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Parma Schools Superintendent Says...

Watch Us Earn Your Trust

by Dr. Jeffery Graham,
Superintendent of Parma
City Schools

When the Parma City Schools levy passed on May 3, it was by the narrowest of margins- only 242 votes. To say that students, staff, and parents were holding their breath is an understatement. We had a lot at stake including loss of local control, the means to continue our educational programs, and the ability to begin planning for the future with some assurance that we have a future. The passage of the levy on May 3 brought new life to our efforts and for that we must thank our wonderful communities. We had extraordinary support from all sectors of the district.

Some Thank Yous

On behalf of our students,



by Dr. Jeffery Graham, Superintendent of Parma City Schools

we saw local residents, business people, retirees, members of the clergy and civic leaders step forward to educate

the community about the need for our levy. Their work in connecting with groups throughout our three cities was invaluable. Our entire staff stepped up to the plate and made financial sacrifices in both compensation and benefits to help the district avoid state control. Their professionalism and dedication was most admirable during these tough times. PTA volunteers participated in countless activities devoted to dispensing factual information and raising awareness of the needs of our students. Their endless supply of energy and genuine concern for the district continues to be tremendous.

What Lies Ahead?

Now that the levy has passed, what lies ahead? Future plans fall into several categories: research, communications, consolidation, restoring educational programming, and cost savings. Our goal is to earn the trust of our communities by being open and transparent in all that we do. To that end our slogan for next year is “Watch Us Earn Your Trust.”

Research

Many changes are yet to come, but we have researched and will continue to research every aspect of our needs both

in terms of programming and building use and we will go forward with diligence and a commitment to making data-driven decisions.

Communication

In the area of communication we plan to continue our course of open discussions, community participation, and transparency in all that we do. Next year I will once again hold my Open Door Sessions and our Town Hall Meetings, but I also welcome individual conversations with anyone. All of our board meetings are open to the public and are also videotaped to be shown on PACT TV, the district’s cable access channel. We also have a Facebook page and will be making more and more use of social media. Information about what goes on in our dis-

trict is available on our website at www.parmacityschools.org

Consolidation

The Board of Education will soon approve plans for closing buildings, reconfiguring grades, and consolidating our resources which will result in a savings of millions of dollars over the coming years.

Restoring Programs

We will be examining our educational programs and restoring those that are vital to the success of our students, especially for middle and high school students, as they prepare to complete their education and go on to other training whether in college or in the world of work. The loss of programming for the students was the most difficult

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Parma To Bring Back K9 Police Patrol Units



Honey, the Parma Observer dog not only approves of the plan but is willing to fill in where needed!

by Jack Marshall

The City of Parma Police Department will soon add two German Shepherd dogs to its roster, resurrecting the department’s K9 Unit that was discontinued in 2005. Two police cruisers are being modified with specialized equipment while the Police Department conducts its handler officer selection process. “The dogs can help our police officers in numerous situations,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “Their unique talents can help lead investigators to

the source of illegal activity and ultimately the arrest of law breakers.”

The Parma Police Department plans to have the K9 Unit up and running by August following intensive training. The police officer/K9 handlers will undergo a six week training program with their four-legged partners who must receive certification by the State of Ohio before beginning patrol work.

“Police K9 Units are valuable law enforcement tools,”

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Say Hello To Our New Editor

by Daniel P. McCarthy

We are pleased to announce that the Parma Observer has a new Editor, and her name is Patty Knox. Most of our readers already know her from reading her insightful column, “Caregiver’s Kitchen,” which has appeared in these pages on a regular basis since the paper was founded in 2009. Patty grew up in Parma and is a graduate of Parma High School. I have learned that she is a woman of many talents, including a gift of understanding the intricacies of our English language, an innate ability to accurately express herself through imaginative storytelling, a strong sense of what actions are required in order to help a team properly function and attain optimum performance, and an extreme sense of loyalty to purpose. When a publication is in search of an Editor, these traits are intensely desirable, and we are ever so fortunate to have someone of her caliber choose to join our organization. I just know that she will make a last-



Patty (Noonan) Knox, Editor, Parma Observer

ing difference.

Readers are no doubt familiar with Patty’s talents that I mentioned, but what they may very well not be aware of is that she enjoys other notable skills and accomplishments, which include being a tremendously skilled professional musician, an STNA, and a trained chef, taught by none other than Parker Bosley, considered by many to be one of the founders of the contemporary “fresh movement.” Talk about a Renaissance Woman! She can edit your story, play you some beautiful music while preparing a delectable gourmet feast, and administer medical care if,

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Parma Business

The President’s Corner

by Sean Brennan,
Parma City Council President

As President of Parma City Council, one of my priorities has been to inform the community about the make-up, procedures and initiatives of Parma City Council. This article represents the latest in a series in which I will provide you, the reader, with a monthly glimpse into your local legislature. This month, I want to better acquaint you with the primary responsibility of City Council: the law-making process.

According to Ohio Revised Code section 731.01 “the legislative power of each city shall be vested in, and exercised by, a legislative authority.” This simply means that your City Council makes laws for your city. Although it might seem confusing to someone attending a Council meeting for the first time, the process is really quite systematic and efficient. In fact, to assist attendees, the City Council office offers copies of meeting agendas, as well as the legislative rules, at every



Parma City Council President Sean P. Brennan

Regular City Council meeting. Be sure to pick them up should you attend an upcoming meeting.

City Council deals with two types of legislation – ordinances or laws and resolutions, or official pronouncements of opinion. Ordinances are required to be read at three separate meetings, with exceptions. This gives members of Council and the public adequate time

to contemplate the legislation, research the issue, and discuss and debate it prior to making a decision.

The legislative process begins with an idea. The idea can come from anyone – the Mayor, a member of City Council, the Police Chief, a member of the public, etc. However, a member of City Council must agree to sponsor the legislation before it can be officially introduced to all of Council. Once a sponsor is obtained, the legislation is usually placed on “First Reading.” This means that the heading of the legislation will be read at a Council meeting. Once read, the piece is referred to the appropriate committee (see my upcoming article regarding committees), where the real work begins. This is where the legislation is discussed, debated and, at times, amended by Council. This is also a venue in which members of the public may provide their input to the members of Council regarding the legislation. The committee then will often vote to place the legislation on Second Reading, meaning the heading will be read at the next Council meeting. At that meeting, the legislation is often sent back to committee, where it is discussed further. Finally, the committee may vote to place the piece on Third and final reading at the next Council meeting. At that meeting, if approved by simple majority (five of nine), the piece is sent to the Mayor.

The Mayor has two options regarding legislation. He or she may sign it into law or veto it. If the Mayor signs the legislation, it becomes law. If the Mayor vetoes it, he or she must provide Council with his or her objections within 10 days under most circumstances. City Council may try to override the veto by a two-thirds vote (six of nine). Vetoes are very rare, as normally Council and the Mayor are able to work out their differences before it gets that far.

