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Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine's 100th Jubilee



Trinitarian Sisters who staff the Shrine
by Sr. Phyllis Ann, O.S.S.T.

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine opens its 100th jubilee year and outdoor season on Sunday, May 3 with the 9:30 AM Mass outside, weather permitting, followed by breakfast. The first activity for the jubilee will be the

4:00 PM rosary and benediction conducted by Fr. James Roach, pastor of St. John Cantius. During that service all will be blest and receive a jubilee memento. On Sunday, May 31 Bishop Malesic will be the main celebrant for the 9:30 AM Mass outdoor

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Jellybeanville Celebrates 65 Years



by Observer Staff
65 years of joy, color, and community magic!

Mayor Steve Kaselak of Jellybeanville is still bringing the fun in full force—as usual celebrating with a sweet cause. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, \$1,610.00 was donated to The Journey Center for Safety and Healing!

From jellybeans to giant smiles, this tradition just keeps getting brighter. Thank you to everyone who chipped in and helped make this year extra special!

And a HUGE thank you to Steve Kaselak. You are a gem.

Primoz Pizza: A Tasty New Addition to Euclid



by Christine Vazquez

Primoz Pizza celebrated their grand opening at 683 E 200th St. on April 14th. This marks the newest location for the popular “Cleveland-style” pizza chain, known for its delicious, handcrafted pizzas made with fresh dough and sauces. Situated conveniently next to Adam's Place, Primoz Pizza is a great addition to Euclid's already

stellar pizza options.

Primoz Pizza has garnered a loyal following thanks to its commitment to quality ingredients and exceptional service. Founded in 2013 by Joseph Jordan, the chain has grown to include multiple locations across Northeast Ohio, including Cleveland, Mayfield Heights, Mentor, University Heights, and now Euclid.

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Celebrating a Milestone at Mary Mavec Opportunity School



Peter with Councilman Cosgriff

by Katie McMahon

The Mary Mavec Opportunity School of Euclid recently celebrated a milestone birthday for one of their longtime clients. Peter Dybzinski, a 1971 graduate of Euclid High School, turned 75 years young on March 28. Peter has also been a client of

Mary Mavec for over 30 years.

In addition to sharing pizza and cupcakes with the other clients, several friends of the School were in attendance for the occasion. Councilman Greg Cosgriff, whose family has a special connection with Mary Mavec, presented a Proclamation to Peter on behalf of the City of Euclid. His Uncle Jimmy was a longtime client of the School and close friends with Peter. Councilman Cosgriff's Grandmother Mary and Aunt Meg also attended the celebration.

Brother Mick Joyce from Borromeo Seminary offered a special blessing for this remarkable milestone, noting that Peter is “a sign to all of us that growing in age is a blessing.”

Others in attendance included his roommates, his caregiver, and current and former staff members and volunteers from Mary Mavec. Peter was surprised and grateful for all of those who joined his party and said he hopes to be at Mary Mavec “for at least another ten years!”

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Message from the Mayor



by Kirsten Holzheimer Gail
Greetings Euclid! May brings a flurry of activity to our city – with spring events, community clean-ups, home improvements, spring sports, end of the school year activities, graduations, construction projects underway, and of course we are getting ready for Memorial Day! We are also getting closer to the opening of both the Recreation and Wellness Center and newly renovated Euclid Public Library in June! Lots to look forward to!

Thanks to all who participated in the Annual Big Clean! I am always impressed with the number of people who come out to participate on the day of the Big Clean, grateful for the many volunteers who help plan and coordinate the day and amazed with the large impact we can have when we come together! I also want to take a minute to thank the many people who help keep our community clean each and every day – there

are a number of residents (and businesses) who pick up litter regularly while on their walks, as a daily effort, and just as a way to “do their part.” It is my hope and challenge that we all do our part and whether it is picking up one piece of litter or a bag full; whether it is in front of our home, on our street, in a neighborhood; or of course it is by not littering in the first place – we can all have a community we can be proud of.

May 5th is Primary Election Day. Polls are open from 6:30am to 7:30pm and if you need to know where you vote, please call or email the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections (216-443-VOTE). Races included on the Primary Ballot are US Senate, US Congress, Statewide offices, State Senate, State Representative, Judicial races, County Executive and County Council for our District. This is the primary, so you will decide who will move forward from your political party to the November General election. If you have requested a vote by mail ballot, please know that your ballot must be received by the Board of Elections by 7:30pm on May 5th in order to be counted. Make your voice heard by voting!

I am asking all residents and your families

to join us for the Annual Memorial Day Parade- Monday, May 25th. All veterans and their families are welcomed and encouraged to march or ride in the parade. Community groups and organizations are welcome to participate in the parade too - and asked to incorporate elements in their parade display honoring our veterans. You can find information and registration materials at www.cityofeuclid.gov. The theme of the parade this year is “Honoring our past, Inspiring the future” to coincide with the nationwide celebration of America 250 – the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Let’s make this the biggest and best parade yet! If you cannot march, please line the street and show our respect for those who served and made out country what it is today!

I am proud to serve the City of Euclid as Mayor and proud of the community we create together! Thank you for doing your part – voting, participating, showing up, supporting, and demonstrating you too are proud of our Euclid community!

Gratefully,
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

Low-Cost Home Improvements That Boost Value in Euclid



by Emma Davies
As Program Manager at EDCOR, I spend a lot of time talking with Euclid homeowners about how to maintain and improve their homes without taking on overwhelming costs. The good news is that you do not

need large renovation budgets to make your home more appealing to buyers or to simply keep it competitive in the market. In Euclid, where most houses have good structure and character, small improvements can go a long way.

One of the easiest ways to brighten a home is with a fresh coat of paint. Our homes naturally collect little dings and nail holes over time, and buyers notice those details quickly. New paint makes a home feel clean, updated and welcoming.

Curb appeal also matters more than people think. Simple touches like painting the front door, adding a little mulch, trimming bushes or cleaning up the porch make a great first impression. These are quick, low-cost projects that help your home stand out in a positive way.

Inside the house, small updates go far too. Changing bathroom lights, re-caulking a tub or refreshing an old vanity are easy ways to give a bathroom new life. Even deep cleaning or polishing floors can make a big difference in how a home looks and feels.

If you need financial help completing repairs, EDCOR offers a 3% home improvement loan for income-qualified homeowners. We also recognize that many middle-income families need support, and we are actively working to secure funding for a program designed specifically for this group.

If you have questions or want to explore your options, please reach out. You can call me anytime at (216) 289-4625. I am always happy to help.



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Director's Report

Kacie V. Armstrong

It's May! Spring is always a special time of growth, renewal, and transformation. At Euclid Public Library, that spirit is especially meaningful as we are now just weeks away from our Grand Reopening Celebration. We are approximately 37 days away from welcoming the community back to Main Library.

Thank you for your patience as we transition from our three temporary locations back into the newly renovated building. During this time, staff are unpacking books, placing new furniture, and retraining on the building's many new systems and technologies.

Our team is preparing to welcome residents back to check out library materials, attend programs, or simply sit comfortably and read when we reopen on Saturday, June 6, 2026, from 12 PM – 5 PM. During this temporary pause of in-person services, we encourage residents to continue using the library's online resources and to visit one of our CLEVNET partner libraries for in-person services. For additional details—including information about holds, copying and faxing services, and passport services—please visit euclidlibrary.org.

Throughout May, the library will continue hosting programs at Shore Cultural Centre, including Family Fun Storytime, the NEA Big Read, and Banned Books Club. As part of the America 250 initiative, the May theme—Ohio Creates: Arts, Culture, & Literature—celebrates the creativity and cultural contributions of our state. May is also a time for meaningful community recognition. Across the country we celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, honoring the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

This month we also celebrate Mother's Day, taking time to honor the mothers, grandmothers, and caregivers who nurture our families and communities. Later in the month, we pause on Memorial Day to remember and honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Euclid Public Library will proudly participate in the Euclid Memorial Day Parade as our community gathers to commemorate this important day.

Stay connected with us for program updates and renovation news by visiting euclidlibrary.org, calling 216-261-5300, or following Euclid Public Library on Facebook, X, YouTube, Instagram, and LinkedIn. We look forward to continuing to serve you and celebrating together during this exciting time for our library and our community.

Celebrate Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Take the Bite Into Books Program Survey



Scan the QR Code

We're Moving Back!

RETURNING TO MAIN LIBRARY

ADULT PROGRAMS



Thursday, May 7
Virtual Author Event – Marjan Kamali author of *The Lion Women of Tehran*
7 PM / register at libraryc.org/euclidlibrary



Tuesday, May 12
Virtual Author Event – Vivienne Ming author of *Robot-Proof*
2 PM / register at libraryc.org/euclidlibrary



Tuesday, May 19
Virtual Author Event – Nir Eyal author of *Beyond Belief*
2 PM / register at libraryc.org/euclidlibrary



Wednesday, May 20
Banned Books Club – *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck
6 PM / Shore Cultural Centre, Room # 39 **Teens Welcome!**

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day – Library Closed
Catch us in the Memorial Day Parade!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Tuesdays & Thursdays
Family Fun Storytime
10:30 AM / Shore Cultural Centre, Room #39
Ages 7 and under with a grown-up.
Note: There will be no storytime sessions held during the week of May 25.

Visit Our CLEVNET Partners



Although our temporary location on E 185TH street is now closed, you can still visit one of our nearby CLEVNET partners for your library needs and services!

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CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY Collinwood Campus
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(216) 623-6934 | cpl.org

CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY Memorial-Nottingham Campus
17109 Lakeshore Blvd
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(216) 623-7039 | cpl.org

Check with each location for additional details regarding hours and passport services.



For more information about our programming, events, or registration, scan the QR code or visit EUCLIDLIBRARY.ORG



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May 2026

FACILITY UPDATE:

WE'RE CLOSED

Grand Reopening: Saturday, June 6

Thank you to everyone who visited us at our temporary location, EPL at 185th. We truly appreciate your flexibility and support throughout the renovation. At this time, both EPL at 185th and our Main Library are closed as we complete the transition back to 631 E. 222nd Street. Our staff is working hard behind the scenes to pack, move, and prepare the newly renovated building. Please note that EPL at 185th is now permanently closed, while the Main Library will reopen to the public at our Grand Reopening in June.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Saturday, June 6, from noon to 5 p.m. for our Grand Reopening Celebration. For more information about the event, please visit <https://www.euclidlibrary.org/content/grandreopening>.



The renovation is nearly complete, and the team has made significant progress over the past few months. Many key features have recently been installed, including carpet, paint, electrical systems, doors, cabinetry, public workstations, and more. While these finishing touches are coming together, there is still more to come, and we are confident that patrons will be truly impressed by the transformation.

As you drive by the library, you'll now see our new electronic sign. We're excited to use this feature to promote programs, services, and important updates to the community. We would also like to thank our project partners, including Bialosky, project architect, Turner Construction, construction manager, and RFC Contracting, owner's representative, for their continued work and collaboration in bringing this vision to life.

STAY CONNECTED

For more detailed information about our renovation, including renderings and the latest updates, scan the QR code



COMMUNITY

To Have a Good Neighbor, Be A Good Neighbor



by Dana Heil

As a council person, I often hear comments about neighbors. Many times, I hear about how great a neighborhood is and how friendly neighbors are. One the other hand, I also hear complaints about neighbors that are inconsiderate in any variety of ways.

With windows opening and folks spending more time outside, this is a perfect time to think about what it takes to be a good neighbor. The type of neighbor you are has nothing to do with if you're a long-time homeowner, a new home owner or a renter. It has to do with your willingness to be a part of a community where everyone feels welcome and respected.

Hear are a couple of things to keep in mind:

Greet your neighbor and be friendly. A simple wave, smile, or "hello" can go a long way in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Be sure to introduce yourself to new neighbors!

Respect Boundaries. Whether it's property lines or noise levels, being mindful of boundaries helps keep harmony especially in neighborhoods where houses are close to each other.

Keep Noise in Check. Be considerate of your neighbors by keeping music, parties, and other loud activities at a reasonable level. Turn your car radio down when you pull down your street. You never know if a neighbor is ill or worked late, etc.

Take Care of Your Property. Keeping your yard tidy, taking out the trash on time, bring your cans in, picking up trash that might blow into your yard, cutting your grass, raking leaves, etc. Maintaining your home helps keep the neighborhood looking great for everyone. Whether your rent your home or own it, the way it looks reflects on the rest of the neighborhood. Have pride in your home!

Be Mindful of Parking. Avoid blocking driveways or sidewalks and be considerate of shared parking spaces. Remember in Euclid there is no overnight parking and you cannot park on the lawn whether it is front yard, back yard or side yard.

Be Pet-Responsible. Keep pets on leashes, clean up after them, and ensure they don't disturb neighbors with excessive barking. Last year some good friends of mine had their dog attacked and killed on E. 211 by a dog that was running loose. That was horrible enough but it could have been worse had it been a small child.

Being a good neighbor isn't complicated—it's about respect and kindness. Let's build communities that feel like home!

If any of my Ward 8 residents would like me to take a walk around your neighborhood with you, please let me know. If anyone is interested in doing some exterior home improvements, please let me know and I will connect you with EDCOR to see if any of their programs might benefit you. If you are interested in having a Wednesday on the Porch with your neighbors, please let me know and I can help you get it organized. If you have a new neighbor that may benefit from a New Resident Packet, let me know and I will see that they receive one. I can be reached at dheil@cityofeuclid.gov or 216-282-6383.

Downtown Euclid Is Thriving, and You're Invited to Be Part of It



Community Barbecue at Frederick Douglass High School

by Alexis Threatt

The momentum in Downtown Euclid is real, and the Downtown Euclid Improvement Corporation is here for it, working every day to create experiences that bring people together and support the businesses that call this district home.

Small Activations, Big Impact
Mainstreet Matinees at Lakeshore Cinemas, held on the first Saturday of each month, are proof that consistency builds community. Bring the family for a discounted movie, then make a day of it. Head to Omni Board Game Parlor for Trivia Night, grab a bite at Maria's Restaurant, or take a walk through Sims Park and enjoy the beautiful lakefront boardwalk.

There is truly something for everyone downtown. Lakeshore Coffee House is the perfect place to unwind with coffee or ice cream, and with events planned throughout the spring and summer, there is always a reason to stop in. Next door, Kouture Cakes offers a sweet treat worth the visit. Down the street, you can grab a fresh smoothie from



Euclid High School Senior Art Exhibit Student Artwork

Pulp, and when evening rolls around, Beach Club Bistro is a great spot to sit down for dinner.

Looking to refresh your wardrobe? Check out Krush, City Trends, and Hibbett for new, trendy styles this season. For home needs, Darlene's Interior and Redesign and Sherwin Williams provide both inspiration and materials, while Eagle Rental Purchase and ER Appliances support appliance needs right here in the district.

Self-care and personal services are also well represented. Grum'D's and Focused Tattoo Barbershop handle grooming, and Focused Tattoo also offers quality tattoos and piercings. Glam Salon and Boutique is a hair salon, clothing boutique, and offers nail services, making it a perfect one-stop shop to keep up with the latest trends. You can also visit L A Nails or Nail Studio for your nail care needs. For beauty supplies, Empire Beauty Supply, Danny's Hair and Beauty Supply, and Kash Nailz Supply have you covered.

The Help Foundation continues to make

City of Euclid Launches Free Food Scrap Composting Drop-Off Program for Residents



by Zoe Apisdorf

With thanks to the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District's special projects grant the City of Euclid is able to launch a new municipal food scrap composting drop-off program in partnership with Rust Belt Riders, giving residents a free and convenient way to keep food waste out of landfills. The pilot program will provide a public compost drop-off location at the Memorial Park Community Gardens where residents can bring food scraps for weekly collection and composting.

Food waste is one of the most impactful materials communities can divert from landfill. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, food waste accounts for about 24 percent of the material sent to U.S. landfills, yet it generates approximately 58 percent of landfill methane emissions as it breaks down without oxygen. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas, making food scrap diversion one of the most effective ways communities can reduce landfill emissions.

Through the new program, Euclid residents can compost a wide range of food scraps including fruits and vegetables, meat, dairy, bones, eggshells, grains, and leftovers. Certified compostable serviceware labeled BPI or TÜV-certified may also be accepted.

Residents can enroll at bit.ly/EUCCOMP. Once registered, participants will receive an instant welcome email with access

instructions and can begin bringing food scraps to the drop-off site right away. Residents may use the site as often as they like.

