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Ward 4 Meeting Fosters Citizen Involvement

Euclid Police Department's Community Policing Network Administrator Kristal Skovira served as facilitator at a recent Ward 4 meeting and introduced the panel comprised of (l to r) Assistant Recreation Director Mac Stephens, Housing Manager Charlie Drazetic, and Police Patrolman Orlando Almonte.

By John Sheridan

On a balmy spring evening in late May, about four dozen residents of Euclid's Ward 4 assembled at the Slovenian Society Home on Recher Ave. to air their concerns about problems in their neighborhoods, as well as city-wide issues. A half-dozen city officials were on hand to field questions, outline city programs, and suggest possible remedies to common problems.

Those in attendance showed little hesitance about participating in the lively, occasionally even boisterous, discussion sessions that revolved around a laundry list of complaints, including: unkempt lawns, unruly groups of teenagers, vacant homes that depress housing values, and the threat of burglaries and break-ins.

And at least a few of the participants seemed to be in a grouchy mood about the city's decision to impose a new $9 per month trash collection fee. One woman complained that it will only add to the financial burden faced by many cash-strapped homeowners. She also perceived a certain inequity. "Some people in my neighborhood put out eight to 10 bags of trash every week," she said. "I put out just one bag a week—yet I have to pay the same fee. That's not fair!"

Understandably, not every complaint or issue can be resolved in a single evening, but many of the attendees felt the exchange of ideas was useful. "It was an informative meeting," reflected Stan Ubic afterwards. "It looks like they are trying to make this a better community, but often people's hands are tied."

The ward meeting was the third of its kind organized by Ward 4 Councilperson Mary Jo Minarik, who hopes that such gatherings ultimately will empower residents to come up with solutions to neighborhood problems. "When residents work with city officials, including the police, the housing department, and city council people, situations often can get resolved,"

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McCormack Ready to Tackle County Issues

By John Sheridan

Tim McCormack, who has held numerous positions in local, state, and county government, recently confirmed his intention to run for the new county executive position created by passage last fall of Issue 6 – the charter amendment that dramatically overhauled Cuyahoga County's government structure. It established an 11-district county council and a single county executive as the top county official.

Born and raised in Euclid, McCormack now resides in North Collinwood, where he and his wife Valerie raised their four sons: Colin, Brendan, Kerry, and Dylan. As of late May, McCormack and his campaign staff were in the process of opening a campaign headquarters office on East 185th Street.

While finishing his law school studies at Cleveland State University in the 1960s, McCormack made his first bid for public office, winning election to the Euclid City Council. He has since served in the Ohio House of Representatives, the Ohio State Senate, and as Cuyahoga County auditor and county commissioner. His two terms on the commission were marked by his efforts on behalf of welfare reform, fiscal stability, child protective services, and a national award-winning initiative in the area of early childhood education.

In response to questions posed by the *Euclid Observer*, McCormack shares some of his thoughts on the new county government and the challenges that lie ahead.

***JS:** If elected to the position of county executive, what three or four goals would top the list of things that you'd hope to accomplish during your term in office?*

TM: My primary objectives would include advances in the following three areas: ***Code of Ethics.*** With the now pervasive admissions of guilt throughout our regional public agencies, it is clear that formation, adoption and strict enforcement of the nation's most effective public Code of Ethics must be the first priority of this transformed county government. It must be first because, no matter how vital human services and economic development are in our scheme, all will fail if we cannot trust those spending our money.

Jobs. Government is most helpful when it performs its vital public functions so efficiently as to create the sense and reality of well being within the community. When there is good government in a community it serves as one of the major incentives for people who want to work and live there. Good government wisely utilizes its resources in concert with private and non-profit entities. It works in supportive ways to encourage starting up and maintaining employment.

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Euclid Ranked 4th Best Library in the Nation

By Rebecca McFarland

Euclid Public Library is recognized as the 4th Best Library in the Nation for 2010 with the recent Hennen American Public Library Ratings. 7,930 public libraries are ranked annually throughout the United States using the most recent federal data. Libraries are rated, scored and ranked on 15 input and output measures. Libraries are compared within categories of size according to the population of the city they serve. Euclid's population rank is in the category of libraries serving a city of 50,000 to 100,000 in population.

At a recent City Council meeting, Mayor Bill Cervenik presented Euclid Public Library's Director, Donna Perdzock, with a Special Proclamation recognizing this award. Euclid's library has ranked in the top ten of the Hennen Survey for seven years in a row as of 2010.

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Update from the Mayor

I am happy to announce that University Hospitals Management Service Organization, Inc. will be expanding their present site on Euclid Avenue, and will be bringing almost 200 new jobs to the City of Euclid. This is great news for our local economy and will most certainly create other economic opportunities for growth on Euclid Avenue.

The City is also in the process of purchasing the now vacant St. Roberts Church property on Lakeshore Boulevard, pending approval by City Council. The 7.6 acre parcel is a vital piece to the Euclid Waterfront Development Plan, which was officially adopted this past December as an addendum to the City's Master Plan. An important component of the Plan is to connect the neighborhoods to the South to the Waterfront. Pending Council approval, we will immediately begin to prepare concepts for the property's redevelopment with assistance from JJR, the consulting firm the city has retained to develop and implement the Waterfront Plan.

Last but certainly not least, the dilapidated, crumbling and rusted sound walls on the freeway are scheduled to be replaced this summer with the red brick style walls that are to our East. The Ohio Department of Transportation amended their budget by approximately $3 million dollars to include this project in the current construction period. The project, which is scheduled to be completed by October 31, 2010, will certainly enhance the appearance of our community to those who drive through each day.

As you can see, there are many exciting and positive things taking place in our city, and I assure you there is much more to come.

Mayor Bill Cervenik

From the Editor

EO Writer's Class Coming Soon

We want you (yes, we are talking to you) to become a writer for the Euclid Observer. We know a few of you have a great story just waiting to be told. Some of you have listened to your inner self and responded to our previous requests, and we thank you. But we want more of you to contribute to our local newspaper.

Writing can be difficult or intimidating for some people. Anyone who has done any amount of serious writing will agree that all writers have difficulty sometimes. This is why the Euclid Observer is sponsoring a "down and dirty" writing class for anyone interested in contributing to the newspaper. Classes will be announced by emails to all who are signed up in the Member Center. Those interested in attending should bring a pad and paper, a few story ideas and an open mind.

— *Cheryl Ludwa*, Senior Editor

Where can I get the Paper?

By John Copic

The most asked question at the Observer office this last month was, "Where can I get the paper?" Below is a partial list of places we drop the paper. If you get there and there are no papers —it does not mean we did not deliver there—it means they have already been taken. If your favorite location is out, give us a call at 216.531.6790 and we will bring more. If you would like to add a location to our list, give us a call at 216.531.6790. If you would like to advertise in the paper, PLEASE give us a call at 216.531.6790.

