

“In the truest sense, freedom cannot not be bestowed; it must be achieved.”- Franklin D. Roosevelt

Parma Heights Welcomes New Female Officer

by Marie Gallo

On Wednesday, June 26 joined by Chief Czack, we welcomed Katelyn Romanowski to the Parma Heights Police Department. Before her swearing in ceremony, Katelyn graduated in 2019 from Olmsted Falls High School. During her time at Olmsted Falls, Katelyn attended Polaris Career Center enrolled in the law enforcement program. Katelyn went onto attend Bowling Green State University and received her under graduate degree in Criminal Justice with a concentration in Forensic Investigations. She will receive her Masters Degree



in Criminal Justice from Bowling Green State University this August. As part of the program, Katelyn will be attending the Cleveland Heights Police Academy from July to December. She

is the first female hired since Chief Czack was sworn in as an officer in 1999. “I’m excited to work within such a tight knit community as Parma Heights,” said Katelyn.

Putting Your Tax Dollars To Work

by Max Miller

The most important role I have as a member of Congress is helping the federal government work better for the people of Northeast Ohio. Whether I am meeting with constituents, reading emails, or attending events, the priorities of Ohio’s seventh district stay at the top of my mind. Northeast Ohio’s greatest needs primarily lie in public safety, critical



infrastructure, and economic development; all areas I have made a priority. During meet-

ings, hearings, and calls, I keep these needs in mind, advocating for the responsible use of our tax dollars.

I am advocating for over \$45 million in funding for 15 critical projects across Ohio’s seventh district through the Community Funding Project (CPF) appropriations process.

The CPF process allows members of Congress, rather than bureaucrats in the executive branch, to direct tax dollars to projects important to local communities. Community projects come from existing funding streams and do not increase federal spending.

My office received over 60 project funding requests; however, I am only able to submit 15 to the Appropriations Committee. During the application and selection process, my team and I communicated with mayors, council members, county officials, and others to determine which projects would best meet the needs of our community and have the largest impact. Two of the 15 projects that were chosen would impact the Parma area directly.

One project is the Manorford Drive Reconstruction Project in Parma Heights, for which I requested \$3,433,285. If funded, this project will provide a full-depth concrete

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It’s A Bird. It’s A Plane...



This month they are shooting the new Superman movie in Cleveland. It has the working title “Genesis.” It is nice that filming Superman has come home to the city that gave birth to Superman.

Photo above has director, James Gunn, blond hair coming up to David Corenswet who plays Superman, and Edi Gathegi who plays Mr. Terrific. Left, the Leader Building as the Daily Planet. Head downtown and check it out all this month!

photos by Jim O’Brian



Message From Parma Law Director Scott M. Tuma

In Parma Municipal Court, 3 men admitted to their roles in criminal acts relating to both the attempted vandalism of the 7-foot flamingo statue located at Zielinski Park and a theft of alcohol involving Sheetz Convenience Store located at 6767 Ridge Road.

I and my staff reviewed the evidence from the alleged offenses, met with lawyers for each defendant, and negotiated resolutions of all pending cases against Taylor Paul Pupkiewicz, 25, Marcus Anthony Balue, 25 and David Ross Burak, 24. While the damage to Parma’s flamingo has gathered much media attention, it is important to note that not only is this a symbol of civic pride for the City of Parma, but also city property. As the Chief Prosecutor for this community, it is my duty to balance the need for accountability and restitution towards the wrongdoers, with the need for deterrence and healing towards our community. I believe the resolution of this case reflects that balance.

Pupkiewicz, Balue, and Burak stood before Judge Deanna O’Donnell and accepted the sentence handed down. Each defendant received a ten-day jail sentence, full restitution to the City of Parma for the damage inflicted, 3



years of probation, and 500 hours of community service. In addition, Judge O’Donnell mandated that each defendant provide a written apology to both the City of Parma and Robert Funk, who provided the funds for the construction of the flamingo statue. I commended Judge O’Donnell for her innovative sentencing in the case.

The pink flamingo serves as Parma’s unofficial mascot. Some love it, some might not.

But regardless of where you stand on the flamingo’s role in Parma, we can all agree that damaging public property is unacceptable and those who inflict such damage should and will continue to endure the consequences of their criminality. Now we can all move on to other matters.

Script Parma Picture Of The Month



This month’s script Parma photo of the month contest winner is Parma’s Susan Kuder. If you have a creative photo of the sign that you would like to have published, email it, along with your address and phone number, to Sean Patrick Brennan at pierogie5k@gmail.com. You could win a great prize if yours is selected.

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Representative's Corner

by Sean Brennan, State Representative, Ohio's 14th District

I am very excited to announce that since last month's column, Governor Michael DeWine signed my first bill into law. For those of you who read my monthly column, you will recall that last May my fellow freshman Rep. Steve Demetriou (R - Bainbridge Township) and I introduced House Bill (H.B.) 195. This bipartisan bill will create an adaptive mobility car dealer license in Ohio.

