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Larchmere Streetscape Project Receives Funding

*Larchmere Blvd
Awarded
Federal Funding for
Streetscape
Redevelopment Project*

*NOACA Provides
\$587,041
for New Lighting,
Landscaping
and Other
Enhancements*

The Larchmere Streetscape Improvement Project, Phase I has been awarded \$587,041 from the Transportation Enhancement program of the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency (NOACA) following the NOACA board's December 10th meeting. SHAD and the city of Cleveland are scheduled to complete engineering of the project in 2011, with construction slated to begin in 2012-2013 and to be completed within 12 months of the start date.

The project is a major effort to upgrade the Larchmere commercial district. It will enhance the commercial district with aesthetic improvements that also strengthen bicycle, pedestrian and transit access. It will have a major economic impact on residents and businesses within the Larchmere-Shaker Square community, as well as the entire Northeast Ohio region, by making the retail district safer, more attractive and more economically competitive.



An artist's rendering of some of Larchmere's proposed streetscape improvements.

The project is Phase I of a larger streetscape redevelopment effort that also includes the N. Moreland intersection and gateway intersections. Phase I will include the area between East 121st Street and East 130th Street (approximately). It includes the following proposed major elements:

Enhancements to the pedestrian realm include the installation of bulb outs at intersection corners. Bulb outs will shorten pedestrian crossing distances and increase safety by improving the lines of sight between vehicles and pedestrians.

Additional proposed elements include:

- Enhanced, decorative crosswalks on Larchmere Boulevard at critical intersections (East 121st, 126th, 127th, 128th and 130th Streets).
- Planters and flowerbeds with raised edges at the curb bulb outs.
- Expansion of existing planter beds to incorporate additional plantings.
- Replacement of concrete sidewalks and curbs where they have deteriorated.

(See **Larchmere Streetscape** on page 6)

Film Festival Returns to Shaker Square

by Rita Kueber

The 35th Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF) returns to Shaker Square on Tuesday, March 29th with a charming Italian film, *Hayfever* (*Febbre Da Fieno*), directed by Laura Luchetti.

Hayfever is the story of misfit Matteo and skater girl Franki who work in Stefano's vintage shop. Dreamers and tinkerers, they are unable to organize their store or their lives, until the westerly breeze, the legendary "ponentino" that gives courage to timid lovers, brings along a young woman named Camilla who changes everything. With an indie soundtrack featuring music by Laura Marling, Devendra Banhart and Imelda May, this movie is presented in Italian with subtitles.

This special screening at Shaker Square Cinemas is part of an evening on the Square that starts with a pre-film reception from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm at SASA (13120 Shaker Square). By

7:00 patrons should take their seats for the 7:15 screening. Patrons must have a Film Festival pass or *Hayfever* ticket for admission to the pre-party and the film. At 9:00 patrons can enjoy dinner specials at SASA or around the Square.

Complete information about the film festival, including the entire schedule and how to purchase tickets and vouchers, is available at www.clevelandfilm.org, or by calling 623.3456.

The Cleveland International Film Festival promotes artistically and culturally significant film arts through education and exhibition to enrich the life of the community. Last year CIFF had 71,554 patrons attend the 34th annual event. The 2011 film festival runs at Tower City Cinemas and several satellite locations from March 24 to April 3.

Shaker Square Area Development Corp. is proud to partner with the Cleveland International Film Festival's special evening on March 29th.



*Enjoying the spring air on Shaker Square?
The Cleveland International Film Festival returns to the Square with the Italian film Hayfever on March 29. (Pictured: Giuseppe Gandini as Stefano, Giulia Michelini as Franki and Andrea Bosca as Matteo.)*

Grow Outs Newest Addition to Larchmere's Amenities

When you consider how quickly children can grow, wouldn't it be great to have a way to beat back the bills but still have them looking picture perfect for every special occasion? Maybe you can, with a new neighborhood boutique called Grow Outs.

The new store is the pet project of Veyonne Washington. She describes Grow Outs as a gently used resale clothing boutique for children, in sizes newborn to 18. She carries popular name brand labels as well

as gently used toys, learning aids and infant/toddler merchandise. "I looked everywhere for a place to set up," she recalls. "I looked at Buckeye, downtown and finally decided on Larchmere. Everyone has just been wonderful and welcoming."