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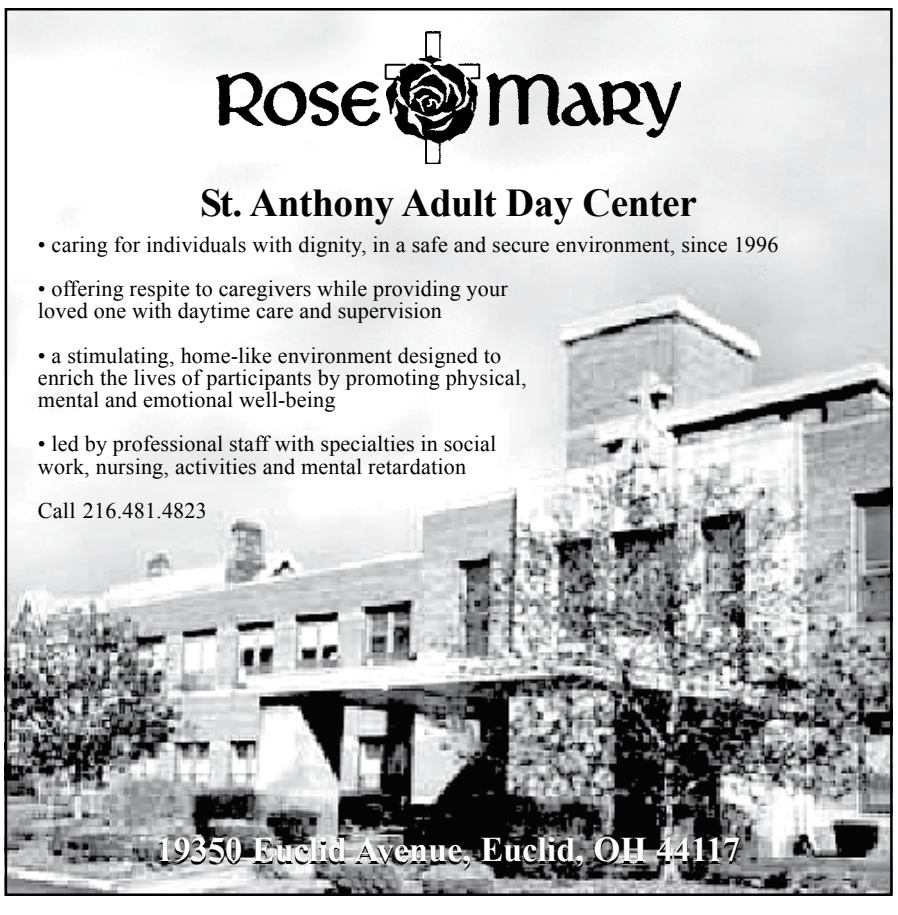

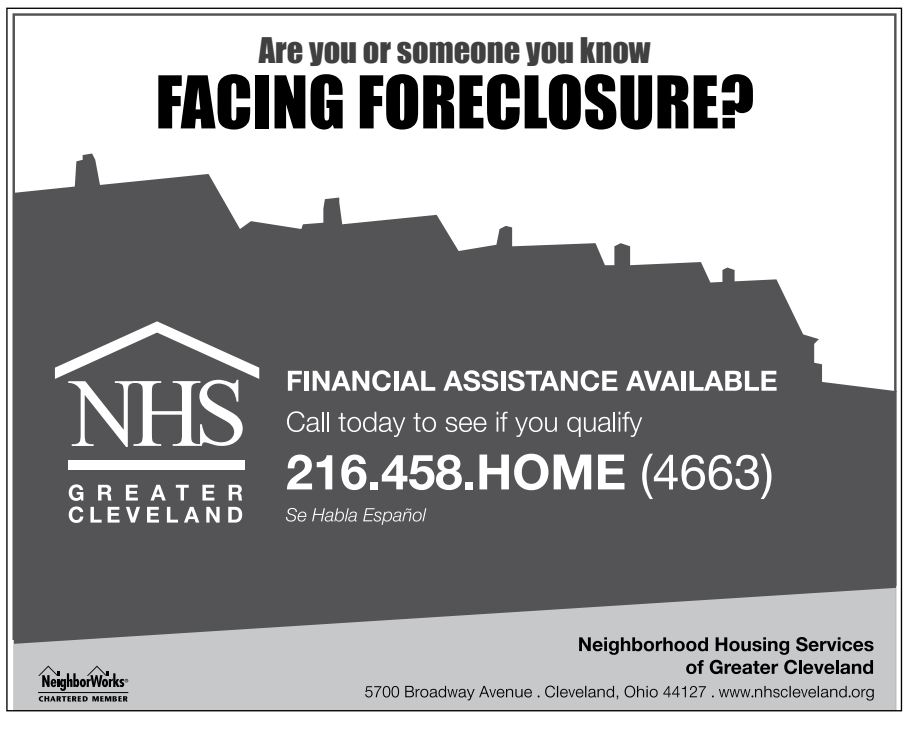

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Interview with Tim McCormack

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Education. It's imperative that we see that every child succeeds. We must embrace the regimen that every child born into this community be provided with the encouragement and tools to live up to their highest potential. It is humanity's highest responsibility. When any child falls short of his or her potential, we all lose. Cuyahoga County's infant and early childhood education approach is a promising beginning that needs to be expanded upon in every space where a child's future is being shaped.

JS: *What do you regard as the major challenges that must be met in order for the new system of county government to succeed?*

TM: The new Cuyahoga County government should lead the way by inviting economic development leaders, our colleges, regional government leaders, organized labor, and our non-profit foundations to go back to "school" together. As a full community, we need to think through and answer the question "What private-public investment strategy would work best to create jobs in Greater Cleveland?" We then need to act upon it as a team. That challenge has not been taken up in a united way by our community. We have moved from one bricks-and-mortar savior project to the next, seemingly one every 10 years. To survive, we need a long-term strategy to build our new sustainable economy.

If we invite in new people and their new ideas and apply them to old problems we will be well on our way to much-sought-after reform.

JS: *Your campaign emphasizes the need for "good government." How do you define good government?*

TM: Good government means that public people do not take things that are not entitled to them to do their jobs. Good government establishes a Cuyahoga County government whose sole reason for being is service to the public for the public good. Good government innovatively responds to our critical economic and human development challenges.

JS: *Do you believe the new county executive/council structure can put an end to the corruption and patronage that have dominated news headlines for the past several years?*

TM: Yes, I do, but avoiding corruption and bad governing requires reporting in each day, scrutinizing all pending business, adopting best practices, and being on the lookout for abuses of process. It all stems from intent to do the right thing.

JS: *Under the new charter, several top county officials who in the past were directly elected by the voters will now be appointees chosen and approved by the new executive and county council. Do you see that as a positive step?*

TM: There is absolutely no need to elect all separate offices of coroner, engineer, clerk, sheriff, treasurer, recorder, auditor and prosecutor. We should vote for one office charged with the criminal law function as that office involves life and death decisions. While many other people would support an appointed fiscal and tax officer, I have suggested strong consideration be given to electing the community's "money person." The functions of the auditor, treasurer and recorder could well be combined into one office. I like the idea of having the person who reports to us on the county's money issues accountable to the voters. Spending on a convention center, Gateway, Playhouse Square, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, business loans, taxes, and real property valuations are multi-million dollar county spending and auditing issues. A county-appointed fiscal "employee" would have no direct accountability to the voters. Moreover, he or she would probably be fired for telling the public an "inconvenient truth."