The pilot will begin with several large compost collection bins at Euclid City Hall with Rust Belt Riders providing weekly service, including container maintenance, compostable liners, and cleaning. All collected material will be weighed to track program participation and environmental impact.

Based on projected participation levels, the program is expected to divert approximately 25,500 pounds of organic material from landfill annually, preventing an estimated 11.2 tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

The program is designed to grow as participation increases. Additional containers, more frequent service, or additional drop-off locations may be added in the future to expand access across the community.

By launching this initiative, the City of Euclid is taking an important step toward reducing landfill waste, lowering greenhouse gas emissions, and returning valuable nutrients back to regional soils.

Residents interested in participating can sign up through the City of Euclid website at bit.ly/EUCCOMP and begin composting immediately.

an impact by supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and their greenhouse offers advance-order pickup so residents can enjoy locally grown produce. Dave's Supermarket and Aldi serve everyday grocery needs.

Infield Chiropractic is available for adjustments and overall wellness support. Archwell provides comprehensive care tailored to our senior community. The Village of Healing Center offers a range of services, including general check-ups, prenatal care, and specialized treatments.

For everyday needs and recreation, PitFix Auto and Tire provides trusted auto service, Migs Pla-Mor Roller Rink offers a fun night of roller skating, and Bananas for Bikes helps get you outside to enjoy parks across Northeast Ohio.

Triangle Park remains the heart of Downtown Euclid, a place to gather, relax, and enjoy the community. Shore Cultural Centre and our schools, Frederick Douglass High School, Euclid Middle School, and Euclid High School, host events throughout

the year, including a monthly free food distribution at Frederick Douglass. Supporting these spaces means investing in the next generation of community leaders.

Downtown Euclid continues to grow, and there is space for more. If you have ever considered starting a business, this district offers real opportunity. With support from the City of Euclid and the Shore Cultural Centre, resources are available to help turn your vision into reality.

If you are interested in starting a business right here at home in Downtown Euclid, connect with the Shore Cultural Centre, the City of Euclid, or feel free to reach out to me directly. We are building something together, and now is the time to be a part of it.

Stay Connected
Visit our website or follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn at Downtown Euclid to stay connected and involved in what is happening in our community.

COMMUNITY



Inez Observes Banned Books Club At The Euclid Public Library

by Inez Bottoson

As a Euclid resident looking at all the awesome Adult programs the Euclid Public Library offer, I've been interested in joining a Book Club. Today in the EPL room at the Shore Cultural Centre, I observed the Banned Books Club, getting information to start reading and have discussions. I'm 67 years old and want to be active. The Book Club started in October 2025. I have information on how to order books and how to connect with Ebooks on the EPL website. I enjoyed getting started with the Banned Books Club.

Encouragement For Residents To Vote At Indian Hills Senior Community In Euclid

It was real nice today reading a notice in the building where I live in the Indian Hills Senior Community, located at 1541 E 191st in Euclid. Transportation will be available for residents to go vote on May 5, 2026 Primary Election. Encouragement to vote.

Observing Changing the Current Voting Process

I've been listening to the news about President Trump's SAVE Act (Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act) and changes he wants to make for the Vote-by-mail process. Today I got a clear understanding when calling the office of Congresswoman Shontel Brown serving the Ohio 11th Congressional District. The SAVE Act hasn't become a law; it will affect over 69 million women that have changed their last name. More information can be found on (CONGRESS.GOV). Nothing in Congress at this time for Vote-by-mail changes. I recently received my Vote-by-mail ballot. It's very important to me understanding my voting rights. Congresswoman Brown's office has been awesome answering my questions.

A Spring Writers Retreat Sponsored By The Myrtle Tree Group

Today I attended A Spring Writers Retreat (Event Free) sponsored by the Myrtle Tree Group, the location for this event Hough Library 6530 Lexington Ave, Cleveland Ohio. I thanked the group today for sharing information on being more better with writing skills and learning to become an independent author also Self- Publishing. The fellowship, very awesome with other writers.

“Success is not in what you have, but who you are.” – Bo Bennett



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Euclid Pet Pals: Macho Boys Available For Adventures



Rocky and Malcolm

by Euclid Pet Pals

Meet Malcolm & Rocky! Two amazing boys. Two deserving dogs who had rough starts. Two hearts just waiting for their forever homes.

MALCOLM is as strong as they come. During his time with us, he faced a serious battle with parvo and showed us just how resilient he truly is. He fought his way through, came out the other side healthy, happy, and full of life. Now he's more than ready for a family of his own. At around 3 years old, Malcolm is dog friendly, people friendly, goofy, sweet, and one big lovable

lug. He has the kind of silly personality that keeps us laughing and a heart big enough to love everyone he meets.

Then there's ROCKY, our sweet Pit Mix with the most unforgettable ears you've ever seen. Rocky is approximately 2-3 years old and sweet as can be. He was found running at large, but now he's safe with us and waiting for the forever home he deserves. Rocky is loving, affectionate, and ready to be someone's loyal best friend. He's got a happy spirit, a gentle heart, and so much love to give.

Both of these boys deserve more than kennel life. They deserve couches, car rides, belly rubs, and families who will love them forever. Shelter life is only supposed to be temporary, and for Malcolm and Rocky, we're hoping that temporary ends soon.

If you've been thinking about adding a dog to your family, maybe your perfect match is waiting right here at the Euclid Animal Shelter, 25100 Lakeland Boulevard. We are open Tuesday through Saturday from 12-4. Follow us at www.facebook.com/euclidpetpals for information and updates

Euclid Senior Center Transportation

by Dynesha L. Stover-McDonald

Euclid Senior Center members wishing to make transportation arrangements should contact Program Coordinator, Monica Fetheroff, at 216-289-2985.

Euclid Senior Center Transportation Policies:

-Transportation services are provided on a limited basis, for senior center members who are Euclid residents. (Please note we do not transport to/from senior communities that have their own transportation).

SHOPPING SCHEDULE (fee is \$3.00 Per Rider)

-Shopping is limited to the following local stores: DAVE's, ALDI's, MARC's, Dollar General and Drug Mart.

(Please note – we will transport a MAXIMUM OF 8 BAGS).

TUESDAY SHOPPING

Mornings – One hour at store

THURSDAY SHOPPING

Afternoons- One hour at store

Medical Appointment Transportation –

You must schedule medical appointment transportation at least two weeks in advance by calling Monica Fetheroff at 216-289-2985. Please note, we cannot transport outside of the times listed below. If your appointment runs later, please arrange other means of transportation. If you are in need emergency transport please contact an ambulance service.

Medical Appointments within Euclid

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee -\$6.00

Medical Appointments outside of Euclid

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Fee -\$10.00

Medical appointment transportation service is limited to the following areas:

East to Lake West Hospital

South to Hillcrest Hospital

West to VA Hospital, Cleveland Clinic and University Hospital

All of Euclid

Euclid Senior Center Transportation looks forward to meeting your transportation needs as best we can.

Euclid Senior Center Nutritional Program

by Dynesha L. Stover-McDonald

Euclid Senior Center offers a sit-down lunch program Monday thru Friday 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM. We serve a nutritious meal that supplies 1/3 of your daily nutrition requirements. Our menus are written by a licensed dietitian to ensure you receive a healthy lunch.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY NOON ON TUESDAYS FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK.

Please call our Nutrition Supervisor, Sylka Edmondson at 216-289-2985 to make your reservation.

When reserving, please be conscientious

and look ahead to make sure you reserve lunch for the days you plan to attend the Center. Please remember to cancel your lunch reservation with Sylka if you are unable to make it to the center.

Euclid Senior Center Home Delivered Meals

Meal Service Days: Monday- Friday

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Veteran's Group at Euclid Senior Center

by Dynesha L. Stover-McDonald

Euclid Senior Center Veterans Group meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM in the Euclid Senior Center Library.

Veterans and Veteran dependents (spouse/widow/widower) are welcome!

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Did You Know?



Euclid's Mayor visits the "Mayor of Jellybeanville"

by Tara Hannum and Maryann Dybiec
Did you know we have our own Hometown Hero: The Mayor of Jellybeanville?

Authors: Tara Hannum & Maryann Dybiec, Members of Euclid City Council

This is the remarkable story of Steve Kaselak, the "Mayor of Jellybeanville"! Mayor Steve began this tradition at the young age of seven years old. He was inspired by residents, Al and Elinore Yockey (Al used to be an egg delivery man), who had a wonderful Easter display every year.

This year was a significant milestone for Steve, and he received much media attention including national media coverage, to celebrate the 65th year of Jellybeanville. While we were among the hundreds of people that stopped by to visit the Mayor of Jellybeanville, Euclid Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer-Gail (pictured), also visited the display.

This year's display featured hand-carved wooden figures representing Mayor Steve's family, friends and neighbors. The wooden figures were designed to represent his mother, father and sister Nancy who have all passed away. His sister Donna, his neighbor "Zippy," who helped Steve when he was a child to make the display, Fred the photographer, his good friend, "Little Mark", his neighbors Debbie, her granddaughter Gianna, and his cousin Karen.

Notably, the name "Jellybeanville," was inspired by President Reagan's well-known fondness for jellybeans and President Reagan always had some on his resolute desk. In addition to the wooden figures, this year Steve incorporated red eggs, along with white and blue into his display in honor of America's 250th birthday. In previous years, the display had to evolve and change to handle the changing weather conditions,



The Mayor of Jellybeanville

especially the times it snowed. During one such occasion, the Easter Bunny showed up and colored the snow different colors, like pink and purple and blue to amuse the crowds.

Beyond the festive display, Mayor Steve uses his platform to raise money for a vital cause. While there is no charge for pictures with the Easter Bunny, he collects donations for The Journey Center for Safety and Healing. This year alone, he raised 1,700 dollars. This brings the lifetime contributions total from this event to over \$30,000 in support of abused and battered children and families.

We would also like to acknowledge photographer Fred Scruton for his long-standing commitment to document this event year after year. Mayor Steve has said that next year may not be as big of an event due to Easter falling on March 28th and it may be too cold for a huge display. Regardless, you won't be disappointed when you visit!

We thank you Mayor Steve of Jellybeanville! Good job once again! Mayor Steve's Jellybeanville has become a symbol of Euclid pride and dedication. He has brought joy to our town of Euclid and neighboring communities for 65 years. This just goes to show what one person can do for their community.

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Art it Yourself Summer Camp Fun!



by Rozenia Cunningham

What is the purpose of Art it Yourself Camp? Have a true Art Experience through sketching cartoons, your pet, portraits, graffiti, landscapes, and more! Ages 6 through 12 get creative with A.I.Y. We believe you can "Art it Yourself"!

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express themselves and problem solve. Interpretation of their environment and using art to relax are important too. Learn about various artists, their art techniques and styles. They will come up with their own ideas and do freestyle art. including designing and painting a mural. We want to see your child's art in our well attended public art show at Euclid Public Library.

Field trips? Yes, Art it Yourself believes in having fun, engaging, learning experiences. These young artists will explore how to use their gifts in society. Enroll your child for a colorful and memorable time while making new friends!

Contact Ms. Cunningham at 216-395-4278. Shore Cultural Centre, 291 E. 222nd Street, #255 UP, Euclid, OH 44123 Visit <http://www.artityourself.com>. Follow on Instagram and Facebook. Programs: Summer Art Camp, Paint Parties, Group Art Classes, and Host Fundraisers

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COMMUNITY

Spirals and Sculpture Upcoming For Euclid Art Association Demos



Michael Winston entertains EAA.

by Ellen Howard

The Euclid Art Association continues its program of live demonstrations this spring, with meetings in person in May and June. Kerry Cumpstone will engage the club with “Spirals to Species” on May 4. “My primary focus is on endangered species. I begin each piece with an in-depth study of the animal, then a pencil sketch and then I begin the process of filling in the sketch with spirals.” A self-taught artist, she was enlightened while caring for her father in hospice, and her love for her dad poured out onto the paper and merged with her love for animals. “I would like the viewers to understand the importance of knowing that we are all connected to more than each other in this beautiful fragile spiral of life.” She will conduct a group exercise after demonstrating her process.

On June 1, “Making Stuff Out of Rocks” will be presented by sculptor Rick Rollenhagen. A Cleveland-based artist, he has shown his work in several European cities and has been honored by inclusion in



Spirals show Kerry Cumpstone's technique.

the Florence Biennale, Italy, and a residency in Budapest, Hungary. An adjunct professor at the Cleveland Institute of Art, he has had solo shows at Heights Arts, the Beachwood Public Library, and the Maria Neal Project. The monthly meetings start at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall of East Shore United Methodist Church, 23002 Lake Shore Boulevard. Guests are welcome for a \$3 donation.

In April, Michael Winston captivated the EAA members with the story of his “Marker Magic” and his unique style and method. Years ago, a framer encouraged him to display and sell his work, which was hard to categorize. “Do what your heart says do” is his advice.

Euclid Art returns to the Euclid Public Library for its annual art show, scheduled for July. EAA members regularly exhibit at Euclid City Hall and Shore Cultural Centre and participate in Sketchers events. See the Euclid Art website, www.euclidart.com. Connect with EAA on Facebook. New members welcome.

Trees in our City: Herbicides Can Damage or Kill Trees



Dicamba causing leaf cupping on an oak. photo credits: Nebraska Forest Service

by Jody Lathwell

Many people have become complacent about those little flags that commercial pesticide applicators leave to mark chemically treated lawns. And many have come to believe chemicals are necessary to keep grass healthy. Quite the contrary. Lawn chemicals impact the environment, birds and other wildlife and our own health—children are especially vulnerable. Lawn chemicals often kill soil microorganisms which are what actually help feed all plants, turfgrass included. Anyone remember the “old fashioned” way to take care of a lawn? Aerating and topdressing lawns with compost are a rare occurrence anymore, but these are the types of practices that contribute to healthy soils and grass.

What I really want to impress upon Euclid residents with this article is that weed & feed chemicals and other herbicides can harm and sometimes kill trees, especially with repeated use. Broad leaf herbicides are not selective and even mature trees can be impacted by herbicide use, both to their roots and from drift. There are some products that are used by commercial applicators and also marketed to homeowners that

are particularly problematic and should never be used in the rootzone of a tree. The rootzone includes the ground area around the trunk and continues outside the outer reach of the branches. While I personally consider lawn chemicals unnecessary, if you are choosing to use chemical treatments or herbicides of any sort, read the label. There are some products that specifically state they should not be used under trees, and this should be taken seriously. The label is the law. If these chemicals are not being used according to directions on the label, it is against the law. This includes applying chemicals right before, during or after large scale rain events, which we are experiencing frequently these days; as well as applying at improper temperatures, windy conditions, or at rates greater than recommended.

Herbicide damage symptoms in trees can result in deformed foliage, twisted, curled or stunted stem or branch growth, discolored foliage, leaf scorch, premature leaf drop, branch dieback or death of an entire tree.

A great source of information for herbicide damage to trees is the Nebraska Forest Service. To learn more, go to their website: <https://nfs.unl.edu/herbicide-damage-trees/>

Tips on organic lawn management can be found on the Beyond Pesticides website: <https://www.beyondpesticides.org/resources/lawns-and-landscapes/overview>

Please think twice before using chemicals in your yard. Alternatives are plenty--- the birds & the bees will thank you!!

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Lake Shore Garden Club Continues Affiliation with Botanical Garden



Dr. Roy Larick and LSGC member Deb Kramarz at Affiliate Day.

by Ellen Howard

On April 16, Lake Shore Garden Club members were among participants at Affiliate Day sponsored by Holden Forests & Gardens. Dr. Roy Larick was the featured speaker at the event which took place at Cleveland Botanical Garden. Because his mother had been a member of LSGC, he recalled attending events with her at CBG in that same room in his youth! In “Bluestone

Conservation” he addressed the natural and human forces in local landscapes. Known for his advocacy on the Moses Cleaveland trees, he spoke about the need to reconstruct the program to represent and preserve the native trees of this area. Lake Shore Garden Club member Charlene Horton, a Holden Forests & Gardens Affiliate Council board member, was the contact person who secured Dr. Larick’s expertise for this day’s event.

Look forward to Lake Shore Garden Club’s Small Standard Flower Show “BEE Happy in the Garden” on August 14 and 15 at the Henn Mansion.

Lake Shore Garden Club meets on the third Monday of the month at Henn Mansion, the regular meeting venue. For information on monthly activity and location, call 216-289-8430. Visit the Facebook page at Lakeshore Garden Club (Euclid, Ohio).