Her store opened officially on January 8, in the middle of blizzard, but she warmly recalls how her extended family was there as the pastor of her church came to bless the endeavor. She eagerly shows a visitor the whimsical paintings that decorate the store — paintings that were created by students at the neighboring Life Skills Academy. "Didn't they do a great job?" she asks looking at the tree painted just inside her door.

The Shaker Heights resident has run her own daycare center for eleven years, but saw Grow Outs as an opportunity to help her families — and others — in two ways. People whose children can no longer use the clothing donate the items to get a break from cluttered closets. People whose children could use the clothing can find what they need for a significantly lower cost. Veyonne talks

about having to turn some well-meaning families down due to the condition of the clothing they'd like to donate. She insists that all the clothing she is asked to take in is cleaned and ready to wear; and that all equipment and furniture be in working order. She reserves the right to decline any merchandise that is not suitable for the store's needs or to pass along to another family.

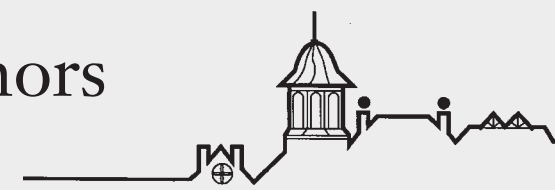
Grow Outs is looking forward to a grand opening in April. Currently the store is working on winter hours, but Veyonne anticipates the hours will expand as the seasons change. For more information, contact Veyonne at Grow Outs, or better yet stop by not only to admire the merchandise, but take in the artwork as well.

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Veyonne Washington (above) is the owner of Larchmere's newest shop, Grow Outs. The kid-friendly artwork was painted by students at Life Skills Academy.

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Sunbeam Evening Program Registration Tops 600

by Kevin Kay

For the third year in a row, the Schools as Neighborhood Resources (SNR) program at Sunbeam School has set a new registration mark. Between October 2010, when the current program year began, and the beginning of February 2011, more than 600 area residents had registered to participate in the free evening activities at the school.

Activities include karate, line dancing, basketball, arts and crafts, board games, and tutoring. All activities are free and open to the public. The program continues through mid-April.

Registration has more than tripled since the 2007-2008 program

year. Sunbeam SNR site coordinator Jack Beidleman credits community collaboration for the rise. "Schools, businesses, block clubs, nonprofit organizations, faith-based institutions, medical facilities, elected officials — they've all helped us get the word out about this program," says Beidleman. "We've also benefited from word of mouth — people telling their friends and neighbors."

Use of the free meeting space at Sunbeam has also increased. Several groups are already scheduled to meet at the school in March, including Neighborhood Voice, a new monthly publication that is conducting writing workshops; the Parent Support Group, led by longtime Larchmere

resident Joyce Pratt; and Women of Vision, a support group recently formed to educate and empower women. See the Community Calendar listings on page 10 for meeting times.

Located at 11731 Mt. Overlook Ave., Sunbeam School is open to the community on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m. (Use the side entrance in the evening.) For more information, call Kevin Kay at 367-2234. For assistance during program hours, contact Jack Beidleman at 577-6231. Schools as Neighborhood Resources is a program of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute.

(See *Along the Boulevard* on page 6)

Along the Boulevard

by Susan Rotatori

Ohio recognizes Lloyd O. Brown

The Supreme Court of the State of Ohio unveiled the portrait of deceased Supreme Justice Lloyd O. Brown.

Justice Brown, a 38-year Ludlow area resident is recognized as the second African American Justice to serve on Ohio's Supreme Court from 1971 to 1973. He is also recognized as the first African American Justice to have his portrait displayed there.

At the July 6, 2010 recognition, a host of family members, friends, community members and supporters along with Norma Fleming the portrait artist, filled the Columbus Supreme Courtroom. Artist Norma Fleming is a Ludlow-area resident. Phyllis Brown, widow of Justice Brown, with sons Lloyd Odum Brown and Raymond Scott Brown, presented the portrait. The Browns' daughter, Leslie Brown-Vincent, gave a brief history of their father.

Justice Brown was described by his daughter as a man who met no strangers. Whether at the grocer, in his yard or at work, he took a genuine interest in people.

The Browns have always believed that community service is a key component of their fabric. They modeled their efforts in community service, not just for their children, but for others as well, in hopes of motivating them to service.

Phyllis Brown is the retired Director of the Fine Arts Department of James Rhodes High School Cleveland.

From Cleveland to Carnegie Hall

Performing at Carnegie Hall is a dream only a very few select performers accomplish!