JS: *What approach would you take in working with the new county council to keep lines of communication open in order to achieve consensus on major county wide objectives?*

TM: Establishing friendly relations now during the campaign, and holding full, open, weekly caucuses to review policy, as well as daily contact with council as needed. Ultimately, I would travel their districts with them and let them explain their priorities on a regular basis.

JS: *Do you believe the new structure has the potential to spark economic growth and job creation in Northeast Ohio? If so, how might that happen?*

TM: Jobs are created and maintained in the largest part by private initiative. Private creativity remains our best hope for our future financial security. Government's role as a positive partner in this equation is vital. Government on its own cannot replace private entities in performing the vital function of job creation, but it can and should be an essential partner in the equation.

It is exciting to see so many good people who are dedicated to remaking our 200-year-old system of governing ourselves. Issue 6 mandates economic development as the top priority. However, justice-related issues make up the largest single item in the county budget; and the primary focus of Cuyahoga County for decades has been human services. Each of these subject areas would benefit from a fresh-air approach. People thrive when they are able to be self sufficient. Economic development, human services, and justice affairs work best when we recognize their interdependence.

JS: *There has been much talk about "regionalization" as a mechanism to improve government efficiency, and hopefully, reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Cuyahoga County. Do you view the new government structure as a positive step toward achieving these goals?*

TM: When the Indians, Browns, and Cavs are doing well, you see their insignias in Erie, New Philadelphia, Youngstown, Sandusky, Ashton and for more than 100 miles in all directions. That to me is our region. Just as these teams do, our ports, airports, shore lines, businesses and governments must also take that 100-mile view of our future.

Where can we cooperate? Consolidate? Co-fund? Rededicate? Take advantage of the vast strengths and attractions of our vast region. If this new reformed government does not lead us in that direction, I will view it as an abject failure.

Garden Club Plants a Tree

by Carol Price

Barbara Shivak, Garden Therapy chair (on left) and Carole Price, Civic Betterment Chair of the Lake Shore Garden Club (on right).

The Lake Shore Garden Club of Euclid, in its 79th year, was pleased to donate a tree to the city in observance of Arbor Day, 2010. In consultation with the city's arborist Chris Grant, a Red Rocket Maple sapling was selected. It is the first of its kind to be planted in Euclid.

The Red Rocket Maple is a National Arboretum release derived from northern Minnesota. It is highly regarded for its fall foliage. In late September its leaves turn a fiery shade of red which lasts until late November. The tree will grow to a height of 30 feet with a spread of eight feet. The combination of reduced size and tight upright stance makes it an ideal choice for close urban areas. The Red Rocket should prove to be the best of tall, narrow maple trees.

Euclid's Director of Parks and Recreation Kathy Will, together with the Shade Tree and Beautification Commissions, designated Lake Shore Garden Club's donation as a tribute to the late William J. Tomko, a long-time and well-respected city supporter. The tree was planted in an Arbor Day ceremony on April 30 in front of the monument on the grounds of the Euclid Public Library with members of the Garden Club as honored guests.

The Lake Shore Garden Club has also maintained the Perennial Garden at the Henn Mansion as its "Adopt-a-Spot" for the past several years. The Club presented the Perennial Garden to the city in celebration of its 60th anniversary.

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Crime Prevention: Getting the "Knack" of It

By Rose M. Allen, R.Ph.

Just about every police department would prefer to have a zero crime rate, and while that isn't likely, establishing crime prevention as a priority can go a long way to reducing crime in a community. Euclid police officer Mike Knack's area of interest is crime prevention, and he uses his specialized training throughout Euclid to increase crime prevention awareness. In addition to his 17 years of service with the department, Knack's certificates and training include State of Crime Prevention Specialist, American Crime Prevention Specialist / Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Specialist, and National Crime Prevention Institute/Campus Crime prevention.

Through the community policing department, Knack provides training to Euclid residents at neighborhood and tenant associations, businesses and community organizations. He believes if he can direct residents' the attitudes and behaviors at reducing the threat of crime and enhancing the sense of safety and security, Euclid's quality of life will improve, and with it the development of an environment where crime cannot flourish. He stresses the importance of education as the most important aspect of crime prevention. "People need to be informed." In particular, he believes that reaching children at an early age can make a difference.

Knack also feels strongly about residents getting to know police officers, and officers knowing who they serve. He said that giving a friendly wave and/or just saying hi to officers is a good way to start. He also acknowledged that officers need to recognize the people in the neighborhoods they patrol. These simple actions could lead to the cooperation necessary that can help prevent crimes or the reporting of tips that can help solve crimes quicker. Once residents become comfortable talking to police officers, they may be more willing to provide information or report activity that seems out of place. He emphasized, "if you see something suspicious, say something." Additionally, Knack explained, officers will have an awareness of their neighborhood, enabling them to noticing regular routines and recognize when a routine changes, which could prevent a crime, or save life or property.

The message that seems clear is this: improved crime prevention can be achieved when residents and police officers work together to make their neighborhoods and city a better and safer place to live. Knack said that the Euclid Police Department, as an excellent police department, welcomes such cooperation.

Those interested in a home or business security analysis can contact Knack through the Euclid Police Department's Community Policing Department.

Knack's crime prevention tips that put you in control:

- If it has a lock (bikes, cars, doors and windows), use it.
- If you value an item lock it up. Do not leave potential valuables visible. Even if you do not care about the value of an item, such as a music CD, a thief may cause costly damage by breaking in to get to that item that has no value.
- Do not leave items such as GPS units, cell phones, CD cases and purses visible in your vehicle when you leave the vehicle. Lock them away or take them with you.
- Remove or hide evidence of items such as GPS units. Remove suction cups and holders, as well as clean the rings that remain on the windshield after removing the GPS unit and suction holder. Hide cell phone chargers too, as a potential criminal might assume there is cell phone worth stealing.

Right: Officer Mike Knack ready to roll

Below: Officer Mike Knack and Euclid Avenue Police Mini Station Volunteer Audrey Cobb

Our 10th Amendment

By Alyce Turner

Lately, I have been thinking a lot about our Founding Fathers and our Constitution. These people were not only very brave but also very intelligent. When they established the federal government they knew things could get out of hand so they added some amendments. The most important one to me is the 10th Amendment. This one was put in place to protect us (we the people) and our individual states from a corrupt government.

Last year for Law Day, the News Herald asked different people in law write articles. The one that stood out for me was written by Lake County Judge Eugene Lucci. He titled it "Stop Ignoring Our 10th Amendment." I know I studied history in school and in our senior year we had a course called Government. But over the years of raising children and living in this wonderful free country some tend to forget these very important things. I would like to use my own words to refresh you on this important amendment: The powers given to the federal government are few and defined. They deal with external affairs such as war, peace, negotiations and foreign commerce. The powers given to the states are many and undefined; they deal with internal affairs such as our lives, liberty and property.

Our Founding Fathers had escaped anarchy and tyranny in Europe and wanted us to live in a free country. It is my opinion that this very important amendment is being ignored and we aren't paying attention. Read it again please.