Two rules of Council that often spur questions from members of the public include “suspension of the rules” and the use of the “emergency clause.” Both of these rules are used quite often in legislative bodies across the country. Suspension of the rules allows legislation to be passed without the regularly required three readings. This often occurs when legislation has overwhelming support of Council and/or is necessary to implement as soon as possible. Suspending the rules requires a three-fourths vote (seven of nine) of Council, however, it requires unanimous consent if the legislation is on First Reading.

Although it sounds rather dramatic, an emergency clause simply means that legislation goes into effect upon the Mayor’s signature. Without this clause, legislation becomes effective 30 days following the Mayor’s signature. Emergency clauses require two-thirds approval by Council.

Meetings of Parma City Council are held at Parma City Hall in City Council Chambers. City Hall is located at 6611 Ridge Road. Members of the public are always invited and encouraged to attend and participate. To enter Council

Chambers, simply park behind City Hall and enter through the back doors. Generally, City Council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 pm, while committee meetings are held on the first and second Mondays of the month. Special meetings are also called as necessary. Meeting dates and times are always posted on the City of Parma’s website at www.cityofparma-oh.gov or you may simply call the Parma City Council office for information at 440-885-8091.



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Ohio Prematurity Caucus Convenes Lawmakers Look For Ways To Protect Health Of Women, Children

by Alana Valle

The Ohio Prematurity Caucus recently held its first meeting this General Assembly. The Caucus, Co-Chaired by Representative Timothy DeGeeter (D-Parma) and Senator Keith Faber (R-Celina), was created to raise awareness of the number of premature babies born in Ohio each year, brainstorm possibilities for legislation to address the problem, and to secure funding for additional research on the issue.

“Prematurity is a serious problem that transcends partisan politics. Families from all walks of life have been impacted by premature births,” said Rep. DeGeeter. “The goal of this bipartisan caucus is to create awareness about prematurity, and to find solutions that will help bring more healthy, full-term babies into the world.”

The caucus’s meeting coincided

with the March of Dimes Advocacy Day. Members listened as Dr. Robert Flora, Co-chair of the Ohio Collaborative to Prevent Infant Mortality, spoke about the prevalence of infant mortality and prematurity, and presented a cost analysis of its impact. March of Dimes families and volunteers who have been directly affected by prematurity were also in attendance.

Prematurity is a common, serious and costly problem for our country and our state. In Ohio, 12.6 percent or almost 20,000 babies are born too soon every year.

Rep. DeGeeter and Sen. Faber began the Ohio Prematurity Caucus in 2008.




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Young Adults With Disabilities And Parma Hospital Make A Difference Together

by CJ Sheppard

Five interns with Project SEARCH, a program for young adults with disabilities, gained valuable work experience over the past year at Parma Community General Hospital. From cleaning patient rooms and delivering specimens for the Cardiac Catheterization Lab to stocking medicines in the Pharmacy and selling coffee from the Healing Grounds mobile coffee cart, these students learned that there are many ways to serve the public in a community hospital.

Project SEARCH, a partnership between business, education and vocational rehabilitation, places young adults ages 18-21 in internships during their last year of high school. The program – which began in 1996 and has been replicated with private and public employers at over 140 sites in 42 states, as well as the United Kingdom and Australia – provides skills training and work experience for young adults with disabilities. Students experience immersion in the workplace and work toward a goal of competitive employment after graduation.

“We couldn’t have asked for a better host business than Parma Hospital,” said Laura Crandall, Project SEARCH instructor for the Parma City School District. “They have welcomed Project SEARCH and have made us feel like



Nicole Caliendo of North Royalton interned in Medical Records and Radiology at Parma Hospital, gaining valuable skills and experiencing the many roles in a community hospital.

part of the community. Thirteen different departments have hosted interns this year, allowing them to experience full inclusion in the workplace. Our interns learned numerous skills that will help them gain employment and they will never forget their experiences here at the hospital.”

Nicole Caliendo of North Royalton was among the five interns who graduate June 1 after working at Parma Hospital since August, 2010. Caliendo worked in both Medical Records and Radiology, handling a variety of duties such as scan-

ning and delivering X-rays to Surgery, preparing mailings, and filing.

“I really enjoyed being in Project Search,” said Caliendo. “It’s giving us experience for a job. Working in Parma Hospital is really nice. Everyone is friendly, and they love us.”

Andrea Sack, Parma Hospital’s director of Volunteer Services who serves as a liaison for Project SEARCH, said they have received very positive feedback on the success of this partnership.

“Our management team has welcomed our students into a variety of

areas with the purpose of teaching them marketable skills,” Sack said. “Our goal is to provide access to hiring opportunities for our interns who are appropriate for internal job openings. They have been pleased with the response they have received from our staff, who value their contributions.”

Project SEARCH model is a collaborative partnership. The Ohio Rehabilitation Services Coalition funds the job coaching and development through United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Greater Cleveland. The Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities provides continuing services upon graduation.

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God forbid, you should require it.

I am sure that Patty will appreciate any words of encouragement or advice offered by our readers. Please, let’s make Patty feel welcome in her new role as Editor of the Parma Observer. If you should see her around the community at one event or another, make sure to say hello and wish her the very best. As Publisher, I couldn’t be more proud and impressed at the way she has stepped up and embraced this important function of our paper with an attitude that simply cannot fail.

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PARMA HOSPITAL'S NEW WOMEN'S HEALTH & WELLNESS PROGRAM



Parma Health

Safe Driving Course For Seniors

by Tom Chalasinski

We all change with age. Roads and vehicles changed over the years, as well as our bodies. Some of the changes we have experienced in ourselves can affect our ability to drive safely. Our vision, hearing and ability to judge distance may not be as good as it used to be years ago. Medications we take may have an effect on our driving. Make sure that you are free of any harmful effects before driving, and you and your vehicle are in good condition. Attending one of the safe driving courses will help you to

identify the most common crash situations we face and reduce your chances of having a crash. Updating your knowledge and understanding of today's roads, vehicles and other road users will help us to make our driving much safer. Please remember that failure to yield the right-of-way is the most common traffic violation committed by older drivers.