Currently, car dealers who retrofit vehicles for the disabled community are operating in a gray area under Ohio law. H.B. 195 will clear up this area of the law to the benefit of legitimate car dealers and those they serve. Our bill will lead to more adaptive dealers entering the market and result in better quality, lower prices, more choices, and further innovations in the adaptive automobile space. In fact, our bill will benefit disabled and senior Ohioans in many ways, including giving them peace of mind that the vehicles they purchase are safe and reliable and that the vehicle warranties will be honored.

Governor DeWine was gracious enough to grant us a signing ceremony in his historic Statehouse office. Sur-



rounded by my wife, children, friends, and those who assisted with the bill, the Governor signed the bill and gifted me the pen he used to do so. With a tear in my eye, I told him what an honor it was for this thirty-year government teacher, who taught how a bill becomes to law to thousands of students, to be living my life's work.

I went to Columbus to get things done for Ohio – to get things done for you. As of this writing, less than thirty bills have been passed the Ohio General Assembly since you sent me there in January, 2023. As a new member, I am very proud to say that one of those few bills is mine – and there are more getting very

close. Further, I have sponsored more bills than any of the 132 members of the Ohio General Assembly at 261. The next highest is 212. I will join any of my colleagues on a bill, regardless of party, if I feel it is good for Ohioans.

It continues to be a high honor to constantly work very hard for you and to serve as your state representative. I pray how much I care about you and our state comes through. As always, if I may be of assistance, please feel free to reach out to my office at 614-466-3485 or Rep14@OhioHouse.gov. Best wishes for a blessed Independence Day.

05/30/23 - H.B. 195 Introduced in the Ohio House of Representatives

- 06/07/23 - Referred to House Commerce and Labor Committee
- 10/03/23 - Passed by House Commerce and Labor Committee (9-0)
- 12/06/23 - Passed by the Ohio House of Representatives (88-1), Sent to Ohio Senate
- 12/11/23 - Introduced in the Ohio Senate
- 12/13/24 - Referred to the Senate Transportation Committee
- 04/24/24 - Passed by the Senate Transportation Committee (12-0)
- 04/24/24 - Passed by the Ohio Senate (32-0)
- 04/24/24 - Ohio House of Representatives Votes to Concur with Senate Amendments (91-2)
- 05/10/24 - Signed by Governor Michael DeWine
- 08/09/24 - Becomes effective (90 days after governor's signature)

Knights Of Columbus 16137 St. Charles Has Another Successful Annual Charity Car Show

by Robert Porvasnik

The Knights of Columbus 16137 at St. Charles Borromeo Church Annual Car Show was a great success on June 22, 2024. Hosted by Robert Porvasnik and the many Knights, it was efficiently run with each Knight doing their part to make things seem effortlessly. The weather was very hot, but the DJ, Frank LaManna Presents, made for good times and cool tunes with their music as well as there being three weddings going on next door inside the church. The variety of food for the event was enjoyed by all. Brayson's Ice Cream had ice cream to cool the participants and spectators. P Jays Pizza had pizza available as well as Babcia's Kitchen with their Polish Food. This is an annual Charitable Event that the proceeds are split and benefits two organizations greatly. The first Organization is the Cyrenians at St. Charles



Borromeo Church. The Cyrenians make Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches for the Homeless. The Second organization is Edna House. This organization helps women with a safe sober place to live while helping the women with Drug and Alcohol Addiction. Thank you everyone that worked, came and supported this worthwhile Annual Car Show.



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Five-Star Child Care Center At UH Parma Honors Graduates

by CJ Sheppard

The 31 children who proudly marched up the red carpet and onto the stage at Pre-Kindergarten graduation weren't the only stars shining recently at UH Parma's Child Care Center. One by one, these beaming 5-year-olds shook hands with their teachers and received their diplomas as "Pomp and Circumstance" played.

These teachers and their charges are part of a four-decade legacy of excellence, reinforced once again with another Five-Star rating in the State of Ohio's Step Up to Quality program. With approximately 150 students enrolled and 100 children there on any given day, the children are taught in classrooms arranged by age, from younger and older infants, toddlers, preschoolers and pre-Kindergarten. They learn from certified teachers, receive hot lunches and structured days with detailed reports daily for each child. They play outside, take first steps and form their first friendships.

For more than 41 years, UH Parma's Child Care Center has been the first school for thousands of children and grandchildren of hospital caregivers. And this Center, which received a pandemic exemption from the State of Ohio to remain open for the children of essential workers when many of these graduates were infants, has taught them resilience and adaptability

in an ever-changing world.

"I remember many of these graduates when they were in the infant room just learning to walk," said Manager Leah Anastasakis, M.Ed., addressing the families at commencement. "The teachers have worked tirelessly to maintain stable and nurturing classrooms so that their students could thrive despite experiencing very scary world events. The teachers have helped to develop a love of learning and encouraged students to practice being a good friend."