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A Giant Step Forward in Euclid Waterfront Development

By Jerry Corbran

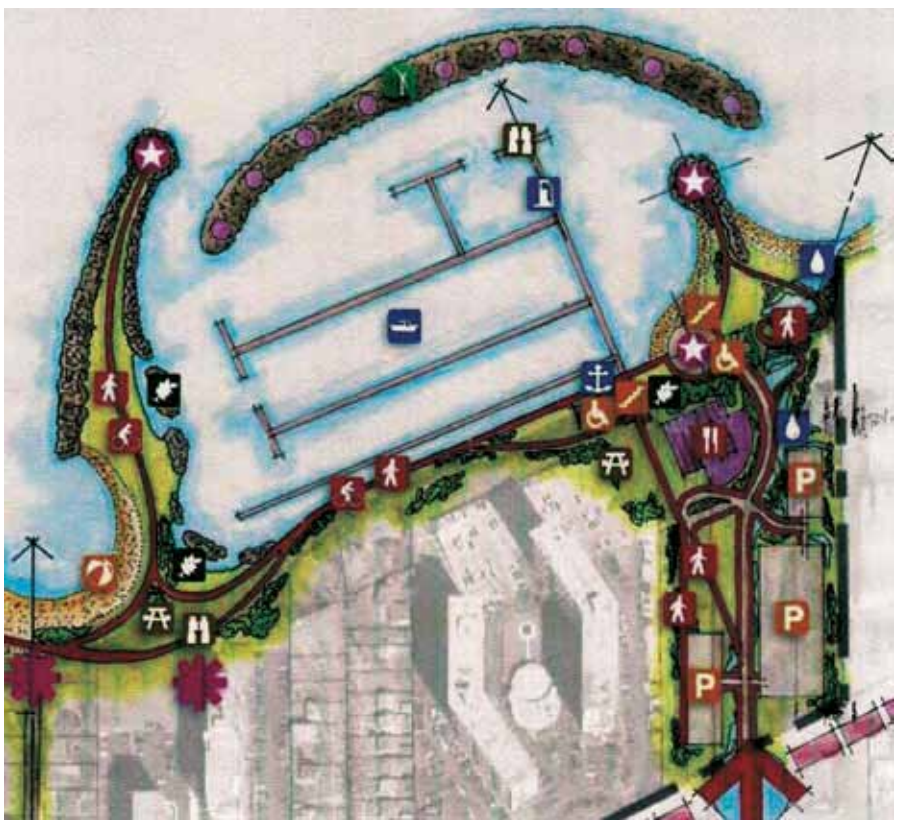
In April, the *Euclid Observer* published a conceptual design illustration of Euclid Waterfront Improvements by the JJR, LLC Engineering firm. It conveyed a vision of what to expect as the various phases of construction are completed.

As the previous illustration was too small to see in any detail, this month we have furnished a larger image of the marina area making it easier to fully understand the concept. The emphasis is on public access and enjoyment of the lake view. A close look at the plan shows provisions for picnicking, public parking, a boardwalk for strolling overlooking the 250 slip marina. Also provided will be walking and bicycle paths, with handicap access, from Sims Park to observation points at the end of each marina area earth and rock pier. A first-class lakefront restaurant is also planned. Birdwatchers and nature lovers can watch the wildlife in the habitat created along the access paths. Sunbathers can enjoy the new beaches protected by the several new break walls.

Once this conceptual vision was approved by City Council and the Mayor, the next step was to hire the firm to prepare construction drawings and specifications. Recently, City Council passed the legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement for the design, permitting and engineering for the project. The agreement also includes expertise for identifying and seeking grants and related planning activities of the project. The JJR firm has considerable experience and success in those matters. It is expected that the major portion of the project cost will be from Federal, State, private foundation and TIF funds.

The cost of JJR's services will be not more than $298,000, paid for by Tax Increment Finance (TIF) funds controlled by the city, not from the property and income taxes we pay into the City General Fund. TIF is a great Ohio construction incentive program that allows the City to establish zones and receive about 75%, instead of the normal of about 12%, from new property taxes generated by private construction within those zones. These TIF funds can be used to pay for planning, land purchase and municipal capital improvements like a marina, boardwalk or a break wall.

These waterfront improvements will bring a lot of new private construction investment into the TIF areas. Things like upscale condos and restaurants. Renovating Harbor Crest and Waters Edge high-rise apartments into upscale condos is a real possibility, contingent on the construction of the marina. In 2000, an architect designed a fine condo conversion conceptual of the Americana Apartments (now renamed Harbor Crest).That design is in City Hall files.



The idea of lakefront development with a marina has been around since 1989. Council independents have floated several marina concepts with condo conversion of high-rises since TIF Zones were established in 1994. However, City Administrations, aligned with council majorities, resisted the legislation until recently, when Councilman Daryl Langman suggested the hiring of a professional development engineering firm.

The project will take many years to implement, but it must be done. The vision is there and the project will bring investors with substantial disposable income to our shores. This must happen if our city expects to survive urban decay.

One of Euclid's Best Kept Secrets: Mary Mavec

By Barbara Comiskey

Ask people in and around Euclid about Mary Mavec Opportunity School and many are not really sure what the school is all about. The school has always operated quietly, without a lot of fanfare. But if you ask Peter, one of the school's clients, he will tell you that Mary Mavec Opportunity School is the place he goes every weekday to work, learn and hang out with his best friends.

It has been this way for more than 60 years. Mary Mavec Opportunity School is an adult center especially for clients over the age of 22 who have developmental disabilities. The school offers opportunities to work and participate in a variety of activities that encourage independence, life-long learning and growth.

So far this year, the group has been very busy taking advantage of a number of new opportunities. With helping hands from volunteers and staff members, Mary Mavec's clients took a couple of turns staffing the coat check for the Euclid Exposition Center's Home & Garden Show and the Cleveland Sport Travel and Outdoor Show earlier this year. The group recently held a spring flower sale and participated in Euclid's 200th Street Stroll.

When they are not out and about in the community, clients can be found completing mailings and other workshop projects for area businesses. Other days, you will find them practicing reading and writing, working on art projects, or developing their sign language skills.

Day to day activities are overseen by Executive Director, Christine Hazlinger and a handful of volunteers and part-time staff. Christine's primary goal is to support maximum independence through the continued development of lifeskills and the individual talents of each client. "We welcome visitors and are very interested in building new relationships with businesses and other organizations. I invite anyone interested in learning more to give us a call or stop in for a visit. "

Mary Mavec Opportunity School currently has a limited number of openings for people who could benefit from the services offered. For information on enrollment, volunteer opportunities or workshop services please call Christine Hazlinger at (216) 731-4666 or visit the schools website at www.marymavec.org.

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Good to be Green: *Grow Your Own*

By Cheryl Ludwa

It's Good to be Green focuses on local, healthy and sustainable ways we can get our food, which is good for our bodies and our community.

The warm April air stirred many to begin thinking about their gardens, and more specifically, when to ready the soil and begin planting seeds. Most of us used the warm May days to plant a nice variety of seeds, with hopes of someday enjoying a very bountiful and enjoyable garden.

Container gardening

If you're not the garden type, or you have a very small yard (as many in Euclid do), you can still enjoy the benefits of growing and enjoying your own vegetables, herbs and flowers. One way to do that is by container gardening. The Nature Conservancy suggests the square foot garden, which uses a window box of sorts, placed anywhere, from a backyard to an apartment patio, that receives at least six to eight hours of sunlight daily. Ideally, you would place a garden box in a 4×4 foot space. The garden box is just 4 boards, some nails, and a barrier at the bottom to keep the weeds and grass from growing through. The quality of your soil doesn't matter because you mix your own with supplies from a local garden store.

