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SHAKER SQUARE SPARKLES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON



Be sure to enjoy the magic of the twinkling lights on Shaker Square this holiday season. The trees on the Square don a festive light display—perfect for holiday shopping, dining and entertainment.



Neighbors & Pancakes— a Great Mix

The Shaker Square Area Development Corp.'s (SHAD) annual community meeting was successfully coupled with a pancake breakfast on Saturday, October 9 at Our Lady of Peace. Over 200 neighbors, friends and families attended the meeting

and gobbled up a delicious meal afterwards.

Presentations were brief and informative. SHAD Executive Director Pam George-Merrill outlined the myriad improvements to Larchmere (See **Neighbors & Pancakes** on page 3)



Kenisha Pierce, president of the SHAD board of trustees congratulates former president Tom Starinsky on his ten years of service to the community.

Larchmere Mural Decks the Wall



Residents, business owners and stakeholders of the Larchmere community celebrated the completion of a new building-long mural with a ceremonial ribbon cutting and reception on September 23. The mural was installed at 12201 Larchmere, on the side of the Life Skills Center of Northeast Ohio.

“We are thrilled to unveil the new mural, a project that has brought the neighborhood together and beautified an empty brick wall on Larchmere

with an attractive, colorful piece of public art,” said Pam George-Merrill, Executive Director of Shaker Square Area Development Corp. (SHAD), the nonprofit that spear-headed the mural project in partnership with community members. “We would especially like to thank the Saint Luke’s Foundation, the funder of this project, for making this investment in our community,” she added.

The mural features scenes from historic Larchmere and the

Larchmere’s newest piece of street art is now installed on the Lifeskills Building.

surrounding community. It was designed by local artist Ted Kurz and created by Building Bridges Arts Collaborative, a nonprofit community-based arts organization that fosters youth development and supports emerging artists. This work of public art is approximately 48 feet long by 10 feet tall.

(See **Larchmere Mural** on page 10)

Former Connection Editor Dies

Kathryn Kay, former editor of *The Connection* died on October 31. She was active in the Ludlow Community Association and Shaker Square Area Development Corp. (SHAD). She was editor of *The Connection* for seven years, from 2001 to 2008.

Born and raised in Michigan, Ms. Kay graduated from the University of Michigan and majored in music literature, but sought her career in marketing and advertising. Her first job after college and moving to Cleveland in 1962 was in the advertising department at Higbee’s. She subsequently worked for Wattenmaker Advertising and Cole National before moving on to Sherwin Williams’ Krylon division, where she stayed through 1998. After leaving her corporate position she became a

(See **Kathryn Kay** on page 9)



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Board President



Arnell Moore brings his younger brother, Cortell, with him to Sunbeam to play basketball. "It's something for us to do together," says Arnell. "It makes us closer." Their grandmother, Johnnie Spates-Greene of Mt. Overlook Ave., attends the line dancing class.

Sunbeam principal Melanie Sinks (standing) talks with tutor Barbara Gover. Many students take advantage of the free tutoring before participating in the recreational activities.



Photos by McKinley Wiley

Sunbeam School Activities Bring Families Together

THE SCHOOLS AS NEIGHBORHOOD RESOURCES PROGRAM HAS BEEN DRAWING RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES TO **SUNBEAM SCHOOL** IN THE EVENING. IN THE FIRST MONTH SINCE THE PROGRAM OPENED ON OCTOBER 18, MORE THAN 470 RESIDENTS HAD REGISTERED FOR THE **FREE** ACTIVITIES.

SITE COORDINATOR JACK BEIDLEMAN SAYS, "I HAVE ENJOYED THE ENTHUSIASM OF THE COMMUNITY. I'VE SEEN MORE **PARENTS** — MOTHERS AND FATHERS — PARTICIPATING WITH THEIR **CHILDREN** THIS YEAR. I'VE ALSO HAD SEVERAL **BLOCK CLUBS** AND COMMUNITY **GROUPS** TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FREE MEETING SPACE."

SUNBEAM SCHOOL IS **OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY** ON MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 5:00 TO 7:45 P.M. **ACTIVITIES** INCLUDE KARATE, LINE DANCING, BASKETBALL, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BOARD GAMES, COOKING, CHEERLEADING, AND TUTORING. ACTIVITIES ARE **FREE** AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

New classes begin January 3. **Sunbeam School** 11731 Mt. Overlook Ave. For more information, call Kevin Kay at 367-2234; during program hours, contact Jack Beidleman at 577-6231. Schools as Neighborhood Resources is a program of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute.