"We are forever grateful you allowed us to be part of your journey."

The longevity of its staff is a testament to the quality of the program. Three teachers – Jennifer Garczynski, Infant Lead Teacher; Debbie O'Connell, Infant Teacher's Assistant; and Maria Armeni, Preschool Lead Teacher – have more than 30 years of experience, caring for countless siblings and even generations of families. Pre-K Lead Teacher Maria Karlak has more than 20 years. Degreed teachers and detailed lesson plans are among the reasons the Child Care Center earns the top rating in Step Up to Quality, a quality program established by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education.

"At UH Parma Medical Center, quality care by compassionate caregivers who

embrace our community calling is our hallmark," said Chief Operating Officer James Hill, MD, MBA. "So it should come as no surprise that this approach extends to the precious children and grandchildren of our caregivers."

The Child Care Center is also in the final stages of a renovation – funded by \$250,000 from the Parma Hospital Health Care Foundation – to consolidate Child Care classrooms on the north end of the UH Parma Health Education Center. Infants and Toddlers will be in the same hallway, with new Infant rooms in the former Home Health Care area and new Preschool rooms in the area once occupied by ElderCenter. Toddlers will move

into the former Preschool rooms. This restructuring also allows the Center to enhance security with one point of entry for parents dropping off and picking up children.

"The Foundation has been so wonderful in helping us to accomplish our goals," said Leah. "Their contribution means the world to us. Our employees and families are looking forward to the updated spaces with increased safety and security. Moving the infant and toddlers to the hallway with the older children will make oversight easier as well. We are very thankful to the Foundation for all their support!"

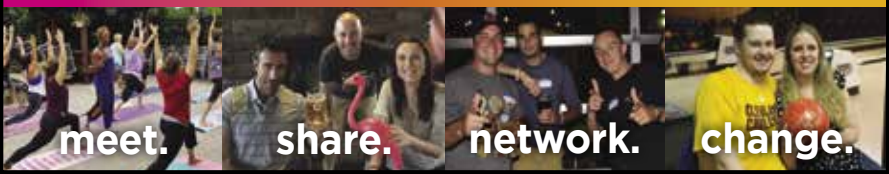


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PARMA HEIGHTS

The Best Seats In Parma Heights

by Emery Pinter

We as Americans spend a lot of time sitting, and Parma Heights does its fair share. Maybe you've never considered which seat on RTA will make your ride better or which barstool is the best barstool. I'll unveil these seat secrets and more, so you might get the most out of your dinner, your day at the park, the library. So read up, have a seat and settle in.

Best seat for going places: I like to sit midway back on the RTA bus, where you have to step up. I always choose the seat in the first elevated row, on the driver's side. This is the perfect seat because it gives you the best view of what's happening outside on York Rd., W. 130th and Pearl Rd. as well as a clear view of the front of the bus.

Grab the best barstool at My Corner Bar, 6211 W. 130th, right in-between the eight televisions where you can view the Summer Olympics and baseball. They also offer the best combo of access to drinks and views of any band when playing. And their outdoor patio. It's a whole social scene every Summer.

The seat superlative at The Club-

House, 6365 Pearl Road, is the table near the two carousel horses on the wall. The energy of the kitchen converges with the hum of the dining room, so no one overhears your sweet nothings while eating chicken paprikash. You can see everything happening in the dining room, yet your table offers privacy and a little intrigue.

The best seat for seeing and being seen is at Suburban Haircutting, 6595 Pearl Road. Rich has taken the idea of the classic barbershop and given it an upgrade to bring it up to speed with modern times. His signature Haircuts and straight-razor shaves will help clean up your looks, and leave you feeling rejuvenated.

The best seat at Gamers Haven, 6639 Pearl Road, for those family games, campaign games, strategy games is any table playing board games. It feels like a cliché, but it's 100 percent true that there isn't a bad seat in the place. Am I a little biased? Heck, yes. And this year marks the 6th Anniversary of Gamers Haven.

The best seat for indoor reading where you can find great titles and somewhere to read them is in the

iconic Parma Heights Library at the table nearest the newspapers and magazines. The Google architecture is like nothing you'll see at your go-to coffee or donut shop. This library is an oasis of peace amid the hustle and bustle of the city and traffic rushing by at 25mph. The best seat for outdoor reading is any bench along the Metroparks.

Best seating for...people watching are the two tables outside Valero Yorktown, 6177 Pearl Road. I enjoyed a Pina Colada cookie while watching the staggering array of humanity trickle in and out on a busy day. And one may see a Parma Heights Firetruck taking off from the station across the street!

Best seat for crying in peace. Hey,

we've all been there. Any seat at a Parma Heights City Council meeting. Term limits thrown out the window, New traffic cameras, higher service fees, flooding along Pearl road, no respect for historic buildings, landscaping legislation. There, there now. Can things get any worse?

