew that she would need plenty of help to complete the arduous task.

While Hampton Road neighbors might not have liked

the overgrown shrubbery, many had an even greater concern about the traffic islands: the groups of teenagers who tended to congregate there.

Clayton came up with a strategy to use one neighborhood problem to solve another. Working with her longtime friend Deborah Foote Sims, Clayton began to recruit neighborhood teens, including three of Sims' granddaughters, to help her clean up the traffic islands.

At the same time, Clayton enlisted the support of Ludlow Community Association (LCA) board member Susan Rotatori. Rotatori had spotted Clayton one day carrying garden tools across Southington Road to tend the garden



of a sick neighbor. (Clayton is a member of the Tool Loan Program at Community Housing Solutions.) Rotatori stopped her car and began the conversation by saying, "That's what I like to see—a woman carrying a pitchfork!"

Clayton, through her relationship with the Neighborhood Leadership Institute, had been invited to attend a workshop the next day with Lily Yeh (www.barefootartists.org), an artist who has earned acclaim for her work in developing community-based arts projects to beautify neighborhoods. Clayton invited Rotatori to accompany her to the workshop, which was sponsored by The Cleveland Foundation and Neighborhood Connections.

The workshop proved to be a powerful experience for the two Ludlow neighbors. Clayton recalls, "It was just what I needed. I was so inspired by Lily Yeh's work. A lot of times you feel that you're too small to make a difference. But one person can inspire others and start a chain reaction. She taught us that you can take something that seems to be a handicap and use it to your benefit."

Before she began work with the teens, Clayton cleaned out one of the shrubby beds on Hampton Road by herself. She and Rotatori then tackled a second one together. When the teens arrived for their first day of work, they could see what a finished bed was supposed to look like.

Despite temperatures near 90 degrees that week, the group of teens — which started with 7 members and grew to 10 at times, with an equal mix of boys and girls — spent more than 30 hours during the week of June 21 cleaning the traffic islands. They pulled weeds, pruned shrubbery, and removed litter. Clayton estimates that the clean-up team removed about 300 pounds of garbage and organic material. Clayton even found three basketballs hidden in the overgrowth. The clean-up crew drew a lot of attention from passing neighbors. Many honked their horns and shouted words of encouragement. A few passersby even joined in the work.

As a condition of their participation in the project, the teen workers agreed to abide by a set of rules handed down by their elders, which included: Be respectful. No

profanity. Keep pants from sagging. Keep shirts on at all times.

As they took breaks from work during the hot days, the teens and their adult neighbors spent time talking and getting to know one another. Clayton set up some old chairs on the islands. "Just having somewhere to sit to have a conversation did a lot to make it comfortable for them," she says.

Ronda Dennis, 13, appreciated the encouragement that she received from the adults, "They kept telling me to do well in school and to stay out of trouble," recalls Ronda.

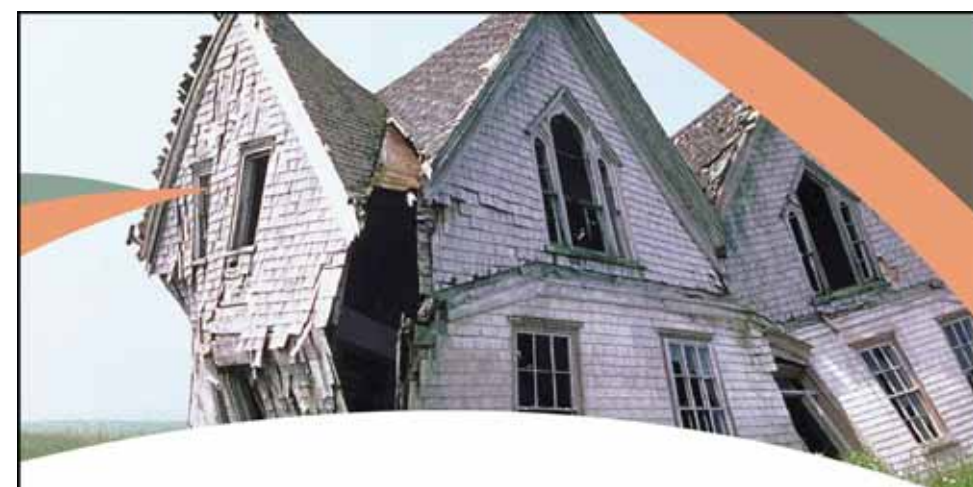
Three of the workdays ended with cookouts at the home of Ludlow Community Association Vice President Gwen Chapman and her husband, Otis. Many of the teens were shocked to see Chapman, a frequent critic of the teens, join their clean-up project. They were even more surprised to be invited to her home.