Larchmere resident and salon owner Rain Burnside (A Touch of Rain) assists her daughter with arts and crafts. "I like that Mr. Beidleman is very stern with the kids," says Burnside. "He's a good role model. He teaches the kids discipline and structure."

Annette Hollimon (far left) and Marilyn Williams (center), staff members at LifeSkills Center on Larchmere, participate in the line dancing class led by instructor Barbara Boyd. Says Hollimon, "It gives me an opportunity to have fun, release some stress. I love the people in the class."



Zanzibar – Soul Fusion Restaurant new on Shaker Square

by ReZina

An exciting new restaurant has opened on historic Shaker Square, and its name is Zanzibar – Soul Fusion. This third generation, family owned restaurant joins the international array of flavors at The Square. Zanzibar's contemporary, cozy, and sophisticated atmosphere is highlighted by a full service bar which offers a Tapas Menu and over 50 specialty drinks. Located at 13114 Shaker Square, its cuisine is reminiscent of Angie's Soul Food with some added twists.

For starters, an unusual dip that will steer you away from spinach is the collard greens and artichoke dip with asiago cheese and served with toasted garlic bread points. The chicken and biscuits are mouth watering, and the mini Tiger Shrimp Po' Boys are just right, with their lime zest sauce and slaw. Other favorites are Soul Rolls, a twist on egg rolls, and Walleye Cakes, a take on the crab cousin: two cakes infused with scallions, roasted red peppers, and cilantro with baby greens and Thai ginger mayo.

Zanzibar has a rich history in Cleveland dating back to 1985 when some of their original recipes were



Chef Tony, left, and Zanzibar at Shaker Square

mild mannered demeanor and a warm smile that makes you feel right at home in this beautiful, jazzy atmosphere. It's wonderful to have Zanzibar Soul Fusion on Shaker Square. Go and experience it for yourself!

created in the kitchen of the Carnegie Hotel, by the founder of Angie's Soul Food, now known as Angie's Soul Food Café. Steeped in tradition, Zanzibar has stayed close to its roots, overseen by General Manager Akin Affrica and Executive Chef Tony Fortner.

Chef Tony describes his kitchen as a scratch kitchen. Why? Everything is made from fresh ingredients thus from scratch. If you want the greens and black-eyed peas a bit

spicier, make the request. Have a special diet? Just ask. Whatever you desire from the menu, Chef Tony, Akin, and the wonderful wait staff is there to serve you down home cooking with a soul infusion. The recipes have been searched and researched nationwide, really!

Chef Tony has been leading the way for years at Angie's Soul Food and at one time was a sous chef at Canterbury Golf Club in Shaker Heights. Akin greets guests with a

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and surrounding neighborhoods throughout the past year, from curb appeal programs to community gardens; youth workforce and landscape crews to the streetscaping on Larchmere including new signs and public art. She also pointed to the comparatively new social media methods SHAD is leveraging to continually communicate with constituents and stakeholders, including the weekly newsletter *This Week on Larchmere*, and the monthly *eConnection*.

The current slate of officers for SHAD's board of trustees were recognized as well. This group includes Kenisha Pierce, President; Cathy Fromet, First Vice President, Henrietta English-West, Second Vice President, Suzann Moskowitz, Secretary; and John Sweeney, Treasurer.

Outgoing SHAD board members Gloria Moose and Kathy Rosner were lauded for their years of service to the community. Incoming president Kenisha Pierce congratulated Tom Starinsky on his ten years of service to the Shaker Square neighborhoods as a SHAD board member, the last three as president of the board.

"My passion is cities – how they work and the neighborhoods that breathe life and character into them," Starinsky wrote in a previously unpublished column for *The Connection*. "I believe that the neighborhoods around Shaker Square have a wonderful legacy and promising future. From Ludlow to Saint Luke's, Larchmere to Buckeye, our community is rich with passionate people, extraordinary shopping, services and dining to satisfy our needs and wants, and eclectic – yet stately architecture.

Recently, the North Union Farmers' Market at Shaker Square was ranked one of the top 20 markets in the nation. Despite the poor economy, the property values in our neighborhoods have remained relatively stable, homes continue to be rehabilitated and a new school and public library were built. What makes this all possible? People with passion.

"It has been my pleasure to work with people in this community; from neighbors to merchants to SHAD staff, we have accomplished many significant goals together. Both Larchmere and Ludlow have strong community associations that serve as resources to the community to maintain the quality of life in their neigh-

borhoods. The Larchmere Master Plan was established by the community and now serves as a guide to sustain the commercial district. SHAD's redevelopment of Livingston Park Apartments and transfer to the Finch Group proves our ability to work proactively to stabilize our neighborhoods.

