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## Euclid Rally Peaceful, Hopeful for Real Change

by Kurt Steigerwald

In the midst of national turmoil, protests and riots over multiple deaths of African Americans throughout the country as a result of police action, Euclid's Faith in the City group hosted a peaceful protest march in Euclid on June 11. Faith in the City is a collection of various faith-based groups and churches committed to working together and with the City to make Euclid a place of welcome for all. Billed as Rally for Change, this was the third peaceful event held in Euclid since the death of George Floyd at the knee of a police officer in Minneapolis, sparking a national outcry for an evaluation of policing practices and social justice reform related to Black Americans.

With 175 people gathered at Triangle Park outside Shore Cultural center, the entire group marched down East 222nd Street led by chants of "No justice no peace", "Get your knee off my neck", and "I can't breathe". The crowd was an equal mix of races with approximately half of those in attendance being black. Many supporters held homemade signs calling for social justice for Black Americans while Black Lives Matter shirts and signs were common throughout the gathering. Along the way, a few observing residents joined the march while others waved or honked horns in support. The event was attended by numerous (continued on page 6)



photo by Jennifer Hearn



Rally participants fill 222 Street, photo by Jennifer Hearn



Zuzanne Ilcin, photo credit WISH Cleveland



Rally participants reflect in silence for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, many in a prone position as a way to reflect on the treatment of George Floyd, photo credit WISH Cleveland.

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## Recognizing 200 Years of Baptist Churches in Euclid

by Carol Rusnacko

There have existed Baptist churches in the city of Euclid for 200 years. This location is at 1565 Chardon Road. In 1818 John and Elizabeth Wilcox bought this land and on June 11, 1820, they were baptized in the Euclid Creek. He donated the land on which these Baptist churches were built.

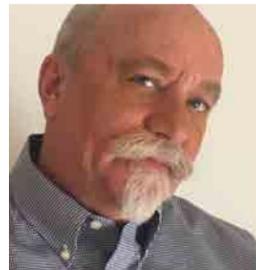
The First Baptist Church of Euclid is the



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## Pandemic Blues

by Michael Heaton



The Minister of Culture, Michael Heaton  
Photo credit Brigid O'Malley

"Well we're big rock singers

We've got golden fingers

And we love everywhere we go"

"The Cover of the Rolling Stone"  
-Dr. Hook and the Medicine Show

## More Than Just a Moment

by Rachel Bevel

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George Floyd. For eight minutes and forty-six seconds, bodies of protesters lay face down in the grass with their hands behind their backs. It was silent except for the cries of a small child calling "mommy, mommy," not understanding why his momma, attentive just moments before, was now lying on the ground in front of Euclid Library, seemingly unresponsive.

The knee of police officer Derek Chauvin pressed upon the neck of George Floyd for eight minutes and forty-six seconds, slowly suffocating him as George called out for his own momma.

Breonna Taylor. The crowd of protesters chanted the name of Breonna Taylor twenty-seven times to recognize the twenty-seventh birthday that she was not alive to celebrate. As she slept, officers entered her home unannounced, using a "no-knock" warrant. Despite the fact that the actual suspects for whom they were searching were already in custody, they shot Breonna eight times.

George Floyd. Breonna Taylor. For them, and for countless others, Faith in the City, an organization commissioned to unite churches from all denominations, joined global protests this past Thursday, June 11, orchestrating the Rally for Change for the City of Euclid. Religious and community leaders began the rally by guiding protestors down 222nd Street. With lifted fists and raised signs, protestors shouted "Black Lives Matter!"

The vivid juxtaposition of Euclid police officers blocking traffic to protect the lives of demonstrators was clear to everyone (continued on page 6)

Apparently even rockstars are not immune to the stress and strife brought on by the Covid 19 Pandemic. David Crosby of Crosby Stills Nash & Young was recently interviewed by Patrick Doyle of Rolling Stone magazine and things are not going well.

The band has not toured since 2006 and there were plans for a nation-wide series of sell-out shows this summer. That was before the Covid 19 Pandemic changed everyone's schedules.

Crosby Stills Nash and Young were one of the super groups of the 1970's and sold millions of albums full of music that defined a generation. Some critics called the band the American Beatles for their songwriting, musicianship and ethereal vocal harmonies. They played Woodstock and hundreds of other iconic venues over the years.

In classic rockstar fashion, Crosby flamed out with a massive cocaine addiction that (continued on page 6)

# DIALOGUE



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## Message from the Mayor



Kirsten Holzheimer Gail

Creating and maintaining strong communities involve many factors – at the very core is the way we treat one another. It is essential that all residents are respected, valued

and included. I joined Euclid City Council in declaring racism a public health crisis at the June 15th City Council meeting. As a community, it is vital that we all take a stand against racism, work every day to gain greater understanding of each other, and work for equity and inclusion for all. Please join us!

Policing has been a topic of much conversation and attention recently - and we continue to improve the Euclid Police Department. Chief Scott Meyer and the entire EPD have worked hard over the last several years to: bring in new training focusing on de-escalation, cultural sensitivity and use of force; increase diversity

in hiring; make changes in policy and oversight; and increase outreach, develop partnerships and build trust within the community. At the beginning of the year, the Community Services Division was created to make these important efforts a priority. EPD recently was awarded a COPS Grant that will enable us to hire 3 additional officers to focus on community oriented policing and crime prevention efforts. I am proud of the progress that has been made, but remain committed to continuing the make the changes necessary to reduce crime, strengthen police/community relationships, and improve our community.

While we are still adhering to COVID guidelines and many community activities remain cancelled – it is easy to think that everything has stopped. But I can assure you that much work continues to occur across the City. Final work is being completed on Phase 1 of the Waterfront Trail and we have received bids for Phase 2. Two new homes were completed on former landbank lots – both selling for more than \$200,000 and plans were recently

submitted for 7 new homes on landbank lots. Plans are being finalized for a new basketball Court at Bluestone Elementary School, a new public art project on Babbitt, a new electronic message Board on Euclid Avenue, replacement of the Grand Blvd stairs, Monterey street reconstruction is being completed. Aldi completed their renovations and have re-opened, Pulp Juice and Smoothie Bar is getting ready to open in downtown Euclid, and building improvements are in process for new windows at Shore and the Lakefront Community Center. The recreation department has begun some alternative programming. The building and housing department are busy with inspections and issuing permits for improvements across the city. Our tax department is ready to process your municipal income tax returns – that are due July 15th. And, there so much more...our efforts to improve our city have certainly not slowed down!

Finally, please continue to follow the recommended COVID19 precautions: maintain social distance (6 feet), wear a mask, wash your hands regularly, and

## Keep Euclid Beautiful ‘Yard of the Year’ Contest

by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Do you think you have the nicest yard in Euclid? Whether you’ve created a native pollinator habitat or mow the straightest lines across a lush green lawn, we want to recognize you!

The 2nd annual ‘Yard of the Year’ 2020 contest sponsored by Keep Euclid Beautiful through the City of Euclid is now open and taking entries through Wednesday, August 5th at 11:59pm. Part of Keep Euclid Beautiful’s mission is to encourage residents to “do beautiful things”, which includes being a good steward of the environment through trash removal, plantings and more.

Anyone can nominate a residential property in Euclid so long as you know the address (you do not need to be the property owner or occupant to enter!). Keep Euclid Beautiful will visit the properties and contact all winners prior to publicly making an announcement.

Yard of the Year winners will be recognized at an upcoming City Council meeting where they will be presented with a yard sign recognizing this accomplishment.

Properties need only be nominated once to be entered in the contest. Yards are scored



on appearance and not on number of nominations, yard and/or house size.

More Information, including the online nomination form, can be found at the City of Euclid’s website at [www.cityofeuclid.com](http://www.cityofeuclid.com) or by calling Linda Beck at

## Call for Artists – Babbitt Road Mural Project

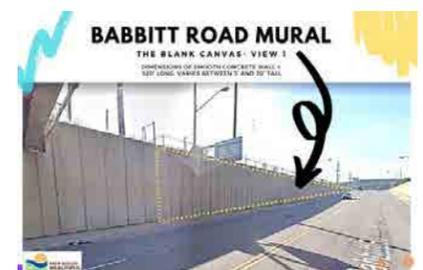
by Allison Lukacsy-Love

Keep Euclid Beautiful, a committee of the City of Euclid, was recently awarded a grant from Sherwin Williams through Keep Ohio Beautiful to paint a mural on the east retaining wall of the CSX railroad bridge on Babbitt Road near the new Amazon Fulfillment Center.

This is the same grant that helped make “Expansive Greetings” – the community painted octopus mural - happen in downtown Euclid in 2018. Keep Euclid Beautiful

is on a mission to “do beautiful things” in Euclid, including litter education and prevention and enhancing our city with public art.

This year, the blank canvas is much larger – up to 8,500 SF of wall could be painted! A ‘call for artists’ is currently hosted with Arts Cleveland at <https://mycreativecompass.org/>. Please share the opportunity and stay tuned to Keep Euclid Beautiful’s Facebook page for information throughout the summer on how any and every community member can participate. We look forward to announcing a small, socially distanced art event to coincide with the painting of this exciting project in September 2020.



Another community painted mural is coming to Euclid! A ‘call for artists’ is currently hosted with Arts Cleveland at <https://mycreativecompass.org/>.

There are glimpses of heaven to us in every act, or thought, or word, that raises us above ourselves.  
*Robert Quillen*



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## Young Adult & Children's Programs

**Virtual Yoga Storytime**  
Monday, July 6, 3:00 PM  
Monday, July 27, 10:00 AM

Join us for a special storytime that will get your body moving and stretching. Designed for kids Pre-K to 1st grade, this storytime will help develop body awareness, mindfulness, and a sense of calm. Parents and caregivers are also welcome to participate. No yoga mat needed, just an open patch of floor to sit on.

**Discovering Your Roots: Teen Family History Program**  
Thursday, July 9, 3:00 PM

Prepare to travel back in time. We are going to acquaint ourselves with family members who came before us. Using tools like census records, family interviews, and heirlooms, we will do our best to find our family's place in history.

**Virtual Pajama Party Storytime**  
Thursday, July 9, 6:00 PM

Get on your jammies and bring your favorite stuffed animal for a virtual pajama party! Together we'll enjoy some bedtime stories, sing some songs, and have a special stuffed animal show and tell. Ages 3-7.

**Community Support with Angela Flowers**  
Saturday, July 11, 1:30 PM

Do you need a safe space to exist, collect your thoughts, and share your pain as you mourn the loss of Black lives around the country? Join us for a community support conversation facilitated by Angela Flowers, Clinical Social Work/Therapist, MSSA, LISW-S. Share your thoughts and experiences and receive comfort from fellow community members as you forge a path forward.

**Virtual Comic Book Club for Teens**  
Thursday, July 16, 3:00 PM

Looking for a place to read and explore your favorite superheroes and super-

villains? Have you ever tried to create your own superhero or supervillain? How would they match up against Captain Marvel or Superman? This is the perfect place for us to talk about all things superhero. Hope to see you there.

**Virtual Reading Buddies**  
Thursday, July 16, 6:00pm

Reading practice with Ms. Jessica. All ages welcome, although geared toward grades K-3.

**Virtual Visit with Mindy McGinnis on Instagram Live**  
Monday, July 20, 3:00 PM

Mindy McGinnis is the author of several acclaimed books for young adults, including *The Female of the Species*, *Heroine*, and *A Madness So Discreet*. Rising 8th graders might recognize Mindy's name from the summer reading list. Her book *Not a Drop to Drink* is on the list!

Join Mr. Ray as he chats with Mindy on Instagram Live about her books and what it's like to be an author. No registration required -- tune in at 3:00 PM on the library's Instagram page @euclid\_library. You can type any questions you have for Mindy in the chatbox during the program.

**Virtual Origami Party**  
Wednesday, July 29, 4:00 PM

Do you have paper at home? Well, that's all you need for our program to learn how to make awesome origami creations. We will follow a couple of different patterns and end up with a paper airplane, a fortune teller, a flower, and a dog. Folding paper has never been quite so fun!

Please visit <https://www.euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar> for more information and programs. Unless noted, all programs are hosted on the Zoom platform. Participants must register online. Please visit [www.euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar](https://www.euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar) and select the respective program to register for each event.

## July Adult Virtual Programs

**Virtual Yoga**  
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 AM | Zoom

Join us for this free virtual yoga class. We will go over basic poses, learn Sun Salutations, and introduce breathwork in this fun, vinyasa flow class for beginners or anyone who wants to fine-tune the basics. Melissa Miller, RYT 200, teaches this class.

**Virtual Author Visit – David Pfriem**  
Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 PM | Zoom

Join us for a fun and nostalgic evening of Euclid history as author David Pfriem presents his newly published book *A Post-War Promise Kept: Growing Up in Euclid, Ohio 1950s*.

**Cut the Cable**  
Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 PM | Zoom

Have you considered "cutting the cord" and no longer paying for cable service? Join us as we discuss the different ways you can still watch your favorite shows and movies without paying for a costly cable subscription. We will be covering library resources and Internet-based streaming services.

**Social Justice Book Discussion -- Good**

**Kids, Bad City by Kyle Swenson**  
Thursday, July 16, 6:30 PM | Zoom

Join EPL staff as we look back in Cleveland history to a brutal robbery and murder and the miscarriage of justice that sentenced three young African American men to decades in prison for crimes they did not commit. This incredible true story about their eventual exonerations lays bare the biases of a very broken justice system.

**Virtual Summer Reading Wrap Up**  
Friday, July 17, 3:30 PM | Zoom

There's just one day left to participate in this year's Summer Reading program. Join us virtually to discuss what you read this summer.

**Paper Quilling, Virtually**  
Saturday, July 25, 2:00 PM | Zoom

Join us on Zoom for an intro paper quilling tutorial. You will need scissors, brightly colored paper, and glue (thicker glues, like tacky, rubber, or hot, are recommended).

For more information, or to register, visit <https://www.euclidlibrary.org/libcalendar>.

## Euclid Board of Education and Euclid Library Seek New Trustees

by Ashley Gowens

The Euclid Board of Education is currently seeking candidates to fill two Library Board of Trustees positions at the Euclid Public Library.

Applications are available at the Memorial Building 22800 Fox Ave., and at the Euclid Public Library, 631 East 222nd St. The application is also available online at [www.euclidlibrary.org](http://www.euclidlibrary.org).

The new trustees will be appointed to fill two vacancies for the terms beginning September 1, 2020. The first vacancy will conclude August 31, 2023, and the second will end on August 31, 2027. The Euclid Public Library Board of Trustees meets twice a month throughout the year.

All interested candidates should submit applications to Donna Sudar, Board President, c/o Matthew Brown, Treasurer, Euclid Board of Education, 22800 Fox Ave., Euclid, OH 44123. Applications will be available until positions are filled.



## A Statement from Euclid Public Library: #LibrariesRespond

by Ashley Gowens

Since its adoption more than eighty years ago, Euclid Public Library has proudly defended the American Library Association's (ALA) Library Bill of Rights. These Rights include a pledge to govern the library by basic principles, including, "A person's right to use a library should not be denied or abridged because of origin, age, background, or views."

It goes without prejudice to say Euclid Public Library is saddened by the current events that have taken place in our nation and also acknowledges to remain silent only perpetuates injustice and racism.

During these uncertain times, we know it is crucial to be a part of the solution by educating our users and facilitating difficult conversations. Euclid Public Library will continue to be an ally in our community, and support library members and users in taking "proactive and preventative

measures in the fight against racism" (ALA, 2020).

Together, staff members have curated resources to start conversations in your homes to combat social injustices and create change. Euclid Public Library will continue to spread awareness through our virtual programming and shared information that supports collective efforts to heal.

Though these measures are seemingly minor, we believe access to information is the catalyst for change in our community and our nation.

Join the conversation. Please visit [www.euclidlibrary.org](http://www.euclidlibrary.org) for a list of books and more information about #LibrariesRespond. For more information about the American Library Association's #LibrariesRespond campaign, please visit the American Library Association website at [www.ala.org](http://www.ala.org).

## 2020 Summer Reading Program

For all ages!



'Dig Deeper' this summer with Euclid Public Library's Summer Reading Program for all ages! Families, teens, and adults can now register for Summer Reading using the online platform, Beanstack.

Children 6th grade and younger are challenged to read 15 minutes a day while teens are challenged to read 30-45 minutes a day. The more you read, the more entries you earn for our grand prize drawing! Earn additional grand prize entries by completing activities at home. Every child and teen who completes summer reading will receive a prize pack!

Adults will earn grand prize entries for every 5 hours read between now and July 18.

Visit <https://euclidlibrary.beanstack.org> or download the Beanstack Tracker app available for Apple and Android devices to participate. Due to COVID-19, EPL Summer Reading will be online only for 2020. If you participated online in 2019, your account is still active. Your username and password are the same. You will be prompted to update your child's age and grade. If you have any issues setting up or logging in to your account, click on Chat with Us on our website or call the Children's Desk at 216-261-5300 x4.