Chapman explains that her participation came after a bit of soul searching: "I promised myself I wouldn't complain anymore until I reached out to help." She says that she has seen a difference in her relationship with the teens since the week of the clean-up. As a result of the invitation to her home, "I think they [teens] felt wanted and respected," says Chapman. "Now when they see me they are eager to greet me and speak with me."

Chapman has urged the Ludlow Community Association to support the teens' positive efforts. She invited the teens to make a presentation about their project at the association's July 20 meeting. The presentation received rousing applause from audience members. Chapman says that LCA also plans to reward the teens with small stipends, certificates of appreciation, and a free day at Thornton Park. In addition, LCA will certify their participation in the hope that Shaker Heights High School will give the teens credit toward their community service requirement for graduation.

Chapman and Clayton know that the Hampton Road beautification project is only a first step in building a relationship with

(See *Beautification Project* on page 15)



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Preterm executive director Chrissie France commented, saying, "healthcare facilities should be models of sustainability. The state of our environment is a matter of women's health and public health, but the medical field is especially resource intensive and produces large amounts of toxic waste. Through this LEED renovation project we're helping lead the medical and nonprofit communities to more sustainable practices, by showing them what's possible, even for small organizations like ours."

Preterm's LEED Silver certification comes after a careful building and systems overhaul to maximize energy and water efficiency, to improve internal air quality, and to implement environmentally sustainable cleaning, maintenance, waste management and purchasing practices. Preterm's renovations are expected to reduce the clinic's energy consumption by 20% and water consumption by more than 25%, and the clinic's recycling and composting programs have cut waste sent to landfills by more than a third. Preterm transformed their clinic with the help of Brennan & Associates and LEED consultant Atlas Architectural Services.

Showcase in the Circle

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The Shaker Historical Society celebrates the opening of the "Groovin' at Gruber's" exhibition of photos, memorabilia, and more with a gala reception Saturday, October 2 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Chefs will prepare a selection of savory dishes made famous at Gruber's such as sauerkraut balls, Baked Alaska and signature shrimp cocktail. Enjoy music of the era from Frank Sinatra, Perry Como, Tony Bennett and Nat King Cole. Reconnect with friends, neighbors, and Gruber family members for an evening of merry reminiscing. This program is limited to 50 guests at \$40 per ticket. Reservations are required. Call 921-1201 for tickets. The "Groovin' at Gruber's" exhibit runs at the Shaker Historical Society (16740 South Park Boulevard) from October 2 to January 3, 2011.

The Society is collecting stories and memories of Gruber's restaurant to include in their upcoming exhibition. If you or someone you know frequented Gruber's and is willing to share their stories, please contact Ann Cicarella 921-1201.

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Mirages and Monstrosities at Plymouth Church

Cleveland-based chamber ensemble Les Délices' (pronounced *Lay DEH-lease*) performances of French Baroque music will continue on Sunday afternoon at Plymouth Church in Shaker Heights, where they've been named Artists in Residence for 2010-11. Audiences clearly appreciated Les Délices' informal, up-close-and-personal programs last season, and ClevelandClassical.com singled out Les Délices' first season of concerts as among the most memorable of 2009. Les Délices' director and founder Debra Nagy says, "Standing-room only audiences packed our salon-style gallery shows."