However twenty-six choral students in grades four through seven from the Cleveland School of the Arts Lower Campus, (near the corner of East 61 Street and Outhwaite Ave) won that slim opportunity — the singers won the chance to perform at Carnegie Hall in February.

Last summer their choral teacher Diane White-Gould, a Ludlow area resident, sent a recording of her students' choral group to the judges at the Heritage Festivals, an accredited organization in New York City.

Over the past year, thousands of students from hundreds of schools have competed for the opportunity to perform at the Heritage Festival. This elite performance opportunity showcases the best children's choirs from around the country.

At Carnegie Hall, the Cleveland singers join youngsters from seven other states for the festival, which presents performances by the National Youth Choir made up of high school students from around the U.S.

The legendary question goes 'could you tell me how to get to Carnegie Hall?' The answer is always the same: 'practice, practice, practice.' This opportunity has led to putting in extensive rehearsal time which is exactly what the Cleveland School of the Arts Lower Campus choral students have been doing.

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Larchmere Master Plan moves ahead

A grant of more than \$580,000 from the Federal Transportation Enhancement program of the Northeast Ohio Area Coordinating Agency has been awarded to support the Larchmere Blvd. Streetscape Improvement project. This very significant grant will be used for a number of streetscape improvements recommended in the Larchmere Master Plan update completed in 2009. Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD), working in conjunction with a committee comprised of Larchmere residents and merchants, leads the community-based process that resulted in the updated Master Plan, a guide for development in the commercial district. Proposed streetscape projects in the area between East 121st Street and East 130th include new lighting, landscaping, and decorative crosswalks. Later this year, several public meetings will be held to allow neighborhood residents and business stakeholders to provide input on desired improvements along the Larchmere commercial corridor. The Larchmere Streetscape Improvement project will build upon

the generous financial support that has been provided by the Saint Luke's Foundation during the past four years for key marketing and promotional activities as well as gateway signage, banners, and public art.

For the second year, Shaker Square Area Development Corporation (SHAD), will host a series of Home Improvement Workshops. The workshops are designed to provide important information about programs and technical assistance available to help you make needed repairs or improve your home's curb appeal.

During each workshop, representatives from the following organizations will be on hand to provide information and answer your questions about available resources to improve your home: Cleveland Restoration Society, Cleveland Action to Support Housing, Community Housing Solutions.

I hope you will be able to join us for one of the upcoming Home Improvement Workshops. SHAD wants to help you maintain and increase your home's value. As you know, making necessary repairs adds

curb appeal and prevents further damage to your home.

The Home Improvement Workshop schedule follows:
Wednesday March 30th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Our Lady of Peace School, 12401 Buckingham

Wednesday April 13th, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, GreenView School (formerly Ludlow School), 14201 Southington

Please call the SHAD office at 421-2100 for more information or to register for one of the workshops. The workshops are free. We hope to see you there!

As the long winter draws to a close and thoughts begin to look toward spring, please consider getting involved in one of the many neighborhood associations or block clubs in the area. The Ludlow Community Association meets on the third Tuesday of the month beginning at 7:00pm at Ludlow School, 14201 Southington Road. The Larchmere Community Association meets on the first Wednesday of each month (except January and July) at 7:00pm at Fairhill Partners, 12200 Fairhill Road.

Next issue deadline for The Connection: May 10

Deadline for the next (Summer) issue of The Connection will be Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

Press releases:

Please send your press release by email to ritak@shad.org. Or send your information by US mail to: Rita Kueber, SHAD, 11811 Shaker Blvd., Suite 206, Cleveland, OH 44120

Ads:

Call 421-2100 for rate and size information or for a media kit. If your ad was created with a computer program, you may be able to send it via email. Call for information before sending.

Inspiration? Idea?

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Margaret Simon's column Around the Square will return in the Summer, 2011 edition of The Connection.

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Water, Sustainability at the Heart of Lessons at TIS



Many exciting activities are taking place at The Intergenerational School (TIS) this winter and spring, including a weeklong residency with visiting artist Bernice Davidson. Ms. Davidson is partnering with TIS students as well as local elders from Judson in the "Wear the River" project. This artistic endeavor will allow students and elders to learn about and create their own art that focuses on water and sustainability, with inspiration from the Doan Brook. Ms. Davidson will have her artwork on display at The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes this summer, and will also assist the students and Judson residents prepare pieces to be shown off at this summer's Parade the Circle.