"These accomplishments haven't come easily," he continued. "There have been challenges, but with great people, it's been fun; and before I realized it, ten years flew by. In that same period of time I have met the love of my life, Katharyne; married her and we had a son this past year,

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Along the Boulevard

by Susan Rotatori

A fall Safety and Community-Building Gathering was held by the Livingston Rd. and E. 137th Street Neighbor's Club October 30. Youth from the area wanted to participate in the beautification project and some youth from the neighboring Mount Pleasant community joined in raking leaves for the elderly and at vacant homes. Other neighbors trimmed hedges and bushes and mowed lawns.

The Community-Building Gathering also discussed improving the Neighborhood Block Watch program and grant writing for future projects.

Also, watch for daffodils and tulips blooming this spring at the recently-transformed corner of Livingston Rd. and E. 137th.

The Ludlow Community Association (LCA) is kicking off the New Year 2011 with an "After Holiday Community Party" on Sunday January 9, 2011 from 5 to 9 pm at the Ludlow School. The LCA has been celebrating as a community for the past 53 years and is one of the oldest community organizations in the county; it uniquely comprises neighborhoods in both Cleveland and Shaker Heights.

The decision to move the Holiday party to January was made at a recent Ludlow community meeting, to accommodate the many residents who have a scheduling conflict during December.

The event is free to residents living in the LCA area; more information will be sent to local residents.

A beautification project grant will begin in Spring, 2011 at S. Moreland and Drexmore near Shaker Square. A \$1200 grant, provided by The Cleveland Foundation's Neighborhood Connections small grant program, was awarded to Forest City Church, a new nondenominational congregation for tree planting. Brian Cook representing Crossroads Properties, the owner of a multiple buildings on S. Moreland, including "Drexmore Mansion" and "Ludlow Castle," committed to match the \$1200 grant.

The idea behind the project is to bring youth and communities together to improve the neighborhood that is the gateway from Shaker Sq. into the Ludlow area. Presently, the area lacks trees and has nondescript landscaping.

Forest City Church, which has participated in several volunteer service projects in the community, was awarded the grant. Together with the Ludlow Community Association, they will provide adult and youth involvement in the tree project. Urban Forestry will assist in devising a plan regarding location and species of the trees.

In this edition, The Connection is pleased to introduce a new column, Along the Boulevard, by local resident Susan Rotatori. The column will focus on the events and activities of the Ludlow neighborhood, which includes residents of both Cleveland and Shaker Heights.

Out and About with Winsor French

Winsor French was a journalist with a singular voice. A self-described "effeminate young man," French occupied desks in city rooms drenched with masculinity, enduring his colleagues' homophobia and risking the loss of his job by defending unconventional behavior. He ignored newspaper taboos by publishing the price of bootlegged liquor during Prohibition, and writing stories about "sepia" entertainers, Jewish socialites, school children in wheelchairs, and men - including French - who found males more exciting than females.

French's reports of urban nightlife appeared in *Parade*, a magazine he founded and edited, as well as in two Cleveland newspapers, the *News* and the *Press*. His most illuminating observations were items in an "about town" column, a metropolitan newspaper format begun in the 1920s to publicize the local affairs of café society. French's wanderlust, however, led him to extend his geographical boundaries from downtown Cleveland to the "smoke and music" haunts of Havana, Hollywood, Manhattan, Paris, London, and Pago-Pago. His sources were crooners, deckhands, fan dancers, hoboos, gangsters, millionaires, redcaps, torch singers, and several of the twentieth century's most celebrated stage, film, and literary artists, including Noel Coward, Marlene Dietrich, Cary Grant, Somerset Maugham, and Cole Porter.

The four decades of French's professional career are often described as an era that forced "fairies" to be sexually vague and anonymous, especially if they aspired to prominence in their local community. His life and career, however, contradicted that assumption. He never hid his sexuality yet achieved journalistic leadership and unchallenged influence over Cleveland's social life. Richly illustrated with contemporary news photographs and editorial drawings, *Out and About with Winsor French* documents the powerful role played by about-town columnists during a raucous episode in the history of American newspapers.

Join author James Wood as he delves into the life and career of famous journalist Winsor French on Sunday, December 5 at 2:00 pm at The Shaker Historical Society. The program is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Space is limited. For reservations or more information, call The Shaker Historical Society at 921-1201.