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- * Properly using safety belts, air bags, and anti-lock brakes
- * Maintaining physical flexibility
- * Continuing to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities

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Blue Line Bar And Grill To Host Breast Cancer Benefit

by John Allender

Breast Cancer is a deadly serious issue that affects us all, but there is hope for a cure in our lifetime. Thanks to dedicated people who are willing to join in this cause, we are making progress. The good folks at the Blue Line Bar & Grill, 4305 Brookpark Rd. in Parma, are hosting a benefit to help raise funds for team "Holy Ta Ta's" to participate in the Susan G. Komen 3 Day Walk For the Cure. The event is on Saturday June 11; outdoor festivities start at 1:00 p.m., and the event will continue all night. There will be raffles, food, enter-

tainment and more. From 5-8 p.m. DJ/ Karaoke with the Screaming Pig, from 6-9 p.m. there is an all-you-can eat pizza and wing buffet, and also from 6-9 p.m. all-you-can drink domestic beers, draft, wine and soda. Live music featuring the band Intrigue starts at 9 p.m. There is a minimum donation of \$20.00, a small price to pay for having so much fun while supporting a totally worthwhile cause. Clear your calendars and come on down to the Blue Line Bar & Grill and experience their famous hospitality. Let's beat this thing!

Parma Hospital Gala June 18: Celebrating 50 Years of Caring

by CJ Shepard

Parma Community General Hospital will hold a black-tie gala on Saturday, June 18 to celebrate 50 years of caring for the community.

The event, held at Embassy Suites in Independence beginning at 6 p.m., will include a display of hospital memorabilia and photographs, dancing to the Big Band sound of Sophisticated Swing and the unveiling of an original piece of artwork created especially for the occa-

sion by renowned artist Hector Vega. "At Parma Hospital, treating you better really does begin with knowing you better, and we find it an honor to care for our neighbors, family and friends," said President & CEO Terrence G. Deis. "We look forward to continuing to deliver excellent, personalized care into the next half-century." Reserve your seat for the June 18 gala by calling 440-743-4280. Individual tickets are \$100 and tables of 10 are \$850.

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Asset Corner #16

by Gene Lovasy

SHOW KIDS YOU CARE: REMEMBER THEIR BIRTHDAYS.
Developmental Assets – 40 individual assets in 8 Categories....
June’s Asset Category: BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS:

Learning the difference between right and wrong

Boundaries are important to young people because they give clear messages about what’s expected. By the same token, caring adults who expect young people to do their best help them to learn good judgment. Every day young people face many options and choices. Boundaries and expectations provide young people with the support they need to choose wisely.

BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS Assets Include:

- # 11 Family Boundaries – Family has clear rules & consequences & monitors the young person’s whereabouts. (46%*)
- # 12 School Boundaries – School provides clear rules & consequences. (52%*)
- # 13 Neighborhood Boundaries – Neighbors take responsibility for monitoring young people’s behavior. (47%*)
- # 14 Adult Role Models – Parent/s & other adults model positive, responsible behavior. (27%*)
- # 15 Positive Peer Influence – Young person’s best friends model responsible behavior. (63%*)
- # 16 High Expectations – Both parents & teachers encourage the young person to do well. (48%*)

(* The percent of youth who experience or have this asset in their lives. Data based on an aggregate Search Institute sample of 148,189 students surveyed in 2003. The sample included students in 202 cities in 27 states.)

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said Police Chief Robert Miller. “They have proven effective in the areas of narcotics detection, apprehension of fleeing criminals, tracking, article searches, and officer/handler protection. The new K9 teams will be a welcome addition to the police department.”

The first K9 program at the Parma Police Department was started in 1997 when Ptl. Norm Kekic was paired with a Belgian Malinois named K9 Tommy. In 1998 a second dog was added as Ptl. Jeff Wells was paired with a Belgian Malinois named K9 Carlo. Both dogs were imported from Holland and were trained in Camden, New York. The new dogs will also be imported from Europe.

“There’s no doubt both teams served the department effectively and productively,” said Parma Safety

Director Greg Baeppler. “They assisted officers in tracking and apprehending criminals, detecting illegal narcotics, searching buildings, area searches, and finding articles such as firearms used in crimes. Like Chief Miller says, their tenacious detective work is invaluable.”

Both Carlo and Tommy also played a big part in helping bridge the gap between the city and the police by being accessible at numerous public relations events. On numerous occasions, they accompanied Ptl. Kekic and Ptl. Wells when they were giving talks throughout the community. Both dogs were instrumental in locating illegal narcotics during vehicle and house searches. In addition, they assisted other agencies in searching for wanted suspects and illegal narcotics. K9 Tommy died in 2000 and K9 Carlo lost his fight against cancer in 2005.

Here are the facts

Research shows that the more young people have clear, consistent boundaries and high expectations, the more likely they are to grow up healthy.

Tips for building these assets

Start with your own self-awareness: Are you self-disciplined? What are your expectations for yourself? What was expected of you when you were young? By considering these questions, you’ll be better prepared to talk with young people about them. Modeling responsible behavior is important when establishing boundaries and expectations. Provide clear messages, appropriate consequences, and realistic expectations.

Also try these tips

In your home and family: Involve your child in family meetings to discuss family rules and consequences, what happens when the boundaries are complied with or violated. Compare

with boundaries in other places where your child spends time, and work to provide consistency.

In your neighborhood and community: Practice responsible behavior at all times to help young people understand why it’s important. Make a point to monitor the behavior of all young people you come in contact with—not just your own children.

In your school or youth program: Work with young people to set boundaries and rules within your school or program. Post a written set of rules in visible places: hallways, classrooms, lunchroom, or a gymnasium.

Continue building assets in your child this summer by attending some of the great family/youth oriented events scheduled for the Parma area. Here are just a few: Lemonade Day, sponsored by the Parma JayCees, is coming up on June 18th. For questions, or to register children, go to Parmaareajaycees@gmail.com or call (440) 759-1560. Visit www.lemonadeday.org for more details. The Parma Area Relay For Life on Saturday July 9th at Tri-C. Visit www.relayforlife.org/parmaoh for details. The Parma Hts Centennial Celebration scheduled for August 6th & 7th at Greenbriar Commons.

Visit www.parmacityschools.org/assets or www.search-institute.org/assets for more information about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them.

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thing to watch these past few years. We need to address the missing components of the curriculum and give our students the best shot possible at being competitive with students from neighboring schools. We will make every effort to maintain our EXCELLENT rating and to support learning.

Cost Savings

We are reviewing all procedures and practices to see where we can continue to cut costs or to generate additional revenue. One source of new revenue is to find ways to bring students and the funding that goes with them back to our district. This will happen through two programs: all-day kindergarten and the establishment of a conversion or community school. Since the announcement of all-day kindergarten, enrollment has already increased 20% over the two previous school years. Increased kindergarten enrollment allows the district to collect tax dollars from the state that may have been lost to charter, private or parochial schools. We anticipate that this

program will begin to increase our revenue in year two of its implementation. Plans are also in the works to create a conversion or community school which would provide an alternative education for those students who may have dropped out or do not fit into the more traditional school setting. With the enrollment of these students we will also receive tax dollars from the state. Both of these programs are revenue generators that also meet the needs of students and families. They serve the dual purpose of using taxpayer dollars in an efficient way while still providing programming that is responsive to the educational needs of all of our students. The district will keep working hard to earn the public’s trust as we continue to become more efficient in our operations.