Les Délices' season begins with a Halloween-inspired program of character pieces ranging from the quirky to the bizarre. Their program *Mirages and Monstrosities* includes Marin Marais' "La Labyrinthé," and the unusual, narrated "Gall-bladder Operation," plus Jean-Philippe Rameau's "Les Cyclopes" and chamber arrangements of incidental music from his opera about a hideous water nymph, *Platée*. Les Délices will perform this program on Sunday, October 31, 2010 at 4:00pm inside Herr Chapel at Plymouth Church.

Les Délices Saturday night concerts will be held at Cleveland's William Busta and Tregoning & Co. galleries. Upcoming concerts will take place on February 12 & 13, 2011 and May 14 & 15, 2011. Tickets for all concerts in the series are available at www.lesdelices.org.

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Objective	To assist owner-occupants in bringing properties up to code standards.	To assist homeowners in maintaining and improving their properties	To financially assist with exterior painting	To assist senior citizens 60+ years of age or the disabled with emergency home repairs	An incentive for redevelopment
Target Population	Low to moderate income households	Homeowners or investors No income restrictions	Low-moderate income households	Very low income households	• Homeowners • Developers
Eligibility	• Owner occupant • 1- to 2-family dwellings • Ability to repay loan from disposable income • No outstanding judgment liens	• Ability to repay loan from disposable income • Home value under \$250,000; no limit on apartment buildings	Owner occupants or tenants may participate	• Owner occupant • 1- and 2-family dwellings	1- and 2-family home improvements that cost more than \$2500 and would result in an increase in assessed value
Eligible Work	Repair and improve to code standards	Flexible	Exterior painting of home	• Correction of critical heating, plumbing/electrical, roofs, porches • Other health & safety	Examples: garages, added living areas, added bathrooms, added fireplaces, finishing off attic
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Nature Center Prepares to Pounce on Marsh Restoration

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes receives EPA grant to remove cattails and other invasive species in marsh

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes plans to restore its marsh to its original splendor thanks to a two-year, \$78,665 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency through the Cuyahoga County Surface Water Improvement Fund.

Over the next two years experts at the Nature Center, along with a corps of volunteers, will work to remove invasive plant species that have taken over the marsh in the NE/NW quadrants of the Center's 20-acre property. Many visitors to the marsh don't know the cattails that blanket the area, specifically the narrow-leaved cattails, are an invasive species with astounding reproductive power that are considered one of the worst in NE Ohio. They not only compete with native plants for water, sunlight, and nutrients, but also drastically reduce biological diversity.

"Our goal is to ensure the long-term biological health of our wetland habitat," says Kay Carlson, Executive Director of the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. "By eliminating invasive species and reintroducing a diversity of native plants, we will improve water quality, flood control, and the overall health of the marsh."

In the first year of the project, the invasive species, including cattails, will be removed from the main area of the marsh; during the second year the focus will be on the marsh perimeter. Several methods will be used to treat the invasive plants, including cutting, hand pulling, and spraying with a low-percentage herbicide that is not harmful to aquatic life.

"With more than 25,000 people visiting the Nature Center each year, it's important that we educate



the public about what wetlands are, what they do, and why they are so important to our environmental landscape," says Sarah Cech, Nature Center Natural Resource Manager. "It's easy to say we are getting rid of tons of cattails, but it's so much more. We're excited about the opportunity to bring the marsh back to a state that provides a healthier habitat for wildlife and fosters education, research opportunities, and awareness of wetland restoration."

Available upon request is a pictorial time line of how the marsh has changed as well as a rendering of what the marsh will look like upon completion of the project.

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Larchmere Murals

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that will be installed on the Lifeskills Building at 12201 Larchmere in early September. A ribbon-cutting event is scheduled for Thursday, September 23rd at 5 pm, with a reception to follow. The public is invited to celebrate the installation of this colorful addition to Larchmere.

Cleveland Heights artist Ted Kurz designed the mural, which is about 80 feet long by 10 feet tall and depicts scenes of life on the street. Kurz is a retired architect who had his studio on Larchmere for two decades until his retirement.

"I feel a sense of kinship with Larchmere because I had my office here for so many years," says Kurz. "Working with the youth on this project has been one of the most gratifying things that have ever happened to me as an artist."