# COMMUNITY

## News from Shore Cultural Centre

by MP Monaghan

It is with heavy hearts that we share the sad news about the passing of Walt Neil from cancer on Sunday, June 21. Walt shared his talents in many ways with the Shore community. His vibrant murals beautify the walls around our building, and his cheerful smile brightened our days. Walt volunteered his time at Shore and loved teaching kids all about art. Plans for a memorial are still pending. All the people whose lives he touched will miss him.



Walt Neil with one of his paintings. Photo: Jen Hearn Photography

### Greater Cleveland Food Bank Brings Kids Lunches to Shore

Hey Kids! Summer is here and you can meet new friends and eat free courtesy of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Place: Shore Cultural Centre – Outside in the Front Parking Lot  
Dates: Tuesdays now through August 7th  
Meals & Times: 12:30 – 2:00PM

### Mystery Dinner Fundraiser Canceled

We always hope for the best, but this time COVID-19 got the better of us. With much disappointment, we announce the cancellation of our upcoming mystery dinner fundraiser “Oh Danny Boy” which was scheduled for July 19th at Tizzano’s Party Center. Reservations will be refunded; however, any fees charged by Eventbrite for reservations made through their system

are subject to their terms of service. We thank everyone who supported this event and hope that someday in the future we can meet over dinner and finally discover who killed Danny Fitzpatrick. Questions may be directed to Laura Kidder at 216-289-8578 or to Silhouette Productions at 216-219-3630.

**Independence Day** In observance of Independence Day, Shore Cultural Centre will be closed on Friday, July 3. Please call your instructor or other contact person for their business hours on Saturday, July 4.

Shore Cultural Centre is located at 291 East 222nd Street, Euclid Ohio. Visit us online at [www.shoreculturalcentre.com](http://www.shoreculturalcentre.com).

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## Faith Statement from Faith in The City

In the name of God who created each of us in the divine image and placed breath within us:

We lament, mourn, and decry the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the many others whose full human life was denied to them by violence, police brutality, and racism.

We affirm that Black lives matter.

Where any of us has failed to fully support the lives of our brothers, sisters, and siblings of color, we repent.

We covenant to work together to address the scourge of racism and its legacy of systemic violence.

We defy the ever-present danger that threatens to divide us from seeing the divine image in one another, using all of the God-given gifts at our disposal, from prayer to peaceful protest, civic engagement to community conversation and conversion.

With God’s help, we will love one another righteously and rightly, until the kingdom come.



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- RACHEL SKULLY

I believe that shaping the world and building the new generation starts in the classroom. After my 17 years of teaching experience at the college level, I decided to join the MUST program at CSU to earn my teaching license in the field of science.  
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# Colorectal cancer screening: No good reason to put it off.



Everyone knows that colonoscopies are a tool to detect colorectal cancer – the second leading cause of cancer-related deaths among men and the third leading cause among women in the United States.

Colonoscopy is known as the gold standard – the best, most accurate test to screen for colorectal cancer. Since most cancers start as polyps, cancer can be prevented when polyps are removed during a colonoscopy.

### New preps are easier to swallow.

You may be concerned about unpleasantness and inconvenience as you prepare for the exam. But it's time to stop worrying – the prep process is much easier these days. It tastes better, you don't have to take as much as you did before, and the timing has also changed to make it easier for patients.

### Concerned about coronavirus?

While the coronavirus is still in our communities and is still contagious, Cleveland Clinic is among the safest places in healthcare today.

## Vaccination and screening are key to avoiding cervical cancer.



**Stephanie Ricci, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Hillcrest Hospital and  
main campus

Cervical cancer is one of the most common cancers in women – and one of the most preventable. Early detection and prevention through Pap screening and HPV vaccination have saved many lives.

Stephanie Ricci, MD, a gynecologic oncologist at

Cleveland Clinic Hillcrest Hospital and main campus, encourages every eligible woman to get vaccinated against the human papillomavirus (HPV); it's an important part of cervical cancer prevention.

In addition, Dr. Ricci encourages women to be screened for cervical cancer beginning in their early 20s. "Many women start seeing pre-cancer changes by age 21," she says. "Treating pre-cancers means that these women will not develop cervical cancer."

### What if my Pap test is abnormal?

If your Pap smear shows abnormal results, don't panic. Careful evaluation by your doctor

For your safety and those around you, we have taken the following steps:

- Limited and screened visitors.
- Continued extensive cleaning.
- Required masks for our caregivers.

We ask that you help us maintain a safe environment by:

- Practicing social and physical distancing.
- Wearing a mask while in our facilities.
- Washing and sanitizing your hands properly.

As we welcome all patients back for regular, routine care, we will continue making your safety a top concern.

Learn more about the steps we're taking to keep you safe at [ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus](https://ClevelandClinic.org/Coronavirus).

To schedule an appointment at one of our screening locations near you, call 216.444.7000. For more information and a complete list of locations, visit [ClevelandClinic.org/Colonoscopy](https://ClevelandClinic.org/Colonoscopy).

will determine whether there's truly cause for concern. This usually includes colposcopy – a fairly simple procedure that involves closely examining the cervix with high-tech binoculars.

During colposcopy, a vinegar solution is applied to the cervix using large Q-tips. If an area of the cervix turns white, your doctor will take a biopsy (a small piece of the cervix) to send out for testing. Biopsies can pinch, pull, or sometimes cause cramping, but they are quick. If the biopsy causes bleeding, pressure will be applied – and sometimes medication may be necessary – to stop it.

Once the results are in, your doctor will make a plan with you. If the results indicate low-grade changes or less, the plan will likely be to repeat the Pap smear in one year.

For your safety and convenience, we are offering in-person and virtual appointments with a Women's Health specialist. Call 216.444.6601 or visit [ClevelandClinic.org/WomensHealth](https://ClevelandClinic.org/WomensHealth) to schedule your appointment today.

## Willoughby Hills Family Health Center welcomes new ENT specialist.



**Mamie Higgins, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Willoughby Hills Family Health Center and main campus

Mamie Higgins, MD, has joined Cleveland Clinic's Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT / otorhinolaryngology) team. She sees patients at Willoughby Hills Family Health Center and main campus.

Dr. Higgins practices the full spectrum of otorhinolaryngology. Her advanced fellowship training in rhinology includes specialty interests in sinonasal disease and masses, including nasal polyposis, cystic fibrosis, nasal vasculitic disease and aspirin-exacerbated sinus disease.

To make an appointment with Dr. Higgins or another Ear, Nose and Throat specialist, call 216.444.8500.

## New gastroenterologist at Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills.



**Carole Macaron, MD**  
Cleveland Clinic  
Willoughby Hills Family Health Center

Carole Macaron, MD, has joined Cleveland Clinic Digestive Disease Surgery & Surgery Institute's Department of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition. She is seeing patients at Cleveland Clinic Willoughby Hills Family Health Center.

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## Euclid Rally Peaceful Hopeful for Real Change *(continued from front)*

pastors, several council members, Euclid's Chief of Police Scott Meyer and Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail.

In contrast to many national demonstrations, every participant was wearing a mask to protect against Covid-19. Even at the speakers' podium, those addressing the crowd were practicing safe distancing and even disinfecting the microphone before its use.

While some attendees were experienced protestors, many came at the urging of their pastors with attendance at the rally a first for them in protesting social injustice. Michael Ballard owns a small electrical contracting firm and said he came because he felt the need to speak out. "It's not just justice with the police. I own a business and see examples of racism all the time as a contractor. I said to myself about a week ago that I've got to go out there and be a part of (the rally)."

Several speakers from the faith community gave impassioned pleas for social justice for the African American community with an emphasis on these protests being "A movement, not a moment" in the words of one pastor. As speaker after speaker highlighted numerous instances where black Americans were hurt or killed by overly aggressive police tactics or suffered as a result of social injustice, a cloud of uncertainty hovered over the event.

While both Chief Meyer and Mayor Gail addressed the crowd and spoke to the importance of unity in seeking long term social justice, in interviews prior to the march both acknowledged the difficulty faced in reforming the police under current conditions.

Euclid experienced the challenge of police reform first hand when Officer Michael Amiotte was captured on video allegedly using excessive force during an arrest in 2017. After examining the evidence Amiotte was fired by Mayor Gail with the support of Chief Meyer. In spite of the firing, Euclid was forced to rehire the officer

with back pay due to an Arbitrator's ruling. Arbitration is allowed for in the collective bargaining agreement between the City and the Police Union. Officer Amiotte is awaiting a criminal trial on assault charges to begin while continuing to work in the Euclid Police Department as a warrant officer. The assault charges were filed by a group of citizens in December of 2018.

"These are not processes that the police department can change," said Chief Meyer citing the arbitration process that governs how police, teachers, fire fighters, and even some government workers can be disciplined or managed. "A lot of the changes people want to see will have to come out of the legislature."

Mayor Gail said she is hoping for change on a national basis to provide consistency throughout the country. "That situation (firing Officer Amiotte) and other (situations) like them are why people are frustrated. We see something happen, it seems egregious and then the system doesn't support our feelings. I think it's an example of why we do need to look at the bargaining agreements," said Gail.

When asked how diverse the Euclid Police Department is, both Meyer and Gail commented that having a more diverse staff is an important part of their efforts. "We have made diversity in hiring a priority. While the department as a whole is now comprised of 20% women and minority members, the hiring that Chief Meyer and I have conducted represents a higher number. Hiring since 2017 reflects 40% female and minority members," added Gail.

In closing the rally, attendees were asked to lay prone or take a knee for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, the time George Floyd spent on the ground with a knee to his neck. The silence that fell over the crowd during this time offered attendees a chance to reflect on the fear George Floyd must have felt just before he died.

## Recognizing 200 Years of Baptist Churches in Euclid *(continued from front)*

oldest institution in our city, organized on April 27th 1820. The first pastor was Azariah Hanks meeting in his home with 11 members. He was paid at the annual rate of 300 bushels of wheat! In 1822 the first church 30'x30' was erected on this very site. This original wooden church was removed and in 1845 a red brick church was constructed. In 1894 a new church was built of stone taken from the Old Euclid Quarry. An original dated cornerstone is still located at

tist Church, (1921). In 1928 they united. In 1945 they celebrated their 125th Anniversary.

Moving forward to present day, the current Baptist church is Bible Baptist Temple. The Pastor is Andrew J. Rusnacko. He has been faithfully serving the Lord for 41 years! Reading and looking at old pictures, what fascinating history of Baptist churches in Euclid.

The name Baptist is very important. Baptist churches are, and always have been separate in doctrine and faith from Catholic and Protestant churches. Contrary to what is generally believed, Baptists did not come out of the protestant reformation or Roman Catholicism.

"Baptists can trace their origin to Apostolic times and can produce unequivocal testimony of their existence in every century down to the present time." (Alexander Campbell).

By faith and belief in God's Word and the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, we look forward to many more years of serving the Lord at this historical location. If you would like to learn more about our church please call 216-531-1273; visit our website at [www.biblebaptisteuclid.com](http://www.biblebaptisteuclid.com); or better yet visit our church 1565 Chardon Road, Euclid 44117 *(across from the fire station on Chardon Road—and the Euclid Historical Museum on North Street)*



our church today.

Euclid-Immanuel Baptist Church was the mother church of two of the largest Baptist churches in Cleveland: The First Baptist Church (1820) and the Euclid Avenue Bap-

## More Than Just a Moment *(continued from front)*



Our march ended in front of Euclid Public Library, but our protest continued peacefully, starting with a powerful decree that asserts, in part:

*In the name of God who created each of us in the divine image and placed breath with us:*

We lament, mourn, and decry the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, and the many others whose full human life was denied to them by violence, police brutality, and racism.

We affirm that Black lives matter. Where any of us failed to fully support the lives of our brothers, sisters, and siblings of color, we repent. We covenant to work together to address the scourge of racism and its legacy of systemic violence . . .

Poetry, prayers, moving speeches and soulful songs followed the collective reading of the full-length decree, challenging the hearts and minds of those gathered.

As a Black woman, I've learned to make myself numb to the prejudices my husband has experienced and continues to experience every day. I've avoided race conversations with my five-year-old son

because it hurts too much to explain that his beautiful brown skin is weaponized, considered threatening, and could be the reason that white children at the playground won't play with him.

The words of protest co-organizer and former Euclid City councilwoman Taneika Hill, though, give women like me the courage to dig deep and express ourselves. Ms. Hill, along with Mayor Holzheimer Gail, Rev. Brian T. Moore, and many others, affirmed that we have a right to feel angry and to communicate that anger peacefully. Most importantly, we need to demand change proactively through our community involvement and our votes.

This rally and the countless protests like it are proof that what we are experiencing, in this country and around the world, is not just a moment. We are creating a movement, demanding long-overdue justice and equality, and we are going to change the world.

For our children, for ourselves, and for justice — we are finally changing the world.

## Pandemic Blues *(continued from front)*

penitentiary for coke possession and carrying a handgun. At the time a friend was quoted as saying, "David (freebases) pretty much from the time he gets up to when he collapses. I think you can safely say that David has smoked up everything he owns—all the cars, everything."

To his credit Crosby cleaned up his act and by all appearances seems to have been on the straight and narrow ever since. But relationships amongst the band members have never gone smoothly, making reunions a rocky prospect.

Neil Young hasn't been speaking to Crosby ever since he criticized Young in the press for leaving longtime wife Peggy to take up with actress Daryl Hanna. Crosby has since apologized for the remarks but his phone calls to Young have gone unreturned.

Now since the Corona virus has put the kibosh on prospects of touring this summer Crosby is once again on the brink of financial ruin. There was a 50th anniversary May 4 show at Kent State University with Joe

Walsh that also went by the boards because of Corona.

Crosby is now facing the possibility of losing his home of 22 years in Santa Ynez, California. He's contemplating selling off some rare D-45 Martin guitars to keep the wolf from door. He can't play them anymore because he has tendinitis in both hands.

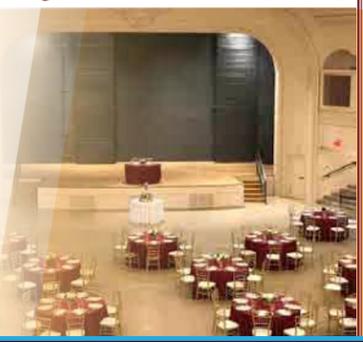
At 78 years old Crosby is suffering the kinds of problems that old age naturally brings. He's especially vulnerable to Corona because of his age, his Type 2 diabetes and the fact that he's had a liver transplant.

Despite his mountain of woes Crosby does not consider himself down for the count. "It takes a lot to kill me," he told Rolling Stone.

Crosby is still writing songs and is hopeful that his talent and the love of his art may yet redeem him.

"I've still got a lot of music in me," he said.

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## “I Can’t Breathe...” Honest Conversations About Institutional Racism in America...

By Pastor Chris Smith

On May 25th, 2020, an African American man named George Floyd had his life stifled out of his body as a Minneapolis, MN police officer knelt down upon his neck, his full weight upon his airways. Mr. Floyd’s painful cry for help, his plea to breathe, his cries for his deceased mother were all ignored. For 8 minutes and 46 seconds he suffered in humiliation, pain, agony. Three other policemen knelt down upon his body, his hands cuffed behind his back. As a young woman courageously stood in front of the scene video taping the tragic event, the police officer looked at the cell phone camera as if to say, “So what?”

This happened in AMERICA. Unfortunately, this was not the first time an unarmed, non-violent African American cried out for help and to breathe, due to be-

ing strangled at the hand of rogue police officers. The WORLD saw the video footage and is crying out for systemic changes. How many more lives must be lost before we acknowledge the pandemic named RACISM? The CHURCH must not remain silent. We must emphatically declare, BLACK LIVES MATTER!!! Some might question, why the phrase “Black Lives Matter,” is so important. While all lives do matter, it is BLACK LIVES that continue to be disproportionately terrorized, oppressed, disenfranchised and murdered figuratively and literally by police.

Our Nation appears to be on the verge of a break through. Like never before, people of all racial backgrounds are joining together by the thousands, demanding change and declaring, BLACK LIVES MATTER. We are at the door. May we recognize that the occurrences of recent

days are not new. May we emerge from the pit with new understandings and patterns of thinking that refuse to dismiss the pain of others. May we continue to do what we know to be right and not leave undone the “weightier matters” of justice, mercy and faithfulness. May we recognize that the problem is not just “a few bad apples” on the police force, but rather an institutionalized, systemic, pervasive, historic inculcation of privilege, power, abuse, control and subjugation of African Americans, tied to the long shadow of slavery. May we do all we can to break down the door of racism, inequality, injustice and indifference.