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17-Year-Old Euclid Student Turns Pain Into Purpose—Leading a Youth Movement for Change



Alex Brown speaking at the “Stop the Violence” press conference hosted by the Won’t Quit Foundation.

by Alex Brown

Earlier this year, I introduced the launch of the Euclid Community Group, a student-led movement focused on empowering youth voices and creating real change. What started as an idea has now grown into action across multiple spaces and organizations.

I am a 17-year-old student at Euclid High School and a Junior Ambassador, and through both my school and community



Community leaders and youth advocates united for violence prevention and community change.

work, I’ve taken steps to make sure young people are not just heard—but involved.

Recently, I was honored to be one of the youth speakers at the “Stop the Violence” press conference hosted by the Won’t Quit Foundation, where I stood alongside community leaders and advocates to speak on the realities young people face and the urgency for change.

In addition to that, I’ve participated

in youth-led conversations focused on community care, trust, and safety, including events in partnership with organizations like Euclid Public Library and local leaders who are working directly with youth. These spaces allowed young people to share their perspectives openly and honestly.

I was also involved in broader youth engagement efforts like the Teen Takeover event, where young people from across different communities—not just Euclid—came together. That experience showed me something important: the challenges we face are bigger than one city. Youth everywhere are dealing with similar issues, and we need to start working together.

Violence is not just something we hear about—it’s something many of us live through or are impacted by directly. It affects our schools, our neighborhoods, and our futures. And too often, decisions are made without youth voices being included.

That is why I continue to build and grow

the Euclid Community Group—to create space for leadership, connection, and action.

“Young people don’t need to be told what’s happening in our communities—we’re living it. What we need is the opportunity to be heard, to lead, and to be part of the solution.”

This work is about more than one event or one moment. It’s about building something that lasts—bringing youth together, forming partnerships, and creating real impact.

And we’re just getting started. This is more than a group—it’s a movement.

We are actively bringing together youth and community members who are ready to lead, speak up, and take action. With upcoming events, partnerships, and initiatives on the way, now is the time to get involved.

If you’ve ever felt like your voice should matter—this is your moment.

Email: studentsdemandaction.euclid@gmail.com Instagram: @Euclid_sda

Be the voice. Be the change.

Euclid High Alumni Annual Meeting - Saturday, May 9th

by Greg Fondran

The Euclid Public Schools Alumni Association (EPSAA) is holding its Annual Meeting at Euclid High School on Saturday, May 9th, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., with a virtual attendance option available. This is a great time to catch up with what your Alumni Association has been up to over the past year and to find out how you can engage with the Association as a member and for volunteer opportunities. EPSAA was founded in the early 1990s to connect alumni from all the Euclid City School District schools, including graduates and former students of Euclid High School and its predecessors, Euclid Central and Euclid Shore High Schools. Membership is open

to all former students of the Euclid schools. EPSAA helps coordinate class reunions, facilitates the selection of nominees to the Sports and Distinguished Alumni Halls of Fame, plans other fun events throughout the year to connect former students with their fellow alumni and collects, displays and maintains memorabilia, including high school year books. We look forward to seeing as many of you at our 2026 annual meeting. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity for volunteers to sort through memorabilia items following the meeting. Visit Euclidalumni.org for more information. Go Panthers, Admirals and Lions!

Celebrate Youth Financial Education



Young member learning the importance of saving money

by Nick Hearn

Eaton Family Credit Union is committed to helping young people in our Euclid community build strong financial habits early in life. Teaching kids about money, saving, and responsible decision-making can help set the foundation for long-term financial success.

Set savings goals

Encourage kids to save for something meaningful, such as a toy, game, or special activity. Having a clear goal helps them stay motivated and understand the value of patience. Help them track their progress so they can see how even small amounts of savings grow over time, reinforcing consistency and effort.

Explain your budget

Talk with your kids about how a household budget works in simple terms.

Explain income, savings, and everyday expenses so they can begin to understand how money is managed. You can also have them create their own basic budget using allowance or gift money. This helps them learn how to make thoughtful choices and understand priorities.

Open a youth savings account

A youth savings account is a great way for children to gain real-world experience with money. At Eaton Family Credit Union, we offer competitive rates and low fees to help young savers grow their money. Having their own account allows kids to see their savings in action and learn the importance of regular deposits and long-term saving habits.

Play money management games

Games like Monopoly and The Game of Life provide a fun and interactive way to introduce financial concepts. These activities help children practice decision making, understand limited resources, and see how saving and spending choices impact outcomes in a hands-on way.

We encourage families in Euclid to visit a local branch of Eaton Family Credit Union for additional financial literacy tools and resources. Our team is here to support young members as they develop strong financial foundations for the future.

Thank You, Friends



Women in History Event Featuring Julie Child

By Kali Harris

The Friends of the Euclid Public Library would like to thank the community for its continued support during a busy and exciting spring season.

In March, the Friends hosted a SOLD-OUT Women in History event, welcoming more than 80 attendees to an afternoon at the Euclid High School Culinary Bistro. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by Chef Dan and the culinary students, along with a lively and engaging reenactment of Julia Child presented by Women in History. The event was a tremendous success, bringing history to life in a fun and memorable way, paired with a delicious and engaging dining experience.

In April, the Friends partnered with



Membership QR Code

Chipotle for a community fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who stopped by to support, your participation helps fund programs, events, and resources for the library.

Looking ahead, the Friends are excited to host a members-only preview event for the newly renovated library before its grand reopening on Saturday, June 6. The event will offer members an exclusive first look at the updated space, along with refreshments, and entertainment. More information will be shared directly with members.

To learn more or to become a member, please contact friendsofeuclidpl@gmail.com or scan the QR code below. Join today so you don’t miss this special opportunity.

Euclid Pet Pals Fundraisers/ Events 2026



by Euclid Pet Pals

Euclid Pet Pals raises all the funds needed to take care of the hundreds of animals who come into the D. Fay Miller Euclid Animal Shelter each year. The support of the community is how we are able to accomplish so much. Want to help us?

Check out our list of upcoming events and save the dates:

MAY 30th: Neighborhood Stroll

JUNE 12th: Annual Bark-B-Q Dinner IAC
JULY 5th: Cavotta's Garden Bar 2:30-6
JULY 19th: Yard Sale In Shelter Parking Lot
SEPTEMBER 13th: Annual Vendor Sale
SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER: Cage/Kennel Sponsorship Drive
OCTOBER 23RD: Boo Bash at IAC
NOVEMBER: Cleveland Pops Concert TBD

Updates will be posted on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/EuclidPetPals



CITY OF EUCLID

Memorial Day Parade and Flyover May 25th



by City of Euclid

Mark your calendars for a memorable event as the City of Euclid, and our local veteran groups present the 2026 Euclid Memorial Day Parade. Scheduled for Monday, May 25th, at 10:00 AM, this year's event promises to be a celebration to remember, featuring a ceremonial flyover by U.S. Air Force F-16s and a special parade float that honors Euclid's participation in the nation's year-long America 250 celebration. The float is proudly sponsored by the Shore Cultural Centre Board of Trustees.

Euclid residents, businesses, community groups, churches, sports teams, and other organizations are encouraged to participate in this festive occasion. The parade theme, “Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future,” is a nod to the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, taking place on July 4th 2026. Participants are invited to create floats that reflect this theme, whether it’s a grand, traditional parade float or a smaller, inventive design using a bike or wagon.

Veterans hold a special place in this event, as the parade serves as a significant tribute to those who gave their lives in the line of service. All veterans and veteran groups

are warmly invited to march or ride in the parade, with their applications receiving automatic approval.

Any Euclid resident of group can participate in this patriotic celebration; parade entry forms can be submitted online at bit.ly/EUCMEM. You can also request a paper entry form by contacting Laura Kidder at lkidder@cityofeuclid.gov. Once your application is approved, you will receive an email with detailed instructions. Don't wait—submit your entry today to secure your spot!

We warmly invite all Euclid residents to bring friends and family to line up along East 222nd Street, stretching from Shore Cultural Centre to the Euclid Public Library to watch the parade, and enjoy the company of neighbors and friends.

For questions or further information, please reach out to the Parade Coordinator, Laura Kidder, at LKidder@cityofeuclid.gov or by phone at 216-289-8578.

Join us in honoring our heroes and making this Memorial Day Parade an unforgettable event for the entire Euclid community. Thank you for your interest and participation!

Shore Cultural Centre Awarded Ohio History Fund Grant for Restroom Renovation



by Christine Vazquez

The City of Euclid proudly announces that Shore Cultural Centre has been awarded a grant of \$19,327 from the Ohio History Connection's Ohio History Fund. This grant will finance the essential renovation of two restrooms near Shore's auditorium, a crucial part of the ongoing preservation and enhancement efforts for this venue. A ceremonial check was presented Mayor Gail and Shore Cultural Centre Manager Laura Kidder on April 16th when Ohio History Connection visited Shore to tour the historic building.

The Ohio History Fund is a competitive, matching grant program dedicated to preserving and sharing Ohio's rich history. The grants are funded by Ohio taxpayers who select "Ohio History Fund" as a donation fund on their state tax returns. Shore Cultural Centre's proposal was chosen from a record 68 submissions, totaling requests of \$958,833. Despite this fierce competition, Shore Cultural Centre emerged as one of the 15 grant recipients, with a total of \$194,657 distributed this year.

"The Ohio History Fund allows us to preserve and share Ohio stories by supporting history projects all over the state," said Megan Wood, Executive Director & CEO of the Ohio History Connection. "Local history helps us understand where we came from and gives us a sense of identity and place, inspiring pride in our communities."

Built in 1913 as Shore High School, the Shore Cultural Centre is a Euclid landmark listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Encompassing 125,000 square feet over three floors, it functions as a vibrant hub for the community, featuring meeting

rooms, dance studios, gymnasiums, and a spacious auditorium.

Beyond being a center for arts and culture, Shore Cultural Centre also serves as a small business incubator, supporting over 35 small businesses. These businesses utilize the space for selling products, creating art, teaching, dancing, conducting workshops, and meeting clients.

The restroom renovation project is a vital component of Euclid's broader initiative to preserve and improve historic sites. By enhancing these facilities, Shore ensures a welcoming and accessible environment for its visitors and business tenants, while maintaining historical integrity.

Laura Kidder, the long-time manager of Shore Cultural Centre, expressed her gratitude, stating, “We are honored to receive this support from the Ohio History Fund. This grant will allow us to enhance our facilities and provide a welcoming and accessible environment for Shore’s thousands of visitors, and our small-business tenants. We are excited to move forward with this project and further our mission of preserving Shore as a historic landmark.”

The announcement of the grant recipients was made during the annual Statehood Day event on March 5 at the Statehouse in Columbus. To celebrate Shore Cultural Centre's achievement, the Ohio History Connection will host a public open house and tours of the landmark building, with details to be announced soon.

For more information on Shore Cultural Centre and its 35+ small businesses, visit www.cityofeuclid.gov. For more information about Ohio History Connection and their work, please visit ohiohistory.org.

A poster for the 2026 Memorial Day Parade. At the top is a decorative border with a row of white stars on a blue background. Below this, the text "PARTICIPATE IN THE" is in a small, blue, serif font. The main title "2026 Memorial Day Parade" is in a large, bold, blue, serif font. Below the title, a paragraph in a blue, sans-serif font reads: "Are you a veteran, community group, sports team, club or business that wants to participate in the Memorial Day parade? Sign up now and reserve your spot!". Further down, the text "This year's theme is:" is in a blue, sans-serif font, followed by the theme "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future" in a larger, bold, blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom left is the Euclid logo, which features a stylized city skyline and the word "Euclid" in a blue, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, the text "Visit bit.ly/EUCMEM or scan for more info!" is in a blue, sans-serif font, followed by a QR code and a small graphic of a hand holding a smartphone.

A large, appetizing burger with lettuce, cheese, and meat on a bun, next to the Stevenson's Bar & Grill logo and address.

A white rectangular sign with rounded corners is mounted on a post. The sign features the Euclid Municipal Office logo in the top left and right corners. The logo consists of a stylized sun rising over a city skyline with the word "Euclid" below it. The main text on the sign is in large, bold, dark blue capital letters. It reads "CITY BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED" on the first line, "MON. MAY 25TH" on the second line, and "TRASH PICKUP WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE DAY THE ENTIRE WEEK!" on the third line. The background of the sign is white, and the text is dark blue. The sign is set against a background of trees and a building.

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Euclid PD Block Watch	289-8449
Euclid Library	261-5300
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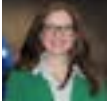
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Euclid Small Business Academy: Register Now!



by Christine Vazquez

Registration is now open for The City of Euclid's newly revamped Euclid Small Business Academy. This exciting education program is set to empower small business owners, offering vital resources and training to help Euclid entrepreneurs launch, grow or expand their business today's competitive market.

The Euclid Small Business Academy is designed to serve businesses with up to 10 employees. It builds on the successes of its predecessor, the Cottage Industry Academy, by expanding its reach and enhancing

its curriculum to support slightly larger enterprises. With a focus on marketing, finance, networking and business operations, the Academy aims to support small business owners and give them the skills they need to achieve their short- and long-term business goals.

Beginning May 28th 2026, the Academy will offer a comprehensive 13-class series held every Thursday evening from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at Euclid City Hall. This series will kick off with modern technology insights and will cover essential topics such as digital marketing, financial management, branding, and data-driven decision-making. Additional workshops will guide attendees through the process of securing small business grants, enhancing visibility through social media marketing, and mastering networking strategies.

Classes will be taught by local experts who volunteer their time and expertise, providing not only education but also mentorship. These instructors bring invaluable real-world experience and are committed to helping Euclid's entrepreneurs grow their businesses sustainably.

The Academy offers a flexible and affordable pricing structure to accommodate different needs. Each class is priced at \$25, with the option to purchase a 5-class pass and receive one class free, or an all-access pass for the entire 13-class series with four free classes. This allows business owners to tailor their educational journey and focus on the skills they value the most.

Registration for the Euclid Small Business Academy is now open! Interested participants can register and find additional information at www.cityofeuclid.gov. Stay informed with the latest updates as the City of Euclid launches this transformative initiative, aimed at empowering local businesses with the tools they need to grow and thrive!

Animal Control and Auxiliary Officers Join Euclid Police Department



Pictured center, left to right are new EPD members Kyrie Brickman, Alicia Terry and Michael Bennet.

by City of Euclid

The Euclid Police Department is excited to announce the addition of three new members who were officially sworn in

April 7th by Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail. Please join us in congratulating Animal Control Officer Kyrie Brickman and our two newest Euclid Auxiliary Officers, Alicia Terry and Michael Bennet. These dedicated individuals bring a wealth of strengths and a shared commitment to serve the community. Officer Brickman is passionate about

animal welfare and will be a huge asset in our efforts to care for local animals. Her deep knowledge and compassion are sure to make a big impact on our community.

Auxiliary Officers Alicia Terry and Michael Bennet join the force with a shared dedication to public safety and community engagement. Their fresh perspectives and enthusiasm are a welcomed addition, promising to reinforce the department's mission to protect and serve the citizens of Euclid.

Our new officers are eager to get started, and the City of Euclid is just as excited to have them. As they embark on this new journey with the department, we know they'll be invaluable in helping to maintain safety and strengthen our community ties. Welcome to the Euclid Police Department family, Kyrie, Alicia, and Michael!

Happenings at the Henn



by Friends of the Henn Mansion

Before we get into what's Happening at the Henn in the next couple of months, we wanted to pause and thank the community for such a great turn out at our first ever Psychic Faire. With more than 200 attendees, we plan to make this an annual event. Thank you to everyone who made it success, especially to our volunteers, we couldn't do it without you.

exclusively for members and not open to the public.

On May 14th, from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM, we will host the Chamber of Commerce Coffee Connection. This event highlights the benefits of Chamber membership by providing an opportunity for local professionals, organizations, and community leaders to gather, network, and

collaborate. The Henn mansion will provide a breakfast spread with coffee and all the accouterments.

Finally, we are excited to announce the launch of a new series we're calling Henn Talks. This initiative will feature engaging presentations from notable speakers, offering fresh perspectives and in-depth explorations of local history and culture.

The inaugural Henn Talk will welcome Greg Palumbo, Executive Director of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Join us on Wednesday, June 17th from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM as Mr. Palumbo presents a lecture focused on Cleveland's "Victorian Jewel" located on Public Square. His talk will explore the art and architecture of the Monument, designed by architect and sculptor Levi T. Scofield.