The Larchmere mural was created with the generous support of the St. Luke's Foundation. In December of 2009, Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD) assem-



bled a diverse committee of residents and merchants from the community to help create the mural, whose goals were to engage youth and community members in creating a work of public art. The committee developed a Request for Proposals that drew 13 responses. After interviewing three finalists, the committee selected Ted Kurz and Building Bridges Arts Collaborative.

Kurz worked closely with Building Bridges' Artistic Director Katherine Chilcote and Educational Director Danny Carver to design the mural. The Summer Mural Institute met Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 1 pm in the basement of West Side Church of Christ in Ohio City. Forty two youth from across Cleveland participated in the project and received stipends for their work in completing the mural. The students learned a valuable set of skills through the program, says Katherine Chilcote, the founder and Executive Director of Building Bridges.

"This is job training through the arts," Chilcote says. "We selected these students from a pool of over eight hundred applicants. They were handpicked and recommended by their teachers, and they are very hard workers." "I brought some of my colleagues to view

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South Moreland between Larchmere Boulevard and Buckeye Road – a concentration of over 300 units, or nearly half of the total units on these two blocks. Over the past few years, the owner has steadily upgraded and improved these apartments.

"We want our buildings to set the tone for the street," says Cook, "so we are tearing out all the old kitchens and replacing them with new cabinets, ceramic floors and granite countertops and really opening up the floor plans tremendously."

Asked why he has chosen the Shaker Square area to focus on, Cook cites the fact that he and his wife are homeowners who are raising a family in nearby Shaker Heights. "I believe that Shaker Square and the surrounding neighborhoods have to stay strong," Cook says. "We have a great city neighborhood – a dense, walk-able community with affordable housing that's close to public transit."

2653 North Moreland, a four-story post-war apartment building typical of the street, is an example of the improvements Cook and Gabrail are making. This 16 unit building had been in and out of receivership for over seven years before Gabrail recently purchased it. The building had been ignored, the landscaping was overgrown, it had poor security, and it lacked overall maintenance and repair. Forty five days later, the building was tuck-pointed, the

landscaping cleared, wood trim repaired and painted, doors secured, roof and elevator repaired and common areas painted. More work is scheduled, including window replacements, individual suite renovations and re-landscaping the property. Wherever possible, Cook has sought to preserve the original details of the building, which has wood molding, historic hardware and fireplaces.

The redevelopment of North and South Moreland apartment buildings is a sound investment, Cook and Gabrail argue, since the neighborhood continues to attract apartment dwellers and maintain relatively low vacancy rates. Tenants range from the "Med's and Ed's" of University Circle to downtown professionals and long-time neighborhood residents seeking a low-maintenance lifestyle. They also like the apartment buildings because they have intrinsic value in the hardwood floors and dramatic ceilings and other original details that are difficult to replicate. Additionally, these units – originally built for professionals during the same era when the Van Sweringens created Shaker Square – offer generous room sizes, off-street parking, elevators, and modern layouts

CPM's efforts to improve South Moreland are aided by the work of the Ludlow Community Association, a neighborhood group that is working to add new signage

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the mural and told them, "This is what we should aspire to when working with young people," says Kevin Kay, a Project Manager at Neighborhood Leadership Institute, a nonprofit that manages the Schools as Neighborhood Resources program at Sunbeam Elementary School. "It's not easy to achieve that quality of interaction with young people. The program gives the kids a high level of respect and responsibility."

The youth interns hail from Cleveland and East Cleveland. Nine live in the Shaker Square-Larchmere area. While some of the students are aspiring artists, others have never painted at this level before. Building Bridges collaborated with Youth Opportunities Unlimited and the Cuyahoga County Department of Workforce Development to attain funding.

The students were aided by Danny Carver, a teacher at the Cleveland School of the Arts, as well as two graduate interns from the Cleveland Institute of Art. Carver taught the students how to transfer Kurz's hand-drawn design onto a wall using a projector. Once the images had been projected onto the wall, the students traced the outlines onto large aluminum panels. After completing the mural outline, the students spent two months filling in the details.