We must stand. We must lead the tough conversations. We must search our hearts and ask ourselves, “What can I do to make a difference?” We must listen. We must learn. We must engage. We must VOTE and send individuals who will not work to



break the back of systems that perpetuate inequality and injustice back home. May our prayers empower our hearts, minds and feet to march towards justice!

Pastor Chris Smith is the Senior Pastor at Restoration Ministries of Greater Cleveland, Inc., Euclid, Ohio

## Ohio Supreme Court Green Lights Fast-Track Process That Gives Homes to Developers But Fails to Compensate Owners and Taxpayers

By Lucia Walinchus

This article provided by Eye on Ohio, the nonprofit, nonpartisan Ohio Center for Journalism.

In 2019, Taxpayers lose at least \$11.25 million, While Homeowners and Banks lose up to \$77 Million, But Title to Revamped Houses Remains Sound

The Ohio Supreme Court has ruled that an unusual foreclosure process that can result in people’s homes being sold without compensation for their equity should remain legal in the Buckeye State.

However, in a recently released opinion the state justices couldn’t agree on the reasoning behind it.

Three justices joined the majority opinion, but they declined to comment on the constitutional issues presented by the case involving what are called “administrative foreclosures,” saying that they would not stop the process because the law governing these procedures was not “patently and unambiguously” unconstitutional.

Not to be confused with expedited foreclosures, administrative foreclosures send abandoned properties to a county’s board of revision, a committee that usually considers home values for property owners wanting to contest their taxes. The board can then give foreclosed properties to the local land bank, which can clear any debts on the property and give them to local businesses to revamp and resell.

Eye on Ohio previously reported on thousands BOR foreclosures in Montgomery and Cuyahoga Counties in 2019. In those cases, local land banks wiped out at least \$11.2 million in tax liens. Homeowners and banks lost up to \$77 million in home equity.

Though they lost, Elliot Feltner’s counsel, former Ohio Attorney General Marc Dann, filed the opinion as a Notice of Supplemental Authority in both federal cases where he is litigating similar issues, one in Montgomery County and one in Cuyahoga County.

“One of the things we have to prove is that there’s no adequate remedy under state law. And I think the fact that Mr.

Feltner was turned down demonstrates that people who have their properties taken who have equity, and have their properties given to government entities without payment, they don’t have any good remedies under law in the state courts because of the way the statute was structured,” Dann said.

Opposing Counsel Gus Frangos said the administrative foreclosure process was an important way to prevent blight.

“At what point does it become a harm to all the surrounding neighborhoods, these properties?” he continued. “So number one, it applies to them. And number two, these cases don’t just happen when a person wakes up and loses his property. They get letters. They get served with notice. They get an opportunity to appear. And they ignore it all.”

At the Ohio Supreme Court, Justice Sharon Kennedy agreed to the judgment, but not the reasoning behind it.

Justice Pat DeWine also ruled for the county, but in a concurring opinion he laid out very different reasons: He said that the court should have addressed the constitutional issues, but that administrative foreclosures were very similar to normal taxing practices in the nineteenth century.

Justice Patrick Fischer and Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor also agreed on the outcome, but they wrote a concurring opinion explaining their reasoning. They said the case should have been dismissed for procedural reasons, but the constitutional issues “cannot and should not be avoided” and that the majority opinion used “circular reasoning” to



Ohio Supreme Court

## Help Close the Gap of Ignorance to Support BLM

by Amber J. Chapman

Not long into this pandemic, my eyes were opened to my ignorance about racial injustice. It started as I watched people scramble for face coverings across the nation. Disturbed, I saw a man in California use ‘required face coverings’ to push his prejudiced agenda. In broad daylight, leaning on his grocery cart, he donned a Klu Klux Klan hood like a baseball cap. “The nerve”. I was in disbelief. Sometime later, I would run two miles. Not because I’m a runner or knew Ahmaud, but because it was a worthy cause. About a month later, appalled, I watched ‘Walk in the park Karen’. That wicked witch of the east. “What gave her the idea or right to put herself above anyone due to her skin color (or anyone else’s)?” Then...I saw the same straw that broke the pandemic-tired nation’s (and the repeatedly and historically abused black community’s) back. Despicable, shameful, horrific, senseless, undeserved acts. I don’t need to tell you, there’s indeed a crisis in our nation, and that’s why BLM exists.

We need change. I want and need to part of the solution. But, as I’ve said before, “Who wants to hear from me? I’m just a white woman, raising white kids, in a white neighborhood.” What do I know? I know this: I purposefully moved away from an all-white town in Connecticut to a more diverse city near Cleveland, I

don’t view people in color, my children don’t either. Good right? Yes. But it’s not enough. I have to speak up, but I don’t have the words. I’m not black and couldn’t possibly relate. So, I’ve been listening to those who can. I’ve been calling friends, my sister, previous co-workers, my client and my past daycare provider, anyone who might know about racial issues. The conversations are long and eye-opening. I’ve reviewed notes from the diversity/inclusion conference I attended in March and listened to a live panel in Cleveland about racial injustice. I’m asking questions, trying to soak in and understand why I don’t understand. I get it now. It’s because I’m ignorant to the issues...that white privilege created. Well, the ignorance gap needs to be closed. My public presence needs to be utilized and my power needs to be harnessed, but my voice needs to come from the black community. Not me. Please read the rest of this story and use an opportunity to give input on change via a survey that’s posted on my blog: [www.FamilyMatterswithAmber.org](http://www.FamilyMatterswithAmber.org).

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## Keep America Beautiful Presents 2020 Cigarette Litter Prevention Grant to Keep Euclid Beautiful



By Linda Beck

Keep America Beautiful, the nation's largest community improvement nonprofit organization, announced it has awarded a \$2500.00 2020 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) grant to Keep Euclid Beautiful to address cigarette litter in the City of Euclid.

This will include the installation of cigarette receptacles at four busy RTA bus stops in the City of Euclid. Keep Euclid Beautiful had installed four other receptacles the previous year with a CLPP grant, so this will bring the total to eight cigarette receptacles placed throughout the City of Euclid.

Chairperson of Keep Euclid Beautiful, Linda Beck, says, "The spots where receptacles are installed have had amazing results. Keep Euclid Beautiful surveys the areas and the cigarette butts on the ground have been reduced by 68% in the first year. Our Team is really proud that we can do something effective to keep this type of litter from being washed into the sewers and out into Lake Erie".

Keep America Beautiful provided individual merit-based grants, totaling more than \$500,000, to 47 organizations throughout the country, including Keep Euclid Beautiful. Grants were presented to Keep America Beautiful affiliates, local governments, business improvement districts, downtown associations, parks and recreation commissions and other organizations dedicated to eradicating litter and beautifying their communities. Communities implementing the CLPP in 2019 reported an average 51% reduction of cigarette litter.



As part of the 2020 grant program, Keep America Beautiful is focusing on three primary types of cigarette littering interventions. Applicants will have the opportunity to focus on cigarette litter reduction through public messaging, infrastructure placement, or a combination of both.

The CLPP, created by Keep America Beautiful in 2002, is the nation's largest program aimed at eliminating cigarette butt and cigar tip litter. Since its inception, the program had been successfully implemented in more than 1,800 urban, suburban and rural communities nationwide. Over the past decade, participating communities have consistently cut cigarette butt litter by 50% based on local measurements taken in the first four months to six months after program implementation.

Research has shown that even self-reported "non-litterers" often don't consider tossing cigarette butts on the ground to be "littering". Keep America Beautiful has found that cigarette butt litter occurs most often at transition points- areas where a person must stop smoking before proceeding into another area. These include bus stops, entrances to stores and public buildings, and the sidewalk areas outside of bars and restaurants, among others.

The Cigarette Litter Prevention Program is supported by funding from Philip Morris USA; RAI Services Company; and the Santa Fe Natural Tobacco Company.

Keep Euclid Beautiful empowers neighborhoods and residents to take greater responsibility for improving our local environment through litter prevention, beautification, community greening, waste reduction and recycling

## Are You an Auto Potato?

by Nancy Mihelick

Did you ever ask yourself- am I an "Auto Potato" ?

Now if you answer yes to several of these questions it will dawn on you that "yes! I AM an "Auto Potato!" And you will realize you have joined one of the largest undisclosed clubs in existence I haven't heard of any "Auto Potato" Clubs around - but you never know.. one might appear out of the blue when you least expect it! Maybe YOU would like to START an "Auto Potato" club. Let me know and I'll help promote it and before you know it - it will be HUGE ! You can have virtual or live meetings - your choice!

Do you love & cherish your car? Do you faithfully take Horace Honda in for his regular oil changes? Do you make sure you LOCK Horace before you enter your home? After all, he doesn't want to be snatched away by some nefarious individual in the dead of night! Nor do you want to lose him! Hopefully you check your tires pressure regularly.

Do you get excited when you hear about another auto show and immediately make plans to attend ?

## Diary of a Morning Hour

by Deb Kramarz

The curtain is drawn, and I stop to notice...

A chipmunk sniffs and darts across a flag stone, then climbs into the false sunflower pot as it searches for a snack. A bee takes off from the yellow flower petals.

Yonder, in the white clover speckled grass, are two morning doves. They are joined for a moment by a house sparrow which pops out of my curbside native plant garden and back again.

Closer by, a squirrel comes headfirst down my oak tree and is joined by the chipmunk in my new rain garden. Above them, two birds startled by a passing car zoom by. A cyclist startles another pair across the street, which fly to safety in my buckeye tree.

Things quickly calm down. A mother robin is looking after her two young chicks that have left their nest. They hop off the big rock and all around the front yard. When the mother robin turns to the east, her orange breast lights up and glows extra

bright, in the direct morning light. What a sight.

I muse on the diversity of life, living so close together. I ponder the hard work it requires to maintain a semi natural habitat in an urban environment. I search for signs of wildlife in the empty/neatly mowed lawns of my neighbors...

Then I turn away. My goal today is to pick bright red, juicy, ripe strawberries for breakfast. I don't need to go to the grocery store or a pick your own berries farm. Just hoping the chipmunks and birds have left me some.

I muse again. What it must have been like for the post glacial people that lived by Euclid Creek, as they searched for June berries in the woods.

What an amusing hour this has been.



## LCA Cancels Two Summer Events

by Kevin Jones

The Lakeland Civic Association may still hold its Summer Picnic if conditions allow. However, conditions prevent the group from holding two earlier events. LCA President Kevin Jones regrets canceling the group's annual Neighborhood Yard Sales and Fourth of July Bicycle Parade. Both have been long-observed gatherings on the Association's Summer calendar.

"The Lakeland Civic Association's active membership is a diverse mix of young families and retired folks," Jones says. "We are careful to promote physical distancing and mask-wearing on our streets and in our lives. We'll have twice the spirit next Summer."

LCA's on-going annual membership drive is returning more addresses for the group's growing online network. The group, the neighborhood, and the City of Euclid all benefit from having the many communication channels, including the Euclid Observer, available to neighborhoods in Northeast Ohio.

Residents in the Lakeland Civic Association's area recently will have received the group's special Summer newsletter in which they can find helpful contact information. LCA neighbors should watch for a possible special flyer before the Summer Picnic should conditions allow holding that event.

around. I bet you, too, like to sit in your car and check your smart phone for texts, Facebook postings or emails! Or you might just dive into that book you've been chomping at the bit to read!

Do you regularly study the latest "Consumer Report" magazine to find which auto is JUST the right one for you? Maybe you go to your favorite car dealer and ask to take a test drive! Do you too, LOVE to "wheel & deal" with the various salesmen at different auto dealers?

I bet a lot of previously undiagnosed "auto potatoes" can now say proudly " YES! I too, am an "auto potato!" Congratulations! Loving Blessings in Jesus, My Lord & Saviour since 1981, Nancy Mihelick



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## Outdoor/Parking Lot Worship Services

By Armando Arellano

East Shore United Methodist Church hosting an outdoor/parking lot worship services every Sunday at 10:30 am. Parishioners and worshippers from the same household must remain in the car. Face mask must be worn when the car window is open or down. Chairs will be provided for the walkers but safe social distancing will be observed. Kindly contact the office number at 216-261-1688 for the up to date details. See you then! Be safe and be encouraged in Christ!

Website: [www.eastshorechurch.net](http://www.eastshorechurch.net)

Facebook: East Shore United Methodist Church

YouTube: East Shore United Methodist Church



## Preventing elder fraud and financial exploitation

Seniors are the fastest growing population segment in Ohio and the Scripps Gerontology Center projects more than 1 in 4 Ohioans will be age 60 and older by 2025. Unfortunately, that growth has contributed to high rates of fraud and financial exploitation targeting the elderly in our state.

The national rate of elder financial abuse is also high, with 1 in 20 cases of seniors falling victim to the crime, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA). In 2019, the Department of Justice announced the largest crackdown on elder fraud in U.S. history, although it is still a widely under-reported crime. Only 1 in 44 cases ever come to light, according to NAPSA.

Financial loss from elderly fraud is in the billions, with the U.S. Consumer Financial Protection Bureau reporting that \$3 billion to \$37 billion is stolen annually. Between 2013 and 2017, those over age 70 lost an average of \$41,800 to financial exploitation. Losses climb even higher when the perpetrator is a friend or relative, though. Seniors scammed by strangers lost an average of \$17,000, while those ripped off from someone they knew lost an average of \$50,200.

The Ohio Attorney General's Office provides a quick reference guide for older adults on elder fraud and exploitation,

which includes warning signs, common scams, how to avoid and report elder fraud and exploitation, and services and resources.

Mirjana Zovkic, VP of Member Service at Eaton Family Credit Union stated that "Senior citizens and their trusted advocates can find assistance right in their community to avoid fraud and financial exploitation. Credit unions exist to improve their members' lives and offer guidance and resources to help members better protect and manage their finances." Most Ohioans are eligible to join and enjoy the benefits of credit union membership. Find a credit union near you at [yourmoneyfurther.com](http://yourmoneyfurther.com).

### Tips to Protect Senior Citizens from Financial Exploitation

With 1 in 20 senior citizens in the U.S. reportedly being scammed out of their money, elder financial exploitation is something we should all be concerned about. Mirjana Zovkic also states, "It is important for older adults to have a trusted advocate in their later years." Whether you have witnessed this firsthand with loved ones, or you simply want to protect them before it's too late, Read these tips from AARP and CNBC to keep the seniors in your life safe.

**Think ahead.** Talk to your loved ones about their wishes for the future and help

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- Be open about finances**  
Discuss bills and spending with older relatives.
- Keep track of workers**  
Make sure elderly parents have a trusted list of workers like plumbers and electricians who charge transparent, reliable rates for jobs.
- Watch for changes**  
Watch for changes in memory or math skills, which can signal seniors are vulnerable to scams.

them plan for it by designating power of attorney and healthcare directives. Consider giving someone else authority in financial matters if their physical or mental health is declining.

**Stay connected.** Keep in regular contact with your loved ones through frequent calls, texts, emails and visits. Build trust with sensitive financial matters. Extreme privacy when handling money issues is common for senior citizens, but it also sets them up for vulnerability in that area. If no one else has eyes on their financials, they could be getting scammed for months without catching it. Become the trusted financial advocate your loved one needs.

**Set up separate accounts.** If your loved one is willing, set up several separate accounts so that they aren't completely wiped out should they fall victim to a scam.

**Set up direct deposit.** Have checks deposited directly into their account so others don't have the opportunity to cash them. Track financial activity. Look into financial tracking tools like EverSafe, which will track financial activity and make the user aware of any suspicious withdrawals or spending.

**Know before you sign.** Never sign any documents that you don't understand. Recognize the red flags. Unfortunately, most cases of elder financial abuse are committed by someone the victim knows. Be aware of the sudden reappearance of any friend or family member who has been largely absent in your loved one's life or multiple requests to change account ownership.

**Trust your gut.** If something feels off or things are not adding up with your loved one's finances, follow your intuition and get help.

**Report any wrongdoing.** If you're convinced someone is scamming your loved one out of their money, contact your financial institution or Adult Protection Services immediately and file a report with your local police department.

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## Notes from Kent Smith



by Representative Kent Smith

Sometimes legislation is about the past. Sometimes, it's about the future. But on June 12, 2020, it was about both.

On February 13, 1861, President – elect Abraham Lincoln spoke to a joint session of the Ohio General Assembly at a celebration of the recently completed Ohio Statehouse. Less than five years later, our nation's 16th President would lay in the rotunda of the Statehouse following his assassination.

Following several days of nationwide protests and debates about the relevance and meaning of Civil War symbols, the U.S. Marines, U.S. Navy and NASCAR all announced bans on Confederate memorabilia. In the early morning hours on June 12th, it was time to see if Ohio would do the same.

House Democratic lawmakers offered two amendments on the House floor to HB 665 that would have prohibited the sale, display, possession, or distribution of Confederate memorabilia at county and independent fairs. If enacted, this policy

would be the same as had been instituted for the Ohio State Fair in 2015.