Small gardens can grow in almost any container, from an old kiddie pool to an old pair of running shoes.

If you are new to gardening, you can ask the experts at the garden store for help on mixing a good garden soil. For those who compost kitchen waste, use the compost in equal parts of vermiculite and peat moss. Divide the box in four, using string or other material to create one-foot-square plots. You are ready to start planting your own organic garden.

Select seeds that will mature into smaller plants, particularly if space is very tight. You will see that this box design reduces work because once your seeds begin sprouting and growing, weeding and thinning become unnecessary. Your garden can be incredibly productive. According to The Nature Conservancy, just one 4×4 box can produce up to five times the produce that a traditional garden of the same size would yield, while using 90 percent less water and 95 percent fewer seeds.

The yellow pear variety of tomatoes began as starter plants. The seeds for all the other sprouts were planted the first week of May.

And the best benefit? It's free of pesticides and fertilizers that harm sensitive environments. You can use any large container to grow your garden if you don't want to build a box. You can even have fun and experiment by recycling old shoes, colanders or plastic tubs as growing containers. Just ensure there is a way for water to drain from whatever you use for your garden.

Community gardening

Another way to enjoy fresh flowers and produce is to become part of a community garden. There are many benefits to a community garden, among them:

- Improvement of the quality of life for people in the garden
- Serves as a catalyst for neighborhood and community development
- Stimulates social interaction
- Encourages self-reliance
- Beautifies neighborhoods
- Produces nutritious food
- Conserves resources
- Provides opportunities for intergenerational and cross-cultural connections

Euclid has one community garden now, on East 279th Street, but that garden is full. Anyone interested in participating in a second garden located at Memorial Park can contact Kathy Wills, kwill@cityofeuclid.com.

For more information on container or organic gardening, please visit The Nature Conservancy at http://blog.nature.org/2010/03/go-chemical-free-square-foot-garden/. To read more on community gardens, visit the American Community Gardening Association at http://www.communitygarden.org/.

2009 Cleveland Water Quality Report Available

By John Goersmeyer

Water quality is essential to all of us – and the quality of our water affects the quality of our lives.

Cleveland Division of Water is committed to providing its customers safe, high-quality, drinking water. That is why the Division maintains a rigorous quality control program and continues to invest substantial financial resources to improve our water treatment facilities and distribution system. Our water is constantly monitored and tested. The water produced and delivered by Cleveland Water far exceeds the most stringent water quality standards currently mandated by federal and state water regulations, and last year was no exception.

The Division has continued to significantly enhance the quality of life by meeting the growing need for safe, clean water in the communities we serve.

Therefore, we present you with the Division's Annual Water Quality Report for 2009. This report provides an overview of the Division's water quality during the past year. It shows the source of your water, how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies, and how your water is treated and tested.

Every customer (residential/business owner) receives a copy of Cleveland Water Quality report.

Additional copies can be requested by calling (216) 664-3130 or by viewing and downloading it at www.clevelandwater.com.

Euclid AARP Chapter Meeting

By Betty Czumber

The Euclid AARP Chapter #1550 will meet at the Euclid Community Center, One Bliss Lane, at 1 p.m. Monday, July 12. Note that the Center will be closed on July 5, for the holiday weekend. Our speaker will be John Williams from the Euclid Historical Society speaking about Euclid's history.

Stay and have coffee with us and meet some of your neighbors and friends. We welcome all seniors as guests; perhaps you will want to join us. We have informative meetings dealing with senior issues. You can be ahead of the crowd with new issues and where and when community activities arise.

The August 2 meeting will feature Rebecca McFarland from the Euclid Library to talk about Elliot Ness.

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Kenneth Sims – A Leader Who Shaped Today's Euclid

By John Williams

Kenneth Sims, born February 8, 1902, paid his way through Cleveland Law School by working in oil fields near Lodi. After graduation, Sims held a variety of jobs, and in 1935 he ran for city solicitor. He was soundly defeated by the Ely machine. Undeterred, by 1937 Sims felt it was time to try a run for mayor.

At that time, the city of Euclid was in poor condition. Slot machines abounded and government corruption was rampant throughout its ranks. A reporter for the "The Observer," the current city newspaper, ran a number of articles on the slots and the corruption in city hall. Yet the mayor of the city, Charles Ely, dismissed these problems as inconsequential.

A young lawyer at the time, Sims began to build a political party called the Coalition Party; he believed could oust Ely and bring the city back to some semblance of law and order. By all reports, the campaign wasn't the cleanest ever run. Among other things, campaign signs were destroyed or stolen from tree lawns.

Election Day, November 2, 1937, Sims won as mayor of Euclid: 3,436 votes to Ely's 3,151 votes. Many looked forward to Sims' promise of ending the era of corruption. Soon after Sims' victory, Safety Director Bill Zitsmann turned in his resignation, as did Councilman Harry Baker, both loyal Ely men. As soon as Sims took office he ordered an audit of every department's books. Sims' suspicions were well placed, as the police books showed a shortage of $32,918, paid under the table to police officers who worked as special police for Addressograph-Multigraph, unbeknownst by the state.

Sims received help in his clean-up campaign, as in late 1937 the state moved in and confiscated every slot machine in the city. While this was a good start, it would take another year or so be fore Sims and others could declare the city was now basically free of corruption, gambling and bootlegging.

Sims became a wartime major when World War II began in December of 1941. It was a difficult time for everyone, complicated by a population explosion of unprecedented measures. The war's end brought a collective sigh of relief and the hopes that Euclid could now become the city of choice for many.

Those who had been working in Euclid in the wartime factories now decided to remain in Euclid, but they needed homes for their families, not the temporary housing they were provided while they worked in the factories. Sims' next big project was to oversee a huge building boom with all the problems that come with it, such as the need for new sewers, streets, water mains, sidewalks, and lighting. As with his previous challenges, Sims was up to the job and Euclid expanded to nearly 73,000 citizens.

Through years of public service and experience, Mayor Sims expanded the city's bus line, ensured needed improvements in sewage and rubbish disposal and created a model recreation program. For his efforts as Euclid's mayor for 32 years (1938-1970), he received many awards and rewards from area clubs, newspapers, service organizations and religious groups, and his efforts have had a lasting effect on our city.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Farmers' Market is Fresh and Local

By Cheryl Ludwa

Euclid is extraordinarily lucky to have its own farmers' market. What's even better is between now and October, the farmers' market will be open for business each Friday afternoon between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Unlike many area farmers' markets, the Euclid farmers' market has hours convenient for those who work all day. The market is located on the north parking lot of Shore Cultural Centre.

It's still early in the season for farmers, so food items available for sale now include Amish baked goods, fresh eggs (laid that morning!) and cheese, starter plants, honey and jams, pies and a few vegetables. As the summer progresses, expect to find an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables and herbs. Handmade jewelry, soaps and crafts are sold throughout the farmers' market season. The Euclid farmers' market is a great place to pick up a few fresh items before going on the weekend grocery shopping trip. The prices are right and all purchases support area farmers and artists.

