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Parmadale Demolition Will Make Way For Greenspace, Public Park Development And Watershed Conservation

by Carolyn Kovach

The plan to redevelop and re-envision the former Parmadale Orphanage took a major step forward in July when Cuyahoga County awarded \$1.35 million to demolish 13 old dormitories at the site. The project will clear nearly 80 acres for greenspace, public park development and watershed conservation. It will also remove a significant amount of impervious surface, decreasing stress on local waterways and infrastructure. The funding includes the demolition of four blighted Parma properties at 7259 Ridge Road, 11599 Kader Avenue, 4418 Pershing Avenue and 7407 Dorothy Avenue. "The repurposing of the former Parmadale campus first came on our radar in 2016 when we learned of its potential sale," said West Creek Conservancy Executive Director Derek Schafer.

West Creek contacted the Catholic Charities Diocese of Cleveland, which owned Parmadale, to negotiate the sale. The property changed hands in May 2017 when West Creek paid the Diocese \$1.75 million – \$1.5 million from a Clean Ohio grant and \$250,000 from the Cleveland Metroparks, which partners with West Creek. While the city of Parma agreed to take interim ownership, West Creek is tasked with reclaiming the site and leveraging funding to re-dedicate it as public park land. "I applaud Derek Schafer, who approached the city after seeing that our Cuyahoga County government has a program for demolition, which the city has utilized for a number of years. This is the first time where we utilized the funds for a project like this," said Parma Mayor Tim DeGeeter. Cuyahoga County Councilman Scott Tuma said, "This project



in Parma is precisely what the county envisions when evaluating the best use of demolition funds. I am glad

to see this and other demolition projects moving forward. The demolition of these dilapidated and

vacant structures will allow the city of Parma to fully realize its vision for the future of the Parmadale

site," he said.

Parmadale opened its doors in 1925 and was considered innovative because it offered a group-home environment, one of the first orphanages in the country to institute a cottage residential plan. By the time the Diocese closed the facility in 2014, 20 buildings occupied the spacious campus. Since the closure, water intrusion has caused irreparable damage to plaster, wood flooring, electrical and HVAC systems. Additionally, the money needed to bring the dated structures up to code and cover the environmental clean-up costs was too significant, according to Schafer. He is hopeful, however, that there can be some repurposing of certain parts of the property.

The plan is to demolish the cottages and dormitories over the next two years. Future funding will be needed to take down the remaining administrative and office structures. West Creek has hosted community meetings to gather public input about the land's use. DeGeeter said he would like to see a dog park included in the master plan. Currently, a concept plan has been drafted and is under review. Schafer said the addition of the Parmadale land to the West Creek Reservation will create new access to the reservation for thousands of citizens. "This is a nice second phase for the Parmadale property – to open it up for the public. It's great for our city and our region," DeGeeter said. "And, we certainly appreciate the support of Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish and County Councilman Scott Tuma."

For more information, contact Executive Director Derek Schafer at West Creek Conservancy at 216-749-3720, ext. 12 or email info@westcreek.org.

Ukrainian Village Parade And Festival On Saturday, August 25



by Stefan P. Stefaniuk

On August 25th, the Ukrainian Village Committee will hold its 9th annual Ukrainian Independence Day Parade in Parma's Ukrainian Village. The Committee invites all to join them and celebrate this special occasion! The parade procession begins at 11 a.m. on Grantwood Drive, continues north along State Road, and ends at Ukrainian Heritage Park, located across the street from St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral (5720 State Road).

The Grand Marshal this year will be Oleh Mahlay. Mr. Mahlay is the artistic director and conductor of the Ukrainian Bandurist Chorus - a world-renowned musical ensemble celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. Mr. Mahlay was born and raised in Parma and has been an active member of the Ukrainian American community in Greater Cleveland. He is a teacher of the bandura (Ukraine's national instrument), an accomplished composer, and has lectured about music throughout the

world.

This year's parade will showcase more than 40 marching units. Parade participants will include Ukrainian church communities, Parma area social clubs, local businesses, the mayor and city council representatives, city school officials, police honor guards, Veterans organizations, floats, and more! Spirited musical numbers will be performed by local high school marching bands.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

The President’s Corner

by Sean Brennan

This month I return to my series spotlighting Parma’s plethora of places of worship. Recently, I had the honor of sitting down with Fr. Mark Peyton, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Roman Catholic Church at the corner of State and Snow Roads. Below is a summary of what I learned.

Fr. Peyton is a true Parma boy. He grew up next to Holy Family Parish and attended church and school there. “I have 20 years of Catholic education, including Holy Family, St. Ignatius High School, Borromeo College and St. Mary’s Seminary,” he proudly pointed out. Ordained in 1977, Fr. Peyton has served many parishes in northeast Ohio as associate pastor and over 31 years as pastor. Some of these include Immaculate Heart of Mary (Cuyahoga Falls), Lake Catholic High School, St. Jude (Elyria), St. Vitas (Cleveland) and St. Prokop (Cleveland). He has served as Pastor of St. Francis for about nine years. He is also a member of the City of Parma’s Fair Housing Review Board.

In 1931, Monsignor Francis McGlynn served as the first Pastor of the new parish, whose name was derived from the Monsignor’s patron saint per permission from the Bishop. Unlike many of Parma’s churches that were opened following World War II in the 1950’s when the population was ballooning, St. Francis’ origins are from the midst of the Great Depression. In fact, it was affectionately known as “the Depression parish.” “Our parish clearly has a history of great generosity. Can you imagine the many scarce nickels and dimes the parishioners donated to literally get the church off the ground,” Fr. Peyton mentioned.

The original church is now the parish office building, as the current church replaced it in 1954. The rectory



Sean Brennan,
Parma City Council President

was donated by the George family, who serve as the namesake for George Avenue on the south side of the parish campus. Further, “Originally, the convent was on the corner of Snow and State, but it was sold to St. Josaphat’s and serves as their current rectory,” Fr. Peyton explained. This was to make way for the new church. As an aside, Minor George once served on City Council and he and his brother played a large role in developing this area of Parma.

The parish had a school from the beginning, with the first being built along State Road. It is currently used as office and meeting space. The new school on Snow Road was built in the 1950s, but, sadly, was sold a few years back to a charter school operator. The proceeds of the sale have been used to further modernize the parish campus.