James M. Wood is an award-winning journalist, former about-town columnist for Cleveland Magazine, and author of four books on Cleveland social history: *Halle's: Memoirs of A Family Department Store; One Hundred Twenty Five; Helen's Twentieth Century; and The Tavern.*

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



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Kenisha Pierce
From the President's Desk



Why I Volunteer

Many times we ask ourselves why we volunteer? Why do we give so much of our free time to support a cause and why do we care for something so deeply that we would take the time out of our busy schedules to give back to our community. As the newly appointed board president of SHAD, I personally know the answer to this question and I believe I also speak for so many of the neighbors and merchants that work so closely with me when I say it is because we simply love our community and everything that it stands for. You can obviously see this in their continued hard work and effort and all that they give to make this neighborhood great.

I volunteer simply because I love seeing what I put in given back in the form of new businesses and residents joining our neighborhoods. I love

to see people out and about enjoying their time on a nearby bench in Shaker Square or sitting with friends for lunch at one of our surrounding neighborhood restaurants. Volunteering in itself is rewarding because it gives you a chance to make a difference in your community as well as in the lives of your neighbors or friends. It allows you to use skills and acquired knowledge to enrich your community.

Many of the residents of the Shaker Square neighborhoods live here not by force but by choice. Actively being a part of Shaker Square has allowed me to experience many diverse opportunities and has shown me much of what our community has, what they want and what they expect.

Shaker Square Area Development is more than just an organiza-



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Henry - our future community organizer. I am proud of the work our community has accomplished and I am glad to have played a role.

"Those who know me also know that this will not be the end of my volunteer work in our community. So, I won't say goodbye - let's leave it at 'see ya 'round the neighborhood!'"

In her new role as president of the SHAD board, Kenisha Pierce echoed Starinsky's thoughts regarding collaboration and passionate people. "I see us as partners," she

said, "working towards the same goal - to keep this neighborhood great."

SHAD would like to thank everyone who supported the Annual Meeting. Special thanks go to: Gerry Grim, Valerie Maczak, Father Gary - Our Lady of Peace Church, Our Lady of Peace School, Dewey Forward - Dewey's Coffee and Popcorn Shop, Laurie Vrabel - Larchmere Tavern, Montlack Realty, and Burton Task.

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Larchmere Mural

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Forty two student interns completed the mural while participating in the 2010 Summer Mural Institute under the leadership of artists Danny Carver and Katherine Chilcote. A Mural Selection Committee that consisted of residents and merchants from the community were involved in selecting the muralist and the final design. The board members of Life Skills Center Northeast, Administrator Vivian Morrow, and Dr. Necia Boone, Director of Community Relations for White Hat Management also graciously assisted with the completion of the project.

Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson presented a proclamation and congratulatory certificates to the student apprentices who completed the mural. A commemorative photograph of the mural was presented to the Saint Luke's Foundation. A reception followed inside the Life Skills Center.

A second mural is in the planning stages for the street. A call went out earlier this year for artists to submit ideas for a new piece of public art for the east wall of Loganberry Books. The 75 x 15 foot wall will carry the theme of "literacy, reading and books." The mural is being developed through a partnership between Shaker Square Area Development Corp. (SHAD), the Larchmere Merchants

Association (LMA), the Larchmere Community Association (LCA) and Loganberry Books. The new mural will be installed by August 1, 2011. SHAD, LMA and LCA have worked tenaciously make physical improvements to Larchmere in recent years. In 2009, new planters were installed in front of the Life Skills building as well as Community Housing Solutions, a non-profit located across the street. Other recent efforts have included the Knitscape project, tree planting and the hanging of banners and flower baskets on the street. In 2010, large new gateway signs were installed at either end of Larchmere.

