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## New Principal at VASJ

Secretary of Education for the Diocese of Cleveland, Margaret Lyons, announced today the appointment of Dave Csank as the new Principal for Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Making the announcement to the school's faculty and staff at the end of the school day, Lyons said, "Recognizing the exciting innovation underway at VASJ, Dave Csank will be just the sort of collaborative leader VASJ needs to lead forward the tremendous work begun this year."

Villa Angela-St. Joseph President, Brian R. Menard, credited Lyons and Associate Superintendent for Secondary Schools, Wayne Uehlein, with prioritizing input from the VASJ community in the process that selected Csank. "Given how important this decision is for our school, it was critical to include key stakeholders along the way. In addition to the official search

committee appointed by the Diocese, Dave met with students, faculty and staff, parents and alumni. The process worked as intended, and Dave will be a great partner as we pursue our vision to build a 21st Century model of Catholic education."

Csank, who will leave his post as Principal of St. Mary's Elementary School in Akron, will replace current VASJ Principal Janice Roccosalva, who is retiring after 33 years in Catholic education serving the Diocese of Cleveland. Though not able to attend the announcement today,

Csank will come to Cleveland to be introduced to the faculty and staff on Wednesday, May 19, at a brief after school meeting. While Csank is closing out the school year at St. Mary's, he will again be on campus on Monday, May 24, to attend a meeting of VASJ's 21st Century Task Force in the



Brian Menard, Margaret Lyons, Wayne Uehlein and John Ahern announce appointment

afternoon and to introduce himself to parents at an informal "Meet the New Principal" event at 5:00 pm.

"I am excited about getting started at VASJ and working with faculty and staff, guided by the Ursuline and Marianist traditions that have made this

school great," said Csank. Summing up his leadership style, Csank said he expects to tell his new faculty and staff when he meets them on Wednesday, "We're a team. We're here to help each other." Csank will assume his position as VASJ's Principal on July 1.

## Pla-Mor Roller Rink A Success During Trying Times



Cliff Murray and Warren Hatchett (above), two of the owners of the Pla-Mor Rink (below).



By Cliff Murray

A bit more than a year ago, Pla-Mor roller rink opened its doors for roller skaters of all ages. The rink, which sits at 22466 Shore Center Dr., is ideally located for the local community and surrounding suburbs to enjoy. Four of the five investors Reginald Day, Joycelyn Hansen, Warren Hatchett and Cliff Murray are active roller skaters. Over the years they developed a strong friendship, and when the opportunity to purchase the former RollerDrome came along, the group pooled their resources and became the proud owners of the Pla-Mor, fulfilling a long time dream.

A major attraction of the Pla-Mor for many skaters is the floor. At 17,000 square feet, it is one of the largest in the Cleveland area. The floor is almost as smooth as glass and well-maintained. Skater enjoy a variety of music, including R & B, hip-hop, top 40s and jazz.

The Pla-Mor has a loyal following of skaters. They come from as far away as Pittsburgh on a regular basis to skate, socialize and exercise. Fred Wesley drives in from Maple Heights. "I have met friends here and business contacts," he said. "People who skate are always good people." Some have likened the owners and skaters to Cheers: Everybody knows your name. Many come to the Pla-Mor more than once a week and they have gotten to know each other very well. Some come for the exercise and others just watch the

skaters and enjoy the music.

Pla-Mor is an excellent venue for hosting many types of events. The Burning River roller girls, of the women's roller derby, circuit have chosen the Pla-Mor roller rink as their practice facility. The rink is also used for club style dances, business meetings and senior social events. The facility also accommodates birthday parties and private parties.

Pla-Mor is open six days a week for public skating, Saturday 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Sunday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. are family sessions. Monday skating sessions include inspirational music, and run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Adult-only skating takes place Tuesdays from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 p.m. till midnight. Friday skating sessions, 9 p.m. to midnight, are for all ages.

Admission ranges from \$4-\$7 per person depending on the day of the week. Call (216) 731-5000 or go to the website at [www.pla-morskating.com](http://www.pla-morskating.com) for more information.

*Publisher's Note: I used to come here in the sixties with Circle 2. Then in the eighties I brought my three kids here to skate with their classes. Just walking through the door brings back so many memories. The rink looks fantastic, and it still smells the same. We are so lucky these local business owners have reopened the rink so whole new generations can make new memories.—John Copic*

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### From the Publisher

I would like to thank all the talented writers that have contributed their time and effort to the Euclid Observer. There are many more writers, photographers and comic artists in Euclid. Do not hesitate. Do not be shy. Log onto the member center at [www.EuclidObserver.com](http://www.EuclidObserver.com) and become a member. Submit your story.

We need the parents and grandparents to tell us dramatic little league and soccer stories. Send us the box scores of your softball league we will print them. Your dart team has just won the Ohio championship? Write that story.

We love political intrigue - and we will print those stories - but it is summer time! We need a column about gardening tips, cooking tips, and pet stories.

So become a member of the Euclid Observer family. We will notify you by email with the details of the next writers meeting. Come meet the wonderful writers in these pages. Eat klobasi. Share with us your ideas for your first story.

### Update From the Mayor



Downtown Euclid is going through an "Extreme Makeover" over the next few months and the results will be exciting. The opening of the new Aldi's Store is planned for this July, and is coupled with the complete renovation of the remaining stores in that shopping center. The new improved Wendy's should also open sometime in August. On the East side of Downtown, the long awaited and much needed renovation of the Lakeshore Plaza, better known as Marc's Plaza, will begin in June as well. It will result in a dramatic new look that will certainly attract new quality tenants to fill the vacancies that now exist. Last, but not least, the former Dave's store is currently undergoing innovative renovation and is being subdivided into three separate stores to increase its marketability. Construction by the City should also begin soon to renovate the intersection of East 222nd and Bliss Lane, including brick pavers, a new transit waiting area, landscaping and a community message board.

*Bill Cervenik*  
Bill Cervenik

### Euclid Passes All Ballot Issues

By Michael Akos

In the recent May 4th primary election, Euclid residents voted on a library levy and three charter amendments on the Issues portion of their ballot. Euclid residents passed all four of these ballot issues.

Euclid's award winning library had a 5-year levy renewal and increase as their ballot issue. The levy passed with 4,178 voting 'yes' against 3,119 voting 'no' or about 57% to 43%.

Euclid residents also had three charter amendments up for a vote.

The first was Issue 25, which called for a change in the start/end dates of the term of office for the Mayor and City Council. The Issue passed with 5,555 'yes' votes to 1,415 'no' votes or 79% to 21%. The new terms of office, once put in place, will be a January 1 to December 31 term of office.

The second and third charter amendments on the ballot dealt with changing the requirements to recall a public official. Issue 26 called for changing the number of signatures required from 15% to 25% of the electors needed to file recall petitions. This

issue passed with 4,087 'yes' votes to 2,894 'no' votes or 58% to 42%. Issue 27 required a declaration of intent for any recall effort and a 45-day time limit would be placed on the filing of recall petitions. This issue passed with 4,339 'yes' votes to 2,518 'no' votes or 63% to 37%.