Arrive early for a guided tour of the Mansion, beginning at 5:30 PM. The event is free and open to the public, but seating is limited. Please RSVP to secure your spot by emailing hennhousemanager@icloud.com or calling 440-879-9367

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EPD Opens Registration for Safety Town & Junior Police Academy



Safety Town

by Kate M McLaughlin
The Euclid Police Department is gearing up for another summer of hands on learning, confidence building, and community connection as registration opens in May for two of its most popular youth programs: Safety Town and the Junior Police Academy.
Safety Town: June 8–12, 2026
This beloved program returns to the Early Learning Village on Elinor Avenue and is designed specifically for children entering Kindergarten this fall. Over the course of one week, young learners explore essential safety topics—traffic rules, stranger awareness, fire safety, pedestrian skills, and more—through

interactive lessons, miniature roadways, and guided activities led by Euclid officers and trained volunteers.
Safety Town blends fun with foundational life skills, helping new students feel confident and prepared as they head into their first year of school. Dates: June 8–12, 2026 Location: Early Learning Village, 27000 Elinor Avenue. Who Can Attend: Euclid children entering Kindergarten in Fall 2026. Go to [EuclidPD.org](http://EuclidPD.org/pal-soccer/) online registration at www.EuclidPD.org/pal-soccer/
Junior Police Academy: June 22–26, 2026
For students in middle school, the Euclid Police Department will host its



Junior Police Academy

annual Junior Police Academy at EPD Headquarters. This weeklong experience is open to youth entering or currently in middle school and offers an inside look at modern policing, teamwork, leadership, and community service.
Participants will explore topics such as investigations, safety skills, physical training, equipment demonstrations, and the importance of communication and problem solving. The academy is designed to be engaging, challenging, and empowering—giving students a chance to learn, ask questions, and build positive relationships with officers.

Dates: June 22–26, 2026 Location: Euclid Police Department. Who Can Attend: Students entering or currently in middle school. Go to EuclidPD.org online registration at www.EuclidPD.org/pal-soccer/
Officer Brandon Moore runs both programs and questions can be directed to him at BMoore@EuclidPD.org. Both programs fill quickly each year, and families are encouraged to register early. The Euclid Police Department looks forward to welcoming another great group of young learners this summer.



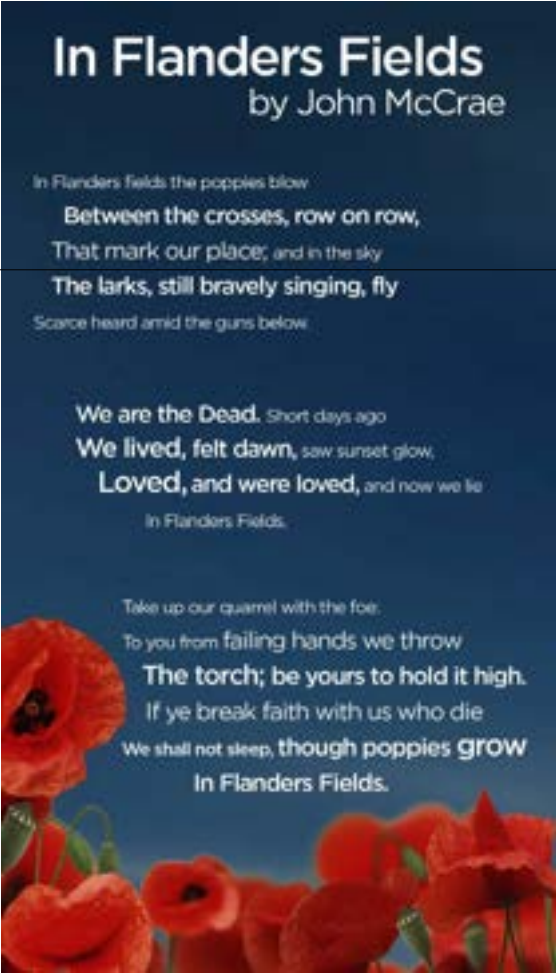
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In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

represented the hope that none had died in vain. The American Legion Auxiliary Poppy has continued to bloom for the casualties of war, its petals of paper bound together for veterans by veterans, reminding America each year that the men and women who have served and died for their country deserve to be remembered. This distribution of the bright red memorial flower to the public is a national symbol of sacrifice of our fallen heroes. It is one of the oldest and most widely recognized programs of the American Legion Auxiliary.
The poppies distributed by the ALA Euclid Unit 343, have been handmade by veterans residing at The Ohio Veterans Home Sandusky. They receive a small income for their efforts. The donations we receive during the distribution are classified as restricted funds by the Auxiliary. This means they can only be used to support veterans. With these funds, Euclid Unit 343 supports the Wade Park VA Medical Center, the Ohio Veterans Home, the Veterans Resource Center and The Judge Sara J. Harper Village, which provides housing for female veterans. The Auxiliary has also worked with The Euclid Senior Center to assist local veterans.
Col. John McCrae wrote a poem called “In Flanders Fields” as a tribute to those who were buried in France during World War I. We hope that this information will provide the insight as to the significance of this little red flower and that you take the time to remember those who have lost their lives defending our country, not only the weary soldiers of World War I, but all those who have served and continue to serve. Thank you for your support.



High Grass Citations

Begin the First Week of May!

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by Gerry Kiral
This May members of the American Legion Auxiliary Euclid Unit 343 will be distributing poppies in the City of Euclid. We distribute poppies in person at three local businesses and several businesses have a display of poppies. Many times we hear, “what is that flower for?” We hope the following will help to explain what the memorial poppy stands for.
The Poppy Story: From the battlefields of World War I, weary soldiers brought home the memory of a barren landscape transformed by wild poppies, red as the blood that had soaked the soil. By that miracle of nature, the spirit of their lost comrades lived on. The poppy became a symbol of the sacrifice of lives in war, and

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Euclid Artist Alsie Clay Pioneers in Quantum Art



by Christine Vazquez

In her unassuming studio at Shore Cultural Centre, artist Alsie Clay has been quietly breaking new ground. For 16 years, Clay has rented her creative sanctuary in this peaceful space, unaware that the art she was producing was part of an emerging genre. Today, she stands as one of the few black female artists in the country exploring the intricate world of quantum art.

Quantum art, a term relatively new to the lexicon of artistic expression, is characterized by its inspiration drawn from quantum physics principles. This genre explores themes such as entanglement, superposition, and the observer effect, translating these complex scientific concepts into visual narratives. Clay's work, with its vibrant colors and abstract forms, captures the essence of entanglement, a central tenet of quantum theory.

"I've always been drawn to the invisible connections between things," Clay explains. "My art is an exploration of how we are all connected in this vast universe, of our collective energy. Discovering that what I have been doing has a name and is part of a larger movement is so exciting."

The field observer effect, a phenomenon where the act of observation alters the subject being observed, is a key element in Clay's creative process. She believes that her presence, and the presence of others, their thoughts, and emotions all influence the outcome of her artwork. This unique interaction between artist and canvas results in pieces that are as dynamic and unpredictable as the quantum particles they are inspired by.

Clay's studio at Shore Cultural Centre is more than just a workspace; it is a haven where she channels the energy surrounding her into her art. As a small business incubator, Shore is known for fostering a diverse community of artists, and the space has been instrumental in nurturing Clay's talent. It provides her with the freedom and tranquility necessary to delve into the complexities of quantum art.

Despite being one of the few black women in this niche field, Clay remains humble and focused on her journey of discovery. "Art should be a reflection of our world and the unseen forces that drive it," she says, "I love being able to bring a piece of that to people." Her work not only challenges conventional artistic boundaries but also invites viewers to ponder the interconnectedness of all things.

As Alsie Clay continues to push the frontiers of quantum art, she is not just creating captivating pieces; she is also paving the way for future artists who will explore the intersection of art and energy. Alsie Clay's art work can be viewed and purchased at alsie-clay.pixels.com.

Euclid Culinary Bistro: The Recipe for Success



by Kenneth George Zuro and Joyce Tucceri

On March 24, guests attending the Julia Child Event enjoyed wonderful food at the Euclid High School's Euclid Culinary Bistro (ECB). We received many positive responses from those in attendance who look forward to a return bistro visit. We also extend a thank you to the Euclid Public Library, Principal Corey Russell, Chef Dan and our outstanding culinary students.

Joanne Swansiger was one of the guests. She proclaimed, "The students in Chef Dan's Bistro are excelling in his class, giving us hope for the future." The Women in History Series is one of the many educational programs offered by our treasured Euclid Public Library. We urge residents to visit the bistro during the school year and our local library when it reopens in June.

It is important that a recipe provides a solid foundation. Principal Corey and

Chef Dan are a part of the team at Euclid High School who truly cares about our students. Teamwork is also a major emphasis. Personalizing the 2025 EHS Commencement, Principal Corey was sure to thank the "Walmart Guy" who had the hundreds of rain ponchos ready for our students. That was also a great day, and it was the correct decision to hold the commencement outdoors. Seeing the families of loved ones proud of their graduates made this evening a special one. Many of those loved ones (including myself) could not have attended due to limited seating if the commencement was held indoors.

A favorite quote from Principal Corey emphasizes teamwork: "It is not about me, it is about we." His visit at the end of the Julia Child Event was also noteworthy. There are multiple quotes about teamwork inside the ECB. Once again, we strongly encourage residents to enjoy the great food there. We close with two meaningful quotes inside the Euclid Culinary Bistro: "None of us is as smart as all of us" and "Be kind, be considerate, be passionate and love one another." There are wonderful people in Euclid: The Lakefront City.

Publisher's Note: The Fabulous Closing Day Buffet is Wednesday, May 6th. See the ad on Page 17 for info.

EUC Flea: Harvest Market and More!

by Christine Vazquez

The EUC Flea Art & Vintage Market is back for 2026 with a special highlight in October that promises to be a memorable experience for Euclid families. This year, the October market will be transformed into a special Fall Harvest Market, offering autumn-themed activities and attractions as part of Euclid's year-long America 250 celebration, commemorating the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Scheduled for October 17th from 12 PM to 4 PM at the Shore Cultural Centre, the Fall Harvest Market will be a vibrant celebration of the season, complete with activities that capture the spirit of autumn, and the history of the American harvest. Families can look forward to a day filled with fall fun, including apple cider, pumpkin decorating, special harvest themed vendors, and more.

The EUC Flea Art & Vintage Market has been a vital platform for small, local businesses, offering them a space to showcase their unique products and connect with the community. This year's market continues to champion this cause, featuring an eclectic mix of the Eastside's finest crafters, artists, chefs, and creatives. Shoppers can explore a

diverse array of handmade jewelry, organic skincare products, artisanal foods, and one-of-a-kind art pieces.

In addition to the unique crafts and art, food trucks will be present at each market, serving up delicious meals, refreshing beverages, snacks, and desserts. A live DJ will keep spirits high with feel-good tunes, ensuring that everyone enjoys their time at the market.

The EUC Flea offers Euclid residents and visitors the chance to enjoy free entertainment, connect with local artisans, and purchase unique, handmade gifts while supporting small businesses.

Vendors interested in participating are encouraged to visit www.cityofeuclid.gov/euc-flea for more information and to submit a vendor application. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this unique community event that supports local creativity and entrepreneurship.

Mark your calendars and join the EUC Flea Art & Vintage Market in 2026! Market dates are June 13th, August 15th, October 17th (our special America 250 Harvest Market!) and December 4th during the City of Euclid's annual Holiday Lighting Event. Learn more at cityofeuclid.gov/euc-flea.

Leaping Willow Academy Expands at Shore Cultural Centre



by Melissa DeLong

Leaping Willow Academy is growing and bringing even more dance, creative movement and music opportunities to the Euclid community this summer!

Beginning June 15, 2026, Leaping Willow Academy will be offering creative movement and music classes for ages 0-5 with a caregiver. Creative movement and music classes are designed to support developmentally appropriate musical, physical, motor, cognitive, and social development in a playful, engaging environment. Caregivers and little ones explore fingerplays, songs, rhythm instruments, creative movement, sensory activities and more! Choose from classes grouped by similar age and developmental levels or a mixed-age family class perfect for



siblings to enjoy together.

For students ages 4 through adult, Leaping Willow Academy offers both daytime and evening combo dance classes in the styles of ballet, jazz, and contemporary. The recently expanded class schedule includes an adult dance combo and stretch, strength, and conditioning classes for both youth and adult students!

Leaping Willow Academy is a welcoming, body-positive studio located inside Shore Cultural Centre
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Full schedule & online registration: www.leapingwillowacademy.com

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Welcome Dennis Michael Flynn!



by Dr Deborah Scopacasa
Dennis Michael Flynn was welcomed into the Roman Catholic Church through the celebration of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026 at Our Lady of the Lake Parish. We offer him congratulations and blessings as we continue to journey together in faith. Anyone interested in becoming Catholic may contact Dr. Deborah Scopacasa at Our Lady of the Lake Parish (216) 486-0850 ext. 14 for more information or to begin the process.

Holy Week and Easter Celebrated with Joy



Join Us for Vacation Bible School!



Mark your calendars and save the date for Vacation Bible School. Children in pre-k through grade 4 are invited. Our fun will begin on Monday June 8 and run through Friday June 12 from 9:30am-12noon. If interested, please call the school office at 216-481-6824

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by Bev Caldwell
Perhaps this year, those attending Holy Week and Easter celebrations seemed more joyful because Easter was needed more. Looking at the world around them, many were seeking the peace of our Lord and of course their faith community.
Holy Thursday's washing of the feet was moving for those taking part and those observing. It brought back the notion that serving others is how Jesus taught best by

doing.
Good Friday's veneration of the cross is heartbreaking in its simplicity and magnitude. It brings clarity to the Lord's Passion.
Holy Saturday's Easter Vigil is beautiful and full of imagery and light. Welcoming those making their full initiation into the community is especially joyful.
Easter Sunday is the most holy celebration of the liturgical year. He is risen Alleluia!

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Noble Academy Students Compete in Statewide Cybersecurity Challenge



NAE Robotics Team at CTF Cybersecurity Challenge



Shaun Wheeler
by Halil Baris

Noble Academy Euclid students recently showcased their teamwork and problem-solving skills at a Capture the Flag (CTF) cybersecurity competition organized by the Ohio Cyber Range Institute and held at Cleveland State University.

A team of four seventh grade students—Jasmine, Aamiyah, Steven, and Shaun—represented the school at the event. Prior to the competition, the students dedicated time to preparing together, focusing on collaboration and strategy to ensure they could work effectively as a team.

During the competition, all team members tackled the same set of cybersecurity challenges. Each correct solution advanced the entire team, reinforcing the importance of communication, shared thinking, and collective effort. This format not only tested their technical abilities but also strengthened



Steven Richardson

their teamwork skills.

The Noble Academy team competed against more than 50 teams and individual participants from a wide range of educational levels, including elementary schools, high schools, colleges, and universities. For many of the students, it was their first experience participating in a large-scale competition of this kind. Representing Noble Academy Euclid in such a setting was a point of pride, and the team was excited to see their school recognized among a diverse group of competitors.

The primary goal of attending the event was to expose students to real-world cybersecurity challenges while helping them build critical thinking, resilience, and technical problem-solving skills in a hands-on environment. Additionally, the experience provided valuable exposure to a university campus, helping students feel more comfortable and confident in academic and professional settings.

Noble Academy remains committed to creating opportunities like this for its students. By participating in events beyond the classroom, the school aims to broaden students' perspectives, inspire future aspirations, and reinforce the belief that they are capable of achieving great things.

Through experiences like the CTF competition, Noble Academy continues to empower students to envision themselves succeeding in higher education and future careers.

Rooting for the Future at NAE

by Ashley Freeman

While Earth Day is often celebrated with a single day of action, the community at Noble Academy launched a transformation designed to last generations. On Wednesday, April 22nd, the school property was a hub of environmental stewardship as students, staff, and families kicked off a comprehensive campus cleanup and a long-term reforestation project.

Earth Day was celebrated with a cleanup of the property starting at 3:00 PM. The event was designed to be more than just a chore; students participated in an environmental scavenger hunt, learning to identify local organic debris and understanding the impact of litter on their immediate ecosystem. By walking the property and cleaning up trash, students learned to take direct ownership of their environment.