This is an exciting time for us in the Parma City Schools. We are three communities working as one to ensure a solid future for our children, families, and businesses. I look forward to the coming years in service to the students of Parma, Parma Heights and Seven Hills.

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What's Right? What's Wrong

by Daniel Taddeo

The topic for this issue is: Hope For America's Public Schools. There is not an urban district in America that can serve as a worthy example of quality public education in the modern age. What has happened? The downward spiral in education began when the Supreme Court banned prayer in schools in 1962 and Bible reading and

reciting the Lord's Prayer in 1963. Until the 1960s, religious acts not only were an integral part of public education in America, but also they had the blessing of our country's founders. Then in 1973 the Court legalized abortion. The trend continued with the banning of the schools' displays of the Ten Commandments (1980) and prayer at graduations (1992). Those Ten Com-

mandments tell us how to love God and our neighbor and they have served society for thousands of years as a guide to help control violent outbursts and keep order in the world. When the Ten Commandments left the schools and when prayer ended, there was no moral code to replace them.

No one in our government is focusing on the real reason public schools are in such a mess. It is a moral problem and the Judicial Branch of our government helped create it. Nearly four decades of U.S. Supreme Court decisions that banned biblical moral values from the classroom are producing children with amoral values. These decisions have led to the downfall of our public schools. Much behavior once considered abnormal became the norm. Public education, as a result, has produced the following: low test scores, absenteeism, rampant violence, teen pregnancy, drug and alcohol addiction, abortion, unruly students roaming the halls, suicide, divorce, teachers being assaulted, gun violence and the lack of respect for authority. The longer the moral issue is ignored, the greater the mess will become no matter how much money the government throws at it.

Responsible and frustrated parents are doing everything possible to rescue their children from the many government-owned public schools that aren't getting the job done, by sending them to private schools, and by home-schooling. Two million children are now being home-schooled. Although most parents tend to blame the schools when children don't do well, in reality the schools are simply a reflection of the homes from which the students come. The parents must accept the fact that it is they, and not the school, who are ultimately responsible for their children's education and they are the most important teachers their children will ever have. It is their example that will determine the attitude and behavior of their children. To complicate matters even more, parents can't teach their children what they themselves don't know. If their own experiences were not good, their children's experiences won't be good, and many of today's children have come from generations of scholastic and moral failures. Because parents and schools play a significant part in the character development of children, it is important that they work together in presenting the character traits they

wish to reinforce. This is made more difficult in light of the fact that parental involvement with the schools has slowly declined over the last 40 years.

While there is no short-term "easy fix" to this "years-in-the-making" situation, the following is a small but feasible start at correcting one aspect. If every class has three or four students who are out of control, those few would account for a disproportionate share of the problems. These often life-threatening, chronic offenders stop others from learning and there seems to be no effective procedure in place to deal with them. Why not assign these individuals to a self-contained classroom all day taught by specially trained, higher paid teachers? They would remain there until they are ready to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Even if they never learn or behave, for whatever reason, at least they wouldn't interfere with those students who want an education.

The messages from our society are that there are no laws of morality that transcend us, everything is relative and that actions don't have consequences. As more and more people "do their own thing," right and wrong turn into relativism and absolutes become fewer and fewer. All are signs of a weakening moral climate. It is worthwhile to remember the words of General Douglas MacArthur, "History fails to record a single precedent in which nations subject to moral decay have not passed into political and economic decline. There has been either a spiritual awakening to overcome the moral lapse or a progressive deterioration leading to ultimate national disaster."

The Public Boards of Education continue to spend more and more money on what hasn't worked. it's time to deal with the real problem -- morality. Those who are in a position to do something about it are reluctant to confront it because it has religious implications which make it politically incorrect. The answer to America's educational problems does not lie in more government spending, more laws, more police, or more jails, all of which at best put out fires rather than prevent them. We need to teach adults and children right from wrong, and instill character traits, such as honesty, fairness, respect, honor, loyalty, kindness, dependability, and manners. The solution depends on a return to biblical moral values upon which our nation is founded.

Ninety-Nine Years And Still Going Strong

by Daniel P McCarthy

On May 6th. I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 99th birthday party of Margaret "Peg" Gautcher at the Donna Smallwood Activities Center. Although other media outlets were invited, the Parma Observer was the only one there, and I am ever so glad that I responded to the invitation, as the satisfaction of seeing the pure joy on the face of Peg as her family and bridge club members chose the occasion of her regular weekly bridge game to surprise her with a party. Bridge Club member Dan Taddeo says that Peg is as sharp as a tack, always joins the club for the weekly games, and is one fine bridge player. This should come as no surprise, as Peg has been playing bridge since she was a child.

Peg was born Margaret Winters in Cleveland in 1912. She is a graduate of Jane Addams High School, and had a career as a professional seamstress. Jack Marschall was in attendance and presented Peg with a proclamation, compliments of Mayor Dean DePiero,



Margaret "Peg" Gautcher

honoring her for this celebration of her longevity, and State Representative Tim DeGeeter also honored her with an official proclamation. One of the highlights of the party itself was a beautiful cake with what can only be described as an exciting "candle assembly" that when lit sparkled and spun around, to the delight of everyone there. I'm sure that other members of the media had activities that were more important to them that day, but I can't even begin to imagine what they were!



Director of Communications Jack Marschall presents a proclamation from Mayor DePiero honoring Peg Gautcher on her 99 years of life so far.

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Parma Heights Announces Partnership With Brooklyn Recreation Department

by Mayor Michael Byrne

Less than five miles and just over ten minutes separate the cities of Parma Heights and Brooklyn. Beginning June 1, 2011, Parma Heights residents will be able to make that short trip to take advantage of the John M. Coyne Recreation Center and other Brooklyn Recreation Department amenities. “The City of Brooklyn is very excited about the Community Partnership with Parma Heights. I feel the ultimate goal of this partnership will positively affect both our communities. Parma Heights residents will be able to use the Recreation Center at a discounted rate and extend their quality of life. During these tough economic times this partnership will help strengthen Brooklyn’s revenue and possibly expand recreational services to our patrons,” commented Brooklyn Mayor Richard Balbier.

This is a perfect example of communities working together in an effort to provide better opportunities and increase services to our residents, I have enjoyed working with Mayor Balbier and the Brooklyn City Council on this partnership and I hope we can



Brooklyn Mayor Richard Balbier, left, and Parma Heights Mayor Michael P. Byrne shake hands on their partnership on the Brooklyn Recreation Center membership

find additional projects in which we may form a partnership. I would also like to acknowledge the efforts that my Recreation Director Tom Moran and

Brooklyn’s Recreation Director Dane Hammond put forth to see this partnership become a reality. Without their hard work this agreement would not have been reached.