Euclid has proposed a number of ballot issues over the last two elections. In the November 2009 general election, there were three charter amendment issues and now the May 2010 primary election included another levy for the library and three more charter amendments. Euclid residents approved both levy issues and all six charter amendments. Of the charter amendments, the closest race, Issue 26, was for the number of recall signatures that passed, as previously mentioned, at 58% to 42%. The other five charter amendments all passed at better than 60% of voter approval.



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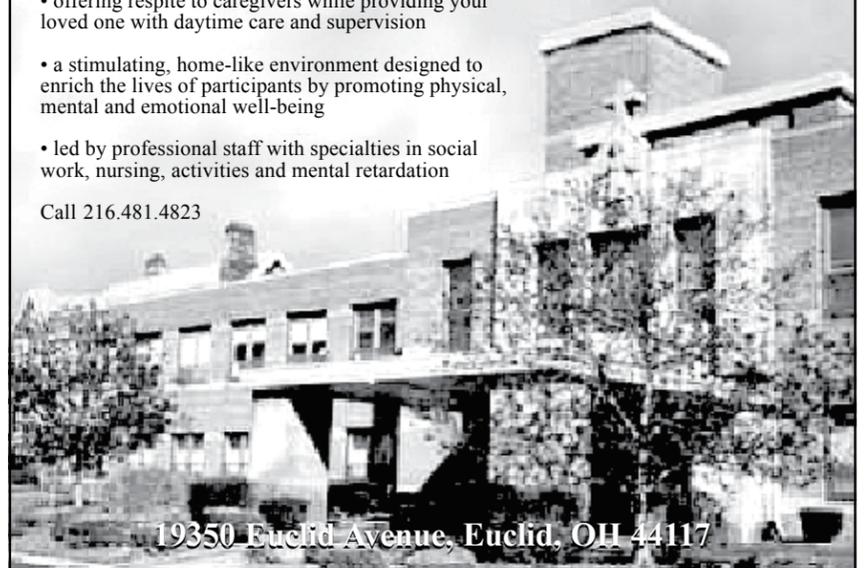
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# Health News

## Advance Care Planning... Have the Conversation

By Paige Boyer

According to several scientific opinion polls, most Americans know what they want at the end of life. People report they do not want to be alone, in pain or afraid. Nor do they wish for their dying process to be prolonged if there is little or no hope for recovery. Moreover, they want to die at home. Although, these wishes are reflected in over 90 percent of our population, more than 75 percent currently die in institutional settings. Furthermore, polls indicate people believe their loved ones will make sure their wishes are met, although fewer than 15 percent have discussed their requests with anyone.

All adults should take the time to share their wishes with their families. Hospice of the Western Reserve can help facilitate the conversation with a free copy of the advance care planning guide, "Courage in Conversation: A Personal Guide." The booklet helps educate the community on the importance of starting those vital conversations and finding an advocate. This guide is available by calling (216) 383-2222; it is also available online for download at [www.HospiceWR.org](http://www.HospiceWR.org).

Everyone over the age of 18 should develop advance directives in the form

of living wills and durable powers of attorney for health care. A living will provides instructions about care at the end of life, while a health care power of attorney appoints someone to make health care decisions, if the injured or ill person is unable to do so. These documents do not require a lawyer to complete. In fact, with two, non-relative signatures these documents become legal. Once these documents are finished, they should be shared with family and physicians.

Advance care planning is an important issue that is often overlooked, but needs to be discussed. It takes courage to talk about such an uncomfortable topic as our wishes at the end-of-life, but it is necessary. Hospice of the Western Reserve strongly believes in the importance of having the conversation and continues to make every effort to inform and educate the community.

In addition to providing free "Courage in Conversation: A Personal Guide," community relations coordinators play an integral role in sharing this information with the community by conducting presentations to various organizations. Visit [www.HospiceWR.org](http://www.HospiceWR.org) or call (216) 383-2222 to receive a copy for "Courage in Conversation" or to request a speaker for your upcoming event.

## HELP Adult Day Support Program is Fit & Fabulous!

By Doug Knoop

The HELP Foundation, a nonprofit provider of housing and support services for people with developmental disabilities, opened a very popular Adult Day Support Program on Euclid's Shore Center Drive this past November.

The program provides a daytime, community-based program for adults that encourages fellowship, improving individual skills, and expanding personal horizons. Participants in the program enjoy numerous activities; outings, classes, and crafts. There is a new focus on personal health and exercise.

The HELP Fit & Fabulous Program is an agency-wide contest to improve the overall health and wellness of HELP clients and staff. With competing teams from the Day Program and HELP's Six Chimneys Apartments in Cleveland, they're off to a great start!

Participants at the HELP Day Program begin their day with a healthy breakfast followed by group exercise, perhaps aerobics, a hike in the park, basketball, Wii Fit, or other workout routines to get their bodies moving. This sets the stage for a busy day filled with field trips, group craft projects, art classes, or participating in the Day Program's theater troupe, among many other activities.

When it is lunchtime on cooking class day, the whole group gathers together to lend a hand in the kitchen preparing salads, healthy entrees, and learning about nutrition and portion control.

Thanks to their own personal efforts, many of the program's participants have begun to lose weight, feel better, and are enjoying the benefits of paying attention to proper diet.

The HELP Day Support Program is growing fast, if you'd like to find out more about this and other HELP programs, visit the agency website at [www.helpfoundationinc.org](http://www.helpfoundationinc.org), for specific information about the Day Program, or to take a tour, you can contact Tami Honkala at (216) 432-4810 x339.



Participants and staff of the HELP Day Program prepare a healthy lunch



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Each year the CABA HSWS draws coaches and scouts from over 125 colleges and universities, as well as scouts from Major League Baseball Clubs. Hundreds of college scholarships have been awarded to players from this world series, and millions of dollars in signing bonuses have been earned from the pros.

**The talent level of this Series is arguably the best in the country** for an event of this type, and each year it gets better. Outstanding players from this Series include such players as Alex Rodriguez, New York Yankees; Dan Wilson, Seattle Mariners; Johnny Damon, New York Yankees; and Todd Helton, Colorado Rockies and numerous others. The future of MLB begins, quite literally, in Euclid, Ohio.

**Large crowds are attracted to each host site** to view these exciting games. Of course, none of this would be possible without tremendous community involvement. Each year our foundation of volunteers has grown in number to accommodate an ever increasing number of team participants. Many volunteers even go so far as to schedule a week of their vacation so that they may participate.

**With the help of these many volunteers,** each venue raises the money necessary to conduct a world series of this quality. The CABA National Board of Directors has awarded the HSWS the most prestigious "Tournament of Excellence Award" for the twentieth consecutive year.

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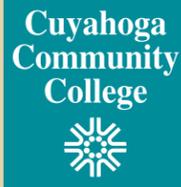
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## Health News

# Collinwood Graduate Opens New Local Fitness Center

By Tracey M. Brown

In an effort to help promote better health, a Collinwood High School graduate recently opened up a local fitness center called TMAB Fitness. Tracey M. Brown, a 2000 grad, is the person behind the new business.