Fresh eggs from happy chickens

Stop by any Friday and see what piques your interest. You might be surprised by local entertainment creating a festive mood for the market, or you might run into an old friend. Regardless, you will find your time well spent at this local gem.

Brassco moves to New Location

By John Copic

Brassco Recycling celebrates its sixth year in Euclid in a new location. Brassco Recycling buys all metals, computers and electronic scrap. The company was formerly located on Babbitt Rd.

The new location, at 27101 Tungsten Road is clean, with a paved parking lot. In bad weather, you can unload inside away from rain, snow, or freezing cold. They strive to provide friendly, fast service, while paying top prices on all your scrap metals. Stop by…check them out and see for yourself.

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Euclid Hunger Center's California Wine Tasting

By Ron Esmer

Euclid Hunger Center (EHC) is once again hosting a wine-tasting event at Sims Park on Saturday, July 17, but this time inside the Henn Mansion. As many of you may recall, EHC hosted several wine-tasting events in collaboration with the annual Euclid LakeFest at Sims Park. We returned after taking a year off to regroup and have returned with a new twist... all California wines. While many of us are very familiar with the Lake Erie wines, there are still those that haven't yet had the pleasure of sampling the California wines. Tickets are available from EHC board members, as well as the Sts. Robert and William Parish House, located on East 260th, and the Shore Cultural Centre's main office. Tickets are priced at $35 (regular admission), $50 (friends of EHC) and $125 (corporate sponsor). Each ticket includes five sampling tickets, plus hors d'oeuvres. Additional sampling tickets will be available for purchase. Don Perry will be providing the cool jazz sound, which is perfect for such an event. Perry, a saxophone extraordinaire, is a regular on the winery circuit in Geneva, Madison and Harpersfield. You'll surely enjoy his horn playing! Please come join us for what promises to be a great evening on the lake. Everyone raise their glass... "Here's to a great sunset!"

Our Lady of the Lake Brings Hope and Positive Message to Community

By Cheryl Ludwa

The Euclid Observer *featured the merged Catholic parish of Saints Robert and William last month. This month, The* Euclid Observer *shares the progress of the merger of the St. Christine and Holy Cross parishes, which culminated in the celebration of the inaugural mass for the newly formed parish of Our Lady of the Lake on Feb. 14.*

Father Joseph Fortuna, the new pastor of Our Lady of the Lake, has been working closely with staff and parishioners to move toward what he said will be a "new normal."

Fr. Joe admits that the parish merger has been complicated. St. Christine had a staff and Holy Cross had a staff, and the merger brought in a new pastor. He said they all have been learning about each other, while getting a new parish up and running. Fr. Joe and his staff have been deliberately cognizant of each other's feelings, and the process is taking longer because everyone is going through a grieving process [of losing a parish] as well.

He said the parish as been working hard to build the foundation necessary to carry out the Church's mission: to discover, announce and promote the reign of God. How that is done varies in each parish. He is working with staff and parish members to identify what God has planned for Our Lady of the Lake, and then to determine the best way to realize those plans.

One of the biggest challenges he sees is the diversity in his parish and the community it serves. He said finding the right culture will take time before parishioners will feel as if it is their own. Despite the challenges it brings, Fr. Joe views the widely diverse congregation as a real plus, a source of giftedness and possibility, and one reason why he applied to become the pastor of Our Lady of the Lake.

It is Fr. Joe's hope, admittedly ambitious, that in the next five years the parish will have taken the steps needed toward having cultures encounter each other and enrich each other, for the benefit of the church, as it carries out its mission.

Fr. Joe has been working proactively to this end. He has made a number of visits to parishioners' homes and met with groups of parishioners to allow them to share opinions and issues. He has asked them to be frank, to say what is on their minds. This has been good for parishioners and for him as well. He earnestly wants to get to know everyone on a deeper level, and have everyone know him. The feedback he has received so far indicates parishioners appreciate that he is listening.

So it seems the dust is beginning to settle at this new Catholic parish.

"As we get settled in and better acquainted with each other, we look forward to being part of a strong, vibrant Catholic presence in Euclid," said Danni Hubbard, pastoral minister.

Kitty Cooper, a parishioner at Our Lady of the Lake, shares those sentiments.

"Father Joe Fortuna is cognizant of people's feelings as he helps create the new parish, and reaches out to those who are looking for a spiritual home," she said.

Rounding out the cluster is the Saint John of the Cross. Father Sal Ruggeri serves as pastor for this parish formed from the merged communities of Saint Felicitas and Saint Paul Catholic churches. The Euclid Observer *will feature this new parish next month.*

Books You Can Listen To

By Eric Linderman, Manager Adult Reference, Euclid Library

Books on audio have been popular at the Euclid Public Library for many years; first as books on cassette tape and now on CD. Those who prefer to listen to books, instead of holding the real thing, may want to know about the new format of audio books and the advantages each offers.

Playaways: A Playaway is a small digital device that works with headphones or can be plugged into newer car stereos. The audio book that used to come with a set of multiple disks or tapes now fits in your shirt pocket or purse.

MP3 CD: These resemble standard compact disks, but have content in digital format that can be played on computer systems and newer CD players. One advantage of this is that anyone can play the audio book on a laptop or transfer it to an MP3 compatible device.

Audio Downloads: Library visitors can download books on audio through the library's website. These can be played on various portable devices, and some are compatible with iPods. For more information, go to www.euclidlibrary.org and click "emedia."

Euclid Arts

Improv Group Director Says Theater Reflects Life

By Alisa Boles

An interview with Upstage Players Improvisational Troupe leader Carrie Walsh-Hilf.

***AB:** What is the Upstage Players improv group?*

CWH: UpStage Players Improvisational Troupe is a group of actors who dedicate time to working on the craft of acting and improvisation. They perform original scenes at different venues. We recently performed at the 200th Street Stroll on June 5 in front of Euclid Locksmith & Alarm Sales. This group is a piece of UpStage Children's Theater, but differs in that it is open to ages 5-whatever. We have about twenty participants and are always looking for more.

Upstage Players is a non-profit professional theatre group run by an all volunteer staff. Children don't have to pay to participate in their programs. Families can support the group by buying tickets to the performances, buying logoed gear, supporting the fundraisers, donating and volunteering.

***AB:** What do you when you get together?*

CWH: It depends. We do traditional vocal warm-ups and body warm-ups. Then we play a variety of games. The games will turn in to our scenes. However, the scenes that we practice are just practice; we will create new scenes when we perform at whatever venue we are at. Sometimes we create a show out of ordinary boxes big and small, other days we turn ourselves into out-of-the-ordinary super heroes such as Bubble Man or Fashionista Girl with crazy super powers. You never know what will happen when you plan the games. Creativity fills the auditorium the instant you announce the game. We play different improvisational games each meeting. It is interesting to watch how a story can shift depending on who is leading it.

***AB:** What benefits do members receive from being involved in the group?*

CWH: Being involved in the theater, a show, is like life. Theater reflects life so it should. You audition [interview], have to be responsible, need confidence, awareness of others around you have to think on your feet. We practice all of this at our meetings. Being in the improvisational group also will help you build confidence, creativity and your craft for future auditions. It is a lot of fun and you make new friends.