Unfortunately, Republicans rejected the amendments largely along party lines, voting to protect the sale of the Confederate flag.

The Ohio Legislature had an important opportunity to embrace diversity, proclaim black lives matter and help silence white supremacy in our state. Sadly, only the Democrats rose to the moment. History will not speak well of those Members of the General Assembly who chose - in 2020 - to protect the Confederate flag. We had received some signals that the GOP was going to join us for this amendment and why wouldn't they - Ohio was a Union state in the Civil War; Lee had surrendered to Grant; slavery had been ended and the Union had been saved.

You can imagine that I was shocked and saddened when my Ohio General Assembly Republican colleagues not only chose to fight for the losing side, but did so not realizing the personal pain that they continue to cause when they embrace that modern-day symbol of terror. Racists need allies to continue their hate and on June 12th, they found many in the Ohio House chamber. For that, I am deeply disappointed.

Lincoln would not have believed his eyes.

*State Representative Kent Smith represents Ohio's 8th House District which includes Euclid, Beachwood, South Euclid, Richmond Heights, East Cleveland, Woodmere Village, and a little bit of the City of Cleveland.*

## New Community Message Board Approved for Euclid Avenue

by Jonathan Holody

At its first meeting in May, Euclid City Council approved an ordinance authorizing the construction of a new community message board at Euclid Avenue and Chardon Road. The ordinance was sponsored by Euclid Avenue area councilpersons Stephana Caviness, Brian Moore and Marcus Epps.

The new Euclid Avenue message board will replace the existing board, which has deteriorated after many years of service.

Similar to the community message board in Downtown Euclid, the new message board on Euclid Avenue will feature an electronic screen that will be controlled remotely. This reduces the staff time required to change the message board, and allows the city to update messages more quickly and share multiple messages on rotation at a given time.

A contract for the construction of the new message board is expected to be awarded in August with construction set to begin in early Fall of this year.

This important community improvement project will be funded through the City's federal Community Development Block Grant program allocation.



A conceptual rendering of the new electronic community message board set to be constructed at Euclid Avenue and Chardon Road.

## Greater Cleveland Food Bank to Provide Grab & Go Meals for Children at Nearly 60 Sites This Summer

As summer approaches and the COVID-19 pandemic continues, the Greater Cleveland Food Bank is participating in the Summer Food Service Program figuring out how to effectively provide enough meals for the thousands of children and families in Northeast Ohio who need it most. There are approximately 81,000 food insecure children in our six-county service area that rely on school breakfast and lunches during the school year and are often left without enough to eat in the summer and that number is expected to increase during the pandemic.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, as well as other area programs, are sponsoring Summer Meals sites in Northeast Ohio

to provide grab & go meals to students this summer while school is not in session. Nearly 60 sites will be operated by the Food Bank, including sites at the Cuyahoga County Public Library branches starting in July. Additionally, the Food Bank will utilize its Outreach Truck and Sprinter Van to deliver grab & go meals to underserved areas. All sites will follow safety guidelines including staff wearing masks and gloves when distributing meals as well as social distancing.

Most Summer Meals programs kicked off June 1 and runs through August 7. Through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, nearly 60 sites will provide breakfast and lunch for children while school is not in session. The Food Bank kitchen will be providing a total of nearly 6,500 meals a day including meals not only for children, but seniors, and others in need in Northeast Ohio.

A complete list of City of Cleveland sites and operating times are below. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal distribution. Grab & go meal times and locations may change. To find the site closest to you, please call the Food Bank's Help Center at 216.738.7239, text "FOOD" to 877-877, or visit GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org/SummerMeals.

Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.  
*Desmond Tutu*

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## Kids' Free Summer Mobile Meals!

**Summer's here, and that means many children won't be receiving daily meals from their schools. If you know a child in need of free summer meals, come to one of our mobile Summer Meal sites listed below. Parents, Food Bank staff is available at each site to help you apply for SNAP and other critical benefits!**





- Cleveland Metropolitan Housing Authority:**  
Bellaire: 12502 Bellaire Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Riverside Park Community Center: 17800 Parkmount Avenue: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Springbrook Apartments: 1675 Ansel Road: Mondays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Willson Family: 1919 East 55th Street: Mondays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
- Cleveland Public Library:**  
Fleet: 7224 Broadway Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Fulton: 3545 Fulton Road: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Sterling: 2200 East 30th Street: Thursdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm  
Walz: 7910 Detroit Avenue: Thursdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm
- Dudley Triangle Park:**  
West 73rd Street & Elton Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**
- First Draft Barber Shop:**  
11337 Superior Avenue: Fridays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**
- Garfield Heights Middle School:**  
12000 Maple Leaf Drive: Wednesdays 10:30 am - 12 pm and 12:30 pm - 2 pm
- Garfield Middle School (Lakewood):**  
13114 Detroit Avenue: Fridays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**
- MetroHealth Buckeye Health Center:**  
2816 E 116th Street: Tuesdays 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
- Shore Cultural Centre:**  
291 222nd Street: Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm
- St. Clair Superior Development Corporation:**  
6321 St. Clair Avenue: Fridays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm **No food trucks/meals on July 3**
- St. Martin de Porres Family Center:**  
1264 E. 123rd Street: Tuesdays 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



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# CITY OF EUCLID

## Euclid City Services

Animal Control	289-2057
Briardale Golf Course	289-8574
C. E. Orr Ice Arena	289-8649
Euclid City Hall	289-2700
Euclid City Schools	797-2901
Euclid Court	289-2888
Euclid Creek Reservation	440-473-3370
Euclid Family Y	731-7454
Euclid Police Non-Emergency Block Watch	731-1234 289-8449
Euclid Library	261-5300
Euclid Neighborhood Engagement	289-826
Henn Mansion	731-5060
Housing Dep't. Housing and Property Conditions	289-8127
Lakefront Sr. Community Ctr.	289-2985
Mayor's Office Kirsten Holzheimer Gail	289-2700
Recreation Dep't. Youth, Adult and Family Pgms	289-8114
Service Dep't. Street Conditions	289-2701
Sim's Park	289-2700
Shore Cultural Ctr.	289-8578
Domestic Violence	391-HELPS
Ward 1 Council Stephana Caviness	240-0901
Ward 2 Council Rev. Brian T. Moore	860-1734
Ward 3 Council Marcus Epps	
Ward 4 Council Kris Jarosz	401-9413
Ward 5 Council Christine McIntosh	333-8601
Ward 6 Council John M. Wojtila	288-4698
Ward 7 Council Maria Jukic	
Ward 8 Council Laura Gorshe	744-8988
Council President Charlene Mancuso	731-5952
Council Clerk Office	289-8123

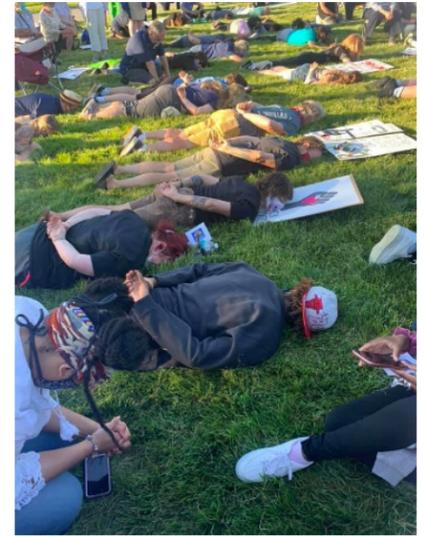
## It Matters

*The following is a transcript of the speech given by Councilman Brian Moore at the Euclid Faith in the City Rally for Change on June 11, 2020.*

Today is the day that matters. Today is the day that the clergy of Euclid come together as a united front against the "scourge of racism and its legacy of systematic violence." We are not just here to decry the obvious, visible results of unchecked violence against our black and brown brothers, but we are here to draw a line in the sand against the real reason, the cause. My gardener friends know the secret. A weed plucked from the grown merely strengthens itself and returns stronger after you have forgotten it, but a weed destroyed at the root will not return. We are here to start the process of destroying the root, of denouncing the root, racism. Racism is the colonial system that exploited a land and created a marginalized people bound to mental slavery and second-class citizenship. A people that we have become so used to forgetting that when they do appear, they seem unreal. Where are the Native Americans? They are lost to unrealistic treaties that our forefathers never intended to honor. Will the Africans who were taken from their land to become enslaved builders of wealth for a new nation become

forgotten, just like the Native Americans? The parallels are clear. Native Americans have been forced onto reservations to contain and hide them; African American are forced into mental reservations that some are not able to escape. "I can't"...Mental reservations. "I'm scared"...Mental reservations. "Black people don't do that"... Mental reservations. "We don't mix religion and politics"... Mental reservations. "It does not matter what I do"...Mental reservations. These state mental reservations that many of us have placed on ourselves when we agree with the puppets of the slave master that tells us in our music that we are female dogs and garden utensils and worse. We allow our children to listen to it, enjoy it, repeat it and identify with it because it has a nice beat. "I don't hear the words. I just like the music"...Mental reservations.

Today is the day that matters. The truth is that it was not just one "rogue" cop who murdered George Floyd. The truth is that it was an entire system that is bent to allow the idea that murder, videotaped murder, eyewitness murder is not just okay, but justified. How else could not just one, but four men who were sworn to uphold the law, do just the opposite...a public execution without fear of reprisal. The system is broken.



Supporters Rally for Change in Euclid, Ohio on June 11.

We are the fix. We are the people. We are the solution. How? One man, one vote. Your vote matters. How? Be counted, the census ensures that there is funding for decades for your benefit and for the benefit of your offspring. How? Get involved! There are numerous of local, state and national opportunities.

We all have a story to tell.

Make sure that yours matters.

## Income Tax is Due July 15th



Euclid's Income Tax is Due Wednesday, July 15th. The Euclid Tax Department is available to assist you over the phone, email, or fax.

There is a secure drop box at the Euclid City Hall entrance door. Fillable forms are available at [cityofeuclid.com/community/CityIncomeTax](http://cityofeuclid.com/community/CityIncomeTax)

Limited appointments are available, residents are required to wear a mask.

\*\* No appointments will be available the week of July 13th \*\*

There will be a "Drive-Thru Drop Off" Monday July 13, Tuesday July 14 and Wednesday July 15th from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. Drive Thru will be set up in the City Hall Parking Lot, 585 E. 222nd Street. For questions or more information, please call 216-289-8360 or email: [incometax@cityofeuclid.com](mailto:incometax@cityofeuclid.com).

## EPD Summer Activities

By Kate McLaughlin

The Euclid Police Department continues to provide the community with crime prevention activities even though we've had to cancel and postpone most programs due to Covid-19. Usually, Euclid Police Officers will gather at a local business to hold a Coffee with a Cop event, but we've taken it on-line by holding Coffee with a Cop LIVE

inside the department while presenting it on our EPD Facebook page. Look for upcoming episodes on the EPD Facebook page which can be found at: [facebook.com/Euclidpolice/](https://facebook.com/Euclidpolice/).

Chief Scott Meyer and several Euclid Officers are reading aloud in our Books with Badges videos that aim to develop a love for books and encourage reading. Fun and

patriotic themed books should offer a variety for everyone. These are posted on EPD Facebook, Nextdoor.com, and our EPD website, but can also be access on EPD's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCU5yqHREWPmW9h-WrFgqK9Dw>

Safety Town in an online format will be available for parents and caregivers in August. EPD will have videos and home lesson plans that include activities and coloring sheets for children. All of the topics will be covered which include: The Pledge of Allegiance, animal safety, bus safety, calling 9-1-1, gun safety, fire safety, keeping healthy, poison safety, pool safety, stranger danger, and pedestrian safety. A certificate can be printed at the completion of the course to award to the child. The Safety Town videos and home lesson plans can be accessed in August on our EPD website at: [euclidpd/safety-town-online/](http://euclidpd/safety-town-online/).

Not holding our normal programs is difficult for the EPD Community Policing Unit because we love to see and work with the kids who enroll in Junior Police Academy and Summer Soccer Camp, and we will absolutely miss our National Night Out in August. We are using our social media platforms to our best advantage, so check out our sites to keep informed. Look for programs to return in 2021.



# CITY COUNCIL

In our ongoing efforts for transparency, the Euclid City Council is presenting the Council Agendas which list our final actions regarding proposed legislation for the previous month. If further details are needed, all council meetings are recorded and available at the Euclid Public Library. Please visit [www.euclidlibrary.org](http://www.euclidlibrary.org). We hope you find this information useful.

Euclid City Council President,  
Charlene Mancuso

**AGENDA  
EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 4, 2020 AT 7:00 PM  
EUCLID MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBER**

ACTION	LEGISLATION	PROPOSED
<b>PASSED</b> 7 – 2 42-2020	1. An emergency ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid or her designee to advertise for bids for construction of Phase II – East of the Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Councilmembers Jarosz, McIntosh, Wojtila and Jukic)  <b>Comments: This would allow the Mayor to advertise for bids for construction of Phase II – East of the Euclid Waterfront Improvement Plan.</b>	Ord. (047-20)
<b>PASSED</b> 9 – 0 43-2020	2. A resolution authorizing the Mayor of the City of Euclid to execute a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the City as a member of the Euclid Creek Watershed Council with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District beginning January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2024 at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.00 annually. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)  <b>Comments: This will allow the CSWD to serve as watershed coordinator for the Euclid Creek Watershed Council.</b>	Res. (041-20)
<b>PASSED</b> 9 – 0 44 – 2020	3. An ordinance authorizing the Director of Planning and Development to advertise for bids and enter into a contract for labor and materials necessary to construct an electronic message board at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Chardon Road at a cost not to exceed \$98,527.00 (Sponsored by Councilpersons Caviness, Epps and Moore)  <b>Comments: This would allow for the advertising for bids and award of a contract for the construction of the electronic message board at the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Chardon Road.</b>	Ord. (045-20)
<b>PASSED</b> 9 – 0 45 – 2020	4. A resolution approving the substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan for the fiscal year 2019 Entitlement Year under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept and expend funding to help alleviate negative effects of COVID-19 as authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and The Entire Council)  <b>Comments: This would approve an amendment to the 2019 Annual Action Plan under CDBG to accept and expend funding to help alleviate negative effects of COVID-19.</b>	Res. (043-20)
<b>PASSED</b> 9 – 0 46-2020	5. A resolution approving the fiscal year 2020 Entitlement Year Annual Action Plan under the Community Development Block Grant Program of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development as recommended by the Citizens' Advisory Committee of the City of Euclid and authorizing the Mayor to submit said Annual Action Plan to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and The Entire Council)  <b>Comments: This would approve the 2020 Annual Action Plan under CDBG.</b>	Res. (044-20)

**PASSED**  
9 – 0  
47-2020

6. A resolution approving revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program for the City of Euclid to accommodate modern communication practices in accordance with current federal regulations. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and Councilperson Moore)

**Comments: This would approve revisions to the Citizen Participation Plan of the CDBG.**

**SENT TO SECOND READING**

7. An ordinance repealing Section 545.19 Panhandling, of Chapter 545 Peace Disturbances, of the General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, due to potential constitutional violations and lack of necessity. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)

**Comments: This would repeal the Panhandling code of the Euclid Codified Ordinances based on a recommendation from the ACLU due to potential Constitutional violations.**

**AGENDA  
EUCLID CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 18, 2020 AT 7:00 PM  
EUCLID MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBER**

ACTION	LEGISLATION	PROPOSED
<b>PASSED</b> 9 – 0 48-2020	1. A resolution to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and the Army Corps of Engineers for approval of a shore structure in the submerged lands in Lake Erie adjacent to the property located at 21451 Edgecliff Drive, Euclid OH 44123, bearing permanent parcel number 642-05-010 (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)  <b>Comment: This would approve a shore structure on lake front property.</b>	Res. (048-20)
<b>First Reading</b>	2. An ordinance amending Section 1755.28 "Maximum Permitted Grass Height; Enforcement Procedure; Grass Watch List" of Chapter 1755 "Basic Standards for Residential Occupancy" of the Building and Housing Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to make it unlawful to deposit grass clippings into the streets or other passage ways. (Sponsored by Councilperson McIntosh) (To be referred to Sustainability Committee)  <b>Comment: This would prohibit the deposit of grass clippings into the streets or other passage ways.</b>	Ord. (049-20)
<b>SENT TO SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE</b>	3. An emergency ordinance authorizing the exemption to Sections 1359.06(k) "Outdoor Dining," 1359.06(l) "Outdoor Display," 1359.06(m) "Outdoor Storage" of Chapter 1359 "U4, U5, U6 Business and Industrial Uses" of the Planning and Zoning Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid to allow for administrative approval of conditionally permitted outdoor dining areas for existing restaurants during the Covid-19 pandemic statewide restrictions, until such statewide restrictions are lifted or until December 31, 2020, is hereby authorized, and subject to the final approval of the Zoning Commissioner or Director of Planning and Development. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail and The Entire Euclid City Council)  <b>Comment: This would allow administrative approval of outdoor dining during COVID19.</b>	Ord. (050-20)
<b>Second Reading</b>	4. An ordinance repealing Section 545.19 Panhandling, of Chapter 545 Peace Disturbances, of the General Offenses Code of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Euclid, due to potential constitutional violations and lack of necessity. (Sponsored by Mayor Holzheimer Gail)  <b>Comments: This would repeal the Panhandling code of the Euclid Codified Ordinances based on a recommendation from the ACLU due to potential Constitutional violations.</b>	Ord. (042-20)
<b>SENT TO A THIRD READING</b>		

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**Go to the Euclid Public Library website and click on "EUCLID HISTORY" then "COUNCIL MEETINGS".**

**I highly recommend watching these meetings. It really gives you the opportunity to get to know our elected leaders.**

These Euclid City Council meetings for May 2020 have been held electronically. This is permissive per the Ohio legislature's passage of H.B. 197, Amendment G-0351-2.