Best seat for Summer: Few Parma Heights traditions top escaping the sun, cooling off (and catching a snooze) on the pool lounge chairs at the Parma Heights pool. There is nothing like the smell of Coppertone and the sight of giant striped towels at the pool.

There is nothing like city sitting in the Summer. And if you find the best place to park yourself outside, make sure to BYOB...a blanket!

Ten-Cent Beer Night:
A Date Which Will Live In Infamy
With Author Vince Guerrieri

by Bridget Lavelle

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library will host Ten-Cent Beer Night: a Date which will Live in Infamy with Author Vince Guerrieri on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room C. One of the most infamous MLB games in baseball history happened on June 4, 1974 when the Cleveland Indians hosted the Texas Rangers. Author Vince Guerrieri will talk about the events of that baseball game that included "bad blood" between these two baseball teams, a retrospective look back at an unwise promotion and a full moon. Book signing following the presentation. Mr. Guerrieri is an author who wrote Weird Moments in Cleveland Sports: Bottlegate, Bedbugs and Burying the Pennant – and More! Registration required. To register, please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch at 440.884.2313.

Author Marianne Novy

by Bridget Lavelle

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, in partnership with The Adoption Network, will host Author Marianne Novy on Tuesday, July 9th, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room A. Marianne Novy will talk about her book Adoption Memoirs and share inside stories of adoption not widely reported by the media. Learn about same-race and transracial adoptions in recent times from memoirs from birthmothers, adoptees and adoptive parents. Ms. Novy is a Professor Emerita of English and Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. This in-person author event takes place in partnership with the Adoption Network. Book sale will follow the presentation. Books available for purchase are courtesy of Mac's Backs – Books on Coventry. Registration required. To register, visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch at 440.884.2313.

Wow Factor:
150 Years Of Collecting Bold Clothes

by Bridget Lavelle

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library will host Wow Factor: 150 Years of Collecting Bold Clothes on Tuesday, July 30th, 2024 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in Meeting Room C. Learn about Cleveland's fashion and trends from presenters from Western Reserve Historical Society who will share images and stories from its extensive costume collection. Who were the fashionable Cleveland trendsetters and where did they shop? Registration required. To register, visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch at 440.884.2313.

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4-H Student Makes & Donates Lending Library

by Kathryn Mabin

Parma South Presbyterian Church (6155 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, OH) is proud to announce the unveiling of a new lending library, created by 11-year-old Penelope Yeager of Lakewood. Penelope, is a member of the Homestead Hoofers Cuyahoga County 4-H Club at Stearns Homestead, built the colorful library as a service project for her woodworking 4-H project. The lending library was unveiled in a special ceremony on Sunday, June 23rd at 6:30 pm at the church. In addition to the lending library, Penelope was also able to secure a donation of a "blessing box" for non-perishable food items for the church. Penelope worked alongside her grandfather and woodworker, Kim Yeager of Cleveland, to create the lending library. The project exemplifies the spirit of 4-H, which focuses on developing leadership, citizenship, and life skills in young people. It was a lovely opportunity to learn to use the tools of the woodworking trade. Penelope said, "Building the lending library was a lot of fun, but it was also challenging. I learned so much about woodworking and proj-

ect planning from my grandpa. I'm really happy that I could use my skills to give back to church and the community. I hope people will enjoy using the lending library and that the blessing box helps those in need. The church's Clerk of Session praised the effort by saying, "The lending library and blessing box are creative ways to 'Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.' (Matthew 5:42) . Parma-South Presbyterian Church is grateful to Penelope and the Homestead Hoofers for their thoughtful initiative to serve our local community and thankful for their kind spirit

Cuyahoga County 4-H is a youth development program that provides opportunities for young people to learn about various topics, develop leadership skills, and give back to their communities. 4-H is open to all youth ages 5-18 in Cuyahoga County. Article submitted by Angela Yeager and posted by Kathryn Mabin. Contact Renee Schapel 440-864-2021 for information on Cuyahoga County 4-H or follow Stearns Homestead Facebook page.



The Parma Area Senior Veterans Group

by Robert Stilwell

Another Successful trip was completed on 6/11/24 at 8:30am when 20 women and 4 men were transported in two buses to Victoria's Restaurant for Breakfast, then on to Burke Lakefront Airport to tour the International Women's Air & Space Museum. Everything went as planned and everyone had a great time. There was a lot of advantages at this facility which made it easier for Seniors. (1-Both buses Drove right up to the Front Entrance. (2-The Entire Museum is on the First Floor, no steps. (3-We were the only large group. (4-We did a self guided tour of the exhibits so people could move at their own pace and spend as much time or less at the exhibits of their interest. (5-The Director of the Museum made sure that the Gift Shop was open and answered any questions that people had. The weather

was great. We were back at the Senior Center about 1:45pm. This was the Second Bus trip that we took since the Senior Veterans Group was formed in February 2023 by (Administrator, Tony Kessler). Our first tour was September 2023 when we visited The Ohio Veteran Memorial Park in Clinton, Ohio.