TMAB Fitness services are based on three tiers of training: intergrated, core and private personal training. Brown was born and raised on the east side of Cleveland. She is an alumna of Collinwood High, known for the infamous Lady Railroaders, where she was a proud participant. She moved away after graduation and acquired a number of skills while traveling. Being an athlete at heart, Brown stuck with the habitual state of working out six days a week.

Along with one-on-one consultation and nutritional guidance, TMAB offers body building competitions and the popular Zumba, a dance fitness program. Brown believes in strengthening the mind along with the body. TMAB Fitness' motto is "a conscious mind is a healthy thought."

Classes are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at the Shore Cultural Center on East 222nd Street in Euclid. Those interested can contact Tracey Brown at (440) 429-0672.

## Exercise for a Cause

By Alisa Boyer

Forbes magazine called Cleveland the 2010's Most Miserable City in America! If you refuse to be miserable in 2010, join me in exercising for a cause this year.

One of the first things I did in response to that article was start organizing my team for the American Heart Association's Annual Start!Heart Walk which will take place downtown on August 21. The walk promotes physical activity and heart-healthy living in an environment that let's you have fun with family, friends or coworkers. The event is even kid and pet friendly. The Medical Mutual Kids' zone will have local Cleveland sports mascots, inflatables, and face-painting. There will also be live music, give-aways, and health screenings. I like that the walks are very doable for most, with a choice of 1 or 3 miles. Walking is low impact and thus gives you the exercise you need while minimizing your risks of exercise-related injuries. The walk will be as handicapped accessible as the city streets are, so accessibility shouldn't necessarily make anyone feel like they can't participate.

The Start!Heart Walk supports the American Heart Association's life-saving work to combat heart disease and stroke - America's #1 and #3 killers. I have personally been involved with training-- teaching people the American Heart Association First Aid and CPR standards, and have had the satisfaction of knowing there are people alive because their rescuers took an American Heart Association's CPR course that I taught! And that is just a small fraction of the span of the AHA's research and education.

Another thing I like about the Heart Walk is that there isn't a specific amount of money you are expected to raise in order to participate. You can set whatever fund-raising goal you're comfortable with. You technically support the cause just by showing up and walking! But since the AHA does do such important work, why not go ahead and try to see if you can hit a fundraising goal while you're at it? The Web site makes it easy and takes any awkwardness out of asking for donations.

If you'd like, you can walk with me on my team - We "Heart" Cleveland. Go to: <http://heartwalk.kintera.org/clevelandoh/weheartcleveland> and click "Join our Team". If you don't want to join my team, you can register at that same site to walk as an individual or form a team of your own. Talk to your HR department or the person in charge of wellness at your workplace and ask them if they want to form a team for the company. National Start!Walking Day was April 7th, but it's OK that you missed it because you can start walking now! Then you can celebrate your efforts with the Start!Heart Walk on August 21st.

If heart disease or stroke research and education isn't your passion, there are many other events coming up that raise funds for a variety of causes. I've listed some on [www.euclidobserver.com](http://www.euclidobserver.com).

## Chiropractic Care: Safe & Natural

By Amy DiMarco

Chiropractic is a health care discipline and profession that emphasizes diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system, especially the spine. Chiropractic care is safe and natural.

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## Don't Medicate the Lake!

By Rose Allen

Recently the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department co-sponsored Operation Medicine Cabinet for senior citizens. The program encouraged senior citizens to drop off medications at several local facilities for safe disposal. The emphasis was on safety; to avoid accidental over dosing by children and grandchildren, teenagers from experimenting with prescription medication, and people from breaking into homes to obtain certain medications they think they can use for various purposes. This collection also helps prevent the contamination of our water supply.

We all need to pay more attention needs on reducing the contamination of our water supply. Recent news reports have indicated that trace amounts of prescription medications are showing up in our drinking water. Even trace amounts of medications may begin to affect the health of individuals who drink this water. Of serious concern are cancer chemotherapy drugs and controlled substances detected in water.

Traces of medications are also being detected in some of the marine life found in Lake Erie. This means that fish caught in Lake Erie may be contaminated with various amounts of medications, as well as a likely cause of unexplained fish kills discovered in Lake Erie.

The most common causes of medications being detected in the waters of Lake Erie can be attributed to medications being poured down sinks and flushed down toilets, which are not the proper way to dispose of unwanted or expired medication. They also should never be just tossed into regular trash.

The best policy is to check with your local waste disposal agencies to locate drug take-back programs. If you are not able to find such places or until there are enough proper places for medication disposal, here a few simple suggestions.

1. Remove medications from their containers that have identifying information on them.
2. Crush tablets, or open capsules and pour out the contents, placing them in sealable containers with cat litter or used coffee grounds.
3. For liquids, creams or ointments, pour or squeeze the contents into the same types of sealable containers, mixing them with cat litter or used coffee grounds.
4. When possible put the containers of the drugs and cat litter or coffee grounds mixture out with your regular garbage, but the containers separate. Many waste disposal pick up crews are being taught how to handle those separate containers.
5. Shred or tear personalized medicine labels into tiny pieces, or burn them in a fire place or pit.



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## The Great Lakes Expo Center



By Jerry Corbran

The Great Lakes Expo Center opened in Euclid by hosting the well-attended 67th Annual Cleveland Home and Garden Show in January 2010. Located in the former Kmart site at the corner of St. Clair Ave. and Babbit Road, the Expo Center is a 215,000 square foot facility boasting 10 acres of free parking and direct access to Interstate 90, Route 2 and the I-271 Euclid spur.

Expositions, Inc. manages the Expo Center and has a five-year lease of the

facility with options to renew for an additional five. Expositions, Inc. is a 73 year old Cleveland- based producer of consumer shows. In the past seven decades the firm has rented more than 48 million square feet of exhibit space and attracted more than 15 million attendees to its various events.

Chris Fassnacht, President of Expositions, Inc, made the decision to move his firm's shows from the Cleveland IX Center – including the annual Home and Garden and the Sport, Travel and

Outdoor Shows – as a matter of perfect timing.

“Quite simply, the increased cost of doing business (at the IX Center) was making it nearly impossible to make a profit,” says Fassnacht. “Not only were attendees tiring of escalating costs, but so were our exhibitors. The Great Lakes Expo Center will offer better value and significantly lower costs, and, in recessionary times like these, this is exactly what attendees and exhibitors want and deserve.”

According to Fassnacht, the Expo Center will be busy 12 months a year, hosting events as wide-ranging as Bridal Fairs and Custom Car Cruises to Cheerleading Competitions, Indoor Soccer tournaments and even Mixed Martial Arts events. A Sports Fan Fest celebrating collegiate and professional teams of Northeast Ohio is also on the horizon. “By 2011 we anticipate hosting at least 125 events per year,” says Fassnacht.

Mayor Cervenik and other city officials are excited about the new Expo Center. According to Frank Pietravoia, Director of Community Services and Economic Development, “We see the Expo Center as being a catalyst for further development by creating potential demand for a hotel and restaurant within three years as the number of shows increase.”

Pietravoia further stated that having the Expo Center within close proximity of the Euclid Square Mall property and the Bluestone Business Park currently under development further east, will increase the potential for mall property redevelopment.