The public shall have electronic access to such meetings. You may view the Council meeting live through the following: Spectrum channel 1020, U-Verse channel 99, and the Euclid Community Television channel on YouTube.com.

If you have any questions or comments for the Committee of the Whole for Legislative Matters or Public Portion of the council meeting, please email Clerk of Council Barbara Allen at [ballen@citvoeuclid.com](mailto:ballen@citvoeuclid.com) or fax (216) 289-2779. Please include your name and address with your questions or comments. In order for questions or comments to be considered at the meeting, please submit no later than 6:00 pm before the meeting.



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# EUCLID REC

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**Euclid Recreation**  
**SUMMER**  
 FUN WITH **ART**  
**Fridays July 10 - 31st**  
**1:30PM-2:30PM or**  
**3:00PM-4:00PM**  
**At Shore Culture Centre**  
*Residents \$20*  
*Non Residents \$40*  
 For registration & details visit our website  
[cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs](http://cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs)

**Euclid Recreation**  
**SUMMER BASKETBALL CLINIC**  
**Residents \$25 | Non-Residents \$35**  
**Sessions PER SESSION**  
 • June 15th-18th  
 • June 22nd-25th  
 • June 29th-July 2nd  
 • July 20th-23rd  
 Location: Shore Culture Centre  
**SESSIONS HAVE A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 4 PARTICIPANTS PER HOUR**  
**Monday-Thursday**  
 Choose from one of the times below  
 9:30am-10:30am  
 10:45am-11:45am  
 12:00pm-1:00pm  
 1:15pm-2:15pm  
 2:30pm-3:30pm  
 For registration & details visit our website  
[cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs](http://cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs)

**Euclid Soccer Academy Clinic**  
**Ages 5-14**  
*All participants are required to wear shin-guards, and cleats are optional for children ages 6 and up*  
**4 SESSIONS**  
 June 15th-18th  
 June 22nd-25th  
 June 29th-July 2nd  
 July 13th-16th  
**Mondays-Thursdays**  
**4:00pm-4:45pm**  
**AT Babbitt Road Soccer Fields in Memorial Park**  
 For registration & details visit our website  
[cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs](http://cityofeuclid.com/recreation/Programs)

**2020 SUMMER SPEED & AGILITY CLINIC**  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
 July 7th - July 30th  
 11:30AM - 12:45PM or 1:00PM - 2:15PM  
 Residents \$25 | Non Residents \$50  
 Meet at the Memorial Soccer Field - between Memorial Pool and the Basketball Courts  
 Please bring a water bottle  
 For registration & details visit our website  
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## Fr. Joe Fortuna Named Administrator Pro Tem of St Jerome Parish

by Bev Caldwell

A friend of Fr. Joe's, Fr. Bill Jerse is the Pastor at St Jerome Parish. Since Fr. Bill has been experiencing some health issues, effective June 16, Fr Joe has been asked to step in as Administrator Pro Tem to keep St. Jeromes vibrant while Fr. Bill regains his health. Fr. Joe has met with the wonderful parish staff at St. Jeromes and is busy getting to know the parishioners there.



Fr. Joe and Fr. Bill serving together at the OLL School Ecumenical Service

their 40th Anniversary of Ordination this year. We wish Fr. Bill Jerse a timely return to good health.

As he will still remain Pastor of Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Fr. Joe will spend some time at both parishes in the near future. Fr. Joe and Fr. Bill were classmates at St. Mary Seminary and both celebrated

## Do You Need A Micro Loan? Our Lady of the Lake Parish Microloan Program Helps Small Businesses in the Community!

by Bev Caldwell

Our Lady of the Lake Parish Microloan program provides recipients with small loans of up to \$2,000 that are repaid in monthly installments over a one-year period. Recipients also work and meet with a cohort of parishioners and other loan recipients who mentor and support them over the period of their loan. The result can be a perfect union for both the recipient and the community as we are all better off supporting small community businesses.

To be Eligible for a Microloan, Applicants must:

- \*Be 18 years of age or older
- \*Live or do business in Euclid or North Collinwood
- \*Have a specific idea for starting or growing a small business
- \*Commit to participating in the program, which includes attending monthly cohort meetings.

The Microloan Program began in 2016 with a mission of providing modest financial assistance to people who want to start or grow a small business, but are without traditional sources of capital. Since then, 12 loans have been made to a wide range of businesses. These include retailers, a thrift shop, urban clothier, grocery, health and beauty store as well as businesses offering varied services such as commercial cleaning, alterations, children's entertainment and parties and hair extensions and wig cleaning.

The Microloan Program of Our Lady of the Lake and Fr. Joe Fortuna won the Harry Fagan Organizational Award from the Catholic Commission of Cuyahoga County and was presented the Award at the Peace and Justice Awards Luncheon on June 13, 2019 for demonstrating a strong and active commitment for social justice and for being a positive force for systematic change in the community.

To learn more about the program or to begin the application process, contact Fr. Joe Fortuna at 216-486-0850 or joe@olleuclid.org.

## Camping With Christ Vacation Bible School

by Bev Caldwell

Designed as a virtual camping adventure that focuses on faith, Camping With Christ offers children and their families the chance to delve into Bible stories that focus on Jesus' love for all of us!

Slated for July release, the virtual program allows children to go at their own pace as they discover Bible Stories, with music and crafts all under the camping motif. The children will be transported to



the campgrounds in the comfort of their own home and can attend the sessions at their convenience.

If you are interested in Camping with Christ, please contact Brianna Wilson at Brianna@olleuclid.org.

## Welcome to Our Lady of the Lake School - Open Enrollment

by Bev Caldwell



OLL School Principal, Jenny Millett welcomes new students to enroll in PreK through Grade 8; Grade 7 is already full.

Mrs. Millett is proud of the fully accredited Catholic Christian school. She explained, "We are strong on academics, faith and community, with a commitment to educating the whole child. Our school offers a quality education with superior academics and faith formation that builds character in a community-based environment.

OLL school faculty and staff encourage self discipline and respect for self and others and this allows the teachers to focus on a curriculum with a gospel influence that becomes a natural extension of the home values parents are eager to have reinforced.

Principal, Jenny Millett remarked that "while we are still waiting on state guidelines on how to open, we have every intention on being back to school come the fall. In addition to our STEM focus, we are excited to announce that our technology is 1:1, meaning that each student will have a laptop or a chromebook, depending on the grade."

To register, please email Jenny Millet at jmillett@olleuclid.org or call the school office at 216-481-6824.



## OLL Nonviolence Ministry Strives for Racial Justice

by Kathy Benda

Our Lady of the Lake's Nonviolence Ministry proudly participated in the Rally for Change on June 11th. The group fully supports the efforts of Faith in the City to stop racism and stands in solidarity with Black Lives Matter.

The Nonviolence Ministry's interest in addressing racism began a year ago. Members wanted to respond to the needs of our neighborhood community in light of our faith. They began by educating themselves about both the church's teaching on racism and racism in general. After reading various documents, articles and books, the group led a parish book discussion of *I'm Still Here* by Austin

Channing Brown. The author's experience of racism as a black women in modern American was eye-opening. Conversations about her book led to a sharing of experiences, attitudes and beliefs, along with a desire to change our personal behavior and to work for structural change.

Moving forward, the Nonviolence Ministry plans to branch out to effect change in the city of Euclid. It hopes to join in future initiatives sponsored by Faith in the City, including voter registration. The Nonviolence Ministry also plans to pursue opportunities for dialog and policy change to ensure racial equity. If you are interested in joining the Nonviolence Ministry in its work, please contact the parish office at 216-486-0850.



Members of the Nonviolence Ministry attend Rally for Change. Pictured below: Parish book discussion book *I'm Still Here* by Austing Channing Brown





## Early Kindergarten and Enrollment for Next Year!

by Sarah Myers

Does your child turn 5 after the Kindergarten cut-off date? Imagine Bella enrolls students in Kindergarten with our regular enrollment process for all children who turn 5 by September 30th. Students who turn 5 by December 31st can test into our Early Kindergarten program. Stop by Imagine Bella Academy of Excellence to get an Early Kindergarten information kit and learn more about our Early Kindergarten program. Students must pass Early Kindergarten Test and submit a referral from a parent. Please

call ahead to reserve a time for your test.

Kindergarten testing dates are being scheduled for July 14th, July 21st and July 28th from 10 am -1 pm.

Now Enrolling for Kindergarten-Fifth grade!

Call 216-481-1500 for more information or stop by the school.



Kindergarten support teacher Ms. Willis works with a small group of students during our "success time".



Kindergarten teacher Ms. Hoy poses with some of her award winners from Quarterly awards assembly!



Our Kindergarten students line up ready to go with Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Jenkins!



Celebrating our students who earned the most points with their house shirts!

## Enroll Now!

Imagine Bella is a Kindergarten through 6th grade campus looking for great families to join us! Start the enrollment process today at <http://imaginebellaacademy.org> or call us today at 216-481-1500. We also offer early Kindergarten for students who turn 5 by December 31st.



Grandparents event at the book fair!



Shout out to our September leaders of the month!

Get in touch with us today!



## STAY IN TOUCH ON CLASS DOJO!

Imagine Bella will provide important updates to our families through the summer with Class-Dojo. Our office will be closed from June 29th-July 8th. Summer office hours will resume on July 9th from 10 am-1 pm. Wishing our families a safe and happy summer! Join the Imagine Bella family! Visit [imaginebellaacademy.org](http://imaginebellaacademy.org) or call 216.481.1500.



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## EHS Honor Roll Fourth Quarter

### 8th Grade Merit Roll - 3.0 to 3.4 GPA

Kimberly Banks  
Taylor Barwick  
Nicholas Billips-Young  
Jalynn Burns  
Micah Cochran  
Rosalyn Evans  
Daylin Fair  
Isaiah Grant  
Nandi Grant  
Amira Hardin  
David Hereford  
Keith Johnson  
Diamond Kennison  
Alexzandra Kimbrough  
Sire Menefee  
Anayia Mosby  
Karsen Novak  
Kierra Pope  
Amani Powell  
Lashawn Powell  
Davon Ramsey  
Charniece Robinson  
A Mirrah Taylor  
Jaya Wade  
Dominique Walley  
Mikiah Webb  
Devonte Wiley

### 8th Grade Honor Roll - 3.41 to 3.74 GPA

Taiena Adams  
David Barnett  
Janaya Brent  
William Carlton  
Eve Clark  
Jonnescia Ford  
Anna Harris  
Adia Hobson  
Shamond Hutchins  
Amber Johnson  
Jameecia Johnson  
Tatiana Maddox  
Avery Perryman  
Monicia Riggins  
Kenya Shareef  
Javion Smith  
Antoine Springer  
Jayden Walker

### 8th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 3.75 GPA or Higher

Gabriella Allen  
Brandon Blackwood  
Devin Bumpers  
Allahna Corbin  
Angelina Cornell  
Tori Curtain  
Brooklyn Dorsey-Acree  
Madisyn Drake  
Kaitlyn Dyson  
Ray Ford  
Malaya Garcia  
Madelynn Greenway  
Easton Harris  
Chardai Henry  
Dymond Horton  
Da'Moni Hunt Kleckley  
Shane Jarvis  
David Johnson  
Toni Kincaid

Alajiona King  
Anna Lisac  
Christina Lombardo  
Riyan McAbrew  
Jayah McKinley  
Xenia Merritt  
Reily Morris  
Kamilah Murray  
Keyandra Phillips-Wanton  
Madicyn Prince  
Comyah Roberts  
Joseph Rowe  
Karsyn Sharp  
Ja'Veon Smith  
Rodney Smith  
Shayla Somerville  
Kaitlin Tatar  
Nyah Vaughn  
J'Lon Wheeler  
Judith White  
Reginald Williams  
Rhianna Williams

### 9th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Kassidy Anderson  
Ja'Kayla Baker  
Rayshawn Black Jr.  
Keyanna Dorsey  
Kamyla Freeman  
Daisy Fuentes  
Raneca Garner  
Jada Hammond  
David Hardin Jr.  
Jaeden Harper  
Jada Hutchins  
Simeon Johnson  
Sophia Knue  
Chamya Lipscomb  
Timothy Mann  
Zyaire Marks  
Tyreasure Mason  
Michael Matthews  
Dariya Rogers  
Mikal Sanders  
Chase Smith  
Leiland Suber Lipscomb  
Tori Tillman  
Xavier Vann  
Michaya Wallace  
India Wilkerson  
Ja'Karri Young

### 9th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Jada Banks  
Kaitlin Bogner  
Ariyell Burts  
Courtney Denson  
Keyshawn Dorsey  
Courtney Foster  
Singdiely Gibson  
Desirai Graves  
Christina Harden-Nicholson  
Haden Hewis  
Nadia Jarvis  
Kameron Johnson  
A'lyona Lock  
Mariana Lowe  
Daisy Maina  
Shalia Marks  
Armoni Matthews

Sariyah Menefee  
Nazya Mitchell  
Aniya Nevels  
Tyrone Penny  
Legacy Pratt  
Amaru Rand  
Taylor Randle  
Na'Davia Rogers  
Sahara Sharpley  
Jalen Smith  
Chevonne Stennis  
Nolan Tatar  
Al Lonna Taylor  
Ny'eliah West  
Ashaunty Williams

### 9th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Malikah Abdul-Wali  
Jayla Allen  
Ella Augustine  
Jeanea Bibbs  
Cadence Burr  
Claire Carmody  
Khamaree Howard  
Sanaya Howard  
Armani Howard  
Lauren Johnson  
Namiah Lightfoot  
Sadye Penny  
Amarii Randall  
Kaila Sanders  
Eleni Saterides  
Anje'La Scott  
Carly Walsh

### 10th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Jacori Adams  
Taylor Alexander  
Brelann Baskin  
Dillyn Brown  
Garrett Chatmon Jr.  
Jayla Dotson  
Ra'Janai Frlot  
Bryson Griffin  
Cameron Holton  
Jordai Jackson  
Shyann Jacobs  
Stacie Jones  
Jayla Marshall  
Lanique McIntyre  
Victoria Meadows  
Renee Menefee  
Erin Miller  
Dontel Owens-Jones  
Destiny Phillips  
Damion Polack  
Alexandria Potter  
Dai'Shauna Price  
Dehja Rush  
Trevaughn Saddler  
Malaya Stanberry  
Jayshawn Thomas  
Adriana Tyes  
Imari Wallace  
Jayden Willis

### 10th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Bruce Andreas  
Lashae Bacon

Nathan Barwick  
Hailey Bray  
Jeffrey Brown  
Javan Brown  
Dion Chavis  
Peyton Crosby  
Niaomi Dennis  
Aisha Diouf  
Lola Dyson  
Tashani Edwards  
Jaiden Flowers  
Jimaya Ford  
Skylar Harris  
Sean Hill  
Jalen Hobson  
Areiona Houston  
Ty Howard  
Nevada Lunar  
Ta Shar Ree McClay  
Adriana Mcintyre  
Nikaila McKinney  
Jade Neal  
J'Quan O'Dneal  
Abreannah Peters  
Alexis Potter  
Tania Powell  
Zaire Ridgeway Bogerty  
Alyse Robinson  
Alexandria Smith  
Ta'Nya Spencer  
Jenisa Stansberry  
Zayda Stormer  
Camron Talton  
Lavonte Thornton  
Colin Walsh  
Zarionna Wells  
Vernell Wilburn  
Laniya Williams  
Juliana Wright