TIS is linking this project to another initiative in which Dave Harris of Tech 4 Life and Case Western Reserve University will be working with students to interview elders who either experienced or took part of the "Freeway Fighters" initiative in the 1960's, which preserved the Shaker Lakes by preventing a highway from being built through the wetlands. These interviews and discussions will be compiled into a book entitled *The Legacy of Clark Freeway Fighters* which students will help complete.

Continuing the theme of sustainability, the newly-inaugurated Edible Forest Garden



The Intergenerational School educates and involves children in the community. This spring, TIS students are working with Judson residents and CWRU on projects focused on water and sustainability.

will continue to grow this spring with the hard work of students, elders and community volunteers. The garden began last year as part of a partnership with Fairhill Partners, Brett Joseph of The Center for Ecological Culture and CWRU's Weatherhead School of Management, Master of Science in Positive Organization Development and Change. This is a student-run, edible forest garden complete with composting and educational programming initiatives for the students and community.

TIS is a free, non-profit public community school open to all students, grades K-8. It has over 220 enrolled students, with plans to open a new location in the Ohio City/Near West side of town fall 2011.

The Intergenerational School is located at 12200 Fairhill Road in Cleveland.

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Shaker Heights PTO's Annual Flower Sale

Thinking about spring? Why not beautify your yard and support a good cause at the same time, by buying plants and flowers from the Shaker Heights High School PTO?

Order forms for the Annual Flower Sale will be available from March through May. The sale offers geraniums, petunias, New Guinea impatiens, shade impatiens and verbena as well as purple fountain grass, spikes and vinca vines. In addition, pre-planted 12" patio pots containing colorful flowering plants will be available, as well as trays of assorted tomatoes and a variety of herbs.

Order forms are available at any Shaker Heights school, library or the Schools' Administration Building. Order forms are also available online at www.shaker.org/pto/fundraisers, or look for Shaker Heights High School Flower Sale on Facebook.

Payments can be made by check or credit card. All orders must be received and prepaid by May 10, 2011.

Flower/plant pick-up dates will be Friday, May 20th, 5pm-8pm and Saturday, May 21st, 8am-noon at Shaker Heights High School. Optional delivery is available for \$15.

Money raised from this sale goes to the High School PTO, which supports over 25 student clubs, activities, parent forums/programs and newsletters.



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The Solid Waste Management District will be holding a Backyard Composting Seminar and Bin Sale in conjunction with River's Edge ministry on Tuesday, March 15 at 3430 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland at 7:00 p.m.

The informative seminar is designed to teach county residents how to properly compost yard waste and food scraps in their backyards while offering low cost compost bins for sale. Backyard composting helps reduce the amount of organic waste sent to landfills while creating a healthy soil amendment that can be used in gardens and landscapes.

Registration is required. To register for this seminar, call 688-1111 ext. 251. These compost bins will be available for purchase by cash or check only:

- Wishing Well Composter - \$50.00
- Ultimate Dirt Machine Digester - \$50.00
- Sure-Close Compost Pail - \$5.00

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will be holding additional seminars throughout Cuyahoga County during the spring and summer months. For a schedule, visit www.cuyahogawd.org/en-US/Composting.aspx

Celebrate the Festival!

If you can't beat it, eat it! This super-popular event held on Thursday, April 14 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm, celebrates creative cuisine made from garlic mustard, an edible, invasive plant pulled from the grounds of The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Each year renowned local area chefs from Coquette Patisserie, fire food and drink, The Greenhouse Tavern, J. Pistone Market and Gathering Place, SASA, Sergio's/SARAVA, and Spice of Life Catering Co. participate.

Beat the crowd and meet the chefs at the Center's new VIP hour, priced at \$75 per ticket,

which includes general admission. Nature Center members have the opportunity to purchase tickets before they go on sale to the general public. Members only pre-sale for both VIP (\$75) and general admission tickets (\$50) begins March 1st. Non-members may purchase remaining tickets beginning March 21st. Call 321-5935 ext. 235 to purchase tickets.



Larchmere Streetscape

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- Additional street trees.
- Additional pedestrian scale lighting.
- Way-finding and parking signage.
- Additional benches and seating areas.
- Additional trash cans.
- Additional bike racks.