St. Francis is a very vibrant parish with activities for all, including a social justice group, Holy Name Society, men’s, women’s, youth and children’s choirs, religious education for children, adult Bible study, vacation Bible school, Boy Scout Troop 192, among several others. The parish is also well known for its annual



Lenten fish fry, which is the only one in the area that I am aware of to offer an all you can eat option. They also hold a summer picnic for parishioners each year. Further, the parish hosts a weekend Winterfest toward the end of January each year with great food and games for the entire family.

St. Francis holds weekend Masses on Saturday at 4:00 pm and Sunday at 8:30 and 11:00 am. Weekday Masses take place Monday through Thursday at 8:30 am and 8:00 pm and on Friday at 8:30 am and 12:00 pm. All are welcome.

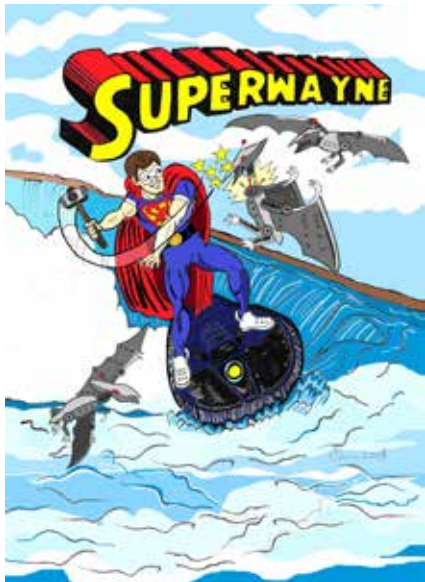
I want to thank Fr. Peyton for taking the time to meet and share about his fine Parish for this article. For more information about St. Francis de Sales call the parish office at 440-884-2319 or e-mail them at church_sfds@sbcglobal.net. You can also visit their website at stfrancisdesales-church.org.

In closing, I often use The History of Parma by Ernest R. Kubasek as a reference for my articles, including this one. I am currently trying to hunt down another copy of this title and other Parma memorabilia. If you happen to have anything that might be of interest, please email me at council-manbrennan@msn.com. Have a great August

The Superhero Project

by Kathryn Mabin

Craig Lindsley a Parma Area Fine Arts Council board member, recently told me of a project he is participating in. Graphic artists, comic book creators and digital illustrators are volunteering their time and talents to work with children and teens that have serious medical issues. Children facing serious medical problems have many challenges and medical personnel often refer to them as superheroes. This project hopes to help them face those challenges. The participating youth complete a questionnaire involving questions that help to describe them in a superhero persona. Questions like, what they would stand for, how would they make the world better and the type of costumes they’d like to wear. Using information obtained from those questions, the artists create a unique, one of a kind superhero character specific to that child. The families receive a 11” by 17” print, plus digital copy to share or duplicate, and a bio



The Superhero Project - artwork by
Craig Lindsley

of the artist. Craig’s first assignment was a teen who had suffered a stroke. The Superhero Project is provided to families free of charge. For more information on this amazing project go to www.sidekicksohio.org.



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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Sleep Center At UH Parma Medical Center
Diagnoses, Treats Sleep Disorders

by CJ Sheppard

Tracy MacGregor knows the value of a good night’s sleep – and the importance of a sleep study with a reputable, comfortable sleep lab. So the 49-year-old Lakewood woman was eager to try the new Sleep Center on University Hospitals Parma Medical Center’s campus when it opened this spring. In a free community talk on Aug. 9, mem-

bers of the public can learn more about the benefits of this service to diagnose and treat sleep disorders.

Previously diagnosed with sleep apnea, she had undergone a sleep study at another facility four years ago to determine treatment for this sleep disorder. Her experience at the other facility was less than optimal, with little privacy and a technician sitting near

her, monitoring her sleep.

The new Sleep Center at UH Parma Medical Center is modern and comfortable, with the patient experience paramount in its design. Located on the ground floor of Medical Arts Center 4 in a newly renovated suite, it is comprised of spacious private bedrooms with queen-sized beds, recliners and flat-screen LCD televisions with DVD players. The board-registered technician who monitors the study speaks to patients by intercom to maintain privacy. In the morning before leaving, patients have access to a walk-in shower to prepare for their day.

“The facility is very clean, comfortable and relaxing,” says MacGregor, who lost 105 pounds since her first sleep study and only requires moderate adjustment now. She encourages others who have been delaying the experience to try the new center. “It’s like a hotel.

It was much more private than the last place I went for a sleep study.”

A variety of symptoms can indicate a sleep disorder that may impact an individual’s health. If you have difficulty falling asleep or remaining asleep, feel fatigued during the daytime or find yourself falling asleep while driving, talk to your doctor. The board-certified physicians at the Sleep Center can help.

“I believe that the new Parma sleep lab will provide state-of-the-art care for patients with a wide range of sleep issues for Northeast Ohio,” said Medical Director John Andrefsky, MD, a neurologist. “Located near the geographic center of UH’s vast service area, we can accommodate a broad range of patient needs, including daytime and home sleep studies and access



Tracy MacGregor found the Sleep Center at UH Parma Medical Center offered greater privacy and care than she experienced previously at another sleep lab.

Physician Talk On Acid Reflux - Aug. 21

by CJ Sheppard

In a lunchtime talk on Tuesday, August 21, Dany Raad, MD, will discuss Acid Reflux in a talk from 12 – 1 p.m. A gastroenterologist and Medical Director of the UH Digestive Health Institute at UH Parma Medical Center,

Dr. Raad will cover symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of acid reflux. A light lunch will be provided. Register early, as space is limited. The talk will be held in the auditorium of UH Parma Medical Center, 7007 Powers Blvd.

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A Tribute ~ Traveling Vietnam Wall

by Susan Banks - Yurik

The AVTT Traveling Vietnam Wall was on display at the Cuyahoga Community College's Western Campus the weekend of June 28 - July 1, 2018. With temperatures soaring in the upper 90's, I viewed the Livestream video from the comfort of my home. In spite of the oppressive heat, hundreds of visitors arrived to pay tribute to the 58,318 soldiers, casualties of war. As my eyes gazed across 360-foot-long wall, I was reminded of the two memorial plaques displayed at the entrance of my high school as a tribute to those many students who lost their lives in the Vietnam war. I knew these boys. They were my classmates, my friends. I remember their smiles. Their voices now fall silent at the wall. The impact of seeing the thousands of names left me overwhelmed.