The cleanup served as the first phase of a larger vision for the campus. Thanks to a donation made to the Arbor Tree Foundation in the school's honor, the property is expecting the delivery of 12 locally beneficial trees. These trees will be planted during their prime rooting season later this year, ensuring the highest survival rate and long-term benefit to the local air quality and the ozone layer. Any unhealthy

or dangerous trees will also be removed professionally from the property.

"We aren't just picking up trash for an hour; we are revamping our entire landscape," noted the project organizers. "By removing dead or unhealthy plants and replacing them with native, beneficial trees, we are teaching students that environmentalism is about maintenance, vision, and investment in the future."

The Noble community would be nothing without our family support. Rather than a standard dismissal, parents were encouraged to park their cars, grab a pair of gloves, and work side-by-side with their children. This collaborative spirit aims to model environmental responsibility in a tangible, memorable way, showing that many hands make light work.

As the 12 new trees take root later this year, they will serve as a living reminder of what a community can achieve when they decide to grow together. The revamped campus yard will stand as a testament to the school's commitment to a greener, healthier future for everyone.

For more information on the campus revamp or to support green initiatives at Noble Academy Euclid, please contact the front office.

From PVC Pipes to Cryptids: A Season of Growth for Noble's Color Guard



by Kayla Jesberger
This year, the Noble Academy Euclid

Color Guard auditioned for the Concept Network Arts and Language Festival. In September, our Color Guard had between 9 and 11 members, but was down to 2 member by mid-October. These two scholars kept remarkable commitment-practicing 1-2 times a week until the 3 hour audition day when filming took place. They learned many different combinations of spins and tosses with flags, totalling two musical movements and over 2 minutes. Scholars also learned a weapon routine with a modified sabre I constructed from PVC pipe, window foam, electrical tape, bolts, and pole caps-adding an additional 45+ seconds to the routine. Both students worked hard to memorize the sequences and be in time with each other. While they were not accepted, staff from the judgement panel noticed a marked

improvement from the audition last year and provided helpful feedback so that next year's color guard can be even better.

The color guard performed for the first time at our school's Talent show on March 27th. Despite technical issues with the music, they did an excellent job! They will perform again on May 19th at Noble's Annual Culture Night Festival. This year's show features a theme of cryptids from many cultures including: Mothman, The Loch Ness Monster, and El Chupacabra. Students learned about these mythical creatures throughout the school year, and will have a tri-fold poster with fun facts about cryptids from many more cultures.

Participating in color guard in middle school is a unique experience to Noble's scholars, as most schools in our area do not have a color guard until 9th grade, if they have one at all. The scholars who have spent their time to learn these skills can bring them into a high school marching band and be on a level closer to a veteran performer than a freshman.





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Euclid Board of Education Names Karen Brown as Next Superintendent



Incoming Superintendent Karen Brown with the Euclid Schools Board of Education (From L to R): Tia Otoo, Evan Botzki, Karen Brown, Selina Wright, Gabrielle Kelly, Scott Wilson

The Euclid City Schools Board of Education has officially appointed Mrs. Karen Brown as the next Superintendent of Euclid Schools, selecting a proven leader whose career has been defined by a profound commitment to Euclid students, staff and the community.

Mrs. Brown brings more than 25 years of experience within the District to her new role. She began her career as an English teacher at Euclid High School before transitioning into a school counselor, where she discovered a passion for helping students connect their high school experiences to future success. Throughout her time at EHS, she focused on guiding students to better understand how their decisions in high school can help shape their opportunities later, ensuring they were prepared to pursue their dreams after graduation.

Her work in career readiness expanded as she became the High School's Coordinator of Career Technical education and Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Coordinator. In this role, Mrs. Brown helped transform access to college courses

by transitioning students from off-campus classes to College Credit Plus coursework offered directly at the high school. This shift removed barriers and significantly expanded participation, resulting in one of the largest CCP programs in Northeast Ohio. Her leadership also strengthened Career Technical programming, ensuring students could explore career interests early and gain valuable experience before making post-graduation commitments. Her impact as a high school educator was recognized in 2016 when she was named an Outstanding Educator by the Euclid Teachers Association.

Mrs. Brown's leadership journey continued at the Fordyce Administration Building in 2016, where she served as Coordinator, and later, Director of Strategic Initiatives. In these roles, she was instrumental in advancing districtwide priorities and strengthening systems that support student success. Including the establishing the nation's first Pre-school FabLab in an early childhood setting.

Since 2020, Mrs. Brown has served as

Assistant Superintendent, helping to lead a period of growth and innovation across Euclid Schools. Her work has included navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 Pandemic while also helping to open the District's Early Learning Village and new Secondary Campus. She played a key role in the development of the Memorial Options Center and ChanceLight Euclid, expanding pathways and supports for students with diverse needs.

The Memorial Options Center provides innovative, student-centered programming while offering wraparound services and alternative pathways for at-risk students. Memorial is also home to initiatives such as the Family Resource Center, the Tri-C ASPIRE Adult Diploma program, and career-centered education programs like Automation & Robotics, Job Training & Coordination and the THRIVE program, giving students different ways to learn and providing different pathways to success.

As the Assistant Superintendent of Student Services, Mrs. Brown has overseen the following departments: Student Wellness, Enrollment and Engagement, Attendance and Residency, EMIS, Student Discipline, and College & Career Readiness – ensuring that all students have access to high-quality instruction, services, and programing to maximize every student's potential.

"Mrs. Brown went through quite the process, including some quite stiff competition," Board of Education Board Member Evan Botzki said. "She worked her way through this process and impressed us all. We are quite excited to see where she takes the Euclid Schools on this journey

forward."

Mrs. Brown earned her Bachelor's degree in English, with a minor in Secondary Education from Case Western Reserve University and her Masters of Education in School Counseling from John Carroll University. Through the Cleveland State University Center for Educational Leadership, Mrs. Brown participated in the First Ring Leadership Academy while obtaining her Principal's license and later her Superintendent's Licensure.

"Thank you to the Board for trusting me with the awesome responsibility of leading this district," Mrs. Brown said. "My focus will be on creating educational experiences that help our students grow, prepare them for an ever-changing future, and instill in them the confidence to know they belong in whatever spaces they choose to occupy. More importantly, I want them to know they are prepared to lead in those spaces, in part because of the education and support they received in Euclid Schools."

Mrs. Brown and her family have been Euclid residents for more than 27 years, where she has made many strong relationships with neighbors, Euclid Schools families, and community partners. Outside of her professional work, she is a self-proclaimed "Dance Mom" and an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, taking pride in encouraging students to pursue their creative passions.

Mrs. Brown will officially assume the role of Superintendent through a transitional period with Retiring Superintendent Christopher Papouras.

Allied Health Students Launch Their Careers in Healthcare



Just ahead of Spring Break, 20 students from Euclid High School's Allied Health CTE Program reached a huge milestone in their young nursing careers by graduating from their Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) training through First Hands Health Careers. This achievement comes from months of dedicated studying, hands-on learning and a clear commitment to pursuing a future in healthcare.

Throughout the program, students engaged in comprehensive training experiences that blended classroom instruction with practical clinical experience. They developed essential skills in patient care, infection control, medical terminology and safety procedures, while also gaining experience working through real life healthcare scenarios. This

combination of knowledge and application will prepare them to confidently step into the medical field.

CNAs play a vital role in healthcare settings. They provide direct care to patients, assisting with daily needs such as bathing, dressing, eating and mobility. They also monitor vital signs, support patient comfort and serve as an important link between patients, families and the patient's medical care team. It is a role that requires both technical skill and compassion, and throughout their training ,our students have demonstrated both.

The next step for these graduates is to pass the state certification exam, which will assess their knowledge and clinical abilities. Once certified, they will be eligible for immediate employment in a wide range of healthcare settings, including hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers and home health agencies.

Earning a CNA credential while still in high school is an outstanding accomplishment and an example of what CTE can offer students. Students in CTE are taking high school classes, while also

earning college credits, industry credentials, and experience while launching their careers. Whether they choose to enter the workforce right away or continue their education to become nurses, physician assistants or doctors, they will graduate one step ahead.

In addition to the CNA graduation, three Juniors earned additional recognition for going above and beyond in their pursuit of careers in healthcare.

Zoie Wolf, Serenity Womick and Ramiah Williams took their commitment even further by simultaneously completing the Cleveland Clinic Howley ASPIRE Nurse Scholars Program this past weekend.

Balancing both programs required an exceptional level of dedication, time management and perseverance. Each of these students successfully navigated rigorous coursework, hands-on training and additional enrichment experiences all while continuing their responsibilities as high school students.

The Howley ASPIRE Nurse Scholars Program is a highly competitive opportunity designed specifically for high school Juniors

interested in nursing careers. Sponsored by Cleveland Clinic and The Howley Foundation in partnership with Ursulines College's Breen School of Nursing and Health Professions, the program provides students with valuable insight into the nursing profession while helping them build the academic and professional skills needed for success in college and beyond.

Through this experience, students engaged in advanced learning opportunities and gained exposure to college-level expectations. Their successful completion of the program exemplifies their ability and their commitment to helping others.

As a result of their outstanding performance, Zoie, Serenity and Ramiah have been invited to return next year as part of the Senior cohort. This continued participation opens the door to even greater opportunities, including the potential to earn a scholarship to Ursuline College to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

We are incredibly proud of the Allied Health students for their remarkable achievements. Congratulations to all the new CNAs!



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Euclid Middle School Earns State Momentum Award for Academic Growth



Euclid Middle School
We are proud to announce that Euclid Middle School recently earned statewide recognition for its continued academic growth. EMS was named a recipient of the Momentum Award from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce based on its performance on the 2024-2025 State Report Card.

The Momentum Award is presented to districts and school buildings that demonstrate significant improvement in student achievement while continuing to show strong academic growth. To qualify, schools must increase their Performance Index score by at least three points from the previous year while also earning a value-added progress rating of four stars or higher.

Euclid Middle School exceeded the qualifications for this recognition, posting an increase of more than four points on its Performance Index. This accomplishment places EMS among just 238 buildings across the state of Ohio to earn the Momentum Award this year, and one of only 45 schools in our Region to receive the distinction.

The Momentum Award comes after a

collective effort across the middle school, from classroom instruction to student supports and building culture, all focused on driving continuous improvements and students “making their mark.”

“The Momentum Award shows that the intentional work our Students, Staff and Teachers are putting into the classroom is worth it,” EMS Principal Sherri Daniels said. “We’ve focused on growth. Meeting our students where they are and helping them move forward. It’s exciting to see Euclid Middle School making its mark at the State Level.”

This honor also continues a trend of progress across the district. The Euclid City Schools previously earned the District Momentum Award for the 2022-2023 State Report Card, with Euclid High School, Chardon Hills STEM School and Shoreview Elementary also recognized at the building level that same year.

“Receiving this award validates all the hard work of our teacher, administrators and students,” Superintendent Chris Papouras said. “Congratulations to the Students, Faculty, Staff and Families of Euclid Middle School. These awards demonstrate the strides we are making to best educate the children of Euclid.”

As Euclid Middle School celebrates this achievement, focus around the District remains on sustaining momentum and continuing to create opportunities for every Euclid Student.

Bluestone Students Take the Lead in Career Exploration



At Bluestone Elementary, students are already beginning to think about their futures in meaningful and engaging ways through the school’s Career Speaker Series. This ongoing initiative continues to connect students with professionals from a wide range of fields, giving them valuable insight into potential career paths.

What makes this series especially unique is that it is entirely student-led. Students take ownership of the experience by researching each guest and their career, developing thoughtful questions and leading the conversations themselves. This approach not only builds engagement, but also helps students develop important academic and life skills.

Last month’s speakers brought a diverse set of experiences to Bluestone. Students had the opportunity to hear from Cleveland Cavaliers in-arena announcer Ahmaad

Crum, Euclid Hospital physical therapist Patricia Sulzmann, and Dr. Lucia Johnson of VIP Smiles. Each speaker shared their personal journey, offered advice and provided a glimpse into the day-to-day realities of their professions.

Through these conversations, the students gain career awareness, but they also learn how to conduct research, ask purposeful and meaningful questions, and engage in professional dialogue. The experience also helps them practice their public speaking skills, builds confidence and encourages critical thinking.

In many ways, the Career Speaker Series mirrors real-world experiences students will encounter in the future. From preparing for interviews to engaging with professionals, the students are strengthening skills that will serve them well into the future.

The enthusiasm from both students and guest speakers has made the series a standout experience at Bluestone. With each session, students are becoming more confident, curious and prepared for their futures.

Senior Artists Showcase Creativity and Talent



In early April, Euclid High School’s Studio Art & Design CTE Program proudly hosted its annual Senior Art Show, celebrating the creativity, growth, and accomplishments of its graduating artists.

The Culinary Bistro and Auditorium Lobby were transformed into a vibrant gallery space, creating a professional and welcoming environment for families, staff, and community members to experience student artwork. Every senior in the program had the opportunity to display their work, with many pieces also available for purchase, helping to give students the authentic experience of presenting and selling their art.

The exhibition featured an impressive range of mediums, including paintings, pastels, drawings, sculpture, textile design and digital art. Each piece reflected not only technical skill, but also the individuality and voice of the artist behind it. From bold and expressive works to highly detailed designs, the variety on display highlighted the depth of talent across the program.

The Opening Reception drew strong attendance and excitement, with many guests taking time to connect directly with student artists to learn more about their inspiration and creative process. The evening proved to be a tremendous success, with almost all of the artwork sold – an exciting milestone for the artists that speaks to both the quality of the work and the impact it had on those in attendance.

This year’s featured artists included Shamareon Chaney, Dorian Ellison, Rae Fischlin, Brooklyn Fluker, Ty'Rek Howard, Jordin Love, Shannon Melendez, K. Perry, Jaden Reyes, Kimora Rogers, Augcel Tiongson, and Enajah Williams.

Each artist contributed a unique perspective, and together they created a collection that truly captured the strength and diversity of the program.

The Senior Art Show serves as a culminating experience for students, allowing them to curate and present a body of work that reflects their growth over time before heading into their Capstone Projects and eventually Graduation. It also provides valuable experience as they prepare for future opportunities in both education and careers in the arts.

The success of the program is guided by instructor Meg Garbincus, whose leadership helps to support students as they develop their skills and bring their creative visions to life.

It was an outstanding evening celebrating creativity, dedication, and the bright future ahead for these talented seniors.



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Vincenzo A Manno Scholarship - Senior Shawn Wroblewski '26 Freshman Zariah Wright '29 and Senior Jordin Davis '26



Jeff and Sandra Pertekel VA '66 Turner Scholarship - Junior Sophia Hockenberry and Senior Chelsea Little '26



Thomas J. Gentile SJ '71 Memorial Scholarship - Juniors Paige Moore '27 Henry Gonakis '27 and Senior Ray Eppich '26

Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School proudly awarded over \$255,000 during its annual Scholarship Day assembly on March 6. Parents, alumni, donors, faculty and staff, and school administration gathered in the VASJ Gym to celebrate this year's award recipients.

Each of the scholarships awarded recognizes the accomplishments and work ethic of current VASJ students. Award recipients, along with their parents and our scholarship sponsors, were treated to a reception in the Gym following the assembly.

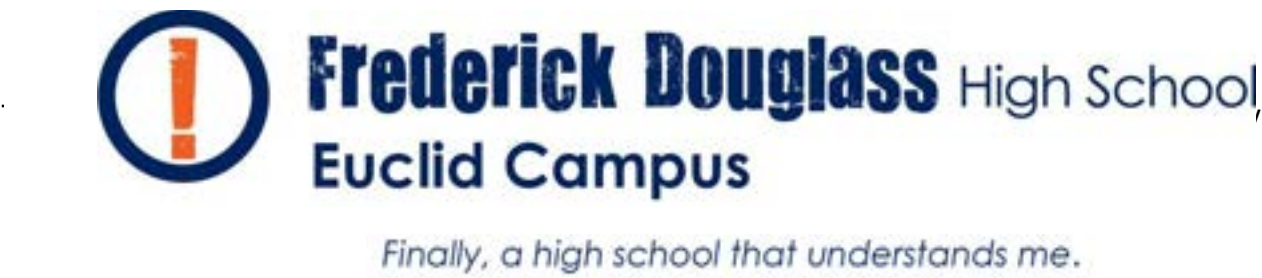
For a complete list of scholarship winners, check out this story online at www.TheEuclidObserver.com.

Congratulations to all of our award recipients!