The Larchmere Streetscape Improvement Project will create needed infrastructure to support the commercial district, which has evolved into a retail destination. It will support and encourage the redevelopment that is taking place in the community. Examples of such redevelopment include new construction condominiums and retail, rehabilitation of older buildings, new businesses, gateway signage, landscape enhancements, a popular event series that includes the Larchmere Festival,

and the proposed creation of a Business Improvement District (BID).

The Larchmere Streetscape Improvement Project grew out of the Larchmere Master Plan, a document that now serves as a guide for development within the retail district. The Master Plan was created in 2009 following a community-based process involving more than a dozen meetings with 200 residents, merchants and stakeholders.

Shaker Square Area Development Corp. (SHAD) credits the Saint Luke's Foundation for its past support of streetscape redevelopment projects on Larchmere. Additionally, SHAD thanks Neighborhood Progress Inc. (NPI) and Ward 6 Councilwoman Mamie Mitchell for providing funding for the Larchmere Master Plan.

Along the Boulevard

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Mercedes Helen Spotts

Recently deceased, Mercedes Helen Spotts broke through the proverbial glass ceiling. She paved a path for women through careers in public service and leadership positions.

Throughout her illustrious life, Spotts served in many roles, including President of the Cuyahoga County Bar Assoc., only the second woman in that position in 80 years. While she was Bar President, she initiated the custody mediation program in Juvenile Court, which received an award from the American Bar Assoc.

Spotts was also the first woman appointed a Deputy Bailiff in the Cleveland Municipal Court and for 25 years served as Director of Central Scheduling for that court.

She was deeply involved with numerous community services and other organizations. But, just as important, she was the devoted mother to David and John Spotts, who survive along with her sister, the retired Court of Appeals Judge Diane Karpinski, also a Ludlow area resident. She was also the sister of the late Gloria Joy Battisti and the daughter of the late John and Helen Karpinski, a former Cleveland City Councilwoman.

LCA News

The Ludlow Community Association (LCA) would like to acknowledge previous long-standing members of the organization, who have passed away in the past six months.

Lee Noss was one of the founding members of the LCA, which was founded over 50 years ago and one of the first neighborhood community organizations in the country. He took a stand not allowing discrimination within the LCA neighborhood.

Paul Ross was involved in the early stages of the LCA and was involved for many years.

Ruth Rucker was a long time active member of the LCA.

LCA Annual Party

This year, the Ludlow Community Association (LCA) made a change in the date and location for their annual Holiday Party. Instead of gathering before Christmas, LCA decided to kick-off the New Year with an "After Holiday Community Party" on January 9th at the Ludlow School. About 60 residents came together for pot-luck appetizers and desserts, along with a DJ providing music and dancing entertainment - a great way to start the new year!

Susan Rotatori lives in the Ludlow neighborhood with her family.



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3rd Annual Porchfest needs musicians – and porches

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To be considered by the Planning Committee, musicians should email one or two MP3 files along with the band's name, genre and contact information to porchfestsubmissions@gmail.com. The submission deadline is May 1, 2011. Not all bands who

submit will be selected. Accepted bands will be assigned porches/time slots, which will be 30 – 45 minutes in length.

If you would like to donate your front porch or yard to host a musician or group, or if you would like to be a sponsor of Porchfest 2011, contact the Planning Committee at larchmereporchfest@gmail.com.

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PorchFest launches its 3rd year with plans for 30 bands/musicians performing on various porches (residential and retail) from 2 to 6 pm between Shaker Boulevard West and Fairhill. From 6:00 – 9:00pm enjoy a concert at Shaker Square. All events are free, family-friendly and open to the public.



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At Home with the Arts

Friday April 8, 7:00 pm.

A benefit for the Shaker Arts Council (SHAC) will be held at Loganberry Books (13105 Larchmere) as part of its regular "At Home with the Arts" series. Shaker resident, guitarist Jason Vieaux, will perform at the benefit. Vieaux is a musician regularly noted for his engaging and virtuosic live performances and imaginative programming. In 2010 The New York Times called him "one of the youngest stars of the guitar world."

Tickets are \$40 (\$35 for SHAC members) and include the performance, refreshments, and a light supper sponsored by Marbella. Register online at shakerartscouncil.org or send a check made payable to the Shaker Arts Council at PMB 232, 16781 Chagrin Blvd. Shaker Heights, 44120. For more information call 561-7454 or email info@shakerartscouncil.org

New Art Contest - The Essence of Shaker Square \$500 in Cash Prizes

Shaker Square merchants Dewey Forward (Dewey's Coffee Cafe/ Shaker Square Popcorn Shop) and Paula Atwell (Lake Erie Artists Gallery) are presenting a new art contest to promote the special qualities of Shaker Square.