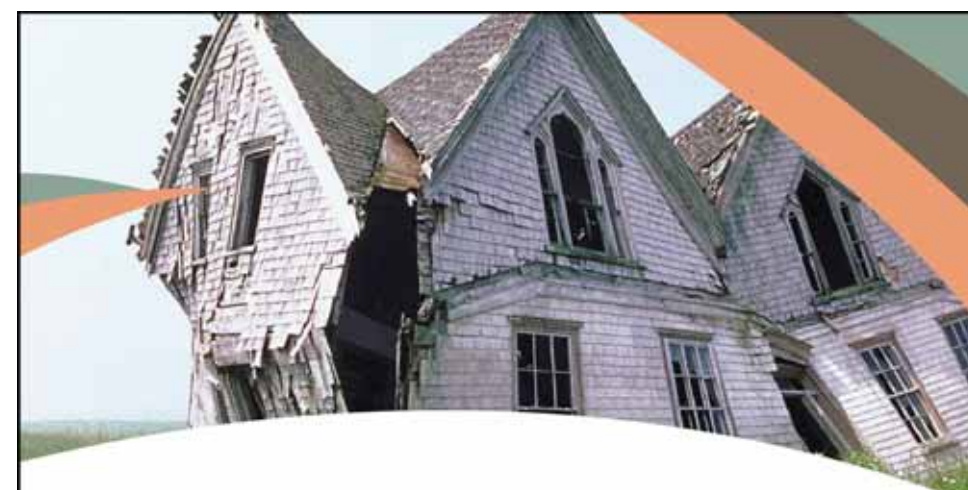


Photos: (Top) Cleveland councilwoman Mamie Mitchell, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, outgoing SHAD board president Tom Starinsky. (Middle) Organizers and artists Katherine Chilcote, Danny Carver, with Ted Kurz. (Bottom, left to right) Kimberly St. John-Stevenson, Sandy Chappell, both of the Saint Luke's Foundation with SHAD Executive Director Pamela George-Merrill.



Students, organizers and members of the Larchmere community capped off months of hard work organizing, creating and installing the newest piece of public art in the city of Cleveland in September, with a celebration and ribbon cutting. (Far left)

Over 40 students from neighborhoods throughout Greater Cleveland, including local residents, helped to create the Larchmere mural. Students were recognized at the ribbon cutting ceremony, and also received art supplies and a commemorative certificate for their work on the historic piece.



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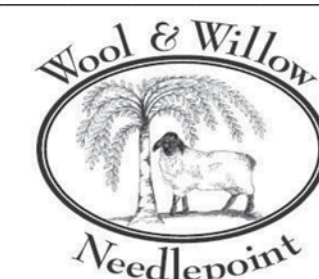
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At Cleveland's first ever Garlic Festival, held at Shaker Square September 11 and 12, the activities ranged from concerts to kids crafts, cooking contests and more. The Garlic king and queen were crowned, as was Miss Garlic. Vendors offered garlic from white to purple, from Italy, Germany and Russia. Menu items included garlic herbed chicken, roasted garlic jelly, candied garlic macaroons, garlic fries, grass-fed beef and heirloom pork prepared with...you get the picture. The Garlic Festival was presented by the North Union Farmers' Market. Look for the giant garlic bulb on the Square next year!



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Community Housing Solutions

by Lee Chilcote

For years, Community Housing Solutions (CHS) has been on the front lines of the battle to keep low- and moderate-income homeowners out of foreclosure. However, recently the battleground has shifted. As the economy has worsened, it has threatened the economic stability of working-class and middle-class families, leaving many more in danger of losing their homes.

To combat the mounting threat, CHS recently launched the Family Stability Initiative (FSI), a new, comprehensive program to keep at-risk families out of foreclosure. It provides intensive counseling to families with school-age children. The program, housed at a Shaker Square storefront, is the first of its kind in Cleveland.

"Our goal is to enhance the self-sufficiency of the families we work with," says Andy Nikiforus, CHS Executive Director. "We try to keep families in their homes by addressing the core problems they're facing."

Such problems might include job loss, medical bills, substance abuse or

other issues. Prior to launching this initiative, CHS housing counselors focused on helping homeowners to achieve loan workouts with banks. These workouts consist of reductions in interest rates or loan principal, which in turn reduce loan payment amounts, making it possible for a family to avoid foreclosure.

Yet in recent years, as the foreclosure wave in Northeast Ohio reached tidal proportions, Nikiforus knew CHS could do more to solve the problem.

"For years, our housing counselors listened to family members talk about the problems they faced, but we just never had the resources to address them," says Nikiforus. "This initiative is an expansion of our housing counseling program. As a result of this program, we hired two social workers who connect families with resources."

Traditional loan workouts, while a crucial measure in keeping families from foreclosure, are only effective if the family is able to achieve economic stability. Lower loan payments are unlikely to help a family facing unem-

ployment, for instance. By the time many families reach foreclosure, it's too late to help them through a simple loan workout, because their economic problems are already too severe.

"There is a very high recidivism rate among families that achieve loan workouts," says Nikiforus. "Within six months, more than fifty percent are back in trouble."

That's where the Family Stability Initiative comes in. Through a partnership with such nonprofits as Towards Employment, social workers are able to assist at-risk families with finding and keeping jobs, obtaining new skills and training, and addressing problems such as medical bills or substance abuse. Though the level of support is resource-intensive, Nikiforus says it's necessary to them back on their feet.