For a complete list of all scholarship winners check out this article in the online edition at www.TheEuclidObserver.com



Scheidel Scholarship - Sophomores Amiyah Dornes '28, Myles Byrd Henderson; Junior Corrine McIntosh '27; Senior Zoe Kelsey '26, Freshmen Khloe Madison '29, Keith Flenov '29, Sasha Head '29; Sophomore Aaliyah Ware '28



Message from Director Scott Caldwell



by Scott Caldwell
Hello Families and Friends.
Our 1st Annual Community Open House BBQ was held on April 9th and it was a tremendous success, bringing together families from our local community and surrounding areas for an afternoon of connection and engagement. The event welcomed a strong turnout, reflecting the growing interest in and support for our school. Guests had the opportunity to tour the building, learn more about our programs, and interact with staff in a relaxed and inviting setting. More than anything, the event highlighted the importance of

building meaningful relationships with our community. It provided a space for open conversation, increased visibility of our school's mission, and strengthened trust with those we serve. We look forward to doing it again next school year!

Our annual food pantry continues to be a vital resource for the community. We served over 170 families during April's food pantry. This level of support reflects both the need within the Euclid community and the commitment of our school to be more than just a place of education, it is a place of service. Efforts like this are critical in fostering a strong, supportive community. By continuing to host events like our annual food pantry, we are helping to create stability, promote equity, and demonstrate the impact a school can have when it actively engages with and supports the needs of its community.

I am truly honored to serve the Euclid community and to connect with so many incredible individuals along the way. This work is more than a responsibility, it is a genuine passion of mine. I look forward to continuing to support and uplift the community for many years to come.

As always if you would like to visit or learn more about our school, please contact me directly at the school. 216-200-6612! Be Stoic!
Mr. Caldwell

Frederick Douglass High School Euclid Campus Hosts Successful First Annual Community Open House BBQ



by Scott Caldwell
Frederick Douglass High School proudly welcomed more than 300 community members to its First Annual Community Open House BBQ, creating an evening centered on connection, opportunity, and engagement.

Families, local residents, and community partners had the opportunity to tour the school, gaining firsthand insight into the learning environment and student experience. Attendees explored the campus, exploring our multiple student focused programs, while learning more about the school's Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, which continue to prepare students with real-world skills for future success.

Throughout the event, meaningful



conversations took place between guests, staff, and administrators. These interactions allowed families to ask questions, build relationships, and better understand the school's mission and commitment to student achievement.

The event also featured a raffle, adding an element of excitement to the evening. One lucky attendee took home the grand prize of a 55-inch television, making the night even more memorable.

The strong turnout and positive energy highlighted the importance of community partnerships and open dialogue. Frederick Douglass High School looks forward to continuing this tradition and strengthening its connection with the community in the years ahead.

Student of the Month



S. Griffey has been recognized as Student of the Month, an achievement that reflects her strong work ethic, positive attitude,

and consistent dedication to her success. As a junior enrolled in our business program and planning to enroll in our Healthcare program her Senior year, she has demonstrated a high level of responsibility both in and out of the classroom.

She actively participates in class discussions, completes her work with care and attention to detail, and shows a genuine interest in developing her professional skills. In addition, she sets a positive example for her peers through her respectful behavior, willingness to help others, and commitment to staying focused on her goals. Her efforts truly embody what it means to be a well-rounded student, and this recognition is well deserved.

FD Euclid Students Participate in Breadwinners Academy Academic Challenge



Our students were honored to participate in the Breadwinners Academy Academic Challenge, a financial literacy competition that brought together 20 schools from across Northeast Ohio. Throughout the event, our students represented the school with pride, demonstrating strong knowledge of financial concepts and the ability to apply

what they've learned in real-world scenarios. More importantly, they worked collaboratively, supporting one another and communicating effectively as a team. The experience not only highlighted their academic abilities but also strengthened their confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. Competing at this level provided a valuable opportunity for growth, and our students rose to the occasion, making the entire school community proud.

Alumni Spotlight



Name: A. Taylor
Graduation Year: 2023
What CTE (Career Tech Education) Program did you complete at Frederick Douglass HS Euclid Campus?
I participated in the Healthcare program and received my certification in Phlebotomy and Medical Assistant.
Are you currently employed? If so, where and what do you do?
Yes, I work at University Hospital as a Medical Assistant. Also, I am currently enrolled in the police academy.
What knowledge did you gain from Frederick Douglass HS Euclid Campus?
My experience at Frederick Douglass High School Euclid Campus has helped me grow both academically and personally. I've gained important skills like time management, communication, and responsibility, while also building confidence and staying focused on my goals.

What do you miss most about your time at Frederick Douglass High School?
What I miss most about my time at Frederick Douglass High School Euclid Campus is the sense of community and the relationships I built along the way. The support from staff and the connections with other students created an environment where I felt encouraged to grow and succeed. I also miss the hands-on learning experiences and opportunities that helped prepare me for my future.

Do you have any advice for others who may be interested in Frederick Douglass HS Euclid Campus?
My advice to anyone interested in Frederick Douglass High School Euclid Campus is to come in with a clear goal and be ready to take full advantage of the opportunities available. Stay consistent with your attendance and assignments, and don't be afraid to ask for help, staff are there to support you and want to see you succeed. Take initiative by getting involved in programs, especially career and technical pathways, so you can build real-world skills alongside your academics.

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Endorsed by Prosecutor Michael C. O’Malley and Veteran Leader Michael Polensek, I’m Making the Case for Accountability in District 11

by Ebony Spano

I know many of you received my mailer this week. You saw names like Michael C. O’Malley, our county’s chief prosecutor, and Michael Polensek, a longtime public servant with decades of experience advocating for Northeast Ohio communities. I’m incredibly grateful for their support. But I also want to take a moment to explain what those endorsements actually mean—and why they matter in this race. Because this election is not about titles. It’s about who is prepared to oversee the systems that affect our daily lives.

Cuyahoga County Council is responsible for managing an annual operating budget that has recently ranged from approximately \$1.8 billion to over \$2.0 billion, along with a multi-year capital budget that funds major infrastructure projects. Council approves contracts, allocates funding, and provides oversight of agencies that directly impact public safety, health services, and economic stability across our communities. Those are real decisions with real consequences.

Right now, one of the most significant issues facing our county is the future of the jail system. The current Cuyahoga County Jail has been under intense scrutiny for years, including federal oversight and multiple independent reviews that identified concerns related to staffing, maintenance, and overall conditions. These are not new conversations—they are long-standing challenges that require serious, sustained solutions. At the same time, the county has been exploring plans for a new jail facility, with projected costs that could reach hundreds of millions of dollars—potentially approaching or exceeding \$700 million when construction and long-term operational expenses are included. That is one of the largest public safety investments our county will make in a generation. And decisions of that magnitude demand careful evaluation. Location is one of the most critical factors. When a detention facility is moved farther from downtown courts, it introduces logistical challenges that affect the entire justice system—transportation coordination, scheduling, staffing, and costs. Those impacts extend beyond the jail itself and into the surrounding communities that support these operations.

District 11 includes the City of Euclid, one of the largest municipalities in Cuyahoga County, with a population of roughly 47,000 residents. Euclid is also home to important public safety infrastructure,

including a county satellite jail facility, and already plays a role in supporting regional operations. When county decisions shift how detainees are housed or transported, that can increase pressure on local resources—police, fire, and EMS services that are already working to meet the needs of their own residents. That means decisions made at the county level directly affect response times, staffing capacity, and the overall safety of our communities. These are not abstract policy discussions. They are operational realities. And they are exactly the types of issues County Council is responsible for reviewing, questioning, and ultimately voting on.

That is why I have said from the beginning: while this role may be labeled part-time, the responsibility is anything but. Oversight of billion-dollar budgets.

Evaluation of major infrastructure projects. Accountability for systems that affect public safety. That requires consistent attention, focus, and a willingness to engage deeply with complex issues. It also requires perspective.

As a Navy veteran, I understand discipline, structure, and accountability. As a mother of two—including a child with special needs—I have navigated the very systems County Council oversees. And as a nonprofit leader, I have worked directly with families who depend on those systems every day. I have seen where they work—and where they fall short. And I know that when systems fail, families feel it first. That is what drives me.

District 11 is made up of diverse communities—Euclid, South Euclid, Beachwood, Lyndhurst, Richmond Heights, and Highland Heights. Each has its own priorities, but all share the same expectation: that county leadership will act responsibly, transparently, and in the best interest of the public.

The endorsements I’ve received are meaningful because they reflect confidence in my ability to meet that expectation—not just in words, but in action. This election is about more than who can campaign. It’s about who can govern. Who will ask the right questions. Who will stay engaged. Who will make decisions that protect—not strain—the communities we serve. I am ready to do that work.

And I would be honored to earn your vote

More Than a Campaign: Building a Future Together for County Council District 11

by Christine McIntosh

As my campaign for Cuyahoga County Council District 11 comes to a close, I want to express my deep gratitude for the overwhelming support I’ve received from across our community. Throughout this race, I have been continually inspired by the encouragement of friends, colleagues, and neighbors who stepped up to volunteer, share my message, and engage in meaningful conversations about our county’s future. From neighborhood events to community meetings, the energy behind this campaign has reflected a shared commitment to strong, thoughtful leadership.

I am incredibly grateful for the support I’ve received at every step. So many people showed up, not just for me, but for what we’re working to build together as a community. I’m hopeful that our message, which has been centered on community safety,

government accountability, and expanding economic mobility, has resonated with voters across District 11.

If you are reading this before May 5th, I would be honored to earn your vote for County Council District 11. If the election has already passed and you stood with me, thank you! Your trust is the foundation of the work we will do together.

No matter the outcome, this campaign has strengthened my commitment to public service and to working collaboratively with residents and local leaders. This effort has always been about our community. I am proud of what we’ve built together and hopeful for what comes next.

About the Author

Christine McIntosh is a dedicated public servant, city planner, and former legislator who served on Euclid City Council from 2018 to 2022. With over a decade of experience advocating for neighborhoods and regional coordination, she is now running for Cuyahoga County Council District 11 to bring measured, results-oriented leadership to the county. To learn more, visit www.christine-mcintosh.com or contact her at mcintoshcuyahogadistrict11@gmail.com.

Botzki’s Bulletin: May 2026

by Evan Botzki

Hello once again! May the April showers bring us May flowers!

At our April 15th special meeting, the Euclid Board of Education voted to appoint Karen Brown to serve as our next superintendent! She will take over officially on May 15th from outgoing Superintendent Chris Papouras. Of course, I would also like to thank Superintendent Papouras for his years of service, including his leadership that helped prevent a state takeover of the schools. Superintendent-designate Brown brings a wealth of experience to the role, with over 25 years in various roles throughout the district. I am incredibly excited to see the future with Karen Brown.

The leadership that has been demonstrated already by Karen Brown will be necessary over the next few years as we will face a number of difficulties. I find it unfortunate that many of these difficulties were avoidable, but have been brought upon us by the state legislature. To start, the state has cut our funding significantly, despite promises made to follow the Fair School Funding Plan (FSFP). According to the FSFP, Euclid should have received \$78,849,936 over the next few years. Instead, that number was cut by \$6,746,061. This means that our district will not be able to fully fund its operations to the extent that we were previously promised. This means that routes such as unforeseen and unfortunate cuts must be pursued. It is likely that this will not be enough either.

This is not the only mistake made by the state legislature recently that will have an effect on our district. While I think we can all agree that some form of tax relief is necessary, the state legislature’s recent efforts to tackle the property tax issue were flawed and will not provide proper relief to us. In fact, State Senator Bill Blessing (Republican) made a series of predictions that he feels will come true as a result of this flawed process. I would like to share seven of these predictions with you for you all to keep track of.

1.) We’re going to see an increase in the number of levies over the coming years.

2.) We’ll see more districts in fiscal watch and fiscal emergency. When it becomes harder to raise local revenue, this is a likely result.

3.) Local governments and school districts will direct their ire at the state when they go to the ballot.

4.) Bond ratings for local governments and school districts will go down, which will lead to increased borrowing costs.

5.) Services will almost certainly be cut if levies fail to pass.

6.) The electorate is likely to be underwhelmed by these changes. They don’t amount to immediate tax relief, and they may very well still be angry even after the fact.

7.) What happened to simplicity? This definitely complicates the property tax situation.

In other words, this attempt at a fix leaves no winners. So, what is the answer? Well, Senator Blessing concluded his remarks with the following: "If this is all correct, what does a long term fix look like? I really think it's as simple as boosting state level school funding."

Of course, there is no simple solution and these things are much easier said than done. It is a difficult time for us all, and I find it particularly unfortunate that the state has placed such a burden at the feet of us all. With that said, I will do what I can in my position to vote and advocate for the best solutions for us all. This may not be the best position for our new superintendent to start out in, but I am eager to see her leadership in action as we cross these hectic waters together. Despite this great difficulty, I am always appreciative of your trust and faith as we carry on together.

Our next regularly scheduled board meeting is May 13, 2026 at 7 pm in the Fordyce Administration Building Board Room.

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OH DEER!

by Karen Perez Steigerwald

For well over the past 17 years the increased population of deer have wreaked havoc to The City of Euclid. Deer are a MAJOR safety hazard to our city!

Seeing 8 nestling deer in my small less than ¼ acre yard is absurd! Not to mention the damage done to resident’s yards. Watching cars swerve around deer on our city streets to avoid hitting or actually hitting deer has caused physical and financial damage to the persons involved.

TICKS, TICKS and MORE TICKS... As a nurse I have been called upon by NUMEROUS neighbors regarding ticks found on themselves, their children and

pets.

Do we as residents have to just sit and wait until someone dies from a deer car crash, Lyme disease from a deer tick before our city leaders choose to take action?

Other neighboring city governments and the Metroparks have stepped up instituting culling. IT’S TIME FOR EUCLID TO DO THE SAME!

My apologies to animal/PETA activists but I especially being a nurse prioritize human beings.

Those in agreement regarding the HUGE deer safety problem and the need to call for action please contact the Mayor and your Councilperson.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Spring Into Kidney Health: Small Steps That Make a Big Difference



by Elizabeth Oldham, MNM, Kidney Health Coach, American Kidney Fund

As spring arrives, many of us think about fresh starts—cleaning our homes, getting outside more, and taking better care of our health. It's also the perfect time to focus on something many people overlook: your kidney health.

Your kidneys work hard every day. They filter waste, balance fluids, and help control blood pressure. But kidney disease often develops silently, with no early symptoms. In fact, 1 in 3 adults in the United States is at risk for kidney disease.

The good news? There are simple steps you can take right now to protect your kidneys.

1. Know Your Numbers
High blood pressure and diabetes are the leading causes of kidney disease. Ask your healthcare provider about your blood pressure, blood sugar, and kidney function tests.

2. Stay Hydrated-But Smartly
Drinking enough water helps your kidneys do their job. For most people, water is the best choice. Try to limit sugary drinks

and excessive soda.

3. Watch the Salt
Too much sodium can raise blood pressure and strain your kidneys. Choose fresh foods when possible and check labels for hidden salt.

4. Move Your Body
Regular physical activity helps control weight, blood pressure, and blood sugar. Even a daily walk can make a difference.

5. Don't Ignore Risk Factors
If you have diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, or a family history of kidney disease, you may be at higher risk. Early testing can catch problems before they become serious.

6. Get Checked-Even If You Feel Fine
Kidney disease often has no symptoms in the early stages. A simple urine and blood test can give important information about your kidney health.

Spring is a season of renewal and your health deserves that same attention. Small consistent steps can go a long way in protecting your kidneys.

If you see a kidney health table at a local event, stop by and ask questions. You might be surprised how much you can learn in a few minutes.

Your kidneys matter. Take care of them—they're taking care of you every day.

Time is Brain: Early Stroke Detection and Rebuilding Through Therapy



by Teresa Dews, MD, Vice President/Chief Medical Officer, Euclid Hospital
A stroke is a medical emergency that impacts the viability of

brain cells. The longer treatment is delayed, the greater the chance for disability or even death. The first few hours after a stroke are crucial — waiting too long to seek treatment may render some care options ineffective.

Early signs of a stroke may include dizziness, anxiety and fatigue. If you have symptoms that seem out of the ordinary it's best to call 911 immediately. Calling 911 activates all systems sooner — EMS can begin treatment immediately and will alert the hospital who notifies the stroke team.

Therapy after a stroke is essential because it helps the brain relearn lost skills, restore independence and regain quality of life. Therapies can last from a few months to years depending on severity of the stroke.