I watched as men, women, and families walked along the path clutching small pieces of paper bearing the names of their loved ones, their comrades, their brothers, family and friends. Unexpected tears blurred my vision along with an uncomfortable tightness in my throat. Hundreds of people arrived to pay tribute. War and age had taken toll on those who served. I was thankful they made it home. One by one, they stood at the wall to touch a name. Finally, they stepped back, offered a silent salute, and bowed their head. As I listened to the audio, I could hear birds chirping along with the faint sounds of weeping. I could barely breathe, the loss had become tangible. I couldn't imagine what must it be like to be there in person.

Flags from each branch of the military waved in the gentle breeze. The POW flag front and center was an overwhelm-

ing reminder of the 2,500 Americans held as prisoners of war missing in action. This day, this moment, was perhaps the only connection for those who mourned their loss. I was proud and humbled to watch as strangers stopped to shake hands, salute one another, hug one another, stand in silence and often weep together. Words were not necessary. I watch their postures return to the stature of the young men they once were as they stood at attention and saluted their comrades whose names were written on the wall.

Silence brought with it heartfelt emotions. I wondered what thoughts possessed the men who stood in the intense heat. It was as if for a few moments, they were back in Vietnam with their brothers. They walk on with visible and invisible wounds. Evening services brought the day to a close with a prayer vigil. As the crowd slowly walked by, a soldier appeared among them in uniform. He marched at a slow ceremonial pace. Each one of his steps was carried out with cadence and precision in honor of his fallen comrades.

Tears continued to be wiped from behind sunglasses. My heart was breaking not only for those whose names were written on the wall, but for those who remain here missing them so greatly.

The respect and gratitude shown at the wall by today's generation of men, women, and children are a tribute to the many men and women who sacrificed their lives in the Vietnam war. We will always remember.

~ WELCOME HOME SOLDIER ~
Names etched in granite
Soldiers forever honored
Rest now with angels

Pierogi Palooza August 26

by Dale Powell

Pierogies are going more and more mainstream when it comes to tasty food available to Americans, which is why I never miss one of my favorite events of all time, Pierogi Palooza. An annual event at Broadview Multi-Care in Parma at 5520 Broadview Rd. In past years the event was held in May or early June; this is the first year it will be in the summer, on August 26, from 1-4

PM. Pierogies from several different vendors, food trucks, and entertainment. Delicious fun for everyone. The good folks at Broadview Multi-Care always see to it that a good time is had by everyone. All proceeds benefit the Parma Hunger Center and the Parma Animal Shelter. Make sure to plan your lunch for that day at Pierogi Palooza, rain or shine.



Our Family Caring For Yours

by Sharon Santoli

August marks the beginning of Pleasant Lake Villa's 31st year of serving Parma and the surrounding cities. Family owned and operated, the facility staff takes great pride in their positive impact on the community as a premier healthcare provider.

The needs of the community are always being considered as the facility evaluates and expands its medical service lines. Most recently, an in-house peritoneal dialysis program was added, led by board certified nephrologist, Dr. Ronald Flauto. Pleasant Lake Villa offers a cardiology program led by Dr. Raju Modi and a pulmonology program led by Dr. Gregory Hickey and staffed with two full-time respiratory therapists. The facility also offers a wound care program and a Pinnacle High Observation Unit designed to meet the needs of individuals with complex medical conditions.

The staff takes great pride in helping enhance the quality of life for those they serve. The facility's unique art therapy program provides residents a way to express themselves creatively. The beautiful pieces they create are on

display throughout the building. The residents also enjoy participating in the Cuyahoga County Fair art competition each year. There have been many blue ribbons winners over the years!

Pleasant Lake Villa offers a warm and comfortable environment with dedicated team that provides rehabilitation, long term care, assisted living and hospice care. For more information, call 440-842-2273 or email Admissions.PLV@LHSHealth.com

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Asset Corner #104

by Gene Lovasy

AUGUST's Asset Category: INSPIRATION. Work together; build a network of support to make a difference for young people Adults expect a lot of young people: to learn to treat people fairly and with kindness, act responsibly, get good grades, and become successful. Of course, young people can't learn everything they need to reach their goals without help from parents and other caring adults. Adults also expect a lot of themselves. Consistently modeling appropriate behavior, teaching values, and at the same time, striving for your own goals, can be challenging. That's why it's important

to work together. If you know a parent with a troubled teenager or a teacher with a failing student, ask them how you can help. If you are having difficulty connecting with a young person, be sure to ask for the help you need. Sometimes there are concrete things people can do to help; other times listening is all that's needed.

Ask others to help

You are not alone. Raising young people takes a group effort and everyone—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, friends, clergy, coaches—play an important role. There are people, places, and resources everyone can turn to when help is

needed to support young people. If at a complete loss, the Parma Area Family Collaborative might be one place start – 440.887.4873

Offer help to others

Families, communities, and schools need support. Even if you're not a parent, you can support young people and their families. Lending an ear at the end of a long day can make a big difference in the life of a frazzled parent. Offer to baby-sit or take a young person on an outing so parents can rest and rejuvenate. Not only will you be helping parents do their jobs better, you'll also be helping their children grow and develop in new ways.

Also try this

In your home and family: Be easy on yourself—and others! Tell yourself and your spouse, significant other, peers, colleagues, and staff what you (and they) are doing right helping young people. Avoid dwelling on mistakes; celebrate your successes and give yourself a pat on the back!

In your neighborhood and community: Help build your neighbors' confidence as parents and caring adults. Leave a note or voice mail telling a certain neighbor how much you appreciate him or her.

In your school or youth program: Send a letter to parents about building Developmental Assets, and then discuss them in conferences or parent meetings.

Visit www.parmacityschools.org/character or www.search-institute.org/assets for more information about the 40 Developmental Assets and ideas for helping young people build them. Or go here <http://www.parentfurther.com/> for great asset-based parenting tips, tricks, activities and ideas.