"The students thought I was a madman at first, because I made them work so hard," says Carver. "We had to educate our youth as to how to act in a work environment. They had no work skills whatsoever when they started," Carver adds, "For kids that were not artistically inclined, it shocked them to see that they had that inner talent."

Derreck Simpson, a ninth grader at the Cleveland School of the Arts, shakes his head as he talks about the process of painting the mural. "It's hard," he says. "If it's too dark or too light, you have to check it, and then go back and re-do it."

Yet Simpson praises Mr. Carver, who has mentored the students throughout the summer-long process. "Carver's got the techniques!" he says. "Then his face breaks out in a grin. "Next year, I have him as my teacher."

Editor's Note: Ted Kurz and Building Bridges Arts Collaborative were selected by an independent committee of merchants and residents in the Larchmere community. Katherine Chilcote is Lee Chilcote's sister. Lee Chilcote helped to facilitate the competition but was not a voting member of the committee.

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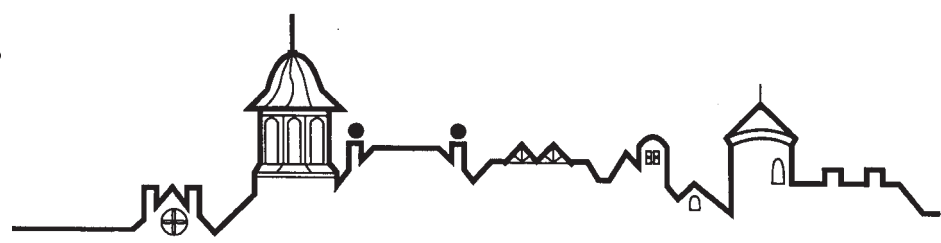
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Sept. 22-Wed, 10 am Shaker Library

Business Book Discussion: *Banker to the Poor: Micro-Lending and the Battle Against World Poverty* by Muhammad Yunus

Sept. 22-Wed, 7 pm Bertram Woods Branch

Meet the Author
Meet Tricia Springstubb, author of *What Happened on Fox Street*

Sept 24-Fri, 3 pm Harvey Rice Library

Friday Flicks
Come to the library for a movie and popcorn!

Sept 2-Thurs, 6-8 pm Loganberry Books-Annex Gallery

Opening Reception
Eugenia Vainberg - Illustration in Embroidery runs through Sept 30.

Sept 24-Fri 6:30-8:30 Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Family Campfire Night
It's an old-fashioned get-together 'round the campfire for kids and their families. Suggested \$5 donation per family to help support Nature Center programs.

Sept 25-Sat, 7:30 am - 3:00 pm Dike 14 Open House presented by the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

The Dike 14 Environmental Education Collaborative will provide guided hikes of the 88 acre wildlife haven on Cleveland's Lake Erie shoreline at the mouth of the Doan Brook. Hour long guided hikes begin at 7:30am and 8:30am. The site will be open for self-guided tours through the early afternoon until 3pm.

Sept. 28-Tues, 2 pm Shaker Library

Tuesday Afternoon Job-Hunting series: *Getting Your Foot in the Door*
Finding a job in this economic climate is not easy. Get tips from the expert when Giannoula Regan, STERIS on-site workforce manager for Staffing Solutions Enterprises, presents a job-hunting series at Main Library.

Sept. 28-Tues, 7:30 pm Shaker Library

Book Discussion: *Emma* by Jane Austen

Sept. 29-Wed, 7 pm Bertram Woods Branch

Meet the Author
Meet Mano Singham, author of *God vs. Darwin: The War Between Evolution and Creationism in the Classroom*.

Oct 2-Sat, 9:00 am Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Hike and Run for Nature
Your choice: a 5k Race, a 12-Mile Hike to Dike 14, a 1-Mile Hike Pet Friendly Hike for Families or a 2-Mile Doan Brook Gorge Hike. Scout troops welcome. Hikes start at 9am and the 5k race begins at 9:15am. Benefits the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and the Jenny Goldman Outreach Fund.

Oct 7-Thurs, 6-8 pm Loganberry Books-Annex Gallery

Opening Reception
Japanese Nature Photography by Yoshida. Show runs through November 1.