Under the plan, Parma Heights residents will pay program fees that are slightly higher than Brooklyn residents pay but less than non-residents are assessed. Parma Heights residents will have access to all Brooklyn Recreation amenities not duplicated in Parma Heights. “We’re not participating in any program that we have and they have,” explained Moran.

Luckily for residents of Parma Heights, that still leaves a wide array of recreation options ranging from the indoor pool with whirlpool, steam room and sauna; ice skating facilities, clubs and competitions; a variety of classes and even a cardiovascular exercise room.

After cutting all the expenses to the bone, all that’s left is the income side and that’s where a marriage with a city like Parma Heights is perfect. Brooklyn has made cuts like many other cities while trying not to impact resident services. In the past two years, Brooklyn Recreation Department has cut its overhead by close to \$500,000 while maintaining and adding services such as the volunteer Buddy Program.

The Buddy Program is a special recreational program for special needs children and their families interested in the sports of baseball, basketball,

swimming and ice skating. Under the program, the play of the sport is adapted to the need of the particular child and participating family members. “It is especially nice that our residents will now have this program available to them,” said Moran.

Complete information on the Brooklyn Recreation Department programs will be posted to the City of Parma Heights website. Residents can also contact the City of Brooklyn Recreation Department at 216-351-5334 or by visiting their website at www.brooklynohio.gov.

“This partnership is what the county has been asking cities to do. When two cities join together for a common goal, the outcome can only be a win-win situation,” said Mayor Balbier.

In recent years, Brooklyn had seen a drop in recreation department membership while Parma Heights residents did not have access to recreational opportunities like an indoor pool or ice rink facility. This is a great situation for both communities, because it opens the doors to Parma Heights residents while allowing Brooklyn to maintain and expand their facilities.

Parma Heights Community Shred Event

by Sonya Buckles

Save the Date: Saturday, June 25, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. has been chosen for the city’s Community Shred event. According to Michelle Teresi, Acting Director of Public Service, the free event will be held at the Parma Heights Service Garage located at 6184 Pearl Road in the Greenbrier Commons. Proof of residency is required.

This event will provide community members with a safe, secure, and convenient resource to shred their confidential documents. “Residents are asked to please limit their documents to five grocery store bags or two copy-size paper boxes per family,” said Teresi.

Residents with questions are encouraged to contact the Service Department at 440 884-9607.

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Columbia Gas To Spend Nearly \$4 Million On Two Parma Pipeline Projects

by Jack Marschall

Columbia Gas of Ohio will soon begin replacing more than 30,000 feet of natural gas main pipeline in two Parma neighborhoods. The process of replacing existing steel pipe with plastic pipe, a combined cost of \$3.8 million, is expected to take several months to complete. “This is a continuous replacement and upgrade program by Columbia that will have a positive impact on the city’s infrastructure,” said Parma Mayor Dean DePiero. “These major upgrades will also add safety and value to homes and neighborhoods throughout Parma.” The first project will encompass the Jameson Road and Ridgefield Avenue areas where more than 11,000 feet of natural gas main line will be replaced at a cost of \$1.3 million. An informational meeting for residents was conducted by Columbia Gas on Thursday, May 19th. The project includes a number of

streets including Jameson Road, Ridgefield Avenue, Wooster Parkway, Arden Road, Virginia Avenue, Pearl Road (between Jameson and Ridge Roads), and Ridge Road (between Snow and Pearl Roads). The second pipeline replacement project will target the Chesterfield and Marlborough Avenue area at a cost of \$2.5 million. More than 19,000 feet of natural gas main line will be replaced along several streets including Chesterfield Avenue, Theota Avenue, Kenilworth Avenue, Marlborough Avenue, Manhattan Avenue, Newport Avenue, Liberty Avenue, West 84th Street, West 83rd Street and a portion of Ridge Road. According to Columbia Gas, customers on these streets will soon notice preliminary construction work such as staking of right of way and inspection of sewer lines. Customers in the pipeline replacement zone will be notified by mail of an informa-

tional meeting to be held on June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the project. The meeting will be held at Monaghan Hall, adjacent to St. Charles Church, 5891 Ridge Road. At that time, residents will have the opportunity to ask questions of Columbia construction personnel. As in similar Columbia Gas pipeline replacement projects along the Dartworth Drive and Twin Lakes Drive areas in Parma, customers can expect a short interruption of natural gas service. Work crews will make personal contact with customers prior to shutting-off service and to schedule re-light appointments. Columbia Gas says customers with indoor meters will also have their meters moved to the outside of the house. This work will be done at no additional cost to the customer. “Residents should keep in mind the key here is safety,” said Mayor DePiero. “These new pipelines will

prevent the potential for leakage in steel pipes that are old and deteriorating. Once installed, the new lines will be in place for years to come.” As a reminder, all Columbia employees and contractors carry identification cards bearing their name, photograph and identification number and will gladly show it to customers. Additional information on the project can be found on the City of Parma website, www.cityofparma-oh.gov. Residents can also call the Columbia Gas Customer Service Center at 800-344-4077 or check online at www.ColumbiaGasOhio.com to access a list of questions and answers about the replacement project. Columbia Gas of Ohio says it will spend nearly \$2 billion over the next 25 years to improve its 19,000 mile underground pipeline system.

The Patriot Corner

This Is Your City

by Wayne Mahowald

THIS IS YOUR CITY!

This is a phrase that all citizens of Parma will become much more familiar with over the next few months. A group of concerned citizens has joined together to propose that a City Charter Commission be put on the ballot in November and we are actively circulating petitions towards this end. So what is a Charter? A Charter is a document that defines the framework

of the rules we abide by. The US Constitution and the Ohio Constitution can both be considered Charters. The City of Parma currently operates without a Charter. This makes us one of the few cities in Ohio that does not, and subjects us to being governed by the Ohio Revised Code. As a result, we have many unnecessary departments that are mandated by the ORC. Would it not make more sense to eliminate redundancy and eliminate wasteful spending? Would it not make more sense for rules that apply to us to

be developed here rather than Columbus? There is a common misconception that a Charter results in taxes being implemented. Nothing could be further from the truth. A properly written Charter does not and will not implement taxes. In fact, a properly written Charter mandates that any tax increase being considered must be voted on and approved by the residents of the community. A well-written Charter could also result in non-partisan elections. Would this not be a refreshing change? Perhaps someone not connected to the political machine in Parma might actually feel they have a chance to win. Just imagine the result, fresh ideas to move Parma forward rather than the same names just changing horses on the carousel. Some of the other benefits of a Charter would be efficiencies in many departments and elimination of duplication that are a direct result of operating under the ORC. We could require professional qualifications for certain administrative positions such

as we currently do for the Law Director. We could even require the checks and balances system of having Council approve Mayoral appointments. Potentially, we could actually have our taxes lowered as we find ways to do more with less. If any of this sounds interesting, I would ask that you get involved in moving this forward. Two of the best ways you can do this are by first getting involved and helping us collect signatures to put the issue of forming a Charter Commission to write a Charter on the ballot in November and also by considering running to be on the Charter Commission. We need good people who are committed to reforming the city to get involved and make a difference. Parma has been run by the same people for so many years that many of them seem to consider it a birthright and a legacy. It is well past time that the citizens of Parma put a stop to this and implement some controls. **THIS IS YOUR CITY!**