Euclid Parks and Recreation Director Kathy Will is very pleased to report that her department has had a recreation promotional booth at several of the shows.

Ward 7 Councilman Daryl Langman said, “The Expo Center is a home run for Euclid. The City gets great publicity and much needed revenue while boosting business at our local eateries and stores.” Some estimate that city revenues from the Center, depending on the number of shows, will be in the \$50,000 to \$75,000 range.

## Help for Euclid home owners

By Jeffrey A. Beck

Need a roof? A new furnace? Buying a Euclid home? You may want to consider contacting EDCOR first. Euclid Development Corporation (EDCOR) is offering qualified Euclid homeowners three percent loans, up to \$30,000, to fix violations and home improvement. Applicants must own and reside in the home in which the improvements are to be made. A U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) grant, under the Housing and Community Development Block Grant program, and the HOME program provide funds for this program.

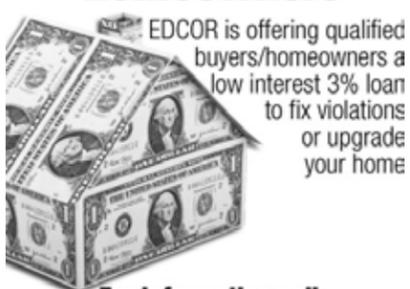
Additionally, through Euclid's Special Projects Division of the Community Services and Economic Development Department, qualifying homeowners can receive services customized to meet various housing needs such as weatherization, dead bolts, smoke alarms, furnace inspection and cleaning and handicapped services. Since there can be a waiting list, those interested should apply early. For information on this program, call (216) 289-8562.

The city of Euclid is offering qualified first time home buyers a down payment assistance program. This program, managed in cooperation with Cuyahoga county, provides a 17 percent down payment (home buyer provides three percent), up to a maximum of \$14,500, for purchasing a home in Euclid. One half of this money is forgiven, in increments, over a five-year period as long as the buyer resides in the home at least five years, with the remaining half recaptured upon sale or transfer of the home. There are no monthly payments required for this funding, but funds are limited so apply early. Those interested for this program should visit [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com) for more information.

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## Business

# Euclid Pet Pals Help Provide Safe Haven

By John Sheridan

The Euclid Animal Shelter, located at 25100 Lakeland Blvd., is a community asset that relatively few suburbs can boast. Last year, the shelter cared for more than 400 dogs and nearly 200 cats. Approximately 75 percent of the animals are eventually adopted out, while others are returned to their original owners. It is the shelter's policy to keep the strays that Euclid Humane Officer Ann Mills brings in for at least three days before making the animal available for adoption. The three days gives their owners a chance to claim a lost pet.

The shelter has faced numerous financial hurdles over the last decade from reductions in staff to temporary closure. Animal lovers established Euclid Pet Pals to provide volunteer staffing and fundraising, all of which help keep the shelter open, explains treasurer Patti Burlingham. Faced with a serious financial crisis earlier this year, the group issued an emergency plea to its supporting membership. Members opened their checkbooks and donated more than \$10,000 to keep the shelter program afloat, and

19 people paid \$200 a year to be a "cage sponsors." "I know there are a lot of animal lovers out there. But it was truly heart-warming to see how many people responded," said Fay Miller, a former Euclid city councilwoman who has been Pet Pals' chairman for the past six years.

To support the shelter, the group raises money through membership dues, donations and special fund-raisers. Upcoming fundraising events include participation in the East 200th Street Stroll, June 5, car washes in the shelter parking lot on the last four Saturdays in July from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and a clam bake in the fall. The array of yellow recycling bins located at the east side of the shelter's parking lot support the group's recycling program. The bins accept paper, phone books and cardboard. There is also a large round barrel near the front door for aluminum can donations. The shelter also recycles used ink cartridges in a container inside the shelter.

The funds raised pay for veterinary services and medicine (over \$39,000



The Euclid Animal Shelter is located at 25100 Lakeland Blvd.

last year), and operating expenses. Supporters also help by donating needed items on the group's wish list, such as cleaning supplies, postage stamps, dog treats and blankets. For a complete list of needed items, visit the website at [www.euclidpetpals.net](http://www.euclidpetpals.net). Euclid Pet Pals also has an on-line store at [www.cafe-press.com/euclidpetpals](http://www.cafe-press.com/euclidpetpals).

Beyond financial support, the shelter also needs additional volunteers to help feed and care for the animals,

give them medicine, clean the cages, and launder blankets and sheets. Youth volunteers must be at least 14 years old. Prospective volunteers can obtain an application form either on the Euclid Pet Pals' website or at the shelter. Membership application forms are also available on the website.

The shelter is open to the public from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, and on Thursday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

## Sale is the Cat's Meow!

Anyone who's visited the Euclid Pet Pals website recently may have noticed that the organization, which supports the Euclid Animal Shelter, has been conducting a "cat sale."

For a limited time, the shelter has been offering adult cats to adoptive families for a fee of just \$15. This is quite a bargain since these animals have been spayed or neutered.

The normal adoption fee of \$70 is still charged for kittens less than six months old.

One reason for the special sale, Fay Miller, Euclid Pet Pals' chairperson, explained, is that while many families want to adopt kittens, it is more difficult to place older cats, who often endure long waits before finding new families.

"We've had a good response; we've found homes for about 20 adult cats in a relatively short time" she said.

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## Community

# Shore Cultural Centre: Key to Euclid's Revitalization

By Matt Orgovan

Currently, one of the most common misperceptions in the City of Euclid is the status of Shore Cultural Centre, located in the heart of the city's downtown district. Over the last dozen or so years, Shore has led a murky and uncertain existence. Fortunately, the building's destiny has made a 180-degree turn over the last year, with the management expertise of Coral Company driving the ship. Shore Cultural Centre is no longer dependent on the City of Euclid to run it. Coral has transformed the building into a self-sustaining entity.

Under the leadership of building manager Laura Kidder and her staff, Coral has made an enormous impact over a brief amount of time. Most notably, the company drafted a Five-Year Strategic Plan for Shore. This plan provides not only a management, financial, capital, programming and marketing blueprint for the future, but a re-branding and community-centric approach, backed by comprehensive research and the input of many stakeholders City officials, Shore patrons, tenants and board members, local businesses, local school representatives and members of the community were all involved.

On April 5th, a resolution was passed unanimously by Euclid City Council to approve and accept the plan, as prepared by the Coral Management Company, to guide future decisions related to the management, operation, governance, leasing, programming, maintenance and capital improvements to Shore Cultural Centre during the five year plan period. In a written statement, Mayor Bill Cervenik noted, "Through Coral's leadership and hard work, the Shore building is performing better financially, and looks better than it has in years. Coral's work at Shore has been very successful and we look forward to expanding our public-private partnership with them."

The cornerstone component of the Shore Cultural Centre Strategic Plan is the document's mission statement, which sets the tone for the entire endeavor. It reads: "To provide transformative, dynamic, and high quality



arts, cultural, and lifelong learning experiences that build community, enhance quality of life, and strengthen Euclid and Northeast Ohio."