Oct 7-10, Thurs through Sun Shaker Library

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Oct 13-Wed, 4-5pm Shaker Library Teen Center

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Oct 16-Sat, 2 pm Bertram Woods Branch

Meet *American Girl Doll Molly*
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Oct 19-Tues, 2 pm Shaker Library

Tuesday Afternoon Job-Hunting Series: *Interviewing Strategies Part 1*
Learn how to prepare for a job interview, how to gain confidence, and how to make a winning first impression. Topics covered will include the basics of job interviewing, how to prepare for the interview, proper etiquette during the interview, what your body language can reveal about you, and appropriate interview questions to ask.

Oct 24-Sun, 3 pm Shaker Library

Jazz with *Shari Hunter*: Vocal performance

Oct 28-Thurs, 7 pm Bertram Woods Branch

Poetry Back in the Woods Sara Holbrook and Michael Salinger share their poetry.

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Nov 4-Thurs, 6-8 pm Loganberry Books-Annex Gallery

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Lauren Pacini's Death and Rebirth of the Midwest Industrial City. Selected black and white photographs. Through November 29.

Nov 4-Thurs, 6-8:30pm Shaker Library

What's It Worth? *Friends of the Shaker Library Appraisal*
Find out what your treasures are worth.

Nov 9- Tues, 2 pm Shaker Library

Tuesday Afternoon Job-Hunting Series: *Interviewing Strategies Part II*
Learn how to respond to a variety of different behavioral questions and how to find the behaviors employers are seeking for a particular job. Behavioral interviews seek to discover how potential employees would behave in different situations and usually begin with questions such as, "Describe how you handled a difficult situation" or "How would you ..?"

Nov 17-Wed, 7:30 pm Shaker Library

Business Book Discussion: *Outliers: The Story of Success* by Malcolm Gladwell

Nov 18-Thurs, 7 pm Bertram Woods Branch

Poetry Back in the Woods
Hear poetry read by Midwest poet and KSU instructor, Maj Ragain, and Cape Cod's poet and balladeer, Tim Joyce.

Nov 20-Sat, 1-5 pm Shaker Library

Technology Fair
Vendors and library staff will demonstrate and answer your questions about new technology. Learn how to get the most out of DVDs, smartphones, downloadable books, playaways, digital cameras and other popular gadgets that will be available to try.

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to the area as well as to complete landscaping improvements.

Cook is confident that the buildings on North Moreland and South Moreland will hold their value and prove successful over time. As the quality of the properties has improved, he and Gabrail have been able to gradually increase rents and increase their resident retention rates, thus garnering a more professional tenant base while maintaining the economic diversity of the neighborhood.

"These properties are intensive owner/manager buildings," says Cook. "They were built very well and the improvements they are doing will secure their place in the market for many years to come."

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Neighbors at Play Over Ludlow Way

The Ludlow Community Family Picnic took place on Sunday, August 22 from 2 to 6 pm, at the Greenview School (formerly Ludlow School). Volunteer grill masters took care of the hotdogs and neighbors brought the rest, for a picnic at the playground. The Euclid Beach Rocket Car and the Shaker Heights Fire Department made guest appearances. Friends and families enjoyed the event.



Beautification Project

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neighborhood teens. "We're going to try to keep them engaged and find some other activities that they want to do to enhance their neighborhood. This is an ongoing process for the youth in the Ludlow community," says Chapman.

Clayton says that young people need coaching, supervision and friendship from adults in the neighborhood, a sentiment echoed by 16 year-old Kenyatta Dennis. "We need adults who are willing to work with us," says Kenyatta. "I hope that the community will see what we've done and that we're not bad."

In her presentation at the Ludlow Community Association in July, Kenyatta noted that she and her friends get in trouble for hanging

out on the Hampton Road traffic islands and that they are discouraged from using the playground at Ludlow School, which is designed for younger children. She asked the community to set aside a place for afterschool recreation for teens in her neighborhood. In the meantime, Kenyatta's younger sister Sharonda, 15, wants to continue the work on the traffic islands. "I would like to plant some flowers and see how they turn out," says Sharonda. "I've never done it before, but I would like to try."



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