### 10th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA

Chyla Alexander  
Cayla Anderson  
Raymond Bennett  
Lania Brown  
Alana Cain  
Alexis Cain  
Jayliem Conway  
Javier Dean  
Jayda Edwards  
Makayla Fleming  
Savannah Galloway  
Chadwick Grier  
La'Tianna Harvey  
Davaughn Hudson  
Joshua Hudson  
Danyia Hudson-Nunn  
Bryana Hunter  
Jaleah Jackson  
Kiera Johnson  
Karalyn Jordan  
Isabella Kirchner  
Braeden Knue  
Jaden Linton  
Kae'Lynn Mccauley  
Micyah McKinney-Cherry  
Jacquelynn Miles  
Tatiana Mims  
Diamond Motley  
Greg Noydara  
Janiya Parrish

Keyara Phillips  
Ya Jhaira Reid Kaiya Relliford  
Alyssa Robinson  
Chanel Robinson  
Alaysha Rogers  
Tia Shaw  
Kailin Simon  
Jessica Specht  
Dasia Stennis  
Linere Sumlin  
Alexis Sweet  
Nora Swerbinsky  
Skylar Harris  
Aidan Turos  
Quinten Vidrick  
Matthew Watkins  
Karriem Watts  
Tyrell Williamson  
Jon Winston  
Tysean Yorke

### 11th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA

Edward Beattie  
Isaiah Bolon  
Rayvon Boyer  
Regan Braun  
Jala Brazzil  
Ania Callahan  
Sam Carlson  
Amari Cleveland  
Maxwell Coleman  
Nadia Cook  
Joshua Cox-Hayes  
Deon Eades  
Jordan Ferguson  
Crystal Ford  
Deshawn George  
Gelontai Hester  
Kellen Hill  
Na'Im Hobson  
Cameron Hodges  
Elisa Huang  
Dennis Ivey  
Leirara Johnson  
Trinity Kendall  
Na'Khia Lett  
Kaniesha Martin  
Kyrin Morris  
Tyler Nichols  
Kobe Patrick  
Alexis Reese  
Justin Rhymes  
Stephanie Russell  
Shannon Smith  
Herman Taylor  
Stephen Tetzlaff  
Andre Tillman  
Jasmyne Weizer  
Mykal Wilson Green

### 11th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA

Brionca Austin  
Tamia Bell  
Patrice Calvin  
Dakota Clark  
Ahjay Cody  
Deyon Davis  
Layla Davis-Branner  
Chrishaun Edwards  
Damitria Ferguson  
Jasmyne Foote  
Hailey French

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Ashley Garrett  
Adriana Gill  
Brianna Grant  
Deavante Graves  
De'Asia Huggins  
Harold Jarvis  
Dominic Larsen  
Faith Matlock  
Devin Reed-Bennings  
Jordan Rees  
Alex Reese  
Phyr Scott  
Sy'Mone Smith  
Joseph Stewart  
Alena Treadwell  
Jaden White  
Danaija White  
Jacayla Wright

**11th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA**

Samantha Abad  
Marissa Assian  
Olivia Augustine  
Isabel Baca  
Kristen Bannerman  
Kaylen Bannerman  
Madison Bregitzer  
Anthony Capuozzo  
Preston Cardina  
Treyshon Clark  
Breanna Clayton  
David Dalton  
Aaliyah Dowdell  
Muhtayvion Dye  
Emily Gendrich  
Brady Herbst  
Kymearra Ingram  
Cassandra Johnson  
Brandon Krivacic  
Hunter Land  
Jaydah Lardill  
Melissa Maina  
Eric Martin  
William Moss  
Summer Nettles  
Jeffrey Norwood  
Daade Pack  
Michael Patterson  
Dimpal Rana  
Chloe Redd  
Nicholas Ricco  
Evan Riley  
Kaylonna Robinson  
Concetta Salvia  
Christina Saterides  
Robert Sbrocco  
Amanda Scarvelli  
Kiya Shareef  
Hayley Shaw  
Marlisha Smith  
Nicole Stauffer  
Madeline Svagerko  
Alana Thigpen  
Ariel Thompson  
Carsyn Warner  
Makiyah Williams  
Taylor Wolowicz  
Hunter Workman  
Ronajah Wylie

**12th Grade Merit Roll - 3.00 to 3.499 GPA**

Tanneice Alexander  
Kesean Bogan  
Jimmya Brundidge  
Odaj'A Butler  
Kaylee Capiccioni  
Mariah Childress  
Cordell Cofield  
Maggie Elkins  
Jalen Flowers  
Khalil Gantt-Charles  
Nikya Garfield  
Jamarvia Green  
Stephen Grier  
Meghan Grisez  
Darren Hammonds  
Burrell Hannah  
Lee'Andis Harper  
Jalen Henderson  
Carmela Jackson  
Montana Johnson  
D'Asia Johnson  
Antonio Jones  
Jamirah Jones  
Da'Sja Jones  
Cameran Martin  
Jasmine Perkins-Hirz  
Tiffany Pleasant  
Manuel Rosario  
El Laja Sailor  
D'Ajanae Sanders  
Janayah Scott  
Drewcilla Starks  
Kierra Steele  
Tra'Ona Stubbs  
Kourtney Terry  
Ashanti Thomas  
Jasmine Tidmore  
Marquis Underwood  
Ny'Ana Warith  
China Wesley  
Sha'Shawn Williams  
Aundrey Williams  
Maxcina Williams

**12th Grade Honor Roll - 3.50 to 3.999 GPA**

Sumaya Abdullah  
Artrez Alexander  
Terri Archie  
Brian Austin  
Tatiana Bell  
Leroy Berts  
Hailey Bluhm  
Zaniyah Boswell  
Jordan Brown  
John Brown  
Chrislynn Brownlee  
Brianni' Crusoe  
Cyncere Cunningham  
Sierra Eaddy  
Ashley Eatman  
Bobbi Echols  
Tahjane' Fields  
Regan French  
Kenneth Frisco  
Dylan Gray  
Keshon Gunn  
Steve Hall  
Nina Hancock  
Dayla Harris  
Shaniaha Iverson  
Louvenia Jenkins  
Faith Jones

Anthony Kimbrough  
Lori Lee  
Shantey Lemon  
Frederick Lisy  
Imani Long  
Mamadou M'Baye  
Terrence Maddox  
Trinity Manning  
Stephanie Martin  
Janiya Mason  
Anthony McRae  
Da'Shanel Nichols  
Taylor Patterson  
Symone Phillips  
Romero Phillips Jr.  
Rayshawna Robinson  
Kristan Ross  
Jamel Salaam  
Aireyana Sharp  
Xavier Stovall  
Heaven Tate  
Nalesha Taylor  
Christian Vincent  
Dashiah Welch  
Jay'Shauna White  
Anijah Wilkins  
Ta'Shonti Wren  
Aminata Yansane

**12th Grade Distinguished Honor Roll - 4.00 to 5.00 GPA**

Taliyah Almeida  
Ayessa Arga  
Hannah Bluhm  
Iyana Broadnax  
Alex Bryan  
Ashanti Cotton  
Taylor Curtain  
Sonija Deloach  
Kayla Granito  
Isabella Johnson  
Darrion Jones  
Natalya Jones  
Jatyjah McClain  
Kiana Sims  
Angel Tyson  
Tyauna Washington  
Kadaia Williams

## Congratulations to Class of 2020

Congratulations to Euclid High School's valedictorian, Kayla Granito!

"Though I am now a Seton Hill University Griffin, I will always be a Euclid Panther," Kayla said. "I thank my parents, brother, friends, and teachers for all the memories and support."

"Kayla Granito has been a beacon of scholarship and discipline during her years at Euclid High School," said Euclid High School College Credit Plus English teacher Mr. Davies. "She arrives at class every day with a mind prepared by study but open to dialogue and discussion. She maintains friendly and respectful relationships with those around her, as she is just as willing to volunteer her own ideas and suggestions as she is to receive those of her teachers and peers. She is an active participant in our performing arts, in which she provides musical accompaniment to our band and show choir. In sum, Kayla is a student whose



equanimity and equipoise are an example for us all."

Our Euclid High School top 10 seniors are:

- Kayla Granito
- Isabella Johnson
- Chrislynn Brownlee
- Nicolle Fulginiti
- Meghan Grisez
- Odaj'A Butler
- Dylan Gray
- Ini-Obong Inyang
- Juliana Crose
- Alex Bryan

Congratulations to the Class of 2020. We are proud of you and wish you good luck in your future plans.

**Euclid City Schools celebrated our students' accomplishments in June as Euclid High School held its senior commencement and released our academic achievement and senior awards virtual ceremony. Our virtual ceremony can be viewed online at <https://bit.ly/Euclidseniorawards>**



Photos from Euclid High School's 2020 Senior Commencement can be found online at [bit.ly/euclidgradpics](https://bit.ly/euclidgradpics)

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St. John Nottingham Lutheran School exists to equip the children of the Greater Cleveland and surrounding area with integrity, creativity, academics, compassion, and spiritual maturity in a diverse, interconnected, and ever-changing world.

## Congratulations 2020 SJN Graduates!

by David Peck

St. John Nottingham would like to congratulate our 2020 grads! This class worked hard and when the Covid-19 shutdown hit, they managed it like champs. They attended classes online, submitted their work, and just rolled with it. SJN commends them on their resilience, fortitude, and perseverance, and we wish them the absolute best! Good luck!



- Antoryia Collins, Valedictorian
- Londen Dukes
- David Fowlkes
- Matthew Gary
- Ja'Kyra Jackson
- Zion Johnson
- Alani Jones, Salutatorian
- Toryion Loper, Salutatorian
- Meilani Malone
- Mary Rice
- Dominic Scott
- Andre Spinks
- Taijahanna Stewart

## SJN Prepares for the Fall; Later Start to the School Year

by David Peck

We are certainly living in uncertain times, aren't we? At this point no one really knows what the fall is going to bring. We all want to return to normal as soon as possible, but we also want to ensure the health and safety of our children above all else, so what does that mean for the next school year?

I wish I had solid answers for you, but right now, no one does. I can tell you what SJN is doing to prepare for the Fall. SJN will be deep cleaning our entire facility over the summer break, top to bottom, side to side. Classrooms are being examined and planned for proper distancing, policies are being reviewed to ensure that everything that can be done to ensure the health and safety of students and staff is being done.

If distance learning is required, SJN is ready to proceed using a model that is a close to a normal school experience as possible. Live classes will be taught. Work will be assigned and assessed on a normal schedule. Tests and assessments will be given as appropriate. Help and tutoring will be provided, and students will not be in a "holding pattern," they will be actively advancing their studies.

If a blended model of part-time attendance is required, SJN is ready for that as well. Our class sizes are kept small enough that if this is required of schools by the State, SJN may not need to do it. SJN may be able to open much closer to normal than other schools BECAUSE of our small class sizes.

SJN will open as close to normal as possible, while still maintaining the highest standards and practices for the health and safety of students and staff. One of the things we have done to increase this is our schedule. This year, SJN will be opening for the first day of classes not in the middle of August, but on September 9th. This will give SJN staff additional time to ensure that every single thing has been taken care of to ensure cleanliness and safety. It will also give additional time for the public health situation to further calm down, and for staff to receive more training in safe procedures and practices. SJN believes that this later opening gives us the best chance of beginning the year as nor-

mally as possible, and as safely as possible. If there is an increase in Covid-19 cases at the beginning of the regular school year, SJN will know about it time to prevent spread through the school and shift into alternative learning methods before students are placed at potential risk.

SJN will be following all state-mandated recommendations. If the state requires masks, SJN of course will as well. If the state does not require masks, SJN will still permit them for students who wish to wear them. SJN is committed to not only the educational accomplishments of our students, but to their health and safety as well.

If you would like more information about how St. John Nottingham is preparing for the 2020-2021 school year, or would like to chat with the Principal about enrollment, please call the SJN Office at (216)531-8204, or email us at [schooloffice@stjohnnottingham.org](mailto:schooloffice@stjohnnottingham.org). Have a wonderful summer!

**Enrolling at SJN is as easy as 1-2-3!**

- 1: Call us at (216) 531-8204**
- 2: We will walk you through everything you need, from applications to scholarships to records transfers.**
- 3: Relax! It's all taken care of! Our Principal will call you to schedule a consultation and answer all of your questions.**



The Educational Choice Scholarship (EdChoice) Program is a financial assistance program administered and funded by the State of Ohio and provides students from designated public schools the opportunity to attend participating private schools. (The program also provides low-income students who are entering kindergarten through 12th grade scholarship opportunities.)

St. John Nottingham is a fully accredited EdChoice alternative school. Our School Office is ready and waiting to assist you in determining if your child is eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship! Call us at (216) 531-8204 and we will help you through the whole process.

The new application window for Edchoice opens up on July 1, so don't wait! Call today to begin the application process!



# Villa Angela-St. Joseph HIGH SCHOOL

## A message from VASJ interim president Richard Osborne '69

As a newly minted Student Council officer for the following school year, one of my duties was to update the block-letter sign in front of the school over the summer months. The idea was to promote summer activities — things like dances and athletic events.

But in the first week of June 1968, none of those things was on anyone's mind. Bobby Kennedy had been shot, and nothing else really mattered. Only two months earlier, Martin Luther King was killed and the nation already was distraught. The day after King was murdered, I recall a fellow student crying as he spoke of his anguish to one of his teachers. He despaired that America would never change.

Here's what I put on the sign:

JFK MLK RFK  
GOD HELP AMERICA

Now, 52 years later, as the school's newly minted interim president, I'm charged with writing my first message to our alums and friends. Until the events that transpired in recent days, I fully expected I would be writing about our summer plans and preparations for the next school year. But there will

be time enough to reflect on all that. The ongoing pain of the global pandemic and recent unrest across the nation have put life at our school in another perspective.

While there is danger in personalizing or even localizing experiences we all share, it occurs to me that the mission of our school is especially relevant and meaningful today. Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School stands as both a safe space and a beacon of hope in our community, a place of healing for students who are hurting, a place where lessons of tolerance, justice, peace and genuine concern for others are not only taught but practiced on a daily basis.

I've often encouraged my fellow students of the '60s to come and visit the school so they can see for themselves the culture of family and friendship that permeates our classrooms and hallways. Our school culture came into full relief a few weeks ago when a young graduate produced a video containing messages of encouragement and support for one of her former classmates now facing health challenges. That one of the girls is black and the other white was of no consequence; the video is filled with heartfelt expressions from students, teachers and coaches who

simply saw someone they love in need and wished to reach out and give her comfort.

Some schools, I have found, have difficulty articulating who they are and why they exist. We have no such difficulty here.

The essence of our school is seen in simple acts of love and kindness. Just as that teacher gave hope and comfort to his anguished student more than a half-century ago, our school remains now what it always has been at VA, St. Joe's and VASJ: a safe harbor, a guide in troubled waters, a lighthouse on the lake.

Sincerely,

Richard Osborne '69  
VASJ interim president



Richard Osborne '69

## Laura Stauffer named VASJ women's varsity basketball head coach

by Kristen Mott '09

The Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Athletic Department is excited to announce Laura Stauffer has been named the new VASJ women's varsity basketball head coach.

Stauffer was previously an assistant coach for the women's basketball team under head coach Tony Redding from 2013 to 2017 and under head coach Rich Newlon during the 2019-20 academic year. She also coached men's and women's throws on the VASJ track and field team from 2013 to 2018.

"I truly enjoyed working with this group of girls last year," Stauffer said. "We had fun and learned a lot, even though it was a difficult season for the team. I believe the girls deserve some continuity in coaches and game play, so I thought it important to step into the head coaching role. I'm looking forward to continuing to show them what teamwork, effort, dedication and loyalty will do for the team in the long run. This is about more than just the game; it's about making them better prepared for their next steps in life."

A former basketball player at Euclid High School and Gilmour Academy, Stauffer went on to play at Mercyhurst University and Baldwin



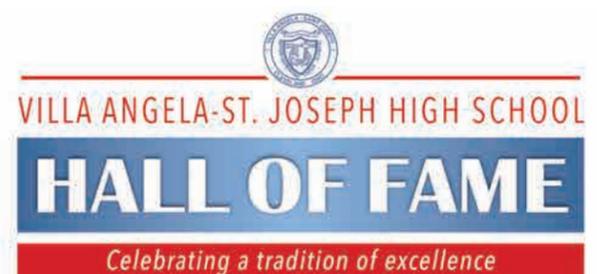
Laura Stauffer

Wallace University. She served as an assistant coach for women's basketball at Baldwin Wallace, the College of Wooster and Hathaway Brown as well as a coach for volleyball and boys and girls basketball at St. Paschal Baylon from 2005 to 2014.

Stauffer has two sons who attended VASJ. Jacob graduated in 2016 and is a 2020 graduate of West Point, while Adam graduated in 2018 and is currently attending Cleveland State University.

"We are looking forward to having Laura lead our women's basketball program," said Elvis Grbac '88, VASJ athletic director. "She knows the game, she knows the young women on the team, and she knows how to teach, lead and develop them. We cannot wait to see the program grow under her guidance."

## VASJ Hall of Fame seeks nominations



The VASJ Hall of Fame was established to honor alumni, faculty and staff members, and others associated with the Viking community who embody the mission and values of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School.