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Flag Etiquette

by Myrtis Litman

When we view the flag, we think of liberty, freedom, and pride. The American flag has accompanied mankind on its greatest achievements. It flies at both poles, on the moon, and sits atop Mount Everest. The flag is how America signs her name. Owning a flag and displaying it properly are marks of patriotism and respect.

When the National Anthem is played, all present should face the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men should remove their hats. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag and salute.

During the raising or lowering of the flag, or during its passage in a parade, all present should face the flag and stand at attention with their right hand over their heart. Men should remove their hats.

Bunting for ceremonial or decorative use should be arranged with the blue on the top, white in the middle, and red on the bottom.

The flag should be displayed every day in good weather, but especially on state and special holidays. It should be flown at polling places on election days. Special days include the following: New Year's Day, Presidential Inauguration Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag

Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Constitution and Citizenship Day (September 17th), Columbus Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Our flag may be mended, dry-cleaned, or washed. An old flag may be displayed as long as it is in a respectable condition. When it is no longer fit for display, it should be destroyed in some dignified way, preferably by burning.

IMPROPER Display Of Our American Flag- This Flag Needs To Be Replaced Immediately, And Should Never Be Allowed To Be In This Disgraceful Condition



Parma Republican Club

by Myrtis Litman

The Parma Republican Club meets at 7:00 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Parma Memorial Hall. Programs are speakers who keep us informed on current events. The June 9th program will begin with a spaghetti dinner at 6:00 p.m. Call Pat Wright at 440-842-6121 to make reservations. At 7:00 p.m. the program will feature a video that describes the how and why America is in the economic mess we are in. Come, meet and talk to some of the candidates that will be on the ballot in November. The Republican Club will have a booth under the big tent at the Rib and Rock Festival in June.

To get to Parma Memorial Hall, 6617 Ridge Road, turn into the driveway on West Ridgewood Drive, just east of Ridge Road. Drive a short way up the hill, turn right into the parking lot, and enter the side door. All are welcome. Be an active citizen and make a difference.

Dreams

by Ruth Revecky

Dreams wander by like billowing white clouds
In a royal blue sky and then jog through our
Minds from time to time during our lives.
Some dreams bear fruit. Others fade away and
Die, being buried in a deep, cold grave at an
Early age.

Dreams can be laid aside, hidden in our busy
Minds and forgotten in our back pocket.
Other dreams make an unexpected detour
Down an unfamiliar road. Years later they
Resurface and become vibrantly alive.

No dream has to really end unless we want it
To, so just look around and you'll find others
Are dreaming, too. Dreams help keep us
Young, stimulating our oft-times stagnant
Minds. Pleasant dreams should be kept alive
Like twinkling, blinking, blazing, shooting
Stars!

Sports

Joe The Coach; My View Of Sports

by Joseph Finding

This is an open message for all those who voted in Parma, Parma Hts., and Seven Hills. I would like to thank all of you who voted for the school levy. Congratulations students, now we can get started. To all, though, don't think that things will happen right away; the money from a levy can't be collected until six months from when it is voted on. There are some tough times still ahead; we are so in debt that it will take some time to get where we should be. Thanks to our Governor, money taken away from our system does not help. I am glad that our academic and other important programs can now begin to be put back into place. How I pray that this will be done right and as quickly as possible. It might be best too, that a long hard look be given to the number of people in the front office and the double-dippers.

I guess, students, we will still

have to pay to play; but I hope the price can be trimmed a bit. There are so many talented kids out there that we can't afford not to have them participate. No matter whether they are the best or the worst in their chosen activity, it's important that all get an equal chance. I am for you students, and thanks to your parents who voted. Know this, I am retired and on fixed income and I could never vote against schools. I think we should get on the Ohio Supreme Court and make them come up with a constitutional solution to finance our schools. They made the ruling that the way we do it is unconstitutional, so make them fix it.

I was really intrigued that the Ohio High School Athletic Association tried to come up with new rules to place our sports teams into divisions. It is surprising that out of the 800-some districts that over 100 didn't reply to

the survey. That's terrible. They were trying to level the playing field for all schools. I thought it was a good start but really didn't fit what they wanted; but it was a start. They based it on a formula of a few factors. They were: 1) base enrollment; 2) boundary factors; 3) tradition factors; 4) socioeconomic factors. These equaled their athletic count. To me, it seemed, many of these factors would be hard to determine. It was an effort, though. Some things came to my mind: what about schools like ours with no 7th and 8th grade programs? That puts us behind. What did the students that didn't have the money do for pay to play? As for tradition, it's tough when your participants are limited because of money. As far as tradition, we have that, but the wins haven't been coming as they should. Is this a coaching problem, player problem, or a combination of both? I am sure that the coaches and players do not enter into competition to lose. Oh yes, one more thing: where do we fall on the boundary position? We can't go outside

of Parma. By the way, I am a product of the Catholic schools and they do have an advantage when it comes to boundaries. But I taught in public schools for 36 years, and coached in public schools for 46 years and would never have left for a Catholic school.

Seeing that the Cavs have 1 and 4 in draft, where will we go? Who will they draft? Many questions come up here. We shall see. I would love to hear from you. Joe Finding coachjoe61@cox.net

Coyote Beautiful

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Attempts to remove or relocate Coyote Beautiful (the latter of which has proven to be 100% ineffective and results in large numbers of traffic fatalities), and you eliminate a top ally. Indeed, knowing that over 60 percent of the coyotes in The Cook County study were killed by vehicles, we should be finding ways to reduce coyote fatalities.

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Parma Wildlife

Coyote Beautiful

by Lucy McKernan

Coyote Ugly: After a one-night stand, rather than risk waking up the ugly person sleeping on your arm, you decide it'd be better to chew it off.

Coyote Beautiful: Waking up to the truth that Coyote Beautiful is a top urban ally.

At this writing, coyotes in many parts of America are shot, poisoned and caught in steel-jaw leg hold traps – often misunderstood as invaluable ecosystem allies.