Therapies that help rebuild after a stroke are:

- Physical therapy: walking, balance, strength.
- Occupational therapy: daily activities like cooking, bathing.

- Speech therapy: speech, cognitive skills, safe swallowing ability.

As a Primary Stroke Center, Cleveland Clinic Euclid Hospital received the American Heart Association's Stroke Gold Plus Honor Roll Elite Get With The Guidelines® - Stroke quality achievement award for its commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines, ultimately leading to more lives saved and reduced disability.

Early recognition of stroke symptoms, rapid treatment, and dedicated therapy can make all the difference—our caregivers are here to care for you throughout your recovery and help you restore independence.

In case of an emergency, call 911. Seek immediate medical attention at Euclid Hospital's Emergency Department if you have any stroke symptoms — we're here to care for you 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Know the stroke warning signs and — BE FAST:

Balance: Loss of balance/coordination.
Eyes: Trouble seeing.
Face: Drooping/numbness in face.
Arm: Weakness in arm.
Speech: Difficulty with speech.
Time: Call 911 immediately

How to Garden All Weekend Without Feeling It on Monday



by Dr. Will Poray, D.C.

As the weather warms up here in Northeast Ohio, many of us are eager to get back outside gardening, cleaning up the yard, or tackling weekend projects. While it feels great to be active again, this sudden increase in activity after a relatively sedentary winter is exactly why we see a spike in low back pain every spring.

After months of reduced activity, muscles and joints aren't always ready for repetitive bending, lifting, and twisting. Pulling weeds, hauling mulch, or cleaning out the garage can easily strain muscles or irritate joints in the lower back.

A big key to prevention is preparation. Gardening is a workout, whether we think of it that way or not. Building strength in your core and legs with exercises like squats, lunges, and planks can make a big difference.

When you're outside, technique matters. Avoid bending with your back for long periods. Instead, hinge at your hips or kneel. Use a stool or kneeling pad when possible. When lifting, keep objects close, use your legs, and avoid twisting. Turning your entire body will be a much better option.

It's also important to pace yourself. Many injuries happen when people try to do too much in one day. Break projects into shorter sessions, take breaks, and stay hydrated. If pain does show up, remember not all back pain is the same. Muscle strain and joint restriction often go together. Chiropractic care can help restore motion, reduce tension, and improve how your body moves. A little preparation goes a long way toward keeping you active and pain-free this spring.

Dr. Will is a local chiropractor at Infield Chiropractic in Euclid who enjoys helping kids, athletes, and adults stay active, comfortable, and moving well. If any aches or movement concerns are holding you or your child back, a simple chiropractic checkup can be a great first step toward feeling and performing your best.

Join Village of Healing for an Open House



by Village of Healing
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FAITH

A Memorial of God's Name



by Assistant
Pastor Jeffrey
Pudelski

On Monday, May 25th, the United States will once again recognize Memorial Day. It is a day set aside to mourn the military personnel who died while serving in the US Armed Forces. It became a federal holiday in 1971, although it was unofficially recognized in various forms since the Civil War. It was originally known as Decoration Day, as people would decorate the graves of the deceased military members with flowers and flags. Many also consider the day as the unofficial beginning of summer.

According to Webster's dictionary, a memorial is "that which preserves the memory of something; anything that serves to keep in memory." It is interesting to note that God's Word, the Bible, also uses the word 'memorial' 32 times. There are certain events and people in history that God wants us to remember, or memorialize.

One important memorial God mentions in Scripture is His very name. Psalm 135:13 says "Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever; and Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations." As we prepare to celebrate

America's 250th birthday on July 4th, certain names come to mind, like George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Thomas Jefferson. As important as those names may be for American history, God's name is to be remembered as the only name given when it comes to the salvation of our souls. Acts 4:10, 12 says "...by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth... Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

At our church, Bible Baptist Temple, we desire that Jesus Christ would have the "preeminence" (Colossians 1:18) in everything we do. We pray in the name of Jesus, we sing about Jesus, and we preach and teach messages all about Jesus. He is the Creator of this world, the Lamb of God who died on the cross and shed His blood for our sins, and the One who rose from the grave on the third day. He is also the Judge-but He'd rather be your Saviour than your Judge. If you've never received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, turn from your sin to Him and believe that what He did on the cross was sufficient to save your soul.

On Memorial Day and every other day, it's vitally important to memorialize God's name. Come join us at our church to learn more about this name above every name-the name that every knee will bow to and confess one day- the Lord Jesus Christ.

Pentecost: A Sacred Celebration



by Deacon
Melva G.
Henderson

As spring transitions into summer, Christians worldwide get ready to observe Pentecost on Sunday, May

24, 2026. This sacred day commemorates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the early church, an event described in Acts of the Apostles chapter 2. Pentecost occurs fifty days after Easter and is often referred to as the "birthday of the Church."

On that powerful day, the disciples were gathered together when a sound like a rushing wind filled the room, and what appeared to be tongues of fire rested on each of them. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, boldly proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ. As written in Acts 2:2-4, "Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven... All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

Pentecost was not a surprise, but a promise fulfilled. Before His ascension, Jesus told His followers in Acts of the Apostles 1:8, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." This promise came to life on Pentecost, empowering ordinary people to do extraordinary things for God.

Pentecost is more than a historical

event—it is a reminder that God's Spirit is still active today. It empowers, comforts, and guides believers to live with courage, faith, and purpose. As Joel 2:28 declares, "I will pour out my Spirit on all people." In a world that often feels uncertain, Pentecost reassures us that we are never alone.

As we reflect on Pentecost, may we open our hearts to renewal, unity, and spiritual growth. Just as the early church was ignited with purpose, we too are called to carry that same light into our homes, our communities, and beyond.

We invite you to worship with us every Sunday at 10:00 AM. Our services are held at 26300 Brush Avenue in Euclid, Ohio, and everyone is welcome to join us in person for fellowship and praise. If you are unable to attend in person, you can participate in our worship experiences online. Tune in to Faith Community Worship Center live on Facebook at @worshipatfaith every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

For those who prefer to watch at their own convenience, our services are also available later on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@WorshipAtFaith>.

To learn more about Faith Community Worship Center and our ministry, please visit our website at www.faithcommunityworshipcenter.org. If you have any questions or would like to connect with us directly, feel free to call 216-471-4775. We would love to hear from you.

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Lakeshore Christian Church Family



by Manuela Weeber

As a leader of the Sunday School program at Lake Shore Christian Church, I have the privilege of watching our youth grow up in a church family, so they never have to question where they belong. As a child, the church wasn't just a weekly commitment; it was an extension of my home. This is the faith community at Lake Shore Christian Church.

One of the most important qualities we offer our youth is the opportunity to build friendships and relationships while learning about Jesus' teachings. We have caring adults who cheer on every success, pray through every struggle, and make a profound difference in the lives of all our youth. They offer shared values, showing our youth that their journey of faith is one they don't have

to walk alone. This is especially important to me as I raise my family at Lake Shore Christian Church.

Beyond relationships and friendships, this church family offers a shared moral compass. In a world that often feels chaotic and uncertain for our youth, we encourage the practice of grace and service. Just as Jesus teaches, we practice kindness in action through community and church outreach programs. These moments teach all of us, not just our youth, that life's true meaning is found in how we model Jesus' teachings.

Ultimately, my church family gave me a foundation of identity. I grew up knowing I was part of a story much bigger than myself, surrounded by a community that would show up for me long after Sunday service ended. This is the enriching environment that the Sunday School leadership team at Lake Shore Christian Church and I strive to create for all our youth. It is my privilege to invite your family to meet mine for Sunday Worship and Children's Church.

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Wisdom Community: Empowering Change in Cleveland, Ohio



by Aniya crump

Wisdom Community is a nonprofit organization based in Cleveland, Ohio, dedicated to uplifting individuals and strengthening communities through education, service, and opportunity. Located at 17325 Euclid Avenue, 3rd Floor, Cleveland, Ohio 44112, the organization provides a central space where community members can access valuable resources and participate in programs that promote growth and success.

The mission of Wisdom Community is to create positive change by offering support and opportunities for individuals of all ages. Its programs include educational workshops, workforce training, youth development, and community service initiatives. These efforts help participants build skills, gain confidence, and improve their overall quality of life.

Wisdom Community places a strong focus

on supporting underserved populations, especially youth, by creating safe and encouraging environments. In addition, the organization brings people together through community events that promote connection, awareness, and collaboration.

Funded through donations and community support, Wisdom Community continues to expand its impact throughout Cleveland. With a commitment to service and empowerment, the organization remains a valuable resource for individuals seeking personal and professional growth. If you'd like to be involved as a volunteer or sponsor call 216-296-3865 . For more information on our non profit visit wisdomcommunitynonprofit.org. We are always hiring and have transportation services available as well. Also Kids program is 10 week program starting first week of June to second week of August 2026

This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **Psalm 118:24 (ESV)**

EVENTS

Meet Your Local Author



by Marie Satterwhite
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Shore Cultural Centre Gears Up for This Year's STEAM Fest



by Kali Harris
The Shore Cultural Centre Board is excited to announce the 6th Annual Euclid STEAM Fest, taking place on Saturday, September 19, from noon to 4 p.m. This free, family-friendly event will feature an afternoon of hands-on activities and interactive experiences highlighting Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM). Designed to inspire curiosity and creativity in learners of all ages, the festival will take place outdoors at the Shore Cultural Centre.

The Shore Cultural Centre is currently seeking event sponsors and exhibitors to help make this year's festival a success.

Become a Sponsor: Sponsorship support helps bring dynamic demonstrations, interactive exhibits, and engaging presenters to the community. Your support helps keep this event free and accessible while encouraging the next generation to explore STEAM and Northeast Ohio's tradition of innovation.

- Sponsorship opportunities include:
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Become an Exhibitor: Educators, organizations, makers, and enthusiasts are invited to host an interactive booth or activity. This is a great opportunity to share your expertise and engage directly with families and young learners.

Scan the QR code below to sign up as an exhibitor.

For more information about sponsorships or exhibitor opportunities, please contact the Shore Cultural Centre Board at board@shorecultural.org. Stay up to date on this event - and be the first to hear about future event announcement and details - by following Shore Cultural Centre on social media, Facebook (@Shore Cultural Centre) and Instagram (@shorecultural).



QR Code for Exhibitor Sign Up

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast May 9th

by Greater Euclid Kiwanis
Greater Euclid Kiwanis 2nd Annual Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast
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Trivia & Community is on Tap at Two Friends



by Robert L. Gatewood
On Monday nights, we gather on East 185th.

I host Trivia Night at Two Friends. It started as a way to fill a quiet night, but is becoming something people plan for. Teams come in, grab a table, and settle in. Some are serious, some just want to laugh and hang out. We hear debates, jokes, and some celebrations over a right answer.

Two Friends makes that possible. It was built to be more than a brewery with amazing beer (the beer IS amazing). It is a place for people to spend time together. The space, the staff, and the regulars all make it feel easy to walk in and stay. And that was Dan & Ozimba's goal from the start: a place for connection, not just drinks.

Trivia is simple, but not small. It's a game that gets people talking, thinking,

and reacting together. You do not need to be an expert, you just need to show up and contribute to your team. Games create a structure where people can participate without pressure and still feel involved. It gives people a reason to speak, listen, and collaborate. That matters because not everyone has spaces where that kind of participation feels natural or welcome, and 185th is home to another one.

Speaking of which, East 185th is coming back into its own. After years of construction and slow periods, there is real movement again. Businesses are working together. People are coming back out, and Two Friends is part of that shift. It helps bring people onto the street and gives them another reason to stay.

On Mondays, you see a mix of neighbors and new faces. Some stay for one round. Some stay all night. That mix is what builds a real community.

I am also building on that with what comes next. There are new collaborations with GamerHaven, the Home/Share, and other neighbors. The goal is the same: create more ways for people to gather, play, and connect in spaces that already feel local and real.

So Trivia Night stays simple. Questions, answers, a little competition. But it is really about people showing up for each other. On a Monday night, that goes a long way.

Banned Books Club:
Of Mice and Men by John Steinbeck
Wednesday, May 20
6 PM / Shore Cultural Centre, Room #39

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EVENTS

R&B-Infused Concert to Wrap Up the ESO 25-26 Season on May 31, 2026



Euclid Symphony Orchestra
by Beth Domholdt
Join the Euclid Symphony Orchestra under Music Director Jimmie A. Parker, Sr. as we wrap up the 2025-2026 season with a pops concert infused with a rhythm and blues vibe. The concert will feature Motown favorites, the theme from Shaft, and other numbers from the rhythm and blues and pop genres. The concert is supported in part by a grant from Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. The performance will be on Sunday, May 31, 2026 at 3:00 PM at the Shore Cultural Centre, 291 E. 222nd Street, Euclid, OH 44123. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. Children 12 and under are free with an accompanying adult. Tickets can be purchased online at www.euclidsymphonyorchestra.com

Picture This: EPL’s Art Gallery is Back!



In the past, the library’s art gallery featured Nana Kwesi Agyare’s large paintings.
by Jean Robinson
When Euclid Public Library (EPL) reopens its doors this June, visitors will be welcomed back by a familiar and much-loved feature: the library’s art gallery. Located just inside the entrance, the refreshed gallery space once again places creativity front and center. Long recognized as a hub for local talent, EPL has provided artists with a welcoming venue to both showcase and sell their work. Over the years, visitors have encountered an eclectic mix of paintings, drawings, photography, and fiber arts—each exhibit offering something new to discover. The gallery has also served as the place for exhibitions hosted by the Euclid Art Association, including its popular Spring Art Show. Exhibitors can reserve wall space for one month at no cost. Submissions must be family-friendly and can be mounted on a



Photographer Anne Kline shared her photos in the art gallery before the renovation flat wall. The 2026 schedule is already taking shape. From June 1–27, the gallery will feature a whimsical Winnie-the-Pooh-themed art contest for local adult and teen artists. In July, the Euclid Art Association will present a summer art show, followed by the Art it Yourself student art exhibition in August, highlighting the next generation of local creatives. Artists interested in exhibiting are encouraged to apply soon, as space fills quickly. To be considered, contact Jean Robinson at jean.robinson@euclidlibrary.org and include a photo of your work along with a description of the piece and its medium. With its gallery restored, Euclid Public Library once again offers a vibrant space where art and community meet—inviting visitors to pause, explore, and be inspired.

Ticket Sales Now Open For, “The Show!”



by S. Joshua Mendel
Many residents of Euclid are familiar with Weber’s Health Foods. Just a block from the Euclid city line. An employee who has worked at Weber’s for 30 years has written a play “riffing” off his experiences as product buyer there. “The Show!” is a two-hour comedy/drama that paints a picture of life in an anachronistic health food store, through highlighting the eccentric staff and the often “Looney Tune” customers who come and go. Laugh-out-loud funny, the play also makes serious forays into the state of health care (non-traditional and traditional), race and gender relations, entrepreneurship, Buddhism, and “moving on” in life (Even after death!). Performances: May 29-30 and June 5-6 at 7 PM. May 31 and June 7 at 3 PM. All performances are at The Cultural Arts Center, Disciples Christian Church, 3663 Mayfield Rd, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121. FOR TICKETS (\$10/\$15 AT THE DOOR): In Facebook, the “launch pad “ to the ticket site is: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/871849459143490> In Eventbrite, type “MENDEL THE SHOW!” and “Cleveland, OH.”

Charity Tuesday at BeachClub Bistro in June



by Friends of the Henn Mansion
The Friends of the Henn Mansion invite you to participate in Charity Tuesday at Beachclub Bistro throughout the month of June. Every Tuesday from 2pm-9pm, when you dine in at Beachclub Bistro, you can help preserve and support the historic Henn Mansion simply by enjoying a meal. Beachclub Bistro will generously donate 10% of all dine-in food sales each Tuesday in June directly to the Henn Mansion. To ensure your meal contributes, please present the provided coupon to your server after your meal. This is a unique opportunity to enjoy good company, savor delicious dishes, and help maintain a local treasure. Don’t miss out—join us at Beachclub Bistro every Tuesday in June and make a positive impact with every bite! Clip this coupon, and 10% of your dine in food order will be donated to Henn Mansion

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EVENTS

Moving Stories: Inside Euclid Public Library’s Journey Back Home



An open house was held in 2025 at the temporary library. The open house was part of the 185th St. Stroll.



It was just one year ago when staff unpacked books arriving to the temporary library..