Inductees distinguish themselves through their contribution to their profession, the VASJ legacy and outstanding service to their community. These talented and extraordinary individuals serve as leaders among their peers and show our current students the possibilities that come from hard work, service and following one's passion.

In recognition of Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School's 30th anniversary in 2020, this year the Hall of Fame will induct one individual from Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and VASJ. These three deserving honorees

will showcase the unique characteristics that each of these schools offer to our combined legacy.

With respect to concerns of large gatherings, this year's ceremony will be held virtually on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020.

We are currently accepting nominations for inductees to the Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School Hall of Fame. If you know of a deserving alum, faculty or staff member, or individual associated with the Viking community who embodies the mission and values of Villa Angela Academy, St. Joseph High School and Villa Angela-St. Joseph High School, please fill out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/y8n46zgl> to nominate them. Nominations for the 2020 Hall of Fame class will be accepted until Friday, July 31, 2020.

For more information, please visit [vasj.com/HOF](http://vasj.com/HOF).

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## A Message from Fr. John



Wow, what a strange few months we have had! From what I am hearing and reading, while things are starting to open back up, we will have a lot of restrictions and necessary social distancing for the foreseeable future. With that reality, I made the difficult decision to cancel the annual parish festival that was scheduled for August 6 – 9, 2020. There are just too many unknowns and potential restrictions that make it too risky, both from a health and safety point of view for volunteers and guests, as well as from a financial standpoint. We have scheduled the 2021 Festival for August 12 – 15, 2021.

The parish festival is the primary fundraiser for our school. Fortunately, we are able to move ahead with one of the major events of the festival: our Grand Prize raffle! This raffle provides the opportunity to win a number of prizes,

including a top prize of \$10,000. Tickets can be found at the front desk of the parish office. Ticket stubs may be returned to the school or parish office, mailed to us, or dropped in the weekly collection. Please print legibly so that if you win, we will be able to correctly announce your name. The Top Student Seller will win a prize of a \$500 Amazon Gift Card. To the next top 5 sellers, we will present a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.

ALSO, DON'T FORGET, IF THE WINNING TICKET IS SOLD BY AN SRW STUDENT, HE/SHE WILL RECEIVE FREE TUITION FOR THE ENTIRE 2020 – 2021 SCHOOL YEAR.

The winners of the raffle will be drawn on Sunday, August 9 at Noon. The drawing will take place outside the Church and also online so people can watch virtually. If you live in the state of Ohio, you can buy tickets online. We will have a link on the homepage of our website: [www.srweuclid.cc](http://www.srweuclid.cc).

God bless you, and be assured of my continued prayers.

Peace,

Fr. John Betters

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# CONCERTS OF HOPE

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There's no doubt that the world has had its fill of negative news lately. It seems like bad news is around every corner, and here at Ss. Robert & William Catholic Church, we felt it was time to take action and bring some positivity to our community. In a joint effort with St. John of the Cross, we have found a way to reach out to our community in these secluded times.

Ever since the national shutdown, we have live-streamed a weekly concert for anyone in need of some joy and uplifting music. The hour-long performances led by our Music Directors, Kyle Lorek and Dr. Francesco Binda, are comprised of many styles and combinations of musicians. You can find the live-stream every Wednesday night, starting at 7:00 pm on our website at [srweuclid.cc/live-stream](http://srweuclid.cc/live-stream). If you have missed any of these great performances, there's no need to worry, we record every concert and have them listed for future viewing.

Don't miss out on these heartwarming events. The live performances are only around for a limited time and will soon conclude.

## Virtual Vacation Bible School

by Nathan Raddell

This year Vacation Bible School was a little different as you can imagine in light of the COVID-19 situation. Mostly everything that we originally envisioned had to be changed, postponed, or canceled. When we were faced with the idea of canceling this week-long summer event, Fr. Thom said, "The show must go on."

Although we could not gather together here on campus, we could share the Good Word with our little ones in other ways. Fr. Thom went to work and came up with a series called Discovering Jesus with Sherlock Holmes. This 5-episode mini-series features fun, singing, and discovery in our first ever



Virtual Vacation Bible School.

We have already received many emails, phone calls, and letters on how excited our little learners are to explore the world of Detective Sherlock Holmes. If you have a preschool-aged child, check out the free episodes on our website at <https://srweuclid.cc/vbs>. We loved creating these episodes, and we want to share them with as many little ones as possible.

## Summer Outdoor Book Discussion

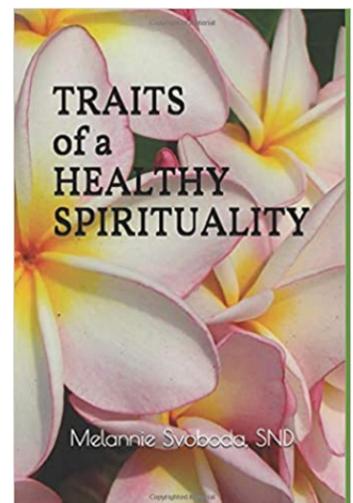
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By Sr. Melannie Svoboda  
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## Collinwood Dedicated Senior Medical Center Opening in July

Dedicated Senior Medical Services is a new medical center opening up in July at 15105 St Clair Avenue. At Dedicated, we follow a unique model that has transformed the Senior healthcare experience, specializing in compassionate, coordinated care, allowing patients to lead longer, healthier lives. This includes seeing patients monthly or as often as needed to keep them well, to making sure they have the right specialists to treat their conditions. Many of the services we offer on-site include, primary care providers, cardiology, acupuncture, nursing, podiatry,

social workers, medication services available, labs and testing, x-rays, door to door transportation and exercise, educational, and social events. Some services are not covered under all plans or centers. Check your plan documents for details and service availability. Limitations, copayments and restrictions may apply.

If you would like to schedule a free tour or appointment call 216-538-3146.



# COMMUNITY

## Gateway Senior Apartments: Ready for move in!



Gateway Pointe Senior Apartments currently has 2 bedroom units available with spacious floor plans that include a stackable washer-dryer hookup.

2 bedroom/2bathroom units are also available and include standard washer-dryer hookups.

All-inclusive rent includes heating/cooling/ water, internet, and TV.

Major improvements to units include luxury vinyl floor, new vanity, sink, Moen faucet, mirror, shower trim, shower rod, light, toilet and hardware new fridges and stoves.

**VISIT US AT:** 4 Gateway Dr. Euclid, OH 44119, behind Home Depot, convenient location

**ACTIVITIES AND EXTRAS:** morning exercise, bingo, weekly scheduled activities, monthly birthday parties, holiday parties in large community room, cable ready, all-inclusive rent!

Call Cindy for a private showing of units: 216-383-1459



## Gateway Pointe 55+ Living in Euclid

Gateway Pointe Senior Apartments is ready to move in and under new ownership by a very well seasoned NE Ohio real estate company! The owners of Gateway Pointe hope to breathe new life into this well-known property and hope to drive more beneficial traffic to the area and surrounding businesses. Gateway Pointe has 1 and 2 bedroom units with spacious floor plans and new cosmetic designs. 2 bedroom/1bathroom units are currently available and include a stackable washer-dryer hookup. 2 bedroom/2bathroom units are also available and include standard washer-dryer hookups.

Gateway Pointe is under new ownership and continually doing complex-wide improvements! For the first time in decades, units and common areas are being remodeled with striking and modern colors and architectural designs! The flowing theme of blues and greys brings a stylish flare to the building and surrounding area.

Remodeled units for the first time in decades! All-inclusive rent (heating/cooling/ water, internet, tv)

\*Please note that this is a facility for residents 55+ y/o only\*

**BATHROOM:** updates with luxury vinyl floor, new vanity, sink, Moen faucet, mirror, shower trim, shower rod, light, toilet and hardware. We will feature the nicest remodeled bathroom compared to any apartment and most homes in the area.

**KITCHEN:** all appliances will be replaced such as new fridges and stoves.

**BEDROOMS:** updated colors, new vinyl blinds, light fixtures, satin nickel door hardware and large closets

**ENTIRE UNIT UPGRADES:** modern satin door handles, door stops, new door hinges, (3) 10 year sealed lithium ion battery smoke detectors, all LED energy efficient light fixtures, new plumbing shut off valves, new plumbing waterlines, all new switches, outlets, cover plates.

**EXTERIOR:** spacious parking lot with spots in the front and side, multiple entrances, 20 garage spots for additional fee, private community grounds, rear patio and sitting area

**LOCATION** – 4 Gateway Dr. Euclid, OH 44119, behind home depot, convenient location, under new ownership!

**LAUNDRY:** our building has (2) washers and (2) dryers on each floor. 2b/1b has stackable 2b/2b has side-by-side washer

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# COMMUNITY

## Willowick Pet Food Pantry

by Elvira Bellegoni

The Pantry started distributing dog and cat food to people in need in January 2016. To date the Pantry has distributed over 100,000 pounds of pet food. The monthly distribution is on the 4th Saturday in the morning (time may vary) and lasts two hours. On occasion, it also distributes cat litter. The distribution location is at Willow Praise Church, 32905 Vine St. in Willowick. It is open to anyone in need regardless of where the pet parents live. During this difficult time, because of Covid 19, the pantry has distributed (one-time distributions) in Madison, Painesville, and Ashtabula. In addition to pet food, the



Pantry has various programs: a medical program, a Free Spay/Neuter program, a Microchipping program, and a "crossing the Rainbow Bridge" program. Visit our website, [www.willowickpetfoodpantry.org](http://www.willowickpetfoodpantry.org) or our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/willowickpetfoodpantry](http://www.facebook.com/willowickpetfoodpantry). "Like" the Facebook page to keep up on all the Pantry does. Both Channel 5 and Channel 8 have run segments on the pantry as well as few local papers.

## Put Your Yard to Work!

by Elizabeth Hiser

Tired of watering your ornamental plants? Wishing for (just a small bit of) those spring rains? Consider joining our online Master Rain Gardener course and building a self-sufficient\* rain garden. Class includes 5 weeks of online content designed to walk you step by step through planning, design, digging, and planting your very own rain garden.

Rain gardens are bowl shaped gardens that catch the rain from your roof. They water themselves! And the plants that like to live in rain gardens also tolerate drought! Making them a beautiful low maintenance choice for our Ohio landscape.

Whether you are a gardener looking for a fall project, or a homeowner with a drainage problem, the Master Rain Gardener course is for you.

Class starts July 17th. We hope you will join us!

\*Even plastic plants need dusting some times, so like all gardens, our rain gardens will need some TLC.

Learn more and sign up on our website here: <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/events/2020/07/17/master-rain-gardener-online-program>



## Tree Care Tools

by Elizabeth Hiser

Have you ever driven by a street tree with its roots overgrowing the sidewalk, or a sycamore with half of its branches removed to make room for utility lines and thought: There has got to be a better way! Well, the staff at many local conservation agencies have often thought the same.

When planted properly in a well thought out location, trees provide myriad services. Trees remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, they help save energy by providing shade and blocking wind, they filter pollution to purify the air we breathe. But don't take our word for it. There are tools out there like i-Tree with calculators to show you the value of a tree.

Cuyahoga Soil & Water Conservation District is committed to working with communities and partners to plant and properly care for urban trees. This year, Conservation Education & Communications Manager, Amy Roskilly has compiled information from the International Society of Arboriculture and Trees Are Good to help residents, communities, and contractors learn about proper tree planting, placement, and maintenance practices. These brochures are useful guides that detail everything from how deep and wide to dig the hole, to how much mulch and where to (and where not to!) put it.

In addition to these brochures, we have launched a Let the Flare See the Air! cam-

paign. Trees in nature do not have mulch piled up against their trunk. A naturally planted and cared for tree will have what is called a root flare at the base. If you're tree looks like a light pole (straight up and down to the base), then it is either mulched too high, or planted too low. If you see this, we want to hear about it. Learn more here on our website: <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/let-the-flare-see-the-air>

We are getting into the heat of summer which is not the preferred time for planting a tree. It is best to plant in the fall after leaves drop, or early spring before buds start to emerge. When planting mid summer you need to really ensure the tree gets enough water to handle the heat. If you planted or plan to plant a tree this year make sure you are watering at least once a week and more during hot and windy weather. Small trees will need watering their first 1 to 2 growing seasons. Larger trees may require periodic watering for 2 to 3 years.

Have detailed tree care questions? It is always best to consult with an arborist.

To find tree care materials, check out our website at: <https://www.cuyahogawcd.org/programs/tree-planting>

We look forward to helping to reverse our tree canopy loss and return Cleveland and Cuyahoga County to their former Forest City fame.



by Michele Wagner

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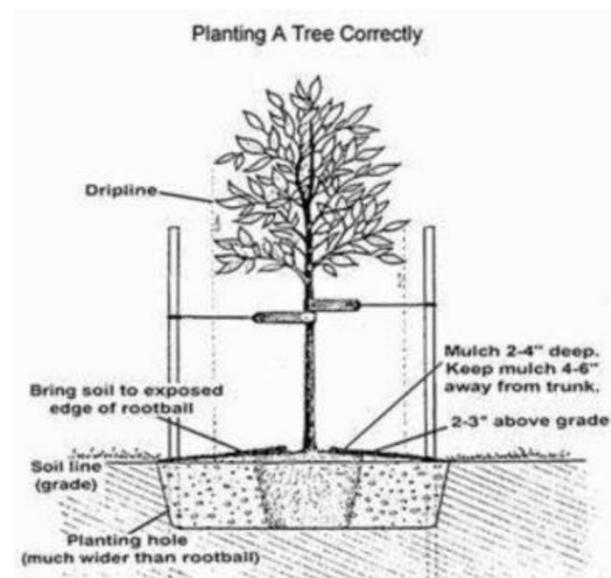
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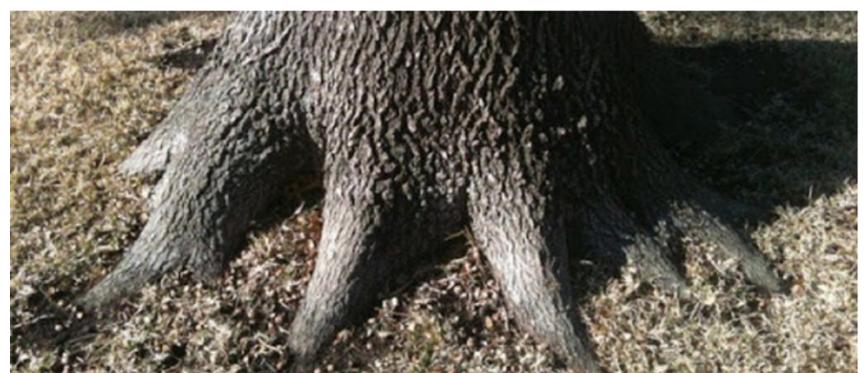
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# Congratulations Graduates



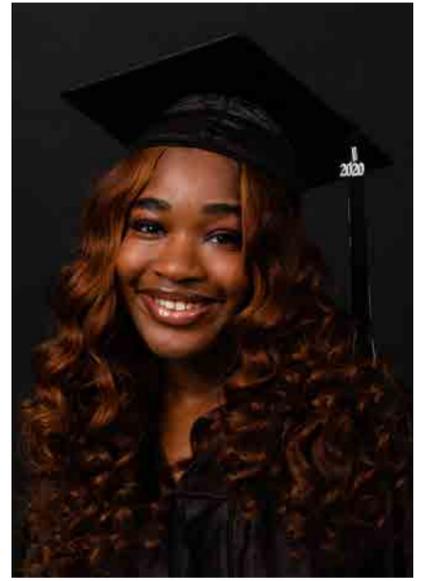
Rhashied Patterson, Visual Art  
Next Step: United States Marine Corps



Makaila Redmond, Integrated Arts  
Academic Decathlon Award Winner  
Collinwood Friends Garden Member  
Next Step: Cleveland State University



Santiago Mount, Integrated Arts  
Academic Decathlon Award Winner  
Collinwood Friends Garden Member  
Next Step: Cleveland State University



Kristiane Kindle, Dance  
Next Step: Arizona State University  
Kaneshia Agnew, Vocal Music



Kaneshia Agnew, Vocal Music  
Next Step: Central State University



Sanyale Wright, Visual Arts  
Next Step: Columbia College of Chicago  
for Communications.



Chardae Anderson, Integrated Arts  
Next Step: Central State University



Essence Shy, Theater  
Next Steps: Cuyahoga Community  
College and Tennessee State University.  
Essence is studying to be a Veterinarian.