"This is a one-stop-shopping approach," he says. When asked about the scope of the ongoing foreclosure crisis in NE Ohio, Nikiforus says, "It's not getting any better. We're seeing more families from suburbs like Euclid, Cleveland Heights and Solon." He cites statistics indicating

15,000 families will lose their homes in Cuyahoga County this year, with the same number predicted for 2011. He projects that foreclosure problems will continue until the country emerges from its economic slump.

The Family Stability Initiative is a three-year pilot project partially funded by the Siemer Family Foundation, which is based in Columbus. Nikiforus estimates that the effort will assist about two hundred families in its first year of operation.

The Connection Restaurant & Deli Guide

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| Felice 12502 Larchmere, 791-0918 |
| fire food & drink 13220 Shaker Square, 921-FIRE (3473) |
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Kathryn Kay

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private advertising consultant, and later editor of *The Connection*.

As publications manager for SHAD, she oversaw the production of the quarterly newspaper, *The Connection*, which she grew by a third in terms of number of pages. She often consulted with local merchants on their advertising and was a meticulous and dynamic writer, photographer and editor for *The Connection*, and also for SHAD's annual *Apartment Hunter's Guide*. She was always ready to cover events in the neighborhoods surrounding Shaker Square, and was almost never without her camera to capture activities in the area spontaneously. She was also responsible for all distribution of the newspaper. She won numerous awards from NCPA (Neighborhood & Community Press Association of Greater Cleveland) for *The Connection*.

Ms. Kay was active with the Women's Community Foundation,

the Women's Network, as well as other women's organizations including *What She Wants* Feminist Newspaper, and the North Coast Lesbian Alliance. Her involvement with Windsong and Womyn's music festivals combined her love of music and support for women artists. She was a season ticket holder to the Cleveland Orchestra for twenty years. She also had strong ties to her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha.

"Kathy" to her friends was part of many communities and truly had a collaborative spirit; she had the ability to connect and link people and groups together. She loved Cleveland and her Shaker Square neighbors and neighborhood. She was active in the historic Ludlow Community Association and was an avid supporter of Shaker Square merchants and of the North Union Farmer's Market.

She sang with and supported Windsong, Cleveland's Feminist Chorus for 14 years. Windsong will dedicate their performance on

January 23, 2011 to the memory of Kathryn Kay and Bunny Gandolfi, another long term member of the chorus. They will perform at The Church of the Covenant (11205 Euclid Ave in University Circle) at 4:00 pm. Tickets are available at www.windsongchorus.org

Her two sisters, her niece and their families, prefer that those who wish to make contributions in Ms. Kay's name donate to the American Cancer Society, 10501 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland OH 44106.

Ms. Kay is survived by her beloved Sheltie, Cassie, named after the artist Mary Cassatt. Friends are still looking for a home for 12 year old Cassie. If you are interested, please call Deb Shutts at 397-3241.

Special thanks to Deb Shutts and Justine Carter, for contributing to this article.

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Through December 31 Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Three Women in the Woods: Words and Images
An exhibit of nature photography by Jane Rogers and poet Jill Sell. Free admission.

December 4-Sat, 9-11:30 am Plymouth Church, Fellowship Hall

Sugar Plum Workshop
Children can create simple presents suitable for giving to family members, teachers, friends, and pets. Cost for items ranges from 50 cents to \$2.75 for supplies.

December 7-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. For more information, contact: Cleveland Scholarship Programs at 241-5587 or the Cleveland Public Library Programming and Scheduling Services Office at 623-2921. Repeats on January 18.

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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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SHAD invites you to support our neighborhood improvement initiatives by joining our organization. Besides knowing that you help fulfill SHAD's vision for the neighborhood, as a member you will also get direct benefits. • **The Connection** newspaper is mailed first class to your home or business. The newspaper keeps you current on all that's going on here, along with where to shop and eat, who's who in the area, and more. • Each member can also run one **free classified ad** a year (great for selling items or offering a service). Or, if you are running a display ad, as a member you can run a free classified ad in the same issue. • And, finally, SHAD members receive **discounts** from local merchants. Your membership will pay for itself in no time. We're adding new merchants all the time, so check out the list on this page.

JOIN SHAD TODAY!

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December 8-Wed, 4:15-5:30 pm Shaker Main Library

Create a Candy House
Teens can make their own candy house using graham crackers, frosting, and other sweet treats.