MyCom Youth Corner

by Jean Micklewright

July Highlights

MyCom Youth Council and Summer Days youth workers met with former Cleveland City Councilman Zack Reed. His goal was to get youth voice on how to solve the epidemic of violence in our communities. 11 youth discussed violence and safety in their own communities and then gave voice to their thoughts and ideas when asked what one thing they would do to stop violence.

MyCom Youth Council went on a Questing Field Trip to the Cleveland Metroparks Canalway Center. They followed the rhyming clues to find the treasure. There was a cookout after the quest, which featured our youth as chefs. It was a fun teamwork activity.



learning, a free lunch and is for youth ages 5-14 (younger if accompanied by parent). The program is located at the Hanna Building 11212 Snow Rd. Parma, Oh 44130.

Looking Ahead

The MyCom Quarterly Event and Summer Days Celebration will take place at the Hanna Building 11212 Snow Road, Parma, Oh 44130. The celebration is Friday, August 10, 2018 from 1:00 to 4:00pm and will have D.J. Kris, Balloon Animals, Face Painting and an Icy Treat for everyone.

MyCom Youth Council will be visiting Cleveland State this summer and the Tri-C West Safety Facility.

by Rick Haase

If you're a fan of old-fashioned ice cream parlors, read on.

Brayson's, located at the corner of Ridge Road and Essen Avenue at 5480 Ridge Road, fills the bill.

It opened May 1, and is named for Brady and Mason, the three-year-old twin grandsons of Jim Fritsche. He built the building and did the décor himself.

"I have a passion for the old style ice cream parlor," he said, standing behind the counter of his cozy establishment that features a blue and white color scheme with black and white checkerboard tile on the floor.

Fritsche offers customers 30 different flavors of ice cream, root beer floats, milkshakes and banana splits.

He calls Brayson's "a neighborhood walk-up ice cream store."

"We're still learning the business," Fritsche said. "We keep adding things. To come are waffle sundaes and 8-10 different kinds of ice cream sandwiches. Fritsche said he also plans to add a jukebox.

"All dogs (who come in with their owners) get free ice cream," he said. "I'm a dog lover."

Fritsche said the response has been very good since the May opening.

"Everybody seems to like the ice cream – the response I'm getting is repeat customers. I love my ice cream."



Jim Fritsche is the owner of Brayson's Ice Cream Parlor.

Spend even a few minutes at Brayson's and you will no doubt see Fritsche dip into a dish he keeps on a side counter.

"I'm here seven nights a week," he said.

His favorite flavor is Black Raspberry Truffle. Best sellers (so far) are Peanut Butter, Superman, Cookie Monster and Salted Caramel.

Single servings (cone or cup) are \$3, with doubles for \$5. The ice cream is homemade but not made on premise.

Fritsche's passion for ice cream is a part-time endeavor. His full-time job is as a hockey coach for the Cleveland Jacks organization.

"Our family has been a hockey

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INSPIRATION

I Believe

by Daniel Taddeo

A wise person speaks few words. Acknowledging our mistakes helps keep us humble. America does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem. Be anxious about nothing; give it to God. Courage, persistence, and perseverance guarantee positive results. Do I not destroy my enemies by making them my friends? How much we love God determines how much we love others and ourselves.

Friends should bear their friends' infirmities. God grant me patience, and I want it right now! God is a super-forgiver for super-sinners. Hand washing plays a major role in protecting one's health. Humility is an attitude of mind. Ideas are a dime a dozen. People who put them into action are priceless. If God calls us to do it, He will pull us through it!

If we keep thinking of ourselves the way we used to be, that is exactly what we will continue to be. If you do not know what your gifts are, ask somebody you respect and trust; they

will tell you. Our self-centeredness is reduced in direct proportion to our giving and forgiving attitude. PUSH: Pray until something happens. The only place we find success before work is in the dictionary. The smallest good deed is better than the greatest intention. The time to make friends is before we need them.

We cannot "win them all," but we can choose to be a winner rather than a loser. We learn responsibility from our daily living. We should correct those things we can and accept those things we cannot correct. We should go after what we will take with us when we die. We should look for the best in people and bring it to their attention. When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing. When Satan knocks, just send Christ to the door.

Self-reflection is always a good exercise. What I believe is a work in progress, not limited to these statements and subject to change. What do YOU believe?

Search And Rescue

by Lizabeth Braskie

Many families love animals and have a few pets in their homes. When my children were growing up, our house was no exception. We had an assortment of four-legged friends, however, the favorites had to be the variety of dogs that touched our lives. Now, I'm happy to visit my children and share in the fun of playing with their pets.

My daughter Patti is an avid dog lover and has a female Belgian Malinois (similar to a German Shepard.) She has trained her for the duty of Search and Rescue. The female dog, Nala, is a perfect example of class and obedience. She thrives in rescue settings as well as finding remains, some of which were in twelve feet of water. Patti spends a lot of time working with Nala and has not only been very proud of her accomplishments, but also enjoys her as a wonderful house pet. But there was something missing. This bonding only added to my daughter's search to have a real family of her own. Her prayers were recently answered and her family has grown in numbers.

Patti's adoption search was a long

and tedious experience. Not only was it sometimes disappointing, but depressing as well. Many months dragged on and finally two youngsters, (a brother and sister) were ready to join my daughter and our extended family. They would now have lots of love and a real home. Our prayers were answered.

Amanda and Nick were welcomed additions to Patti's household and clearly enjoy having a home and family, along with Nala as their personal pet. The 8 and 9yr old kids love their new surroundings and have adjusted very well. They especially like to join in the routine practice training for the local Search and Rescue group. And Patti loves having them there. It's a win-win situation that has blossomed for all of them.

Nala has won ribbons in her class and finds those who needed rescue. Patti and her new members of the family have found each other and share in their victory. Nala seems to be the thread that has joined all of them in needing and loving each other. Their searches have resulted in finding the lost and their success will forever be the wonderful common bond that brought them together.

Siege The Day

by Davidione Pearl

Beyond our walls, the celestial plane propels comprehension of what when even understood remains mysterious; for within our blood flows all knowing ancient secrets of self, and our oneness within all creation.

The verity of this indomitable force is as vibrantly energetic as supernova, and as subtle as conception itself, the blinking of eyes, or the drawing of breath.