For more information about joining this great group of Senior Veterans, Spouses, Caretakers, and supporters, call Administrator, Tony Kessler for details. I can tell you from first hand experience that this is a group that is well organized with the needs of Seniors as a top priority. Come and see for yourself. As a general rule we meet the last Wednesday of each month at the the Donna Smallwood Senior Center in Parma at 1:00pm. This month it will be held at the last Tuesday of the month. Please come and see for yourself.

Mobile Food Distribution

by Bridget Lavelle

The Parma Heights Branch of Cuyahoga County Public Library, partnering with The Greater Cleveland Food Banl, will offer a monthly Mobile Food Distribution on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at the Parma Heights Branch Library, 6206 Pearl Road, on Wednesday, July 17th, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon for customers who are in need. Please visit www.cuyahogalibrary.org or call the Parma Heights Branch Library at 440.884.2313 for additional information.

Please note: Outside event. Enter the Greenbrier Commons parking lot towards the Parma Heights Branch Library. Follow the Mobile Food Pantry signs and traffic pattern.

Celebrate National Ice Cream Month At Lumpy's Shake Shop!

by Emery Pinter

July is National Ice Cream month and with temperatures heating up, it's never been a better time to cool down with a tasty treat from Lumpy's Shake Shop! Lumpy's Shake Shack has new owners, Abe and Tim who just took over in May of 2024. This charming neighborhood nook distinguishes itself with a focus on carefully sourced ingredients and a discerning spread of flavors. Mainstays include vanilla, deluxe chocolate, butter pecan, and mint chocolate chip, and rotating flavors include the indulgent coconut avalanche, majestic Mississippi Mud, sensational "Superman", delicious Peanut Butter Overdose Rx, Banana Foster, and I was all shook up after trying the Chubby Elvis!

Beyond the delicious flavors,

Lumpy's has a small town feel that makes it a classic Parma Heights spot. With a plethora of treats including indulgent milkshakes, banana splits, cannolis, Italian ice, and fried ice cream. This is the place to pause, reminisce and make new Summer memories of frosty delight. This is the place to be to have an outing for a sundae after your pee-wee, Little League or other team has a particularly stellar or poor game. Perhaps a first date with a first puppy love. Or a senior outing after that game of pickleball. Whether the craving is for classic flavors or tantalizing and experimental concoctions, plan to beat the summer heat by enjoying chilly, sweet treats at Lumpy's Shake Shop, 6372 Pearl Road, in Parma Heights! Get ready to indulge and Celebrate Ice Cream Month in style.

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Preserving The Richness Of Parma Heights' Architectural Legacy

by Milenko Budimir

In the May issue of the Parma Observer, Emory Pinter's piece on National Preservation Month in architecture shone a spotlight on the status of the current Parma Heights library branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library, with a call for preserving and re-purposing the 60-plus year-old building on Pearl Road.

=The library's architect, John F. Lipaj, was active in the greater Cleveland area in the last part of the 20th century. Other buildings he designed that people would instantly recognize include Normandy High School, St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church on Snow Road, and St. Columbkille school, all in Parma.

The city of Parma Heights, particularly along the main commercial strip along Pearl Road, is a treasure trove of mid 20th century modernist architectural buildings, and the Parma



Heights library is a good example of the so-called "googie" style.

The mid-century modern style known as "googie" is known for the its use of circles and circular and rounded design elements and odd-shaped buildings with corresponding flourishes and details. The designs

associated with the style are representative of the space age, flying saucer shapes, zig-zagging roof lines, and star-burst design details (think of the classic "Welcome to Las Vegas" sign, for example.) It was a visual representation of the country's fascination with the new space age and post-war population boom, and the building boom that followed.

With a new library building in the works, the fate of the 60-plus year-old building looks uncertain at this point. Which is why it's important to raise awareness of the building and its history and its place within both the history of the city of Parma Heights but also within larger cultural and national architectural currents may help to preserve it and maybe even put it on the

course for some creative reuse. The practical problem to work out is how to reuse the old library building, to keep its unique look and feel and place in the community, but in a second life and for many generations to come.

The city has an opportunity to honor its past by preserving and re-purposing a building with significant cultural and aesthetic significance.

The stretch of Pearl Road from York/Stumph Road north has many fine examples of modernist buildings, including the beloved East Coast Custard (a re-purposed Arby's building), the Ohio Savings Building designed by architect Don Hisaka (recently renamed the Flagstar Bank), the distinctive, circular Flyers bar building, and the Yorktown Lanes flying-V sign.

So much rich, historical architecture on that stretch of Pearl Road in Parma Heights is an incredible asset to the community and can be a draw for fans of architecture, even a destination point. It would be a great shame if the city and community didn't take advantage of this opportunity to plan for preserving this rich legacy and make Parma Heights a destination for architecture and history buffs alike.