If you've seen Coyote Beautiful, now found in every part of Ohio, you know it resembles a German shepherd dog. Gorgeous and lean, coyotes boast black-tipped, bushy tails. Most appear gray, but some are dark or even black, while others exhibit brownish, rust or off-white colors. Males are bigger, weighing 20 to 40 pounds. If not, maybe you've heard their raucous, "yelping teenager" sounds, or plaintive yowling at night.

Not even top coyote experts know enough about the critter -- whose numbers have increased for the past 16 years in urban areas. Most admit that any coyote "management" system would be, at best, highly misguided. We do know that coyote beautiful keeps other urban species numbers in balance. Coyotes do prey on deer, mostly fawns. But their main bill of fare consists of rodents, including the common garden pest, the vole. They also consume a good number of Canada Goose eggs.

Stan Gehrt, associate professor at Ohio State University, studies coyotes'

spread to urban areas. His Cook County Coyote Project in urban Chicago, a comprehensive ecological study of coyotes in metropolitan Chicago, has set the standard – for the entire world! Gehrt states, "By placing modified video cameras at the nests, we were able to identify coyotes as the major predator on the nests. . . Thus . . . serving as a bio-control for urban geese."

Another ugly misconception about coyotes is that they thrive on or frequently raid garbage and eat a substantial number of pets. According to Ghert's study, in which grad student Paul Morey researched scat contents of 1,429 coyotes, it was determined the most common food items were small rodents, 42 percent, followed by fruit, deer (again, fawns) and rabbit. Domestic cats made up a surprisingly negligible 1.3 percent, while food traceable to humans (basically, garbage and pet food) scored just 1.9 percent in the scats studied.

Sometimes, we hear stories of wild coyote attacks in Northeast Ohio. But according to Gehrt, alarm is seldom, if ever, warranted. In his "Ghosts of the Cities," published through OSU's School of Environment and Natural Resources, Ghert states there are "An average of three coyote attacks annually on humans in the U.S. and Canada, and these are almost always in the southwest, where very misguided people feed coyotes." He adds, "Unfortunately, most of the information the public receives about urban coyotes comes from newspapers or other media that usually focus on conflicts such as pet

attacks. For perspective, it is worth considering that no documented case of a coyote biting a human has been reported for Cook County [Illinois]. Contrast that result with domestic dogs, in which Cook County often records 2,000 to 3,000 dog bites each year (including some fatalities)."

In fact, Gehrt asserts coyotes are more interested in mating than attacking medium to large dogs. Very seldom, a small dog may be taken in the presence of its "person." "So keep smaller dogs and cats – the latter of which should never be allowed outside anyway -- under a watchful eye.

Indeed, before you call in the Division of Wildlife -- reputed for issuing nuisance trapping and hunting permits because that is how ODNR/DOW, whose entire board is comprised of hunters, makes most of its revenue and therefore has no genuine interest in native wildlife or the majority of Ohio citizens who don't support "management" programs -- consider Gehrt's assertion that "Removal, especially lethal removal, is often controversial within communities. This is especially true when the perceived threat by coyotes is somewhat ambiguous to residents. Removal programs can also be expensive, for residents or municipalities, and traps can capture pets."

The Metro Parks, Serving Summit County (MPSSC) study represents another unique collaborative, including The University of Akron and the nonprofit conservation foundation Wild4ever. The multi-year project that began in 2010 fitted between five and 15 coyotes in northern Summit County, some with VHF radio collars, others with GPS collars. (CVNP and MPSSC previously conducted howling surveys, in which coyote calls are played at night and responses from the animals were tallied.) This latest research allows biologists to determine how many coyotes live in select areas, but the study is in its infancy.

Early findings of the Northeast Ohio study indicate annual coyote increases of 14 percent. But even they admit population densities are still unknown. This latter point gibes with the much more comprehensive Chicago study, indicating that, though coyotes have moved into urban areas the past 16+ years, territories don't overlap, helping stabilize populations. "Some research has been completed on coyotes in our region, but there are still many basic questions," says Mike Johnson, MPSSC's chief of natural resources. Leading MPSSC's efforts is biologist Marlo Percidas. Along with Johnson, Percidas believes new findings may corroborate other urban and rural coyote studies east of the Mississippi, including Gehrt's work. Says Percidas, "Obtaining data on Northeast Ohio's population will increase public awareness of coyotes and their habits, and may help diffuse future

human-wildlife conflicts."

When encountering coyotes that appear tame, don't be intimidated. A habituated coyote means naughty humans have been feeding Beauty, placing it in peril. Explains Gehrt. "Intentional feeding such as this should be prohibited . . ." In fact, he advises to take it a step further, and eliminate "inadvertent feeding," including pet food left outside or large bird feeders that tend to attract various wildlife species."

Another unnecessary concern involves coyote diseases. But Gehrt says, "Few of the diseases we documented in coyotes are of major importance for people or pets . . . Coyote-strain rabies is restricted to southern Texas. . . . In some cases . . . [coyotes] have created territories in residential areas or complexes of small parks and golf courses. In either case, coyotes manage to defend these territories so that the territories have very little overlap, which controls their density and spatial arrangement across the landscape."

This underscores the fact that we should not tamper with coyotes or their numbers!

"It is important to stress that our relationship with coyotes is directly affected by our behavior -- coyotes react to us, and we can foster mutual respect or a lack of respect through cues we send to coyotes. Coyotes are watching and learning from us; we influence their behavior, and it will be our actions that determine what the future holds for our new neighbors," says Gehrt.

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Flavor To Savor At Cuisine Of India

by Patty Knox

A bowl with a spoon beckoned where one stands to await being seated. The smiling Buddha looked on as I dipped the spoon into the bowl and put some roasted, slightly salty fennel seeds in the palm of my hand and tossed them in my mouth. Usually, I don't like licorice, but this is what licorice tries to be. It was an omen of flavor sensations to come.

The warm, rich-colored walls invited me in. I ordered a masala chai, a mildly spicy, creamy hot beverage served in a beautiful cup. I drank in my surroundings. An impressive full bar of honey-colored wood presided over the double room. Bollywood dancers and music played unobtrusively on the screen overhead. Tasteful art pieces adorned the walls.

The luncheon buffet contained over a dozen items. My absolute favorite was an amazing cumin-colored yellow dish called Navratan Korma, savory vegetables cooked in cream with almonds and a hint of raisins, tomato, ginger, exotic spices; much more than the sum of its parts. You have to taste it to believe.

One fabulous dish featured generous meaty chunks with an almost beef-like flavor, tender and sublime, sauced lightly. I had never eaten goat before, but now I must have it again. My dining companion, who had recommended we dine at this restaurant, pronounced this his favorite dish. More personality than veal, but more mild than beef. You must try it.