This imminent pendulum shift convalesces and liberates souls, as is the way of God consciousness.

To quest this is the blessing of higher collective awareness, where actualization reminds us that we are replicas of the heavenly body and starry plane...

Yet we steadily insist on building more walls between one another while knowing at our deepest center that we are one, and ceaselessly proclaim this as we recite passages from our holy books.

We continue to build higher and broader walls of containment that

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NEIGHBORHOODS

Four New Tenants Join The Shoppes At Parma This Fall;
Add To Town Center Development

by Spencer Majka

Four new tenants are coming this fall to The Shoppes at Parma, a multi-phase redevelopment project that has been adding retailers and restaurants at a steady rate. Old Navy, Naf Naf Middle Eastern Grill, The Joint Chiropractic and A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts will join the 756,000-square-foot, open-air shopping center, located at the intersection of Ridge Road and West Ridgewood Drive.

Old Navy will drop anchor between A.C. Moore and JCPenney and take over 12,800 square feet of retail space. The Parma location is one of 60 new stores Old Navy, a division of GAP, is rolling out this year in the United States.

“Old Navy is a main name-brand retailer and will provide families with a wide selection of fashion options at affordable prices,” said Mayor Tim DeGeeter, adding that the company made Fortune’s list of 20 Best Workplaces in Retail in November 2017.

Parma is the second location in Northeast Ohio for Naf Naf, which translates to “fan the flame.” The Chicago-based company opened its first Ohio restaurant in Independence. The fast-casual restaurant will be in front of the Walmart Supercenter, facing West Ridgewood Drive and occupying



the same building as Piada and Sprint. Its menu will feature Middle Eastern favorites, including crispy falafel, artisan pita and savory shawarma. Similar to how Piada and Chipotle serve their guests, customers choose between a fresh pita or bowl and then add their choice of meat, homemade sauces and toppings.

“This latest restaurant addition creates more diversity to the many food choices now being offered at the shopping center,” DeGeeter said.

“We set out to offer shoppers international food flair, and Naf Naf fits perfectly into that strategy,” said Jason Jarchow, senior director of leasing for PREP Property Group, a commercial realtor that oversees the leasing of The Shoppes.

The Joint Chiropractic, a chiropractic service with 400 clinics nationwide and five locations in Ohio, will enter the Northeast Ohio market when it opens a franchise in the



Marc’s strip center next to Hometown Urgent Care. Joint Chiropractic provides a membership option for patients suffering with back pain, neck pain, migraines and other chronic pain.

“Joint Chiropractic will improve accessibility for routine chiropractic care with its no-appointment, no-insurance and no-hassle business model and team of licensed chiropractic care experts,” said Michelle Devlin, general manager of The Shoppes at Parma.

Siege The Day

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divides us perilously further from our core being of love and God essence.

To these walls we must lay siege, a siege to bring them down between one another - brick by brick, that its mortar may diminish and crumble forevermore.

That we may release our walls

A.C. Moore will locate next to JCPenney, near the West Ridgewood entrance. The arts-and-crafts company has been providing craft materials to East Coast consumers for the past 33 years. The store will feature an assortment of more than 40,000 items, as well as a custom-framing shop and classroom setting for instruction and demonstrations.

“A.C. Moore must be optimistic about the market here,” DeGeeter noted. “We’re excited A.C. Moore chose The Shoppes at Parma as its first Ohio location.

“These new tenants offer residents variety and convenience,” he said. “Their addition nearly completes the shopping center and adds to our vision for the Crossroads of Parma. We want our town center to be a destination for residents and visitors.

from the far side of yesterday, unto the golden promise of tomorrow.

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PERSPECTIVE

Immigrants Are What Made America Great

by Lee Kamps

Anna Widowski came to the United States during the 1880s from what is now Poland with her family as a young woman. They settled on the plains of Kansas as wheat farmers. When she was 16 years old, she went to work as a “Harvey girl” at one of the Fred Harvey shops that were common at railroad stations where she met a young man who worked for the railroad. They got married and in March 1896, at the age of 17 she gave birth to a son who became my grandfather. Her husband’s railroad job took the family to Cleveland where they settled on the

west side.

In 1975 I was working at a county welfare office when a Vietnamese family came into my office applying for Medicaid. They had escaped South Vietnam after the fall of Saigon that spring and arrived in Ohio after being sponsored by a local church. It was the beginning of winter and the family was adjusting to the cold climate in northern Ohio. After settling into a house, it wasn’t long before the father found a job as a custodian in the local school system and the mother was able to find a job at a local restaurant. Within a short time, the father and mother had

started a janitorial service business and was able to employ others. They eventually bought a newer house in a suburban neighborhood.

Back in 1977, millions of Americans watched the television mini series Roots, where an African American author told the story of how his family came to the United States from Africa as a young man on a slave ship. The best selling book and the television show showed the struggles of his ancestors as slaves, then free people struggling to find their place in the United States.

We all have immigrant stories in our family history. Whether our ancestors emigrated from Poland, Italy or Vietnam or even if they arrived in the New World on the Mayflower; just about every American is descended from someone who came to this country as an immigrant. Whether it was to escape religious persecution or extreme poverty in their native country; our ancestors left their homes and native land for a foreign country where the people often spoke a different language and had different customs. They saw the United States as a land of boundless opportunity.

Last year I visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island in New York harbor. Ellis Island was the first place in the United States where most immigrants landed. There those immigrants were processed and screened before entering the country. From when the Ellis Island facility opened in 1892 until it was closed in 1954, millions of immi-

grants, mostly from Europe arrived in the United States. The great hall where those immigrants arrived first is open as part of the National Park Service and there are records of those people who passed through that facility. It is estimated that 40% of all Americans now living are descended from someone who passed through Ellis Island.

Recently I read a story in the newspaper about a mother who entered the United States illegally back in 1999 and has been working since her arrival was deported after being picked up in a sweep of illegal immigrants working for an Ohio company. When she was deported, she left behind her two children who were born in the United States and are American citizens. One is an 18 year old girl who is about to begin her senior year in high school and her 12 year old brother. She never collected welfare, food stamps or Medicaid while she was in the United States. She paid taxes and other than entering the country illegally, broke no laws. Now her future is uncertain as well as her children’s future.