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PERSPECTIVE

When The Nation Watched
And A Demagogue Went Down

by Lee Kamps

This spring saw another key anniversary from 1954, seventy years ago that could have some ramifications for the present time. Wisconsin’s Republican Senator Joseph McCarthy was perhaps the most powerful man in Washington DC and at one time had a veto power over presidential appointments. But in a Senate hearing in June 1954, he was brought down by an old lawyer from Boston.

Joseph McCarthy was a little known first term Senator from Wisconsin when in February 1950 at a gathering in West Virginia where he was invited to speak, he revealed that he had a list of communists who were actively working in the government including the State Department. The numbers of alleged communists varied from thirty to over 200 communists. The media jumped on this, and this became a national sensation.

At that time, people in the United States were uneasy. In 1949, the Chinese communists under the leadership of Mao Zedong had taken over mainland China and forced the Chinese Nationalist government under leader Chaing Kai Shek fled to the island of Taiwan. China had been a key ally of the United States in the Pacific during the Second World War. This communist takeover of China came on the heels of the Soviet Union taking over the governments of eastern Europe and establishing “puppet governments” loyal to Mos-

cow. Also, in September 1949, the nation learned that the Soviet Union had successfully detonated an atomic bomb.

Now Senator McCarthy gave the American people something to blame, and the witch hunt was on for communists in the government. Even the election of Republican Dwight Eisenhower as President wasn’t enough to quell this suspicion of communist infiltration in our government. A few actual communists were discovered and prosecuted, and this fed the suspicion that there were more undermining the country.

This all came to a head in the Army – McCarthy hearings in the spring of 1954 when Senator McCarthy was probing communist infiltration in the army. When asked to produce actual names of people to match the number of communists that he had McCarthy only went on the attack. McCarthy went on the attack on a young associate of the law firm of the Senate’s chief attorney but he was not involved in these hearings because of his membership in an organization when he was in college that may have had communist leanings.

In a climactic moment the Senate’s chief attorney asked Senator Joseph McCarthy, “have you no sense of decency? You are attacking a young man who has a bright future with our firm, and until this moment, Senator, I think that I never really gauged your

cruelty or recklessness.” It was at that moment that the public saw Joseph McCarthy as the uncouth bully that he had been all along.

The conclusion of those hearings found that Senator McCarthy had found nothing about communist infiltration in the Army and the public was repulsed with Joseph McCarthy’s tactics. On December 2, 1954, the Senate censured Joseph McCarthy by a vote of 67 to 22. Senator Joseph McCarthy had been discredited. He became a pariah in the Senate as few listened to his harangues about communists. He died from the effects of alcoholism in May 1957 at the age of 48.

One of the key members of Senator Joseph McCarthy’s team during those Army – McCarthy hearings in 1954 was a young 27-year-old attorney named Roy Cohn. He was McCarthy’s lead henchman who emulated McCarthy’s aggressive method of attacking opponents. After the fall of Joseph McCarthy, Roy Cohn went to New York city where he engaged in the practice of law. He gained a reputation as a “fixer” and his clients included mob figures like John Gotti and a retired Harvard law school professor, Alan Dershowitz.

He also worked on Nixon’s 1972 campaign and was instrumental in leaking the medical records of McGovern’s Vice-Presidential candidate Senator Thomas Eagleton to the press. Those confidential records

revealed that Senator Eagleton had been treated for depression. The furor resulted in McGovern dropping Eagleton from the ticket and replacing him with Kennedy-in-law Sargent Shriver.

Two other clients of Roy Cohn were Rupert Murdoch, who later would start Fox News and a young Donald Trump. Roy Cohn’s style as an attorney was modeled after Senator Joseph McCarthy’s method of attacking and never backing down or admitting a mistake. Roy Cohn was involved in the construction of Trump Tower in Manhattan. In 1984, Roy Cohn, who was gay, was diagnosed with AIDS. In 1986, a five-judge panel of the New York Supreme Court disbarred Roy Cohn for unethical and unprofessional conduct that included misappropriation of client funds. Roy Cohn died from the effects of AIDS on August 2, 1986, at the age of 59.

This comes as no surprise to me that there is a direct line from Senator Joseph McCarthy and his tactics as well as lack of any real proof of communist infiltration in government and Roy Cohn’s dishonest style as an attorney to Donald Trump and how he has operated for most of his life. Apparently, Donald Trump had a good mentor and teacher. But like Senator Joseph McCarthy and Roy Cohn; Donald Trump will eventually be brought down by his own faults and failings.