"Shaker Square has such a long and varied history, and means so many different things to people," says Paula Atwell. "Dewey Forward and I wanted to encourage the creative spirit of the entire community by inviting local artists to contribute their interpretations of what Shaker Square means to them. The Essence of Shaker Square Art Contest is open to anyone in the community who wishes to enter, and we hope to see a lot of variety in what entrants turn in."

The goal of the contest is to find one or more pieces of art that show off Shaker Square in a way that will capture the essence of the community. For contest rules and how to enter, go to <http://lakeerieartists.com/essence-shaker.aspx>.

For more information, contact Paula Atwell at 752-9960 or Dewey Forward at 991-1101.



A Very Square Affair - March through May

The Shaker Historical Society (SHS) is making plans for an exhibit titled: "A Very Square Affair." The exhibit will feature the early suburban shopping center Shaker Square, and is scheduled to run from March to May, 2011.

Located on the border of the cities of Cleveland and Shaker Heights, the 80-year-old Shaker Square was built in 1927-29 by the Van Sweringen brothers in conjunction with the development of neighboring Shaker Heights. The style and detail are American Colonial to conform to the domestic vision and style of the planned suburb of Shaker Heights.

Shaker Square is rich in history and tradition. Designed with wide open spaces, a mix of business and served by the Rapid Transit System, it is one of the country's original town centers. The Shaker Square stores were planned to appeal to the upper-class clientele of Shaker Heights and housed a great variety of

businesses over the years, from realtors and fine dining restaurants to specialty clothing stores and professional offices. In 1976 Shaker Square, the oldest shopping district in Ohio and the second oldest in the nation, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

The Shaker Historical Society invites anyone with unique pictures, artifacts, visual references and memorabilia that relates to Shaker Square and is willing to loan to the SHS for use in the exhibit to contact Ann Cicarella at 921-1201 or via email at acicarella@shakerhistory.org. SHS is located at 16740 South Park Blvd. in Shaker Heights.



Springtime is Home Improvement Time

The Shaker Square Area Development Corporation will host its annual Home Improvement Workshops, in March and April. These workshops are free and open to the public.

Organizations featured at these workshops include the Cleveland Restoration Society, Cleveland Action to Support Housing (CASH), Community Housing Solutions and other agencies that serve Shaker Square Neighborhoods.

Topics and information will include:

- Historical color palettes for homes within the SHAD service areas
- Energy efficient and sustainable ways of repairing wood windows, doors, etc.
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This year's workshops will be held at:
Our Lady of Peace School
 12401 Buckingham off Shaker Blvd.
Wednesday, March 30th
 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Ludlow School
 14201 Southington Road - at Ludlow and Southington Road
Wednesday, April 13th
 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm

For more information call 421-2100 ext. 25.



Sunday April 10 OLP 6th Annual Run/Walk for Peace

Our Lady of Peace Parish (OLP) announces its 6th Annual Run/Walk for Peace on Sunday, April 10 at 9:15 am. The run is a 5K course that begins on East 126th Street near Larchmere Blvd., continues west onto Shaker Blvd. to MLK Drive and returns to Our Lady of Peace. Walkers as well as runners are invited to participate in this non-competitive event. There will also be a Tot Trot, a run/walk designed for children ages K-3, on a much shorter course. Entrance fees are \$10 for 5K participants and \$5 for the Tot Trot. All participants will receive a Run/Walk for Peace T-Shirt.

The annual Run/Walk for Peace is an opportunity for the neighborhood to come together, with people cheering the runners and walkers along the route. Students especially enjoy the interaction with the Cleveland Police, who generously lend their support.

In the past five years, The Run/Walk for Peace has raised over \$50,000 to support the mission of Our Lady of Peace Church and School. Our Lady of Peace, located just west of Shaker Square, serves not only the parish community, but the neighborhood as well. Our Lady of Peace School recently became Archbishop Lyke School-Our Lady of Peace Campus, part of a cluster that serves students in a wider geographic area.

Registration will take place on Sunday, April 10th beginning at 8:00 a.m. After the run, participants and supporters are invited to enjoy coffee, refreshments, fruit and baked goods at the Parish Hall. To register in advance for the Run/Walk for Peace, contact James Cullen at 533-8804; or on-line at www.olpchurch.com. OLP is located at East 126th and Shaker Boulevard.