This is not the United States of our history books. This is no the country that allowed people like my great grandmother to enter the United States, settle down and contribute to this nation. Deporting hard working people with children is not making America great again. Instead it is turning away people who are more likely to start a business and contribute to this country.

Summer Fun Under The Big Top

By Jim O’Bryan

There is nothing like a real live tent circus to celebrate summer. The only possible exception is a Southern Baptist Revival in a tent on a hot August evening. But outside of that, taking the family to the circus under the big top is real Americana.

Throughout most of America Summers would be defined by “The Circus Is Coming To Town! Can we go.” Well in this much better, safer and more animal friendly environment tent circuses have all but disappeared.

However one person who made a living promoting big top tent circuses and all of the family fun that went with it, Pastor J. Joseph Baruth, is working once again to bring them back to the area with the Kelly Miller Tent Circus (Under the Big Top)!

Kelly Miller Circus has found a way to keep Tent Circuses alive, while moving away from animal acts to family friendly acts that work to and show-



case amazing feats of jugglers, acrobats, clowns and everything that make circuses just a great way to take a break from the day to day doldrums that seem to flow into summer.

The 3rd Annual Kelly Miller Benefit Circus is right down the road at Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds on August 3rd. We are excited and Thankful on August 3rd Shows at 5pm and 7:30pm. All acts and no animals.

All profit goes to Littlest Heroes (Children with Cancer), Greater Cleveland Soap Box Derby, and Greater Summit County Habitat for Humanity. For any info call 440-243-1462 or email us at kids@ohiounited.org. They are a Public Charity 501-c-3 Thank you and call for any info 440-243-1462 or email us at kids@ohiounited.org. We are a Public Charity 501-c-3



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IMPRESSIONS

Forty Years On

by Daniel P. McCarthy

August 5, 1978- a date which will live in infamy. Well, at least for me. That happens to be the last day that I ever consumed even the tiniest drop of alcohol. In 1978 I was a particularly reckless, stubborn and out of control 17 year old, already a black-out drunk with several scary experiences. My last incident involved a typical night of wayward mindless drunken vandalism, capped off by punching my hand through a plate glass window at the elementary school next door to our house. I managed to slice through 5 tendons, veins and arteries, plus major nerves in my wrist and thumb. I staggered home , steadily and quickly bleeding to death. Were it not for the Parma Police responding to the alarm and subsequently following the blood trail to my residence, I would have undoubtedly not have survived. Recognizing the severity of my injuries, they didn't even wait for an ambulance, choosing instead to place me in the back seat of their patrol car and racing to Parma Community General Hospital at top speed. They saved my life.

When I awoke in the hospital with basically no memory of what I had done to find myself there, I came to

grips with the fact that I had no control over alcohol whatsoever and it had no place in my future life. I made a promise then and there to quit for good; one promise to myself which I have never broken these past 40 years. Talented medical professionals reassembled my hand and thumb, and I endured a long, painful recovery. Like a typically thoughtless 17 year old, I neglected to ever thank the police officers and medical people who saved me then, and I have always regretted that.

My life was shattered to pieces on that August day in 1978, and I spent many years picking up those pieces. Forty years on I realize that every day since has been a blessing, even the very worst days. I tell this story now for even one person who has faced the conclusion that they must part ways with something that will otherwise destroy them, and somehow they doubt if they have what it takes or wonder if they can find the way. You can and you will. This anniversary and the story behind it proves that. Many who know me are aware of my extreme support for the Parma Police Department, expressed on many occasions in this newspaper. Now you know why that is.

Brayson's Ice Cream Parlor Provides A Step Back In Time

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family for a very long time,” he said. His son, Danny, 33, played professionally for the New York Rangers, while son, Tommy, 31, played at the Ohio State University and then for the Cleveland Monsters organization.

Fritsche, who is divorced, is also father to Elizabeth, 29, and Christine.

His favorite part of owning his

own ice cream store?

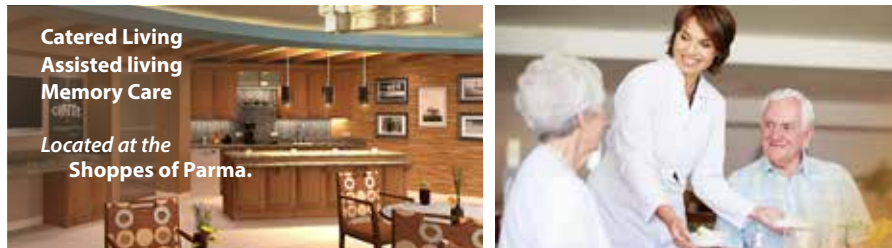
“I enjoy talking to the customers,” he said.

Brayson’s will close for the season on November 1, and re-open in April 2019, Fritsche said.

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Building On Four Decades Of Service:
Women In Transition Program Opens
Fall Registration At Tri-C Western Campus

by John Horton

The Women in Transition program at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) celebrates its 40th anniversary this fall with a new session of classes at Western Campus to empower women in their pursuit of education, training and a career.

Classes will be held at Western Campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from Aug. 27 to Oct. 17. The eight-week course is designed to assist women in transitional periods of their lives, such as a career change or return to the workforce.

Participants build confidence and skills through classes on personal development, career exploration and

financial and computer literacy. The noncredit program is free and open to the public. Registration is required.

To learn more or to enroll, call 216-987-5091. Western Campus is at 11000 Pleasant Valley Road in Parma.

Women in Transition also runs eight-week sessions at Tri-C’s Eastern Campus in Highland Hills, Metropolitan Campus in Cleveland and Corporate College® West in Westlake. For more information, visit www.tri-c.edu/women-in-transition.

Tri-C’s Women in Transition program began in 1978 and has contributed to thousands of personal success stories. It typically serves about 300 women a year.

Sleep Center At UH Parma Medical Center Diagnoses, Treats Sleep Disorders

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to medical equipment ordering for C-PAP machines.”

Dr. Andrefsky is presenting a talk on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 5:30 p.m. on Sleep Disorders. Learn more about various sleep problems, including snoring, sleep apnea and insomnia. This free session will take place in the Sleep Center, UH Parma Medical Center’s Medical Arts Center 4, 6115 Powers Blvd., Suite 101. Call 440-743-4932 to register. To learn more about diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders, go to UHhospitals.org/Sleep.