In preparation for carrying out the strategic plan and the mission, Coral immediately began undertaking numerous building improvements and cleaning initiatives, including: painting signs, doors, bollards, interior trash cans, hallways, restrooms and several rooms. They rehabilitated numerous rooms to be rented; stripped and waxed all the floors; improved a number of elements in or near the auditorium (carpet, fixing curtains, cleaning walls, changing light bulbs, making small repairs). They held two annual volunteer outdoor clean-up days for trimming shrubs, edge landscaping, mulching, pulling weeds and planting flowers. They also replaced all broken windows; deep cleaned the restrooms; fixed drinking fountains; added cosmetic improvements (plants to the hallways, signage and artwork from New Day Academy and Love-n-Care Daycare; boiler repairs; and steam pipe repairs.

Coral then began filling up rooms with permanent tenants who have committed to making Shore Cultural Centre their home base of operations and creativity. Some of these new and long-time tenants include: Euclid Culinary School (educating high school students in culinary arts; a part of the Euclid Schools), WIC (Women, Infants, Children – support for low-income pregnant and postpartum women and their children, up to age

five, who are found to be at nutritional risk), CreativExpressions76 (handcrafted bath and body products and mineral make-up and hand-painted pop art wooden magnets, keepsakes and paintings; various artisan classes), Maxxx Electronics (builders of custom computers, computer repair, computer classes), One Tree Yoga (yoga classes), Awaken Yoga (yoga classes), Jay's Clays and Pottery Studio (ceramic art, pottery classes), T-N-V Productions (video production studio), the Euclid Hunger Center, New Day Academy (charter school) and Africa House International (creative dance for children, drumming circles, women groups).

Shore is also home to many other artists and educators, who offer a variety of classes in the following disciplines: health and wellness, personal training, body building, keyboards, trumpet, guitar, piano, tutoring, pottery, audio/visual, computers, dance, gymnastics,

watercolors, jazzercise, GED, college classes (Cuyahoga Community College) and more. The Euclid Symphony Orchestra, Silhouette Productions (community theater), and a handful of churches and daycares also make Shore their home.

Many special events have recently taken place at Shore: a spelling bee, a Pink Droyd rock concert and laser light show, H1N1 vaccine offerings and a craft show all occurred in the last few months. Shore is currently hosting the annual Farmers' Markets every Friday through November 19 from 2 to 7 p.m.

As the City of Euclid continues to plan for the revitalization of Downtown and other parts of the community, Shore Cultural Centre is positioned to be a major catalyst for citizens and visitors to gather, create, play, exercise, eat, learn, worship, grow and be entertained.

## Studio 76 Brings Handcrafted Goodies and Classes to Euclid

By Joanna Longo

After traveling around Northeast Ohio for the last two years to sell their handcrafted items at dozens of craft shows and arts festivals, Joanna Longo and Matt Orgovan of CreativExpressions76 have found a permanent home in Euclid's Shore Cultural Centre with their new studio, Studio 76.

Their mission began last summer when they were approached by a number of community development officials from local neighborhoods about considering a retail or studio space -- something that had previously crossed their minds, but seemed off in the distant future. However, this interest got their minds working and they became increasingly excited about these prospects. After many months of contemplation, research, conversations and soul-searching, Joanna and Matt settled down at Shore Cultural Centre for what they consider the perfect space for honing their craft. Matt was born and raised in Euclid and worked for many years in North Collinwood, and Joanna lived for a number of years in Euclid, where her children also went to school. Both of them are very familiar and excited about being a part of the community once again.

As new tenants of Shore, CreativExpressions76 have transformed their space into a working studio where they have begun production on all of their bath and body products, soaps, mineral make-up items, and hand painted magnets, keepsakes and other works of art. They now also provide melt and pour soap making classes on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students can choose clear or opaque soap, as well as the colors and fragrances they want. They can make up to four bars of handcrafted soap to take home.

In the near future, Joanna and Matt hope to not only expand their own class offerings, but also bring in some of their ultra-talented friends and fellow artisans to pass along their vast knowledge in classes as well. Patrons can also come to Studio 76, which is open to the public on Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., to purchase Joanna and Matt's vast array of items. For more information about Studio 76 and CreativExpressions76, visit [www.creativexpressions76.blogspot.com](http://www.creativexpressions76.blogspot.com) or call (216) 323-5193.



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## Community

### The Tea Party & GOOOH

By Alyce Turner

I just picked up a copy of the new Euclid Observer. It was very nice and informative. I sent many letters over the years to the Sun Journal and old Observer, and hope to make good use of this one too.

Unfortunately I discovered a slight error in the Tea Party Article. I am not running for the office of state representative for the 11th district. I can see how this mistake was made; I was at the Tea Party [rally] and was introduced as the 11th district representative for GOOOH [pronounced GO]. I gave a speech about the GOOOH Revolution, a non-partisan, non-violent movement to return our country to its Constitution and Bill of Rights. It is called Get Out Of Our House, and we intend on evicting all 435 career politicians from the House of Representatives with "true" patriots that will be willing to work for "we the people."

Since I have lived in Euclid most of my life, I wanted my hometown people to know there is a way to preserve our freedoms that we so enjoyed for our children and grandchildren. For more information go to [www.goooh.com](http://www.goooh.com).

### Can-Do Spirit at Mary Mavec

By Barbara Comiskey

Mary Mavec Opportunity School has taken on a new project that the group hopes will benefit both the environment and their school. The group is collecting and recycling aluminum cans.

School director Christine Hazlinger is managing the collection. "Our school's clients are learning that each one of us can make a difference when it comes to helping our environment." The group decided that any proceeds they receive from the recycling project will go toward funding Mary Mavec School's summer programs.

The school is accepting cans on weekdays through June 11, at 21701 Lakeshore Boulevard in Euclid. For more information, call (216) 731-4666 or email [info@marymavec.org](mailto:info@marymavec.org).

### New Faces in Euclid's Catholic Community

By Ellen Ivory

Alleluia! is the song of the recent Easter Season, a season of hope and joy, a sign of spring and of rebirth. These words also aptly describe the newly-formed Catholic parishes in the City of Euclid. In the last several months, six churches have restructured to form three new parishes.

Father John D. Betters is the 34-year-old, energetic founding pastor of Ss. Robert and William Catholic Parish, formed from the merger of St. Robert and St. William churches. He brings a fresh, welcome enthusiasm to this inner-ring suburban church.

"I wanted to be assigned to this parish and in this community, and therefore, I applied for the position fully aware of the challenges I would be facing in forming a brand new parish", he said.

When asked his vision and goals for his new church he responded, "I want our parish to be a beacon of hope and light. I want to help people find God in this world, and prepare them for the world to come". Father Betters will be focusing on faith formation for all ages including youth ministry (grades 9-12) and adult Bible studies and retreats.

Commenting on the parish's role in

the community, Father Betters stated, "Outreach is extremely important to me. It is imperative for us to live and share The Beatitudes and the Corporal Works of Mercy [the seven practices of charity toward a neighbor]." He said that Ss. Robert and William Church will do so by opening up the doors, once a month, for a community meal. He hopes to work collaboratively with other area churches, Catholic and non-Catholic, to respond to the growing needs of the Euclid community.