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Flying Cranes Café 13006 Larchmere, 795-1033
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Community Calendar



Spotlight on Seniors

Join the City of Cleveland as it celebrates the 22nd Annual Senior Day on Thursday, May 12 at the Cleveland Convention Center (500 Lakeside Avenue in Downtown Cleveland.) There is no charge to attend this special day that puts a "Spotlight on Our Seniors." The day includes an Information Fair at 10:00 am, a program at 11:00 pm and lunch at noon. All seniors are invited to attend. For more information, call 664-2833 or go to www.cleveland-oh.gov.

mation, contact her at 262-2608. Additional session: March 24.

March 18-Fri 6:00-8:00 pm Owl Prowl at Lakeview Cemetery
Join the naturalists from the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes at Lakeview Cemetery to search for signs and sounds of owls. Reservations and a \$6 fee required. Call Lakeview Cemetery at 421-2665 for information and to register.

March 19-Sat 9:00 am - 12:30 pm Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Marsh Restoration Volunteer Event
Volunteers will collect trash from the marsh and spread native plant seeds.

March 20-Sun 9:30 am Coffee, Conversation & Community The Greening of Liberal Religion
What parts do environmental justice and restoring the earth play in Unitarian, liberal Christian and liberal Jewish practice? All are invited. No fee. First Unitarian Church of Cleveland

March 22-Tues 7:00 pm Ludlow Community Association General Meeting
Ludlow School Building

March 24-Thurs, 4:00-5:30 pm Shaker Heights Main Library GameGirls
For girls only, learn how to play Wii Sports, or improve your skills.

March 27-Sun 9:30 am Coffee, Conversation & Community The Digital Community and Us: How Are We Affected?
Where will the digitally enhanced lifestyle take us? How can we build community digitally? With Lev Gornick, VP Information Services CWRU and Dan Moulthrop. Co-Director of Civic Commons, a new NE Ohio online community, and held at First Unitarian Church of Cleveland

March 28-April 1 The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Spring Break Nature Camp
For children grades pre-K-5th grade, a week filled with adventure and discovery. All camp sessions run 9 am to 3 pm, extended care available. Members \$45/day or \$200/week, non-members \$55/day or \$250/week.

April 2-Sat 12:00 noon Loganberry Books Edible Books Festival
Make edible art that has something to do with books. Prizes awarded. Free to enter contest and view entries. \$3 to vote and eat!

April 3-Sun 9:30 am Coffee, Conversation & Community The Intersection of Music and Intelligence in Early Childhood
A discussion and interactive experience to see what happens when children are exposed to singing, dancing and instruments. With Vanessa Bond, Doctoral Candidate at CWRU and Sylvia Easley, Director of the Cleveland Music School Settlement's Early Childhood Program. Families welcome. Held at the First Unitarian Church of Cleveland

April 5-Tues 5:00 pm Cleveland Library/Harvey Rice Branch Cleveland Goes to College
A series of free workshops for high school students and parents to prepare for college, explore the application and enrollment process, and understand how to apply for and secure financial aid.

April 8 - Fri 7:00 - 9:00 pm Loganberry Books Shaker Arts Council presents Jason Vieaux, guitarist
See page 8 for more information.

April 9-Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Experiential Gardening Workshop for Families
Learn some easy ways to start your seeds inside and get a head start on your 2011 garden. \$5 fee per person

April 12-Tues 7:00 - 9:00 pm Loganberry Books Katywompus Press book launch: Mary E. Weems, Robert Miltner, Philip Metres.

April 16-Sat 10:00 am - 12:00 noon Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Rain Barrel Workshop at the Nature Center
Start saving money and water by installing a Rain Barrel System at your home. \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members

April 14-Thurs 7:00 - 9:00 pm Loganberry Books Gene's Jazz Hot

April 26-Tues 7:00 pm Ludlow Community Association General Meeting
Ludlow School Building

April 28-Thurs Shaker Heights Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting
held at The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

May 1-Sun 9:30 am Coffee, Conversation & Community National Health Care Choices and Reality
Will compromise on health care regulations and insurance coverage move us forward or backward? With J.B. Silvers, Ph.D., professor of Health Systems Management, CWRU Weatherhead School of Management. All are invited. No fee. First Unitarian Church of Cleveland

May 5-Thurs 6:00 - 8:00 pm Loganberry Books Opening Reception: Dirk Wales - Numbers by Lottery
Annex Gallery - The show lasts through May 30.