December 8-Wed, 4:15 pm Shaker Heights Library/Bertram Woods

Feiern, Celebrer, Praznovanje, Oslavovat—International Winter Celebrations
Learn how children from around the world celebrate winter. Enjoy crafts, food, and fun!

December 9-Thurs, 7 - 9 pm Loganberry Books

Gene's Jazz Hot
These four good friends have been improvising jazz for years. Here is consummate musicianship coupled with the excitement of a front porch jam session. Even if you don't know the words you'll be singing along and dancing around the room in no time. Free cookies. Donations for the band gratefully accepted.

December 11-Sat, 2:00-3:30 pm Shaker Heights Main Library

Meet American Girl Doll Julie
Listen to a passage from the first book in the doll's series, play a game, make a craft and enjoy a snack from Julie's era. Repeats January 8.

December 11-Sat, 3:30 pm Nature Center at Shaker Lakes

Hike with a Friend
Bring a friend or hike with a new one. Share your knowledge and favorite spots around Shaker Parklands. Free.

December 14-Tues, 7:00-8:30 pm Shaker Heights Library/Bertram Woods

Poetry Back in the Woods
Enjoy poetry read by regional poets Meredith Holmes, Martin Kohn and Lou Suarez.

For more information on Community Calendar events:

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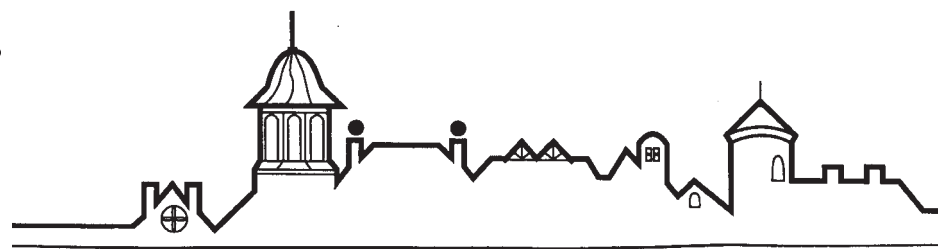
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The Babes in Nature series allows children ages two months to two years to explore the natural world with their caregivers. \$5 members/\$7 non-members.

December 20-Mon, 7:15-8:00 pm Shaker Heights Library/Bertram Woods

Pajama Stories
Bring the children (ages 3 and up) for stories. Stay and hear the stories or browse for books to take home at the end of story time.

December 21-Tues, 7:00-7:30 pm Plymouth Church, John Herr Memorial Chapel

Blue Christmas Worship Service
Christmas can be a difficult season for those experiencing grief or loss of any kind. This special worship experience offers people a quiet oasis in which to acknowledge their situations and to experience the true comfort that lies at the heart of faith. The Rev. Lois H. Annich, Minister of Pastoral Care, will offer the meditation.

December 22-Wed, 2:00-3:30 pm Shaker Main Library

Toy Story 3
Teens can watch this recent release and enjoy a healthy snack.

December 24-Fri, 5:00 - 6:00 pm Plymouth Church

A Shepherd's Story
This musical, based on the Gospel of Luke 2:1-20, tells the Christmas story from a different point of view: the shepherd's. Told mostly through song, the show will offer an original experience that is sure to warm hearts, young and old.

December 24-Fri, 10:00-11:00 pm Plymouth Church

Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols
Celebrate Christmas with choir, hand bells, flute, organ, and Carols from around the world.

December 30-Thurs, 2:00-3:00 pm Shaker Library/Bertram Woods

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January 11-Tues, 8:00-8:45 pm Shaker Heights Main Library

Back-to-School Library Orientation for Adult Learners
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January 25-Tues, 3:00 pm Cleveland Library/Harvey Rice Branch

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Business Roundup



Hey! Was that...?!

Oprah Winfrey favorite interior designer Nate Berkus was on Larchmere in early November, shopping at Marc Goodman's Antique Mall, Wolf's, and Bingham's for unique antiques and objects d'art.

Berkus and his film crew were on the street shopping for an unnamed Shaker Heights client, the focus of "While You Were Sleeping" a popular segment on his television program. (The client wanted to surprise his wife by redecorating one room of their home overnight.)

The Nate Berkus Show is seen locally on CBS, WOIO Channel 19.

Dinner & a Discount

Lake Erie Artists Gallery, 13129 Shaker Square (NW quadrant) has long been known for its eclectic offerings of artwork by Northeast Ohio artists. Now the gallery is partnering up with restaurants at Shaker Square to offer "Dinner & a Discount." Shoppers that bring in a receipt from any Shaker Square restaurant will get 15% off of their purchase at Lake Erie Artists.