Assisting Father Betters is Father Joseph A. Goebel, who was the Retired Priest in Residence of St. Christine Church, which closed February 13, and merged with Holy Cross Catholic Church; the newly formed parish is now called Our Lady of the Lake.

"It was a memorable, lasting impression - very emotional, very heart-felt and very true to the past legacy that the parish left," said Father Goebel of St. Christine's final mass. "People remained in the Church for hours after the closing Mass. Parishioners reacted with gratefulness for the past and are confidently moving into the future.



The older parishioners were just as confident as the younger ones, that God is still with us, wherever we go," he said.

Father Goebel served the parish for six years and assisted in whatever manner he could in his retirement. He has a long, rich history in Euclid, serving 24 years as the chaplain at Euclid Hospital. Today Father Goebel, who is beloved by many, continues to bring great joy to parishioners at Ss. Robert and William Parish, where he now serves as a Retired Priest in Residence.

Father David Baugh is Pastor Emeritus of St. William Church and will assist Father Betters at this new parish as well.

Read about another newly formed parish, Our Lady of the Lake, in next month's issue of the Euclid Observer.

### ASL Advocates Bridge the Communications Gap

By Barbara Comiskey

We've all been frustrated by a communications gap at one time or another. Just think of the last time you've struggled getting your point across to a customer service representative over the phone . . . or possibly when you were talking to your teenage daughter or son. Now, imagine how much more difficult it would be if you were deaf.

ASL Advocates, located in Euclid, understands the challenges that people who are deaf, deaf-blind, or hard of hearing encounter on a daily basis and they are always ready to step into bridge the communications gap. This non-profit group is less than two years old and the only advocacy group of its kind in Ohio.

ASL Advocates offers a wide range

of programs and services, including Social Services, Mentoring, and Communications. Clients have engaged ASL Advocates for help with vacation reservations; to act as liaison between a mortgage company and a deaf client; for assistance with job applications; and as classroom interpreters.

Other services provided by ASL Advocates include, Resource Library, Food Bank, English as a Second Language Tutoring, Deaf & Blind Culture Classes and Sensitivity Training. ASL Advocates' offers use of their video-phone and other innovative technology in their office.

The organization is the realization of a long-standing dream for its founder, Heather Kendel, a lifelong resident of Euclid. Heather learned sign language at age 10 from an interpreter in her Naumann Avenue neighborhood. From that early experience, her interest and devotion to the deaf community took root, growing into her driving passion.

Heather has an Associates Degree of Applied Science in Deaf Interpretive

Services from Cuyahoga Community-College and was the Director for North Olmsted's Deaf & Deaf-Blind Committee on Human Rights before founding ASL Advocates.

"Right now, our biggest challenge is funding. Like many other non-profits, we are struggling to keep our doors open," said Heather. "The economic downturn has not only hurt our clients, but has put a big dent in our funding resources."

People in need of services through ASL Advocates are encouraged to contact the organization using phone, email and text messages. For more information contact Heather Kendel, Director at (216) 240-2704. For Video Phone call (216) 370-7713 or (866) 845-2120. Text messaging is available at (216) 240-2704. Email: [asladvocates@live.com](mailto:asladvocates@live.com)

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## Community

### What Every Child Needs....FAMILY! Consider Foster/Adoptive Parenting

By Courtney Nicolai

You can make a difference in a child's life by becoming a foster and adoptive parent. The need is great in our community for safe, loving homes where children can grow and develop. Our goal is to help place children in a stable setting as soon as possible. Every child deserves a family. There are many children, especially teens and sibling groups in the permanent custody of Cuyahoga County who need true heroes in their lives, who can provide guidance and stability. Foster and adoptive parents, who include relative caregivers and interested individuals, can help meet that need and become a true hero in a waiting child's life.

Years ago, children who could not live with their families were placed in orphanages or institutions. These children grew into adulthood never reconnecting with parents, siblings or extended families. Families that took unrelated children into their homes were not licensed and received no funding to care for these children. Gradually, the foster care system was built through social service agencies like the Cuyahoga County Department of Children and Family Service (DCFS). The eventual passing of laws and regulation of foster care assured the safety of these children.

The Euclid Family to Family Collaborative is a grant-funded program that partners the Euclid Family YMCA and DCFS. One of the many facets of the Collaborative is to help recruit foster and adoptive families for the children in our community who need loving and caring homes. A foster or adoptive parent must be at least 21 years of age and have sufficient income to meet

personal basic needs and be in good physical, emotional and mental health. Volunteers can be single or part of a couple who have had a stable relationship for at least one year. There are no educational or religious requirements and home ownership is not necessary. Persons interested in foster care must complete 36 hours of pre-service training, divided into 12, three-hour sessions. There is an application form and process, as well as a background check with fingerprints. The final step is a home study. The home study can take four to six months and can start while during the training period. A DCFS home study worker makes a series of visits to the home and interviews all household members.

The Family to Family initiative was created by the Annie E. Casey Foundation to reform and improve child welfare practices across the nation by advocating for children to remain safely within their own families in their own neighborhoods. The Euclid Collaborative's goal is to help local Euclid youth who are entering the foster care system remain within our community. Moves can hurt children and with the help of local residents, we can allow these children to remain in their own schools, with their friends, continue to be a part of their faith-based communities and be supported by local individuals and businesses.

If you are interested in finding out more about foster and adoptive care, contact Courtney Nicolai or Alicia Smith at the Euclid Collaborative, (216) 731-7454, or log onto the Collaborative website at <http://www.clevelandymca.org/branches/euclid/collaborative.html>.

### Join Euclid AARP Chapter #1550

By Betty Czumber

As corresponding secretary of our Euclid AARP Chapter -#1550, I would like to let you know about our wonderful Chapter in which all seniors are welcome.

We meet the first Monday of every month with a few exceptions, notably in May and December, when we have our Spring Fling and Christmas Party at a local party center.

We hold our regular meetings at the Euclid Community Center, which is located on One Bliss Lane, north of East 222nd Street by the lake. Each meeting begins at 1 p.m. with a short business meeting, followed by our speaker or entertainment.

Our June 7 meeting features Scott Wilson from the FBI, who will provide an overview of the FBI. We invite those interested to stay and have coffee and goodies, and meet neighbors and friends. Anyone with questions about our Euclid AARP Chapter #1550 can call our president, Ray at (216) 731-3507 or Bob, our program chairperson at (216) 731-3428. Come as a guest and experience for yourself the comradeship and fellowship we share.

Our July meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month, July 12, as the center will be closed for Independence Day. Our speaker will be John Williams from the Euclid Historical Society. We look forward to seeing new members. Remember, you are welcome.

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### Come Out for a Stroll on E. 200th!

By Sherrie Zagorc

Join us on the Saturday after Memorial Day, June 5, for The E. 200th Street Stroll. The day's festivities will begin at 10 a.m. and will formally end at 2 p.m.