Improv troop members, Mary Walsh-Hilf and Edwin Smith

***AB:** What is your background in theater?*

CWH: I started acting in seventh grade and have done a show every spring for the past 23 years. I have my theater degree from Cleveland State University and I have been the artistic director of UpStage Players for 16 years.

***AB:** Who else is involved in leading the group, and what is their background?*

CWH: We have many seasoned artists in our theater group, UpStage Players, whether it be hands-on training or professional and community. In the improv troupe, it's me and my adopted son Edwin Smith, who has been acting since high school in school plays and with Near West Theatre.

***AB:** Tell us about any upcoming events.*

CWH: We have booked the Waterloo Arts Festival on June 26 (waterlooartsfest.com) and Concerts in the Sculpture Garden, July 11, from 2-7p.m. on Waterloo, and the Speakeasy Fundraiser, October 2 with UpStage Players and the Slovenian Home. We can also do private parties.

***AB:** Just because you're from here, doesn't mean you have to stay here. Why do you choose to stay, live and play in the Euclid/Collinwood area?*

CWH: Collinwood is such a rich neighborhood, filled with traditions, ethnicity and real people. This Waterloo area and The Slovenian Home has embraced our artistry and our mission to promote the arts to children. We are so happy to call it home.

***AB:** Tell us about how people can get involved in the group.*

CWH: E-mail me at walsh-hilf@sbcglobal.net for more information or call (216) 978-2395.

"Images of Hospice" Debuts at Arabica

By Paige Boyer

Mother and daughter pose for a photo taken by Notre Dame student Aureila Nuber at Hospice House.

For four months, Hospice of the Western Reserve patients and families welcomed photography students from Notre Dame College on their journey with a serious illness. 167 photographs later, the four participating students found themselves changed forever.

These students, Aurelia Nuber, Ralph D'Alessio, Sarah Nank and Dominic Schiavoni, spent time with patients and families at Hospice of the Western Reserve's Hospice House – an inpatient facility overlooking Lake Erie.

The fruits of their experience – called "Images of Hospice" – will be on display at Arabica Coffee House, 818 East 185th Street, beginning June 24. The show kicks off with a reception from noon to 2 p.m. at the Coffee House and will remain there through July 16. The reception is free and open to the public.

During their time on the project, the students learned not only about photography, but also about life. In her artist statement, Nuber explained: "It has altered my view of the world around me and I've acquired a larger appreciation for life as a whole."

Schiavoni was amazed by what he discovered.

"It was to my surprise that overall these patients were in good spirits. I was expecting these people to be downtrodden and depressed; instead they were full of life," he said.

"That is what the project is all about," explained Beth Schindler, communications specialist for Hospice of the Western Reserve. "Through the camera lens, the students learned that even when facing a serious illness there is life to be lived. Hospice of the Western Reserve helps patients and their families find comfort and dignity so the opportunity to enjoy each day is possible."

"Images of Hospice" will travel throughout the area, including the gallery of Old Stone Church in Public Square, Hospice House and Notre Dame College. For show schedule, please visit www.hospicewr.org. For further information, contact Beth Schindler at (216) 502-4456 or bschindler@hospicewr.org.

Cirque Imaginaire Heading to Shore

By Erin Carek

Cirque Imaginaire, the traveling art gallery and bazaar, is drawing together creative types from all over the Cleveland area. Their second event of the season, the Shore Showcase, will be held July 10, and will feature over 30 local artists, local bands, food, drinks, and a whole lot of fun.

"Fancy antediluvian digs and inspired artistry? Then Cirque Imaginaire is a twofer" (OhioAuthority.com). Each Cirque Imaginaire event showcases a different variety of artists, and demonstrates the raw talent that fills the streets of Cleveland. With a new location and rotating selection of artists at each show, there is always something unique to see. Don't miss out on the greatest show in Cleveland.

Admission to the event is free of charge. The event will be held at the Shore Cultural Center, 291 East 222nd Street, Euclid. For more information, visit www.cirqueimaginaire.com.

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Euclid Sports

Euclid Soccer Shines at Memorial Classic

By Kurt Steigerwald

The Memorial Day weekend marked the highlight of Euclid Youth Soccer Organization's (EYSO) season as the group hosted its annual Memorial Classic soccer tournament. This was the 17th year for the tournament, and with more than 40 teams from throughout Northeast Ohio and from areas up to two-hour drive time from Euclid, the EYSO tournament is the showcase event for the volunteer run soccer group that organizes a local league for children ages 5-17.

"This is the one fundraiser that Euclid youth soccer puts on every year. We invite teams from all over to compete," said tournament director Fraser Hamilton. "The level of competition is very high with some very good travel teams and all-star teams assembled to represent their local program."

Teams were placed in one of 18 age- and gender-based divisions competing in a round-robin format with the top two teams meeting in a championship game Sunday afternoon. All the games were played at Memorial Park fields.

"This event brought close to 3,000 people, including entire families, to Euclid for the weekend this year. It really is a showcase event for Euclid youth soccer, and for the city in general," said Hamilton, a native of Scotland who has lived in Euclid for approximately 15 years. He further commented that the tournament could not happen with the dedicated volunteers or the crews from the city parks and recreation department and the Board of Education. Several area businesses also showed their support with in-kind donations or by purchasing advertising in the tournament program.

Euclid Blue Streaks (champions, standing in background) and Team Metro (second place, front) after their championship match in the U-18 girls division.

Euclid teams were able to capture championship trophies in several divisions. In the U-11 boys division (boys under age 11), Euclid Elite, a travel team that is 7-1 in its regular season, won on penalty kicks after the regular playing time and two overtime periods left the teams tied. The win over the Twinsburg team avenged Euclid Elite's only loss of the tournament to the same Twinsburg on Saturday.

In the U-18 girls division, the Euclid Blue Streaks included a group of girls who played travel soccer together for several years in addition to a few friends from EYSO's recreation league. The reconstituted Euclid team faced an experienced team from the Team Metro soccer club from the Warren area in the championship round. The teams were tied 2-2 after two overtime periods. After five penalty shots by each team had the squads still tied, sudden death penalty kicks resulted in Euclid's team capturing the championship 3-2.

In the boys U-18 division, the Euclid Eagles, a team of boys who had played together on various teams throughout their Euclid playing careers, entered the finals 3-0 against the competition. A hard-fought 2-0 victory over a squad from the Team Metro soccer club left the Euclid team as undefeated tournament champions.

Proceeds from the tournament help keep the Euclid Youth Soccer Organization finances strong. The organization closed out its 2010 season the weekend of June 5 with a picnic for all the players at Memorial Park. Registration for the 2010 - 2011 season, with play in the fall and the spring, is currently open at www.euclidsoccer.com.

Ward 4 Meeting

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she asserts.

Ward gatherings fill a real need, Minarik adds, because many people are reluctant to attend and speak up at city council meetings, where the atmosphere can seem somewhat intimidating. "They feel more relaxed in a ward meeting setting because it's more on their turf. It's a more comfortable atmosphere for dialogue."

Minarik, who expects to schedule another ward meeting in the fall, asserts that residents need to get to know their neighbors better and learn to serve as the "eyes and ears of the neighborhood." She pointed out that a core group of homeowners has attended all three of the Ward 4 meetings held to date. "I think they are the ones who have the potential to become leaders of their neighborhoods," she said. "People need to gain confidence that they can get things done—but they have to do it as a group. One person on a block isn't going to get it done."