Lake Erie Artists offers the finest local art, photography and memorabilia from Cleveland, as well as wonderful jewelry, from the simple to the sublime. Take advantage of this holiday offer - dine at Shaker Square's independent restaurants, shop locally, and support local artists.

Minding Your Business

The Shaker Heights Chamber of Commerce presents Simply the Best 2010 Fundraiser on Tuesday, December 14 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, at the Cleveland Skating Club (2500 Kemper Road).

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Cookies and Milk and More, which offers gourmet sandwiches, snacks and novelties has opened in the Reid Robbins Professional Building at 11811 Shaker Blvd. The collaboration between Dave and Elaine Owens, and Mike and Erica Davie, offers a daily menu with breakfasts from oatmeal to waffles, eggs and bacon to chicken and waffles. The daily lunch specials may include Buffalo wings, Polish sausage combo, lasagna, cod sandwich (plus a vegetarian version), a brown bag lunch and other homemade dishes.

Hours are Monday through Friday at 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. A fresh fruit breakfast bar is open from 9:00 to 10:30 am, and lunch specials available from 11:00 to 2:00 pm. Fresh baked goods, chips, and beverages are also available.

Fire=Shaker Square=Fire

One of the nation's top chefs, Doug Katz, the owner of fire food + drink has extended his commitment to Shaker Square for another five years. Mr. Katz's vision and dedication has greatly aided in transforming the Square's restaurant scene, creating a loyal following at this critically acclaimed American Bistro, well known for its award winning menu and superior service.

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Larchmere's Annual Holiday Stroll a Success

Now in its third decade, the annual Larchmere Holiday Stroll returned over Thanksgiving weekend. Local businesses invited their fellow indies at Bazaar Bizarre back for this year's event. The popular craft show, which bills itself as "not your granny's craft fair," has its own avid fans, as well as vendors traveling in from Pittsburgh, Columbus and more to participate. Bazaar Bizarre set up a "pop-up-shop" with two dozen crafters in the former American Crafts Gallery.

The new Cleveland food truck Umami Moto, which focuses on authentic Asian dishes and contemporary fusion, was outside of the Bazaar Bizarre at during the Stroll.

Hundreds of shoppers were able to take advantage of the creative offering throughout the Holiday Stroll, as well as admire recent improvements to the street including new signs and public art.

Judge Moore a Hall of Famer

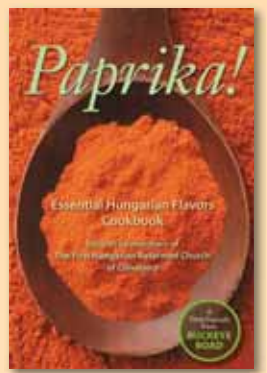
Judge Lauren Moore was inducted into the 2010 Shaker Heights Alumni Hall of Fame along with 7 other SHHS graduates. Judge Moore is also a graduate of Spelman College and Case Western Reserve University. She worked for the Legal Aid Society, and served as Chief Prosecutor for Cleveland and assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor before being elected a Cleveland municipal judge in 2003. She is a member of the Cleveland, Cuyahoga and Ohio Bar Associations and is an active member of the Alpha kappa Alpha Sorority. Judge Moore and her family live in the Ludlow neighborhood.

License Bureau Opens

The State of Ohio opened a new License Bureau location in October, at 16945 Chagrin, near Lee Road. This is a full service license bureau and will be convenient for Shaker Square area residents. Hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Wednesdays, this office will be open until 6:30 pm. Call 283-4000 for more information.

New Hungarian Cookbook Chronicles Buckeye Road

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The Buckeye Road neighborhood was once home to more Hungarians than any place outside Budapest. The tall spire of the First Hungarian Reformed Church at the intersection of Buckeye Road and MLK (then East Boulevard) was designated a Cleveland landmark. Now located in Walton Hills, the church has released a 220-page Hungarian cookbook. A short history of Hungarian cuisine and its flavors introduces more than 190 heritage recipes and color photographs.

Historical text provides a unique look at the church's pivotal role in anchoring Cleveland Hungarians in the Buckeye Road community it helped develop and serve.

Paprika! Essential Hungarian Flavors Cookbook is available for \$25 at the Balaton Restaurant on Shaker Square, Lucy's Sweet Surrender on Buckeye Road or from the church, by calling 440-786-7272 or email paprikacookbook@att.net.

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