Started in 2006, the Stroll exists to promote E. 200th Street businesses and the many community resources available to all. It's a family event to celebrate our great City of Euclid and its residents. The Euclid Beach Rocket Car will offer free rides up and down the street and for those strollers needing some help traveling E.200th Street, Lolly the Trolley will be transporting attendees to stops along each side of the street. Businesses on E. 200th Street are getting ready to celebrate The Stroll with surprises and specials, and many community organizations have signed up to line the street with activities and share helpful information.

It's not too late to get involved. Volunteers are needed throughout the day to greet and direct attendees. Your four hours of volunteering for The Stroll may earn you Cleveland Indians' tickets through the Business Volunteers Unlimited/Cleveland Indians volunteer reward program.

Help us promote this family event by purchasing the new Stroll Troll T-shirt available at Driftwood Gallery, 450 E. 200th Street for \$13. All the proceeds from the T-shirt sales go in the Stroll Fund. Committee members will be out on the street sprucing up the flower beds during the month of May. Stop by and pull a few weeds or just chat. If you need more information contact the committee at [e200thstreetstroll@gmail.com](mailto:e200thstreetstroll@gmail.com) or call (216) 731-5174.

### Know Your Council Member

By Mike DiDomenico

Politics is always in the news. The laws and policies that come out of Washington D.C. are the subject of many conversations. But what do you know about Euclid politics? Most folks don't realize how decisions made at our City Hall affect our lives. How many members are there on Euclid's City Council? How the Council is composed, i.e. wards, at-large positions? Who does the City Council work for? Who are your representatives on council? Read on and learn the answers.

The city of Euclid has nine members of City Council. There are eight ward council members and one council president. The president is an 'at-large' position. A ward council member represents the residents from a defined geographic area within the city. Only the persons living within that area can vote for that person. An 'at-large' position is elected by the entire city. You get to vote for your ward council member and the council president every four years. The term increased from two years by a City Charter amendment in November, 2009.

To find out the name and contact information for your council member,

go to the city's Web site: [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com). To find out what ward you live in, go to the left side of the screen and put the cursor on "Resident Information." Click on "Maps." This will bring up a map showing the eight wards. After finding your ward, go back to the home page and go to the left side and go to "City Departments." Click on "City Council." You will see information on all the members of council and how to contact them. If you don't have Internet access, call the Council office at (216) 289-8123. You can also stop at City Hall, located at 585 E. 222 Street.

The members of City Council are elected to work for you. Maybe you have an opinion about legislation they will be voting on soon. Maybe you want to discuss issues in your neighborhood. You can also pass along a "thank you" to another city department, or have an idea to make the city better. Your council member should be willing to listen.

Council meets at City Hall on the first and third Mondays of the month from September through June. The meetings start at 7 p.m.

Learn who represents you at City Hall. City Council is your link to what's happening in our city.

# Euclid Schools

## The Path of Excellence at Noble Academy

By Amy Britton

Noble Academy's path of EXCELLENCE began in 2006 with 68 students and their families. Located on 200th Street, in the former St. Paul School, Noble Academy (K-8 Community School) quickly established a presence in the community. Determined to benefit the community, students, and families, NAC (Noble Academy Cleveland) recognized the need for an EXCELLENT school that offers a high academic standard in addition to a safe and distraction free environment.

Our founding director, H. Thomas Kose prepared a staff that goes above and beyond for their students. Area families discovered a school and staff committed to high academic standards

Washington D.C. to have breakfast with Senator Sherrod Brown. Our students frequently visit The Great Lakes Science Center, and last year the students interviewed the Center's President, Dr. Linda Abraham Silver. Numerous Universities and Colleges host NAC students for visits to science and nature centers. Weekend camps focusing on science and math are a favorite activity for our students.

NAC believes open communication with families is an effective tool for educational success. Home visits improve communication and establish trust, the staff visit students at home throughout the school year. Our unique Web site is a tool for families to access the student's grades and progress



Director Thomas Kose and the staff of Noble Academy

and achievements, along with a zero-tolerance policy for discipline. Three years later, 230 students are enrolled at Noble Academy. Kose promised the families, students, and community in 2006 that NAC would be a school of excellence in three years. The hard work, dedication, and commitment of his staff allowed that promise to come true. Noble Academy Cleveland (NAC) received an EXCELLENT rating on its first issued report card from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE).

Teachers at Noble Academy seek out educational opportunities that engage their minds. Students have visited

weekly. Collectively, Noble Academy continues the path of EXCELLENCE every day.

The community embraces annually events hosted by NAC. The International Dinner celebrates diversity while honoring the value of education. Over 500 people attend, including our biggest supporter and friend, Lou and Phylis Drasler. The Draslens have supported NAC from the beginning and continue to visit our school regularly.

Honored guests at our International Dinners include Senator Nina Turner and family, distinguished professors from John Carroll University; Cleve-



Four of the five distance runners pictured above helped get things started with a victory in the 4x800 meter relay on Tuesday. From left to right: Emily Sweet, Jennifer Brown, Shawna Johnson, Kayla Whitlow, and Kamari Jackson.

## Panther Ladies Pounce Their Way, Earning Lake Erie League Champs

By John Sheridan

The Euclid High Panther girls' track team captured the Lake Division crown at the Lake Erie League championship meet at Bedford Stadium May 11 - 13. Emily Sweet, Jennifer Brown, Kamari Jackson and Kayla Whitlow helped get things started with a victory in the 4x800 meter relay on the first day of the event, crossing the finish line in 9:47.48 — three seconds ahead of second-place Shaker Heights.

On Thursday, the final night of the LEL meet, the Lady Panthers won seven more events to capture the overall team championship — edging runner-up Mentor, 164.5 points to 159.5. Whitlow won the 1600 meters in 5:11.6 and set a stadium record in the 800 meters with a time of 2:16.3. She also ran on the 4x400 meter relay squad that clinched the title — along with Jackson, Erin Rambo and Taylor Rambo. The Rambo sisters teamed with Doneisha Spencer and Artia Gunn to win the 4x200 relay and the 4x100 relay. Erin Rambo also finished first in the 300 meter hurdles.

land State University; and Tri-County Community College; representatives from ODE and our sponsors; and, most importantly, our students.

Our students continue to be amazing with their accomplishments. This year, our Techno Team competed against 30 other schools (mostly private schools) in the First Lego League Robotics Competition. Noble Academy's team, under the guidance of math teacher Mr. Emre and mentor Kerem Kose, placed second overall score and won the Best Programming Award in the competition. The team won an invitation to the State Competition as well. NAC has competitive science and math

teams, and students who compete in writing and art. After school clubs also offer the students a chance to challenge themselves while having fun.

NAC is proud to be the school of choice for our families. Our pride, along with our appreciation, is endless. With the continued support and dedication from our students, staff, families and community friends NAC promises the path of EXCELLENCE will continue. Contact the office of Noble Academy, (216) 486-8866, to schedule a tour of the school, receive more information, or inquire about enrollment. Go to [www.noblecleveland.org](http://www.noblecleveland.org) for additional information.