For referrals or appointments, call 440-743-8177.



John Andrefsky, MD, is the medical director who oversees treatment at the new Sleep Center at UH Parma Medical Center.

Ukrainian Village Parade And Festival On Saturday, August 25

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After the parade, at Ukrainian Heritage Park, there will be a flag raising ceremony celebrating Ukrainian Independence Day.

There will also be a festival at St. Josaphat’s astrodome for all to enjoy! Festival admission and parking are free. It begins at noon and will feature a beer garden, authentic Ukrainian cuisine, live music, the Kashtan Dance

Ensemble, and the Zorya Ukrainian Female Vocal Ensemble. There will also be games for kids, a petting zoo, hay wagon rides, balloon twisting, face painting, and more!

Questions? Email the Ukrainian Village Committee at ukrainianvillageparade@gmail.com.

Remember to visit UkrainianVillageParma.org, Facebook.com/UkrainianVillage, and Twitter.com/UkrainianParma to keep up with the latest news in Parma's Ukrainian Village.

PARMA HEIGHTS LIVING

Kids In The Commons Coming August 11

by Rick Haase

The weekend of August 10-12 is huge in the city. At 7 p.m. Friday, August 10, the Ohio Flags of Honor opening ceremony will take place at the Gazebo in the Greenbrier Commons complex at 6200 Pearl Road. The Ohio Flags of Honor was founded to honor Ohioans who made the ultimate sacrifice protecting our freedom in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. Flags will be on display until the closing ceremony at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 12. If you have never attended this event, it is definitely worth your time to do so. It is moving and meaningful. We must never forget those who are part of our military service.

Saturday, August 11 is the day for the third annual “Kids in the Commons” which will keep the Greenbrier Commons complex very busy from Noon to at least 10 p.m. The pool and waterpark will be open at Noon. There will be all kinds of fun activities for everyone from young to old, including balloon twisting, airbrush tattoos, strolling magic and juggling, Bubble-

palooza and the Kona Ice truck. The Parma Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library will once again reprise their “Green Screen,” where children can have special effect selfies taken, and their popular Treasure box, as well as a rock painting craft project. There will be old fashioned games and treats at the Historic Toll House (next to the library) with the support of the

Parma Art Scene

by Kathryn Mabin

Anthony DeMarco, retired Parma art teacher, photographer, Parma High Alumni, and long time board member of Parma Area Fine Arts Council, is now volunteering his time as a docent at the Cleveland Museum of Art. He is excited to be participating in Yayoi Kusama's Infinity Mirrors show. Kusama is an 89 year old Japanese artist. She left Japan at age 27 for the U.S., and became a leader in the avant-garde and pop-art movement. She is known for her use of polka dots in her art creations.

A 12 story abstract mural from

Parma Heights Historical Society. You can take a hike in the Metroparks, led by a Metroparks Naturalist, from 1-2 p.m. (The hike group will meet at the N.E.O. soccer facility). The University Hospitals Parma Medical Center Med-E-Vac Helicopter will touch down at 2 p.m. in the N.E.O. Soccer parking lot, and will be available until 3 p.m. The popular sand

1973 is being recreated on the Winton Manor Building on Prospect and East 9th in downtown Cleveland. The original was mural was done by Polish born American artist Julian Stanczak. He came to the U.S. after WWII. He taught at the Cleveland Institute of Art. In 1964 he was acclaimed the founder of the OP-Art Movement. He and his family resided in Seven Hills. Before he died last year he gave his permission to have his 1973 mural recreated.

Michelle Behall, President of Parma Fine Arts Council, and owner of Bear Track Arts, will be appearing at the Cuyahoga County Fair demon-

volleyball game, “Nuke ‘Em” will be played at the sand volleyball court at 3 p.m. Bocce ball, pickleball, tennis and cornhole will also be available to play throughout the day. Poolside, there will be a disc jockey with music and free admission to the city’s pool and waterpark.

Read the rest of this article online at: parmaobserver.com



Woodburned coasters by Michelle Behall

strating pyrography (wood-burning) techniques. Look for her on August 11th and 12th 1:00 to 6:00pm. Michele also teaches beginning acrylic painting at the Smallwood Center on Wednesday evenings. To view some of her work online go to www.beartrackart.com.

Parma comic book artist, Craig Lindsley, participated in the 4th Annual Pekar Park Comic Book Festival, held in Pekar Park in Cleveland’s Coventry neighborhood, on Saturday, July 14th. This festival celebrates Harvey Pekar and other local independent comic book writers and illustrators. Craig is also a board member of Parma Area Fine Arts.

Hungarian born watercolor artist, Emery Bogardy will be appearing at the 63rd annual Hungarian Festival on Sunday, September 2nd at German Central on York Rd. Lots of good ethnic food and pastry, live music and entertainment throughout the day. Raffle prizes, soccer matches, live animal shows, book fair, folk arts & crafts and novelty items will be for sale. Emery is a board member and watercolor instructor at Parma Area Fine Arts. He will be selling his original watercolor paintings and prints. For a preview of his work go to www.bogardyard.com.

Tri-C Student April Graham Claims National Art Award

by John Horton

The lights dimmed in the Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) studio and a sense of serenity filled art student April Graham. She gazed at her subject — a sleeping woman — and began sketching.

The charcoal-on-paper drawing from that spring session recently earned a national honor.

Graham’s work “Light on a Woman in Darkness” claimed a juror’s choice award in the 2017-2018 League for Innovation in the Community College Student Art Competition. It was one of six works recognized from across the nation.

The 18-year-old from Seven Hills created the drawing during a Portrait Drawing and Painting class at Tri-C’s Western Campus. She utilized a technique known as chiaroscuro, which balances extreme light and shadow with dramatic effect.

Graham said the assignment captivated her: “I remember being totally engrossed in what I was doing,” she said.

Her professor, Sharlene Green,



April Graham and her award-winning drawing.

said the drawing was exemplary in structure and composition. It was selected for the national competition out of more than 20 works submitted by Western Campus students.

The 32nd annual competition by the League for Innovation showcases the best work by community college students from across North America.

“There is a deep feeling, a mood,

emitted from April’s piece that instantly grabs your attention,” Green said.