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VIEWPOINTS

Coming Soon!

by Kathryn Mabin

The Annual Picnic In The Park, brought to you by the non-profit We Are Parma Proud, is set for Saturday, August 3rd, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year it's back to the newly opened Ridge-wood Retention Basin Park, by the Splash Pad and the Parma sign. Celebrate summer before going back to school. There's no admission fee, and it's a great family oriented event. Free games for the kids with prizes too. Live music. Numerous home based vendors selling their wares. Local non-profits, PTA's and clubs will be there to advise you to what they offer the community.

Raffle baskets, and Parma Proud merchandise for sale. Don't forget to bring cash as many of these small home based vendors aren't able to accept credit cards and cash apps. Food trucks will be on site, or pack your own picnic basket. The popular Pet Parade is back again this year. The Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) and the City of Parma will also have a special dedication ceremony and grand opening of the basin that day.

Follow We Are Parma Proud on Facebook and Instagram for more information and details on this fun, family oriented summer event

Thanks Parma Police And Judge O'Donnell

Dear Editor:

The Parma community is well served by the Parma Police Department and Parma Municipal Court Judge Deanna O'Donnell. Recently, three men vandalized the flamingo sculpture located next to the script Parma sign at Anthony Zielinski Park. The sculpture was donated by resident Bob Funk in memory of his wife and daughter who succumbed to breast cancer and to serve as a source of support for those who have experienced similar loss or are currently challenged by the disease.

First, it was only a matter of hours before the Parma police tracked down the culprits and brought them to justice. Hats off to the entire department.

Next, after hearing the case, Judge O'Donnell's sentence for each of the offenders was as perfect as I can imagine - 10 days in jail, a \$500 fine, 500 hours of community service - 250 at a breast cancer non-profit and 250 in the City of Parma - and restitution so that a new flamingo may be purchased. Not only will the offenders pay their debt to the community and, hopefully, learn from their transgressions, but I believe the sentence will deter other would-be offenders by sending a message that there will be severe consequences for your actions. Judge O'Donnell proves that she is a just and thoughtful jurist.

Sincerely,
State Representative Sean Patrick Brennan

Putting Your Tax Dollars To Work

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road to replace the cracked asphalt, and I am proud to advocate for the funds to make it happen.

Another proposal for Parma is the 54th Street Sewer Improvement Project. I have requested \$5,625,000 to repair and replace failing sections of existing storm and sanitary pipes. No one should have to deal with a flooded basement due to faulty pipes.

The remaining 13 projects are focused on bolstering the public safety resources and critical infrastructure of the district. My team and I will continue to work with the recipients of these funds, provided the projects are

selected by the Appropriations Committee, to ensure taxpayer dollars are used accountably. Last year, all 15 of the project requests I submitted were selected, bringing over \$17 million back to the district.

No one understands the needs of Northeast Ohio better than its residents and it is an honor to advocate for things that will make our communities stronger.

As always, if my office may be of service to you, please give us a call at (202) 225-3876 or visit my website at maxmiller.house.gov to learn more about how I am working for you and to sign up for my newsletter. It is an honor to serve you!



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Seven Hills Farmers Market Tenth Summer Season Is Here!

by Kathy Holland

The Seven Hills Farmers Market (SHFM) opens Thursday, July 11, 4:00- 7:00 PM and continues every Thursday through October 3, 2024. The SHFM has been dedicated to supporting local food systems increasing consumer access to fresh, healthy foods for our community. This approach has boosted marketing opportunities for the farmers and small businesses that make up the market. As a producers-only market, participation is for farmers who sell what they grow or raise on their farm, and for local producers and artisans who hand-craft their specialty products.

Now in its tenth season, SHFM customers will soon be able to buy delicious local produce. Available items will include berries, broccoli, garlic, herbs, onions and tomatoes. August abundance showcases beets, cantaloupes, green beans, melons, peaches, and sweet corn. In September look for apples, blackberries, grapes, pears, potatoes, and pumpkins. Remember to ask your vendor about the best way to keep their items fresh the longest, they are happy to share their knowledge with you! Know your farmer, know your food. Round out your produce purchases with a variety of other items. The SHFM has vendors with tables full of amazing chocolate, baklava, CBD,



locally roasted coffee, cookies, fresh breads, honey, jam, jerky, nut and poppyseed rolls, pastries, pierogies, soap and more. Come visit us and please bring your reusable bags. Cash is the preferred form of payment, but some vendors do take credit cards.

The SHFM has a weekly food truck and live musical entertainment too. Spend time outdoors, shop for local food, listen to music and boost your mood! The SHFM is a recipe for well-being.

The Seven Hills Farmers Market can be found at 7221 Broadview Road, Seven Hills, Ohio 44131, with free parking behind Fire Station #1.