# CLASS OF 2020

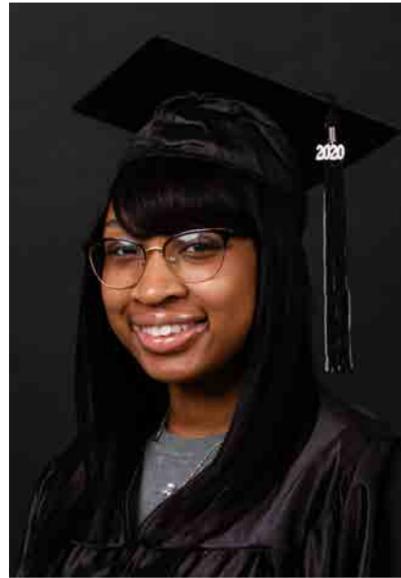
Below are 16 of the 108 CSA graduates who reside in Collinwood and Euclid



Ija Wright, Theater  
Next Step: Hampton University



Jon Jones, Band  
Next Step: Cuyahoga Community College, pursuing Music.



Diamond Carty, Theater  
Next Steps: Cleveland State University



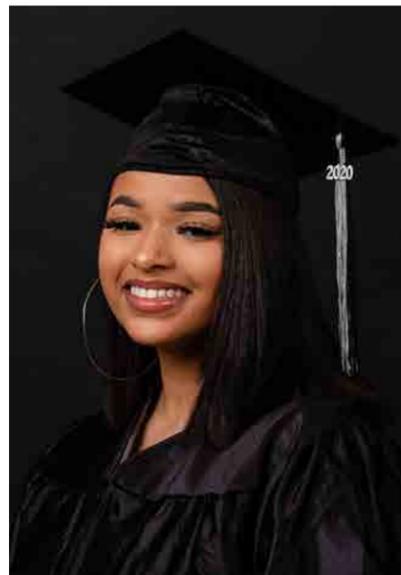
Naje Robinson, Visual Art  
Naje has earned an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science Degree at high school graduation.  
Next Step: Rochester Institute of Technology on a full scholarship.



Nia Primm, Vocal Music  
Next Step: Spelman



Valentine Ventura, Creative Writing  
Next Steps: Cleveland State University



Joy Mason, Visual Art  
Next Step: University of Toledo



Anijah Wright, Creative Writing  
Student Body Class President, National Honors Society, Next Steps: Hampton University, as well as her first published book releasing in the fall.



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## I am NOT stressed!

Natalie-Jo Flynn



As we Jump into July here in NE Ohio and we are slowly venturing out, there is so much to enjoy, places to see, and projects to get to doing.

Does the sound of this encourage you or stress you to the point of no action?

Think about how you perceive or react to minor stressful events, such as waking up late, getting into traffic, an argument with a loved one, planning an event, all somewhat stress causing Right?

Then step it up to stress on the job, all day long stress, maybe no longer having a job, living in an environment of perpetual turmoil.

Now Imagine you are suddenly confronted with a hungry lion, and it jumps at you and you begin to run, Would this stress you out?

When we experience stress our bodies go into a protective mode, done through a perfectly created internal chemical

reaction we come equipped with and don't have to think about. This reaction is turned off and on by how we perceive our situation.

When the said Lion jumps out at us, our bodies, in a second, prepare us to get to a Safe place. in doing this we undergo a perfect system of changes designed to protect us:

- Our Heart rate speeds up
- Our Blood pressure increases
- Our breathing quickens
- Chemicals Adrenaline, and Cortisol are released
- Blood flow is routed away from our digestive system and to our arm and legs
- Digestion shuts down
- Pain perception is decreased

When we escape and the lion is gone, our bodies then go through recovery, reversing the reaction to put us back to a normal resting phase.

These are all actions our bodies take on without our control based on how we perceive "danger".

This is Fabulous right? Well it is as long as we can get in and out of the stressful event in a timely manner and fully recover we decrease any long-term issues caused by remaining in this mode.

The problem arises when there are no Lions in the midst yet we have a multitude of other stressful events that constantly plague us, leaving our body in this state for long periods of time.

Our Brain cannot differentiate the differ-

ence of REAL Lion chasing stress or the perceived stress of being late for work, or that near miss fender bender.

When we don't fully recover from the stressor and are living in this state of constant stress it takes a toll on the whole body.

This can manifest into weight gain, brain and body fatigue, digestive issues, poor thinking, heart and blood pressure and blood sugar imbalances and poor immune function.

Ok The good news! How our body reacts to stress is normal and protective, it can keep us safe and get us motivated to do the things we need to get done.

If you notice you are in this perpetual mode of stress it is wise to recognize this and agree to take action on stress relieving activities and techniques.

Everywhere we turn there are suggestions for getting "downtime" this is when we can relax, decompress, meditate, enjoy something we like even if it's only minutes per day.

As a Functional health coach, I see many clients who cannot get rid of unwanted weight especially around the middle area and much of the issues are undiscovered stressors that can be negotiated.

No diet or exercise will help until the stress response is regulated and the body can work properly.

If you or someone you know would like to have a more vibrant and deserved life, reach out to me for a fun, relaxed Discovery session.

-Discover what's stopping you and keeping you from having the health/life change you want.

-Identify which foods, lifestyle habits you currently have that maybe bring you down and what to do about it

-Develop a step-by-step plan to create a doable life for you.

My life passion is helping people through being stuck and feeling let down from not following thru on their health goals.

Working as a practitioner and coach, I see other healthcare professionals do not have the time or the skills to help people stay encouraged to get lasting results for what is expected for their health.

It is easier to default to old "safe" habits even though they make you feel worse, without support.

Get the right system, support, and accountability so simple actions can result in big accomplishments. Stop beating yourself up by making promises that sound good but do not last.

Let's Move That Mountain! One little push is all it takes.

Visit me online Move That Mountain Health & Life Coaching on Facebook

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## July Happy Hippy Mama

by Emily Holody

Hi All- Is it really July? How has time passed so quickly yet so slowly? Time is interesting like that I suppose. I hope this finds you healthy. The stress of a world-wide pandemic can certainly wear on you. Please remember to reach out should you need support, and remember I am always just an email away. The Holody house has remained healthy and relatively happy through all of this. We are currently trying to find the balance between remaining as safe as possible and living life. I still feel it is a balancing act between enjoying myself and hiding in a corner. Of course, I am kidding, but in all seriousness please reach out if you are in need of support.

I feel that so much has happened in the world since I last wrote. The rise, and fall, and now rise again in the Coronavirus is unsettling to say the least. At the same time witnessing the murder of George Floyd and listening to his final words of "I can't breathe" and the calling out for his "Mama" ignited something inside of me. This murder on the heels of the senseless murders of Breanna Taylor and Ahmaud Arbery, as well as the many others whose full human life was denied to them by violence, police brutality, and racism made it so I could no longer be a bystander in this thing called life.

As my friend Jenny Kane says "I did a thing," but this thing was not about me. This thing was and is about changing my city and this country. It wasn't about doing anything grande or new, it was about

doing what's right and being loud and unapologetic about it. It was about being peaceful but angry.

I proudly joined faith leaders in my community from the group Faith In the City at the Rally For Change. But, that's not all I didn't just join them I worked on the movement and I loved it. If you know me you know, I volunteer for every important cause that I believe in and I throw my whole self into it. This was no different. At the first meeting, I sat quietly on my hands a bit, maybe a bit afraid to say the wrong thing, but by the second meeting, these people became my friends, my people, and as I call them my tribe. I knew I couldn't NOT get right in it, and I am proud I did.

There were moments of discomfort and maybe my words weren't always perfect, but it was totally fine. I pushed through the small feelings of discomfort and felt real things happening inside of me. Now, this didn't change me, I have always felt in my truest self that BLACK LIVES matter, that all human lives matter. But, what working to make this rally happen, did do was, make me realize that I can no longer be a quiet comfortable lover of all human life. I need to be LOUD and say it as many times as it needs to be said, BLACK lives matter, And ALL lives can't matter until BLACK lives matter. I appreciate so much the guidance from faith leaders and my new friends in the Euclid community. I am not sure I have ever felt prouder to walk alongside and stand behind anyone in my life.

This rally was a beautiful moment, but this is not just about a moment, it is a movement. If you are interested in learning more about this movement and what Faith In the City is planning to do going forward, please reach out and keep the conversation going at HappyHippyMama@yahoo.com or on Facebook at Happy Hippy Mama.

Chris Rock once said, "We treat racism in this country like it's a style that America went through. Like flared legs and lava lamps. We treat it like a fad instead of a disease that eradicates millions of people."

I hope that someday soon we are able to live in a country that does not see racism as a fad, rather we live in a place where BLACK LIVES MATTER, and HATE HAS NO HOME. I promise to continue to spend my time and energy on this movement and to continue to say LOUDLY for all to hear BLACK LIVES MATTER, and ALL lives can't matter until BLACK LIVES MATTER.

This Months Mantra:

"My time is limited and I will not allow the noise of others' opinions drown out my own inner voice. I will have the courage to follow my heart and intuition." Let's be the change Euclid, Ohio.

Until next time,

Namaste



# HEALTH & WELLNESS

## Guard your Medicare Number

by Laura Mutsko



### Stimulus check scams

Be extremely cautious if you receive a phone call or email telling you about any new stimulus payments from the government. This scheme is designed to steal your money, your social security number or your banking information.

Scammers will sprinkle in terms such

as 'stimulus' instead of the official term (economic impact payment) to gain your confidence. To my knowledge, no one is conducting any outreach to track down missing economic impact payments and as of this writing, no new economic impact payment package has been finalized. Call your bank if you have any doubts.

### Final cautions

- Do not click on links from sources you do not know.
- Guard your Medicare number as you would guard your credit card.
- Check your Medicare Summary Notice (MSN) for errors.
- Only give your Medicare Number to participating Medicare pharmacists, primary and specialty care doctors, or people you trust to work with Medicare on your behalf.
- Remember, Medicare will never call you to verify your Medicare number.
- Visit Medicare.gov/fraud for more information on protecting yourself from fraud and reporting suspected fraud.

Got questions on life, health, Medicare Advantage Plans and Medicare Supplements? Call or email me. I will help you find a plan that works for you. My email is Lmutsko@mutskoinsurance.com or call 440-255-5700.

Scammers have been working overtime, calling, texting, and emailing people ever since the COVID19 virus emerged. The con artists are tailoring their message to the latest headlines and often appear legitimate. Here are just a few of the latest scams to watch for:

### Medicare numbers

Scammers are always after your Medicare number. Today's scam artists are offering to send you masks, test kits, air cleaning devices, COVID19 cures or treatments with the cost being covered by your insurance or Medicare. Do not be fooled. The scammers want to get a hold of your Medicare number, banking information or other personal information when you take advantage of their offer.

If you have the slightest inclination to take advantage of an offer, please take five minutes to call Medicare to verify the authenticity of the offer. Medicare's number is 1-800-MEDICARE.

## Takahata Talk



by Chieno

I made up a COVID-19 game today. Just for me. How fun to make up all the rules for such a fine new game during social distancing, and to play it whenever I please. It is good to be me, I tell you!

I just came in from weeding. So tired from too much sun while bending over my new 55' garden bed for my giant Hosta Avocado plants. Too much squatting down like a pitiful old tutu. Next time, I may spray the weeds. I use the word may because the sound of a deeply rooted dandelion weed being dug out gifts me with a small endorphin rush. Is this normal?

Recently, Mark observed that my daily routine kept me too busy working, writing or studying. "Too much thinking, mom. Perhaps you could profit from meditation."

I almost giggled out loud.

One of the books that I am reading requires note taking just to make sure that my mind receives all the information correctly. It is a demanding read for me. The author, Sinclair B. Ferguson, teaches us to meditate on Scripture while simultaneously having fellowship with God. All my senses are being trained by exercises in spiritual living, and in the process of this style of meditation, I discovered my stunning new game.

It's called, The Most Beautiful Couple of the Moment! And, Josh and Kitty will retain this title until someone new comes along to impress me spiritually. Their exquisite testimony lives inside of me now!

They have given me treasured pieces of their humble heart for God...

## Feel like a Tyke Riding your Bike

by Kara Berger



Are you trying to spend more time outside now that the sun is out? Maybe you weren't as active during the quarantine and want to return to exercise. Biking is a great way to accomplish both. Because biking is a low impact activity, it tends to be a little easier on your joints than other cardiovascular exercises like running. There are several common mistakes that are easily avoidable by simply altering your body position.

Start off by standing next to your bike and setting your seat to the height of your hip. If your knees are able to bend further than 45 degrees with the pedal at its lowest point, your seat is too low. This leads to an under-utilization of the gluteal muscles and places a greater stress on your knees, further increasing the likelihood of knee pain at the end of your ride.

Be mindful of maintaining a neutral spine and engaging your core while riding. An engaged core provides stability. When your core is not engaged, you may notice increasing pressure at the low back, wrists, shoulders, or buttocks. Hunching your

back can place more stress on the intervertebral discs, where letting your low back fall forwards can place more stress on the lumbar joints.

Lastly, be sure you are comfortable with your balance before jumping back on the saddle. Remember, exercise should not be painful! It may be difficult or strenuous, but sharp pains indicate that you may be doing something wrong. We are always happy to help you navigate any bumps in the road you may come across at Infield

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## Senior Center Preparations

by Bob Payne

As we await direction from the Governor, we are busy preparing the Lakefront Community Center. There will most certainly be restrictions, and we are planning for a phased reopening. We will make details available when we have more information. Please know you are thought of often, and all the work we are putting in now will certainly be worth it when we can again get together for senior programs.



Cleaning and painting continues at the center.



We are planning reduced seating in the dining room to provide for social distancing.

## Beyond Differences

by Bob Payne

Throughout history, people have endured terrible treatment because they've been seen as different, and somehow less, because of ancestry, race, color, religion, age, gender, disability, etc.

It is wrong. It has never been right.

Those attitudes and actions show a disconnect, an Us-vs-Them mentality, based on perceived differences. Looking at history we see the results. Hate always breeds hate, and violence undoubtedly brings further violence. If all you see are differences you don't relate to, then you fail to see a living, feeling, worthwhile human being and the cycle continues. Atrocities happen when human dignity is ignored.

Today there is a great mirror reflecting on society, and strong emotions are being expressed. Do not ignore another's pain, and do not turn away. The expression of deep hurt is an invitation to intimate understanding.



For each of us, life is a matter of the heart because that is where right and wrong, good and evil, is ultimately decided. And while you can see the differences people are born into, you can't see what motivates individuals. Judge each person by their actions and not their appearance.

Let's also look into the mirror at ourselves. What do your words and actions reveal about you? Are they reflecting your beauty or your pain? What are you bringing into the world?

You only have control over yourself but you change the world, one way or the other, by how you act. The challenge is to continually grow into a wiser, kinder, more understanding version of yourself

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John Copic

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The Carteria was a glass enclosed building which was a Drive in. It was located at 22800 Shore Center Drive in. It then became the Thunderbird Drive in sometime after this.

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Kenny Kings was founded by Kenneth King in 1944. By the 1960's he had 18 restaurants in Northeast Ohio. The Euclid location was located at 20371 Euclid Avenue. In the 1950's the big item on the menu was the Big King. It was a competitor to the Big Boy which was a double decker burger. In the early 1960's Colonel Harlan Sanders made a deal with Kenny Kings and started selling his Kentucky Fried Chicken at Kenny Kings in Northeast Ohio.

Each piece of chicken sold a small percentage a few cents would go to Kentucky Fried Chicken. When Kenny Kings in Euclid closed the structure was moved to Mentor. Where a diner called Annabelle's was started.

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Bali Ha'i was a Chinese Restaurant located on Euclid Avenue. Armao's was located right across the street at 25571 Euclid Avenue. It had great pizza. It was in business from 1967 until 1995 when it burned down after a lightning strike.

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Ground Round was a restaurant located at the same address as Uncle Jack's. It opened in 1974

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York Steak House was located at Euclid Square Mall. in the late 1970's and 1980. The specialty was Steak that came with a bake potato a salad and they had very good fresh baked rolls. The only remaining York Steak house is located in Columbus, Ohio.

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Lovebirds Movie Review



by Brian Friedman  
This romantic comedy follows a couple through multiple mishaps as they try to solve a murder they witnessed. Beautifully shot in great New Orleans locales but that ends my praise. Plot is too predictable and the actors (that are fantastic in everything else they are in) have little chemistry and stiffly deliver their lines and jokes. Streaming on Netflix and should be renamed "Cardboard". Grade - D

## Space Force Series Review



by Brian Friedman  
This 10 episode original series is streaming on Netflix and is anchored by Steve Carrell and John Malkovich. It takes a couple of episodes to buy into Carrell as a four star general but that is not his fault. It is just a natural audience response to ongoing The Office reruns. After getting over that hiccup, the series has some decent laughs and is pretty well written and compelling. Unfortunately, the series starts spending too much time on a poorly directed, possibly miscast daughter. Then the season ends pretty abruptly with (not one but) two totally preposterous cliffhangers that soured the whole experience. Grade? Should have been a B but that finale results in an overall C minus.

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