She intends to earn an associate degree at Tri-C before transferring to Case to work toward a bachelor’s degree in the humanities. Her long-term goal is to earn a master’s degree in library science from Kent State University.

“To me, art is extremely personal,” Graham said. “I do it because I love it.”

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News You Can Use (And Where To Find it)

by Gene Lovasy

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Parma Area Family Collaborative for current programs and local resources: <https://familycollaborative.com/> or <https://tinyurl.com/PAFCollab>

Young Professionals of Parma

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Cuyahoga County Public Library Summer Reading Program: <https://www.cuyahogalibrary.org/Events/Summer-Reading>

Cuyahoga County Public Library Adult Education GED, Benefit Enrollment Assistance, etc.: <https://www.aspiregreatercleveland.org/>

Parma Hts. PACT (Community Policing Initiative): www.facebook.com/parmaheights.police

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Parma Early Childhood PTA

For parents with children from newborn to age 6; part of the State and National PTA organizations and not affiliated with any preschool or church. Expectant parents and non-Parma residents are welcome to join!

<http://www.pecpta.org/> or <https://www.facebook.com/pecpta/>

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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reps available to answer questions. Returning this year will be the "Drive for Your Students" fundraiser co-sponsored by Barry Axelrod GMC & PCS Education Foundation. Go to www.parmacityschools/kickoff for more information.

School district feedback... PCSD wants to hear from you, whether you live in the community, have students in our schools or work for the school district. Your feedback, questions or comments are welcome via e-mail at information@parmacityschools.org. If the matter is urgent, contact your school's principal or call the Parma City School District's main phone number at (440) 842-5300.

The 23rd Annual PACC "Spotlight on Education" (what I call The New Teachers Breakfast) is coming up on Thursday, August 9th at 7:30 am. Go here <https://tinyurl.com/PACC-Breakfast> to download the Info/Reservation form or call the Chamber office at 440.886.1700.

Save the date - Parma Early Childhood PTA's 4th Annual Touch-a-Truck is coming up on Sunday, Sept 16th from Noon to 5:00 pm at the UH/Parma Health Education Center, 7300 State Rd. This one looks bigger & better then ever. Go here for more details: <https://tinyurl.com/PECPTA-TouchaTruck>.

The Parma Council of PTA's is asking for feedback from families on how our schools and PTA's are doing. The information you share will help build a stronger partnership among our families, school leaders, and community at-large. If you have a child attending a Parma District school please complete the Parma Council of PTA's School of Excellence Survey 2018 at: <https://tinyurl.com/yb8n9abb>.

Go here <https://tinyurl.com/PAF-Collab> to learn more about the great community support activities offered by the **Parma Area Family Collaborative**. Collecting and soliciting donations for school supplies, stuffing upwards of 1,000 backpacks & coordinating their August 11th distribution is their current big project. If you can help call: 440.877.4873.

The **City of Parma Heights** will be holding its **3rd Annual Kids in the Commons day** from Noon – 5:00 pm on Saturday, Aug 11th. This year looks to be bigger & better then ever w/activities for young & old. Check out the flyer on their web site - <http://www.parmaheightsoh.gov/>

The **Annual Constellation Schools Scholarship Committee Golf Outing** will take place at Ridge-wood G.C. on Saturday, August 25th. Proceeds will help provide financial assistance to graduating seniors to further their education. Go here <https://tinyurl.com/Const-Golf-Outing> for more information and forms to register and/or sponsor.

The **County's Div of Senior & Adult Services** will be holding its **Annual Free Senior Movie Day & Resource Fair** at Connor Palace at

Playhouse Square on Friday, August 10th. The Resource Fair opens at 11:30 am & the movie starts at 1:00 pm. Contact your local senior ctr. for more information.

Coming up on Thursday, Aug 16th, 7:00 – 8:15 pm... **Parma Lutheran Church** is sponsoring a free presentation on issues related to human trafficking, now the second largest & fastest growing criminal industry in the world. **Where:** Parma Library (Powers Blvd); **Presented by:** Members of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking (<https://www.collabto-endht.org/>).

The Parma Ukrainian Village Parade is scheduled for Saturday, August 25th at 11:00 am. If your organization would like to participate, email ukrainianvillageparade@gmail.com w/the organization name, contact information, unit composition (band, auto, walkers, floats, etc). Registration deadline is August 10th.

From the **Parma Branch Library (Powers Blvd.)** special events....

Animation Experience – Grades 3 - 6. August 4th; Drop in between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to try your hand at stop-motion animation. Make movies using LEGO bricks, Claymation and other methods. Registration suggested... <https://tinyurl.com/AnimationExp>



Chalk It Up! A FREE Event!

by Kathryn Mabin

Come join us and celebrate summer on Sunday, August 5th, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the parking lot at Parma City Hall. This promises to be a fun filled event. Prizes and surprises!

Registration begins at 11 a.m. sharp! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Young Picassos will have the opportunity to create their chalk art in the parking lot at Parma City

Kindergarten Skills: Scissors, Paste and Tape – Ages 3 - 6 with a caregiver; August 9th at 7:00 p.m.. Fun crafts will exercise fine motor skills, attention span and ability to follow directions, to help prepare children for Kindergarten. **Register at:** <https://tinyurl.com/KinderSkills>

From the Parma Hts Branch Library...

Kids in the Commons activities, Saturday, 8/11 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Library:

Photo Booth: Bring your family and friends to get a picture taken in front of our green screen! We'll email the photo to you. **Information at:** <http://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/654145>

Stone Painting: Kids and Teens let your imagination be your guide in creating a memorable paperweight or decoration as you paint a stone. Non-toxic materials are used. **Information at:** <http://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/657020>

Play, Learn, and Grow Toddler Club: Ages 1 to 3 & caregivers; Wednesdays, 8/15-9/12 at 10 a.m. Boost your toddler's brain through play! Join us for a 5-week club and, connect with your kids and other families, plus get answers about your growing child. **Please register at:** <http://attend.cuyahogalibrary.org/event/635599>

Hall. Let your imagination soar!

Prizes will be awarded in four age groups. Chalk and bottled water will be provided free of charge. No residency requirements. The mayor's office will be open for photo opportunities — so parents, don't forget to bring your cameras and smartphones.

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