May 7-Sat 9:00 am Nature Center at Shaker Lakes Plant Sale
Shop for a variety of annuals, perennials, herbs and edibles, and native plants

May 12-Thurs 7:00 - 9:00 pm Loganberry Books Gene's Jazz Hot

Classifieds

National Health Care Choices & Reality
How effective is citizen lobbying vs. corporate dollars? J.B. Silvers, Ph.D., Health Care Systems Management, CWRU Weatherhead School of Management, Sunday, May 1, 9:30 am. First Unitarian Church, 21600 Shaker Blvd.

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May 24-Tues 7:00 pm Ludlow Community Association General Meeting
Ludlow School Building

May 28-Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Larchmere Sidewalk Sale

For more information on Community Calendar events:
(All phone numbers are in the 216 area.)

Cleveland Library/Harvey Rice: 623-7046 11535 Shaker Boulevard

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Nature Center at Shaker Lakes: 321-5936 www.shakerlakes.org

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Business Roundup

Historical Society Elects New Officers

The Shaker Historical Society (SHS) Board of Trustees has elected a new slate of officers for 2011, added four new Trustees and appointed an Executive Director and Director of Education.

The 2011 fiscal year officers include: Keith Arian, President; Martin Gates, Treasurer; and D. Richard Hannan, Secretary. New to the board are trustees Marc Canter, Richard Smith, Michael Wagner and Ken Walker. Ann C. Cicarella has been appointed to the position of Executive Director and Lynne Hutchison as Director of Education.

Corcoran Fine Arts Presents Views of Brittany

A special exhibition and sale March 16th through May 30th, Views of Brittany, oils painted by Abel Warshawsky (1883-1962) will be shown at Corcoran Fine Arts. The gallery is offering 13 oil paintings for sale that are fresh to the market, including works recently exhibited at the Cleveland Artists Foundation. An opening wine and cheese reception will be held Wednesday, March 16 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information contact the gallery at 767-0770 or 877-397-0777.

Farmer's Market Moves Outside April 9

Shaker Square Farmers Market will be at its indoor location through March 26, 2010. Look for the move outside on April 9, 2011.

Kim Thomas, State Chairman

Kim Thomas, owner of Christopher Amira Salon & Spa, announces her election as Chairman of the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology. Ms. Thomas has been a working professional in the beauty industry for over 25 years. During that time, she has distinguished herself in business, being selected one of the "Top 200 Fastest Growing Salons" by *Salon Today Magazine* for two consecutive years, earning a nomination as "Entrepreneur of the Year" from *Globe Magazine* in 2003, and graduating as a member of the 2009 Emerging Entrepreneurs class.

In 2008, Ms. Thomas was appointed to the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology. Prior to her recent election as Chairman, she served on the 9-member board for two years. In this capacity, she helped to regulate licensed beauty professionals, salons and cosmetology schools operating in the state of Ohio and helped to promulgate rules governing the industry.

Prior to her board service, she worked as a National Educator for John Paul Mitchell Systems. She continues in the role of top educator today, traveling the United States now as a National Trainer for John Paul Mitchell Systems.

Ms. Thomas is a native of Cleveland, Ohio. She attended South High School for Cosmetology. Ms. Thomas is the devoted wife of Danny Thomas, and they are the proud parents of two children, Christopher and Amira. Hence, the salon's name.



Yours Truly Partners: Seated-Darlene Shibley Ziegenbagen Standing (l to r)-Art Shibley, Lawrence Shibley, Jeffrey Shibley

Yours Truly Celebrates its 30th

In January Yours Truly Restaurants celebrated 30 years of business. Founded by brothers Art, Lawrence, and Jeffrey Shibley, along with their sister, Darlene Shibley Ziegenbagen, the first Yours Truly Restaurant opened on January 16, 1981, in Beachwood, Ohio.

Yours Truly President Lawrence Shibley says the company continues to rely on their mission statement as a guide through the years: "Make People Happy, Have Some Fun, and Be Number One!"

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Shaker Square is owned by The Coral Company, www.thecoralcompany.com.

You'll also find the Ludlow Community Association at www.LudlowCommunity.org and the independent Shaker Square site, www.shakersquare.net.

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AGES: 6 & OVER 9:00-3 Fee: \$225

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