Cuisine Of India; The Only Indian Restaurant In Town That Features A Full Bar

The tomato soup was bright and pure, a touch of sunshine. It cleansed the palate between dishes. Chicken Rogan Josh was deliciously different, tender, with a sauce of curried tomato and yogurt. Perfectly spiced. FYI: The kitchen can turn up the heat if you are one who likes it spicy. I always order mild. The buffet seasonings were just right.

Whimsical little puffs called pakora, like tempura-battered vegetables, were delicious. They reminded me slightly of egg foo young. Accompanying sauces were a suave mint chutney, tasty tamarind chutney, extremely hot mango and pickled pepper condiment, refreshing raita (yogurt and cucumber sauce). Tandoori chicken, its lobster red

marinated bone-in meat over onions with lemon, was flavorful but a little dry. The 900 degree tandoori oven also produces pillowy naan, white clouds of bread lightly brushed with butter ghee. Mutter paneer, made with the house's own homemade cheese, is a meltingly good dish curried with peas. Chana Masaledar, a red brown chickpea dish with garlic, ginger and onion, was classic. Snowy basmati rice was perfect.

Now, to make the end more sweet. A delight called Sooji Halva made from semolina is a dessert unique to India. Little pearls of goodness tickle the tongue in a pudding-like texture. Unexpected. It made me blink. Then,

heaven in a bowl: kheer, a rice pudding with rose petal syrup, blushingly pink. And the fragrance, it was so rhapsodic! I think I almost proposed marriage to the server at this point. Again, tasting is believing.

Keep in mind that Cuisine of India can feature as many as 55 dishes, as they did on Mother's Day. How to choose? It is best just to dive in and try everything: organize your plate like a clock-face from 1 to 12, and take a tea-spoon-size portion of every dish left to right, top to bottom. Then fully enjoy as much as you like of your newfound favorites. To gild the lily, diners at the weekend dinner buffets receive a complimentary glass of champagne. And the price is nice.

You can also order off the menu, if you know exactly what you want. There are a hundred items on the menu, ingredients listed. Vegans and vegetarians are amply accommodated.

Gracious hosts Abhay and Jagruti Shah have created a rare dining experience. Chef Johal Lama shows his passion toward food in excellent execution. Alok Ghising demonstrated his deft technique for handmade tandoori-baked naan. A truly dedicated staff. Enjoy their offerings.

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JUNE 2011 Calendar of Events

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| <div>Special Events</div> <div>RSVP for the following events: June 15 Birthday Party June 20 Poker Party June 22 Customer Appreciation June 27 Grandparents Event June 29 Reward Auction June 30 Emergency Seminar</div> <div>* VIP – HUMANA BUCKS ELIGIBLE ACTIVITY</div> | | <div>1</div> <div>Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. * HearUSA–Hearing Screenings 2:30 p.m. * Dance Class 4:00 p.m.</div> | <div>2</div> <div>* Sweatin’ to the Oldies 9:00 a.m. Options for Senior Living Seminar 10:00 a.m. Bingo Bash 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>3</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * Fit and Balance 10:00 a.m. * Popcorn and Movie “Secondhand Lions” 1:30 p.m.</div> |
| <div>6</div> <div>* Wii Bowling 8:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. Crafty Women 11:30 a.m. OPERS MEMEBERS ONLY Seminar “Myths of Diabetes” 1:00 p.m.</div> | <div>7</div> <div>* Zumba Gold - 9:00 a.m. * T'ai Chi - 10:00 a.m. Memoirs Class - 1:00 p.m. Scrabble - 2:00 p.m. Popcorn and Movie “Ken Burns America – The Statue of Liberty” - 2:30 p.m.</div> | <div>8</div> <div>MEMBERS ONLY HAO Workshop 9-12 p.m. Wii “Family Feud” 2:00 p.m. Wii “Price is Right” 3:30 p.m.</div> | <div>9</div> <div>* Sweatin’ to the Oldies 9:00 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. BINGO Bash 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>10</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * Fit and Balance 10:00 a.m. * Popcorn and Movie “Ramona and Beezus” 1:30 p.m.</div> |
| <div>13</div> <div>* Wii Bowling 8:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. Digital Photography 11:00 a.m. Jewelry Making with Laura 12:30 p.m.</div> | <div>14</div> <div>* Zumba Gold - 9:00 a.m. * T'ai Chi 10:00 a.m. * Self Defense 1:00 p.m. Scrabble 2:00 p.m. * Popcorn and Movie “American Experience–The Rockefeller’s” - 2:30 p.m.</div> | <div>15</div> <div>MEMBERS ONLY HAO Workshop 9-12 p.m. RSVP June Birthday Party 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>16</div> <div>* Sweatin’ to the Oldies 9:00 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. BINGO Bash 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>17</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * Fit and Balance 10:00 a.m. * Popcorn and Movie “Killers” 1:30 p.m.</div> |
| <div>20</div> <div>* Wii Bowling 8:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. Crafty Women 11:30 a.m. Father’s Day Poker Party 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>21</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * T'ai Chi 10:00 a.m. * Self Defense 1:00 p.m. Scrabble 2:00 p.m. * Popcorn and Movie “American Experience–Seabiscuit” 2:30 p.m.</div> | <div>22</div> <div>MEMBERS ONLY HAO Workshop 9-12 p.m. RSVP Customer Appreciation Day 1-3 p.m. Dance Class 4:00 p.m.</div> | <div>23</div> <div>* Sweatin’ to the Oldies 9:00 a.m. Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. BINGO Bash 2:00 p.m. Knit caps for the Rainbow Kids 3:30 p.m.</div> | <div>24</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * Fit and Balance 10:00 a.m. * Popcorn and Movie “Me & Orson Wells” 1:30 p.m.</div> |
| <div>27</div> <div>* Wii Bowling 8:30 a.m. Yoga Stretch-Members 10:00 a.m. Digital Photography 11:00 a.m. Jewelry Making 12:30 p.m. “Grandparents & Me” Ice Cream Social + Disney Movie 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>28</div> <div>* Zumba Gold 9:00 a.m. * T'ai Chi 10:00 a.m. MEMBERS ONLY RSVP HAO Volunteer Fair 1-3 p.m.</div> | <div>29</div> <div>Yoga Stretch for Members 10:00 a.m. Current Events with Jerry Graham “First Ladies-Eleanor to Michelle ” 12:00 p.m. June VIP Reward Auction 2:00 p.m.</div> | <div>30</div> <div>* Sweatin’ to the Oldies 9:00 a.m. * Emergency Preparedness Seminar Part 1of 3 “Be informed” 10:00 a.m. BINGO Bash 2:00 p.m.</div> | |

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