Representing the city at the May gathering were Housing Manager Charlie Drazetic, Assistant Recreation Director Mac Stephens, Council President Kirsten Holzheimer -Gail, Police Patrolman Orlando Almonte, and the police department's community policing network administrator Kristal Skovira, who served as the meeting facilitator.

One group of attendees peppered Drazetic with questions regarding "nuisance homes," such as vacant homes where the lawns often grow wild and trash accumulates in the yard. Drazetic explained that owners who allow their grass to grow more than six inches high can be cited by city inspectors, who will post a warning on the front door giving the owner 48 hours to do the mowing. "If the weather is rainy, we might give them a little more time," Drazetic said. But if the owner doesn't comply promptly, the city will then hire a contractor to do the job and fine the owner $150. Last year, the city issued about 2,000 citations for lawn violations, he noted, although not all of those resulted in fines.

One man in the audience complained that the city hasn't been doing a good enough job of keeping up with the grass problem at several homes in his neighborhood, then drew laughs when he asked: "How about if we cut it and send a bill to the city?" Drazetic admitted that, with the rain and warm temperatures this spring, it has been difficult to keep on top of the problem. But he urged that residents who notice uncut grass report the violations by calling city hall (289-2700) and asking for the housing department. The same holds for "nuisance homes" with trash-filled yards, which can also result in a $150 fine if the city has to arrange the cleanup.

One meeting participant suggested that homeowners establish "resident patrols" in their neighborhoods to periodically check for grass and other violations.

Another asked what can be done about noisy and unruly groups of teenagers who periodically create disturbances. He said as many as 20 teens congregate at one nearby home to play basketball and use "loud and foul language." The recreation department's Mac Stephens suggested trying to get the youths involved in a recreation department or Police Athletic League sports program.

One approach being taken to address the problem of vacant and deteriorating homes, Drazetic noted, is a "neighborhood stabilization program" under which the city acquires some of the worst homes and then either demolishes them or rehabs them for resale. "We are now getting bids on contracts to demolish 20 homes." After demolition, the vacant lots probably will be put up for sale

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Your Observer Horoscope

By John Copic

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**** eh**
***** so so**
****** could be worse**
******* Have a Nice Day!**
******** not gonna happen**

Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18) **** Mercury is in retrograde. Use extreme caution when handling thermometers. This month march to the beat of a different trumpet. Lucky Number 15 3/4.

Pisces (Feb 19 - Mar 20) ***** The path of this month could go right or left. Romance will play an important part in your evenings. During the day concentrate on work. This month take off the lilac colored glasses. Lucky numbers 1,3,5,7,9. That's odd.

Aries (Mar 21 - Apr 19) **** Prepare yourself for an adventure. Be strong and assertive. Take the time to make up your mind. This month do whatever they tell you. Lucky Numbers 2,4,6,8. Now we're even.

Taurus (Apr 20 - May 20)**** Keep your life a closed book. Be social. Stay away from crowds. Plan well in advance. This month be spontaneous. Lucky Number 2,467,718.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) *** Mesmerize others with your continuous gift of gab. Strive to be understood. Do not travel in cars. This month beware of red headed strangers. Lucky number 7.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) * Find someone to be continuously supportive. Travel as much as possible. Do not travel during the full moon. This month your emotions will resemble a nuclear yo-yo. Lucky Letter Q.

Leo (July 23 - Aug 22) **** Do not forgive or forget no matter what. Be passionate. Remodel the kitchen. This month things could get really wild if you leave the lion's den. Lucky Number pi.

Virgo (Aug 23 - Sept 22) ** Stop being fussy. Buy a new car or boat. Dedicate your life to the service of others. This month play the lotto on odd days only. Play the five digits 53179.

Libra (Sept 23 - Oct 22) ***** Your ability to make money will greatly be determined by the level of your work. Stop staring. Seek out your prince or princess. This month keep up the false front. No such thing as a lucky number for Libras.

Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21) ***** You are wise beyond your years. Stop showing off. Wednesdays will be lucky. This month beware lights in the sky. Play 999 Boxed.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21) ***** This is a good time for you to change the world. Try new foods on a Sunday. Romance might blossom. This month if you stop to smell the roses - be careful! Lucky Number spider.

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Euclid Dining

Gostilna at Knezak

By Carolyn Tisi

I love stuffed cabbage so much that last year I had my first "Great Stuffed Cabbage Roll Off" party. Many friends came to my house with their favorite recipes already prepared and we ate them all! So, when I heard that Gostilna at Knezak at 768 E. 200th Street had good cabbage rolls, I hurried there to try them out.

My brother accompanied me on my visit. When I asked to try the cabbage rolls, they said they were sorry but the cabbage rolls were not ready, as they had just been put into the oven. So, I gave their lunch special of the day, a barbeque chicken sandwich, a try. My brother tried the meatloaf with French fries and coleslaw. The Kaiser roll was overflowing with a fabulous chicken. Stu, my brother, is still raving about his meatloaf and mashed potatoes.

But I still wanted the stuffed cabbage, so I went back with a friend for lunch. Again, they were sorry but the cabbage rolls were still in the oven. I accused the chef of telling a lie and that he never really had stuffed cabbage – ever! I said that he was just leading me on! Chef Bob opened the oven and showed me the little darlings, but insisted that they were not ready. He said that he made them fresh everyday and that there were seldom any left over for the next day. So, I settled for a cheeseburger. Holy smokes! What a cheeseburger; it was two half pound burgers with my choice of cheese. It came with crisp fries and creamy coleslaw that I could tell was freshly made. It also took ten minutes to get to the table, as Bob prepared it to order. There was too much; I could not finish this delicious lunch.

I finally got my stuffed cabbage on my third trip, when I took my family out to dinner one Friday night. The plate had three large cabbage rolls and real mashed potatoes, all covered with a savory tomato sauce. If Chef Bob had served these at my party, they would have won best rolls. My husband and son had the Lake Erie perch dinner with home fries. The perch, served with those yummy French fries, coleslaw and tartar sauce, was cooked with a very light breading so you can taste the delicate perch. The Friday night special price is only $7.99. I saw a serving of Bob's Belly Buster fish dinner that was a big as a platter, but I'll have to take my son back another time to try that. I know I couldn't finish it.

Bob Edwardson, Gostilna's chef, and his partner, Frank Zigman, wanted to start a family-oriented neighborhood restaurant. Family is so important to Frank, he named his place Gostilna at Knezak, after the village in Slovenia where his parents were born.

Bob has been cooking and managing restaurants for over 40 years. He has learned what the public likes and tries to please. He prepares everything to order and enjoys trying new things on the menu. Gostilna has daily specials every day of the week, except for Sunday when they are closed. Bob is also available for catering, so give him a call at (216) 731-1177.

If you eat out once in a while, support a local establishment and try Gostilna at Knezak. I am sure that once you have gone once, you will go back again. I did.

Gostilna at Knezak is open Monday through Friday from noon to 10 p.m. and Saturday from 1 to 7 p.m. Closed on Sunday (until the football season starts).

Bob behind the bar at Gostilna at Knezak

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