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## Euclid Tackles Energy & Environment

By Daryl Langman

In collaborative projects between the City Council and the Administration, Euclid is at various stages of adoption of new technologies that can save money, bring Euclid jobs and save our environment. Three areas in particular are moving forward.

### Solar and Wind Power

About two years ago, the City retained Dovetail Solar/Wind to evaluate City owned property for the viability of solar or wind power. They came up with several good solar power sites, including City Hall, C.E. Orr Ice Arena, Shore and Briardale Greens. Wind turbine installation was recommended for the Lakeshore Waster Water plant.

Dovetail had previously worked with our Euclid Public Library on a similar project. At this point, it made perfect sense to combine the efforts of the Library and City into one unique project going forward.

After a competitive bid process, Ohio Cooperative Solar was chosen to install the solar power plants at both City Hall and the Library. This should be completed early to mid summer. Over the 30 year life expectancy of the solar power system, the City electricity cost saving should be several hundred thousand dollars.

Perhaps even more importantly, it signals to the solar power industry that Euclid "gets it" and should have their production facilities here.

Building on this project, the City as a part of the First Suburbs Consortium is working to create a "Solar Improvement District (SID) in all member communities. Such a district will encourage more solar projects on private property. The great obstacle to Solar/Wind installation is the upfront capital costs of the equipment. A SID allows the local government to borrow money for the solar investments and then assess the property owners to recover the borrowing costs. The greater Euclid community has many potential locations such as our many industrial buildings, new industrial parks and numerous mid-high rise apartments.

First Suburb Consortium is currently applying for an Efficient Government grant to implement the creation of the SID among all member communities. You can help make this project happen by going to <http://www.efficientgovnow.org/Vote/> and vote for: "J. Let the Sun."

### Lowering Power Consumption

The flip side of power generation is power consumption. New technologies in lighting can help cut Euclid's electricity costs. Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting holds great promise in reducing the cost of electricity paid by the City. LED lighting is more expensive than current technology, but the life span for each bulb is much longer. All of Euclid's traffic signals are LED. Communities such as Ann Arbor, Mich., and Raleigh, N.C., are moving toward LED lighting in a major way (see [www.ledcity.org](http://www.ledcity.org) for more information).

Service Director Randy Smith is working with members of City Council and General Electric to explore the best use of LED technologies for both indoor and outdoor City applications. With the City now charging for street lighting, and utilities costs going up every year, it makes sense to continue exploring ways to make our facilities more energy efficient.

### Pervious Paving

Storm water is of great interest to the Federal Environmental Protection Agency. The North East Ohio Sewer district is imposing a fee pay for managing storm water issues. Euclid's cost to improve storm water quality could be tens of millions of dollars; paid by the customers. As part of the solution, many communities across the country are turning to pervious paving materials. Such materials allow water to pass through them while having the strength of traditional concrete or asphalt. Water seeping into the ground means less water in our storm water system. After members of Council met with pervious materials representatives, the City, the Euclid Schools and the Euclid Creek Water District are looking for areas to conduct a demonstration project testing the pervious material.

These three green initiatives offer both hope and challenges. By exploring each, Euclid is making a statement that we will not just stand by waiting, but will lead.... green!

## Weed & Seed Youth Explosion!

By Jeffrey Beck and Kelly Butauski

The Euclid Weed & Seed Steering Committee presents its first Youth Explosion!, June 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Moore Counseling Center, 22639 Euclid Ave., Euclid (near McDonalds). Several Euclid organizations and churches will highlight activities, church programs, and social services available to Euclid youth. Youth Explosion! is a day of information and fun for kids of all ages and their families including food, movies, games and a live animal show.

The Euclid Weed & Seed organization's mission is to "weed" out criminal activity, and "seed" in strong neighborhoods. Euclid Weed & Seed works closely with Euclid residents, city leadership and the police department and its four subcommittees to address residents' basic needs, strengthen neighborhoods, diversity understanding, and youth intervention.

The youth intervention committee has pledged to answer the questions so often asked in Euclid: What positive activities are available to youth; and what help is available for troubled youth and their parents? The committee has written a brochure listing some of these options and updates it quarterly. The upcoming Youth Explosion! is yet another way to get this information out to the community and help our area children lead active and healthy lives.

For more information on the Youth Explosion! call Moore Counseling, (216) 404-1900. For information on Euclid Weed & Seed or the Euclid community youth programs brochure, contact Kristal Skovira, Euclid Community Police, (216) 289-8449.



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# Euclid Dining

## You Can Find Paradise in Euclid

By Carolyn Tisi

Perhaps, Euclid is too far north to attract major franchise restaurants. And, maybe that's a good thing. We seem to give the space and opportunity to would-be restaurateurs to build their dreams. A great example of this is the Paradise Restaurant and Pub at 830 Babbitt Road, just north of the freeway. Euclid residents and owners Srini and Babu Madala have totally renovated their building to put in a wonderful place to meet friends and share a meal or a drink.

The Paradise opened almost a year ago with Chef Bob Ryan planning the menu and running the kitchen. He has managed many restaurants over the past years and takes pride in everything from making appetizers from scratch to the fancy desserts which can be seen in the refrigerated display case that beckon me every time I enter the restaurant. Chef Bob says that he is most proud of his seafood entrees. But I think the whole menu is worth trying. His eclectic choice of dining entrees goes from old world schnitzel and other meat dishes to Indian-influenced chicken masala and a number of other chicken courses. If that doesn't tempt you, there are pasta and seafood dishes as well.

I have been to Paradise many times for different reasons. I meet girlfriends there for lunch. Since I am always on a diet, I usually have a steak salad. It comes with a house made chimi

cherry salad dressing that bursts with the fresh flavors of lime and cilantro. My girlfriends always like their choices too. I'm just stuck on that chimi churry dressing.

When my family met there for drinks and appetizers, we were so happy with all of our selections that we made a meal out of sharing. We enjoyed the wings, house made spinach artichoke dip and the calamari. My husband liked the PEI Mussels so much we had to reorder them. The chicken quesadilla rounded out our evening. All four of us had plenty to eat and sample. It was a fun way to spend quality time together catching up and enjoying our meal.

It is easy to see that friends like to meet at this restaurant. Groups of people seem to keep coming. Sometimes my friends from the Euclid YMCA go there to celebrate a birthday. We meet at Paradise in the evening and have a few drinks, some wings and other items from the menu. In the evening, the pub life is friendly but not so loud that you can not carry on a conversation. I also hear that they have a Sunday Brunch Buffet on Sundays starting at 9 am. I haven't tried it yet. But I will!

The Paradise Restaurant is a welcome addition to the Euclid Scene. We have needed a place to meet family and friends that has a relaxed atmosphere and good food, an extensive list of micro brews and cocktails. This Paradise fills the bill.



Paradise is open Mon. – Sat. 11a.m. to 2:30 a.m., Sun. 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Food is served until midnight on daily and until 11 p.m. on Sundays. Call (216) 812- 8897 for take out orders. Their menu is online at [www.goparadisetoday.com](http://www.goparadisetoday.com).

*Publisher's Note: I have been to the Sunday brunch twice. It was fantastic! DO NOT tell too many people! I am worried they will raise the price. - John Copic*

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