In 2025, staff shelved books at EPL at 185th.

by Jean Robinson

If you’ve ever moved to a new home, you know how quickly a simple task can turn into a logistical marathon. Now imagine packing up not just your belongings, but 83,594 books and 130 computers. That’s the task facing the staff of Euclid Public Library as they prepare to close their temporary location, EPL at 185th, on April 3 and return to the newly renovated main library at 631 East 222nd Street.

For Deputy Director Karla Bowman,

the move is the culmination of months of careful planning. Having worked through several library renovations, she knows that a successful transition doesn’t begin at the end—it starts early. “Planning for the return has been part of the renovation process all along,” Bowman said. “For the past three months, we’ve been focused primarily on the move back.” Because the temporary site is smaller, only about 90 percent of the library collection could be displayed. Some materials were stored, while others were donated to the Friends of the Library for future book sales. Now, staff are preparing for the full collection’s return—while also updating it. “Librarians have been adding new titles and replacing worn classics,” Bowman said. “We want patrons to experience a fresh collection on opening day.” Before packing begins, every book must be in precise alphabetical order to ensure it

can be unpacked the same way. Once EPL at 185th closes, movers will spend about three weeks boxing the collection, with staff carefully labeling each box by author ranges or Dewey Decimal numbers and color-coding them for placement in the main library. After the books are transported, crews will disassemble shelving and prepare the building to be returned to its owner. Books aren’t the only items being moved. “The computers must be carefully packed, along with monitors, cords, keyboards, phones, and mice,” Bowman said. Staff will also pack offices and equipment, while materials used at the Shore Cultural Centre, where the library held its programs and events, must be cleared out as well. When everything arrives at the main library, staff will begin unpacking and re-shelving the entire collection. Training will be essential as employees familiarize themselves with the new layout and

services, ensuring seamless service when the doors reopen. “We have new building systems, including HVAC and security,” Bowman said. We’re also installing an Automatic Material Handler that will discharge and sort returned materials. There will be updated meeting room technology, printing, booking software, and self-checkout machines. And we’re looking forward to offering spaces like the Business Resource Center, Technology Classroom, and a larger children’s programming area.” The dedicated staff of Euclid Public Library, who spent months planning, packing, and training, will soon see the rewards of their efforts when the doors open and they can welcome the community back. That moment will arrive on June 6, when the public is invited to a grand reopening celebration from noon to 5 p.m.



Euclid Public Library

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COMMUNITY

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine's 100th Jubilee

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Visitors to the Shrine

at the grotto. After Mass there will be a reception in the St. Ann Dining Room. Also during the reception the authors of the new history book of the Shrine, Joanne Boresz and Jennifer Boresz Engelking will have a book signing. There will be more activities as the year goes on. Stay tuned. During these 100 years of existence thousands of pilgrims have visited the Shrine seeking



Grotto, St. Bernadette and Blessed Mother

comfort, prayer and healing. Most pray for miracles of all sorts. Many people have their own stories about the blessings that they have received and the blessings that their families have received. Families' visits in thanksgiving have become generational, eternally grateful. You too are invited to either visit again or come for the first time. God Bless you!

Primoz Pizza: A Tasty New Addition to Euclid

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Primoz Pizza is celebrated for its extensive menu featuring over 40 specialty pizzas and 16+ signature vegan pizza options, making it one of the largest vegan pizza selections in the U.S. The chain takes pride in its "Cleveland-style" pizza, a unique blend that draws influences from New York, Chicago, and Detroit styles, often featuring a swirl of special sauce on the top of the pizza.

Under Jordan's leadership, Primoz Pizza has expanded to five locations, with the chain originally starting on W. 117th Street in Cleveland. The opening of the Euclid location is the next step in the brand's continued growth and success within the region. Jordan expressed his excitement about the expansion, stating, "We're very excited to be here, and to introduce our



pizza to the community." Beyond their pizzas, Primoz Pizza offers a range of wing styles and flavors, fresh salads, hearty appetizers, and more. The restaurants super friendly staff paired with the personal touches to the interior décor give it that "neighborhood pizza store" feeling in the very best way. Primoz Pizza is open seven days a week for take-out and delivery. Their hours are 10am to 10pm Sunday through Thursday, and 10am to 11pm Friday and Saturday. View their entire menu at primozpizza.com. Place your order online, or by calling 216-452-7100. Please stop by 683 E 200th St and give Primoz Pizza a warm welcome!



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ENTERTAINMENT

Hello There - For the Love of Bees



by John Tyler

Long time ago, way back in the day, a family friend of ours invited me to take a look with him through his bee hives. Well, thinks I, when I get to be a little old lady .. then I'll get into bee hives.

Ok, long story short, one day I did accompany him to his hives. There, he started handing out tidbits of information like home run balls. Fascinating. So .. I'm going to pitch a couple your way. Hope you find it as absorbing as I have.

A strong hive can contain 60,000 to 90,000 bees. Only one bee - the Queen bee - lays fertile eggs. During peak season (which is right now), she'll lay up to 3,000 eggs a day. She will have gone on a number of nuptial flights after hatching, mating - in flight - with multiple Drones (male bees). Withdrawing from the Queen's body tears the drone and he dies. Following those flights, she will return to the hive and be fertile for 5 or more years - although fertility wanes toward the end.

The Queen does not eat; she is fed. She will starve to death surrounded by honey - which is not her food. She is fed a substance called Royal Jelly - composition still not known. When a Queen dies, or the colony swarms (taking her with them), the bees select several newly laid eggs and begin feeding them this royal jelly. They continue feeding it to the larvae and build a special queen cell for the pupae stage. When the first queen emerges from the queen cell, she immediately stings all the other queen cells to death. There is only one queen in a hive; if another is introduced, they will fight to the

death. This is one of the very few times in nature where a species will fight to the death.

The vast majority of bees in a hive are the Worker Bees. Those are the ones you see flying from flower to flower. They go through the 4 stages of growth all insects do: Egg, Larva, Pupae, Adult. Adult worker bees will work themselves to death in 6 weeks. It takes 2,000 bees .. flying 55,000 miles .. visiting 2 million flowers .. to make 1 pound of honey.

The last type of honey bee in a hive is the already mentioned Drone. Drones do no work - other than mate with a queen - but are welcomed and an integral part of the hive. That welcome does not extend to the cold weather .. and upon that onset, they are cast out of the hive to die.

By the way, honey bees do not hibernate winter times. They ball up and everybody moves, generating heat to keep the center of that ball warm enough for the queen to lay - and the colony to care for. The colder bees on the outside migrate toward the middle; warm interior bees move to the outside. As long as they have food, they survive the winter.

Historically, bees were hived in skeps - the traditional "Michelin Man" dome shaped beehive. The drawback was that harvesting required killing off the hive .. and then separating out all the irregular shaped honey comb, dead bees, eggs, larvae, etc. In short, a mess.

An American, Lorenzo Langstroth (1810 - 1895) recognized the importance of "bee space." Bees will respect a distance of about 3/8 of an inch in a hive. Less room than that, they will fill with propolis (a bee glue). More than that, they will build wildly irregular comb called burr comb. Burr comb cannot be manipulated.

Langstroth invented a box hive with frames - essentially vertical shelves hung next to each other. These frames have inserts of beeswax foundation embossed with the honeycomb pattern. The bees draw out and cap the beeswax (called

drawn comb), leaving a 3/8 of an inch "bee space" gap between neighboring frames. The overwhelming advantage of the whole system is that the individual frames can be easily removed, replaced .. or even to extract honey!

Just as a cool side note: some of you might be savvy enough to say, "Wait a minute! There's still eggs, larvae, etal still all mixed up!" Well, there's a screen (looks like a closely spaced wire refrigerator rack) called a queen excluder that workers can climb through .. but the queen is too big (she's significantly larger). You put that between the larger deep supers (boxes) below and the smaller supers above. So .. since the queen is the only one who lays eggs .. all the brood is below .. and guess what's above? Honey!

Speaking of honey: honey does not spoil. Honey has been found in the Pyramids that is still edible. Honey is too viscous for bacteria to enter. It will ferment if water is added. Honey Mead is an ancient alcoholic beverage.

As a matter of fact, honey is too thick to flow out of the honey cells when inverted. It must be spun out centrifugally by a machine called an extractor. A typical hive will produce 30lbs to 100lbs of honey a year - although the record is well over 200lbs. Since a quart of honey weighs 3lbs .. well, you can do the arithmetic. That's a lot of sweetness.

Oh yes, I do get stung. Some, not much really. Bees are defensive, not aggressive. And they give you lots of warning when they've had enough. Bee stings 'sting' - an exceptionally accurate description. More than an 'ouch' but not really a 'hurt.' My stings .. sting for a minute or two, then itch for a couple days. I've heard many say they

are allergic to bee stings .. but the statistic is less than 5% of the population have allergic reactions. Most people are allergic to pain .. and I can understand that. As a beekeeper, you get used to it as a small price of a rewarding avocation. A bee suit (or sweat suit) and a veil provide ample protection.

Recently there's been much news about mites and bee declines. Yes, this is true .. and - thankfully! - tools, practices, and medications have been found to combat that. All I can say is that it's a battle: when I started, bees required little care. No longer. Mites have killed off all the feral hives .. and any hive without care will not survive long, certainly not the winter.

Lastly, honey bee colonies propagate by "swarming." Come May and early June (right now!), a strong hive will generate new queen cells .. and one fine day, half the hive - including the old queen - will take to the air. Oh, what an impressive sight and sound! Thousands of bees gyrating in the air around a bee yard!! They finally congregate in a ball called a swarm - off a branch, or fence, or wherever. They stay there for a day or so, sending out scouts to locate their new home. To which they then move in.

Now: Here's the reason I'm writing this. If you see a swarm of honey bees hanging off a limb or something .. Please contact the Greater Cleveland Beekeeper Association! One of my friends will come over; safely hive that swarm; take it to their bee yard. I'm telling you: those bees won't survive long if they find a place of their own.

Take it from this little old lady (as I mentioned at the beginning of the article). It's the truth.

(<https://greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com/>)

Rayflections

by Ray Somich

When I was on the radio daily, I presented what I called "Ray's Rant," whereby I'd complain about something that frustrated me. Since I've greatly matured (i.e., aged) to where I don't let things bother me as much as they used to (or more likely because I realized most people don't give a hoot), I stopped ranting and started "Rayflecting" on life.

There are times you still need to rant. But I tested the waters by asking several people about this, and most agreed it's an issue... and nobody knew what to do about it. Maybe one of our brilliant readers can find a solution.

The issue: TIPPING. I'm a fan of tipping people who give me great service, provide a wonderful experience, or do more than I expect. I've been known to tip well beyond what was expected. So this isn't about being cheap or not appreciating people who count on tips to pay their bills.

But google "TIP" (I used to say "look up the word "TIP" in the dictionary" but younger people don't use dictionaries so I'm hoping to impress them) you get these words: gratuity, gift, reward, present, bonus. I'll cover "gratuity" in a moment but I think there's a definite theme for the other four words: they are "voluntary." You give a gift, reward, present or bonus because you WANT to, not because you are required to. And google "gratuity" and it says: "a token

of appreciation for services rendered; acts as an additional reward beyond the standard, required payment." So a little research indicates this also is an "additional reward."

So... when I buy something a vendor wants me to purchase, in a way not requiring any extra service other than the sale, such as ordering a cup of coffee, picking up a pizza ordered on-line, or buying a drink as a flight attendant walks by with a drink cart (three of many examples), why do all of these expect a tip? This clearly does not align with the definition but they put the ticket or pad in front of you and watch as you must make the quick decision of not yes or no, but how much extra you need to give them for handing you what they want you to buy.

And for actual service situations where tipping is deserved, why have percentages escalated from the standard 15% to 18%, 20%, 22%, 25% or even higher – all while the prices of whatever we are buying drastically increased so the cash amount already increased? Again, I'll leave a 50% tip if I want to give someone an "additional award" but a slow, rude, non-service oriented server needs to know that they either must improve their attitude and/or effort, or they need to change careers. How do they learn when they receive 22% tips rewarding terrible performance?

I don't understand... but I really want to. Someone, please help me understand. Because we're all playing the same game.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

In this action-comedy, a gangster travels back in time to save his gangster buddy from being framed and murdered. That premise alone was enough to make me hit play. Unfortunately, this film leans heavily into comedy—and as we all know, the first rule of comedy is timing. Despite an aging (but still capable) cast and what appears to be a well-crafted script, almost none of the jokes land. Whether the issue is actors who don’t fully believe in the material or poor editing, the result is the same: the humor falls flat. As a result, what should have been a fun romp never quite comes together—even with familiar faces like Vince Vaughn (pulling double duty), James Marsden, Ben Schwartz, and others. The lone standout is Keith David, who somehow manages to rise above the material and deliver a memorable performance. Grade: C plus (just barely – 76.86%)

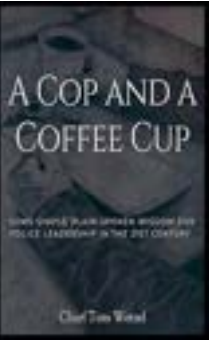
Super Mario Galaxy Movie Review



by Brian Friedman

Beautifully rendered but driven by a very predictable plot, Mario and Luigi return once again to save a princess. The film leans heavily on nostalgia and game references, clearly hoping to distract from its biggest flaw. Anyone who saw the first film knows that Jack Black’s Bowser is the heart of the franchise. Unfortunately, this time the primary villain is mostly his son. When Bowser does briefly appear, the movie comes alive—but those moments are far too few and far between. Hopefully, the producers and writers recognize that Bowser is the true star of this franchise and bring him front and center for the inevitable third installment. Grade: B minus

Book Review - A Cop and a Coffee Cup



by Chief Tom Wetzel

Our American police service model is facing unprecedented challenges right now and its future is going to be shaped by what coordinates its leadership sets for the coming decades as well as how it plans to lead and treat our men and women in blue. Ask police officers today what needs to change, and many will point to those in charge of them as being a big part of the problem. The need for a course correction is critical right now. But for any real sustainable change to happen, it is going to require our boots on the ground to be serious partners in forging a new way into the future. Today’s police leadership needs to immediately place a premium focus on their personnel and find ways to make them our problem solvers. There are treasures of creativity and wisdom that sit in our police roll call rooms and no one is seriously searching them out. That must change.

“A Cop and a Coffee Cup. Some simple plain-spoken wisdom for the police leadership in the 21st century” is a book that can help bring about that needed change. It is a short and easy read that provides some valuable guidance for law enforcement personnel and points police leadership in the right direction to find those treasures. It is also a wonderful read for those just interested in police work as it gives an inside look on some of the challenges that our men and women in blue are facing. Americans have never spent more of their tax money for police services and deserve an excellent return on that investment.

“A Cop and a Coffee Cup” will inspire today’s leaders to start digging in earnest for those treasure chests filled with the answers we need. They will better recognize that our best innovations and advancements in American policing will not come from courtrooms, universities or stuffy police panel boards but instead will be found from deep within the blue uniforms of our patrol officers and management peers.

So much of what cops remember in their police careers are those little moments of clarity that may have come from a profound experience or call for service that left an indelible mark. And sometimes, they came by words of wisdom or simple advice spoken by someone they admired, often a respected veteran. Within the pages of “A Cop and a Coffee Cup,” the reader will discover solid counsel and common sense tips that can help make our police officers bigger contributors to the success of their organizations.

An easy way to look at this little book would be to imagine the following. A wise old boss who is about to retire sits down and has a long cup of coffee with an up-and-coming officer who wants to be a leader. And during that time, the old boss could share as much as he can about police supervision and leadership with that officer. What should he or she say? This book is what should be said.

It will cover how to inspire today’s men and women in blue as well as the best ways to correct and redirect them when they veer outside their lanes. By seamlessly blending motivation and discipline, police leadership can help develop inspired and accountable police officers. When done well, Americans will have cops who will still take risks trying to catch bad guys but do so with the full understanding that they have to follow the rule of law and stay in their lanes when doing so.

“A Cop and a Coffee Cup” lays out a blueprint on how our communities can help their officers become their best versions as well as bring their own agencies to a level of professionalism and excellence that it has never experienced. So if you are looking for an interesting read on American policing and

leadership, “A Cop and a Coffee Cup” is a must read. You can order it at Barnes and Noble at <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/a-cop-and-a-coffee-cup-some-simple-plain-spoken-wisdom-for-police-leadership-in-the-21st-century-tom-wetzel/1149411846>.

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