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- July 11 – Blasian Fusion. Music/Cleveland’s Backstreet Blues Band.
- July 18 – Manna Truck. Music/Desmond & Molly.
- July 25 – Barrio Tacos. Music/ Wayne Tomsic Combo.
- August 1 – Cheesy Dave’s. Music/The Baker’s Basement.
- August 8 – Scott’s Fire & Ice. Music/The Barlow Boys.
- August 15 – CLE Chicken. Music/Riley Perry.
- August 22 – Betty’s Bomb Ass Burgers. Music/Gemstone.
- August 29 – Cousin’s Maine Lobster. Music/Small Craft Advisory.
- September 5 – Cheezylicious. Music/Desmond & Molly.
- September 12 – Manna Truck. Music/Wayne Tomsic Combo.
- September 19 – The Cedar Grill. Music/Tin Can Rooster.
- September 26 – Barrio Tacos. Music/JayBird Entertainment.
- October 3 – Smokin’ Rock n’ Roll. Music/Gemstone.

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Arts In Parma

by Kathryn Mabin

Prama Artspace Gallery, 5411 Pearl Rd., Nothing But Flowers, art exhibit and sale, opened June 8, 2024. This large floral themed exhibit features over 25 local artists work, paintings, mixed media and photography. Opening reception was held Saturday, June 8 with entertainment provided by Magickally Morbid and her acoustic guitar. Show closing is July 6th. The gallery is open to the public, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 2 to 6 pm, or by appointment. In addition to the exhibit there's a boutique with numerous low priced handcrafted items. Watch for a new exhibit coming in July.

Sean Mabin, owner/operator of Prama Artspace Gallery was honored to be accepted into the Cleveland Institute of Art's Alumni Show at Reinberger Gallery, 11010 Euclid Ave. The exhibit is on view through August 9, 2024. Sean's work is also on display at Pinwheel Gallery, 2019 Broadview Rd, for the Picnic – Summer Group Show which runs through July 26, 2024.

Parma Area Arts is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing art to the community. Located at 7335 Ridge Rd, this organization has both artists and crafters, and those that just enjoy the arts. In addition to classes and workshops they also partner with other

community members on events and hold an an annual art show with prizes. They are looking for new members. Are you interested? Email kathrynmabin@att.net, or check out their website, www.parmafinearts.org, or follow them on Facebook, for more information.

FREE Figure Drawing at The Parma Art Center, 7335 Ridge Rd (inside City of Parma Parks & Recreation Center). Ongoing FREE figure drawing the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, 6:30 to 8:30 PM. No instructor, just a gathering of artists. Welcome beginning or experienced artists to draw or paint. Live models, fully clothed. Each session a different volunteer model from the community will pose in exchange for a drawing/painting from each artist present. This is a body-positive group, all shapes, sizes, and ages are welcome to pose. Great way for artists to hone your figure drawing skills, meet other artists, in a relaxing atmosphere. For more information, or if you want to volunteer to model, email Lynne Shayko at Lshayko@kent.edu.

Michelle Behal, president of Parma Arts, owner/operator of Bear Tracks Art and Manager of The Rift Shop in Olmsted Falls is proud to announce that The Rift Shop was voted the 2024 Best of the West Handmade



Sean Mabin at Reinburger Gallery CIA

Retail Shop by Cleveland Magazine. The Rift Shop is located at 8125 Columbia Rd., in Olmsted Falls.

Lynne Shayko, a Parma Arts member, will be doing 15 minute pastel portraits at the 4th Annual Rockin' At The Rift shop on July 13th from 9 to 3.

Jan McAndrew, member of Parma Arts and an art instructor appears in a video of support on Art House's web page. Check it out at www.arthouseinc.org.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS! Farm Art Day is July 13, 2024. Whatever your medium... pencil, ink, crayon, charcoal, watercolor, etc. Make plans to gather at Stearns Homestead on July 13th. Set up is at 9:30 pm. You provide your opwn chair and supplies. No registration fee, and all ages are welcome. Pre-registra-

tion is recommended by emailing your name, age (if under 18), and medium to pahs6975@gmail.com. Stearns Homestead is located at 6975 Ridge Roa.

Rita Elswick photographer, designed, created and donated approximately 200 greeting cards to the Donna Smallwood Activity Center. She was awarded a grant for individuals with disabilities. Rita has a spinal cord injury. The cards were created using photographs she took. The project was called Caring Cards for Seniors. The concept behind the project was to create the cards for homebound seniors or those who couldn't afford to purchase cards to communicate with friends and family. Making a difference with art.

Stearns House Replica On Display



by Kathryn Mabin

Parma resident Jack Dacek has completed his third project, a model replica of the 1855 Stearns house located at Stearns Homestead. After 'measuring twice', Jack indicated he was able to complete this model much quicker than his last two projects. Dacek spent several days designing the plans before starting construction of the Stearns house replica. "My first project was my grandmother's house. That took me several years to build," Dacek indi-

cated. He also built a miniature of the century house he and his wife Viv currently live in, in Parma. The miniature Stearns house is on display at Stearns Homestead along with his original plans and drawings, samples of the materials he used and examples of the miniature windows and doors he created. Photos of his other two projects are also on display. Stearns Homestead is open to the public on Saturdays from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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